

## **Regimental Sergeant Major Leonard Arthur (Art) Duncan (1919-1988)**



Art Duncan was born in Vancouver on 25 August 1919. Shortly after his 20th birthday he enlisted in the 6th on 5 Oct 1939. He was one of only twelve original members to serve with the unit until the end of the war.

On his return to the Vancouver in 1945 he joined the newly reformed 6th Field Squadron RCE and within a couple of years was a Sergeant. He served as the Squadron Sergeant Major from 1949 to 1947 and was then transferred to 7 FER. There he was appointed as the Regimental Sergeant Major in 1960 when RSM Thomas received his commission. When 7 FER was reduced to zero strength in 1965 he took his release and retired from the forces. By that time he had 25 years of service of which 15 were as a

Sergeant Major.

He was married to Eileen who had served with the Canadian Women's Army Corps in England for most of the war. After the war he had a number of civilian employers including Home Oil Distribution and First Narrows Bridge. He passed away on November 17th 1988 at the age of 69. He was survived by his wife Eileen and his sons Dennis and Brian.