

# Private Harry Allen Hopkins

## Canadian Army

### Family Life:

Harry was born in Tobermory ON, November 2, 1920 to Clifford Allen Hopkins and Clara Isabella Belrose.

He signed up for Military Service in September of 1939 as a Private with the Canadian Armored Corps.

Before leaving to go overseas in May of 1939 Harry married his wife Ruby Helena Hopkins. The couple had nine children: Kenneth Allen, Patricia Karen, Brian Carl, Theodore Klyde Steven Kelly, Robert Kimberley, Timothy Keith, Kristine Lynn, and Kandace Marie.

Harry was very close with his two brothers and two sisters. He was a good father and a hard worker.

Harry was the Lighthouse Keeper at Cabot Head and lived there with his wife and children. Some years he and his family would be at the Lighthouse from April right up until December.



### Decorations:

- . 1939—1945 Star
- . France and Germany Star
- . Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with Clasp

During the winter months Harry and the family would move into the town of Tobermory ON and he would do odd jobs for those who needed help.

His eldest son, Kenneth Allen, is a retired carpenter and construction worker who lives in Tobermory today. He says that Harry and Ruby's children are spread all over the country from Ontario right to Alberta.

Harry worked as the Lighthouse Keeper right up until he died suddenly in 1982.

### Military Service:

After signing up for the Military in 1939 Harry was trained at Gagetown in New Brunswick. After his training he was sent to the United Kingdom and Continental Europe.

Harry was in the Canadian Armored Corps and drove a tank for the duration of the war.

Harry was one of three brothers who signed up for the Second World War voluntarily.

### Lessons Learned:

Harry was of the ilk who never would speak about his time in the war. His son Kenneth says he refused to talk about it and that there were many like him of his generation in Tobermory.