



**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 20<sup>th</sup>, 1943, at the age of eighteen (18) at St. John's. He would serve a total of 244 days in the Regiment before being discharged on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup>, 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.*



## Discharge Certificate

NEWFOUNDLAND MILITIA  
REGIMENTDate  
-19-

Regimental No. 1330

Rank

Private

Name (in full)

James William White

Company

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Date of Discharge 19 April 44

Date of Enlistment 20 August 43

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 Reg. 390  
Sergeant Subse 88111 (a) Re-enlistment  
in Royal Air ForceTo be in the possession of the above  
manuscript who will forward to  
the Officer in Charge  
Certificate and hand them.

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

Signed

The Adj't Major  
Commanding Newfoundland ~~REGIMENT~~  
Regiment

Date 19 Apr 44

## ROYAL AIR FORCE.

BRIEF STATEMENT OF SERVICE AND CERTIFICATE  
OF DISCHARGE OF

SURNAME WHITE

OFFICIAL No. NFD.79884.3

CHRISTIAN NAMES JAMES WILLIAM

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.

Date of enlistment 20th April 1944. Terms of enrolment Duration

(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) A (ii) 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

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.

Unit  
Date  
StampSTATION H. Q.  
ORDERLY ROOM

MAY 13 1944

31 R.A.F. PERSONNEL

DEPUTY

(Signed)

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

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