

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

LIEUTENANT - COLONEL WOODROW W. COWARD, CD,(Retired)

Born 95 years ago in Cranbrook BC. Raised and schooled in Calgary, Alberta. Attended Canadian Army Staff College at the Royal Military College , Kingston Ontario

He served for almost 30 years in Canada's Armed Forces. Enlisted as a Private (Stretcher Bearer) in a Field Ambulance at the beginning of WW2. Went to England and served in London England during the blitz in the summer and fall of 1939. Served in the Italian Campaign as a logistics staff officer in a Canadian Infantry Brigade at Casino , as a Liaison Staff Officer with a US Infantry Division during the Okinawa Campaign, served with the Commonwealth Division in the Korean War 1953/54. After WW2 served at Canadian Military posts in Alberta, Yukon Territory, Ontario and Quebec. Peacetime military duties took him to every province and territory and the Canadian Arctic.

He is one of the few surviving Canadians who participated in the atmospheric nuclear weapon tests in Nevada in 1957.

After retiring from the Canadian Forces as a Lieutenant-Colonel he joined the staff of The Faculty of Science at UBC as a senior administrator. He retired from UBC in 1980

For the past 30 years Lieutenant-Col Coward has been a peace activist serving as the western coordinator for Veterans Against Nuclear Arms during its formative years. Last Remembrance Day he addressed the Occupy Vancouver . More recently he participated int Vancouver's 30th Anniversary walk of the first Vancouver Peace Walk.