

CPL. DOMINIC D'AMBROSSIO STATED KILLED

Mrs. Isabel D'Ambrossio, 53 Gowan St., Allandale, received the following telegram Friday last from the Director of Records, Ottawa, regarding her husband, Cpl. Dominic D'Ambrossio, 24:

"Minister of National Defence deeply regrets to inform you that B-70364, Corporal Dominic D'Ambrossio, has been officially reported killed in action, July 25, 1942 stop. When any further information becomes available, it will be forwarded as soon as received."

The young man had been serving in France only a matter of two or three weeks—from July 8 to July 25. His last letter, dated July 17, was received here July 24.

Cpl. D'Ambrossio was born in Italy on April 15, 1920, third son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent D'Ambrossio. He came to Canada with his parents in 1926 and the family have resided in Allandale ever since that time. Dominic attended St. Mary's Separate School and spent three years at Barrie Collegiate Institute. He played hockey for St. Mary's in the Church League, but the game he liked best was baseball, in which he starred as a pitcher with Barrie junior teams. Recently, overseas, he had been playing softball. He was a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Barrie, and was a staker at Clarke & Clarke Co., Ltd., when he enlisted.

The young man first attempted to enlist for active service in 1st Battalion, Grey and Simcoe Foresters, when that unit was mobilized in June, 1940, but was rejected on account of being underweight, although his brother, Orlando, was accepted at the same time. Dominic thereupon joined the 2nd (Reserve) Battalion of the Foresters.

Finally Dominic was accepted for active service in Queen's York Rangers in May, 1941, and trained at Newmarket, Camp Borden and Niagara-on-the-Lake. In September, 1942, he was transferred overseas to Royal Regiment of Canada, whose numbers had been seriously depleted in the raid on Dieppe in August, 1942.

Cpl. D'Ambrossio was married in June, 1941, to Miss Isabel Waltenbury, Midland, whose brother, Pilot Officer Jack Waltenbury, RCAF, Midland, was presumed to have died in action overseas in July, 1942. She survives, together with one daughter, Dianne Patricia, aged two years; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent D'Ambrossio, 57 Gowan St., Allandale; and seven brothers and sisters: Frank, Allandale; Gdsmn. Orlando D'Ambrossio (B-49252), now serving with Grenadier Guards in France; George D'Ambrossio, Barrie Colt goaltender, a private in 2nd (R) Bn., Grey and Simcoe Foresters, at home; Mary, Josephine, Margaret and John, all at home.

It was just 26 years ago—in August, 1918—that Cpl. D'Ambrossio's father, who had been presumed dead while serving with the Italian Army on the side of the Allies, turned up a prisoner of war. The news came to his wife just before the start of a church memorial service in the little town in Italy where they lived.