

Honouring Our Local Veterans

2011

Charles Albert Dell

Birthdate: November 6, 1929

Rank / Branch: Private 1st Class, Canadian Army

Unit: Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry

Region: Canada (various locations for training), United States of America (for further training), and Korea

Served: 1950-1952

Community: Owen Sound

Medals / Decorations:

- Canadian Korea Medal
- Canadian Volunteer Service Medal for Korea
- United Nations Service Medal Korea



Military Service

Charles enlisted for the Army in Owen Sound on August 23, 1950. He was assigned the service number of B-801926 and began his training in Wainwright, Alberta. He then went to Seattle, Washington, for one month. Charles went on advanced party with Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry to Pusan, Korea arriving in December 1950. He took six weeks of training in Pusan before going to the front lines.

Charles completed infantry training and held the rank of Private 1st Class. His battalion was awarded Mention in Dispatches for their fighting in the Battle of Kapyong. The Patricia's, who had already experienced two restless nights, fought for 24 hours straight amid vicious close quarter fighting.

Charles was discharged on February 22, 1952.

Howard Alexander Donovan

Birthdate: August 22, 1922

Rank / Branch: Signalman, Canadian Army

Unit: Canadian Army Corps of Signals, Overseas Unit;
Canadian Air Support Signals Unit

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

Served: 1942-1946

Community: Sullivan Township, Chatsworth, and Owen
Sound

Medals / Decorations:

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



Military Service

Howard signed up for military service in June 1942 at Toronto, Ontario. He was assigned the service number B114149. Howard began eight weeks of basic training at Brampton, Ontario, from June 10 to August 30, 1942. He was then posted to Vimy Barracks in Kingston, Ontario, on September 6, 1942 where he trained as a wireless operator. Howard was classed as “SIGMN” (Signalman) after passing the necessary tests for “wireless op”.

In December, 1942 Howard landed at Greenock, Scotland aboard the Queen Elizabeth troop ship. As part of the Canadian Army Corps of Signals, Overseas Unit Howard was stationed throughout England at: Farnborough, Aldershot, Hooley, and Shorham by Sea on the South Coast. After arriving in England, Howard was posted to the Canadian Air Support Signals Unit. As soon as a beachhead had been established in France, Howard entered the theatre of war through Juno Beach.

He was attached to any of the attacking troops that may encounter strong enemy resistance in order to provide air support when required. This saw him spend time in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. Howard arrived in Holland around October 20 to 24, 1944. He advanced into Hochwald Forest in Germany as well as Cleve, Calcar, and Udem in early 1945. Howard was discharged on February 28, 1946 at the age of 23 years and 6 months.

Eric Edwin Eastwood

Birthdate: September 20, 1926

Rank / Branch: Private, Special Armoured Development Establishment

Unit: Special Armoured Development Establishment, 75th Armoured Division

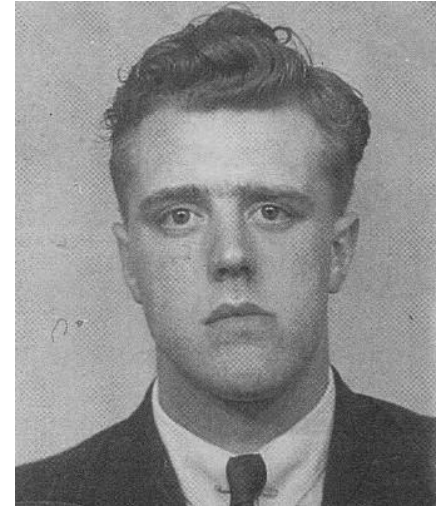
Region: Great Britain (various locations for training and service),

Served: 1944-1948

Community: Hyde, Cheshire, ENG; Lancaster, ENG; Middleton, ENG; Toronto, ON; Montreal, QC; and Port Elgin, ON

Medals / Decorations:

- War Medal



Military Service

Eric signed up for military service at Kendal, England, in 1944. He was assigned the service number 14492493 and began his training in Lanark, Scotland. He then went to Newcastle for training with the Royal Electrical Mechanical Engineers. Eric trained for mechanical maintenance and held the rank of private.

After training, Eric was stationed in Woodbridge, England and at LadySmith Barracks in Salisbury working in mechanical maintenance and testing experimental equipment. He served with a separate unit called Special Armoured Development Establishment which was attached to the 75th Armoured Division. Eric was discharged in 1948.

In 1992 Eric was awarded the Commemorative Medal for the 125th Anniversary of Canadian Federation for humanitarian services to Canada and the community.

Arthur Hawes

Birthdate: February 1, 1920

Rank / Branch: Corporal, Canadian Army

Unit: Princess Louise Dragoon Guards

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

Served: 1939-1945

Community: Ayr, Galt, Hanover, Kincardine, and Southampton

Medals / Decorations:

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



Military Service

Arthur signed up for military service on November 16, 1939, in Toronto, Ontario. He was assigned the service number B73502 and began his training in Toronto before going to England. Arthur received Infantry training and additional training outside of Canada for reconnaissance. He held the rank of Corporal in the Princess Louise Dragoon Guards and was a driver.

Arthur was stationed at Aldershot, England, and all over southern England. His specific jobs were reconnaissance and driver of the Colonel of the Regiment. Arthur was involved in the Italian Campaign from the beginning, Sicily through Italy from 1943 –1945, as well as France, Belgium and Holland. He served with the Princess Louise Dragoon Guards. Arthur was discharged on June 9, 1945.

Yvonnea (Chip) Claire Inkster (nee Carpenter)

Birthdate: June 19, 1924

Rank / Branch: Corporal, Women's Auxiliary Air Force

Unit: WAAF

Region: Great Britain (various locations for training and service)

Served: 1941-1945

Community: Dorking, Surrey, ENG; Saarbrucken, Germany; Old Windsor, Berkshire, ENG; Addlestone, Surrey, ENG; Ottawa, ON; Montreal, QC; Hamilton, ON; Sandy Cover, NS; and Port Elgin, ON

Medals / Decorations:

- 1939-1945 Star
- Victory Medal



Military Service

Yvonne enlisted in the WAAF in London, England, in December, 1941. She was given the service number 2027809 as well as the nickname "Chippy" (because of her surname) that she has answered to ever since.

She did her "Foot bashing" in Morecombe, Gloucester, England then trained as a radar operator and was sent to Beer Head, Devon, as an Aircraftswoman for her first posting in February 1942. Fairlight in Hastings, Sussex, was her next posting, now a Leading Aircraftswoman in June 1942. She was sent to Yatesbury, Wiltshire, as a Corporal in May 1943 as a radar instructor and from there back to an operational station in November 1943, at Dunnet Head, Caithness, Scotland.

She was demobilized in October 1945.

Michael Anthony Krulicki

Birthdate: July 25, 1925

Rank / Branch: Private, Canadian Army

Unit: Irish Regiment of Canada

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

Served: 1942-1945

Community: Kitchener, Hanover, and Sauble Beach

Medals / Decorations:

- War Medal 1939 – 1945
- Italian Star
- 1939 - 1945 Star
- Canadian Volunteer Service Medal
- Defence Medal
- Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal



Military Service

Mike signed up for military service in April, 1942, at Kitchener, Ontario. He was assigned the service number of A60142.

Mike began his training in Kitchener and continued it in London, Ontario; Camp Borden; Debert, Nova Scotia and England.

Mike held the rank of Private and in October 1942, he was stationed in England. The following year in 1943 Mike was stationed in Italy as Job Company Runner, Messenger.

Mike served with the Irish Regiment of Canada.

Mike was discharged in August 1945.

Gladys Helena Morris

Birthdate: May 8, 1920

Rank / Branch: Petty Officer, Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service

Unit: HMCS Bytown, HMCS Kings, and HMCS Royal Rhodes

Region: Canada (various locations for training and service)

Served: 1942-1945

Community: Tobermory

Medals / Decorations:

- The Canadian Volunteer Service Medal
- The War Medal



Military Service

Gladys enlisted with HMCS Bytown Division 2 at the Galt Training Establishment in December, 1942. She was assigned the service number W585.

Gladys began her service career as a probation WREN from December 3, 1942 to January 3, 1943. She went on to HMCS Kings in Halifax, Nova Scotia, from January 7, 1943, to June 30, 1943, as steward's wardroom assistant. Next Gladys went to HMCS Royal Rhodes in Victoria, BC from July 1, 1943, to October 15, 1943, as wardroom assistant. She was then promoted to Leading WREN from October 16, 1943, to April 1944. Gladys then went to Kingsmill House in Ottawa, Ontario, from April 26, 1944, to December 15, 1944, as WREN wardrobe assistant.

In the fall of 1944, Gladys wrote and passed the Petty Officer's Exam.

She was discharged in 1945.

Glen Clarence Arnold Rawson, AFC, CD

Birthdate: January 16, 1917

Rank / Branch: Flight Lieutenant, Royal Canadian Air Force

Unit: No. 3 Service Flying Training School; No. 15 S.F.T.S.; No. 2 Flying Instructor School; No. 10 S.F.T.S.; Central Flying School; No. 2 Flying Training School; No. 1 Advanced Flying School; 102 Squadron – Search & Rescue; and Centralia Flying School

Region: Canada (various locations for training and service)

Served: 1940-1962

Community: Brandon, MB; Trenton, ON; Toronto, ON; London, ON; Centralia, ON; Woodstock, ON; and Hanover, ON

Medals / Decorations:

- Air Force Cross 1945
- Canadian Volunteer Service Medal
- WWII Service Medal
- Canadian Forces Long Service Medal (C.D.)
- 22 Years a military pilot
- 10, 000 hours of flying



Military Service

Glen signed up for military service in January 1940 at Winnipeg, Manitoba. Over the course of his career he was assigned two service numbers; J12089 and 33717.

Glen began his training at Manning Depot in Toronto, Ontario. He then moved to Brandon Flying Club for his Elementary Pilot Training from May to July 1940.

This was followed by his #1 Service Flying Training at Camp Borden from September to November 1940 where he received his RCAF wings with the first course to graduate under the British Commonwealth Air Training Program (BCATP). Glen was a flying instructor at the OTU from 1944 to 1945.

Glen had trained to become a pilot, flying instructor and dive bomber. Over the course of his military career he held the ranks of: Aircraftsman, Leading Aircraftsman (LAC), Sergeant, Warrant Officer, Pilot Officer, Flying Officer and Flight Lieutenant.

Glen was stationed at in Alberta at No. 3 Service Flying Training School in Calgary, No. 15 S.F.T.S. in Clarehome, and No. 2 Flying Instructor School in Pierce. He then went to No. 10 S.F.T.S. in Dauphin, Manitoba, Central Flying School in Trenton, Ontario, No. 2 Flying Training School in Gimli, Manitoba from 1949 to 1952, No. 1 Advanced Flying School in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan from January 1953 to May 1954, 102 Squadron – Search & Rescue in Trenton, Ontario, and Centralia Flying School from September 1958 to January 1962. He was honourably discharged on January 31, 1962.

Percy Straight

Birthdate: July 27, 1924

Rank / Branch: Private, Canadian Army

Unit: Canadian Armoured Corps

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

Served: 1943-1946

Community: Owen Sound, Peterborough

Medals / Decorations:

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



Military Service

Percy signed up for service in Toronto, Ontario, on his 19th birthday in 1943. He was assigned the service number B116460 and completed his basic training in Newmarket, Ontario. Next, Percy went to Camp Borden where he completed a six week motor cycle course, training to become a dispatch rider.

Percy served with the Canadian Armoured Corps. He sailed to Southampton, England, and was later sent to the front. Percy landed in Belgium shortly after the invasion of France in 1944.

In England they were short of Infantry, so Percy became part of the infantry trading in his side arms for a rifle.

As he was young and single, whenever they needed someone for reconnaissance Percy was sent in lieu of a married man.

He was discharged in 1946.

Lorne George Weatherall

Birthdate: July 14, 1920

Rank / Branch: Private, Canadian Army

Unit: Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps

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

Served: 1941-1946

Community: Dunedin, Williamsford, Leith, and Chatsworth

Medals / Decorations:

- War Medal (1939—1945)
- Canadian Volunteer Service Medal
- Defence Medal



Military Service

Lorne signed up for military service in Brantford, Ontario, in 1941. He was assigned the service number B53117.

Lorne trained in Brantford and Hamilton, Ontario, to become a driver mechanic.

Lorne went to England in June 1942 and then to France in June 1944, six days after D-Day. He joined the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps. During his time in the service, Lorne's job was to support the troops. Lorne was discharged in March 1946.