

VETERAN OF THE WEEK

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L104356 Private John Brownell Carr

Royal Canadian Army Service Corps

Second World War



Photo: Private John B. Carr. Courtesy of John's daughter Linda.

John Carr was born on the 3rd of October, 1921 on the farm near Laura, SK. After completing his Grade Ten education, John worked as a farm labourer for his father Harold. Working on the farm, John had gained a vast array of experience driving trucks, automobiles, and tractors. Skills that would prove to be useful. Under the National Resources Mobilization Act, John was to be called up for active duty on the 14th of January 1943. Not wanting to be drafted, two days before his call up, he elected to voluntarily enlist in the Canadian Army Service Corps as a driver.

John completed his basic training at Maple Creek, SK and Red Deer, AB. He then embarked for duty in the U.K. on the 5th of April 1944. From the U.K. he would proceed to duty at the front, arriving in France on the 28th of July, 1944. John would serve throughout the Northwest Europe Campaign. He returned to the U.K. on the 28th of December 1945. From there he travelled back to Regina, where on the 1st of March 1946, he was discharged via demobilization. In total John served thirty-seven months, twenty-one of which were overseas.