

HAROLD AVON PARSONS

BORN : 19TH FEBRUARY 1917

BIRTHPLACE : KAWA KAWA

3 rd Son of EDWARD ALDERTON PARSONS AND
ELSIE JANE (nee Page)

GRAND PARENTS ROBERT & JANE PAGE (nee Beattie) who emigrated from Belfast and Carlisle respectively in the 1860's with their families to Christchurch. Both were very young. They eventually settled in Waimamaku through a Government Settlement Scheme, and bought up their family of five daughters.

GRAND FATHER EDWARD ALDERTON PARSONS Family emmigrated from Devonshire, England settled in Whitianga.
Refer Whitianga Museum if further information required.

Harold's Father was a Saw Doctor and Timber Mill Manager.
Edward and Elsie Jane had three sons and one daughter,
JOHN ALBERTON. ROY & HAROLD AVON, & ENID.

When Harold was about 3 years of age the Family shifted to Kakahi from the North. They later moved to Hamilton.
Schools in Hamilton : Hamilton East Primary
Hamilton High

The Family moved to Auckland and Harold attended :
Auckland Grammar School approx 1933 /1935
He was prominent in all sports, Athletic, Rugby Football during his School years and until the commencement of the war.
He was a member of the NZ Athletic Assn in 1937.

He joined the Company of Wright Stephenson & Co Ltd, Abraham Williams Ltd Auckland Branch - A Stock and Station Company.
After a few months he was transfered to the Whakatane Branch, and then to Hamilton.

At the outbreak of war 1939, he and his elder Brother John tossed up as to who would join the Army first. John won and as he also worked for Wright Stephenson Co Ltd, Harold took over John's job for the upper North Auckland for one year. The reason being it would not be so hard on their Mother, the three boys going overseas at the one time.

Roy the 2nd son joined the Airforce.
Harold joined the Army one year later in 1940

He grew up always having close friendships with his many cousins.