

# THE CARTY BROTHERS

Saint John, New Brunswick



## MILITARY SERVICE

Known as the Carty Brothers, Adolphus, William, Clyde, Donald, and Gerald were the eldest five of seven brothers from Saint John, New Brunswick. They were the sons of Albert Carty, who served in the First World War as part of the No. 2 Construction Battalion. All five brothers served as airmen despite discrimination and racial policies which restricted Black men's service in the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF). Flight Sergeant Adolphus Carty, the eldest, was an airplane mechanic. Flight Sergeant William Carty was an aeronautical inspector while Leading Aircraftman Clyde Carty had initially been in the Army's coastal artillery, though he later became an Air Force firefighter. Aircraftman (2nd Class) Donald Carty was an equipment assistant. Gerald Carty, the youngest, enlisted at age 18; he completed training at the top of his class, going on to become one of the youngest commissioned officers in the RCAF. In keeping with family tradition, the two youngest brothers who remained at home during the war, Robert and Malcolm, were members of the Army and Air cadets. All five brothers who served survived the war and returned home to their community.