



William James White

Royal Newfoundland Regiment

Regimental No. 1330

Royal Air Force (RAF)

Service No. 798845

World War II

Born: 25 Oct 1925

Died; 17 Jun 2016

Place of Birth: Bay Roberts, Conception Bay, Newfoundland

Parents: James F. and Elsie M. (nee Cave) White

The 1935 Newfoundland general census lists the White family as living in Bay Roberts Central. The family consists of James who is 40, Elsie at 39, Alice 17, Margaret 15, Samuel 13, Jean 11, William James 9, Jerome 7, and James 2.

James (senior) is working as a carpenter, more specifically a house builder.

William James or James William as the name appears to be interchanged on some official

documents. For this biography, the name “Bill” will be used.

Bill enlisted in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment on August 20th, 1943, at the age of eighteen (18) at St. John's. He would serve at total of 244 days in the Regiment before being discharged on April 19th, 1944, so he could enlist in the Royal Air Force.

He did just that and enlisted in the RAF the next day, April 20, 1944. His service number (798845) indicated by the first number 7 that he was Air Crew. This fact is supported by his record noting his RAF Trade as Ach/UT Air Crew.

The Guardian Newspaper clipping from April 1944

Pte. Wm. Jas. White of the Nfld. Regiment, son of Jas. F. and the late Elsie White, has joined the Royal Air Force and leaves here next week for Canada to begin his training.

Bill went through training and was on strength of the RAF for training only since he was discharged on the 13th of May 1944. A notation on his record indicates that he would have made an excellent crew member.

Bill's military career continued in July 1945 when he enlisted in the 2nd Reserve Battalion of the New Brunswick Rangers. He served in the reserves until June of the next year, 1946.

Living in New Brunswick, Bill met and married Lila Mary Saulnier June 17th, 1947, at Dorchester, New Brunswick and together they had three (3) children, Leonard, Violet, and Jeannette.



Bill worked as a labourer for Lockhart for a while and Canadian National Railway (CNR) as a brakeman in Moncton, then became a Federal Correction Officer at Dorchester Penitentiary.

He was a longtime member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 89, Memramcook, New Brunswick, having joined in the 60's. He served as the branch Service Officer for 10 years.



He passed away in June 2016 and is buried at Notre Dame de Lourdes Cemetery, Memramcook, New Brunswick.

Obituary of William White

WHITE, WILLIAM "BILL"

William "Bill" White of Memramcook passed away on Friday June 17, 2016, at the age of 90. Born in Bay Roberts, NL, he was the son of the late James and Elsie White of Bay Roberts, NL.

Bill was a Canadian Veteran and later was a Federal Correction Officer at Dorchester Penitentiary. Bill was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping with his family and friends.

Bill will be sadly missed by his wife Lila of 69 years; two daughters, Violet Green (Dennis) of Dieppe and Jeannette Bursey (Greg) of Halifax; one son, Leonard White of Havelock; one grandson, Jason Green (Erin) of Ottawa / England; two great grandchildren, Declan and Imogen. Bill also leaves to mourn his sisters, Alice Mercer, Margaret Mercer and Jean Purdy, his brothers, Samuel White, and Jerome White.

He was predeceased by his parents and by his brother Jim White.

A private family and friends' remembrance to be held at Dupuis Funeral Home, Memramcook on Wednesday June 22 from 2 to 4 pm.

WHITE
James, William
Newfoundland
Regiment
1945
sandy
nil
Starrs, etc.
Rank
No. 1330
Ht 5'8" Wt 145
Eyes blue



W. J. White
Signature of Holder
W. C. Goodfellow
Signature of Issuer
St. John's
Date 12-10-43

Identification
Bureau
Ottawa, Cana.
CANADIAN ARMY

Discharge Certificate

NEWFOUNDLAND ~~MILITIA~~
RESERVE

Duke
- 77

Regimental No. 1330

Rank Private

Name (in full) James William White

Company A

Date of Discharge 19 April 44 Date of Enlistment 20 August 42

Place of Discharge St. John's Length of Service — Years 2 44 Days

DESCRIPTION AT THE TIME OF DISCHARGE

Age 18 years

Descriptive Marks

Height

Complexion

Eyes

Hair

Trade

Intended Place of Residence

The above-named man is discharged in consequence of: K.R. 1940 Para 390
Sec II Subsec XVIII (a) — Re-enlistment
in Royal Air Force

To be in the handwriting of the officer
commanding the unit who will sign and make
known to the authorities the Character
Certificate and final report.

Conduct and Character whilst in the service have been, according to the records:

Excellent

Special qualifications for employment in civil life:

CONFIRMATION OF DISCHARGE

The discharge of the above-named man is hereby confirmed.

Place St. John's

Date 19 Apr 44

Signed

The Dick Major
Commanding Newfoundland ~~MILITIA~~
Regiment

ROYAL AIR FORCE **BRIEF STATEMENT OF SERVICE AND CERTIFICATE** **OF DISCHARGE OF**

SURNAME WHITE OFFICIAL No. NFD. 798843

CHRISTIAN NAMES JAMES WILLIAM

Date of enlistment 20th April 1944 Terms of enlistment 20th April 1944 Duration 2

(a) Date reported for regular service 20th April 1944

(b) Branch of Air Force in which enlisted Air Crew R.A.F. trade ACH/u.t. Air Crew

Date of discharge 13th May 1944 Rank A.C.2.

(c) Cause of discharge Note likely to become an efficient airman aircrew

(Para. 652 Clause 23 King's Regulations and Air Council Instructions.)

(d) General character (i) during service V.G. (ii) on discharge V.G.

(e) Degree of trade proficiency:—A (i) On strength for training only. B C

Special qualifications None

(f) Medals, Clasps, Decorations,
Mentions in Despatches,
Special Commendations, etc.

None

DESCRIPTION OF ABOVE-NAMED AIRMAN/AIRWOMAN ON DISCHARGE.

Date of birth 25th October. 1925 Marks or scars Nil.

Height 5 ft. 9 ins.

Complexion Ruddy

Colour of eyes Blue

Colour of hair Chestnut

Airman's or airwoman's signature William J. White

(g) Brief statement of Trade Qualifications and General Conduct:—

The airman's conduct during service has been exemplary.

STATION H.Q.
ORDERLY ROOM

Unit
Date
Stamp

MAY 13 1944

31 R.A.F. PERSONNEL
DEPOT

(Signed)

W. M. H. G/C.

Commanding No. 31 R.A.F. Depot, Moncton. N.B.
Royal Air Force.

Attention is directed to Notes (a) to (g) on reverse.

The corner of this certificate to be cut off if the airman/airwoman is discharged with a "bad" character, or with disgrace or if specially directed by the Air Council.