



Clement Lorne Elms

**RAFVR
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve
Royal Canadian Air Force**

Service No. 798511

World War II

Born: 24 Nov 1919

Died: 02 Apr 2010 (Age 90)

Place of Birth: Bay Roberts, Conception Bay, Newfoundland

Parents: William Henry and Dinah (nee Pond) Elms

The 1921 Newfoundland general census for Bay Roberts lists the Elms family as follows: William age 45, Dinah 28, children William jr. 8, Florence 6 and Clement 1. Also living in the home was mother Sarah

Elms age 76, as well as Uncle Stephen Vey at 58.

At the next census taking in 1935, the Elms family now included three (3) more children. Parents William and Dinah are 60 and 42, respectively. William jr. is 22, Florence 20, Clement 16, Herman 11, Clarence 6, and Lorne 4.

Clement enlisted in the RAF on the 21st of August 1940 and served until the end of the war. He was a member of the 1st Draft for RAF Air Crew on August 22nd, 1940. He was released from service on 19 July 1946. Upon enlistment, Clement was sent to Canada for training before being shipped overseas.

Back home in Bay Roberts, he is single 25 and at home with his now, widowed mother, Dinah.

Clement married Eillen Caroline Dawe of Coley's Point in 1946, and they moved to

Gander where he took a job with ATC Air Traffic Control and worked there for thirty years or so. Eileen had just graduated as a nurse and went to work at the hospital in Gander. Together they had two sons, Howard, and James.

Here are some items provided by son Jim (James):



Clement's Medals:

From L – R

1. 1939 – 1945 Star
2. Burma Star
3. 1939 – 1945 War Medal
4. The Defence Medal (United Kingdom)
5. The Newfoundland Volunteer War Service Medal

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AIRMAN



ROYAL AIR FORCE
SERVICE AND RELEASE BOOK

Rank WARRANT OFFICER

Service Number NFD. 798511

Surname ELMS

Initials C. L.

Class of Release A.

Age and Service Group No. 31

51-9838



Official photo from training in Calgary. Front row 2nd from the left

Clement passed away on April 2nd, 2010, at the age of ninety (90). He is buried in All Saints Cemetery at Gander. Eileen died in 2019 at age ninety-seven (97).

Below are some newspaper clippings from the local newspaper, The Guardian. These items pertain to Clement specifically and from the 1940's.

Sergt. Clement L. Elms, R.A. F., son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Elms of this town, has been transferred from the Middle East to a Command in India. His present address is: 798511. Sgt. C. L. Elms, c/o R. A. F., Calcutta, India.

Sergeant Clement L. Elms, R.A.F., left here last Sunday to return to Canada.

*From Bay Roberts Guardian 10
November 1945*

BACK FROM INDIA—

Warrant Officer Clement L. Elms of the Royal Air Force, arrived here from England last week to spend a two months' leave with his mother, Mrs. Wm. Elms, and other relatives. After a short training in England, Clem was transferred to the R.A.F. India Command, and has spent the past three years doing operations on the Burma front. He arrived back in England February this year and has since been instructing. He came across the Atlantic on the liner Queen Mary. He expects to get his final discharge in June next year. There are three other Bay Roberts boys serving var-

ious branches of the R. A. F. in India, namely: Jim Kielly, Roy Yetman and Clarence Morgan.