Hi Robert,
On Jan 5, 2013, I met with 88 year old Harold McVicar at the Residence Prescott-Russell nursing home in Hawkesbury, ON, where both his sister and my brother are staying.
Harold was a lifelong bachelor, still alert, still driving his SUV, although he said his sight was starting to fade as a result of glaucoma.
Harold was a couple of years too young to sign up with his brother Clifford, who joined the CFC in 1940. But he came with a large framed copy of the Coy 2 photo under his arm, to point out to me some Coy 2 members he had known and could recognize.

These included:
Arnold, Stephen Russell, Cpt. Row 2, 17th from Right
Arthurs, Norman D110161 Row 2, 4th from Left
Bigelow, Clayton Pte. D110154 Row 3, 9th from Right
Foreman, Thomas Eric Pte. D110152 Row 2, 9th from Left
Fox, Evan Pte. D110160 Row 5, 10th from Right
McVicar, Clifton Pte. D110179 Row 5, 14th from Right
Smith, Howard Clayton A/Sgt D110258 Row 2, 11th from Left
Young, Archer William Pte. D110200 Row 3, 4th from Left
Young, James Pte. D110156 Row 5, 5th from Left

Many of the CFC soldiers had adventurous wartime experiences outside of the CFC. He said his brother Clifford had transferred to combat units, fighting against Rommel in the deserts of North Africa, then with the 1st Canadian 1st Army in the Italian campaign and then liberating Holland.
Attached are camio crops of the CFC soldiers he pointed out to me at our meeting.
Cheers, Gordon Rainey
29 Jan 1941 – was given permission and married Miss Eunice Gawley by Rev. W. LeCras at St. Simone’s Church, Parish of Lachute, Calumet, Quebec – next of kin changed
No 2 Coy CFC Troop Movement 7 Feb 1941 - Courtesy of David Ryan

TS 219 Serial Number 2103 - Unit No. 2 Company CFC - Embarkation Valcartier Date 6 Feb 1941

Destination Halifax Date 7 Feb 1941 - Ship# E110 Ship Name Orontes - Convoy# TC 9

Delayed to Debert – Back to Halifax - 15 Feb 1941

No 2 Company CFC Increase and Decease 2 Mar 1941

The under mentioned personnel embarked on Feb 15th 1941 at Halifax Canada for Overseas and are S.O.S. C.A.S.F. Canada on that date. Disembarkation occurred on March 1st 1941 at Gourock, Scotland and they are T.O.S. C.A.S.F. Overseas on transfer on 16th Feb 1941 - From No 2 Coy CFC War Diaries Library And Archives Canada
5 Mar 1941 – promoted to A/CPL

No. 28 Coy CFC War Diary - 6 Mar 1943 – our new Tech storeman arrived from No. 4 Coy CFC
21 Jul 1944 – re barrack damage fund men of No. 28 Coy CFC