

**Carnochan, Arthur Emerson**  
**Trooper**  
**14<sup>th</sup> Canadian Hussars**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Reconnaissance Regiment**  
**B 139310**



Arthur Carnochan was born on February 27, 1924 in Haliburton, Ontario. He was from a family of nine children and was the second one. Father Thomas Adam, born in 1897 and died in 1967, was a hairdresser by trade and he married Rosetta in Toronto on January 20, 1922. She was born in England in 1900 and died in Haliburton in 1978. The family belonged to the United Church of Canada.

Arthur's siblings were Robert Earl, Patricia Elizabeth, Ronald Thomas, twins Keith William and Kenneth Dennis, Noreen Elaine, Evelyn Joan and Lois Ann. They were born between 1923 and 1934, the last one of the family, sister Evelyn, died on November 20, 2019.

Haliburton is a province in Ontario, but also a village in southern Ontario and Canada, in the point with the U.S.A., located on Head Lake, a bit north of Toronto.

Arthur left school at fifteen and did not want to continue studying, he went to work in Haliburton as a woodcutter for four years, but he did not want to do that after his military service. Maybe he would be a hairdresser, just like his Dad.

On January 26, 1943, Arthur volunteered for service, he was then 5 ft.8 tall and weighed almost 147 lb. He was well developed, had a medium fair complexion, hazel eyes and brown hair.

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(1) SOLDIER'S NAME AND DESCRIPTION ON ATTESTATION

Regtl. No. B-128310

Surname (in capitals) CARNOCHAN

Christian Names (in full) Arthur Emerson

Date of Birth 27 Feb. 24

Place of Birth Haliburton, Ont., Can.

Citizenship Canada

Trade on Enlistment Lumberman

Nationality of Father at Birth Canadian

Nationality of Mother at Birth English

Religion United Church

Enlisted at Toronto

Date 26 Jan 43

Particulars of former service (if any) i.e. Regt. No., Corps or Regiment and period. Nil.

Signature of Soldier A.E. Carnochan

Signature of Officer John T. ...

Place Toronto Date 26 Jan 43

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Arthur was almost 19 years old when he enlisted in the army as a volunteer in Toronto on January 26, 1943. He received basic training at Camp Borden and finished it on April 12. In June of that year, he was punished for losing a bayonet and had to pay a \$5.50 fine.

He returned from leave on July 6 and then received a reprimand for unauthorized absence in September. The sanctions for this were a sentence of 168 hours at the barracks and ten days without payment of wages. Arthur sometimes had trouble with authority and rules in the army, because on November 19 he was convicted of indecent behavior and had to stay in the vicinity of the barracks again. This behavior consisted of making insinuating remarks to a superior. In December 1943 Arthur was on leave again and was back on December 30. Also in the months of April and May 1944 pay was occasionally withheld because Arthur did not keep to the rules. On July 29 of that year he was a Qualified Gunner Operator at Camp Borden and attended the Gunner School, Wireless and Field Training.

On March 7, he injured his hand, sustained a nasty cut during an accident in the locker room after a hockey game, for which he was treated in hospital.

**Haliburton News**

Pte. A.E. Carnochan of Camp Borden spent the week-end at the home of his parents. While at the hockey match he was the victim of an unfortunate accident. He cut his hand badly with a piece of broken glass in the men's dressing room. He received treatment and dressing of the wound at the Red Cross Hospital. He is with the Tank Corps and has been in the service several months. Mar 7/44

**APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO MARRY**  
(One copy only to be completed)

**NOTE:** Study the notes on page 2 before completing this application.

Date Sept. 4 1944

1. I, R-138310 Mr. Carmichael A. E.  
(Number) (Rank) (Surname) (Initials)  
Ms. C. A. Nicol Isabelle Nicol  
(Name) (Last) (First) (Proposed wife's name in full)  
hereby apply for permission to marry Haliburton Ont.  
(Proposed wife's address in full)

2. I certify that the following particulars concerning myself and my proposed wife are true:

(a) PARTICULARS OF SOLDIER:

(i) Date of birth 27 Feb. 1924

(ii) Date of enlistment 26 Jan. 1943

(iii) In receipt of tradesmen's rates, Class \_\_\_\_\_

(iv) Marital Status (Strike out words inapplicable)—Soldier to initial:  
Bachelor A. E.  
~~Widower~~

Name of deceased wife \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of death of deceased wife \_\_\_\_\_

Divorced (See para. (5) of Routine Order and note on page 2 of this application, number (vi).)  
Name of former wife \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of divorce decree 7/12  
Place where divorce granted \_\_\_\_\_

(v) Particulars of dependents in receipt of Dependents' Allowances, if any:  
Name (or names) of dependents \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship of dependents 7/12  
Amount of Dependents' Allowance \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount of assigned pay \_\_\_\_\_  
How, and by whom, dependents will be supported after marriage \_\_\_\_\_

(b) PARTICULARS OF PROPOSED WIFE:

(i) Date and place of birth 22 June 1923, Seckon, Ont.

(ii) How long you have known her 6 years

(iii) Present nationality Canadian

(iv) Name and address of nearest relative Mr. Ross Nicol (father)  
Haliburton, Ont.

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From 5 to 20 August 1944, Arthur was given leave before he had to report to embark for Europe.

He got permission to marry Margaret Isabelle Nicol of Haliburton in Toronto on September 16 and got a week off for that. Margaret was of English origin and they had known each other for six years. They had a daughter, Christine Janet, she was born on July 11, 1945. Margaret remarried after the war with Yarnold of Saskatoon.

On October 10, everyone reunited at Camp Borden and then they left by ship for the United Kingdom on October 15, 1944, where they arrived on October 21. As of October 28, Arthur was assigned to the 1st Canadian Armored Corps Reinforcement Unit and he then received refresher training, such as concerning rifle, pistol, grenades, Light Machine Gun and Projector Infantry Anti-Tank. On February 2, 1945, he completed his training and was assigned to the 8th Reconnaissance Regiment, 14<sup>th</sup> Canadian Hussars.

The 8<sup>th</sup> Reconnaissance Regiment.

This regiment was the reconnaissance unit of the Canadian army during the advance from Italy to the Netherlands. The 8<sup>th</sup> Reconnaissance Regiment (14<sup>th</sup> Canadian Hussars) received its training and coastal defense duties in the south of England in the first three years of the war. It was not until July 6, 1944 (1 month after D-Day) that the troops landed at Gold Beach in Normandy, France, and then began their task as infantrymen for the first time. The first three deaths were mourned on 13 July.

They pushed back the German troops from Northern France towards Belgium and the Netherlands and they were then used for their actual task: as a reconnaissance unit during the advance of the 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Army. They were often far ahead of their troops and were involved in the liberation of important ports such as Dieppe, on 1 September 1944, and

Antwerp, the Battle of the Scheldt, the liberation of towns and villages in the Netherlands and the invasion of Germany. In the meantime, fierce fighting had taken place and many people had been killed and injured on both sides.

Extract from the diary of the 8<sup>th</sup> Reconnaissance Regiment:

- 1 Feb. 1944 in Angmering on Sea, southern England, on the English Channel, there was a lot of training and sport, including boxing matches*
- 1 March 1944 American troops arrive as neighbours in Rustington*
- 11 March 1944 third anniversary of regiment with festivities*
- 2 April 1944 large exercise "STEP"*
- 14 April 1944 accident during an exercise, four dead and one wounded, one soldier breaks his leg while trying to report this to HQ by bicycle*
- 21 April Camp Angmering cleared and abandoned with some regret*
- 22 April 1944 in Camp Goodnestone in barracks and tents, entertainment through outings, movies and many sports*
- 27 May 1944 General Montgomery says on a visit that the war will be over on January 31, many men had been training for four years and want action*
- 29 May 29 1944 General Eisenhower inspects the troops and talks to many of the men and was interested in how they were doing*
- 1 July 1944 they start in Goodnestone (UK) with the clearing and cleaning of the barracks, waved goodbye by canteen staff*
- 2 July 1944 departure of the crew in their vehicles to the shunting yard of the ship's cargo and the vehicles were made watertight for the crossing*
- 4 July 1944 from London Docks to Landing Ship Tanks*
- 5 July 1944 in the evening leaving the harbour with a tugboat*
- 6 July 1944 via the Thames with calm waters across The Channel*
- 7 July 1944 just before midnight the ship arrives in Caen in France*
- 8 July 1944 with LST (Landing Ship Tank) around 6 pm ashore in Tracey Sur Mer, where the vehicles were again well prepared and driven to the port*
- 11 July 1944 the first two soldiers wounded by a shell, three miles from the fighting in Caen*
- 13 July 1944 attacked by enemy tanks, the first reported dead*
- 1 September 1944 Dieppe liberated and the population was overjoyed*
- 9 September 1944 via Bulscamp in Belgium towards Ostend, at the end of October in Antwerp and to Noord-Beveland in the Netherlands*
- 9 November 1944 in Appeltern, later in Horssen, with a lot of high water*
- 17 December 1944 relieved by the 7<sup>th</sup> Canadian Recon. Regiment*
- 19 February 1945 in Germany, Headquarters in Reichswald at the end of March*

With his fellow soldiers Arthur left for northwest Europe on February 26 and then they were "in the Field". It was noted that he was difficult to teach, needed discipline and had difficulty with authority.

On March 12, 1945, the weather was cloudy in Germany and the 8th Reconnaissance Regiment had relieved the British 43<sup>rd</sup> Division 130 Brigade and was now responsible for an area along the river Rhine. From a high hill northwest of Emmerich, the enemy kept a close eye on everything. Unfortunately, there were a few deaths that day, they were hit by an exploding mine and it was likely that Arthur Carnochan was one of them.

The next day Arthur was buried in the orchard of a German monastery near Cleves, plot R1 Gr1, s-Gravendaal monastery.



On 2 March 1946 he was reburied at the Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery, grave reference **XXV. E. 7.**

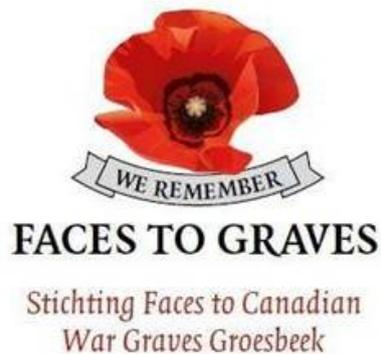
*In 1954 the crosses are replaced by gravestones*



*Photo: Liesbeth Huisman*

Arthur Arthur received the following awards:

- 1939-1945 Star
- France & Germany Star
- War Medal 1939-1945
- Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with Clasp



Life story: Liesbeth Huisman-Arts, Research Team Faces To Graves.

\*Do you have a photo of this soldier or additional information please contact [info@facestograves.nl](mailto:info@facestograves.nl)

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Haliburton Legion

*His name is on the  
Haliburton War  
Memorial*



## ANSWER IN FULL ALL APPLICABLE QUESTIONS

STATEMENT of the Names, Ages and Addresses or Dates of Death, of all the relatives that the deceased ever had in each of the degrees specified below:—

Degrees of Relationship	RELATIVES required to be accounted for	INFORMANT'S STATEMENT		
		NAME IN FULL of any Relative, if any, in each degree specified	Age	ADDRESS IN FULL of each surviving Relative, opposite his or her name, and date of death of each deceased relative
1	Widow of the Deceased.....	MARGARET ISABEL CARNOCHAN	22	HALIBURTON .ONT.
2	Children of the Deceased and dates of their Births.....	CHRISTINE JANET CARNOCHAN BORN.-JULY 11/45	4 mons	HALIBURTON ONT.
3	Father of the Deceased.....	THOMAS ADAM CARNOCHAN	49	HALIBURTON ONT.
4	Mother of the Deceased.....	ROSETTA CARNOCHAN	47	HALIBURTON ONT.
5	Brothers of the Deceased	ROBERT EARL CARNOCHAN	22	HALIBURTON, ONT.
		RONALD THOMAS CARNOCHAN	18	Do Do.
	Full Blood	KEITH WILLIAM CARNOCHAN	17	Do Do.
	Half Blood	KENNETH DENNIS CARNOCHAN	17	Do Do.
6	Sisters of the Deceased	PATRICIA ELIZABETH CARNOCHAN	20	HALIBURTON ONT.
		NOREEN ELAINE CARNOCHAN	13	Do Do.
	Full Blood	EVELYN JOAN CARNOCHAN	12	Do Do.
	Half Blood	LOIS-ANN CARNOCHAN	11	Do Do.
7	Names of brothers or sisters (whether of the full or the half blood) of the Deceased, who are dead and date of death of each.	Names and ages of their children (if any)	Address of their children	

Instructions regarding preparation of War Diaries (which will be kept from first day of mobilization, creation or embodiment), are contained in P.S. Regs. Vol. 1.

## WAR DIARY

OR

### -INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY-

Original, duplicate and triplica to be forwarded to O. 1/c 2nd Echelon for disposal.

Title pages will be prepared.

(Erase heading not required)

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8th Can. Recce. Regt. (14CH)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
Germany MR 019461	9 Mar		Weather - Partly cloudy. At first light B Sqn. took over an area from the P M R about a mile South-West of Xanten. Early in the morning, they took 4 P.W. Shortly after 0700 hrs., the C.O. left for 5 Bde. Tac. H.Q. to see Brigadier McGill, about the day's Operations. C Sqn. concentrated in the area of the R R C and during the day, did some reconnoitering in the area North-East and East of Xanten, ahead of 4 and 5 Bdes. However, due to enemy resistance, craters in the road, blown bridges, etc., a real break-through was not effected, so the Regiment did not have a chance to exploit the area beyond the Rhine. At about 1230 hrs. HQ moved to MR 05624487. This was C Squadron's old area and A Sqn. moved into the woods across the road. We are in the North end of the Hochwald forest.	
Germany MR 05624487	10 Mar		Weather - Cloudy. No operations were carried-out by the Regiment during the day. A visit to B and C Sqn. disclosed that the troops were living in a life of luxury. In the afternoon, the C.O. went off on a Recce. with the G-2 and looked at the area occupied by 130 Bde. which our Regiment is to relieve in a day or so.	
Germany MR 05624487	11 Mar		Weather - Cloudy. The C.O., Sqn. Leaders and Capt. McNight left for 130 Bde. area shortly after a brief C-Group at 0800 hrs. Operation Veritable was completed and 2 Div. commenced to re-group. Arrangements were made for relieving 130 Bde. tomorrow.	
Germany MR 893567	12 Mar		Weather - Cloudy. During the day, the 8th Can. Recce. Regt. and the Tor. Scots. relieved the British 43rd Div. 130 Bde. and took over the responsibility for the area along the River Rhine from MR 794640 to MR 970597. The change-over was very well carried-out, and the fact that a great deal of our area is under observation by the enemy from a high hill North-West of Emmerich and other O.P.s. There were however, a few casualties during the day from M.G. fire and the Tor. Scots. had a few men blown-up by a mine.	
Germany MR 893567	13 Mar		Weather - Fair. There was some enemy air activity over our area during the day. The Sqn. positions were consolidated and fire-plans tied-in with the Tor. Scots.	

COUNTY OF HALIBURTON'S HONOUR ROLL		
<b>1914-1918</b>		
DUNCAN ANDERSON	PERCY GAINER	GEORGE LOGAN
BENJAMIN BIRD	RICHARD GREGORY	BRUCE MCKNIGHT
ARTHUR BISHOP	ROBERT GROVES	ASHTON MOORE
GEORGE BOWERS	ARTHUR HARRISON	LESLIE REYNOLDS
WALTER BOWRON	JOSEPH HENDERSON	MACK SCOTT
WILLIAM CARNOCHAN	MILTON HOBDEN	EDGAR STAMP
EDWARD COLE	JOSEPH HOWE	WILLIAM VALENTINE
EDWARD COX	GEORGE HUNTER	DONALD WATT
FREDERICK CROFT	JAMES LEWIS	HARRY WELCH
RUSSELL CURRY	SAMUEL LITTLE	HILLARD WOOD
GEORGE DACK		
<b>1939 - 1945</b>		
JACK ANDERSON	BURT FIELDING	MAX MCCRACKEN
LYLE BOICE	JORDAN GAINER	JAMES NICHOLLS
LESLIE BURK	MERVIN HARRISON	DONALD PASQUINO
ARTHUR CARNOCHAN	ELZIE HENDERSON	JAMES REDNER
ELMER COVERT	LYLE HORSLEY	GEORGE SWANTON
VERN COWAN	IRWIN HOWE	WALTER ALBERT WINN
ROSS DAVIDSON	RUSSELL LARUE	JAMES WRIGHT
RICHARD DAWSON		

Honour Roll: Haliburton-Legion Remembrance Day