

# Leading Aircraftman Elwood Moore

## Royal Canadian Air Force

### Family Life:

Elwood Moore was born to Thomas John and Annabelle Moore (nee Abra) October 7, 1921, in Derby Township, Grey County, Ontario.

Elwood grew up in Derby Township attending SS No. 4 Derby School and the OSCVI before attending Westdale Tech to further his skills for enlistment with the RCAF.

He married Rosalie McConnell on August 10, 1949 and they had son Brian Moore in July 1962.

Elwood was a farmer and sailed on the lake freighter Sir Thomas Shaughnessy of the Mohawk Navigation Company before enlisting with the RCAF.

After his military service Elwood returned to farming. He qualified as a life insurance agent and was a general insurance broker until his retirement in 1995.

### Military Service:

Upon enlisting with the RCAF, LAC Moore trained at Hamilton's Westdale Technical



### Decorations:

Defense Medal  
Canadian Voluntary Service Medal  
with Clasp  
War Medal 1939-1945  
1939-1945 Star

School on a six month radio theory. He completed his Basic training in Toronto at the Exhibition Grounds before being transferred to the Radar School at RCAF Clinton.

LAC Moore was attached to an anti-submarine squadron (Venturas), at Cape Breton until 1943, when he volunteered for aircrew overseas. He embarked for the United Kingdom and was attached RAF 68 Squadron (Mosquitos). Working aircraft interception radar was essential for night fighters to find a target.

Radar technology was developing so fast that by the time he got overseas he had to be retrained. LAC Moore was trained on aircraft interception radar and he maintained them on the Mosquito aircraft of 68 Squadron of A Group. He was primarily a radar technician who maintained the radar equipment aboard the aircraft. 68 Squadron moved around a lot but he fondly remembers Swansea and South Walks. After the war, LAC Moore was returned to Canada. where he was discharged.

### Lessons Learned:

“Crossing the Atlantic on the *SS Nieuw Amsterdam* where the toilets backed up and men were seasick and the bulkheads were closed. Elwood had climb up 3 decks to get to the bathroom. Things got a bit slippery. At first, I didn't know what I had signed up for, although I knew I was going to learn about radios.”