

## Profile on Henry Lloyd



### Henry and Mary Lloyd at the Veterans Dinner

Henry enlisted into the Royal Air Force in 1940 and was stationed at Waterbeach, near Cambridge, England, joining the ranks of the ground crew.

He came to Canada in 1941 and was stationed at North Battleford, Saskatchewan with the Elementary Training School (SFTS 35). The School's purpose was to train pilots for the Second World War.

It was while he was stationed in North Battleford that Henry met his future wife, Mary, whom he married there in 1942.

In 1944, the Royal Air Force Crew were sent home and the Canadians took over the airport. Henry and Mary moved to the Moose Jaw Airport and were now expecting their first child, later to be named Carolyn.

Henry was then sent back to England and the plans were for Mary and Carolyn to follow later. However, Henry found out that he was to be posted to India, and later, Malaya, so he had to quickly wire Mary and tell her to stay in Canada.

Henry was then away for 2½ years. But eventually the war was over and Henry returned to Canada as a "War Groom" in 1946.

"Our family together at last!"

On his return the family moved to Coleman, Alberta where he became a coal miner. In the 3 years there, Henry and Mary had their second child, Dianna and then a third daughter Iris Ann.

Henry worked for the City of North Battleford from 1950 until 1964 when the family moved to Abbotsford, where he became a foreman with the City of Abbotsford until he retired in 1985.

Henry was responsible for supervising the planting of the large "Christmas Tree" that is appropriately decorated each December, in "Historic Downtown" Abbotsford.

Henry and Mary have lived in Abbotsford ever since. Henry had joined the Royal Canadian Legion after the Second World War and has obtained his long time service medals and bar at Branch 15 in Abbotsford.

He remains a loyal member, now with 61 years of service (64 counting a "lost" period due to a break in membership when he moved).

He and Mary are dedicated members of the branch and attend most general meetings. They were also present at the recent Veterans' Dinner which is where the photograph displayed in this article was taken.

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