



John Abraham "Ted" Gordon M.B.E.

**Royal Canadian Electrical and
Mechanical Engineers**

R.C.E.M.E. – 4 CAD RCA

**Canadian Armoured Division Royal
Canadian Artillery**

World War II

Born: 10 Jul 1918

Died: 08 Sep 1995

Place of Birth: Bay Roberts, Conception
Bay, Newfoundland

Parents: Alexander and Violet Lillian (nee
Parsons) Gordon

John's father, Alexander, was born in
Scotland. He had spent time in the British
Army, having enlisted in the Royal

Engineers in 1908. At that time 17-year-old
Alexnader gave his occupation as
"telegraphist."

This more than likely provides reason why
he was in Bay Roberts in 1916. He was
working for the Cable Company, in what is
now a national historic building, locally
referred to the "The Cable Building."

During his time in Bay Roberts, he met
Violet Lillian Parsons, and they were
married in March 1916. The couple had four
children: Margaret born 1917, John born
1918, Francis born 1919 and Nelson 1924.

By 1931, the family has now relocated to
Nova Scotia. Work related is probably the
best guess. John is now 12 years old.

By 1941, John, is at university at Dalhousie
and later McGill. During this time, 1941,
John has enlisted in the Canadian Army,
more specifically; he is a RCEME or a
member of the Royal Canadian Electrical
and Mechanical Engineers.

In December of the same year, Lieutenant
John A. Gordon married Mildred Sterns in a
ceremony at Montreal, Quebec.

John served in the Canadian Army until his
release at the end of the war. On the 15th of
December 1945, he was awarded the MBE
Medal (Member of the British Empire).

*"MBE stands for **Member of the Most Excellent
Order of the British Empire**. It is the third
highest ranking Order of the British Empire
award, behind CBE and then OBE.*



MBE

Captain John Abraham Gordon, MBE, RCEME

RCEME Staff Officer, Headquarters, RCA, 4 Canadian Armoured Division

Citation: Capt Gordon has served the RCA of 4 Canadian Armoured Division throughout the whole of its period in action in NW Europe. Until the end of 1944, he was officer commanding 104 LAD supporting 23 Canadian Field Regiment (SP), RCA, and from that time until the cessation of hostilities he served as RCEME staff officer with HQ RCA, 4 Canadian Armoured Division. In both capacities, he has shown unremitting energy in the heavy and vital responsibilities of ensuring that the SP and towed guns, tanks and vehicles of this highly mechanized formation have been kept in action wherever possible. While with the SP [self-propelled] regiment, particularly during the phase of the pursuit across France and Belgium into Holland in 1944, these duties were particularly arduous and were always discharged with great perseverance beyond the normal call of duty and with first class technical skill. The most difficult of recovery jobs were all in the day's work. While with HQ RCA, he displayed these same qualities in the wider field and his advice and leadership were of great assistance to the regiment's RCEME officers.

Capt Gordon has made an important contribution towards keeping the Artillery "fighting fit", by his untiring devotion to duty.

Notes: Supplement to the London Gazette of 24 January 1946, No. 37442, page 631, and Canada Gazette dated 15 December 1945 and CARO/6276 dated 18 December 1945.

Together, John and Mildred had three children and lived in Nova Scotia. Tragedy struck in July 1951 when John passed away at the age of 32 following complications from appendicitis surgery. He is buried in Haliburton Cemetery, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.