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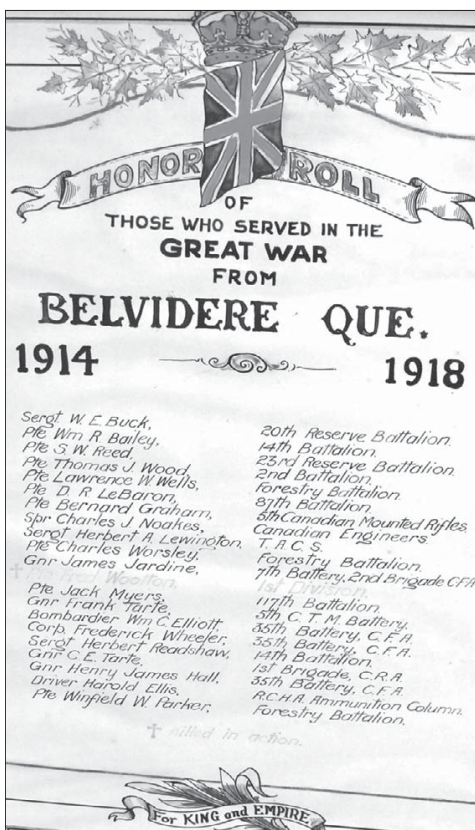
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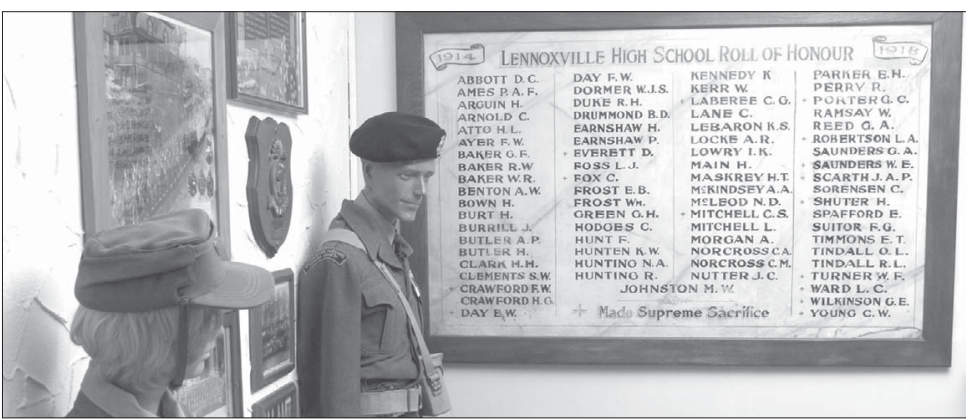
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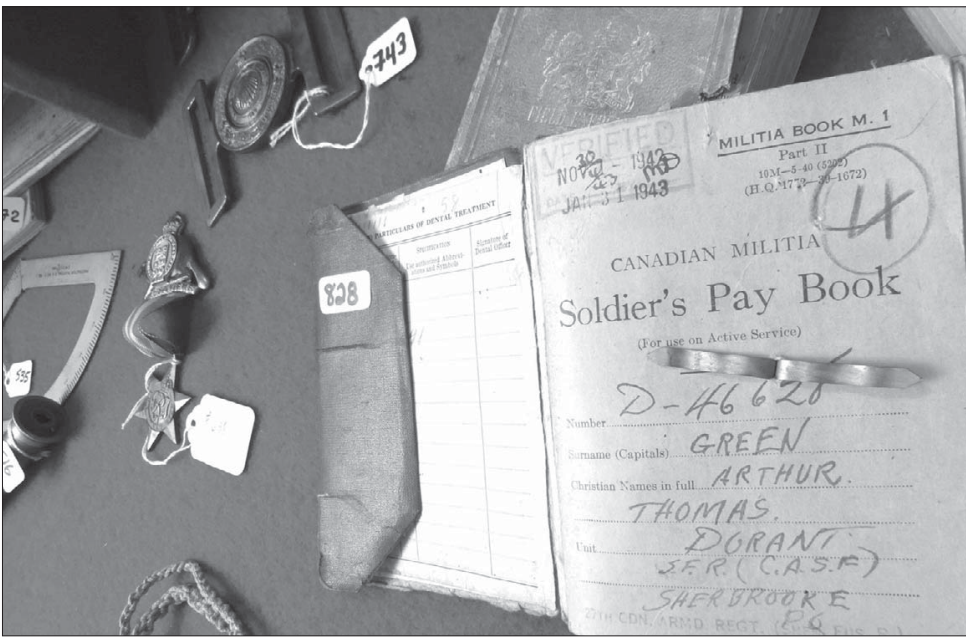
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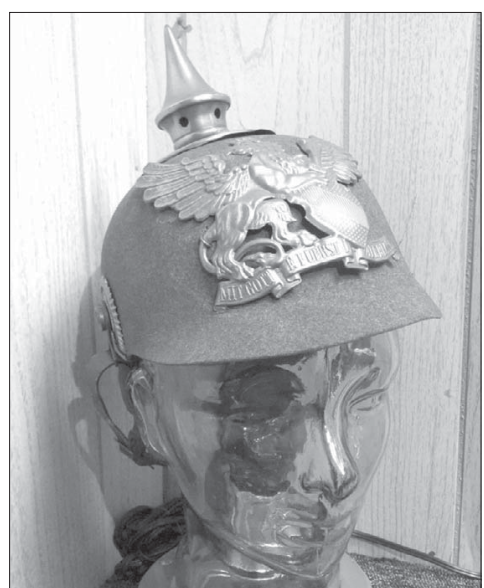
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The Lennoxville High school Roll of Honour



A corner of the Museum is dedicated to the Hong Kong Veterans



A German officers helmet, one of four the museum has in possession



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The members of the Municipal Council of the Ville de Richmond recognize the sacrifices made by our brave soldiers in various conflicts and international wars they were involved in, and thank and honour them on this Remembrance Day.

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CEREMONIES

MAGOG
Friday, November 11
11 a.m.
The Cenotaph

HATLEY
Saturday, November 12
11 a.m.
The Cenotaph on the Common

AYER'S CLIFF
Sunday, November 13
11 a.m.
The Monument
Centre of the Village

A special "Letter to the Editor"

Dear Editor,

Having a friend and correspondant from France for the past forty years or so, I would like to present to you a translated manuscript of the latter part of his letter dated July 1994.

Joel Rainouard speaks eloquently with gratitude and deep appreciation of the courage and determination of these valiant soldier from our country and our province who so willingly contributed to the liberation of France.

It is in memory of these soldiers that I wish to have this transcript published as a sign of appreciation from those liberated.

Thanking you again, I am,
Thérèse Gaudette,
Sherbrooke, Quebec

My dear friend Thérèse,

Can you imagine how the anniversary of the arrival of our friends (and not that of the invasion, as sometime characterized by our English friends, who whom we like to explain that for us, the invasion was more that of the Germans and not that of our friends). As I was saying, the 50th Anniversary of the landing of our friends in Normandy was commemorated on site by numerous grand and emotional ceremonies, as it was I believe in all the towns and villages throughout

France.

Many of our compatriots aged 50 to 55 or more remembered on that day of the news that circulated like a wild fire to the most remote regions so more than 50 years ago. "They have landed"... and not knowing exactly who they were, "they" of course everyone understood instinctively to mean friends and saviours. I was only 5 at the time and knew nothing of course of the world and its inhabitants, but was very conscious of the fact that the "bochs" (that is was we called the German occupation forces) meant tyranny and at time cruelty.

I have few memories from 0 to 6 years old, but those what I do have are very vivid, because of my very young age at the time, and are mostly about the occupation and the liberation. The Germans then occupied our region of South Vendée, like all of the coast from Dunkerque to Spain, and ruled with an iron fist. We were controlled, watched and under suspension at all times. And we were constantly in fear; fear on top of rationing and other stern measures.

Thank you, a thousand times thank you, to the people of these friendly countries who have given us back our liberty and our honour. The young have learned a great deal during the past few weeks and it's a very good thing. I have been told that in Canada, the veterans of the ware of '44-'45 were mostly ignored by the population. There were apparently no remem-

brance ceremony and hardly anything written on the subject. Still, I am a little sceptic because of your last letter seeming to prove otherwise, specially concerning the story behind the "Bomb" Sherman tank.

You rightly insist, Thérèse, on the heartbreak of many facing the conscription of your Canadian soldiers, also the numerous and irreparable disasters that followed; we are very aware of this in France. I have also very often noticed that in order to talk of your compatriots, we would refer to the "Americans." I believe that Canada's participation has been that of 3 million men, which is evidently enormous for a country with fewer than 12 million people at the time. It seemed once again, that on the occasion of the celebrations of the 50th Anniversary of the landing in Normandy, your neighbours had, let us say, left you in the shadow.

Joel Rainouard, Aigreville, France Laroche" The so-called Bomb Sherman tank, repatriated o Sherbrooke, is now situated at "Le Champ de Mars." Its occupants from the Sherbrooke region were at the Rendez-vous on D Day and went unscathed until VE Day.



Lest We Forget

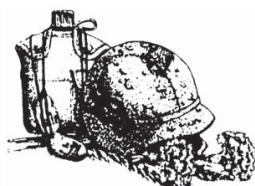
Bishop's University Alumni from World War I and World War II who died in Service for Canada

World War I

George Belford	Forest Mitchell
John Brown	George Murray
Frederic Crawford	Frederick McCrum
Henry Dinning	Charles Pope
Thomas Eustace	John Porter
Angus Ford	Lennox Robertson
Edward Ireland	Reginald Robinson
Wilbur Ladd	Harry H. Scott
Louis Lemieux	William Ward
James Lobban	Gerald Wilkinson
Howard Millar	James W. Williams
Charles Mitchell	Arthur Percival Williams

World War II

Edward Ames	Leslie McCaig
Donald Bennett	John Milne
James Bilkey	Bruce Munroe
Edward Boothroyd	Walter Page
Ross Bradford	Edward Parker
David Budden	Sherman Peabody
Douglas Carmichael	Henry Pibus
John Carroll	Kenneth Pyper
Donald Chute	Derrick Ridge
Basil Doak	Russell Rexford
Gordon Doak	William Rogers
Philip Duval	Kenneth Simms
Paul Ethier	Gilbert Stairs
Hugh Gall	Trevor Stevens
Henry Gray	James Symington
Donald Jack	Henry Trenholme
William King	Ray Tulk
Robin Lindsay	Waldo Tulk
Brian Lynn	Arnold Woodside
Franklin Lyster	
Gerald Mackay	
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Remembrance Day ceremonies around the Townships

November 11

GEORGEVILLE: 10:45 a.m

KNOWLTON: 11 a.m., Cenotaph, Knowlton Academy, 81 Victoria (Lions Club)

LENNOXVILLE: 11 a.m. St. Mark's Chapel Bishop's University/Champlain campus

MAGOG: 11 a.m., The Cenotaph (Legion Branch #128, Ayer's Cliff)

SAWYERVILLE: 11 a.m. (Sawyerville Legion)

EAST CLIFTON: 11:45 a.m. (Sawyerville Legion)

COOKSHIRE: 2 p.m. (Sawyerville Legion)

ISLAND BROOK: 2:45 p.m. (Sawyerville Legion)

November 12

HATLEY: 11 a.m. The Cenotaph on the common (Legion Branch #128, Ayer's Cliff)

November 13

AYER'S CLIFF: 11 a.m. The Monument, center of the village (Legion Branch #128, Ayer's Cliff)

SHERBROOKE: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Canadian Forces Reserve Units commemorative ceremony followed by a wreath laying at the King Street West cenotaph.

RICHMOND: 2 p.m. Memorial Park Cenotaph (Richmond Legion #15)



Thirty-one lads from Bury took part in gallant stand

The contribution which has been made to date to Canada's war effort by Eastern Townships municipalities, from the point of view of men who have joined up for active services and the generous support that has been accorded every venture launched, on behalf of the titanic struggle being waged to save democratic ideals and principles, is a source of pride to every resident of this district.

And the contributions which was made by the Townships to one particular engagement – the valiant, tragic stand at Hong Kong until the British garrison fell on Christmas Day – is one that stands out in bold relief among other achievements of the war to date for the Townships sent no fewer than 200 men to defend the British citadel against the Japanese invaders.

These were men from the four corners of the Eastern Townships, from dozens of towns and villages – but by the far the largest number came from the small community of Bury which had thirty-one men in the Royal Rifles of Canada, one of the two Canadian regiments who participated in the defense of Hong Kong.

Eight other Bury Boys had enlisted in the Royal Rifles, of these J.A. Bergeron, N. Lasenba and H. Thompson were discharged as medically unfit after training for some time and Ross Wootten, Ronald Coates, James Coleman and Charles Rawling were either transferred to other regiments or remained on duty in Canada.

No word has been received regarding the fate of the boys who were in Hong Kong as no casualty list has yet been issued. The regiment had trained at Valcartier from July to September 30, 1940 and left Sussex on December 1 of the same year for Newfoundland where they remained until August 31 of 1941 when they returned to Valcartier on October 11 and leaving twelve days later for Hong Kong via Vancouver.

Among the thirty-one men from Bury were two officers – Major W. A. Bishop and Major Thomas G. MacAulay. Major Bishop is the only son of the late Shirley Bishop of Marbleton and Mrs. C. A. Stokes of Bury and was born in Marbleton in 1895. He was in the Canadian West upon the outbreak of the First World War and enlisted with the 49th Battalion at Edmonton, the first Canadian Regiment to go overseas. He was wounded three times at Vimy and Mons and spent a year in hospital in England. He received two medals, the King George V. Service medal and another decoration for bravery at Mons. Returning to Canada late 1919, he was connected with the 7/11 Hussars until he transferred to the Royal Rifles. He married Miss Marjorie Stokes of Bury and has one son. Eugene, Major MacAuley, 45 years old, is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John MacAuley and is also a veteran of the First World War, having enlisted with the 11th Battalion and later transferred to the 5th

Mounted Rifles. He received the D.C.M. at Passchendale. He married Miss Evelyn Sherman of Scotstown and has two sons and a daughter.

The other Bury lads who were with the Royal Rifles and about whose fate word is anxiously awaiting by parents and friends in the townships were:

L.Cpl. James A. Cook, 27-year-old son of James W. Cook a veteran of the World War and Mrs. Cook of Bury. L. Cpl. Cook was born in England in 1915 and came to Canada in 1927. In 1940 he joined the 94th Anti-Tank Battery and later transferred to the Royal Rifles. He married Miss Irene Allison, also of Bury who is at present residing in Sherbrooke.

Rfm. James C. Royer, youngest son of Mrs. Royer of Bury and the late J. Royer. The 24-year-old youth has two brothers in the Army, Sgt. Major C.A. Royer was also in Hong Kong and Albert Royer, R.C. A.N.C.; T.C.

Sgt. Major Clifford Royer, 27 years old, brother of James C. Royer.

Rfm. George Halley, who was born at Gould Station on January 10, 1904.

Rfm. Arthur Lowe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Lowe of Bury, who was born in May 1917.

Rfm. Ernest Bennett, 44 years old, of Brookbury, who is married and has three children.

Rfm. Ralph Coleman, 26 years old son of Mrs. Persist Coleman, of Scotstown and the late Mr. Colman. He lived for many years in Bury and married Miss Fay Ord, of Bury. He has two brothers in the Army. Cpl. John Coleman was reported wounded in Hong Kong and Rfm. James Coleman trained with the Royal Rifles and was transferred to the Citadel shortly before the regiment left for overseas. He also has two nephews in the army, Rfm. Glen Coleman, who was in Hong Kong and Rfm. Earl Coleman at the Citadel in Quebec.

Rfm. Allen Kelso, 31 years old, born at Adderley, Que., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kelso of Adderley. He came to Bury to reside a number of years ago.

Rfm. Howard Grey, 23 year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Gray, of Bury.

Rfm. Maurice Latulippe, 24 years old. He was born in Montreal on July 13, 1917, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Latulippe, and he came to Bury with his parents when three years of age.

Rfm. Howard Ward, who was born in August, 1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Ward.

Rfm. Cameron Harrison, 21 years old, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Harrison of Bury. He is a graduate of the Bury High School.

Rfm. Leo Ross, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Ross, born September 26, 1915.

Rfm. Eric Olson, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Olson, of Bury, born in 1912. Has a brother, Glenn Olson in the R.C.A.S.C. at Petawawa.

Sgt. Oswald Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Clark of Bury; 24 years of age. His brother, Gunner Weldon Clark, is with the 94th Anti-Tank Battery, Overseas.

He married Miss Elsie Pollock in Newfoundland.

Rfm. Lawrence Ross, born April 2, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Ross, Bury. Enlisted in June, 1940, in the R.C.A.S.C. and in July of the same year was transferred to the Royal Rifles.

Rfm. Raymond Ross, another son of Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Ross. He was born on February 3, 1914.

Cpl. Elwin Herring, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Herring, of Bury. He is 24 years of age. He married Miss Jessie McIver, of Scotstown. Enlisting with the R.C.A.S.C. he transferred to the Royal Rifles shortly before the unit left Canada.

Sgt. Murray T. Goodenough, 16 year-old son of Mrs. O. Lapalme, of Bury and the late Thomas Goodenough, of East Angus. At the age of 14 he was a guard at the Bury Armoury, headquarters of the 7-11th Hussars, and enlisted with the Royal Rifles in 1941. He took a course in Toronto and qualified as a Bren Gun instructor and received his Sergeant's stripes. He is believed to be the youngest sergeant instructor in Canada.

Rfm. Russell Coates, son of Walter Coates of Brookbury and Mrs. Coates of Sherbrooke. He was born March 1921.

Rfm. George Everett, 25 years old, eldest son of Mrs. Lora Everett and the late Fred Everett of Bury. He was born on August 10, 1916, and has two brothers in the armed forces, Gunner R. W. Everett and Gunner Gordon F. Everett in the 35th Lt. A.A. Battery in England.

Rfm. Eric Batley, son of Mr. Aubrey H. Batley and the late Mrs. Batley; born October 5, 1922

Rfm. Austin Batley, born in January 1920, also son of Mr. Aubrey H. Batley and the late Mrs. Batley.

Rfm. Frank Chapman.

Rfm. Rolland Lapalme, son of Mr. O Lapalme, of Bury and the late Mrs. Lapalme. He was born in Bury, November 1917.

Rfm. Clarence Hunt, 24 year-old son of the late James Hunt and Mrs. Hunt of Bury.

Rfm. Gordon Grey, 20 years of age, youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Esay Gray, of Bury.

Rfm. Argyle Harrison, 19 years old, second son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Harrison, of Bury. He is a graduate of the Bury High School and was assistant to Dr. M.S. Banfil. He is a brother of Cameron Harrison.

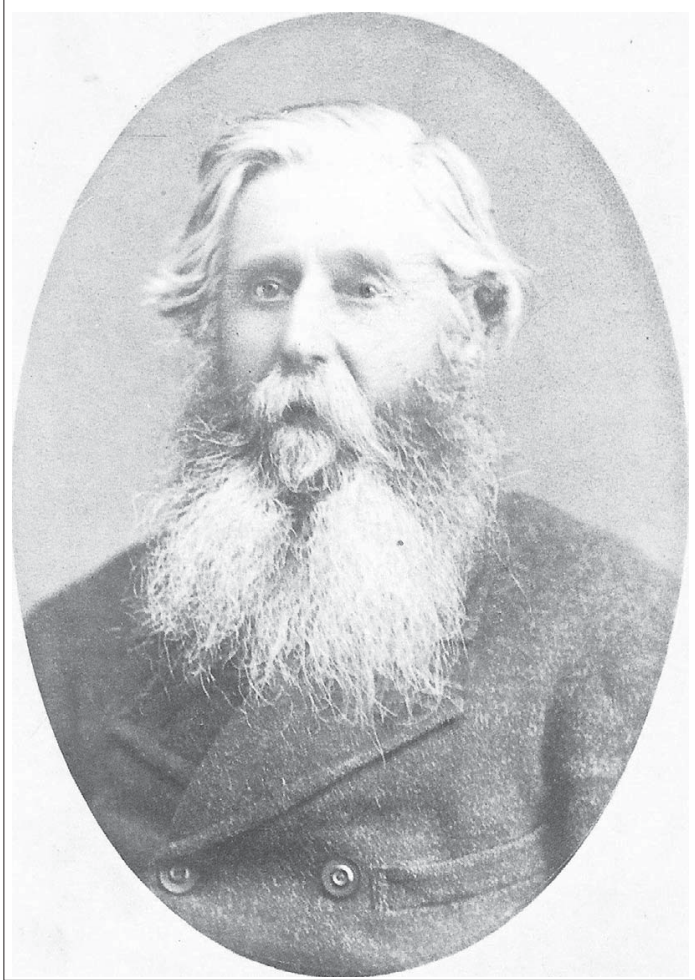
Rfm. Earl Lasenba, 30 years of age, son of Mrs. Belinda Lasenba and the late William Lasenba. He married Kathleen Judge, of Bury.

Submitted by the "Jolly Seniors" from Bury

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Remembrance Day



Col. John Thorne Weyland

Born in 1789, Exeter, Devonshire, England had a very impressive military record, joining at age 17. He was commissioned as an ensign in the 53rd Regiment of Foot on June 30, 1806 and became a Lieutenant in the King's 8th Regiment of Foot, 01 March, 1809. He served as a Major at Queenston Heights (1812-14), under General Sir Isaac Brock and took part in the battles at Lundy's Lane and Crysler's Farm. He was wounded in action 06 June, 1813 at the battle of Stoney Creek taking a musket ball in the left bicep. After peace was restored between Canada and the United States, Colonel Weyland was posted to various British outposts of the empire, including garrisons in Wales and Ireland. He married Elizabeth Fleming, 09 February, 1812, daughter of Richard Fleming, Ordinance Store Keeper in Quebec City. According to military papers which we have in our possession, Mr. Fleming died after 33 years of service brought on by mental exertions and by office duties during the War 1812-14 in Canada. After the death of his father-in-law Richard Fleming, he inherited tracts of land in Quebec including five thousand acres in Weedon Township which surrounded Clear Lake where he and his wife raised their 9 children.

We have the original paper, "Statement of Services of Captain J.T.Weyland, Royal Canadian Rifle Regt" - (if I can read the faded ink it appears to state that he joined Service Companies from Halifax, at Chambly, Montreal, Lower Canada on the 23rd. of January, 1806. Left -? - Kingston 11 February, 1809). This paper also lists all the battles which he fought in, when, where, etc., lists his children and dates of birth, location, etc. - "stating a record of such particulars as may be useful in case of his death". We also have his original Certificate with Seal, from London, England, many photos of him along with his family - even a lock of his hair.

Among other papers, we learn that he had land and property at Iles-Aux-Noix, Chambly, Kingston and on Adelaide Street in Toronto.

He died in Kingston, Ontario and in reference to one of his son's obituary, "he is buried at Lundy's Lane as a true soldier should be".

His son Henry Weyland, being my great-grandfather, married Louisa Stacey - my descendant line.

Milt Loomis

During her precious teen years she lived in one of the most brutal and terrifying of times



Hilda Alberts Stolk

Died: August 18, 2016

Age: 90

Hillie and Morris Stolk were always very kind and generous people. I was about 21 when, during the summer, I decided to visit my sister, Diane, in Switzerland. Coincidentally, Hillie was also going to visit her family in Holland and she suggested that I fly from Switzerland to Holland to visit for a week with her and her family. Naturally, I embraced the idea with enthusiasm.

I received the greatest of hospitality from Hillie and her extended family, but it was really only in the walking tours with Hillie through her hometown of Leersum that I became aware of the deep, and sometimes painful, memories that she held for her birthplace.

Hillie was only 19 years old when the war ended. During her precious teen years she lived in one of the most brutal and terrifying of times. It was during these times that she met her boyfriend, Morris, with whom she would spend most of her life. During our walks through her town, she spoke of how Morris had been taken with many others to work as slave labour in the factories. She told of how Morris escaped when the factory was bombed and how he made his way back to Leersum. She showed me his house and pointed out where the hole under the house used to be, where Morris had to sleep at night, hidden, in case the German soldiers came looking for

him. Prior to D-day, the neighbours would listen to their radios to get messages from the allied armies to warn them of impending bombings. I visited the nearby town, now rebuilt, where the only thing that had been left standing was the church. The allies had warned them that anything on the road, whether motorized or not, would be in danger of attack. She mentioned how their bicycles were stolen by the Germans because they had no more means of transportation, and she pointed out the small farm where their neighbour was killed by a bomb when he drove his horse drawn wagon out on the road. The people were starving with little food for anyone.

She showed me the empty field which, at that time, was enclosed by a barbed wire fence to imprison all the prisoners that the Germans had rounded up; Morris being one of them. She described how she had to come each morning to pass food, whatever she could find, over the fence to her fiance. And she pointed out the field across the road where some prisoners were led out daily to be executed. Morris was scheduled to be executed the next day.

Fortunately, the morning of April 28, 1943, the Germans signed a truce with the Canadian Army and the executions stopped and Morris was freed.

Most of us, having been brought up in Canada, have a hard time to imagine the life of a young teenage girl growing up with all the fear and desperation in war torn Europe. This was a time that should have been fun and exciting. Hillie and Morris married and had Nelly, and then moved to Canada, where they then had Sally and Bill. They were part of the many immigrants that came to Canada to make our country a stronger and more beautiful place.

I asked Hillie if she would come speak at a Remembrance Day ceremony at Alexander Galt High School, but she was too shy a woman to share her story with the students. However, Hillie's story is one that should not be forgotten. Coincidentally, among the Canadian troops arriving in Holland on D-day was my father-in-law, Clarence. After the surrender, he was billeted with a young family with a newborn baby. The family lacked for many of the essentials needed for a young baby. Clarence wrote to his girl friend, Margaret, Wendy's mother, to send some clothes and other things for the baby. Around 1995, Hillie invited Margaret to go with her to visit Holland. There, she helped Margaret locate Hans Hointik, the baby that she had helped clothe so many years before. Margaret remained in touch with Hans for many years. Hillie was a faithful friend to Margaret until she passed away in 2011.

Hillie, you will be missed.

STRENGTH OF OUR NATION

Lest We Forget

The Great War 1914 - 1918



Quincy Henry Cross

Born: 13 March, 1897, Maple Grove, New Ireland, Quebec
Wounded in 1st. World War
Died 13 July, 1942 and buried in Soldier's Plot, Regina, Saskatchewan.



Henry Claude Cunnington

117th Eastern Townships O/S Battalion C.E.F.

Henry served in the 1st World War from 1914-1918 for 22 months until he was wounded.



**Major Harold Bruce Fletcher,
Businessman**

Served: WW1, 53rd Regiment



Pte Charles H. Glass

(regimental # 133078)
Hometown: Lennoxville, Quebec
Age when enlisted: 22 years old
Regiment: 73rd Canadian Infantry Battalion, Royal Highlanders of Canada, Canadian Expeditionary Force, and later... Mobile Veterinary Section, 4th Canadian Division
Served: October 1915 - April 1919
Charlie was a kind, quiet, gentle man who loved to play cribbage and smoke his Players plain, while never uttering a word of his war experiences. He fought at the battle of Vimy Ridge and we are forever grateful for his service.



W. Bernard Holmes

Born March 23, 1897
Died August 13, 1992

Lived most of his life at Holmhurst Farm (near Way's Mills), Ayer's Cliff, QC

Enlisted in Canadian Army shortly after his 18th birthday. Went overseas in 1916. He served with the Canadian troops in the battles of Vimy Ridge, Passchendaele and Mon. and others. He is listed on the Roll of Honour with his brother Clayton at the Centenary United Church in Stanstead.

Ralph H. Fletcher
Served: WW1, 53rd Regiment, C.O. 35th



Malcolm McKeen

A Homeboy, lived with my grandparents Levi & Elizabeth (Cross) Bennett, Maple Grove, New Ireland, Quebec.
Enlisted in World War #1. He returned home safely, married a girl from Toronto and settled in Thorold, Ontario.



Sam Windle

Hometown: Knowlton, QC

Enlisted Jan. 6, 1916 in Sherbrooke, QC at age 26.

117th Eastern Townships Battalion which was made up entirely of Eastern Townships recruits.

Sailed from Canada for England August 14, 1916 on Empress of Britain, arriving in England August 24, 1916. Served six months in France and then was 'invalided' to England where he remained for the duration of the war. Sam returned to the Townships where he lived out his life to the age of 84.



Harold H. Yertaw

Harold was a veteran of the great war, 1914-1918. He served in the 23rd battalion and was 19 years old when he enlisted. Dad was always proud of the uniform he wore and the time he served for his country.



The Great War 1914 - 1918



George Henry Musty
and H.M.C.S. Galiano lost in WW1

He enlisted in the Navy on April 20, 1918, during WW1. He served as Stoker 1st Class in the R.C.N.V.R.. His ship, the patrol vessel, "Galiano" was lost at sea with all hands on board on October 30, 1918. The vessel was Canada's only warship loss in WW1 and all 39 officers and men died only days prior to the end of

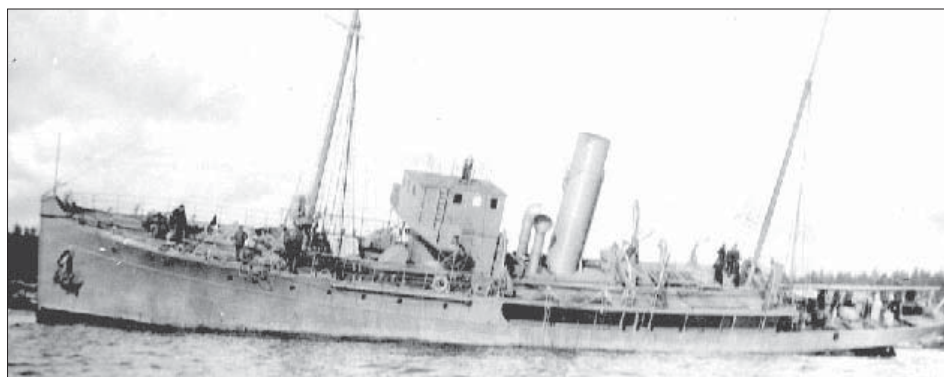
the Great War.

George, along with his Brother Albert, were scheduled for the Galiano. When the Commanding Officer realized that they were brothers, he had Albert sent to the east coast for duty. They didn't want two brothers on the same ship.

The Galiano was used as a fishing patrol vessel until 1918 when she was used to protect the west coast. During the night, only one message calling for help was picked up from the Galiano by government wireless. The message said the vessel was taking water into her hold very rapidly. It is believed that the strength of the water broke through the engine room door, flooding is so badly that all the emergency wireless equipment was put out of commission. The skylight from the Galiano's engine room was the only piece of wreckage found. Hanging onto the skylight, was the ditty bag belonging to George Henry Musty, stoker, containing a few articles of clothing.

The men of the Galiano are commemorated by the Victoria Memorial

Situated in Ross Bay Cemetery in the City of Victoria on Vancouver Island, the Victoria Memorial takes the form of a square block of granite erected in front of the Cross of Sacrifice in the War Graves Plot.



H.M.C.S. Galiano

The memorial bears the names of 39 officers and men who were lost or buried at sea in the Pacific Ocean, 36 of whom were for the HMCS Galiano which went down on October 30, 1918.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission has the following entry for George Henry Musty:

George Henry Musty
Stoker 1st Class
VR6733

H.M.C.S. Galiano. Royal Naval Canadian
Volunteer Reserve

who died on
Wednesday, October 30, 1918,

His name is also recorded on the cenotaph in Lennoxville.

Information complied by Henry George Musty of Lennoxville.

Memories of Uncle Wilbert

By Claudia Villemaire

I have added a bit of our own memories of Uncle Wilbert. We often had a visit with this rugged gentleman and altho he didn't talk much about those horrific years in Japan, he was a determined individual who rarely lost an argument. This is a story of a returned POW from Hong Kong written by his niece Mona Williams-Doyle and her husband Leslie.

It was hand written and given to me to transcribe. Her request struck a chord for Mike and I. First of all Wilbert was Mike's Great-uncle and his horrible story of the POWs camps in Japan, although rarely talked about, were almost always accounts of unbelievably torture and abuse. Uncle Wilbert became a well-known carpenter after the war and, as weird as it sounds, Mike and I have been living in a house built by him in 1964. His style of carpentering echoes his determination to safeguard the folks who would live in these sturdy homes where high winds and torrential rain has no effect whatsoever. His idea of framing a home meant extra long nails, unusually close together and foundation and footings that would probably support a small chateau or fort. He scoffed at the diabetes that invaded his system and laughed at anyone complaining about the discomfort of a 'cold'. "After what I went through and survived, I'll eat what I want and be very glad of it," he would insist. But his life was always troubled by memories and nightmares and recounting that time in the prisoners' camp would invariably make him ill and depressed for a few days. His last years were spent socializing with his many friends, many of whom were also returned POWs as this region is well known for its large contingent of Royal Rifles that were part of the Canadian contingent to Japan. He especially enjoyed playing Cribbage, his favorite card game. Uncle Wilbert spent his last days at Foyer Wales Home, near Richmond.



WILBERT ERNEST LESTER
Born in South Durham, Quebec
April 25th, 1916.

Wilbert Lester enlisted in the Canadian Army on July 28th, 1940. He was 24 years old.

He was a Rifleman in the Royal Rifles of Canada, E30070, C Force and served from July 28, 1949 to November 1945. Wilbert Lester passed away September 19, 2003.

He was captured by the Japanese on December 25 1941. and held as a prisoner at Camp 30 in Kawasaki then moved to Shamshuipo camp for three years and 260 days a total of thirteen hundred and 55 days.

Always reluctant to talk of those horrible times he did occasionally recount some events. He described the many parcels sent by the Red Cross but the prisoners of the Japanese were only given four or five parcels. The Japanese kept the rest.

He also talked about the mail from home, describing how the bags were dumped outside the fence and

burned in front of them. The Japanese persisted in their efforts to break the men's morale but didn't succeed. They tried everything they could think of to break down the men's spirit, but it didn't work.

The prisoners had to be very careful as the least little negative comment could result in a prisoner being put in a box and kept there for days.

The prisoners were worked very hard, rebuilding ships that had been damaged, constructing the airstrip at the airport and many other back-breaking jobs, their only nourishment a hand full of rice twice a day, usually containing maggots, mould, worms and rat droppings. He remembered some men eating grasshoppers, bugs or rodents that came into camp.

Many of the prisoners, including Rifleman Lester contracted Beri Beri, Electric Feet, Rickets, Dysentery just to name a few of the illnesses caused by the lack of vitamins.

The horrors these man and women saw in Japan were etched in their memory forever. The torture of innocent people and children were oftentimes mentioned in his rare accounts of events and conditions. Rifleman Lester called the Japanese murderers who had no remorse for what they did. Furthermore Tokyo did not abide by the Geneva Convention.

Finally, thanks to his faith, determination and perservance, Rifleman Lester returned home. But he was a very different man.

His army medals and Representation Star Volunteer - 1939-1945, Volunteer Star, Star Pacific are proof he served in the Pacific. The King George - Defence of England Medal 1939-1945 and the Canadian Volunteer medal - 1939-1945 as well as the King George War Medal, 1939-1945, the Overseas medal and the Hong Kong Medal are some of the decorations Rifleman Lester was awarded.

Submitted by his nephew and niece
Mr and Mrs Leslie Doyle.

World War II 1939 - 1945



Larry Allen

His hometown was North Hatley, Quebec

He was 21 years old when he enlisted in the RCAF, Second World War. He flew with 547 Squadron and 281 Squadron.

He was a tail gunner - one of the few who managed to survive the war. He did a complete tour of operations (30 bomber flights over enemy territory) and survived one crash.

He received his commission as a Pilot Officer from King George VI in 1944 and six months later he was promoted to Flying Officer.

His two brothers, Donald and Norman, also served in the war. Donald in the Army and Norman in the RCAF. All three brothers returned home safely.

My father died October 22, 2013 at the age of 93. He was predeceased by his brothers.

Janet Watson
Proud Daughter



Sgt. Fred Allsop

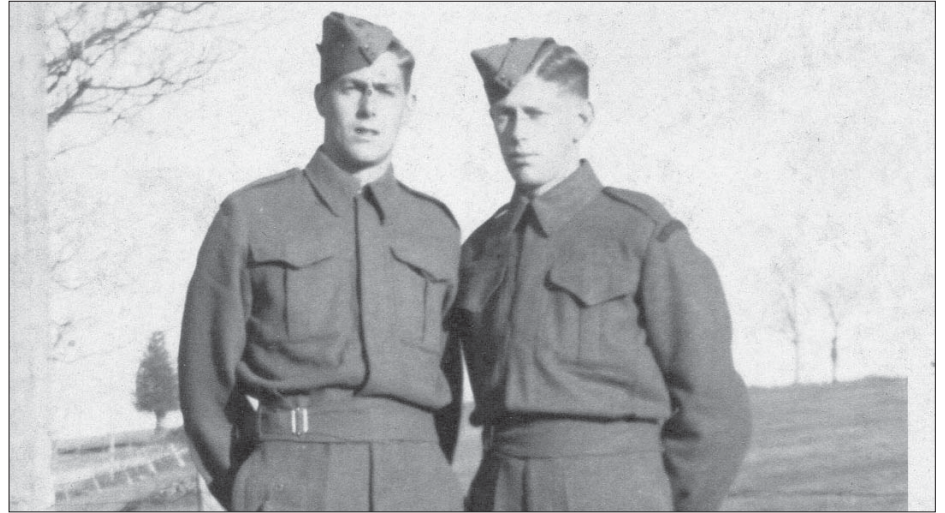
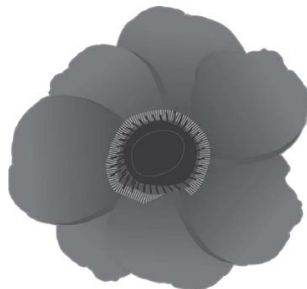
Hometown: Sherbrooke, QC

Age when enlisted: 18

Regiment: Sherbrooke Fusiliers

Served: Normandy, 1944, died on his birthday, 22 years old.

Cherished brother to Gertrude Allsop Murray, late Eddie Allsop, late Eddie Allsop, Albert Allsop of Huntsville, Violet Derby of Lennoxville.



Eric Batley

Hometown: Bury, QC

Age when enlisted: 17

Regiment: Royal Rifles of Canada

Served: 1939-1945

Austin Batley

Hometown: Bury, QC

Age when enlisted: 19

Regiment: Royal Rifles of Canada

Served: 1939-1945

Eric (left in photo) and his brother, Austin (right), signed up together in Bury, Quebec. As prisoners of war in Hong Kong, they got separated and didn't know until the end of the war that they both had survived. They are both sadly missed by their families.



Captain Harry Blue

Hometown: Sherbrooke

Age when enlisted: 18

Regiment: Sherbrooke Fusiliers

Served: 1939 - 1945

He served as a Wireless Air Gunner in the R.C.A.F. along with R.A.F. in "Bomber Command Operations."

They flew many night missions over Germany, and would ask every morning, "Who didn't come back?"

Their plane was shot down by the Germans, they had lost petrol and with no GPS, bailed out in Ireland (neutral territory). Luckily all survived.



John {Jack} Brown

Hometown: Coaticook, Quebec

Age when enlisted: 27 yrs old

Regiment: 5th Field Regiment

Served: 1939-1945

Dad was a "home boy", a 12 year old orphan, sent from England to Sherbrooke to work on a farm in Dixville. He was proud to be a Canadian and very proud to have served his country.

Thank you, from his proud family - The Brown's, Coaticook, Quebec.

World War II 1939 - 1945



Leslie Camber

Hometown: Fitch Bay, Quebec

Age when enlisted: 24

Regiment: In the early 1940's, he joined the Sherbrooke Fusiliers; he went on to Petawawa, Ont.; he then joined the Paratroopers stationed at Fort Harrison in Helena, Montana - he held the rank of sergeant in the First Special Service force AKA the Devil's Brigade.

Served: he was sent to England, France, Germany, Italy

He was seriously wounded in Italy when 2 land mines blew next to him.

He was a quiet man who enjoyed playing the organ. He married a local girl upon his return and worked at the A&P store in Rock Island and as a customs officer at the Rock Island and Stanstead borders. He moved his family to Alberta in the 1960's.



Malcolm Camber

Hometown: Fitch Bay, Quebec

Age when enlisted: 22

Regiment: He joined the Sherbrooke Fusiliers in 1942, and went on to the Carleton and York Infantry Regiment Sherbrooke. He was awarded the Italy Star, the France and Germany Star and the Canadian Volunteer Medal. He was discharged in 1946.

Served: He was sent to England, France, Germany, Holland

A few words about him: He was a shy man who enjoyed playing the guitar, fishing, gardening and hunting. He brought his mouth organ and guitar along to play for the guys he was training with in Debert, NS

He moved to Ontario in 1950's, married and worked at the GM plant in Oshawa, Ont. until his retirement.



Trooper Jack Adair Clark

Hometown: East Hatley, Quebec

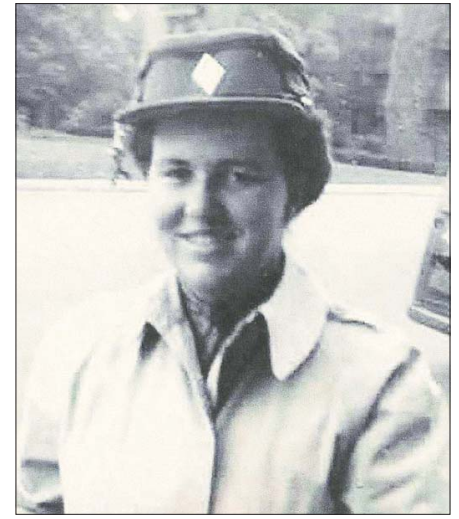
Age when enlisted: In his 20's

Regiment: 27th Canadian Armoured Regt. (Sherbrooke Fusiliers)

Served: World War 2

Jack was killed in Paris on July 8, 1944.

Husband of Alta Bryan and father of Delma Clark.



E. Jeane Corey

Hometown: Stanbridge East, QC

Age when enlisted: 19

Regiment: C.W.A.C.

Served: After completing basic training, I was one of 4 girls that made up an inspection crew going from one camp to another (in Ontario) taking inventory of equipment. Was discharged as a corporal on September 30, 1946.

Raymond "Midge" Cathcart

Sgt Major in the Sherbrooke Fusiliers D46103

Douglas Earle Corey

Hometown: Stanbridge East, Quebec

Age when enlisted: Fall of 1940

Regiment: R.C.A.F.

Served: He served in several provinces, the last being Gander, NFLD where they patrolled the St. Lawrence River for German submarines - they were reported missing and 14 years later the plane and the boys bodies were found by some hunters on a mountain in NFLD.



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Thomas Joseph Daigneault

Hometown: Sherbrooke, Quebec

Age when enlisted: 43

Regiment: Fusilier Regiment, Sherbrooke

Served: 1940 - 45: Served 29 months in Canada and 40 months in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany.

A few words about him: 1939-45 Star, France and Germany Star, Defence medal, CVSM and clasp, War medal 1939-45



James C. Davidson

Hometown: Sherbrooke, Quebec

Age when enlisted: 20

Regiment: Royal Air Force, 78th squadron (seconded from RCAF)

Served: Flying Officer (navigator) 1941-43: Europe, North Africa, Middle East
1943-45: Navigational instructor

Graduate Bishop's and Queen's Universities.
Head of Engineering Dept., Can. Ingersoll-Rand, Sherbrooke, retired 1978
He is 97 years old.



George Everett

Regiment: Member of the Royal Rifles of Canada from Bury, Quebec and a Prisoner of War in Hong Kong

A few words about him: He is survived by his daughter Bonnie Everett (Vancouver) as well as by his son Larry Everett, daughter-in-law Debbie Batley Everett and grandchildren Jessica and Dillon Everett, who all live in Cookshire-Eaton, Quebec



Capt. H.B. Fletcher Jr., Physician

Age: 23, WWII

Served: 1939-1945: Served in the United Kingdom, central Mediterranean, Continental Europe, CMO Royal Depot England, returning home in 1946.

Retired Lt. Col., remained in reserves from 1954-1959, O.C. 52nd Ambulance, died in 1978 at the age of 63. Pictured above is Capt. H.B. Fletcher Jr. before and after the war.

Canada's role in the Second World War



Our country's great efforts in the Second World War involved virtually the whole country whether by serving in the military or by serving on the home front in industry or agriculture. More than one million Canadians and Newfoundlanders served in the military – more than 45,000 gave their lives and another 55,000 were wounded. While the great powers made more significant contributions to the war effort; for a country of only 11 million people Canada's contribution was remarkable. At war's end, Canada had become a significant military power with the world's third largest navy, the fourth largest air force and an army of six divisions. Canada had grown significantly through the ordeal of war and assumed new responsibilities as a leading member of the world community.

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George Christopher Gillam

Hometown: Sherbrooke, Quebec

Age when enlisted: 31

Regiment: Regiment: R.C.O.C., Montreal

Served: 1942-45.

A few words about him: He trained for 6 weeks in England and went to North Africa as a reinforcement. Served in Italy and Holland as a truck driver.

Received CVSM and clasp, 1939-45 Star, Italy Star, France and Germany Star, War medal 1939-45



Mary Lawrance Gocher

Hometown: Hornchurch, England

Age when enlisted: 18

Served: 1943-1944

A few words about her: Served food for Squadron 419. Met her husband and moved to Canada where she raised three children and many foster children. She was a member of Legion Branch #158, Sutton.



Alfred Gocher

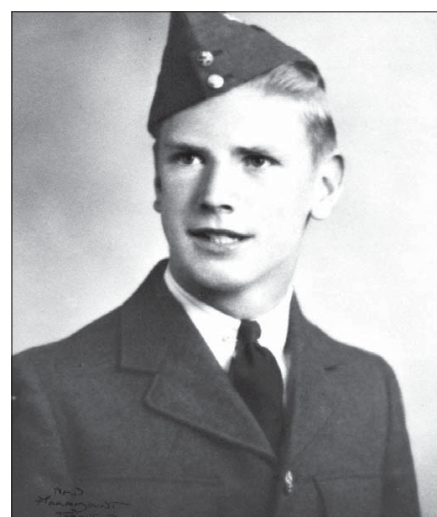
Home town: Bletchingley, England

Age when enlisted: 29

Regiment: Air Force Squadron 419

Served: 1939 - 1943

A few words about him: Was shot down in Germany, was an escaped prisoner of war. Moved to Canada worked for a few years before having the shrapnel removed from his head. Was president of Legion Branch #158 Sutton; later was a volunteer at the Legion.



John Noble (Jack) Hobbs

Hometown: Asbestos, Danville QC

Age when enlisted : 21

Regiment: RCAF

Served: 1940 to 1945

Jack took his pilot training in Regina, Sask. and bomber pilot training in Moncton, NB. He was stationed in England and Wales where he piloted 16 bombing flights over Germany. On one flight he returned with 36 bullet holes in his aircraft. He returned to Canada in 1945. He has been a member of the Royal Canadian Legion for 71 years. Jack continues to play the piano and organ at the Wales Home where he periodically puts on concerts for the residents.



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Battle of the Atlantic

The Battle of the Atlantic was Canada's longest military engagement of the Second World War, lasting from September 1939 to May 1945. This battle was bravely fought by the men and women of the Canadian Merchant Navy, the Royal Canadian Navy and the Royal Canadian Air Force. More than 4,600 courageous service men and women lost their lives at sea.

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Ethel May McCord Hogle

Hometown: Chapleau, Ontario

Age when enlisted: 21

Regiment: Medical Corps, Canadian Army

Served: 1941-1945

A few words about her:
Ethel didn't hesitate to sign up for the war effort as soon as she had finished her schooling. Trained as a physiotherapist, she found herself on the Front in France where the medical corps didn't quite know what to do with her. At first one of her jobs at night was to make her way through the blacked out medical camp to the X-ray tent and search out needed X-rays with the use of a very small flashlight. She was eventually sent back to England and worked at a rehabilitation centre helping many soldiers regain the use of their limbs



Walter Ronald Jones

Age: 20

Regiment: Sherbrooke Fusiliers in 1940

Hometown: at Eccles Hill, Frelighsburg, Quebec

A few words about him: D46394 Trooper Walter was killed in action on July 21, 1944 at age 23 and laid to rest in the Bretteville-sur-Laize Canadian Military Cemetery.



Gordon Jones

Age: 23

Regiment: Sherbrooke Fusiliers in 1940

Hometown: at Eccles Hill, Frelighsburg, Quebec

A few words about him: Gordon came back home after the war with his war bride from England and raised a family in Sutton, Quebec. He died July 2003



Howard Irwin Kirkpatrick

Hometown: Bury, Quebec

Age when enlisted: 22

Regiment: 5th Canadian Army

Where he served: Overseas - Europe

A few words about him: After his discharge in 1945, he returned to England and married Mollie Bridges (now both deceased), but has a married son Nicholas and family living in England.

He owned an Iron Monger's store in Ware, England.

Nicholas and Sue have returned several times to Canada to visit Beryl Kirkpatrick Bennett, "The Bennett Cousins" and relatives.



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to fight for our freedom.*



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Canadians in Bomber Command

The efforts of the approximately 50,000 Canadians who served with the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) and Royal Air Force (RAF) in Bomber Command operations over occupied Europe was one of our country's most significant contributions during the Second World War.

When Canada entered the conflict on September 10, 1939, the RCAF was our country's smallest military service. By the end of the war, we had the fourth-largest air force of the Allied powers. Approximately 250,000 brave men and women served in the RCAF, many of them with Bomber Command.

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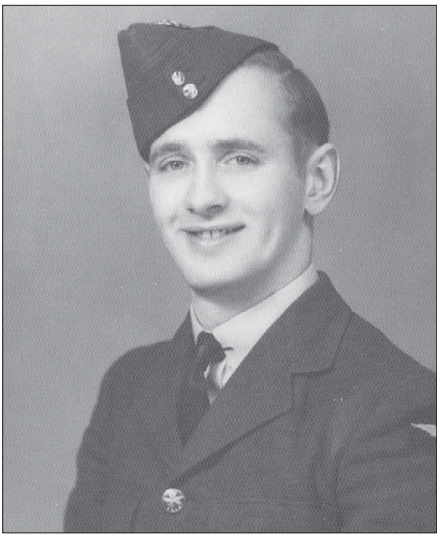
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Ronald M. Lane

Hometown: Lennoxville, Quebec

Age when enlisted: 19 years old

Regiment: Air Force, 4 years service

Served: Served in Summerside, & Charlottetown PEI, and Halifax, NS

A few words about him: Ronald served on training the new recruits

He played drums with the bands and orchestra and kept up his interests with help at The Hut.



Cora Sweet Lane

Hometown: Corner Brook, NFLD and Lennoxville, QC

Age when enlisted: 20 years old

Regiment: Air Force 1942-1945

Served: Served in Ottawa, ON, Gander, NFLD, Summerside, PEI, Halifax, NS and Toronto, ON

A few words about her: Cora did office work on Air Force bases.



Alton Beverley Lee

Hometown: Magog, QC

Age when enlisted: 21 years old

Regiment: D-129116 Canadian 3rd Division

Enlisted with Sherbrooke Regiment, April 24, 1942

Discharged: August 20, 1946

Active service: Canada, United Kingdom and Continental Europe

A few words about him: He received the 1939-1945 Star France and Germany Star Defence medal, Canadian Volunteer Service medal and clasp

The photo was taken in London, England (Leicester Square, March 20, 1945) with his wife Bridget Agnes Hackett.



Gerry Lemay

Hometown: Sherbrooke, Quebec

Age 20

Regiment Royal Air Force

Served: 1940-1945

A few words about him: He was a wireless operator behind enemy lines directing air strikes at key targets in Normandy, France and Holland. He worked for The Record as a journalist and photographer when he returned home from the war.

The Liberation of Belgium and the Battle of the Scheldt

During the Second World War, Belgium was the scene of major fighting by the First Canadian Army from September to November 1944.

The Canadians were given the important tasks of clearing coastal areas in the north of France and capturing the launching sites of German rockets to put an end to their attacks on southern England. The First Canadian Army also played a leading role in opening the Scheldt estuary (tidal river), gateway to the Belgian port of Antwerp. Access to this port was essential to maintain supply lines to the Allied armies as they continued their push toward Germany to defeat Adolf Hitler's forces.

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The Liberation of the Netherlands

From the fall of 1944 to the spring of 1945, the First Canadian Army played a major role in the liberation of the Netherlands and its people who had suffered terrible hunger and hardship under the increasingly desperate German occupiers.

The warm friendship that Canada still enjoys with the Netherlands is a poignant reminder of the ultimate sacrifice made by thousands of Canadians and the enduring gratitude of the Dutch in ending the reign of tyranny in their country.

(Veterans Affairs Canada)



Donald A. Martin

Hometown: Knowlton, Quebec

Age when enlisted: 29

Regiment: #6 Bomber, Reconnaissance Squadron

Served: Queen Charlotte Islands, BC

A few words about him: He was a flight engineer with the R.C.A.F. WW II and also President of #303 Wing of the R.C.A.F.A. in Sherbrooke several times.

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Vernon Earle Mayhew

Hometown: Lennoxville, Quebec

Age when enlisted: not available.
Aged 26 when he was killed on 5 June 1943

Regiment: Pilot Officer, Royal Canadian Air Force

A few words about him: He received a B.A. from Bishop's University in Mathematics and Physics Honours (with distinction) in 1936 and at convocation, he was awarded the Governor General's Medal, Chancellor's Prize, the Lieutenant Governor's Silver Medal for Science, and one half of the General Nicholls' Scholarship. Vernon paid the ultimate sacrifice, was lost at sea, east of Newfoundland. He was the son of Horace Mayhew and Sadie Johnson Mayhew of Lennoxville, Que.

*At the going down of the sun,
And in the morning,
Just as you were,
you will always be,
Treasured forever in our memory.*



Delbert Mills

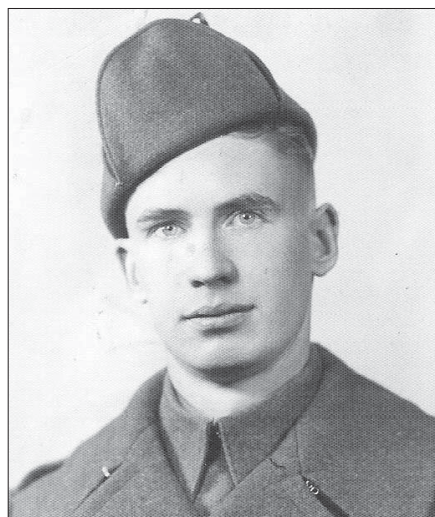
Hometown: South Durham, QC at time of enlistment.

Age when enlisted: 19 years old.

Regiment: Royal Rifles of Canada

Served: Newfoundland, classed as North Atlantic.

A few words about him: He served 64 months service, 43 in Newfoundland. Basic and advance training infantry. Employed as motor mechanic and driver through service.



Lyndon Delmar Peasley

Hometown: Bolton Center, Quebec

Age When Enlisted: 25 years old

Rank: Sargent

Service Number: D131777

Regiment Served: Canadian Armoured Corps

Served in England, Germany and Holland.

A few words about him: Upon returning from WW2, Lyndon worked and lived in a number of places for a few years. He then moved to Sherbrooke and worked for American Biltright for many years. Lyndon passed away in 2000.



Garth Reginald Peasley

Hometown: Bolton Center, Quebec

Age When Enlisted: 19 years old

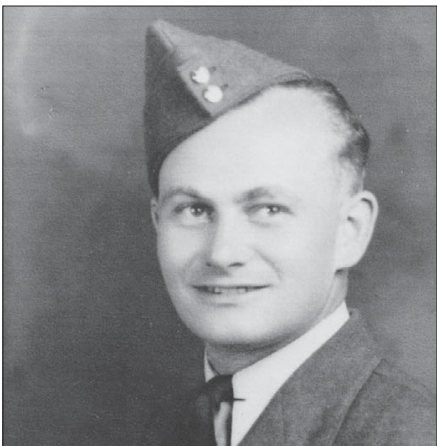
Rank: Trooper L/Corporal

Regiment Served: Sherbrooke Fusilliers

Service Number: D46239

Served: France, England and Holland

Garth returned to Bolton Center after the war and worked on the home farm. He then moved to Waterloo and worked for Slack Brothers. Garth passed away in 1995.



Chester H. Nugent

Hometown: Cranberry, Quebec

Age when enlisted: 21

Regiment: R.C.A.F.

Served: 4 years

A few words about him: A gentle man and a gentleman. Per ardua ad astra



Radar

During the war's early years, Britain essentially passed all microwave radar development over to Canada. Canadian scientists developed the Plan Position Indicator, still in use today. Canada provided some 9,000 radar sets (worth hundreds of millions of dollars) to the Allies. At one stage of the war, the National Research Council built and installed submarine detection radar in the St. Lawrence River in just seven days.

Early on, Canada had established specialized electronics training initiatives to meet the need for skilled scientists and technicians that forward-thinking leaders realized the new technologically-oriented war would demand. As a result, our country produced a large number of people skilled in electronics during the war, people who helped meet the great need in Britain for electronics technicians. Indeed, many of the radar personnel who worked on large British warships were Canadian.



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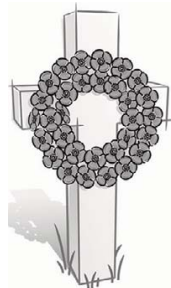


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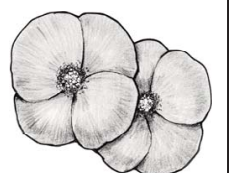
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*In Flanders Fields the poppies blow
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The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

John McCrae





George Pinchin

He served in England, Holland, Italy, Sicily, Scotland and many other places from 1943-1945.

George was born in England in 1912, came to Canada at the age of 14 as a "Home Child."

When war broke out, he tried to join the Canadian Army but was rejected twice, the third time he was accepted. George said, "Not so fussy now," and the doctor said, "No."

George was a truck driver, hauling everything from baily bridgins, gasoline, ammution, and while waiting to come home after the war, he had the pleasure of taking Christmas Cakes to the troops stationed in Germany.

George decided to make Canada his home, after the war he settled in Bulwer, married Marjoy Pinchin and raised a family of 3. George was active in his community, the Legion and his Church.

In Grade 6, I did a project on him. I was very proud to not only introduce him as my veteran of choice, but as my great-great-uncle.

George passed away in 2011 at the age of 98.

Bethany Rothney (great-great-niece)



Chester Powers

Hometown: Hopetown, Co. Bonaventure, P.Q.

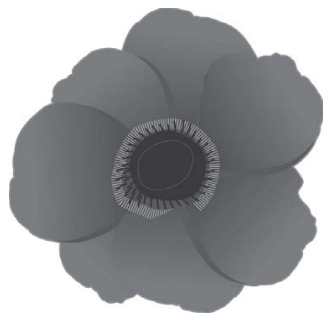
Age when enlisted: He voluntarily enlisted at the age of 19.

Regiment: His regiment was the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada

Served: He served from 1939-October 22, 1944.

A few words about him: It was my grandmother's dying wish that her only son never went to war. As a farmer, he did not have to volunteer but he wanted to serve. With a broken heart, upon the death of his two year old daughter, he bravely kept fighting.

He was with Smokey Smith at the Savio River when Smokey received his Victoria Cross.



Francis Patrick Quinn

Hometown: Philipsburg, QC

Age when enlisted: 23

Regiment: RCAF Bomber Command

Served: Bombing raids over Germany

A few words about him: Gave his life in an effort to rid the world of Hitler and personal freedom.

Died: April 26, 1944 - Age 25.

Science and Technology

The Second World War was a conflict that saw a great deal of scientific and technical innovation. The war was a battle scientific minds as well as of bullets and bombs and the wartime research programs came up with many important developments to help give the Allies an advantage in the struggle. As with many other aspects of the Allied war effort, Canada played an important role.

Much of the research found civilian uses after the war and has helped shape today's modern world. Whenever you heat food in a microwave oven or use washer fluid to clear off a car windshield, to name just two examples, you can credit the groundbreaking work done by Canadian scientists during the Second World War.

(Veterans Affairs Canada)



Wellington (Wink) Hawes Raymond

Hometown: North Hatley, Quebec

Age when enlisted: 31

Regiment: The Royal Winnipeg Rifles

Served: Normandy Beaches on D-Day

A few words about him:

Wink was one of the brave men who volunteered to serve their country. He was a kind hearted, do anything for anyone, respected family man. He was wounded and taken prisoner of war. Wink was one of the lucky ones who returned home to have a family. He is in our hearts every day especially on Remembrance Day.



Léopold Albert Robert

Hometown: Waterloo, Québec

Age when enlisted : 19

Regiment : D-46359 Unit #1 C.A.C.T. SR

Served : 1939-1945

A few words about him: We are proud of our father of 10 children who was a hard working man and contributed to the liberty that we keep enjoying. Thank you Dad!

They gave their tomorrows...
that we might have today.



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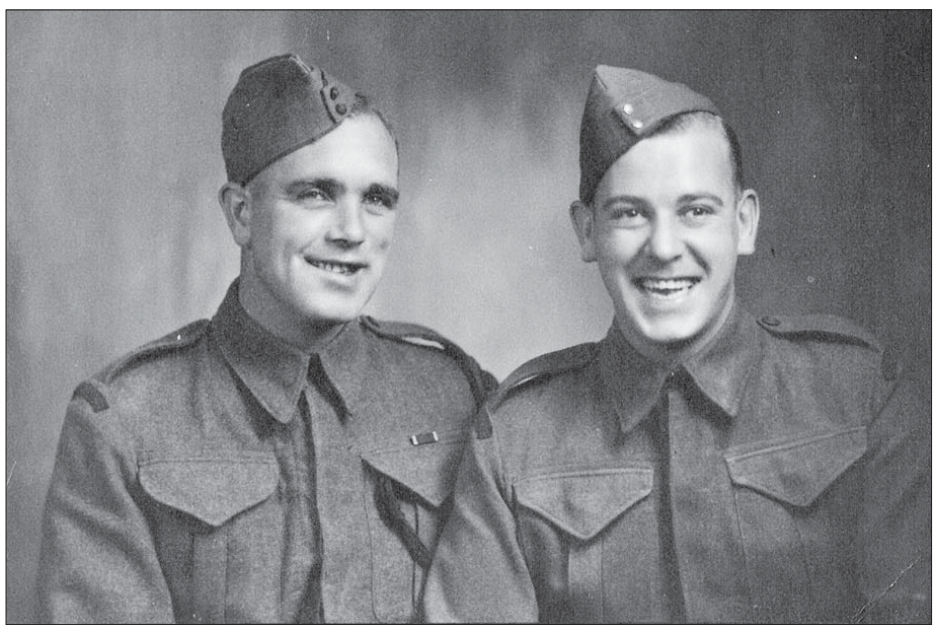
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Sargent Major Clifford Royea (left) and his brother, Rifleman James Royer

Hometown: Bury, Quebec

Enlisted: World War II

Hong Kong Veterans who served with the Royal Rifles of Canada

The spelling of their last names differs because of a clerical mistake while my father was enlisted.



Donald Sharman

Hometown: Ayer's Cliff, Quebec

Age when enlisted: 21 years old

Regiment: Canadian Provost Corps

Served: Europe 1940-1945 WW2

A few words about him: Don was one of the many brave young men and women who volunteered to serve during WWII. Don served throughout Europe from 1940 to 1945. In 1946 he stayed in Europe to serve with the military police before returning home to Ayer's Cliff where he worked and raised a family he adored.

We remember him every day but especially on Remembrance Day. His family is so very proud.



Charles W. Shepard

Hometown: Farnham, Quebec

Age: 19

Regiment: 1ST Special

Services/Devil's Brigade

Served: World War 2

A few words about him: Our Poppa Charles was a Sergeant in the Devil's Brigade. He was honoured to serve his country and believed in what he was fighting for. He has inspired strength, courage, humbleness, pride and determination in all of his family. He is our hero!! RIP Sergeant Shepard - 1921-2003.



Robert Charles Shepherd

Hometown: East Hatley Qc.

Age when enlisted: 31

Served: North Atlantic Area and United Kingdom

A few words about him : He came to Canada as a Home Child at the age of 15 and became a proud Canadian and was proud to serve his country.



War Brides

The term "war bride" refers to the estimated 48,000 young women who met and married Canadian servicemen during the Second World War. These war brides were mostly from Britain, but a few thousand were also from other areas of Europe: the Netherlands, Belgium, France, Italy and Germany.

War brides also came to Canada after the First World War. The official Government of Canada history of the First World War reports that an estimated 54,000 relatives accompanied the returning troops following demobilization.

We salute this remarkable group of Canadian citizens who, for love, followed their husbands. Where their returning Veterans went, these young women followed and made their new homes in their young and growing land. These women were welcomed to their new communities and new families. The contributions of these new Canadians would soon extend far beyond the walls of their homes as they entered into the life of their communities and enriched it with their many abilities and hard work. The years following the Second World War were ones of unprecedented change for Canada and our country's war brides have played an important part in the growth and development of the free and peaceful Canada that we enjoy today.

Many Canadian families and communities count themselves the richer for the contributions of the thousands of war brides, both of the First and the Second World War, who have made Canada their home.

(Veterans Affairs Canada)



**We would like to salute
all the veterans who
gave their lives for us.**

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Private Ernest S. Smith

Hometown: Melbourne Ridge, Quebec

Age when enlisted: 27 years old

Regiment: North Shore Regiment Army (New Brunswick)

Served: 1943 - October 27, 1944

A few words about him:
 Son of the late Charles & Eva Smith.
 Killed in action - Belgium.
 Buried in Adegem Cemetery, Belgium



(L-R) Howard Smyth, Thomas Harper, Robert Harper

Hometown: Bury, Que.

Age when enlisted: Howard -19, Tom -17, Bob -18

Regiment: 3rd Anti-tank/3rd Canadian Division

Served: 1939-1945

A few words about them: All three are D-Day veterans. Howard was wounded; Bob and Tom participated in the liberation of France, Belgium and the Netherlands. Tom received the bronze cross for bravery. Bob and Tom are two of three brothers who enlisted voluntarily; the other brother, William, served on the Italian front. Howard is a first cousin of the Harper boys. All returned home at the end of the war.



Grant Taylor

Hometown: Birchton, QC

Age when enlisted: 20

Regiment: R.C.A.F. #424 squadron #6 Bomber Command

A few words: 95 years old, 70 years still married, still driving. Member of the A.N.A.F. Unit 318 and the Royal Canadian Legion Bury.

Remembrance Day



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Our veterans have served Canada with distinction. On November the 11th, let's all join together in a day of Remembrance, when we will remember the ultimate sacrifices made by Canada's brave men and women in uniform, in honour of the legacies they left behind. Lest we forget.



Joan (Ward) Thomson

Hometown: St. Lambert

Age when enlisted: 32

She served as a Welfare Officer with the Canadian Red Cross from 1943-1946. She was stationed in hospitals on the continent and cared for the wounded.

From the Canadian Red Cross website: "A special Overseas Detachment of 641 brave women crossed the Atlantic to serve overseas during and after World War II. They drove ambulances, supported patients and assisted staff in military hospitals. Courageous, strong and perhaps ahead of their time, they carried with them the strength and good wishes of many women who could not leave home." <http://www.red-cross.ca/donate/other-ways-to-donate/join-the-tiffany-circle/history-of-women-in-the-red-cross>

My mom was born and raised in St. Lambert and later worked in Montreal. She and my father moved to Sherbrooke in 1957. My mom is now 105 and still recalls her days of overseas service with pride. She now lives in North Hatley.



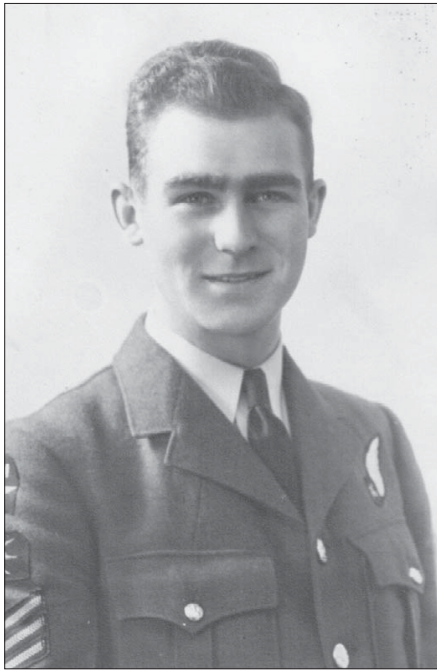
George Elwood Waugh

Hometown: George was born in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, but lived in Granby, Quebec from 1950 until his passing in June of 2016.

Age when enlisted: 19 years

Regiment: Royal Canadian Horse Artillery

Served: 1942-1945, mostly in Italy
 A few words: George was an active member of his church and community, an avid volunteer, and someone who could be counted on when needed. He was also a great Dad.



William E. (Chum) Whittingham

Hometown: Richmond, QC

Age when enlisted: 18 (1939)

Regiment: RCAF

Served: North Africa, Wireless Airgunner

A few word about him: He like skiing, canoeing, diving and hunting. He got along well with everyone. He was killed in 1942.



Ernest Gordon Wilkins

Hometown: Abercorn & Waterloo

He was 36 years of age when he enlisted in 1943.

Gordon served overseas from 1943 to the end of the war in 1945.

He was a gunner with the Canadian Army 1st Field Regiment Royal Canadian Heavy Artillery, arriving in

North Africa and subsequently moving through Italy to Normandy. Following his return to Canada October 2, 1945, Gordon and wife Hilda Johnson made their home in Waterloo.

Gordon was the second son of Ernest and Mary Calhoun Wilkins of Abercorn, and brother of Hollis and Mary. Gordon rarely spoke of his life during those years overseas, only if he was specifically asked. Upon his return he found great peace and pleasure being with family and working in his vegetable and flower gardens, especially caring for the many beautiful roses. He was a devout supporter of the Canadian Legion and the Waterloo branch.

Gordon was the much loved uncle of Glenroy Wilkins Loubier who lives in Sherbrooke and who chose to honor and remember him through this publication.

The Wilkins Loubier families have participated in the annual Armistice Day celebrations and laid a memorial wreath at the Waterloo Cenotaph in Gordon's memory since his passing in 1991.

Canadians continue to embrace Unknown Soldier as one of their own



his birth date to follow his buddies aboard a ship destined for the killing fields of Europe.

Like the 28,000 other unidentified Canadians buried in foreign soil with tombstones bearing only the inscription, 'Known unto God', the monument pays tribute to so many young men who never came home.

It was the aging veterans of the Royal Canadian Legion who initiated the project to bring a symbolic soldier home to Ottawa, and they asked that the remains come from Vimy, the World War I battle widely considered to be a defining moment in Canadian Military history.

On that fateful morning of April 9, 1917, Canadian soldiers paid a heavy price 3,600 killed and 7,000 wounded - to achieve a victory that had been denied both British and French troops when they claimed Vimy Ridge for the Allied Forces.

Those who have had an opportunity to tour the trenches and tunnels of Vimy Ridge leave in awe of the courageous and heroic actions of young Canadians, many of them barely out of their teens.

On Nov. 11 crowds will gather at the base of the towering pillars of the Vimy Memorial under the brooding head of Mother Canada to mourn the loss of the 11,285 Canadians reported missing and presumed dead in France. Another 6,994 names of missing Canadians are carved on the Menin Gates at Ypres, Belgium.

The tombstone of the Unknown Soldier, one of 425 unidentified graves emblazoned with the Maple Leaf in the Cabaret-Rouge British Cemetery, was replaced with a new marker giving

Afghanistan



Marc-André Fortin

Hometown: Magog.

He studied elementary education at Bishop's University where he graduated in 2015.

Age when enlisted: He joined the Canadian army at the age of 16, on 2 June 2004. He is in the 35th transmissions regiment and is a radio operator. He served in Afghanistan in 2009 and in Canada in 2010 during the floods in St-Jean. He is now sergeant and gives training courses for new recruits.

He is a patient and attentive person; he is married to Maryse Labbe, a French teacher at the Seminaire de Sherbrooke and is the proud father of two beautiful daughters, Charlie, 3 years, and Eleanor 10 months. He is also step-father of two other girls: Frédérique 17 and Justine 12 years. He is an outdoor enthusiast, especially hiking, mountain and cross-country skiing. He also loves climbing and beach volleyball.

"We do not know his age, his unit, or his date of death. No one does. Only God knows"

By Sharon McCully

The dwindling ranks of veterans, loved ones and grateful Canadians come by the thousands to the National War Memorial in Ottawa to pay tribute to the Unknown Soldier whose remains symbolize the thousands of Canadians who lost their lives in battle during the last century. On Remembrance Day, the monument will be a focal point for many who will remember their own. He could have been an Eastern Townships' farm lad - a new father perhaps, or a young son who came of age by fudging

notice to the thousands who visit the cemetery, that this soldier has finally gone home. It reads: "The former grave of an unknown Canadian soldier of the First World War. His remains were removed on 25 May, 2000 and now lie interred at the National War Memorial in Ottawa Canada."

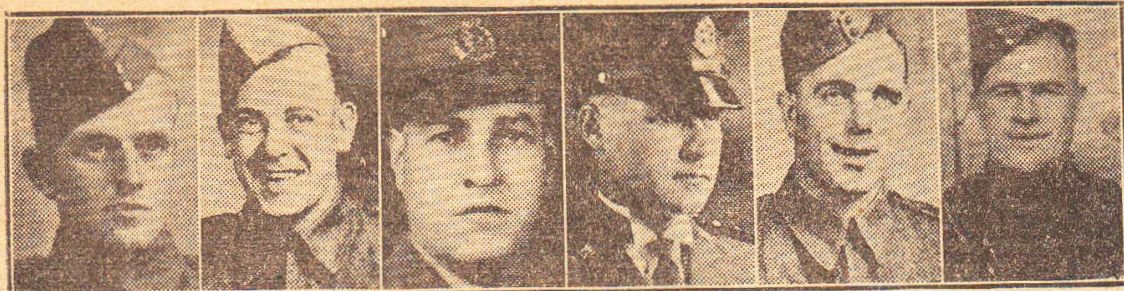
Another 325 marked graves of Canadian soldiers at the Cabaret-Rouge Cemetery are grim testimony of the blood of Canadian soldiers spilled in

the prime of their lives.

In spite of scientific advancements that might eventually lead to the identification of the Unknown Soldier, the Canadian government has pledged to maintain the anonymity of the soldier and refrain from any future efforts to identify the remains.

Entombed at the National War Memorial, Canada's Unknown Soldier will forever remain every lost son, brother, husband, or friend.

Boys From Bury Who Were With Royal Rifles At Hong Kong



James A. Cook Jimmy C. Royer Major T. G. McAulay Capt. Wells Bishop Sgt. Major Clifford Royer George Halley



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Juno

By Wanda Mae Anderson

Blue en bleu baie de Seine, yellow too soothing nerves as noon sun burns, twitching eyes from snitches of sleep, edgy with battle fatigue we watch a British Battalion march off huge ships, hands grabbing then slide the christly guiding rope, dropping into not yet red ocean waves to waist line

They hold rifles high keeping them dry, we stare out from our amphibious tank as it rattles down a plank into the eager sea all breathe easy as propellers kick in, motor us along reaching polka dotted Juno Beach, no sign of child's play summertime sees no pails, shovels or sandcastles.

Swarms of seahorse shaped soldiers clamour around on enemy occupied soil, sparks spit as the tank scrapes along the sand, re-ignites our killer instinct, sustains our electric buzz for blood and guts shouting out a battle song nerves shot cracking jokes, play the fool good for a laugh.

Smells of sea and sand mix with artillery hydraulic grease saltwater crusts on face and uniforms lousing, itchy against our skin, mobilizing delayed due to crowded troops, I light a cigarette to rid the metal taste of canned Spam in mouth lips cracked, salty as well while we de-waterproof the tank.

The hardest part is crawling back down hatchet, can't show it claustrophobic with a deafening noise, weary bones rock then bounce on the hard steel floor of a Sherman M4A3 across rough terrain straight to enemy lines, we hunch with thighs pressed tight into one another, fatigued our heads bob off the next one's shoulder.

Startled awake by the radio static over the sound of fire with orders to retreat yet positioned only 3 miles from Caen having traversed farther than all others inland biting at the bit we are now to turn right advancing south toward Carpique dry mouthed, a mean thirst as Hitler himself mobilizes troops.

It's the next day after Normandy running on adrenaline and my turn to test the deadly silence we're entrenched in, with a whiny sigh up I slide but am quickly met by a sniper bullet to the left side of my head, wake peering through wrapped bandages in a white bed, a steel plate replaces my skull bone, where it had once been.

*The order to mobilize Panzer Lehr and the 12th SS was finally given in the mid-afternoon of 6 June. [151] When the 9th Canadian Infantry Brigade and the Sherbrooke Fusiliers began to advance on 7 June, they were met by entrenched forces of the 716th Infantry and 21st Panzer Divisions. [152] At 17:00, the advancing force was counter-attacked by the 12th SS, under the command of Kurt Meyer. After heavy fighting the 9th Brigade was forced to withdraw to their D-Day positions, having suffered heavier casualties than any single unit on Juno itself the previous day. [153]



This is a piece I wrote for my father

Tucker Anderson

on November 11, 2015