



Honouring Our Veterans: Howard Wesley Baugh (RCAF) Branch 638, Kanata

“My weapons were a screwdriver and a soldering iron.”

In 1942, McGill student Howard Baugh answered an urgent call from the RCAF for specialized recruits. He soon found himself at RAF Station Clinton undergoing intensive, top-secret training in a groundbreaking new technology: radar.

Howard's service took him across the Atlantic to Coastal Command in Scotland, servicing air-to-ground radar sets for patrols over the North Sea. By late 1943, his unit was deployed on a covert, staged amphibious landing on the Portuguese island of Terceira in the Azores—securing an essential mid-Atlantic Allied airbase while officially preserving Portugal's neutrality. Later trained on the classified magnetron in England, Howard served through VE-Day before returning home to Canada in late 1945.

After completing his McGill degree, Howard spent a distinguished 36-year career with Bell Canada, pioneering equipment installations and leading national training programs. Yet his legacy shines just as brightly through his lifelong service to others.

Awarded the **Governor General's Caring Canadian Award**, Howard dedicated over 65 years to community philanthropy—from recording audiobooks for visually impaired students to leading massive fundraising drives with the Telecom Pioneers and faithfully supporting our annual Poppy Campaign right here at the Branch.

A man of quiet brilliance, good humor, and deep community devotion, Howard truly lived a life of service. We are proud to honor his memory.

We will remember them.



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