

VETERAN OF THE WEEK

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L22244 Signalman David George Gloeckler

Royal Canadian Corps of Signals

Second World War



Photo: Signalman David George Gloeckler. Courtesy of David's son Dave Gloeckler.

David George Gloeckler was born on the 5th of May, 1921 in Swift Current to David and Anna Gloeckler. After achieving his Grade Ten education, he went to work as a lineman with Swift Current Call Installation. David was known for his love of mechanics, hunting, and sports such as hockey and baseball. He had previous military service, as he had served with the Canadian Corps of Signals from 1939-1940. David would enlist in the Canadian Army on the 3rd of June 1940 at the No. 12 District Depot in Regina. On his attestation papers he proudly stated that his reasons for enlisting were patriotism and a sense of adventure.

David attended basic training at the Canadian Signals Training Centre in Kingston before embarking for duty overseas in the U.K. While serving there, he was admitted to the No. 5 Casualty Clearing Station for an unstated reason. In mid October 1943 he proceeded to duty overseas in the Mediterranean theatre of war, arriving in Italy on the 9th of November. During his service in Italy, David would be hospitalized again, this time for about a month. Following his discharge from hospital, he would return to duty with the 1st Canadian Corps of Signals. In late February 1945, he embarked from Italy and proceeded to duty in France. While there, he would be attached to the Headquarters of the 1st Canadian Division Signals. Following his service in Northwest Europe, David was honourably discharged from the Canadian Army on the 6th of October 1945.