

Honouring Our Local Veterans

2006

Delbert Budd

Birthdate: July 9, 1924

Rank / Branch: Flying Officer, Royal Canadian Air Force

Unit:

Region: Canada (various locations for training), Great Britain, India, and Burma

Served: 1942-1945

Community: Guelph, Kitchener, and Holland Centre

Medals / Decorations:

- 1939-1945 Star
- Burma Star
- Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with Clasp
- War Medal 1939-1945
- Operation Wing



Military Service

Del signed up for the Air Force in London, Ontario in 1942.

He was sent to Lachine, Quebec, and to Belleville, Oshawa and Brantford in Ontario for training. He was then sent to Summerside, Prince Edward Island, for a General Reconnaissance Course and then to Torbay, Newfoundland to learn to fly the PV1 Ventura. He then went to Pennfield Ridge, New Brunswick to learn to fly the DC3.

Del was sent overseas to Leicester, England in 1944, and then on to Basal, India in 1945, to take advanced training in supply dropping and towing gliders.

He flew operations in a DC3 from Hathazari, India and also from Akyab, Ramree Island, Hmabi, and Tullihal, all in Burma.

From January to August, 1945, Del flew 161 operational trips supplying the 14th British Army.

George Cameron

Birthdate: November 26, 1915

Rank / Branch: Warrant Officer II, Canadian Army

Unit: 98th Battery, Royal Canadian Artillery, 1st Division

Region: Canada (various locations for training), Great Britain, Italy, France, Holland, and Germany

Served: 1940-1945

Community: Owen Sound

Medals / Decorations:

- 1939-1945 Star
- Italy Star
- France and Germany Star
- Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with Clasp
- Defence Medal
- War Medal 1939-1945
- Mentioned in Dispatches



Military Service

George enlisted in 1940 in Port Elgin. He was sent to Kingston for an Artificer course, to learn about the care of small arms and machine guns. In 1941, George went to Petawawa for basic training.

In July 1942, George was sent to England for more training with the 98th battery RCA. He then joined the 1st Division and trained at Aldershot.

He started with the rank of Gunner and was eventually promoted to Warrant Officer II in April 1943.

In July of 1943, George was sent to Sicily and fought through Italy. He was sent to fight in France in March of 1945 and fought through Holland and Germany in the 1st Division.

George had to stay in England until his whole brigade was sent home. In November of 1945 he arrived in Owen Sound and was discharged.

Colin Campbell

Birthdate: September 6, 1920

Rank / Branch: Flight Sergeant, Royal Air Force

Unit:

Region: Great Britain, Egypt, and Palestine

Served: 1939-1946; 1958

Community: Glasgow, Scotland; London, England; and Owen Sound, ON

Medals / Decorations:

- 1939-1945 Star
- War Medal 1939-1945
- Defence Medal
- General Service Medal with Palestine Clasp

Military Service

Colin enlisted in the RAF, in Glasgow in 1939.

He took several Technical Training courses and graduated as a Technical Inspector in 1939. Colin also took some Commando training courses and a course on measurement (the science of measurement), becoming an Aeronautical Inspection Directorate Inspector in 1943.

Colin started out as a Technician in 1939. In 1943 he was an Inspector of aircraft engines in England. He was sent to Egypt in 1944 and then to Palestine where he celebrated V.E. day. In 1945 Colin was the Senior NCO working at a factory in Egypt. One year later, in 1946, he was sent to England and discharged.

In 1958 Colin was given a temporary commission with the RCAF to test fly all of their aircraft to Europe. He made 5 trips.



Doug Durkin

Birthdate: March 28, 1923

Rank / Branch: Flight Sergeant, Royal Canadian Air Force

Unit: 429 Squadron, No. 6 Group

Region: Canada (various locations for training), Great Britain

Served: 1942-1945

Community: Meaford, Malton, Toronto, and Owen Sound

Medals / Decorations:

- 1939-1945 Star
- Air Crew Europe Star
- Canadian Volunteer Service Medal
- Defence Medal
- War Medal 1939-1945
- Operation Wing

Military Service

Doug signed up for the Air Force in October 1942 in Toronto.

He was sent to Manning Depot in Toronto for basic training. He was then sent to No. 6 Initial Training School early in 1943. He was also sent to No. 6 Elementary Flying Training School and from there to No. 1 Flight Engineer School. Doug was also sent to Lachine, and Trois Rivieres, Quebec for commando training before going overseas. He trained to be a pilot, but became a flight engineer instead.

Doug was sent to a holding unit at Innsworth, England in the spring of 1944. He went to Wales for engineer training and then to a Heavy Conversion Unit to train on Halifax Bombers.

Doug joined 429 Squadron No. 6 Group and flew 22 bombing and mining missions. He also flew British Prisoners of War home and was discharged in October 1945.



Harold Gill

Birthdate: September 23, 1923

Rank / Branch: Leading Aircraftman, Royal Canadian Air Force

Unit: 402 Squadron

Region: Canada (various locations for training and service), Great Britain, Holland, and Belgium

Served: 1942-1945

Community: Collingwood, Owen Sound

Medals / Decorations:

- Canadian Volunteer Service Medal
- Defence Medal
- War Medal 1939-1945

Military Service

Harold signed up for the Air Force in 1942, in Owen Sound, and was sent to Manning Pool in Toronto. He was rejected for Air Crew due to a perforated ear drum and became an Equipment Supply Assistant. He was posted to the Trenton Repair Department and then the Toronto Equipment Supply Department.

About a week before D-Day, Harold went over to England and joined the Auxiliary Services in London. He was sent to Folkstone, the Orkney Islands, Shetland, Dover, York, and back to London.

He then joined the Entertainment Section of Auxiliary Services and toured Britain, Holland and Belgium as a member of a troupe putting on stage shows and comedy acts.

Harold was discharged in August of 1945.



Clarence Graham

Birthdate: March 31, 1919

Rank / Branch: Craftsman, Canadian Army; Warrant Officer Class I, Canadian Army Reserves

Unit: Royal Canadian Electrical Mechanical Engineers; 13th Medical Company, Owen Sound

Region: Canada (various locations for training), Great Britain, Italy, France, and Holland

Served: 1941-1945; 1950-1970

Community: Pembroke, NS; Owen Sound, ON

Medals / Decorations:

- 1939-1945 Star
- Italy Star
- France and Germany Star
- Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with Clasp
- Good Conduct Badge



Military Service

Clarence signed up with the Royal Canadian Electrical Mechanical Engineers on November 21st, 1941 in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia.

Clarence took basic training in Yarmouth. He then went to Halifax to learn gas welding and Kingston to learn arc welding. He took driver mechanic training and advanced army training. He was then sent to a holding unit in Owen Sound to wait to be sent overseas.

Clarence went to England and did more training before being sent to Italy. He was in Italy from 1943 until February 1945 when he was sent to France and then Holland.

In 1945 Clarence was in Holland working as a mechanic in Nijmegen and Gronigan. In September he went to England and was sent back to Canada in December.

During WWII Clarence was a Private, a Craftsman. He also served in the Reserves from 1950 to 1970, with the 13th Medical Company Owen Sound, and became a Warrant Officer Class I.

Wilmot (Curly) Harnden

Birthdate: June 14, 1921

Rank / Branch: Sergeant, Canadian Army

Unit: 7th Anti-Tank Regiment

Region: Canada (various locations for training), North Africa, Italy, Belgium, Holland, and Great Britain

Served: 1943-1945; 1958-

Community: Bracebridge, Owen Sound

Medals / Decorations:

- 1939-1945 Star
- Italy Star
- France and Germany Star
- Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with Clasp
- War Medal 1939-1945
- Canadian Forces Decoration (CD)



Military Service

Curly signed up for the army in Owen Sound on March 25th, 1943.

He was sent to the Horse Palace in Toronto for documentation and on to Simcoe for artillery training. He then went to Petawawa and took advanced training and Anti-Tank training as a gunner.

Curly was sent to England with the 7th, Anti-Tank and from there he went to North Africa and Sicily and then on to the coast of Italy. He fought up through Italy on the Gothic Line, then on the Hitler Line. He fought through Monte Casino, Florence and Torrento.

Curly went to Belgium for training and then went to Holland. At the end of the war he was sent to England and discharged.

During the war, Curly was a Private. In 1958, he joined the Land Reserve and was promoted to Corporal. He became a Sergeant around 1966.

Sydney Jackson

Birthdate: November 3, 1919

Rank / Branch: Crewman, Merchant Navy; Aircraftman 2, Royal Canadian Air Force

Unit:

Region: Canada (various locations for training and service), North Atlantic, and Great Britain

Served: 1941-1944

Community: Owen Sound, Chatsworth

Medals / Decorations:



Military Service

In 1941, Sydney signed up for the Merchant Navy in Owen Sound. While in the Merchant Navy, Sydney worked at a variety of jobs. He was a Trimmer, Fireman and Oiler on the ships.

While in the Merchant Navy, Sydney spent most of his time working in the Gulf of St. Lawrence and the Great Lakes. Whenever his ship was below Quebec City, it was in the War Zone and he was paid a dollar a day more than when he was sailing above Quebec City. Sydney made one trip to England in 1941.

In 1943 Sydney joined the RCAF. He became an Aircraftman 2 and was in the Manning Depot in Toronto for two months and the next 14 months in the hospital. He was discharged in February of 1944.

Bill Langman

Birthdate: May 31, 1916

Rank / Branch: Corporal, Canadian Army

Unit: North Shore Regiment of New Brunswick

Region: Canada (various locations for training), France, Holland, and Germany

Served: 1942-1945

Community: Aurora, Owen Sound

Medals / Decorations:

- 1939-1945 Star
- France and Germany Star
- Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with Clasp
- War Medal 1939-1945
- Police Long Service Medal



Military Service

Bill signed up for military service in Toronto in 1942. He joined the army and was sent to many places across Canada for training. In Vancouver, he trained to become a Regimental Signal Instructor and graduated with distinction.

In 1942 Bill was promoted to Lance Corporal and one year later, in 1943, was promoted to Corporal. He then reverted back to the rank of Private so that he could go overseas. Bill was sent overseas just before D-Day. Bill was a Regimental Signaller with the North Shore Regiment of New Brunswick. While in Europe, Bill fought through France, Holland and Germany. He was sent home in December of 1945.

Gord Woods

Birthdate: 1924

Rank / Branch: Warrant Officer II, Royal Canadian Air Force

Unit: 150 Squadron RAF

Region: Canada (various locations for training), Great Britain, and Germany

Served: 1943-1946

Community: Toronto, Galt, Hanover, Allenford, and Owen Sound

Medals / Decorations:

- 1939-1945 Star
- France and Germany Star
- Canadian Volunteer Service Medal
- War Medal 1939-1945
- Defence Medal



Military Service

Gord signed up for the Air Force in Toronto on August 26, 1943. He was sent to London, Ontario for basic training and then to Nova Scotia for advanced training.

Gord became an Air Gunner. His first rank was Airman, and he was promoted several times and ended his Air Force career as a Warrant Officer II.

After training, Gord was posted to RAF Hemswell in Lincolnshire England as a Mid-Upper Gunner on a Lancaster Bomber, in 150 Squadron RAF.

Gord was sent on many bombing runs over occupied Europe. On January 7, 1945 his plane was attacked by 3 JU88s and was forced to make an emergency landing. He flew over Kleve, Dresden, Nuremberg, Bremen and flew on the first raid to Berchtesgaden, the Eagle's Nest, on April 25, 1945.

Gord was discharged in 1946.