

Fritzke, Ernest Wilfred Henry (Roger)

Roger was the first born of 13 Fritzke children. He joined the Army at age 21. He was posted to the recruiting Depot in 1942. He was posted in Halifax and eventually posted to the UK as a truck driver. He was deployed to Sicily in 1943. Private Fritzke returned to the UK and then deployed to France in July 1944. He returned to Canada in August of 1945 and took his discharge in November 1945. He was awarded the CVSM Clasp, Defence Medal, 1939-45 Star, France & Germany Star. He re-enlisted in October of 1946 and again discharged in 1947. He went on to be a boilermaker until his death in 1973. Roger was the first of 8 siblings to serve in the Canadian Forces. Roger's son Dale Fritzke served with the Canadian Air Force in the 1980's and 1990's.



Fritzke, Gilbert Fred (Gil)

Gilbert was the 8th of 8 siblings to join the Royal Canadian Armed Forces in 1955 at the age of 20 at Regina, SK, and was sent to Saint Jean, QC for Basic Training. Following this he was posted to CFB Borden, ON where he trained as an aircraft jet engine technician and was then transferred to CFB portage La Prairie where he mainly worked on the T-33 trainer. Gilbert was honourably discharged in 1958 at the rank of Leading Aircraftsman. Gilbert returned then moved to Regina where he worked in landscaping at the University of Regina. Gilbert retired in 1999 and remained in Regina. He was a member of the Regina ANAVETS Club until his death in 2004.



Fritzke, Herman Goldie

Herman was the 6th of 8 siblings to join the Royal Canadian Armed Forces at age 22. He enlisted at the RCAF at Regina, SK in 1952 and went to Saint Jean, QC for Basic Training. He was transferred Clinton, ON for Ground Communications Technician training. He was then posted to Toronto Ryerson Institute for 2 years of additional training in Ground Communications. He served at Clinton, ON, Comox, BC, St Lachine, QC, Knob Lake, QC, and Saskatoon, SK. He was honourably discharged in 1957 at the rank of Corporal. Herman moved to Vancouver in 1957 and went on to employment with C.N. Rail as a communications technician until 1961. He was then hired on with Canada Post where he remained employed until his death in 1991 at North Vancouver, BC.



Fritzke, Hertha Claire (Clara)

Clara enlisted in Regina in 1943 with RCAF as Air Woman 1st class. Her duty was a General Duty Office Clerk. She was honourably released and transferred to the Reserves, General Section Class E. She served at Rockcliffe, ON, Vancouver, BC, Paulson, MB, and ultimately released at Winnipeg in 1946. She was awarded the CVSM and War Medal. Clara died in 2001 at Cranbrook, BC.



Fritzke, Robert John (Bob)

Bob was the 7th of 8 siblings to join the Royal Canadian Armed Forces at age 17. He enlisted with the RCAF at Brandon, MB in 1954 and went to Saint Jean, QC for Basic Training. Following this he was posted to Camp Borden, ON, where he trained as a piston aero engine technician. He was then posted to CFB Trenton where his primary duties were to maintain the Harvard trainer aircraft. He also maintained several other fixed wing and rotary wing aircraft. Following this he was posted to the CF-100 engine school at North Bay, ON. This led to a posting at 419 Moose Squadron at North Bay where he remained until he took an honourable discharge in 1957 at the rank of Leading Aircraftsman. Bob then trained as an automotive mechanic apprentice at Melville, SK, and obtained his journeyman licence in 1961 at Moose Jaw, SK. Bob worked at various construction sites as an iron worker and heavy duty mechanic throughout Manitoba and Saskatchewan until retirement in 2001. Bob now resides in White Rock, BC and has been a member of The Royal Canadian Legion for over 50 years and is presently a member of the White Rock Legion # 008.



Gallagher, Lilian Dorothy

Lilian was born in Nanaimo in 1919. She served in the Women's Royal Naval Service during World Two in Canada. Lilian was a dedicated member of Legion Branch 171 in Ladysmith for 66 years. She died in 2011.

