Eric Murray

Eric Murray was born in December 1924 in Newcastle upon Tyne. After he left school, Eric first found work as a butcher's boy. He was 14 years old. After a number of other jobs, when the Second World War began, Eric Murray began work for the Ministry of Supply in ammunition dumps.

In May 1943, Eric Murray was conscripted into the Army and reported to the DLI's Depot at Brancepeth Castle for his basic training. In January 1944, Private Murray was sent overseas as part of a draft and joined the 16th Battalion DLI, then in Italy.

After a brief time in Egypt and Palestine, 16 DLI returned to the fighting in Italy in June 1944 and took part in the battles to breach the German's Gothic Line. In September 1944, Eric Murray, who had been serving as a Bren gunner in 'B' Company, was wounded and fell ill with dysentery and was sent to hospital. After he recovered, Eric Murray was medically downgraded and served in Italy as a prisoner of war camp guard until the end of the war.

Eric Murray was demobilised from the Army in 1947.

Eric Murray was interviewed for the Imperial War Museum in 1998.