



**NAME: Arthur Hillis Owens**

**BRANCH OF SERVICE: Royal Canadian  
Air Force**

**SERVED FROM: 1940 TO: 1943  
Reserve**

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R.C.A.F.**

**THEATRE OF WAR: England**

Arthur Owens resides in Kinmount Ontario with his wife, Bernice and when asked if he would share stories of his experiences in the air force during the Second World War as well as his life story following the war, Arthur was more than happy to.

Born in Toronto on December 6, 1925 Arthur had 4 brothers (Jack, Hector, Walter, Bruce, and a sister Isobel)

At the age of 14 Arthur joined and was a member of the Reserve Army from 1940 – 1943.

Wanting to become a pilot, Arthur joined the Air Force on August 10, 1943. As he was only 17 years old at the time, he obtained a note from his father permitting him to join.

Arthur initially was stationed and trained at Toronto Manning Depot. His 3 older brothers (Walter, Jack and Hector) and his father were already stationed overseas and when the air force asked for volunteers to go overseas Arthur was happy to volunteer. He left Halifax and traveled via ship the "Louis Pasteur" landing in Bournemouth England.