

Joseph Read 1912-1985



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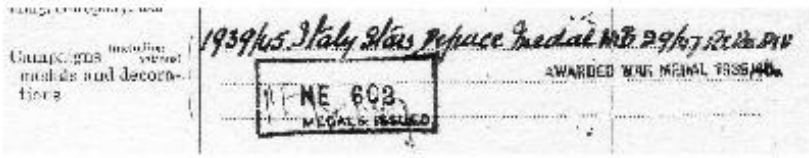


VEHICLE CLASSIFICATION OF TERRITORY ARMY
 as defined by the Ministry of Labour
 SERVICE NO. 122

Category	From	To	Class	Notes
1	20-3-41	27-5-43	2	
2	27-5-43	27-5-43	1	
3	27-5-43	27-5-43	1	

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Joseph Read enlisted the 20th March 1941. Immediately posted to No2 training Battalion RASC where he was trained as a driver. Subsequently he was posted to various places including Inverness. In 1943 he was trained in the Royal Engineers as a Stevedore, passing his final exam February 1943. His record shows he "disembarked theatre of war North Africa on the 27th May 1943." Granddad always kept quiet about his time the army and I know he lost several friends. For his service during the war he was entitled to the following medals, as shown by numbers 1 and 2 above, and his medal entitlement below, which are taken from his army record. I have a MOD letter confirming the four medals below.



WWII 1939-1945 Medals



WAR MEDAL



DEFENSE MEDAL



1939-45 STAR



ITALY STAR

The War medal was awarded to full time service personnel who completed 28 days of service, 36mm Diam Cupro-nickel.
 The Defense medal was awarded for 3years home service or 6 months overseas. 36mm Diam Cupro-Nickel.
 The Italy Star campaign medal was awarded for operational service on land in Italy, Sardinia and other areas overseas.
 The 39-45 Star was awarded to army personnel for 180 days service.