

VETERAN OF THE WEEK

1-7 October, 2023

R155724 Leading Aircraftman Kenneth Raymond Sondrol

No. 2 Bombing and Gunnery School, Mossbank

Royal Canadian Air Force Special Reserve

Second World War



Kenneth Raymond Sondrol was born on the 28th of April 1920 near Battrum, Saskatchewan to Norwegian immigrants, Ole and Gunhild Sondrol. He attended school at the Battrum school from 1926-1936, receiving his Grade Eight. After having left school, he worked on the farm for his father Ole and later started farming for himself. From January to February 1940, Kenneth took a youth training course in Swift Current for motor mechanics and agriculture. In early 1942, he was called up into service via the National Resources Mobilization Act, being taken on strength of the No. 12 National Resources Mobilization Act Clearing Depot in Regina, Saskatchewan. On the 5th of February that year he was attached to No. 10 Platoon, No. 2 Company of the No. 120 Basic Training Centre, where he would undergo his basic military training. On the 14th of March 1942, Kenneth decided to voluntarily re-enlist and re-mustered from Army to the Royal Canadian Air Force Special Reserve. He would serve as an Aero Engine Mechanic. On the 21st of July he was transferred from the No. 5 Recruiting Centre in Regina to the No. 5 Manning Depot in Lachine, Quebec. He would be granted two months leave in order to return home to help with the years harvest. After having returned from Harvest Leave, Kenneth was posted to the Technical Training School located at St. Thomas, Ontario for further technical/trade training. In early February of 1943 he would be posted to the No. 1 General Reconnaissance School at Summerside, PEI. He would serve there until September that year when he was transferred to the No. 2 Bombing and Gunnery School at Mossbank, Saskatchewan. He would serve there until his discharge from the RCAF Special Reserve on the 11th of January 1944. Thank you for your service, R155724 Leading Aircraftman Sondrol.