

1946...Jack Townsend: After four months in England waiting for ship home, I arrived in New York on the Queen Elizabeth accompanied by about 15,000 other passengers including several thousand war brides and Prime Minister Winston Churchill who was making a thank you trip to the United States. After a month's leave I got my honourable discharge and so ended my service career. In July, my wife, Grace and I were married and will celebrate our 55th Anniversary on July 20th this year.

1946 to date...Jack Townsend: I have enjoyed a happy family life and reasonably successful working career. My formal work for pay days ended in 1982 when I retired from the Toronto Transit Commission. For the past 19 years Grace and I have traveled extensively and have been active in the volunteer sector. I even did a bit of consulting which paid for some of our trips. For the past several years with the urging of Grace and our daughter Marilyn I have been working on my autobiography which includes a chapter covering my RCAF years. I have also become very much aware of how little our four grandchildren, now in their 20's, know about Canada's role in WWII and this has certainly generated a keen interest in the Memory Project.