



George Twaites

*Story of a Royal Canadian
Navy Veteran*

*of
World War II*



Always
Forever



Lest We Forget

George Twaites

In Memorial

(as told by his wife Kathleen)

George went to Toronto with his friend to enlist in the Royal Canadian Navy. They had both been Sea Cadets and George was a member of the Bugle Band.

They stood in a long line with many other young men waiting to sign up. While in line, an Officer and his aid came out and announced they needed a bugler. George spoke up and said, "I play." He was handed a bugle and told to play. This was his entry into the Royal Canadian Navy.

It was discovered he was only 17½ years old so he needed his father's permission to join the Navy. He went home, got the form signed and in June 1942 signed up.

George was sent to Cornwall, Ontario for his training. While there, he served as Duty Bugler.

During this time, he studied to be a Radar Operator and as soon as he turned 18 he was sent to sea on Radar Duty.

George always referred to this time as "Sailing the High Seas". He traveled in the convoys going from Halifax to Ireland and back. He never talked much about the actual work he did as part of the convoy escort in the North Atlantic.

George was discharged in 1945 and he liked to say he was in the Navy 3 years, 3 months, 7 days and 7 hours. He figured this out on the day he was discharged.

Thank you, George, for helping to protect the troop ships with all those soldiers on board. Thank you for keeping us all safe.