

## CWO Mark Arbour



Born and raised in Timmins, Ontario, CWO Mark Arbour enrolled in the Canadian Forces as a member of the Royal Canadian Service Corps (RCASC) on 17 May 1962. His initial enrolment was under the Soldier Apprentice Plan, a plan which included half military and half educational schooling over a two year period. For these first two years of his career he was stationed at CFB Borden where he was first trained as a transport operator before completing a voluntary remuster to the Clerk Administration 831 occupation in June 1963.

In August 1966, CWO Arbour became a member of the Royal Canadian Dental Corps (RCDC) when he remustered to Dental CLA 722. A few months later in May 1967, he submitted his application to transfer to Dent Laboratory Technician 723 and achieved that status in December 1967. Throughout his career, CWO Arbour has served as a Dent Lab Tech at many locations throughout Canada and Europe. Among his postings were St. Hubert, QC, 4 Fd Dent Coy, Fort Chambly, Germany, 12 Dent Unit, CFB Summerside, PEI, CFDSS, CFB Borden, ON, 15 Dental Unit, St. Jean, QC, 14 Dental Unit, CFB Edmonton, AB, 13 Dental Unit, CFB Trenton, ON, CFB Winnipeg, MB and 12 Dent Unit, CFB Halifax, NS. CWO Arbour received his promotion to that rank in August 1986 during his posting to CFB Winnipeg. In July 1992, he was posted to 12 Dental Unit, Halifax, where he was appointed as the first CFDS Branch CWO. CWO Arbour retired from the Canadian Forces on 5 June 1995 following the disbandment of the Dent Lab Tech 723 occupation.

CWO Arbour and his wife Bernice resided in Dartmouth, NS. In his retirement CWO Arbour enjoyed working around his home, but in particular he enjoyed working in his garden. CWO (ret'd) Arbour passed away on September 16, 2019 at age 73.