

# POSTCARD



**Flying Officer  
John Thomas Warden  
1920-2008**



## Address

### A Hero Lived Here

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## FO Jack Warden Home on Leave from Overseas Service

On Saturday morning, FO. Jack Warden called at the Tribune Office looking in excellent health. He had arrived from overseas after two years' service in the Royal Air Force.

He enlisted in the R.C.A.F., in 1941 and trained at Guelph and Debert, N.S., as a wireless telegrapher. Going overseas in February of 1943 he served with the R.A.F., making several operational flights over enemy territory his missions being against shipping.

He spent his leaves while overseas in England and Scotland and was especially loud in his praise of the hospitality of the Scottish people. He also was very pleased with the Canadian Legion Club at London which he claimed was doing a great job of making a home for men away from home.

## John 'Jack' T. Warden

John Thomas Warden was born and educated in Ingersoll and except for the years he spent in the Air Force, has lived here and served his community all his life. The former Flying Officer with the Royal Air Force 280 Squadron entered the service in 1939, right after he left school. He saw action over the Irish Sea, the North Sea, the Dutch Coast, the Bay of Biscay and the English Channel. He earned eight service medals. He still carries a piece of shrapnel behind his liver. He had been shadowing a German convoy coming down from the Dutch coast when he was hit with anti-aircraft fire. He spent the three weeks prior to D-Day in hospital. However he was right in the midst of things on June 6. He was a Radio Operator, flying over Omaha Beach in a Warwick. He recalls, "We flew for 72 hours straight on cigarettes and coffee." Jack was discharged in May 1945. He came back to Ingersoll and married his fiancée, Bernadette. Jack and Bernadette had six children. After the war he was employed at Ingersoll Machine & Tool. Fifteen years later he opened his own successful appliance business. Jack had been an active member of Royal Canadian Legion Branch II9 for 43 years.

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