



**NAME: Frank Thomas Madill**

**BRANCH OF SERVICE: Army**

**SERVED FROM: August, 1942 TO: October, 1945**

**THEATRE OF WAR: Italy, Europe**

Frank Thomas Madill – Service # C48609 enlisted on August 20, 1942 and took basic training with the No. 10 Platoon in Peterborough and Camp Petawawa as Bombardier in the Artillery service – Gunner. He was called to join the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, 1<sup>st</sup> Field Regiment in Scotland, First Division.

On December 28, 1942 he went to the U. S. A. On January 4, 1942 he embarked from New York on the Rangitata and landed in Greenock, Scotland and the N/O Camp Borden, England 18 days later. The food was very poor.

They sailed from England on the Duchess of Bedford for 12 days and landed in Sicily August 28, 1943. They fought in Italy until the end of the Italian Campaign. The Allies rallied massive troops on the beaches of Normandy on June 6, 1944 while 58,172 Canadians kept many Germans engaged in warfare in Italy. The Canadians in Italy were known as the D-Day Dodgers because they missed the Normandy invasion.



March 1945 the Canadians arrived in Marseilles, France and went through Belgium and Holland and joined the rest of the Canadian Divisions in the front lines. In April 1945 they crossed the Eisel River to Lyden, Holland.