



**William James White**

**Royal Newfoundland Regiment**

**Regimental No. 1330**

**Royal Air Force (RAF)**

**Service No. 798845**

**World War II**

**Born:** 25 Oct 1925

**Died;** 17 Jun 2016

**Place of Birth:** Bay Roberts, Conception Bay, Newfoundland

**Parents:** James F. and Elsie M. (nee Cave) White

The 1935 Newfoundland general census lists the White family as living in Bay Roberts Central. The family consists of James who is 40, Elsie at 39, Alice 17, Margaret 15, Samuel 13, Jean 11, William James 9, Jerome 7, and James 2.

James (senior) is working as a carpenter, more specifically a house builder.

William James or James William as the name appears to be interchanged on some official

documents. For this biography, the name “Bill” will be used.

Bill enlisted in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment on August 20<sup>th</sup>, 1943, at the age of eighteen (18) at St. John's. He would serve at total of 244 days in the Regiment before being discharged on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 1944, so he could enlist in the Royal Air Force.

He did just that and enlisted in the RAF the next day, April 20, 1944. His service number (798843) indicated by the first number 7 that he was Air Crew. This fact is supported by his record noting his RAF Trade as Ach/UT Air Crew.

The Guardian Newspaper clipping from April 1944

Pte. Wm. Jas. White of the Nfld. Regiment, son of Jas. F. and the late Elsie White, has joined the Royal Air Force and leaves here next week for Canada to begin his training.

Bill went through training and was on strength of the RAF for training only since he was discharged on the 13<sup>th</sup> of May 1944. A notation on his record indicates that he would have made an excellent crew member.

Bill's military career continued in July 1945 when he enlisted in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reserve Battalion of the New Brunswick Rangers. He served in the reserves until June of the next year, 1946.

Living in New Brunswick, Bill met and married Lila Mary Saulnier June 17<sup>th</sup>, 1947, at Dorchester, New Brunswick and together they had three (3) children, Leonard, Violet, and Jeannette.



Bill worked as a labourer for Lockhart for a while and Canadian National Railway (CNR) as a brakeman in Moncton, then became a Federal Correction Officer at Dorchester Penitentiary.

He was a longtime member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 89, Memramcook, New Brunswick, having joined in the 60's. He served as the branch Service Officer for 10 years.



He passed away in June 2016 and is buried at Notre Dame de Lourdes Cemetery, Memramcook, New Brunswick.

### **Obituary of William White**

*WHITE, WILLIAM "BILL"*

*William "Bill" White of Memramcook passed away on Friday June 17, 2016, at the age of 90. Born in Bay Roberts, NL, he was the son of the late James and Elsie White of Bay Roberts, NL.*

*Bill was a Canadian Veteran and later was a Federal Correction Officer at Dorchester Penitentiary. Bill was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping with his family and friends.*

*Bill will be sadly missed by his wife Lila of 69 years; two daughters, Violet Green (Dennis) of Dieppe and Jeannette Bursey (Greg) of Halifax; one son, Leonard White of Havelock; one grandson, Jason Green (Erin) of Ottawa / England; two great grandchildren, Declan and Imogen. Bill also leaves to mourn his sisters, Alice Mercer, Margaret Mercer and Jean Purdy, his brothers, Samuel White, and Jerome White.*

*He was predeceased by his parents and by his brother Jim White.*

*A private family and friends' remembrance to be held at Dupuis Funeral Home, Memramcook on Wednesday June 22 from 2 to 4 pm.*

WHITE  
Pte.  
Name James, William Rank  
Regiment No. 1330  
1945 Ht 5'8" Wt 145  
sandy Eyes blue  
nil  
Stars, etc.  
W. J. White  
Signature of Holder  
W. C. Goodfellow  
Signature of Issuer  
St. John's Date 12-10-43



Identification Bureau  
Ottawa, Cana.  
**CANADIAN ARMY**

# Discharge Certificate

Date  
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NEWFOUNDLAND ~~MILITIA~~  
RESERVE

Regimental No. 1530 (2)  
Rank Private  
Name (in full) James William White  
Company "A"  
Date of Discharge 19 April 44 Date of Enlistment 20 August 42  
Place of Discharge St. John's Length of Service — Years 2 44 Days

## DESCRIPTION AT THE TIME OF DISCHARGE

Age <u>18 years</u>	Descriptive Marks
Height	
Complexion	
Eyes	
Hair	
Trade	
Intended Place of Residence	

The above-named man is discharged in consequence of: K.R. 1940 Para 390  
Sec II Subsec VIII (a) — Re-enlistment  
in Royal Air Force

To be in the handwriting of the officer commanding the unit who will initial and make identical copies in the Character Certificate and Service Book.

Conduct and Character whilst in the service have been, according to the records:

Excellent

Special qualifications for employment in civil life:

## CONFIRMATION OF DISCHARGE

The discharge of the above-named man is hereby confirmed.

Place St. John's  
Date 19 Apr 44

Signed Eric Dick Major  
Commanding Newfoundland ~~MILITIA~~  
Regiment

ROYAL AIR FORCE  
BRIEF STATEMENT OF SERVICE AND CERTIFICATE  
OF DISCHARGE OF

The corner of this certificate to be cut off if the airman/airwoman is discharged with a "bad" character, or with disgrace or if specially directed by the Air Council.

SURNAME WHITE OFFICIAL No. NFD. 798843

CHRISTIAN NAMES JAMES WILLIAM

Date of enlistment 20th April 1944 Terms of enlistment 20th April 1944 Duration           

(a) Date reported for regular service 20th April 1944

(b) Branch of Air Force in which enlisted Air Crew R.A.F. trade ACH/u.t. Air Crew  
Date of discharge 13th May 1944 Rank A.C.2.

(c) Cause of discharge Note likely to become an efficient airman aircrew

(Para. 652 Clause 23 King's Regulations and Air Council Instructions.)

(d) General character (i) during service V.G. (ii) on discharge V.G.

(e) Degree of trade proficiency:—A (i) On strength for training only. B            C             
Special qualifications None

(f) Medals, Claps, Decorations, Mentions in Despatches, Special Commendations, etc. None

DESCRIPTION OF ABOVE-NAMED AIRMAN/AIRWOMAN ON DISCHARGE.

Date of birth 25th October. 1925 Marks or scars Nil.

Height 5 ft. 9 ins.

Complexion Ruddy

Colour of eyes Blue Colour of hair Chestnut

Airman's or airwoman's signature William J. White

(g) Brief statement of Trade Qualifications and General Conduct:—

The airman's conduct during service has been exemplary.

STATION H. Q.  
ORDERLY ROOM

Unit Date Stamp  
MAY 13 1944  
31 R. A. F. PERSONNEL  
DEPOT

(Signed) J. M. [Signature] G/C.  
Commanding No. 31 R. A. F. Depot, Moncton. N.B.  
Royal Air Force.

Attention is directed to Notes (a) to (g) on reverse.