

# Corporal Carl Stacey Hopkins

## Canadian Armed Forces

### Family Life:

Carl Hopkins was born January 9th, 1922, in Tobermory, Ontario. His parents were Clifford Allen Hopkins and Clara Hopkins (nee Belrose).

Carl grew up in Tobermory attending St. Edmunds Public School. He eventually moved to Toronto to attend George Brown College for a welding course.

On October 19th, 1946, Carl married Jacqueline Smith. The couple had six children: Susanne, Stacey, Mitchell, Jack, Daniel, and Allan.

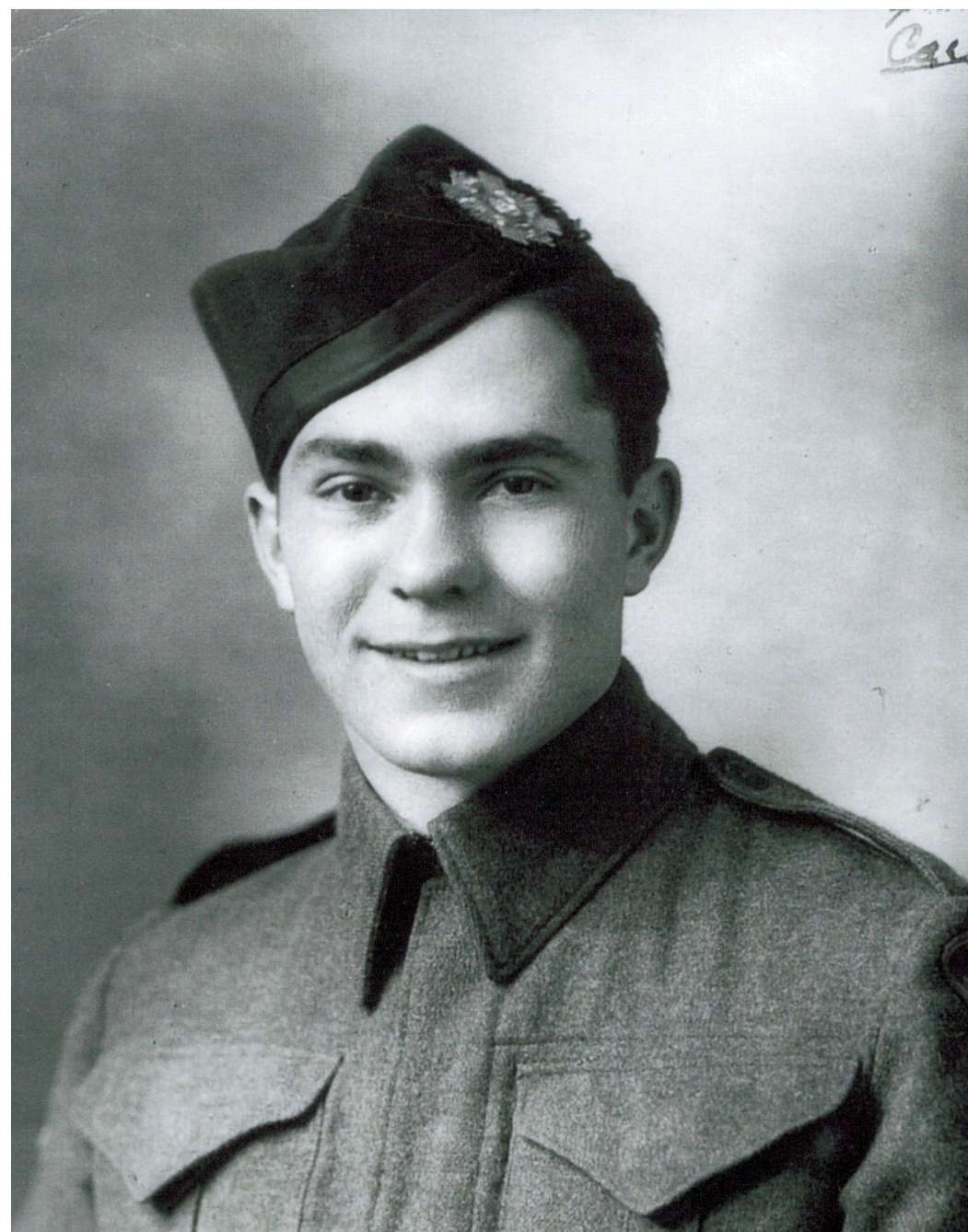
Before enlisting with the military, Carl had a job building boats with his father. After his service, he used these skills to build boats and operate a charter service.

He was a proud member of Tobermory's Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 290.

Carl passed away suddenly in May of 1962.

### Military Service:

Corporal Hopkins enlisted with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI) on June 24th, 1940.



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Cpl. Hopkins was stationed in Stratford and Debert, Nova Scotia, for Infantry training. After completing his initial training, Cpl. Hopkins embarked for Europe.

The Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry were attached to the 2nd Brigade of the 1st Canadian Infantry Division which landed in Sicily in July of 1943.

Later the same year, the regiment fought in Italy and participated in the Moro River Campaign. In 1944, the PPCLI took part in the offensive against the Hitler Line west of Monte Cassino.

In September of that year the PPCLI helped breach the Gothic Line at San Fortunato and Rimini as the 1st Canadian Corps continued its drive in Northeastern Italy.

In March of 1945, the regiment was transferred to Northwest Europe and took part in the liberation of the Netherlands. Cpl. Hopkins participated in many of these battles.

In October 1945, the regiment was returned to Canada and Cpl. Hopkins was discharged on January 30th, 1946.



### Decorations:

Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp  
1939-1945 War Medal  
Italy Star  
France and Germany Star  
Defense Medal

### Lessons Learned:

Corporal Carl Hopkins was nominated by his son, Stacey Hopkins. Carl did not talk much about his experiences during the Second World War.