



In Memoriam

BIALUSKI, Rudolph Leonard (Rudy) (1913 - 2007) Age: 93

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Rudy Bialuski was born in the small town of Malonton, MB (immediately W of Gimli) on July 4, 1913. He arrived at U of T with a Science degree from Manitoba, to pursue postgraduate work in Sociology. He joined the UNTD in October, 1943, at the age of 30. After graduation he went on active service in the RCNVR in the spring of 1944 through to VJ-Day. There is no information on his having been Commissioned.

At war's end he joined the fledgling UN in the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Agency, serving in Europe, returning to Canada in 1948. He lived in Vancouver and Victoria until re-joining the UN in 1953 for 2 years in Beirut. He was Director of the United Nations Relief and Welfare Agency (1953-1955) and Director of Field Operations for UNESCO (1955-1957). He settled in Sacramento, California in 1957 and in 1961 formed Giselle's (named for his wife) Travel Bureau. In 1963, the Mayor of Sacramento presented Rudy with a Distinguished Service Award for his efforts as President of the Sacramento United Way Committee.

His older brother, Henry Edward, was a Temp SLT at CORNWALLIS in March 1945. This connection may have influenced Rudy to join the UNTD as soon as it was formed. In 1998, a year after his wife died, Rudy, at age 84 commented on their Travel company by saying "I won't retire until I'm pushing up posies."

Rudy crossed the bar on February 10, 2007, in Sacramento, CA, at the age of 93.

Rudy Bialuski appears to be the "oldest" UNTD on record, having being born in 1913.

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