

Honouring Our Local Veterans

2012

Paul Wellington Armstrong

Birthdate: March 21, 1927

Rank / Branch: Private, Canadian Army

Unit: Irish Regiment of Canada Militia

Region: Canada (various locations for training and service)

Served: 1945; 1947-1951; 1956-1957

Community: Inkerman, Mountain, South Mountain, Hallville, Morrisburg, Cornwall, Toronto, Brampton, Berkely, Markdale, and Chatsworth

Medals / Decorations:

- Canadian Voluntary Service Medal
- War Medal 1939-1945



Military Service

When Paul was 16 years old, he joined the Sea Cadets in Toronto, ON. On April 3, 1945 Paul enlisted with the Army in Toronto, ON. He was assigned the service number B123440 and began his basic training in Brantford, ON, from April to June 1945. He then moved to Camp Borden prior to being stationed at the Meaford tank range in 1945 until his demobilization. During his time in the army, Paul took parachute training in Rivers, MB, in the spring of 1950 as part of his Airborne Combat training. Paul was discharged in October, 1945.

He re-enlisted in 1947, and was assigned the service number SB123440. He was stationed at Brockville RCR and when it closed the unit, he was moved to Petawawa. Paul was discharged on January 30, 1951.

From the years 1956 to 1957 Paul served with Irish Regiment of Canada Militia and obtained the rank of Corporal.

Norman Arthur Barrowcliffe

Birthdate: April 21, 1923

Rank / Branch: Lance Corporal, Canadian Army

Unit: 3rd Canadian Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery

Region: Canada (various locations for training), Japan, England and France

Served: 1942-1946; 1951-1954

Community: Toronto, Owen Sound

Medals / Decorations:

- 1939 – 1945 Star
- France and Germany Star
- Defence Medal
- Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with Clasp
- U.N. Medal
- Life and Family



Military Service

Norman enlisted in Toronto on November 2, 1942. He was assigned the service number B44848 and later SB44848.

He was sent for training at Camp Borden, ON; Camrose, AB; Shilo, MB and spent 10 months in Hiro, Japan.

Norman served with the 3rd Canadian Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery and participated in D-Day.

Norman was discharged in 1946. He re-enlisted in 1951 and after 3 years was discharged again in 1954.

Eva Irene Daly (nee Wyonch)

Birthdate: August 17, 1923

Rank / Branch: Private, Canadian Women's Army Corps

Unit: Switchboard Operator, Vimy Barracks

Region: Canada (various locations for training and service)

Served: 1943-1945

Community: Tobermory, Owen Sound, Hamilton, Forest, and Gillies Lake

Medals / Decorations:

- Canadian Volunteer Service Medal
- Rifleman 1st Class
- Marksman
- Expert



Military Service

Eva enlisted with the Canadian Women's Army Corps in Hamilton, ON in February of 1943. She was assigned the service number W21061.

Eva began her basic training in Kitchener, ON. Upon completion in May she went to Trinity Barracks in Toronto, ON, for two weeks waiting for transfer to Glebe Barracks in Ottawa, ON, where she completed a three month business course.

She was then stationed at Camp Barriefield, Kingston, ON, in September 1943. She worked as a Switchboard Operator for the Men's Army Camp, The Royal Canadian Corps of Signals at nearby Vimy Barracks until discharge on November 23, 1945.

Arthur Peter Lobsinger

Birthdate: November 3, 1922

Rank / Branch: Flight Sergeant, Royal Canadian Air Force

Unit: RAF Swinderby, RAF Waddington – Bomber Base, and Royal Australian Air Force 463 Squadron

Region: Canada (various locations for training), Great Britain, and sorties over France, Germany, Czechoslovakia and Norway

Served: 1941-1945

Community: Hanover, Owen Sound, and Toronto

Medals / Decorations:

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



Military Service

Arthur enlisted in Hamilton, ON, in July 1941 and was assigned the service number R158501.

He began his training at Galt Aircraft School then went on to #1 Manning Depot in Toronto, ON, followed by #1 Technical School RCAF in St. Thomas, ON. Arthur then trained at Camp Borden; Mount Pleasant, PEI; Three Rivers, Quebec and Lachine, Quebec.

Arthur trained to become an Air Force Mechanic before remustering to air crew as an air gunner. Arthur held the rank of Aircraftsman Second Class and then Flight Sergeant. He was stationed overseas at Bournemouth, England; RAF Swinderby; Upper Heyfor, Oxfordshire; RAF Waddington – Bomber Base and Attached to Royal Australian Air Force 463 Squadron.

Arthur was a Rear Gunner on a Lancaster Bomber. He completed 19 operations over France, Germany, Czechoslovakia and Norway.

On March 12, 1945, Arthur became ill and was hospitalized for one year. He was discharged while in a Canadian hospital in August 1945 having previously come home on a hospital ship.

John Alexander MacLeod

Birthdate: February 9, 1916

Rank / Branch: Private, Canadian Army

Unit: Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps

Region: Canada (various locations for training and service)

Served: 1941-1946

Community: Laird Township, Kitchener, Williamsford, and Chatsworth

Medals / Decorations:

- 1939 - 1945 Star
- The Canadian Volunteer Service Medal
- War Medal 1939—1945



Military Service

John enlisted on August 6, 1941, in London, ON. He was assigned the service number A115734. John began basic training in Chatham and moved on to Camp Borden for advance training - training for the medical store.

John attained the rank of Private. He was stationed to Newfoundland where he was assigned to the medical store. He later joined the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps (RCAMC) at Camp Borden as a Stretcher Bearer & Orderly.

John was discharged on August 6, 1946, after 5 years of service

Joseph (Wilmer) Nadjiwon

Birthdate: June 15, 1921

Rank / Branch: Private, Canadian Army

Unit: Perth Regiment

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

Served: 1942-1945

Community: Cape Croker, Spanish, Foleyet, Toronto, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, New York and Rochester

Medals / Decorations:

- 1939 - 1945 Star
- Italy Star
- 1939 Defence Medal
- Canadian Volunteer Service Medal
- 1939 - 1945 War Medal
- Canadian Centennial Medal
- Aboriginal Veteran Medal



Military Service

Wilmer was one of five brothers who enlisted for service. He joined the army on January 7, 1942, in Toronto, ON - against the wishes of his father based on the treatment his dad received after they came out of the First World War.

Wilmer was assigned the service number B17980 and began his training in Chatham before moving on to Petawawa and Barriesfield, ON. He trained to become a Signalman, learning Morse code and semaphore. Being one of the top people in the course, Wilmer had the option to stay and be an instructor; but he chose to go overseas to join the people he had who were already there. Wilmer attained the rank of Private and spent time in England at Borden for Artillery training and Uckfield for Infantry Training; Naples, Italy; France; Holland and then back to England and Canada.

Wilmer joined the Perth Regiment as artillery signals. He served as a gunner on anti-tank, Infantryman and Signalman. He was involved in the Battle of Bari, Italy, in 1944 and also participated in the Italian Campaign (Cassino, Rome). Wilmer was discharged in June, 1945.

David Earl Porter

Birthdate: June 29, 1923

Rank / Branch: Flying Officer, Royal Canadian Air Force

Unit: 427 Lion Squadron, 424 Mustang Reserve Squadron, 421 Fighter Squadron, #6 Repair Depot, and #13 Explosive Depot

Region: Canada (various locations for training and service), Great Britain, Morocco, and sorties over France, Germany, Holland, Belgium and Norway

Served: 1942-1945; 1950-1971

Community: Oxenden, Wiarton, and Owen Sound

Medals / Decorations:

- 1939- 1945 Star
- Aircrew Europe Star and Germany Clasp
- Defence Medal
- Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp
- War Medal 1939-1945
- Canadian Forces Decoration and Clasp
- Operational Wing
- Airgunners Badge



Military Service

David enlisted in Owen Sound on October 30, 1942. He was assigned the service number R197275 and reported to London, ON, in early January 1943 to begin training. David was then sent to Manning Depot Brandon, Manitoba. In April 1943 he was sent for 6 weeks to McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, for P.A.E.D. (Preschool Aircrew Educational Detachment) to bring his education to aircrew standard, and he spent another 6 weeks at AGGTs (Air Gunner Ground Training) in Quebec City to learn about the weapon he would be using, then to #9 Bombing and Gunnery School in August 1943. David graduated as Sergeant Airgunner in August 1943. David attained the rank of Flight Sergeant in June 1944, Pilot Officer in June 1944, and Flying Officer in September 1944.

David was sent to England in September 1943 where he joined Sgt. Kiskack's crew in Gaydon. He also went to O.T.U Operational Trainings in Welsbourne and Gaydon, training on 2 engine Wellington Bombers, then to Topcliffe to train on 4 engine Halifax Bombers. From there he went to Leeming in Yorkshire and reported to 427 Lion Squadron heavy bomber R. Roger. The reason for the lion - the Squadron was adopted by Metro Goldwyn Meyer Picture Studios.

David served as a Tail Gunner and completed 37 bombing missions in France, Germany, Holland, Belgium and Norway between April and October 1944. He bombed Coastal guns, France Oil

refineries, ammo factories and dumps in the Ruhr Valley several times, V1 Rocket launching site, submarines and pens in Bergen and Norway, Duseldorf, Hamburg, Karlsruhe, Stuttgart etc.

David was discharged on November 13, 1945.

On December 13, 1950 David rejoined the R.C.A.F. David reported to Manning Depot in Aylmer, ON, in January, 1951. He qualified to train as a Munitions and Weapons Tech and reported to Air Armament School in Trenton, ON, in April 1951.

After completing the course in Trenton, ON, in late May, 1951, David transferred to Air and Navigation school in Summerside, PEI. From there he went to 424 Mustang Reserve Squadron in Mount Hope, ON, on January 3, 1955. In October 1955 David was transferred to 421 Fighter Squadron and spent January 1956 in French Morocco. David was promoted to Corporal in June, 1956. He returned to Canada in December, 1958 and reported to #6 Repair Depot in Trenton, ON, on December 3, 1959. David transferred to #13 Explosive Depot in Angus, ON, in 1962 where he was promoted to Sergeant in April, 1964. He transferred to Explosive Ordnance Disposal in June, 1964 at Camp Borden. David trained and instructed E.O.D. until 1968 when he transferred to CFB Toronto Downsview where he worked in the Toronto Bomb Disposal Squad until he retired from the military in May 1971 after 25 years of service.

Charles Edmund (Ed) Saunders

Birthdate: July 29, 1924

Rank / Branch: Trooper, Canadian Army

Unit: Royal Montreal Regiment, British Columbia Regiment

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

Served: 1942-1946

Community: Walter's Falls

Medals / Decorations:

- 1939 – 1945 Star
- France and Germany Star
- Canadian Volunteer Service Medal
- War Medal 1939 – 1945
- Liberation of Netherlands Medal
- Life and Family



Military Service

Ed enlisted in Owen Sound, ON on August 10, 1942. He was assigned the service number B71101 and began his training in Toronto in August 1942. He shipped out to Fredericton, NB,

and left for Dundern, SK, in February, 1943. Ed trained in reconnaissance. He then left for Truro, NS, on August 10 and shipped out on the Queen Elizabeth.

He landed in Glasgow, Scotland, at the end of August, 1943 and then went to Woking, England, by train. While in England, Ed took a wireless course and trained to be a Radio operator. He was sent to the Royal Montreal Regiment which disbanded in February 1944, at which time Ed transferred to the British Columbia Regiment where he was the Loader operator. He operated the radio and loaded the guns on the tank. Ed toured through France, Belgium, Holland and into Germany—heading up the coast. He took part in the battle of the Falais Gap on August 9, 1944. On February 18, 1946, Ed was discharged.

Wilfred Harrison Wallace

Birthdate: October 30, 1920

Rank / Branch: Lieutenant, Canadian Army

Unit: 1st Canadian Army Headquarters, Royal Scots Greys

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

Served: 1940-1945

Community: Montreal, QC; Toronto, ON; Mono Mills, ON; Palgrave, ON; and Dyers Bay, the Bruce Peninsula, ON

Medals / Decorations:

- Canadian Volunteer Service Medal
- War Medal 1939—1945



Military Service

Wilfred enlisted in the military in 1940 at Montreal. He was assigned the service number of D94530. Wilfred began his training at RCAMC Montreal and then went on to Sussex, New Brunswick, for Basic Training; he trained for transporting casualties.

Wilfred attained the rank of Lieutenant. He was stationed overseas in England at Liverpool, Aldershot, Dorking and Sandhurst.

Wilfred worked in Leatherhead, England, at the 1st Canadian Army Headquarters where he was sent as a runner for the General.

Wilfred then trained as a Tank Corps Officer at RMC Sandhurst, England. He joined the Royal Scots Greys. Wilfred's duties included casualty clearing and Tank Corps Commander.

Wilfred saw active service in France, Italy and North Africa campaigns.

Wilfred was discharged in 1945.

Frederick Wilkinson

Birthdate: September 3, 1912

Rank / Branch: Corporal, Canadian Army

Unit: Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps, Royal Canadian Army Service Corps

Region: Canada (various locations for training), England, Sicily, Italy, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany

Served: 1941-1945

Community: Mayboy Portglenone, County of Antrim, NIR; Owen Sound, ON; and Toronto, ON

Medals / Decorations:

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



Military Service

Frederick enlisted in the Army at Camp Borden in June 1941 and was assigned the service number B93982. He was then sent to Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON, and Camp Debart in Nova Scotia for training. Frederick trained to become a Driver and obtained the rank of Corporal.

Frederick served in England, Sicily, Italy, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. He was involved in the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps and the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps. Frederick was discharged in 1945.