

# VETERAN OF THE WEEK

15-21 October 2023

**L12446 Private Arne Byklum**

South Saskatchewan Regiment

Royal Canadian Infantry Corps

Second World War



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Arne Byklum was born on the 9<sup>th</sup> of May 1915 near the Saskatchewan Landing to Torger Knutson and Julia Byklum. After his father's death in 1928, Arne alongside his mother moved to Swift Current. Before the war he worked as a labourer in the Morse, Saskatchewan area. Arne would enlist in the Canadian Army not long after the outbreak of the Second World War. He enlisted on the 12<sup>th</sup> of October 1939 in Weyburn, Saskatchewan, joining the South Saskatchewan Regiment. He would train at Camp Shilo (now CFB Shilo) in Manitoba and on the 21<sup>st</sup> of August 1940 he was selected to be part of the Advance Party that was to head overseas to the U.K. before the main body of the regiment. Arne sailed from Halifax, Nova Scotia to Greenock, Scotland, arriving in the U.K. on the 4<sup>th</sup> of September. He attended a special A.L.C Training course from the 22<sup>nd</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup> of March 1942 in preparation for a special operation. On the 18<sup>th</sup> of August that year, Arne and his comrades in the South Saskatchewan Regiment departed the U.K. to take part in Operation Jubilee aka the now infamous Dieppe Raid. Sadly, while taking part in the Dieppe Raid, Arne would be killed in action. He was twenty-seven years old. He was originally buried in Grave 686 at Des Vertus, Hautot-Sur-Mer, then later reburied in Row C, Grave 46 at the Dieppe Canadian War Cemetery, Hautot-Sur-Mer, Seine-Maritime, France. His military marker is inscribed "*Father in thy gracious keeping, leave we now thy servant sleeping*". Loving words chosen by his mother.