

POSTCARD



**Corporal Donald Carey
1925-2008**



Address

A Hero Lived Here

100 Albert Street

Ingersoll, ON

N5C 2Y1

Corporal Donald Carey

Donald Carey was born at 100 Albert Street (the corner of Charles and Albert), in December 1925. He attended schools in Three Bridges and Thamesford. He began working at Kirsch Manufacturing and joined the Army, in December 1943.

Don was sent to England - he turned 19 while crossing the Atlantic. After a few weeks in Britain he was sent to Northern Belgium and assigned to the Essex Scottish Regiment. It was late 1944 and the Regiment moved north through Holland, and then east into Germany. During the advancement through Holland, the Section Leader was wounded in battle and Don replaced him. Being Section Leader meant Corporal's stripes and an extra 20 cents on top of his \$1.50 a day. They were on their way to the U-boat port in Wilhelmshaven when the war ended in 1945. With the war over, Don was transferred to the Highland Light Infantry and spent the next year as part of the Occupational Force in Germany. In June 1946 he returned to Canada. On April 5, 1947 he married Vera Wettlauffer. Over the next 16 years they had a family of four sons and one daughter. Don had various occupations. He owned a restaurant, was a gas station lessee and worked at the Stewart Foundry. He retired at the age of 60, after 27 years at Standard Tube, Woodstock. Corporal Donald Carey passed away in 2008, he rests in Harris Street Cemetery.

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