



George Jones

*Story of a Royal Canadian
Infantry Veteran*

of

World War II





Lest We Forget

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It was war time and George joined the Royal Canadian Infantry in 1942 when he was 20 years old.

George was sent to Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, where he was trained as an Artillery Gunner. While he was in training, it was discovered he had a medical condition which prevented him from being shipped overseas.

Even with this medical condition, the Army would not discharge him which would have been George's choice. He really wanted to go where the action was and where all the other soldiers were going. The Army had other plans for him to contribute to the war effort. He was sent to Toronto and then out to Western Canada.

Because able-bodied men were volunteering or being conscripted, this left many vacant jobs, usually done by men, being filled by women to do the heavy labour. An important part of the war effort was to supply food to the population and our soldiers, so being conscripted and sent to a farm was an important part of winning the war.

With food at a shortage, the Army sent George out West to be a Farmer. Many soldiers who were not able to be shipped overseas were sent out West to farm.

It may not have been George's choice but it was a very essential job. Without the food needed to feed our Army both here and abroad, as well as the civilian population, the outcome of the war could have been very different.

Thank you, George, for your contribution to the war effort and thank you for keeping us fed.