

**BENARD Hubert**

**Private**

**Le Regiment de la Chaudière**

**E/9389**



On October 2, 1920, Hubert Benard was born in Grande Entree a small fisherman's town in the province of Quebec.

The family consists of father Onesime Benard and mother Clauraine Duclos Hubert has another brother and five sisters. During his youth he goes to public school from his seventh to his fourteenth year.

After his school days, he started working as an aid to his father who managed a fishing company. When he was eighteen, he registered as a volunteer with one of the oldest reserve Infantry's of the Canadian army.

Hubert continued to work for two years at the farm, before he joined the Canadian army on August 27, 1940, to be deployed in the war in Western Europe. Hubert is assigned to the Regiment de la Chaudière and then completes his military training in Sussex, New Brunswick. On 20 July 1941 he was embarked to England. Hubert Benard stayed there until 11 August 1944, after which he made the crossing to France on 12 August.

From here they traveled through Belgium to the Netherlands and ended up in the area around Nijmegen and Groesbeek.

Hubert Benard was killed in Wyler on 13 January 1945 during an attack. He is buried at the temporary cemetery Jonkerbos in Nijmegen. On 6 August 1945 Hubert Benard was reburied at the Canadian military cemetery in Groesbeek, grave **I. D.14.**

Onderscheidingen:

The Defence Medal, The France and Germany Star, Canadian Volunteer Medal Claps, The 1939-1945 Star, War Medal 1939-1945.



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Marie Helene Benard from the Youth Delegate, 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary Liberation of The Netherlands May 2005.