

Anthony Bernard Colgan

Anthony Colgan was born in Tulse Hill in London in October 1923. After leaving school he worked for the General Electric Company before he was conscripted into the Army in July 1942 and joined The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment).

After training as a Carrier driver, 6300443 Private Colgan was posted to the 9th Battalion DLI, just in time to take part in the campaign in Sicily and the fighting at Primosole Bridge in July 1943.

After the end of the Sicilian campaign, 9 DLI was sent home to prepare for D-Day. Anthony Colgan drove his Carrier ashore on Gold Beach on 6 June 1944 and then served with his battalion as a driver throughout its long advance from Normandy across France and Belgium and into Holland, seeing action at Gheel and the Albert Canal crossing on the way. Then 9 DLI left the 50th Division and joined the 7th Armoured Division and in 1945 joined the advance into Germany to Hamburg. Private Colgan served with 9 DLI to the end of the war and then moved into Berlin as part of the Army of Occupation.

Anthony Colgan was demobilised from the Army in 1946 and returned home.

Anthony Colgan was interviewed for the Imperial War Museum in 2001.