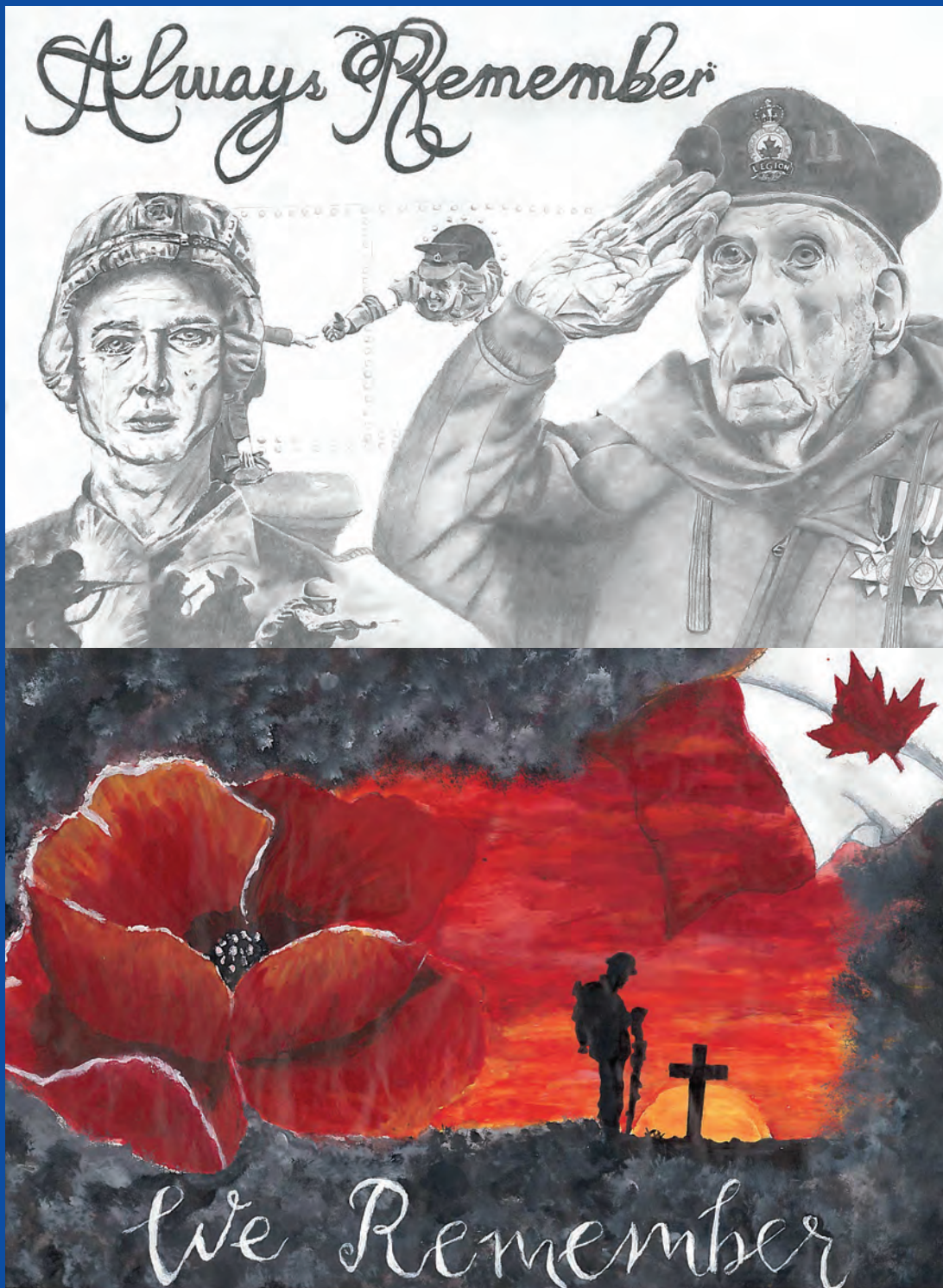




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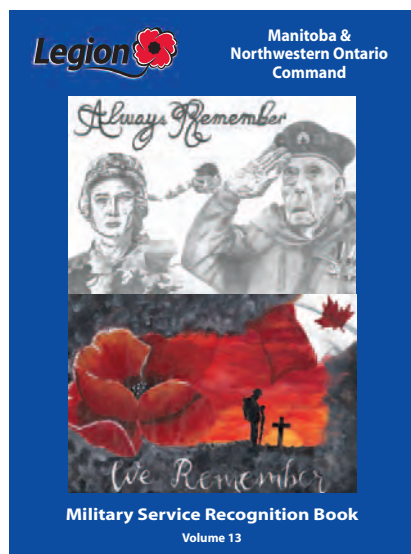
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Our hope is that this publication will continue to remind us all of the important part our military has played and to always thank the men and women of the Canadian Armed Forces for their bravery and sacrifice.

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**ABEL, Alexander Brigham**

**WWII**

### **A Veteran's Military Memories**

I joined the army, Royal Canadian Artillery, on January 16, 1942. I took my basic and advanced training at Brandon, Manitoba.

After a period of intensive training, most of the group moved off to England except for four of us who were only 18 and we had to be 19 to go overseas. In June 1942, we were posted to heavy anti aircraft Battery (ATT) at Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, where we guarded the steel mills from any air attack. We received American rations here. In August 1943, we were posted to Brandon, Manitoba. After a session of advanced training we were drafted overseas on the *Queen Mary* in late September. After arriving in Scotland we were immediately sent by train to Aldershot. I took driver's training here.

In January 1944, I was posted to the 18<sup>th</sup> Bty. 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Antitank Regiment 2<sup>nd</sup> Division. England provided still further training and employment on the south coast in an anti invasion role in the defence of Great Britain.

In April 1944, I became part of the 7<sup>th</sup> Brigade 3<sup>rd</sup> Canadian Division and all leaves were cancelled. On June 2, 1944, in preparation for the Normandy invasion, we were loaded on to a ship at Southampton. The Royal Winnipeg Rifles were on it, too. The lieutenant told us we would be first line reinforcements wherever they were needed.

In the early morning of June 6 we were ordered to be ready to man the assault boats. We had watched the Royal Winnipeg Rifles man the boats and go in. The assault boats that made it came back for us and we were on the Canadian sector of Normandy beach at 10 o'clock. All of us who landed that day knew we were a part of one of the largest military operations of our time.

The first few days on the beach were very uneasy times. The first night I was on guard duty at midnight. Some German planes came in and dropped anti personnel bombs on a row of trees about 100 yards from where I was. They killed 24 men and wounded a number of others.

About the third day a lieutenant picked out ten of us to help him look after about 800 German prisoners. This task took place in an open field with no cover. We were two hours on duty and two hours off but were always there. The only time we took our shoes off was to change socks.

The first week in July a Lieutenant from the Queen's Own Rifles came into camp. Some German snipers had gotten in behind the lines and were causing some trouble. The Lieutenant picked me and a fellow named Sineese and two German prisoners to go between us to help act as a cover. We were told to keep one pace apart, wait twenty minutes until the Lieutenant got into position, then go down the road. If we made it we were to keep on going to Brigade Headquarters about three miles away. We did draw the sniper fire and I managed to keep us together and we made the Brigade H.Q. This was the only time I was ordered to do a task like this - Thank the Lord, as our chances for survival weren't great.

Near the end of July I was posted back to the 18<sup>th</sup> Bty. 2<sup>nd</sup> Antitank Regiment 2<sup>nd</sup> Division around Verrieres. I had developed a very bad infection in my right hand caused from some fine shrapnel so I reported to the Battery M.O. expecting to have it treated, but was sent back to the field hospital on August 3.

On August 5 we boarded a hospital ship and set sail for England very early in the morning. About six o'clock around August 8, 1944, we were almost shook out of our bunks by a very bad explosion. Our ship had been torpedoed. The walking patients I was with were at the front of the bottom deck of the ship. By the time we made it up to the main deck the back half of the ship was already under water. There was one life boat and one raft made it off. To my knowledge only one nursing Sister made it. The British marine who got the raft off managed to rescue the nursing sister. Luckily for me I did have the presence of mind to pick up a life jacket.

After we tried to do all we could to get life rafts off I noticed this fellow standing just over the rail trying to get his life jacket on. He had been badly burned on his right arm and leg so I took my boots off and took my shoe laces out of my boots and his too and using these laces and my belt I tried to secure his life jacket so it would keep him afloat.

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## ABEL, Alexander Brigham (continued)

Then, just a few minutes before the ship went under, I jumped in far enough to be out of the drag. I told him to jump too but I guess the condition he was in he couldn't jump in so he just slid over the side of the boat and was sucked under. I never saw him again. About a 100 of us jumped, most without life jackets. From the time we were hit it took only 20 minutes for the ship to go under. There was panic all over the ship. As it went down a bunch of Welsh patients sang "Nearer My God To Thee".

I was in the water about half an hour when an American sub chaser picked me up. A young American sailor helped pull me out of the water. I thought of him many times. I often wished I could meet him again. I had to leave all my wet clothes in the sub chaser and left with a blanket around me.

I was in the hospital in England over a week and then was posted to Aldershot and from there to France. I was posted to the 18<sup>th</sup> Bty. 2<sup>nd</sup> Antitank Regiment 2<sup>nd</sup> Division at Dunkirk. From Dunkirk the Battery moved to Antwerp, Belgium, where the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division was given the task of clearing the enemy from the harbour area.

On one particular occasion in the harbour area the battery greatly assisted the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade. The enemy had dug in machine gun positions underneath railway box cars loaded with coal. The 18th Battery brought up two 17 pounder guns and fired directly into the enemy position killing 60 Germans and wounding 30 more and let the 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade move forward.



In November 1944, the battery arrived in Nijmegen, Holland, and took up a defensive position with the 4th Canadian Infantry Brigade along the Holland-Germany border. We remained there until the big allied drive was made into Germany through the Reichswald Forrest in February 1945. I was in "C" Troop. Seven enemy Panther tanks were destroyed in two separate attacks with no casualties to our troops.

After considerable time the battery started its long campaign through Germany and back again to Holland to take part in the liberating of the Northern part. Once more we returned to Germany where things were very active on the approach to Oldenburg. This point was reached first around V.E. Day.

I think it's only fitting to mention that the 18<sup>th</sup> Battery of approximately 100 men had 18 Panther tank kills to its credit

and numerous self propelled guns and machine gun posts. Out of all the gallant members of the 18th Battery, two officers and 29 other ranks made the supreme sacrifice. A large number were wounded. No less than three M.C.'s one M.M. one Mentioned in Despatches and many C. and C. Certificates were won by the battery.

Shortly after the war was over I was posted to the 38<sup>th</sup> L.A.A. Battery of Winnipeg for our homeward journey on the *Queen Elizabeth*. I arrived in Winnipeg in November 1945. I received my discharge on January 10, 1946.

### MEDALS:

Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp.  
Defence Medal  
France and Germany Star  
1939-1945 Star  
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Alexander was born in the RM of Minto, Manitoba in 1923. After his service, he returned to Minnedosa to farm. He rented the farm from his mother and step-father and bought it in 1948.

On December 30, 1950, Alexander married Verna Gibson from Waskada. They raised a family of four children - three boys and a girl and they had thirteen grandchildren.

In 1989, Alexander and Verna retired to the town of Minnedosa. He was a Life Member of The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 138 and enjoyed curling and helping out at the farm.

In 1992 the 18<sup>th</sup> Battery had a final big reunion. Before that they had one every year.

Alexander passed away in 2017.





Municipality of Neebing

*Lest We Forget*

## Bravely Met

It began at dawn with weapons drawn,  
as battles often do.

A tot of rum, the prayers done,  
it's time to see it through.

The whistles blow and off they go,  
hoping to fight well.

Side by side with fear and pride  
they charged out into Hell.

It's quiet now among the crosses  
in pristine rows that mark our losses.

Belying the horror  
of that long past dawn,  
Where they stood with weapons drawn.

Past whispers of the silent prayers  
of all our soldiers everywhere,  
ask only that we not forget  
the battles past, so bravely met.

H.A. SANDE





## ALEX, Hilding Waldemar

WWII

Hilding was born in Minnedosa in 1918. He was 25 and farming when he joined up on September 14, 1942, with the Royal Canadian Artillery at Ft. Osborne Barracks, Winnipeg. He immediately transferred to the Canadian Provost Corps. He took his basic training at Ft. Osborne Barracks for six weeks. Then he was moved to Provost Detachment and took Provost training for about three months.

On February 8, 1943, he was posted to Camp Borden for another three months training. Then in May 1943, he was posted back to Winnipeg. In July he went overseas with the Provost Corps on the *Queen Elizabeth*. There were about 25,000 troops on board. The trip took four days and four nights without escort from Halifax. They landed at South Hampton.

They then travelled to Aldershot for two or three weeks and after that he was sent out to the field unit of 1<sup>st</sup> Division of the Provost Corps not far from Aldershot. He trained there on motorcycles - Harley Davidson - going up banks and jumping. Once he had a spill, broke his collar bone, and was in hospital on Lady Aster's Estate for three months.

When he got out of hospital, Hilding was posted back to H.Q. in London and was on detachment there for about a year. After that he was posted to Manchester on detachment for another year. Provost duties included jurisdiction over military convoy and military personnel, e.g.: picking up A.W.O.L.'s and deserters.

Then he came back to London and was sent on detachment to Reading for about two months. At the end of March 1945, on the outskirts of Reading, Hilding had an accident. He was returning from Quarter Master Store (QMS) to Reading when he had a head on collision with a 1/2-ton truck on his Harley Davidson 45. He landed on the hard top - broke his left wrist and both legs between the knee and the hip. He also injured his back and left foot. His bike was wrecked. The accident was not his fault. A civilian on a bicycle didn't stop at a stop sign. When he saw Hilding coming, he stopped in the middle of the road thinking he couldn't make it across. He got off his bike and was jumping all over the place. When Hilding approached him, he swerved to miss him on the opposite side of the road, then swerving back to get on his right side of the road he collided head on with the 1/2-ton truck.

He was in an English civilian hospital for a week, then was transferred to an army hospital in Taplow. He was sent there from the end of March to the middle of July 1945. He was then sent back to Canada to Deer Lodge Hospital, Winnipeg until a few days before Christmas. He was able to walk with two canes so was allowed to go home to Minnedosa for Christmas, then went back to Deer Lodge after Christmas for about two months. On September 19, 1945, because he was "unable to meet the required military physical standards", he was given his discharge.

But in the meantime, on June 27, 1945, he got married to Irene Coe, who was in the British Army Women's Provost Corps. They were married by the Bishop of Buckingham at Toplow Parish Church in Buckinghamshire. Hilding had full body casts on from armpits down to his feet and had to be carried into the church on a stretcher! In two weeks time he was returned to Canada on the hospital ship Lady Nelson. Irene remained in England for another year. She arrived in Canada in May 1946. She had to stay in the army until the end of the Japanese war.

Back in Minnedosa he bought a half section west of town and under great duress - lots of pain - he started farming on his own. Their new house was built in 1946. Hilding farmed until 1979 when his disability got much worse. In June 1979, he had a hip replacement. Then in 1988, he had his left knee replaced and the right knee on January 16, 1989, at a cost of \$700.00 a day, paid by D.V.A. and Manitoba Medical.

Irene and Hilding have three daughters and five grandchildren. The church is a very important part of his life teaching Sunday School, chairman of the board, choir director (sang in the choir since age 17) and served on Deacon Board (still); chairman of the local (27 years) and Sub-District Pool Council for three years, Reeve of Odanah R.M. for seven years (currently reeve), Chairman of Library Board, Member of Hospital Board for 15 years, president of church camp for 20 years, and presently acting as co-ordinator of Canadian Covenant Heights Bible Camp at Clear Lake. He is presently on the new hall committee in Minnedosa, and is also a member of the Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation (a member of the liaison Committee). He was on the executive Board of the Canadian Conference Evangelical Covenant Church of Canada for 17 years. He also sings in the Covenant Church choir for special services such as funerals and weddings. Hilding was a 13-year member of The Royal Canadian Legion Gen. Hugh Dyer Branch 138.

Hilding received the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, Defence Medal and War Medal 1939-1945.



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## **ALLARD, Fernand**

**WWII**

Fernand was born in Eriksdale, Manitoba in 1922. In 1941, at the age of nineteen, he enlisted in the Army with the RWR to serve during World War II. He went through training but was never sent out overseas. They were being prepared to be sent but did not go due to the war ending. He was a 28-year member of The Royal Canadian Legion St. Laurent Metis Branch 250. Fernand passed away in 2002.

## **ARASON, Gerald Gordon “Jerry”**

**KOREAN WAR**

Jerry was born on July 15, 1932 in Fort Frances, Ontario, to Sig and Alvena Arason. He was the youngest of four brothers: Walter, Lawrence, and Reuben. Jerry attended school in Fort Frances.

He joined the Canadian Army Reserve at the age of fifteen, where he served as a gunner in the artillery from July 15, 1947 to September 30, 1949 after he fibbed a little about his age. In his teen years, he had many different jobs, but his favorite was the summer he spent fighting forest fires in Quetico Park, Ontario.

In the 1950's, he moved to the United States to help his father at Arason's Body Shop. Jerry registered for the draft when he came to the United States and was drafted and served in the Korean War from 1951 to 1954. During his service, he was stationed in Nuremburg, Germany, where he received his American citizenship. He was extremely proud of his dual citizenship and service to both countries.



He returned to the United States to work with his father and brothers at Arason's Body Shop which he eventually purchased and operated with his own sons. He spent 65 years working in the Body Shop that his father started in 1932. While working for Arason's Body Shop in 1960, Jerry rescued a young lady named Dolores Dahl who had put her car into a snowy ditch. They were married on October 8, 1960. They had three sons: Douglas Gordon, Thomas Sigurd and Kristopher George.

Jerry was a member of VFW, American Legion, Royal Canadian Legion, Elks, Rotary, and First Lutheran Church. He was also very proud of his Icelandic heritage and spoke of that often.

Jerry passed away on August 5, 2021 and is buried at Riverside Cemetery in Loman, Minnesota. He was the last surviving member of his family.

# *In Loving Memory of*

## ***Ralph Ernest Traill and Stuart Traill***

L/Cpl. Ralph Ernest Traill was born in Sebekka, Minnesota, USA in 1897. He served in the Army with the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Mounted Rifles in France and in Belgium during World War I. Ralph passed away in 1965.

L/Cpl. Stuart Traill was born in Sebekka, Minnesota, USA in 1894. He served in the Army with the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Mounted Rifles in France and in Belgium during World War I. Stuart passed away in 1972.

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**ARNASON, Gisli Walter**

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Gisli was born in Winnipegosis, Manitoba in 1931. He joined the Army in Regina and served from 1954 to 1967 when he was discharged in Vancouver. Gisli was a United Nations Peacekeeper who served in the Middle East, Gaza, Lebanon and the Congo. He was a physical instructor trainer in 1957, a storeman (Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps) in 1961, and was awarded the UNEF Medal in 1958. Gisli was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Foam Lake Branch 16 for 27 years before he died in 2009.

**AVISON, George Thomas Gill**

**WWII**


George was born in Oaknook, Manitoba in 1911. He enlisted in the Canadian Army on January 23, 1940 and served in England as GTA Sergeant 4<sup>th</sup> Casualty Clearing Station. He returned to Canada on January 27, 1943 and was stationed in Wetaskiwin until his discharge in 1946. George was employed by the Department of Veteran Affairs in Edmonton, Alberta, where he worked until his death on January 23, 1976. He was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 175 Kingsway, Edmonton for ten years.



**BABCOCK, George A.**

**WWII**

George was born in Fort William, Ontario in 1925. He enlisted in the Navy and served on HMCS Griffon, Naden, Givenchy III, Protector II, Stadacona, St. Hyacinthe, Avalon, and Hallowell in Canada and on the High Seas during World War II. He received the 1939-1945 Star, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp and the War Medal 1939-1945. He was a 47-year member of The Royal Canadian Legion Fort William Branch 6. George passed away in 1992.

A background image of a field of red poppies at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. The poppies are in various stages of bloom, with some fully open and others as buds. The field is slightly out of focus, emphasizing the flowers in the foreground.

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**BAILLIE, George**

**WWII**

George was born in Scotland and he came with his parents to Manitoba and then to Connell Creek, SK. He worked in the mines before enlisting. He enlisted with the R.C.E. on September 15, 1941 and served in Canada, England, Italy, France, and Germany until his discharge on December 17, 1945. He and his wife Evelyn farmed in the Connell Creek area. George passed away in 1968.

**BARR, Harvey**

**WWI**

Harvey Barr was born on July 15, 1895, in the Kinsmore District, north of Lenore, Manitoba, the third of eleven children born to George and Jan Barr. Harvey went to school in Kinsmore Country School, farmed, then enlisted on October 25, 1914. His father died one month later and Harvey discharged. He later re-enlisted on November 15, 1915, assigned to the 43<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, and shipped overseas to France, where he was wounded on September 21, 1916. He returned to active duty in November 1917, survived and de-mobilized in November 1919. He returned to Lenore, married Marion Robertson, having one son. They farmed the home farm, then sold and moved to Saskatchewan, farming a while there. They moved back to Oak River, Manitoba. When WWII broke out, Harvey went to work at nearby Rivers Air Base from 1940 to 1944. He stayed in Oak River until his death in 1951. He, his son who predeceased them, and his wife are buried in Oak River Cemetery.



**BARRETT, Arthur E.**

**WWII**

Arthur was born in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba. He worked with his father in the shoe repair business before joining the Army. Along with the other members of the Regina Rifles Regiment, he stormed ashore at Juno Beach on D-Day. In the days following, the Germans launched ferocious counter attacks including one on the Reginas in which their HQ was overrun. The Reginas extracted a heavy toll on the Germans, knocking out six tanks, driving the Germans back. Sadly, Arthur could not relish in their victory. He was killed in action and is buried in Beny-sur-Mer Canadian War Cemetery.



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## **BARRETT, Percival Hugh “Percy”**

**WWI**

Percy Barrett enlisted in the 1<sup>st</sup> Manitoba Regiment on June 29, 1918. He served in Canada and was discharged on March 1, 1919. Percy was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Hodgson Branch. He resided in Fisher Branch until his death in 1952 at the age of 56.

## **BAYES, Arthur Garnet**

**WWII**

Arthur was born at home, at the RM of Saskatchewan, in 1920.

In 1940, when he was farming with his father in the Rapid City area, Arthur tried to enlist in the Army but was refused on account of medical reasons. Later in 1944, after having had surgery, he went back to Ft. Osborne Barracks and tried again. This time he was successful and joined up with the Infantry Corps in February 1944. At that time, he was 24 years old.

He was posted to Ft. Garry for four months basic training. While he was there, he came down with Scarlet Fever so had to spend a month in hospital. He was then sent to Portage la Prairie to the casualty re-training centre to recuperate. After one month, Arthur returned to Ft. Garry to complete basic training.

His next posting was at Camp Shilo where he took advanced training. That fall he got farm leave and came home for harvest. He missed a draft for overseas.

When Arthur made inquiries about having missed his overseas draft, he was told he was medically unfit as the reason. In the spring of 1945, he got a six-week plus farm leave. Late that fall, on October 15, he was discharged with the rank of Private. He received the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal.

Following his discharge, Arthur returned to the farm in Rapid City and began farming on his own. On April 5, 1952, he married Helen Wilson of Winnipeg. They raised one son and four daughters they have eight grandchildren. They moved to Minnedosa in 1984 and farmed from town for four years. In 1988, they retired completely.

He is a lifetime member of the Rapid City Agricultural Society and served on the council for the RM of Saskatchewan both as councillor and as Reeve. He enjoyed his association with the A.O.T.S. Club in Minnedosa, (“As One That Serves”), and coffee row. Involvement with family as well as being an avid reader does a great deal in making retirement meaningful and enjoyable.

Arthur is the only surviving brother and celebrated his 101<sup>st</sup> birthday in 2021.





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## **BAYES, Cecil Harry**

**WWII**

In the fall of 1942, they had a very long and hard harvest. They had three weeks of solid threshing and picking sheaves. In late October and early November, when they finally finished the harvest, Cecil decided to join the Army. On November 18, 1942, he went to Winnipeg and joined up.

He was sent to Portage la Prairie for basic training. He was just about finished basic training when he got the mumps. He had to spend two weeks in King George Hospital in Winnipeg. When he got out of hospital, he went back to Portage to retake his basic training.

When he finished his basic, he was sent to Brandon A4 for 25-lbs artillery training. He was almost finished when he came down with bronchitis and had to take his advanced training all over again. When he finished his advanced training, it was almost Christmas of 1943. On December 24, he boarded the train for Halifax and on the last day in December, he was on a troop ship bound for England and the war in Europe. Twelve seasick days.

They arrived in the United Kingdom for more advanced training. They were in England for about two months when they boarded another troop ship for Italy. This time, they were on a beautiful *Durban Castle Liner*, overcrowded, in a big convoy. They could see battle ships and cruisers of all sizes as well as other British and American troop ships. As far as they could see, the water was full of ships. They had a three-week cruise from England to Italy. If it had not been for depth charges going off all day and night, it would have been a beautiful holiday cruise. They ran into a lot of enemy submarine activity especially in the Mediterranean Sea.

They landed in Naples on about May 1, 1944 and took more training. Then, Cecil was sent to the 1<sup>st</sup> A.T. (Anti-Tank) which by then was in the midst of the Hitler Line. He had never seen a six pounder A.T. gun before. This was May 23, 1944. His first encounter in action was antitank, supporting the Infantry, blasting any German tanks that were in sight.

They advanced through the Hitler Line in Italy and up through the Italian leg until the Canadian Forces left Italy. They then moved up through France, Belgium, Holland and into Germany until the hostilities ceased.

After the war ended, he came back to England, then home to Canada. He was demobilized in February 1946 in Winnipeg then came back to farm in Rapid City. In 1947, he bought the NE 1/4 17-14-19.

In 1952, Cecil married Doreen Edward of Moore Park. They raised eleven children – six girls and five boys. They retired on their farm and Cecil enjoyed gardening, reading, helping on the farm, and curling in the winter. He was lucky to not have been wounded, but his hearing sure got blasted from loud, noisy, gun fire.

Cecil received the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, Defence of Britain Medal, Italian Star, France and Germany Star, 1939-1945 Star and War Medal 1939-1945.

He was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Rapid City Branch 49 for 74 years.

Cecil passed away in 2020.

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## BAYES, Ernest Frank

WWII

Ernest was born in Polonia, Manitoba in 1915. He joined the Army on February 25, 1943 at Fort Osborne Barracks. He was 27 years old, single, and farming with his father in the Rapid City, Manitoba area. Following basic training in Portage la Prairie for eight weeks, he was posted to Camp Shilo for advanced infantry training. He was then sent to Truro, Nova Scotia, to a Canadian Army camp for more training, mostly infantry.

In the fall 1943, he was drafted overseas. He went over on the *Alatona* which was a livestock ship converted to troop ship. They left from Halifax in a big convoy. When they were well out in the Atlantic they had two German air raids. Lots of shooting and activity. Luckily they got out of that scrape and continued on their way. They landed in Liverpool. Ernest was in England about two or three weeks in Whitley. That was when he joined up with the Princess Pats. Then he boarded a boat in Scotland bound for Italy, through the Mediterranean. They landed in Naples, after the battle of Ortona was over. A troop train took them to near the Hitler Line in Italy.

The train had a broken wheel on it. It was clattering all the way! After this they went into the Canadian Army Line. They broke the Hitler Line and then fought through several rivers to the Gothic Line.

On September 18, 1944, Ernest was wounded. His Canadian Pension Commission papers records the wound as follows: "gunshot wound of neck penetrating chest with retained metallic foreign body in or near the heart. Essential hypertension." He was in a field hospital, back of their line in Italy, for about 14-16 days, then to Canadian Army convalescent camp for a short time. When he got there, he was darn hungry so Ernest asked for a good meal and he got it. After he recuperated enough, Ernest went back into the front line, still in Italy.

Shortly afterwards they boarded American boats and travelled to Belgium, then up into Germany still with the P.P.C.L.I. They fought and crossed the Rhine River and into the Black Forest, and got held up there - their whole outfit did. They were held up by one sniper - dug in! Had to surround him and got him. Sniper fire stopped.

Parts of the armistice was signed near where the P.P.C.L.I. was, about May 8, 1945.

The war now being over, Ernest got back to England for two or three weeks. Docked in Liverpool again. He was repatriated back to Canada on the *Ile de France*. The trip to Halifax took about eight to ten days. He took the train to Winnipeg. Returning service men were looked after very well on the train.

On November 23, 1945, he got his discharge from the Army at #10 District Depot in Winnipeg. His rank was Private. After he got out, he returned to the home farm in Rapid City.

He married Doris Norden of Newdale on August 7, 1946. They stayed on the home farm for about three or four years, then bought V.L.A. land from his brother Fred. He and Doris farmed on their own for several years, then moved to Minnedosa and farmed from town for three years. They retired from farming in 1978.

They had a family of five; two boys and three girls and had eight grandchildren. He worked at the Rainbow Trout distributing centre at the 4/10 junction north of Minnedosa for four or five years distributing rainbow trout fingerlings.

He was a Life Member of the Royal Canadian Legion for 72 years. He enjoyed helping with Legion events as he did the A.O.T.S. Club meetings and functions of the United Church, Minnedosa. He transferred his Legion membership from Rapid City to Minnedosa.

He and Doris did a lot of travelling every winter, to such places as Victoria, Arizona, Nova Scotia, Sweden and other points east and west, as well as south to Hawaii, Texas and Las Vegas. On this trip to Las Vegas in February 1992, Doris had a really bad accident. She fell and broke both arms and nose.

Ernest received the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, Italy Star, France and Germany Star, 1939-1945 Star and War Medal 1939-1945.

Ernest passed away in 2015.



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**BAYES, Frederick Herman****WWII**

Frederick was born in the RM of Saskatchewan in 1918. He was working on the farm in Rapid City area when he signed up with the Royal Winnipeg Rifles on June 18, 1940. He was 21 and one of five sons of Harry and Annie Bayes who volunteered for active service in Canada's Military Services.

He was stationed in Winnipeg, Camp Borden, Camp Shilo, and Camp Debart, NS. While in Debart, he was transferred to the Fort Garry Horse, 10<sup>th</sup> Armoured Tank Regiment, Camp Borden, Ontario for tank training.

When medicals were conducted for overseas service, he was "unable to meet the required physical standards" (R.O. 1029-10) as stated on his discharge documents. He was then transferred to #10 Depot in Winnipeg and was then taken on strength as an Instructor of new recruits and conscripts. Frederick also worked in recruiting in downtown Winnipeg for six months. (The conscripts were difficult to handle).

After a year at #10 Depot, he tried again for overseas service, but was not accepted. He then requested a discharge, which was granted on October 10, 1942, so he would be available to assist his father on the family farm. Four other brothers were now on Active Service and had left their father with their farming operations as well. He was 62 years of age and trying to do the work of four men. The family farms were kept together until his brothers came back from overseas and returned to the business of farming.

In 1945, he married Florence Olive Moffat in Rapid City. She was employed as an egg grader at the Rapid City Creamery. He and Florence farmed north of Rapid City until 1949 when they moved to Salmon Arm, BC where they operated a service station and Mercury/Meteor dealership for five years.

In 1954, they moved to Minnedosa and started up a tire shop business followed by a John Deere farming machinery dealership in 1959.

In 1982, he retired was active in community affairs: Chamber of Commerce; School Trustee; Recreation Commission; one of the original members of Minnedosa Minor Athletic Association (MMAA); Life Member of The Royal Canadian Legion Branch #138 and member since 1942; I.O.O.F. and Masonic Order member. He has also coached minor baseball and hockey.

Florence and Frederick enjoyed golfing, travelling, fishing and spoiling their grandchildren. They have spent part of fourteen winters in Texas. They had two sons, one daughter and several grandchildren.

He received the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal for his service in World War II.

Frederick passed away in 2014.



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## **BAYES, Levi George**

**WWII**

Levi was born in 1913 in Polonia, Manitoba. His term of service in the Army started on November 23, 1940 when he joined the Fort Garry Horse at Fort Osborne Barracks in Winnipeg #10 District Depot to serve during World War II. He was 27 years old and was farming on his own in the Rapid City area.

His training in Winnipeg was minimal – two weeks. Then he was posted to Camp Borden and joined the Ft. Garry Horse Regiment. He trained there from early December 1940 to November 1941. That was basic training. He was also instructing drivers, his farming experience helped at this job.

On November 9, 1941, he went overseas with the Fort Garry Horse on the ship *Oronsay*, an Indian ship. They were in a big convoy across the Atlantic, spending twenty days on the boat with no incidents. They left from Halifax on November 9 at 3:00pm and landed in Liverpool, England at 3:00pm on November 22.

Their regiment had a mascot, a dog called Whitley. They smuggled him over to England. He got run over by a truck and was killed.

Levi took more basic training at Aldershot during the winter of 1941 and 1942. In the spring of 1942, he was posted to Hedley near Borden for more training. That fall, Brighton, in south England, was his next step for defence of the south coast training. That was on tanks – 1 and 2. He was driving tanks. Gradually, they got more tanks all Rams 1 and 2. They also trained at Crowborough, then back to Aldershot. On May 10, 1943, they were inspected by General Montague. Next they went to Worthing on June 1, 1943 and Downs for more training. The important thing about all this training is that they were being prepared and built up for battle.

They got Sherman tanks in October, some were 75mm and some were 17 pounders. They went up north to Kirkcudbright, Scotland, for amphibious maneuvers, that is, the tanks leave the ships and take off in the water - North Sea - with their full crew of four men. As the training progressed more tanks and equipment were added to the Regiment.

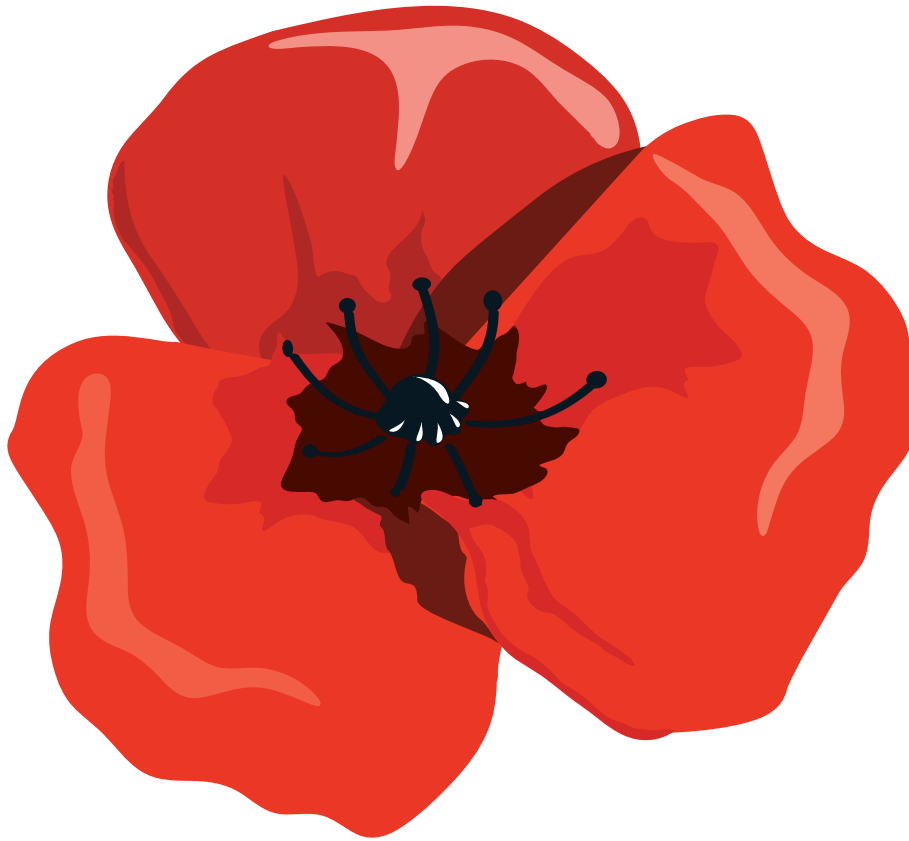
In April 1944, the Luftwaffe bombed their Regiment almost every night; they missed them as they were well camouflaged. Then came D-Day, June 6, 1944. Their Regiment landed in Bernières, France, shortly after daylight. They were in the Third Canadian Division. Their tanks were in the water four or five hours to prevent too much concentration on the beach making too easy a target and too much congestion. Then they came out of the water onto the beach. They were shooting over the heads of the infantry. The infantry took a lot of German prisoners.

The Fort Garry Horse was involved in a tank battle with the German Panzer tanks. The objective was the airport at Carpiquet. They ran into stiff opposition and progress was delayed. They reached the outskirts of Carpiquet on July 2, 1944. Land mines were numerous. Flails on their tanks triggered the mine mechanism and set off their explosions. No harm done.

On July 4 they reached Carpiquet, their objective, after very stiff and savage fighting. Their tank losses were: B. Squadron, Levi's squadron - 9 out of 15 (light); A lost 14 out of 15, and C lost 13 out of 15.

Levi's tank was knocked out by a land mine on the airport runway at Carpiquet. Their crew bailed out and took cover in a German slit trench. All the Germans were dead. Next morning his crew got another Sherman tank but it wasn't an amphibious job.

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**BAYES, Levi George (continued)**

Enemy resistance was stiff. They drove through Caen on July 24. (The Infantry had already taken Caen). The Fort Garry Horse advanced towards Tilly-la-Campagne. During a major tank battle with the German Panzers on the way to Tilly-la-Campagne on July 25, Levi's squadron lost 11 tanks. The Germans also used antitank 88 mm guns on them as well. Levi got knocked out, wounded in the right shoulder by a splinter from the inside of their tank caused by an antitank shell which passed right through their tank. He was hit and knocked unconscious. He can't remember for how long but as soon as he came to, he escaped from the tank through the co-driver's hatch. He was picked up by one of their squadron tanks and taken back to a dressing station. When their tank was hit, one of their men was killed, one was shot in a leg and when Levi bailed out their machine was on fire.

After the dressing station, Levi was transferred to a field hospital behind allied lines. Next day he was invalided back to #10 Canadian Military Hospital owned by Lady Aster. He was in this hospital from July 26 or 27 to December 27, 1944, about five months.

After he got out of hospital, he was sent to a convalescent hospital for two months, to the end of February 1945, then to a holding unit where recruits were trained as tank crew replacements. He was well enough then to train them. Levi was on the training staff and was there until the war was over.

His repatriation back to Canada came through in October 1945, and he sailed home on the *Ile de France*. He and his brother Ernie (who was with the PPCLI) were on the same ship. They left Southampton and docked in Halifax after a voyage of five or six days.

After two or three weeks he went back to Winnipeg and got his discharge, on November 17, at #10 Depot. He was then sent to Deer Lodge Hospital in Winnipeg for a good part of late 1945 and 1946. He was discharged from Deer Lodge at harvest time, in September 1946. He took it easy that fall and winter.

In the fall of 1947, Levi was employed by Manitoba Pool Elevators and worked that winter in construction and repair. During the summer of 1947, he worked for Jimmy Jackson who was a road building contractor. In 1949, he bought a farm in the Moline Area and farmed there by himself for four years. Then he got married to Mary McGinn who was working in Rapid City. She came from the Oakburn area. He and Mary farmed until 1975 when they left the farm because of his health, and retired to live in Minnedosa.

Levi had been an Oddfellow for 53 years, a Royal Canadian Legion Rapid City Branch 49 member since 1945 and a Pool director of Rapid City Pool for 20 years. He served on the Saskatchewan R. M. council for 10 years, the Rapid City United Church Board for a number of years, and nine years on the Consumers Co-op Board in Minnedosa. He used to curl when he was able to.

Mary and Levi had three step children and two of their own. They also had ten grandchildren.

Levi had six brothers, five were in the army: Levi, Ernie, Cecil, Fred and Art. Cecil and Ernie were wounded in Italy and Levi in France. All were wounded within 48 hours of each other.

He received the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, 1939-1945 Star, Defence Medal, France and Germany Star and War Medal 1939-1945.

Levi passed away in 1998.



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**BÉLANGER, Alphonse Gaudias**

**WWII**

Alphonse was born in Selkirk, Manitoba in 1920. Private Bélanger, a Queen's Own Cameron Highlander, landed on the beaches of Dieppe, France on August 19, 1942, a part of the Allied attack on the German-occupied port of Dieppe. Following the raid, Alphonse was originally thought to be missing in action. It was later reported that he had died of his wounds while a prisoner of war. He was 22 years old, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Bélanger of Selkirk. He had two brothers, Napoleon and Paul, who were on active service. His final resting place is at the St. Sever Cemetery Extension in Rouen, France. The Dieppe Raid was also known as Operation Jubilee and of the 6,000 troops involved, eighty percent of them were Canadian. Also known as the "Disaster at Dieppe", it was the Canadian Army's costliest day of World War II. Alphonse received the 1939-1945 Star, Defence Medal, War Medal 1939-1945 and Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp.

**BERGMAN, Henry I.**

**WWII**

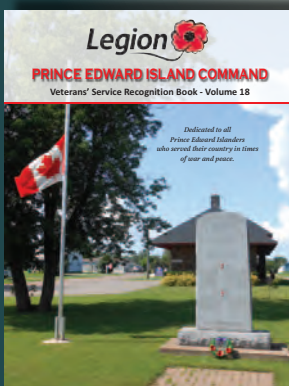
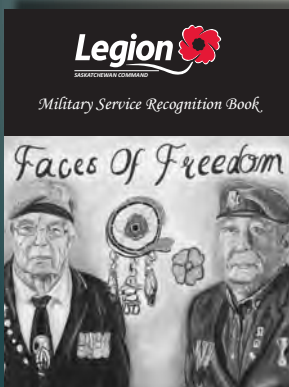
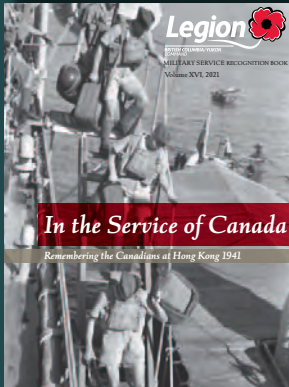
Henry was born in Russia in 1925. He was a tail gunner in a Lancaster Bomber with the 158th Squadron of the Air Force. He volunteered for Japan after he came back from England. Henry was married with five children and two grandchildren. He passed away accidentally in August 2001, and was a member of Morden Branch #11 of The Royal Canadian Legion for 40 years.



**BERTHELETTE, Leon E.**

**WWII**

Leon was born on April 10, 1926. He enlisted into the Royal Canadian Navy on August 8, 1944 at age 18 and took his basic training in Regina, SK, and was later posted to the Naval Base in Halifax. From there, he was assigned duties on the Destroyer St. Laurent and other ships patrolling the Atlantic supply lines to England. After many postings, Leon arrived in Halifax on VE Day and was amazed at the celebrations that sometimes turned into violence but was very happy for the event. He was discharged from service on November 7, 1945, and during a brief holiday at home he met Germaine Tardiff and married on January 5, 1950, and had six children (three boys and three girls). Leon passed away in 1998 and was a member of Pine Falls Branch 64 of The Royal Canadian Legion.



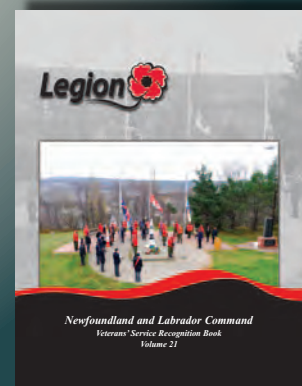
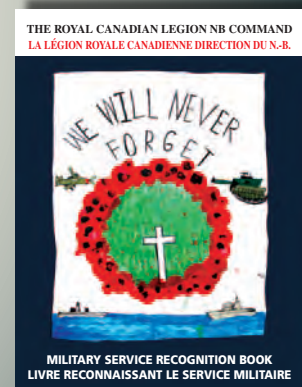
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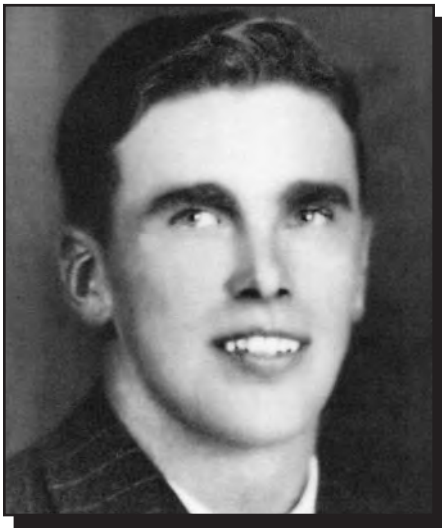
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## **BIRCH, Ronald Francis**

**WWII**

Ronald was born in Brandon, Manitoba in 1922. After finishing school in Roseneath, south of Minnedosa, his parents, Edwin and Annie Birch bought a farm and moved east of Minnedosa. He helped there until he joined the Army.

In 1940, he joined the Manitoba Dragoons in Minnedosa and trained two nights a week with instructor Ernie Delmage. On December 4, 1942, he joined the P.P.C.L.I. for active service, #103795, at Fort Osborne Barracks in Winnipeg. He was 18 years old.

His basic training was at Portage la Prairie and advanced training at Shilo. He left Camp Shilo by train to Halifax on his way to Liverpool, England, on the Andes, arriving on June 24, 1943, and was stationed at Aldershot. From Aldershot he was sent to Phillipville, North Africa which took sixteen days on the water in convoy. The temperature on arrival was 114 degrees. The men were issued pup tents, two men to a tent, for sleeping quarters. At night it often rained so hard the sand

would wash away from the tent pegs and the tents would collapse.

He trained there for two or three weeks. Seventeen men and Ronald were sent to Bizerte, North Africa by train taking three days and three nights and Ronald could swear the wheels on that train were square! They caught the landing barges at Bizerte to meet the First Division in the toe of Italy after the fall of Sicily. He fought in the front lines and was wounded in the Hitler Line on May 23, 1944. They were bogged down in Ortona for three months because of rain and mud. Tanks and equipment were unable to move. While in Italy he was hospitalized with typhoid fever and malaria.

After recovery he rejoined his regiment and was sent back into action and was wounded again on February 12, 1945, in the Gustaff Line, convalesced in Italy and was sent in hospital ship to Camp Borden, England. While he was there the war ended. He volunteered for occupational duty in Germany and Holland and was stationed at Hanglow with the Lake Superior Regiment and did guard duty at Cologne and Frankfurt, Germany, guarding army equipment and handing out rations to the hungry civilians.

When he went back to England he boarded the *Queen Elizabeth* ship in Southampton, arriving in New York, U.S.A. at the end of February 1946. He took the train to Winnipeg and had thirty days leave, reporting back to #10 District Depot, Fort Osborne, and was discharged April 4, 1946.

When he arrived home, rural hydro was being installed and he worked for the hydro in 1946 and 1947.

He was married in St. Marks Anglican Church, Newdale, on September 4, 1946, to Irene Hampton. They had two children, a son Elvin, and a daughter, Beverley.

In 1948, Irene and Ronald farmed a quarter section where Lenwood Robinson lived and was owned at that time by Bill Dubiski. At night he drove a gravel truck for Gordon Watchorn as #16 Highway was being built from Neepawa to Minnedosa. In the winter of 1948, he started an ice business and cut and hauled ice from Minnedosa Lake to residences in Minnedosa with a team of horses and sleigh.

Harvey Greenaway rented his section of land at Newdale to Ronald, so he and Irene moved from the Dubiski farm to Newdale and they were there from 1949 to 1954.

In 1954, they bought a half section at Basswood from Austin Gamey through V.L.A. They also bought a quarter from Jack Misco at Newdale and a quarter from Allan Proven at Basswood. They farmed in the area from 1954 to 1989. They sold their home quarter with the buildings to Mark and Mary Ida Donahoe, from Brandon, and they moved into their new home at 153 - 8<sup>th</sup> Ave., southwest Minnedosa.

He received the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, Defence of Britain Medal, France and Germany Star, Italy Star, 1939-1945 Star and War Medal 1939-1945.

He was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 138 for ten years. Ronald passed away in 2014.



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**BORKOFSKY, Edward (NMN)**

**WWII**

Edward was born on April 22, 1922, in the Rural Municipality of Boulton, on a farm, east of Inglis, Manitoba. He was the fourth of fifteen children born to Louis and Mary Borkofsky, homesteaders from Poland, Belarus, and Ukraine, Eastern Europe. Edward went to school in and near Inglis. He farmed before enlisting in the RCAF in Vancouver on September 14, 1942. He trained in Claresholm, Toronto, Quebec City, and Mont Joli, before shipping overseas to England. A flight Sergeant, he was a tail gunner in a Halifax bomber with 78<sup>th</sup> Squadron. On a 320-plane raid to synthetic oil factories near Gelshenkirchen, Germany, his plane was shot down on October 6, 1944. They were buried by a German farmer and a German patrol at the crash site. The crew was later reinterred in Reichswald Forest Cemetery near Kleve, Germany. Edward was posthumously honoured with medals and stars for Volunteer, Defense, Victory Europe and WWII.

**BUTCHART, Reginald “Keith”**

**WWII**

Keith Butchart was born on May 1, 1919 on the family farm in Shiloh district near Kenton, Manitoba. His parents were Ivan and Edith, who also had two daughters, Gwen and Beth, in addition to Keith. Gwen married WWII veteran, Jack Houston, (featured in Volume 9). Keith attended Kenton school, then farmed, before enlisting in the RCAF in 1940. With 417 Squadron, ground crew and logistics, he served in Britain, North Africa, Sicily and Italy. Following discharge in 1946, Keith returned to farm near Kenton. He married Gladys Whyte of Kenton in 1947. Blessed with two sons, Brian and Jim, Jim carried on farming, while Brian careered in banking. Keith retired in 1975. Gladys and Keith were active in the community, including church, music concerts, and school activities. Keith was a Legion member of Branch 118 Woodworth in Kenton, since returning 1946. His medals include Stars, including North Africa, Italy, Volunteer, Defense, WWII, and Victory Europe. Pre-deceased by Gladys, in 1974, Keith passed away on April 24, 2001. They are in Greenwood Cemetery near Kenton.



**BUTLER, James Gordon “Jim”**

**WWII**

Jim Butler was born at home on March 25, 1920. With parents, James and Janet, three brothers and a sister, Jim grew up on the family farm and attended Verity School near Kenton, Manitoba. His brother Harry enlisted in the RCAF and Jim enlisted in the Canadian Army in Brandon, Manitoba in 1940. He trained in artillery at Camp Shilo, then, while posted to Vancouver, Jim became very sick. Following convalescence in hospital for months, he was medically discharged, serving the remainder of the war in Essential Service Agriculture on the family farm with his brother Ivan. Jim, with VLA, bought his own farm towards nearby Kenton, Manitoba. He married Kathleen (Kae) Budinski from Insinger, Saskatchewan in 1951. There they raised daughters Karen and Heather. Jim and Kae were solid in church and community. Jim joined Legion Branch 118, Woodworth, Kenton, in 1946. He was also in Masons and active on Hamiota District Health Centre Hospital Board. Jim passed away in 1998, and Kae in 2010. Both are buried in Shiloh United Church Cemetery south of Kenton.





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## COLVIN, Alexander "Alex"

WWII

Alexander Colvin, son of Andrew and Catherine Colvin, was born on October 17, 1910, in Carman, Manitoba. Alex attended school in Graysville and Carman. After completing his education, Alex worked on the farm in Graysville with his brothers, Bill and Jim.

Alex enlisted with the Winnipeg Grenadiers in April 1940 during World War II. His basic training took place in Winnipeg. Alex married Jean Armstrong in May 1940. Ten days after their wedding Alex was sent to Jamaica. While serving there, he guarded the German prisoners from the Admiral Graph Spee Warship. He spent one and a half years in Jamaica. In the fall of 1941, Alex returned to Winnipeg for one month. After then he left for Hong Kong arriving on November 16, 1941. Soon after arrival in Hong Kong it was taken over by the Japanese and the Canadians were taken prisoners. Alex remained a prisoner of the Japanese until August 1945.

Alex returned home to Carman in September 1945. In 1946, he relocated to Morden, Manitoba. Here he established a jewellery business which

was called "Colvins' Jewellery Store". Jean worked with him and together were in business for 25 years.

Alex and Jean retired to Victoria, British Columbia in September 1971. In retirement they enjoyed golfing, bowling, walking and travelling. Alex passed away on September 14, 1997, at the Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria, BC.

## COLVIN, Allan

WWI

Allan Colvin, son of Andrew and Catherine Colvin, was born in Manitoba on April 3, 1894. He attended Albert and Carman schools. Allan and his brother George farmed together near Graysville, MB.

Allan enlisted with the 222<sup>nd</sup> Battalion of the army on January 27, 1916 in Carman, MB to serve during World War I. He took his basic training at Shilo, MB.

Allan left from Halifax on the SS Olympic on November 13, 1916 arriving in England on December 20. Eight days later he was drafted to the 44<sup>th</sup> Battalion in Shoreham and then to France on December 29.

On June 9, 1917, Allan was wounded but remained on duty. On August 21, he was transferred to Troop 16 of the Canadian Machine Gun Corp. After suffering from a wound to his right calf on October 30 he was hospitalized in Rouen, France. He had surgery on November 7 in Bath, England.

After his surgery Allan was posted to the Machine Gun Corps Depot in Seaford, England. On October 10, 1918, he was transferred back to fight in France until March 1919.

On March 3, 1919, Allan was posted to the Canadian Machine Corps Regiment Depot in Seaford, England for a month. Allan left for home from Liverpool on April 16 on the SS Belgic ship arriving in Halifax on April 23. His official discharge was on April 27, 1919.

Allan was awarded a Good Conduct Badge with inscription "For service at the front".

Upon returning home, Allan and George farmed together until 1923. Allan farmed in the St. Daniel district until 1926 and then farmed one mile north of Carman. Allan and Myrtle Huston were married on June 30, 1930. When Allan moved to the Roseisle area in 1934 he farmed at three separate farm sites. He retired to Roseisle in 1951 and served as the postmaster from 1953 to 1960. Allan and Myrtle had six children, Idris, Jean, Catherine, Margaret, Jim and Bill. Allan passed away on August 30, 1975 and is buried in Carman Greenwood Cemetery.





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**COLVIN, Allan Thomas**

**WWII**

Allan Thomas Colvin, eldest son of George and Ethel Colvin and grandson of Andrew Colvin, was born on March 19, 1917, in Carman, Manitoba. After Tom completed his schooling in Carman, he was employed with Porters' Garage in Carman. Tom enlisted with the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1940 and made the Air Force his career. He was a Warrant Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class and served in all Canadian provinces, the Yukon and Northwest Territories during World War II. He retired from the Air Force after 27 years of service. He and his family moved to Kelowna, BC in 1967. Tom was employed as a Warehouse Manager for the Southeast Kelowna Irrigation District. Tom passed away suddenly on December 27, 1972. He was survived by his wife Verna, daughters Deanna and Brenda, and son Larry.

**COLVIN, Carman G. "Carm"**

**WWII**

Carman George Colvin, son of George and Ethel Colvin and grandson of Andrew Colvin, was born on November 30, 1918 in Carman, Manitoba. After he completed school he farmed and did draying with his father. At 20 years old he was employed with the telephone company throughout southern Manitoba.

On February 3, 1942, Carm married Vera Nelson in Winnipeg, MB. In July 1942, he enlisted in the army with the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals and did his basic training in Portage la Prairie, MB. After this, Vera accompanied him to Kingston, Ontario for more training before going overseas. He was first sent to England in 1943 for one and a half years. After that Carm did training in Scotland and served in France, Holland, Belgium, Germany and Luxembourg during World War II. His role was working with communications installing telephone wires. He was in Eden, Germany when the war ended in May 1945 and he returned home in January 1946.

Carm's daughter Elaine was born on September 22, 1943 while he was overseas. Daughter Lynda was born on May 4, 1947 and son Fred was born on May 21, 1950.

Carm owned and worked at the Carman Cleaners Dry Cleaning Plant for 26 years. Vera also worked at the plant with him. He owned a fleet of seven school buses and drove one himself. His next career was manager of the Dry Goods Department at the Carman Co-op. He was manager for 16 years and retired in 1983.

Throughout his life Carm has been very active with The Royal Canadian Legion Carman Branch 18. He twice held the position of President from 1968 to 1969 and from 1987 to 1991. His other positions on the executive have included social chairman, membership chairman, service officer and bingo chairman for 25 years.

Carm was awarded his Life Membership in 1993 and his 75-year service medal in 2020. He received the Diamond Jubilee Medal in 1985, the Meritorious Service Award in 2008, the Palm Leaf Award in 2013 and the Country of France Service Medal in 2020.

Carm was on the Legion planning committee that built the Riverview Legion Place in 1993. He was board chairman of Riverview Legion Place for 25 years.

As a talented banjo musician for all his life Carm has contributed greatly to musical entertainment in and around Carman. He was inducted into the Manitoba Music Wall of Fame in 2010.

Carm was married to his lovely wife Vera for over 77 years. Except for the war years they lived their entire lives in Carman. Vera sadly passed away in 2019. They have a family of two daughters, one son, ten grandchildren and nineteen great grandchildren. Carm continues to live on his own in his Riverview Apartment.





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**COLVIN, Frederick J. "Fred"**

**WWII**

Frederick James Colvin, youngest son of George and Ethel Colvin and grandson of Andrew Colvin, was born on April 29, 1920, in Carman, Manitoba. Fred attended Carman School and upon completion worked as a farmhand. Fred enlisted in April 1940 with the Winnipeg Grenadiers serving as a Private during World War II. His basic training took place in Winnipeg and he was posted to Jamaica in May 1940. In the fall of 1941, he was sent back to Winnipeg. After one month home, he was sent to Hong Kong arriving on November 16, 1941. Hong Kong was soon taken over by the Japanese and Fred was taken prisoner. Fred was killed on January 1, 1944 along with several other prisoners when a typhoon struck their barracks causing it to collapse at Nilgata Camp in Japan. Fred is commemorated at the Yokohama War Cemetery in Japan. Colvin Lake (64 N/11), southwest of Nueltin Lake, was named after him in 1972.

**COLVIN, Thomas**

**WWI**

Thomas Colvin, son of Andrew and Catherine Colvin, was born on June 1, 1898, in Carman, Manitoba. When Tom finished school, he worked in a grocery store and also delivered meat for the butcher shop. Tom followed his brother Allan into the army and enlisted on January 27, 1916, in Carman to serve during World War I. Tom was with the 222<sup>nd</sup> Battalion and sailed from Halifax on the SS Olympic on November 14, 1916 arriving in England on November 24, 1916. On December 28, 1916, Tom was transferred to the 44<sup>th</sup> Battalion in France. He was wounded in action on May 7, 1917 and rejoined his unit on May 17, 1917. He was again wounded in action on June 4, 1917 and died of his wounds on June 6, 1917. Tom's family received a memorial copper plaque from Buckingham Palace with the inscription on it saying that he died for freedom and honour. He is remembered as having a bright, cheerful disposition and was popular not only with his comrades but with everyone who knew him. Thomas is buried in Barlin Communal Cemetery in France.



**COLVIN, William "Bill"**

**WWII**

William Colvin, son of Andrew and Catherine Colvin, was born on November 19, 1900, in Carman, Manitoba. Bill attended school in Graysville and Carman, MB. When he finished school, he worked on the farm in Graysville with his brothers, Jim and Alex. At forty years old, Bill enlisted with the Army on June 27, 1940 with the Royal Canadian Corps of Signallers, No. 3 Company. He took his basic training in Winnipeg. Bill served in Scotland, England, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany during World War II. His role was working as a mechanic. During his service at war, he received the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal, his five-year Clasp and other medals. Bill married Doris Lawrence of Chapelton, England on August 4, 1943. While overseas, Bill wrote many splendid poems that expressed his feelings of his experiences and surroundings. Bill and Doris' son Lawrence was born on March 13, 1945 in Carman. He was discharged on June 15, 1945 and returned home to Carman. His occupation was that of a painter and he was an avid sportsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing. Bill passed away on September 15, 1996 and is buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Carman.



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**COSTELLA (REESE), Annie Maud**

**WWII**

Annie was born in Gladstone, Manitoba in 1919 and enlisted with the Canadian Women's Army Corps. She was head waitress in the Officer's Mess before taking a nursing course at Camp Borden and then began nursing in a Shilo Hospital. At the end of the war, she entered St. Boniface Hospital to do her Lab degree then worked at a Winnipeg clinic and later at Victoria Hospital. Annie married William Reese in 1955 and they both belonged to Fort Rouge Branch 97 of The Royal Canadian Legion, being a member for 49 years. Annie passed away on February 2, 1994.

**COSTELLO, Howard James**

**WWII**

Howard was born on September 19, 1921 and enlisted in the Army in Winnipeg, Manitoba on September 15, 1942. He served in England in the same unit where his brother, Lorne, was stationed as well as in France, Belgium, Germany and Holland, where he participated in its liberation. He was awarded the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, the 1939-1945 Star, the France and Germany Star and the Defence Medal. Howard was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Fort Frances Branch 9 before he passed away on May 30, 2010. He is buried in the Veteran's plot in Fort Frances, Ontario.



**COUCKUYT, Brian D.**

**SPECIAL AREA DUTY**

Brian was born in Boissevain, Manitoba in 1959 and joined the Royal Canadian Navy, serving in Canada and the High Seas on the HMCS Kootenay, Restigouche, Gatineau, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Qu'Appelle, Regina and Saskatchewan. Brian passed away in 2007 and was a member of the Esquimalt Dockyard Branch 172, of The Royal Canadian Legion BC/YT Command.



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**CRAGG, Garnet**

**WWII**

Garnet was born in 1907 in Neepawa, Manitoba, and is the son of David and Margery Cragg. Garnet lived briefly at Carrot River and Melfort before moving to Punnichy. He enlisted in 1941 with the Calgary Highlanders but was killed on August 26, 1944. He is buried at Bretteville-sur-Laize Canadian War Cemetery, Calvados, France. Garnet was a cousin to Bill and Dave Cragg.

**CUMMING, Alexander John "Alex"**

**WWII**

Alex was born on August 17, 1907 in Neelin, Manitoba. He enlisted in World War II with the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1940. He served in Penhold, Alberta and St. Thomas, Ontario. Alex passed away on January 31, 1992.



**CURISTON, Charles Roland**

**WWI**

Charles was born in Manitou, Manitoba on December 20, 1891 and moved to Saskatchewan in 1905. He left his job as a chemist in Woburn, Massachusetts to enlist in the 236<sup>th</sup> Overseas Battalion, CEF in Fredericton, New Brunswick on September 8, 1917 during World War I. His older brothers, William John and Samuel Edward had already been killed in action in 1915 and 1916, respectively. Charles joined the 72<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Canadian Infantry, British Columbia Regiment and suffered a severe head wound from a sniper's bullet on September 27, 1918 near Cambrai, France. Charles was invalided to Canada in April 1919 and discharged on May 29, 1919 in Kingston, ON. He returned to the School of Pharmacy at the University of Saskatchewan from 1919 to 1920. Charles passed away in Woodrow, SK on May 5, 1921.



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## **CURISTON, Samuel Edward**

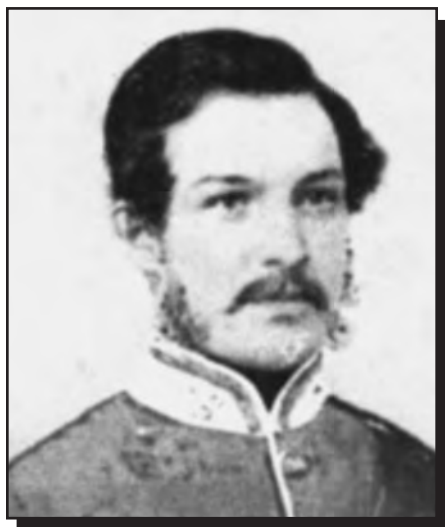
**WWI**

Samuel was born on March 10, 1882. He lived in Manitoba and moved to Saskatchewan to homestead in 1905. Samuel enlisted with the 45<sup>th</sup> Overseas Battalion, CEF, at Portage la Prairie, Manitoba on March 27, 1915 during World War I. Samuel transferred to the 28<sup>th</sup> Battalion in France on May 7, 1916 and was reported missing in action on June 6, 1916 at Sanctuary Wood. He was later declared dead and his name is listed on the Menin Gate Memorial in Ypres, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Samuel's older brother William John died at the Battle of Festubert on May 8, 1915 and his younger brother Charles Roland was wounded at Cambrai on September 27, 1918.

## **DAILY, Larry William**

**PEACETIME**

Larry was born on March 12, 1948 in Miami, Manitoba. He joined the Royal Canadian Air Force and served from April 1968 to 1973. Larry was with the Construction and Engineering sections at CFB Borden and CFB Lahr in Germany as well as in Alert, Northwest Territories and Moose Jaw in 1975. While there, he helped with the Olympic Games in Montreal in 1976 and then did a six-month tour at Ismailia, Egypt where he met with a fatal vehicle accident on November 10, 1977. His body was returned to Moose Jaw where he was laid to rest at Rosedale Cemetery at the age of 29. Sergeant Daily received the NATO Peacekeeping Medal, the UN Service Medal and the Dag Hammarskjold Medal for his duty in Ismailia. He was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Moose Jaw Branch 59 for two years.



## **deBALINHARD, William Carnegie**

**CRIMEAN WAR**

William was born in Staffordshire, England on October 23, 1834. At age 20, he received a commission in the 47<sup>th</sup> Loyal Lancashire Regiment and saw two years of active service in the Crimean War. After hostilities, William returned to England where he married. In 1861, he accompanied his Regiment to Canada with his family. While serving in Canada, Major deBalinhard led an advance at Ridgeway against the Fenians and was successful in driving them back into the United States. William and his family returned to England with his Regiment in 1869 and in 1873, he took his discharge from the Army. The family immigrated to Canada in 1876 where William eventually became a Dominion Land Agent, living in such places as Calgary, Yorkton, and Birtle, Manitoba. William retired in 1909 and made Russell, Manitoba his home. He died on November 3, 1921 and was the last surviving veteran of the 1854-56 Crimean War living in Canada.



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Shastan was born in Winnipeg in 1991. She served with the 26 Field Regiment in Canada during Peacetime.

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## DELGATY, Thomas Neil

WWII

Thomas' military service began on August 29, 1941, when he enlisted in the RCAF. He was 19 years old, young, full of energy and had great hopes of becoming a Pilot and soaring through the air like a bird.

He had been at a little Saskatchewan town, Lucky Lake, for about 19 days, employed by the Canadian Bank of Commerce as teller with a salary of around \$550.00 a year. His decision to enlist seemed to come with little difficulty. The younger generation was flocking to the enlistment centres and he wanted to get into the action before the war ended. Little did he know that it would be four years until the Nazi menace would be silenced.

In addition to having the feeling that he would be left alone if he didn't get his rear in gear and join up too, he did have a smattering of patriotism, at least he thought that was the case. As a high school student, in early fall of 1939, the shrieking voice of Adolf Hitler emanating from the horn of their Spartan radio still left Thomas with a chill. He remembered listening to the world news quite regularly as did his father, James Austin

Delgaty. Thomas remembered coming into their house when Hitler's voice could be heard half a mile away. He asked his mother, Edith Blanche (Burnham) what all the noise was about. She replied that awful noisy man only wants to unite all Germans together. He accepted that, but not for long.

Thomas made inquiries to the RCAF recruiting centre in Saskatoon as to procedure for enlisting and was directed to appear at the Birks Building in Saskatoon. After a bumpy ride by bus and train, he arrived at the door of the RCAF enlistment centre on August 28, for his medical. He was told to come back at 7:30 next morning, as that is when he would feel fresher. Little did the medical examiner realize that this was his first trip to the bright lights and getting to bed before midnight in such an exciting situation was not an easy undertaking. However, he did show up at 7:30 next morning and tried very hard to look fresh and rested!

The medical officer (M.O. as Thomas later discovered he was called) gave him a thorough going over. He looked, felt, pushed, banged and prodded him all over. He stayed in a hotel another night - a real luxury - and went back next day to see if he was fit enough to become a pilot. The verdict was ready. He was pronounced a sound specimen. Thomas was sworn in, signed on the dotted lines, given a number (R 128114) and ordered (not asked) to report to Manning Depot in Brandon on the next train. After being warned not to be late "reporting in", he spent his final night in the big city at a show with another young whipper snapper by the name of George Whittington whom he had met in the recruiting centre and who also was destined for Manning Pool.

Next morning at eight they were aboard the train rolling in the direction of Brandon. At Watrous, Thomas and George got out for a short stroll while the train stopped to take on water. The attraction for these two innocent young "airmen" was a high tower well lit up with red lights. They wanted to see what it was so they walked and walked and walked. Just when one of them made the suggestion that maybe they'd better turn around and get back to the train, lo and behold, a shrill "toot-toot" filled the air and they were left high and dry. No way could they catch it! Catch it they did, however, when they reported to the gruffy Sergeant 24 hours late, their reasons for being late fell on deaf ears. This was his second day in the RCAF. The first day he was sworn in; the second day he was sworn at! They were directed to their bunk beds in the "Bull Pen" with rather a definite impression of the importance of punctuality in the RCAF. (Their baggage had gone on to Montreal. They wondered if they shouldn't have gone with it!).

Life at Manning Pool wasn't quite the same as his former living quarters in the bank where he had the whole upstairs of the bank to himself. Showering was a community endeavour. The food wasn't quite like his land ladies. He was given one hour to get a haircut. He almost got scalped.

On having been introduced to what was called the parade square, Thomas was quick to learn which foot was left, and having that well learned the other had to be his right. However, he soon got to like marching especially when they were marched down the streets of Brandon and the girls came out and waved and smiled at them in their spanking brand new blue uniforms.

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**DELGATY, Thomas Neil (continued)**

A day or two later (September 2, 1941) he made the discovery that an important part of being in the Air Force was allowing either arm to be used as a pin cushion. He was vaccinated and pricked, it seemed, for every disease going and maybe for some not yet discovered. In time this kind of procedure got to be routine.

He was "promoted" to tent city in the fair grounds. Never saw so many tents in all his life. He soon discovered that in order to escape from being "joed" for one thing or another going on sick parade usually helped (until the truth was discovered!).

Thomas got his first "48" on September 12. The RCAF wasn't so bad after all. He wasn't late getting back! His mother's cooking tasted better than ever. She had never heard of flavoring food with salt peter.

Within a few days he was given another promotion - fire piquet. This allowed him a little more freedom, especially to the Mess Hall late at night where he could help himself to food before the cooks ruined it.

On September 17, he met a young Wheat City Business College student, Miss Evelyn Jury, from Minnedosa, and he took her to a dance in the Armouries. They danced to the music of Mark Kenny. He was clumsy as a Clydesdale in his big and heavy clod hopper boots, but Miss Jury tried desperately to convince him that he was a good dancer and was not tramping on her toes. This only encouraged him to take her dancing again, as well as going to a show and just walking along Brandon's leaf strewn streets with the sound of crunching leaves under his number tens!

Time passed. He had been posted to Paulson. He hitch-hiked from Paulson to Brandon, on a 48, to visit Evelyn. He blacked out from exhaustion, and ended up in hospital with his head all bandaged up. Paulson was #5 PHU (Personnel Holding Unit). He was doing guard duty and waiting for his next posting which soon took him to Regina Initial Training School. After flunking navigation once, he finally graduated as LAC (Leading Aircraftsman). (Before Regina, he spent a spell at the RAF Station in Neepawa and became a professional at the business end of a push broom).

His next move, from Regina, was to #17 EFTS, which began on March 25, 1942. The thrill of becoming a pilot soon disappeared when he got airsick every time he went up. After 13 hours and 20 minutes, he was told his coordination wasn't good enough to pilot an aircraft so he was consequently "washed out". That was quite a blow to his ego but he had to live with it. He reverted back to AC2 - so did his pay!

Thomas was then posted to #1 KTS, Trenton, Ontario. ("Kill Time Slowly") to remuster. He chose to become an Instrument Repairer (more commonly known as "clock winders" by the other trades). He took a crammed course on aircraft instruments and passed it with flying colors. This was a boost to his self esteem. He graduated back to LAC and because of his marks he had his choice of postings. Luck was on his side. He chose #12 SFTS Brandon (for obvious reasons). In between Trenton and St. Thomas, he got to become acquainted with #1 Manning Depot in the Queen City, Toronto. He even got to see Niagara Falls.

*From his diary, August 11, 1942:*

*"Germans in Russian Oil Wells. Gandhi jailed. Riots in India. Looks bad. Large call up in Canada."*

At #12, besides winding clocks, he was able to put into practice what he had learned at Technical School and as time passed he got more used to it all and better at it. All work had to be signed out by the person doing it. No room for errors; Someone's life was at stake. Life became routine. He kept in contact with "Miss Jury" as well as home, and followed the war rather closely. By this time, he and Evelyn were engaged to be married in June 1943.

(January 29/43: Pay day \$22.85 - two weeks pay).

Near the end of January 1943, he was given an opportunity to go overseas, so he took it. Plans to get married were hastily changed to February 6. He had to borrow Mr. Jury's shoes as his were at the cobblers getting resoled. In eight days, he was on the train heading for Halifax, #1 "Y" Depot, in preparation for overseas.

Thomas crossed the Bay of Fundy on the S.S. Princess Helena. His father was right - the Bay of Fundy is the roughest body of water in the world! He thought he would die for sure. Must have been greener than grass!

In Halifax, he was issued overseas gear, steel helmet, gas mask, webbing and other unfamiliar items.

February 28 found him at #31 P.D. Moncton, New Brunswick. Diary entry: "Good crop of cockroaches in Barracks". They used to lose their footing while playing tag on the mess hall ceiling. They didn't like our soup either.

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**DELGATY, Thomas Neil (continued)**

Early in March he left all the cockroaches to their own devices and was posted to an American military camp at Taunton, Massachusetts - Camp Myles-Standish, one step closer to overseas. The food there was unbelievable - real milk, bacon and eggs, chicken, roast beef and no cockroaches! He couldn't figure out why the American rations were so much better than Theirs. (The answer: they were on British rations!).

On March 9, 1943, at 5:05 a.m., under cover of darkness, (his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday), he climbed aboard the former luxury liner, the *Queen Elizabeth*, and sailed from New York harbour on a 2500-mile sea voyage to Britain. The Q.E. was a fast ship so didn't need a convoy escort for submarine protection. She carried a human cargo of 17,000 military personnel. Planes, corvettes and balloons saw to it that they were safely on their way; from then on they were on their own.

As they approached the Bermuda coast, they ran into a violent storm. His appetite vanished. A few cookies and two chocolate bars kept him alive for more than one day! On March 13 they saw four whales or sharks. The Atlantic Ocean seemed an endless stretch of choppy water. On March 16, at 12:02 a.m., they were met by Sunderland flying boat, and next day at 4:45 a.m. they docked at the Scottish port, Greenock. The Irish Sea seemed actually green. At 3:27 a.m., before they docked, the German air force tried to sink them, both bombs missed (fortunately). That was his initiation to the Luftwaffe! (On the *Queen Elizabeth* he made a gallant attempt to get horsemeat to go down but alas, - someone hollered "whoa". That didn't help a bit. He knew it wasn't beef!).

At 11:30 that night they had all piled off the *Queen Elizabeth* and had their first ride on an English train. The countryside was beautiful, so green and lush. Thomas was billeted in room 15 W at the Hawthorne Hotel in the south coast former resort area at Bournemouth, in England. This was a holding unit for RCAF personnel. Small cars in very small numbers and bicycles appeared to be second to walking as a means of getting from point A to point B. Barbed wire entanglements covered the beaches as a defence against an anticipated German invasion.

On March 21, 25 miles from Bournemouth, at 10:00 p.m. the shrill whine of air raid sirens told them that an enemy air raid was in progress over Poole. Thomas wondered about the tragic results.

March 24 was pay day, in English currency, an education in itself: one pound - \$4.47, a quid was a pound, a shilling was two-bits, a crown was half a dollar, six pence was about .12 cents and a penny was a cent, more or less!

Next day he was posted to Middleton-St. George, 420 Squadron (Owl Sqdn.), an RCAF bomber squadron. This was to be his unit for many months to come. March 26 was a beautiful moonlight night. A two-mile march with a 60 pound back pack was handled not too badly. 420's Wellingtons and Halifaxes took off for a night bombing raid over "enemy occupied territory". (Later they were told it was Berlin). Thomas wished he was still in air crew.

Letters and parcels soon began to arrive from home. Very good therapy for lonesomeness as well as the stomach.

April 5 found Thomas on a nine-day leave in London. So much to see! The underground trains were fast and efficient. Hundreds of people huddled in the underground for air raid protection, especially at night. He felt so sorry for the elderly people and the little kids. They seemed to maintain good spirits and were a source of encouragement to anyone with apprehension. He ate pancakes (free) in the Beaver Club, went to the "flicks" (movies), met his brother (RCAF H.Q. - Harrolds' Dept. Store) and was introduced to the "thrill and excitement" of Picadilly Circus. That was an education to an innocent country boy like Thomas! Business appeared to be brisk!

Thomas toured the Westminster Abbey, attended a session in the House of Commons, and watched the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace plus visiting other historical places like St. Paul's Cathedral.

On April 27, a rumor surfaced that 420 Squadron was going to move to the Middle East. This was confirmed next day via a muster parade. The C.O. told them he expected them to be halfway to Berlin by summer's end.

Desert clothing and gear was issued, anti mosquito "salve", sun helmets, "toad stabbers" and Sten guns, tin mug and plate, eating "irons" and bed roll. On May 9, Air Marshall Edwards, head of the RCAF overseas, presented 420 Squadron with our Africa Expeditionary Force Crest and symbol. A very touching ceremony.

On May 13, they lost two Halifaxes over Duisburg. One returned with the rear gunner badly shot up, nearly dead. A foot shot off completely. This is really war.

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**DELGATY, Thomas Neil (continued)**

Nine p.m. May 16, found them aboard H.M.S. Samaria en route to "somewhere where it's hot." ... Picked up their convoy of over 30 ships at Gourrouck. An impressive sight. One aircraft carrier, destroyers, a Battle Ship, supply ships and several troop ships. Ran into a bad storm after five days at sea. On May 22 it was announced that a German U boat had been destroyed yesterday by one of their Destroyers. It hoisted a black flag. On May 24, in the Mediterranean Sea, three bombs from an enemy aircraft barely missed their aircraft carrier. Their Spitfires took chase.

Sailing through the Straits of Gibraltar required everyone to be absolutely quiet and no smoking. Morocco was in allied hands but Spain was neutral - a haven for enemy submarines and spies.

On May 27, at 9 a.m., they docked in the Algerian port of Algiers. After a six-mile march to awaiting trains carrying what seemed like a ton of gear, they arrived at Boufarik and were billeted in a French winery. Within minutes after they disembarked from the Sumaria, Algiers was subjected to a heavy German air raid.

They went into the village in gangs for protection. Many Arabs were hostile. One of their boys got knifed, also one Yankee. Two out cold. Too much new vino! They now had to get used to French francs!

He got his education through a visit to a brothel – for educational purposes only! Legalized in this country. Filthy, disgraceful and inhuman.

Thirty-five bombs were dropped on Algiers on June 5. The heat in Algeria was extreme, cool at night, thankfully. At 2:15 a.m. on June 15, they moved out to their airfield in Tunisia by train- boxcars - eight horses or 30 men. Stopped at a siding. Thousands of German and Italian prisoners were on a train bound for P.O.W. camps. He remembered he traded matches to a German Luftwaffe Officer for a badge ripped off his uniform. It looked like the whole German and Italian armies were now P.O.W.'s (that actually was the case, as far as the desert war was concerned).

Upon their arrival at a former German Army camp they were dead tired. He felt half cooked. They had passed through the battlefields - wrecked tanks, trucks, bomb and shell holes and one dead white horse, still with saddle on his back.

They set up camp near Kairouan about 60 km. from the Mediterranean Sea. Nothing but sand and wide open spaces. (The docks at Tunis were heaps of rubble bombed by the allies to prevent the Germans and Italians from escaping). The YMCA boys showed films in the open air. Thomas' squadron, 420 Squadron, the 424 and the 425, constituted #331 RCAF Wing. Their mission in Africa was to bomb Sicily and prepare Sicily for an allied invasion and hence advance to the toe of Italy.

Time passed. The mail finally caught up to them. A real morale booster. Ops. began. Temperature 140 degrees F. Almost 160 degrees inside their "Wimpys" (two engined Wellingtons). Dysentery was common as was hepatitis. He had his share of both, as well as a smattering of Malaria and blood poisoning. His arm was almost the size of his leg.

On July 9, waves of bombers filled the sky bound for Sicily. A big allied invasion about to begin. Next day it happened. At 3:00 a.m. Canadian, American and British troops successfully invaded Sicily, preceded by a ferocious aerial bombardment. The war was now about to take a turn for the better with the allies soon to be in, Sicily and allied hands paving the way to Italy and other enemy occupied territories.

A rumor developed that they were to leave for India, - Burma or Madagascar in one month's time - even England or Canada! They waited and sweated it out.

On time off they swam in the Mediterranean, got sick on Arab food, tried to sleep in daytime under mosquito netting and generally succeeded in keeping their aircraft serviceable.

One night while Thomas was on guard duty a "kite" in one of their squadrons blew up. The sky was all red.

On July 27, Mussolini and his Fascist party of Italy, "resigned". Mussolini was murdered shortly afterwards by his own people. Britain and the United States sent a 48-hour ultimatum to Italy - surrender or else!

He traded his winter underwear to an Arab for 87 chicken eggs. (Most weren't rotten). Had a real omelet feast!

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**DELGATY, Thomas Neil (continued)**

Sgt. Gerry Smith had a trade board. He got his "A" grouping. On August 1, Italy says she will fight on - will not surrender. By August 7 nearly all of Sicily is in allied hands. They may move to Sicily or Crete. Messina under heavy air attack. He fried and ate a whole chicken! Bob Hope and Francis Langford came to entertain them on August 12. War news is encouraging. Thomas went on a salvage trip to rescue the remains of H Harry. Crash landed. A mess. Gunner broken leg. All crew escaped. Miracle. Cochrane in bad shape. Malaria bad.

*September 3. Italy invaded off coast of Messina. We are under orders to maximize bombing of allied forward positions in Italy. Orders carried out. 8<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Armies having tough fight. Survived a dust storm. Extremely hot. Wish I were home. Getting thin and black as ace of spades. Feeling weak like a dishrag.*

On Sunday morning October 18, they pulled out of the Sahara Desert and headed out for jolly old England. Next day they raided an American supply train. No one got shot. Guards turned their heads. Ate like Kings! Freddie Read and Thomas found an orange grove back in Algeria. A few cigarettes to the guard allowed them to help themselves.

They left Algiers harbor on the Samaria at 4:03 p.m. on October 27, 1943. At long last. But this had been an experience Thomas wouldn't have missed. They steamed through Gibraltar. Convoy of 25 ships. They lived on loot from Yankee supply train and oranges plus parcels from Eve and home. A real godsend!

On November 5, they settled in at #1695 BDT Dalton, Yorkshire. One day, after a flash flood, Thomas biked through water up to his handlebars to the little town of Dalton, or maybe it was Thirsk - on a bet. When he reached the other side, some men were watching. One shook his head in utter dismay and disgust and piped up loud enough for him to hear: "Blimey fool". He was right, but Thomas won the bet.

In retrospect he enjoyed his stay in the Old Country. He and Wally Voelker cycled all over the place, once to Sutton Bank with a grade of 1:3. (For every three feet travelled up the hill the incline goes up one foot). They pushed their bikes up and down!

They toured a number of old castles and abbeys and collected a lot of souvenirs. At Dalton, he bought a Nanny goat and four rabbits. With a pup and a cat Thomas had a real menagerie. A dairy man lived close to their camp. He kept him supplied with a big fresh cold milk almost every day.

On one of their leaves, Wally and Thomas took a trip to Ireland - north and south. Had to wear civies in the south as it was a neutral country. Seemed strange to see Germans guarding the German Embassy, and they were at war with their country. Ireland is a pretty part of the world. He bought a real long table cloth in Dublin for his wife, genuine Irish linen. Wally bought things, too. The clerk told them to declare only a few small inexpensive things when the customs people inspect their luggage. They took his advice and just forgot about the tablecloth tucked in between two shirts. When questioned by customs their guilty mugs gave them away, the result being that their wives became the recipients of their prized Irish linens rather than their own!

Thomas admired the English people for the way they handled the air raids. They had a tremendously strong spirit and determination to see the war through to a successful conclusion. Rationing was quite strict even severe. One egg per person per week. When they went on leave their ration coupons made them very popular with their host families.

D-Day came on June 6, 1944, with the allied invasion of Normandy. Such a heartbreak to have so many young lives snuffed out and others maimed and scarred for life. V.E. Day marked the end of the war in Europe on May 8, 1945. The sacrifice of human life must never be forgotten. Those who returned home safely have much for which to be thankful in spite of the suffering many still have to endure.

The English people treated them really good as did the Scots. Couldn't do enough for them. In due course, Thomas was repatriated home, was reunited with his wife and family, discharged, returned to his bank job, became a father, left the bank, bought a farm and had a good life.

Thomas went to University in Brandon, Saskatoon, Theological College and was ordained into the United Church of Canada in May 1978. He ministered at Oak River-Crandall for twelve years and retired 1990. (Semi-retired).

Thomas and Evelyn were richly blessed with two sons: Dale (deceased 1992, and Linda, deceased, 1994); Randy (Ann); and two daughters: Doreen and Marie.

He received the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, Defence Medal and War Medal 1939-1945.

Thomas passed away in 2021.



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## DICK, George

WWI

George was born in Selkirk, Scotland on January 24, 1887, to Peter and Minnie Dick of Oakburn, Manitoba. He joined the Army with the 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Mounted Rifles, Saskatchewan Regiment, on January 18, 1916 during World War I. He died in France on April 12, 1917 due to wounds and was buried at the Etaples Military Cemetery in France. He was one of three sons lost in war. His headstone reads: "Not dead but sleeping in peace." His name is also commemorated on the Shoal Lake Cenotaph.

## DICK, John J.

WWI

John was born in Galashiels, Scotland on December 11, 1892, to Peter and Minnie Dick of Oakburn, Manitoba. Sergeant John Dick, 43<sup>rd</sup> Battalion Manitoba Regiment, was killed in action during World War I on October 1, 1918, at the age of 25. He was awarded the Military Medal on September 21, 1918. John is interred at Crest Cemetery, Fontaine-Notre-Dame and his name is also commemorated on a cenotaph in Shoal Lake, Manitoba. His headstone reads: "Sweet is the thought that some day we'll meet kneeling together at Jesus' feet." He was married to Mary Ellen Dick of Shoal Lake. John was one of three brothers all of whom fell.



## DICK, William Robert

WWI

William was born in Galashiels, Scotland on March 20, 1895, to Peter and Minnie Dick of Oakburn, Manitoba in the Shoal Lake Municipality. He was drafted on May 7, 1918, making him the third son to have joined up. While at the training depot Canadian Engineers in Montreal, Sapper William Dick succumbed to the influenza pandemic on October 2, 1918 and is interred at the Montreal Mount Royal Cemetery. His name is commemorated on the Shoal Lake Cenotaph.



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## **DRAPER, Robert Lyford**

**WWI**

Robert was born on November 14, 1885 in Sherfield-on-Lodden, Hampshire, England, the fourth of nine children of David and Mary Draper. Blacksmith by trade, he married Florence Toovey in 1905. They came to Canada with his brother in 1913, settling north of Virden, Manitoba. Then Robert managed, later buying, their own farm, north of Lenore, Manitoba. Robert returned to England, joined the British Army for WWI, seeing action in France and Belgium. Marksmanship, 14/15 bulls' eyes, 1 near miss, 300 yards, 15 cartridges, 1 minute, earned his being Sniper with crossed guns medal, later earning medals for WWI. Robert was wounded from shrapnel in Ypres in 1917 while helping fellow wounded. He saw no further action and was discharged in 1920, returning to Canada. He had a son Albert, and daughter Maud, who were born before the war, and daughter Kathleen (Kay) was born on the farm after the war. Robert retired to Lenore and passed away on April 14, 1966. He was predeceased by Florence, who passed away on April 17, 1944. Robert and Florence are laid to rest in Breadalbane Cemetery, south of Lenore, Manitoba.

## **DUBOIS, Albert**

**WWII**

Albert was born on April 9, 1911 near Zenon Park, Saskatchewan. He enlisted with the Army CACRU as Orderly on June 9, 1944. He served in Canada, England, France, Belgium, Holland, Germany and with the Occupational Forces in Germany until his discharge on May 28, 1946. After the war he married and farmed, later he moved to The Pas, Manitoba. Albert passed away in 1981.



## **DUDECK, Max**

Private Max Dudeck enlisted in the Army in Winnipeg, Manitoba and served under the unit CIBTC #31. His service number was H-617687. Max was married to Teenie.





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## DYER, Hugh Marshall

## WWI

Hugh was born in Kingston, Ireland, in 1861 and immigrated to Canada from England in 1881. When war was declared in 1914, he was senior officer (Major) in the Dragoons in Minnedosa, Manitoba.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion was formed, made up of volunteers from all across the western prairies. The Battalion was posted overseas. They sailed to England in the SS *Lapland* and set up camp at Salisbury Plains.

The troops lived in tents. Wet, cold weather caused at least one death. Before proper barracks could be constructed, lumber had to be brought in by rail and before that could happen, a three-mile rail line had to be constructed. This was an impossibility, they were told. However, being a very stubborn Englishman, he saw to it that the line was built in only three weeks and the necessary huts were constructed.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion was involved in the second battle of Ypres in April 1915. Hugh was wounded by a sniper's bullet which passed through his chest, narrowly missing his heart by an inch. He had stepped out of his trench to light his pipe and did similar foolish things all his life.

While on a stretcher in an advance medical unit, the Doctor was sorting out the men who might survive the trip to England. The Doctor passed Hugh up as nearly dead. Hugh sat up and said: "You will die before I do". And he did.

He had a story about asking for a cup of tea and was brought a glass of water instead. He said: "I was thirsty, not dirty". He lived on tea stewing on the back of the stove, it was black as ink.

The Germans were using poison gas and the lines were broken up. Hugh, quite a hefty man, was carried out on a stretcher about four miles by his men. He eventually arrived at hospital in Calais, France, and was there about a month. A telegram was sent home saying he was not expected to live, so it was decided that his wife, the former Helen Pearson, should go to England to be by his side. Mrs. Dyer took son William (Bill) with her. They sailed from New York on a small ship, the *Philadelphia*. While disembarking up the gang plank, news boys were heard announcing the sinking of the *Lusitania* by an enemy submarine off the north coast of Ireland.

After a month in hospital, the Brigadier was returned to England, made a marvelous recovery and returned to the Regiment in July.

When Colonel Tuxford left the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion to command a brigade, Hugh became Lt. Colonel in command of the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion. One thing he was always trying to do was write to parents of all the men who had been killed or wounded in action and he knew many of the parents.

In July 1917, he left the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion to take command of the 7<sup>th</sup> Brigade and was promoted to Brigadier General. The 7<sup>th</sup> Brigade consisted of the Princess Pats, the Royal Canadian Regiment, the 42<sup>nd</sup> Royal Highlanders of Canada and the 49<sup>th</sup> Edmonton Regiment.

On September 18, 1918, he left the 7<sup>th</sup> Brigade to take over the two camps at Seaford from which came many of the Canadian reinforcements for the front. Less than two months later, Armistice was signed and World War I was over.

The Dyer family sailed from Liverpool on the SS *Melita* and arrived in Minnedosa to a tremendous welcome. A presentation was made of a chest of sterling silver. Later Hugh was presented with a portrait of himself which now hangs in the Legion Clubrooms.

Hugh and Helen enjoyed riding and hunting old country style. When foxes were not available, coyotes substituted.

Hugh was active on the Agricultural Fair Board and Hospital Board. In 1904, he became a member of the Agricultural College Board and in 1908, Chairman of the Board. He was Vice-President of the Western Empire Life Assurance Company and Chairman of the Canteen Fund, which was concerned with the needs of the returning servicemen.

Mrs. Dyer passed away in April 1934, and her husband on Christmas Day, 1938.

Brigadier Dyer was known by many of the soldiers under his command as "Daddy Dyer". He was always broke financially but had the love of his men and loved them in return. He was always honest with everyone and expected the same from them. If anyone cheated or even tried to do so, he would have nothing more to do with them and he was very stubborn.

His sword, about 1850 vintage, was donated to The Royal Canadian Legion Gen. Hugh Dyer Branch 138 in Minnedosa, named in his honour, by Harvey Ebner in 1986.

He received the following medals: 1914-1918 War Medal, "The Great War for Civilization" Medal 1914-1919, War Service Medal, Medal for Service at the Front, King George V 1914-1919 Medal, and Battle of Ypres Medal as well as the following decorations: C.B. (order of the Bath), CMG (Conspicuous Gallantry Medal), and DSO (Distinguished Service Order).



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## EDWARDS, Thos H.

Flight Lieutenant Thos Edwards served in the Air Force. His service number was C-36051.

## EDWARDS, William Thomas “Bill”

## WWII

Bill Edwards was born on March 21, 1918 on the family farm near Bradwardine, Manitoba. His father, David, from Scotland, married Bessie Harper from the Tarbolton area, near Bradwardine. On the family farm, they raised three sons and a daughter. Bill attended Tarbolton School, farmed, then enlisted in the Army in Winnipeg. He did his training, including mechanic, at Camp Shilo, with the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders. He was posted to Winnipeg for duration of war as home defense and reinforcement training. Following discharge in 1946, he received the Volunteer medal, Defense medal and WWII Star. Bill married Eileen Lightfoot (featured in this volume), having met at Camp Shilo. On their VLA farm near Harding, Manitoba, they raised Linda, their only child. Linda schooled in Harding, then married Bill Drake of nearby Oakner. Eileen and Bill, enjoying family life, including grandchildren, were active in communities of Harding, Bradwardine, and their retirement to Hamiota, Manitoba. Bill, a Legion member of both Bradwardine and Hamiota Branches, loved curling, and volunteering, including the Hamiota Museum. Bill passed away in 1998, and Eileen in 2008. They are buried in Hamiota Cemetery.



## ERSTELLE, Leonard Joseph

## KOREA

Leonard was born in St. Laurent, Manitoba on February 29, 1929 to George and Emma Erstelle, one of fourteen children. He enlisted in the Canadian Army in Winnipeg with the Queen's Own Rifles and was placed within the Supplementary Reserves. He was called to active duty on May 13, 1949 until September 15, 1949. He had a family of eight children and was an active member of The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 141 for over forty years. Leonard passed away on January 21, 1991, at the age of 62.



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## EYFORD, Maurice

**WWII**

Corporal Maurice Eyford was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba in 1911. He served in the Army with the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps in Canada and England during World War II. His service number was H-99077. He was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Flin Flon Branch 73.

## FINDLAY, Charles "Ross"

**WWII**

Corporal Charles Ross Findlay was born in 1917 in Kelloe, RM of Shoal Lake, Manitoba, to Irvin and Margaret Findlay. Ross, as he was known, married Beryl Laslett in Shoal Lake then joined the Royal Canadian Air Force stationed in Gimli and Dauphin, Manitoba during World War II. As Ross was colour blind, it stopped him from entering air crew or going overseas. After the war, Ross and Beryl returned to Shoal Lake and went into business then returned to the family farm. Ross passed away in 1996 and Beryl in 2004.



## FINDLAY, John C. "Campbell"

**WWII**

John was born in Kelloe, RM of Shoal Lake, Manitoba in 1920, to Irvin and Margaret Findlay. Campbell, as he was well known, enlisted in the Royal Canadian Artillery and served in Africa, Italy then France, Holland and Germany during World War II. He was discharged and returned home in October 1945. In 1946, he married Margaret Cox and they both farmed until 1970. Margaret had worked in the Shoal Lake Creamery for a number of years. They had two daughters, Audrey and Heather. Campbell was involved in a number of activities like curling and the local ambulance. Campbell passed away in July 1978, and Margaret moved to Brandon in 1998. Margaret passed away in December 2020, at the age of 97.





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## **FINDLAY, Lloyd Eby**

**WWII**

Lloyd was born in Kelloe, Shoal Lake Municipality, Manitoba to Jacob and Margaret Findlay. He farmed with his parents prior to joining the Royal Canadian Air Force in World War II. Pilot Officer Lloyd Findlay was killed in action on July 13, 1944, at the age of 21. He had been serving with 415 Squadron, Swordfish Squadron when his Wellington aircraft was lost in the North Sea. Wireless Air Gunner Findlay's name is inscribed on the Runnymede War Memorial and also the Shoal Lake, Manitoba Cenotaph. He was survived by his parents, brother Clifford and sisters Dorothy and Jean.

## **FIRMAN, Roger Joseph**

**WWII**

Royal Winnipeg Rifles  
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1923-1944

Corporal Roger J. Firman of Transcona, Manitoba (H40587), Royal Winnipeg Rifles, also known as "The Little Black Devils" landed at Juno Beach, France, June 6, 1944.

During the night of June 7/8, 1944, the Royal Winnipeg Rifles took up positions on the North side of the Caen-Bayeux railway line in the vicinity of Putot-en-Bessin.

On June 8, 1944, there was an attack on the village during which many Canadian prisoners were taken. Early that afternoon, these prisoners were evacuated and marched South to a house in Mesnil-Patry. That evening they were marched out and along a track leading toward the Caen-Fontenay le Pesnel Road. There were about 40 prisoners, all ranks, including wounded. They were turned into an open grassy field where they were made to sit down and were intentionally crowded close together. The guards and various other SS soldiers advanced toward the seated prisoners and opened fire. Thirty-five were killed, five escaped. The Germans then moved among the bodies firing weapons to ensure none had survived.

On May 3, 1945, an unmarked mass grave was found where the body of Cpl. Firman was found along with thirty others.

Cpl. Firman was 21 years of age and was the son of Frederick and Emilie Firman of Transcona and was survived by his wife, Vera Jean Firman of the Isle of Wight, England. In 1972, Firman Lake, NE of Lac Brochet was named after him.

Cpl. Firman's final resting place is in the Beny-sur-Mer Canadian War Cemetery, Reviere, France.

The above was taken from Exhibit 28 in the report of the 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group Court of Inquiry, Re: shooting of prisoners of war by German Armed Forces.

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**FUNK, Herman**

**WWII**

Herman served in the Army (National Resources Mobilization Act). His service number was H31554. He was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Flin Flon Branch 73.

**GALVIN, Arthur L.**

**WWII**

Arthur was born in Berwick, Saskatchewan, in 1914. He joined the RCADC as a Dental Technician in 1942 and served in England. He was discharged in 1945 and worked for CPR in Churchbridge, and later moved to Arden, Manitoba, with his wife, Dollie, and their four children. He farmed there until retiring to Neepawa, Manitoba, and passed away there from a heart attack in 1998.



**GAUTHIER, Marcin Eugene**

Marcin served with the CASF in Canada and the United Kingdom. His service number was L-108909.



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**GAYTON, William Arthur**

**WWI**

William was born in 1886 in Manitou, Manitoba. He enlisted with Infantry, Saskatchewan Command 28<sup>th</sup>, Battalion as a Scout. He served in France and fought at Vimy where he was wounded in battle in June 1918. He was reported missing to his parents and was taken by the French RC to France. He was later transferred to London, England where received his commission while in hospital. William passed away in 1988.

**GLOVER, Frank James**

**WWII**

Bdr Frank Glover was born in Bowsman, Manitoba on September 27, 1920. He enlisted in the Army in Winnipeg in May 1940 and served overseas in World War II. His service number was H-20208. Frank was discharged in Regina on September 24, 1945. Frank and his wife Helen had two children Randy and David.



**GNUTEL, Donnie P.**

**WWII**

Donnie was born in Menzie, Manitoba to Harry and Katie Gnutel. He served in the Army in France, Holland, and Germany during World War II. Private Donnie P. Gnutel was killed in action on April 29, 1945 in the Netherlands with the Lincoln and Welland Regiment. He is buried at the Holten Canadian War Cemetery in Holten, Netherlands. His name is inscribed on the Shoal Lake, Manitoba Cenotaph. He was survived by one brother Mike and four sisters, Ann, Mary, Rose and Helen.



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## **GOLDSTONE, Joseph Ernest**

**WWII**

Joseph was born in Brandon, Manitoba on January 28, 1916. He enlisted on April 9, 1942 in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba and served in Canada, Britain, Central Mediterranean Area and Northwest Europe. He was honourably discharged at the rank of Private in Winnipeg on December 1, 1945. His service number was H-204423. Joseph received the 1939-1945 Star, Italy Star, France and Germany Star, Defence Medal, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with Clasp and War Medal 1939-1945.

## **GOODBRANDSON, Brandure Andrew**

**WWII**

Brandure served in the Army in Canada and was discharged on September 8, 1945. His service number was H-30804.



## **GOULD, Fredric**

**WWI**

Fredric was born in Cypress River, Manitoba in 1895. He enlisted in World War I with the Canadian Army. He served with the RNWMP Tank Battalion in Canada and England. Frederic passed away in 1967.

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**GOURLAY, Evelyn**

**WWII**

Private Evelyn Gourlay enlisted in Flin Flon on January 8. She served in Canada with the Canadian Women's Army Corps until her discharge on October 31, 1945. Her service number was W-10913.

**GRYBA, Charles H.**

**WWII**

Charles was born in Quill Lake, Saskatchewan in 1920. Corporal Gryba served as a fitter with the Engineers, serving in Canada, England, France, Belgium, and Holland during World War II. He farmed at Quill Lake and Invermay, married and had three children before retiring to Thompson, Manitoba. Charles was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Quill Lake Branch 37 and Invermay Branch 94 for about thirty years before he died in 1974. He was buried in Quill Lake Cemetery.



**GRYBA, Stanley P. "Stan"**

**WWII**

Stan was born in Manitoba in 1919 but lived his life in Quill Lake, Saskatchewan. He served as a Sergeant in Provost Corps #11 in Canada, England, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany during World War II. A farmer, Stanley was married, had four children, and was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Quill Lake Branch 37 for twenty years before he died in 1982. He is buried in Quill Lake Cemetery.



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## **HAINSTOCK, Henry**

**WWI**

Henry was born in Minto, Manitoba, on April 17, 1894, the oldest of six children born to David and Elizabeth. He went to school in Minto and joined the RCA 1<sup>st</sup> Depot Division. After the war, he worked at road construction, on farms and sawing wood. He married Eva McDairmid on March 15, 1927 in Melfort and they farmed in Leacross and then moved to the Jordan River District in March 1941 and raised a family of five: Janet, Frank, Vera, Gertrude and Mabel. They moved to Arborfield in 1960 and sold their farm in 1961. Henry passed away in 1964. Eva moved to Nipawin and passed away in 2001.

## **HALLIDAY, Arthur S.**

**WWII**

Arthur was born in Neepawa, Manitoba in 1922 but later came to live in Quill Lake, Saskatchewan in 1927. He joined the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps and served from 1943 to 1946 in Canada. He also volunteered for the Pacific theatre and trained in the United States. Arthur married and had one child. He died in 1986 and is buried in Ontario.



## **HAMES, W. "Keith"**

Keith was born in Oxbow, Saskatchewan on October 26, 1920, the second-youngest of nine brothers and three sisters, to parents George and Margaret Hames. Life was simple, consisting of chores, swimming, music, and more. Oxbow school sweethearts, nurse Bettie Bird, married Dr. Hames, Canadian Army, on January 1, 1946 and honeymooned on the troop train while Captain Hames cared for wounded. Keith, recruited by the Mayo Clinic, chose Kenton, Manitoba for his practice as municipal doctor for over 40 years. He, and Dr. Ed Hudson, helped found the hospital and health care that remains a world-class example in Hamiota, in rural Manitoba. Keith enjoyed a full life, with four daughters, included solid church and faith, and helping to found and lead Kenton's band. Keith was skilled in many trades, and even made, then sailed, his own catamaran. A true country doctor, he never turned down a house call, 24/7. Keith and Bettie retired in Toronto in 1997, near family, including their daughters and his younger brother Doug. Predeceased by Bettie in 2013, Keith passed away on November 11, 2017. They are buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Kenton, Manitoba.



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**HANNA, Naomi**

**WWII**

Naomi was born in Keys, Manitoba, on April 19, 1911, daughter of Thomas and Mildred and came with her family to Runciman, Saskatchewan, and attended the Leather River School and then finished school in Manlius. In 1942, she joined the Royal Canadian Air Force and after being discharged, she married James Kinghorn in Calgary in 1947; they raised one daughter, Heather. Naomi passed away on July 23, 1977.

**HANNA, Orval**

**WWII**

Orval was born in Keys, Manitoba, on March 22, 1903 (a twin to Owen), son of Thomas and Mildred Hanna. He came with his family to Runciman, Saskatchewan, and attended the Leather River School and helped his brother, Owen, farm until 1942 when he joined the Royal Canadian Air Force. He served overseas and was discharged in Calgary in 1946. He then helped his Uncle Hugh McPhail to farm and then returned to Calgary. Orval passed away on May 24, 1959.



**HANNA, Weldon**

**WWII**

Weldon was born in Keys, Manitoba, on November 10, 1909, son of Thomas and Mildred Hanna. He moved with his family to Runciman, Saskatchewan, and attended the Leather River School and finished his education at Manlius School. He married Marjorie Mohr in 1936 and they moved to Flin Flon, where he worked in the mines. They had one son, Billy. Weldon joined the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1942 going overseas and shortly after the war he returned to Flin Flon, married again and raised Sheldon, George and Billy. He passed away on December 31, 1996.



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**HANSON, Henry**

**WWII**

Henry and his twin sister Della were born on November 27, 1920 on the family farm near Foam Lake, Saskatchewan. He enlisted with the 16<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> Saskatchewan Horse and served as a Trooper in England, France, Holland, Belgium, Poland, Germany and other countries during World War II. He was discharged in 1946. Henry married Evelyn Cunningham and they had three children. He moved to Flin Flon, Manitoba in the early 1950s and lived there until he died on March 17, 1983. He was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Flin Flon Branch 73 for more than 25 years and is buried in the Legion plot in Flin Flon.

**HARKIN, Patrick George**

Patrick was born on December 7, 1932. He served with the Royal Canadian Artillery 4<sup>th</sup> Light Anti-Aircraft Battery as a Radar Operator from November 23, 1954 to February 18, 1958. He lived in Swan River, Manitoba and had a stroke in 1994. He passed away on October 30, 2004.



**HARPER, Grant**

**WWII**

Grant was born in Neepawa, Manitoba on December 30, 1922. He served in the Army during World War II in Europe. Grant moved to the Butte, Alberta area in 1959 and lived there until he passed away in July 1979. Grant was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 177 in Caroline.



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**HARRIS, Frederick "Frank"**

**WWII**

Frank was born in Langruth, Manitoba. He enlisted in the Army to serve during World War II. Frank left Canada from Vancouver on October 27, 1941, arriving in Hong Kong on November 16. The Grenadiers, along with The Royal Rifles of Canada, were sent to Hong Kong to reinforce the British Troops already there. Four hours after the attack on Pearl Harbor, the Japanese attacked Hong Kong. It is unclear when Frank became a prisoner of war, but the Commonwealth troops surrendered on December 25, 1941. Forced into hard labour, starved, and beaten, Frank endured camps in Hong Kong and in Japan. He was liberated in 1945 and returned home to the Portage area. Frank never married and fighting the demons of battle and imprisonment, Frank died in 1981.

**HAYS, David Balfour**

**WWI & WWII**

David was born in Stonewall, Manitoba, in 1895. He served in World War I in Germany, France, Belgium and Holland. He moved to Lloydminster, Saskatchewan, in the 1920's and served in World War II with the Saskatoon Light Infantry Machine Gun Corps, 221<sup>st</sup> Battalion. He married Helen Joyce Davies in Oswestry, England, in 1942 and had two children born in England. Dave was discharged on August 2, 1945 and returned to the Harlan District, north of Lloydminster, Saskatchewan, to farm and had two more children. Helen returned to England in 1949. Dave was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Frenchman Butte Branch 183. He passed away in 1977 and is buried at the Fort Pitt Cemetery, Saskatchewan.



**HEAPE, William B.**

**WWII**

William was born in Hartney, Manitoba in 1922 and joined the D-Company, 48<sup>th</sup> Highlanders of Canada, serving in Italy and the Mediterranean. He passed away in 2007 and was a Life Member of Hartney Branch 26 of The Royal Canadian Legion for sixty years.



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**HEATH, Harold William**

**WWII**

Harold was born in 1914 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. He enlisted with the Army in April 1941 and served with the Regina Rifles, 120<sup>th</sup> Provost Corp. He served all over Canada and in France before his discharge. He was a member of the Kyle Branch 124 of The Royal Canadian Legion for thirty years. After the war, he farmed for ten years at Co-op Farm and then moved to Kyle, Saskatchewan. Harold passed away in March 1986.

**HEBERT, Alfred Joseph**

**WWII**

Alfred was born in Laurier, Manitoba in 1916. He enlisted in World War II with the Canadian Army in Calgary, Alberta on May 4, 1941. He served with the Canadian Armoured Corps in England, France, Italy and Germany. He was discharged on November 28, 1945 and received the 1939-1945 Star, the France and Germany Star, the Defence of Britain Medal, the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, and the War Medal 1939-1945. He was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Lacombe Branch 79. Alfred passed away in 2005.



**HERITY, Frederick Walter "Ted"**

**WWII**

Ted was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba in 1919. He joined the Winnipeg Grenadiers in 1939 and was posted to Jamaica for his training. He returned to Winnipeg for a brief term and then was sent to Hong Kong. He was wounded (lost his left leg) and was taken prisoner. Ted eventually came home to Winnipeg in 1945 but he found the climate too cold. He moved to Vancouver, British Columbia where he resided with his family until his death in April 1964 at the age of 45. He and his father are buried in the military cemetery in Vancouver. It is unknown what medals or ribbons Ted would have received.





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## **HODSON, Albert "Innes"**

Innes Hodson soared all his life. Born second, on December 11, 1932, with three sisters, to parents Norman and Kay Hodson of Lenore, Manitoba. Innes, grew up on the family farm, educated Breadalbane, then graduated from Virden schools, before completing his degree in Agriculture in 1955 at the University of Manitoba. After working with the Federal Department Agriculture in Alberta, and qualifying as a pilot, Innes joined the RCAF, 418 Squadron in Edmonton, earning his commission and wings, including twin-engine on Mitchells. Training with 9 NATO Nations comrades was quite unique. Innes achieved two awards, highest marks, and flying excellence. He was honourably discharged in 1958, then farmed with his parents, and joined Legion Branch 8 in Virden. He attained his commercial pilot license before marrying Joan Tapp, from Montgomery School community, near Virden, in 1964. The Hodsons have continuously farmed since 1889, five generations now. Family achievements include the Canadian Angus Association recognition for raising purebreds (1999) for 50-plus years, and Manitoba Farm Family of the Year Award. Innes and Joan retired to Virden, leaving farming to the next generations.

## **HOLLIDAY, Orval**

**WWII**

Orval was born in 1906 in Plumas, Manitoba. He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force on May 13, 1943 and was discharged on November 12, 1945. Orval passed away in 1986.



## **HOLOWATY, William**

**WWII**

William was born in Inwood, Manitoba in 1904. He enlisted in the Army and served with #12 District Depot at the rank of Private from May 1942 to March 1946. He served in Canada and in the United Kingdom during World War II. He was awarded the War Service Badge "General Service Class" and the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp issued in Ottawa on March 13, 1946. He was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion in Moosomin, SK for eighteen years. William passed away in 1964.



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**HOWARD, Arthur G.**

**WWII**

Arthur was born in 1914 in Crystal City, Manitoba. On September 18, 1939 in Brandon, Manitoba, Arthur and his older brother Fred joined the 71<sup>st</sup> Battery of the Royal Canadian Artillery. They went overseas to Borden, England in January 1940, where they trained with the 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Corps. They saw five and a half years service with the 8<sup>th</sup> Army in North Africa, Italy, France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany. Arthur was discharged on August 10, 1945 with the rank of Lance Bombardier. He received the 1939-1945 Star, the Italy Star, the France and Germany Star, the Defence Medal, and the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal. In England in 1942, Arthur married Beryl Flaxman who was in the Auxiliary Territorial Service. She joined him on the farm in April 1946 and they raised three children there. They both became Life Members of The Royal Canadian Legion Crystal City Branch 35. Arthur died in 1998.

**HOWELL, Brant**

**WWII**

Brant was born in Boissevain, Manitoba in 1915. He joined the Royal Canadian Air Force and served as a pilot in England during World War II. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his success in sinking German U-Boats and by the time he was discharged, Brant had attained the rank of Wing Commander. After the war, he went on to get his Mechanical Engineering degree. Brant died in 1997 in Victoria where he had lived in retirement.



**HUARTSON, Henry A.**

**WWI**

Henry was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba on October 21, 1895. He served as a Private during World War I with the 28<sup>th</sup> Northwest Battalion C.E.F. from November 14, 1914 until he was killed in action on June 6, 1916. He has no known grave but his name is commemorated on the Menin Gate Memorial in Belgium.

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**HUNT, Albert Kitchener “Bert”**

**WWII**

Bert was born on September 3, 1916, in Lenore, Manitoba, the third of seven brothers and seven sisters. He attended school in nearby Kenton where parents Ernest and Dorothy Hunt had purchased a family farm. Bert farmed near Kenton before joining the Canadian Army, serving in Italy, France and Germany. He received war medals and stars, including the Volunteer, Defense, Italy, WWII, and Victory Europe. Bert married Sylvia Ollier, his English war bride, on September 8, 1945. They returned to Kenton, where he worked for Lawlor and Strange Garage and Chrysler Dodge dealership, before RCAF Base near Rivers, MB. Bert's father Ernest (WWI) and brother Dick (WWII) are recognized in this volume. Bert joined the RCAF in 1951 and served in Canada and England. He retired to Kenton in 1971, then to Calgary. Corporal Hunt passed away from a stroke in 1973. He and Sylvia, who passed away in 2014, are buried in the Field of Honour at Queen's Park Cemetery in Calgary. Bert and Sylvia's grown children (Carol, Wendy, Rick, and Randy) live in Calgary.

**HUNT, Ernest Henry “Ernie”**

**WWI & WWII**

Ernest, or Ernie, Hunt was born in Rugby, Warwickshire, England, on July 21, 1885, the youngest of seven. The family immigrated to Canada in 1906. Ernie married Dorothy Richardson of Miniota, Manitoba, in Detroit in 1911. Their first two of seven sons and seven daughters were born there, before moving back to Lenore, Manitoba. Ernie enlisted with the Canadian Expeditionary Force on November 25, 1916 and served with the Canadian Army Medical Corps, also with the 12<sup>th</sup> Manitoba Dragoons, before being medically discharged on April 10, 1918. Ernie returned to Lenore, and in 1920, through Veterans Affairs, they moved to their own farm nearby Kenton, raising the largest family in Kenton history. Ernie was a member of Odd Fellows Hall in Lenore in 1915, then a Charter Member of Woodworth Legion Branch 118 in Kenton in 1934. During WWII, Ernie worked at nearby RCAF base at Rivers. Sons Richard and Albert (also featured in this volume) served in WWII. Ernie and Dorothy moved to Rivers in 1947. Ernie died in 1949 and Dorothy in 1978. They are buried in Anchrum Cemetery near Bradwardine, Manitoba.



**HUNT, Richard Edward “Dick”**

**WWII**

Dick was born on April 10, 1923 in Kenton, Manitoba, one of seven brothers and seven sisters, to parents Ernest and Dorothy Hunt. Dick attended school in Kenton, farmed, then enlisted in the Canadian Army in Winnipeg in 1941. He went with the Regina Rifles to England, then on D-Day, Dick lost many comrades to drowning and firearms on Juno Beach. Through to Germany, Sgt. Hunt, received medals/star including Volunteer, Defense, WWII, Victory Europe. Returning home, Dick married June Osle of Kenton in 1950. They raised three sons and a daughter on their home VLA farm, before settling in Kenton. Dick also worked on pipelines with Manitoba Hydro, and with Lawlor and Strange Garage and the Dodge Chrysler dealership. Dick's father, Ernest (WWI) and brother Albert (WWII) are included in this volume. Dick was loyal in community, and a long-term member of Legion Branch 118 Woodworth in Kenton. Pre-deceased by his son Kelly, Dick passed away on March 6, 2006. He and June, who passed in 2019, are buried in Greenwood Cemetery near Kenton.



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**HURST, Elgin A.**

**WWII**

Gunner Elgin A. Hurst was born in Shoal Lake, Manitoba to Thomas and Charlotte Hurst. He joined the armed forces in Winnipeg on September 10, 1940 serving overseas in Europe during World War II with the 15<sup>th</sup> Light Anti-Aircraft Guns. He returned to Shoal Lake in 1945 and bought the local newspaper *The Shoal Lake Star* and was editor until retirement in 1975. Elgin married Florence Cuffe in 1937 and they had a son, Danny, who passed away in infancy. He was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Shoal Lake Branch 72 and was active in community affairs. Elgin passed away in 1972.

**IRWIN, Gordon Lloyd**

**WWII**

Gordon was born in 1920 in Miami, Manitoba. He served overseas during World War II with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, later transferring to the Regina Rifles and being discharged with the rank of sergeant. He was a constable with the City of Winnipeg police department for eighteen years. He was a member of the Regina Rifles Association. Gordon passed away on August 15, 1967 and is buried in the Chapel Lawn Memorial Gardens in Winnipeg, Manitoba.



**JAMES, Albert Douglas**

**WWII**

Albert was born in 1920 in Nesbitt, Manitoba and grew up in Waldeck, Saskatchewan. He joined the Air Force at the age of nineteen as an aero mechanic during World War II. He took training in Moose Jaw, SK; Brandon Manning Depot; St. Thomas, ON and Mossbank, SK. He was a flight engineer on a PBY, searching for submarines and incendiary balloons at the coast of British Columbia, and assisted with escorting American ships to Alaska. He took pilot training at No. 7 SFTS McLeod, Alberta. In 1942, he was living in Portage la Prairie and Edmonton. In 1945, he left the Air Force and went into the reserves. He rejoined in 1952 and was a test pilot. Flight Lieutenant James took early retirement and joined the Federal Department of Transport as an Airways Accident Investigator. Albert passed away on March 3, 2006 in Ottawa.



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**JENKINS, Francis Surridge**

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Francis was born on August 25, 1920, in Shoal Lake, Manitoba, to William and Margaret Jenkins. He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1940 during World War II and was initially with ferry command. He then served in Gibraltar, Cairo, and then Malta. Warrant Officer Class II Francis Surridge Jenkins was killed in action on February 25, 1943, at the age of 23. He was serving with 458 Squadron when his Wellington aircraft was lost in the Mediterranean. The Italian coast guard recovered the bodies and a burial at sea was performed. His name is inscribed on the Malta War Memorial and the Shoal Lake, Manitoba Cenotaph. He was survived by his parents, older brother Robert and sisters Shirley and Maryon.

**JOHNSON, Bernard Thomas**

**WWII**

Bernard was born in 1923 in The Pas, Manitoba. He enlisted with the Army in January 1942 and served with the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders in Canada, Continental Europe, and the United Kingdom. He received the 1939-1945 Star, the France and Germany Star, the Defense Medal and the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal. Bernard passed away in 1987.



**JOHNSON, Donovan**

**WWII**

Donovan was born on March 11, 1918. He joined the Army and landed in France in August 1944, where he hauled a light anti-aircraft gun and trailer of ammunition for the 8<sup>th</sup> Canadian Light Anti Aircraft 4<sup>th</sup> Division for a short time and then transferred to the 15<sup>th</sup> Canadian Field Regiment hauling more ammunition in France, Belgium and Holland until the end of the war. After the war, the Czechoslovakian government borrowed some of the army trucks and Donovan drove the first aid truck for the convoy of trucks through Cologne, Frankfurt, Neinberg, into Plzen, Czechoslovakia. Donovan went back to farming when he returned home. He received the 1939-1945 Star, the France and Germany Star, the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, and the 1939-1945 Defence Medal. Donovan passed away in Russell, Manitoba, on June 10, 1997, and was a member of the Russell Branch of The Royal Canadian Legion.

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**WWII**

Frederick was born on July 14, 1916, in Griswold, Manitoba. He enlisted with the Army on January 2, 1941 and went into active service in June 1941. He served in Italy, Sicily, Holland, Belgium, France, and Great Britain until his discharge. He was awarded the 1939-1945 Star, the Defense Medal, the Voluntary Service Medal, and the War Medal. After the war, he came home and bought his wife's parents' farm and he farmed there until 1966. Frederick passed away on December 18, 1993.

**KAKISH, John**

**WWII & KOREAN WAR**

John was born in 1926 in Brandon, Manitoba. He enlisted with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry during World War II, and served with the RCEME during the Korean War. He was issued the War Service Badge "Service Class," also the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal for Korea. John passed away in 1978.



**KASHTON, Stephen**

**WWII**

Stephen was born on January 7, 1919, in Rossburn, Manitoba. He enlisted in World War II with the Canadian Army and served in Canada, Jamaica, and Hong Kong. He was a Prisoner of War for four years in Hong Kong. He received the 1939-1945 Star, the Defence of Britain Medal, and the King George VI OMN Medal. He was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Norwood Branch 178 for fifty years, where he served sixteen years on the Executive, fourteen of which were as Sergeant-at-Arms and also as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. He was awarded Life Membership, the Certificate of Merit, the Diamond Jubilee Medal and the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Medal. Stephen passed away in 1997.





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## **KAZMIR, Andrew Nickolas**

**WWII**

Andrew was born in Dauphin, Manitoba on October 8, 1917. He moved later to Kamsack, Saskatchewan. Andrew served in the Army during World War II with the Prince Albert Volunteers. He was awarded the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and the 1939-1945 War Medal. Andrew lived in Cadomin, Alberta after the war and worked for Mannix Ltd. as a catskiner. He continued his employment even as his health failed, and he passed away on October 15, 1982. Andrew's brother Lawrence also served in the Army during World War II.

## **KELLINGTON, Wilfred Pierce**

**WWI & WWII**

Wilfred was born to James Vines and Anna Laura (McLaughlin) Kellington on January 28, 1896 in Rosedale Municipality, Manitoba and came with his parents and siblings to a homestead in Naicam, SK. On October 27, 1916, he enlisted in Watson, SK as a Private with the 214<sup>th</sup> Battalion Canadian Expeditionary Force. While in the trenches in France, he suffered poison gas attacks and was wounded in the head and leg on August 8, 1918. He was released in Regina on January 24, 1919. Wilfred re-enlisted as a Private in the Canadian Army (Active) on July 23, 1940 and was in Halifax, bound for England, when he was found to be too old. He was returned to Regina and transferred to the Canadian Provost Corps. Wilfred was released on medical grounds on April 27, 1942. He passed away while visiting his brother in Red Deer, AB on July 6, 1980 and is interred in the Naicam Cemetery.



## **KENNEDY, Douglas Hall "Doug"**

**WWII**

Doug was born in Ethelbert, Manitoba on September 12, 1917. He enlisted in the Army with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion Royal Winnipeg Rifles (CA) on July 16, 1942. He transferred to the Prince Edward Island Highlanders on August 1, 1943 and to the Canadian Provost Corps on August 3, 1945. He served in Canada and the United Kingdom during World War II. While in the Canadian Provost Corps, Doug was assigned to Warden duty. Here, he met and guarded the notorious SS Commander Kurt Meyer, of the 12<sup>th</sup> SS Panzer Division, as a German War Prisoner of Canada. He (Meyer) was dressed in a Canadian Army uniform as they transported him back to Canada from the United Kingdom for trial in Canada. There was a lot of communication between Meyer and his jailer Doug. They got to know each other somewhat. Meyer wrote a letter to Ellen, Doug's wife, in very broken English saying what a good man Doug was. He was discharged from the Canadian Army on June 18, 1946. Doug received the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with Clasp and the War Medal 1939-1945. He was a 49-year member of The Royal Canadian Legion Swan River Branch 39. Doug passed away in 1999.

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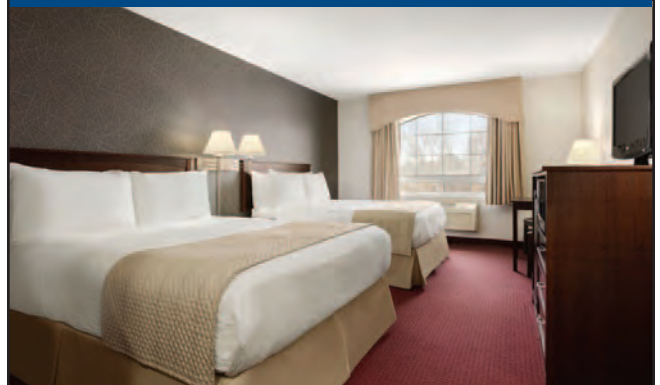
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**KENT, David Thomas “Dave”**

**WWII**

Dave was born on February 17, 1907, in Kenton, Manitoba, the eldest of four sons and two daughters to parents George and Julia Kent. Dave grew up on the family farm and attended school in Kenton. He served three years in the PPCLI, Princess Patricia's, then married Grace Millar from Waskada, MB, on October 17, 1936. They raised sons, Murray and Sidney, and their daughter, Dellene, on their family farm - now six generations of Kents. Dave was Essential Service Agriculture during WWII, while brothers Sidney and Harvey served Canadian Army. Dave's father, George (WWI), and three sons/brothers are recognized in this volume. An admired cattle and grain farmer, Dave and Grace retired to Kenton, while Murray, Eileen (Black, from Oak River) and family, carried on farming. Retirement was complete with fishing, community, church, concerts, Legion Branch 118, and many hours spent with grandchildren. They stayed in contact with youth by driving school vans. They are dearly remembered. Dave passed away in 1989, and Grace in 2014; they are buried at Greenwood Cemetery near Kenton.

**KENT, George Arthur**

**WWI**

George was born in Strathroy, Middlesex, Ontario, on May 26, 1875. His father Sidney, sister Margaret and George, settled on a farm in Kenton, Manitoba in 1883. Mother Barbara died at Margaret's birth. George attended Ralphton School, then married Julia Wallace in 1905 and farmed near Kenton. George was on the Western Canadian Rifle Team, which won the Canadian Cup twice. Individually, he also won three cups and a gold medal, Grande Aggregate. Joining 12<sup>th</sup> Manitoba Dragoons in Virden 1903, he served until 1913, then enlisted for overseas service in 1916, at almost 41 years old. Soon after, he developed spinal meningitis and was medically discharged. George and Julia raised four sons and two daughters. Their eldest, David, served with the PPCLI (Princess Patricia's) before WWII, then worked with Essential Service Agriculture. Brothers Sidney and Harvey served in WWII. (Father and three sons are in this volume.) George was a long-term member of Woodworth Legion Branch 118 in Kenton. He and Julia were active in the community, especially with the Anglican Church. Following their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, George passed away in February, and Julia in September 1966. They are buried in Greenwood Cemetery near Kenton.



**KENT, Harvey Bridger**

**WWII**

Harvey, the youngest of four brothers and two sisters, was born on May 6, 1918, to parents George and Julia Kent of Kenton, Manitoba. Harvey attended school in Kenton while being raised on the family farm. He enlisted in the Canadian Army during WWII but was later medically discharged from Camp Borden, Ontario. Harvey, brothers David and Sidney, and father, George (WWI), are all recognized in this volume. In 1943, Harvey married Phyllis Bray of the Kinsmore district near Kenton and Lenore, Manitoba. In 1947, they moved back from Charleswood where Harvey had worked on a mink farm. They built a VLA house, then they raised two sons and two daughters. Harvey worked for 20 years with Kenton Co-op, then was superintendent of the Kenton water plant. Phyllis died suddenly in 1971. Following retirement, Harvey remained in Kenton, enjoying Legion membership with Branch 118, community, and family, including grandchildren, until his passing in 1989. Both are buried in Greenwood Cemetery near Kenton.

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**KENT, Sidney Arthur “Sid”**

**WWII**

Sidney, often called Sid, was born on October 4, 1909 in Kenton, Manitoba to parents George and Julia Kent, who had four sons and two daughters. Sidney attended school in Kenton, learned marksmanship from his father, and helped with farming, before enlisting in the Canadian Army. He served during WWII in Italy, France, Holland, through victory to Germany. Sidney received medals and stars for Volunteer, Defense, Victory Europe, Italy, and WWII. His brothers, David and Harvey, and father, George, are all recognized in this volume. The Kent siblings all learned marksmanship from their father who was a world-class shot. With his brother Fred, Sidney operated a mink farm near Kenton, then, being keen hunters themselves, a hunting lodge on Lake Manitoba, before moving to British Columbia, where he married Mabel Reitan in 1966. Mabel was known to family as Teddy. Their son Robert was born in 1967. Sidney and Mabel operated a family store, before his passing in 1988 in Victoria, BC.

**KNIGHT, Ronald Bradley “Brad”**

**WWII**

Brad was born in Langruth, Manitoba, on March 17, 1924 and moved to Regina. On June 16, 1941, he enlisted in the Royal Canadian Navy serving on the HMCS Drumheller, a flower class Corvette. He was discharged on August 9, 1945 and went to work at various jobs before settling with Canada Post. Brad passed away on August 31, 2007.



**KOLSTAD, Carl**

**WWII**

Carl was born in 1908 in Winnipeg, Manitoba and came with his parents to homestead in the Viscount, Saskatchewan district. He was one of five siblings who enlisted: Gus, Arnold and Carl in the Royal Canadian Navy, Avis and Les in the Royal Canadian Air Force. After his discharge, he was a commercial fisherman until he died in 1974.





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## **KYLE, Walter**

**WWII**

Walter was born in Glen Ella, Manitoba on January 16, 1912. He joined the Army in 1942 and served as a Gunner in Italy, Belgium, Holland, and France. He was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Hythe Branch 93 for 45 years. He was awarded the Italy Star, the France and Germany Star, the War Medal 1939-1945, the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal, the Silver Bar and a Service Star. After the war, Walter and his new bride returned to Hythe and with financial backing from the VLA, bought a quarter of land and started their family. Walter was very active within the community, always willing to lend fellow farmers a helping hand or to join a game of pool or cribbage with his neighbours. He lived his dream of farming and raising cattle until he passed away in 1980 at the age of 68.

## **LADEROUTE, Raphael Joseph "Ralph"**

**WWI**

Ralph was born in 1888 in St. Pierre, Manitoba. He enlisted in the Army in Winnipeg in July 1918 and attained the rank of Captain while serving during World War I. Ralph returned to farming in the Creelman, Saskatchewan area following the war.



## **LADEROUTE-ALLAN, Edith Marie**

**WWII**

Edith was born in 1921 in Ste Rose du Lac, Manitoba. She enlisted in Regina in September 1942 and served in the Women's Division of the Royal Canadian Air Force in London, England with the UK Base Accounts Division, Knightsbridge Harrods Department Store. Corporal Laderoute-Allan served from 1942 to 1946 as a clerk-accountant and returned to teaching in the Creelman, Saskatchewan area following the war. She married Colin Allan in October 1946 and was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Stoughton Branch 133 for thirty years before she passed away in 2006.

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**LANGLOIS, Maurice**

**WWII**

Maurice was born in 1924 in Sandy Bay, Manitoba. He volunteered for active service with the Canadian Army at the age of nineteen in Toronto on October 7, 1943. He completed his basic training in Peterborough, ON and was sent overseas on a troop ship. He was assigned as a stretcher-bearer to No. 10 Field Ambulance RCAMC with No. 7 General Hospital, picking up wounded from the battlefield. In the spring of 1945, Maurice was wounded in action by shrapnel. He served in Canada, the United Kingdom and continental Europe until his discharge on August 15, 1946. Maurice passed away in 2004.

**LANGRELL, Edward S. "Ed"**

**WWII**

Ed was born in Woodlands, Manitoba in 1923. He enlisted in the Air Force during World War II and served in Canada, England, India and Burma. Ed trained as a pilot in the Commonwealth Air Training Program from 1942 to 1944, stationed at many locations in Western Canada. In April 1944, he sailed to England, where he took advance training for much of the rest of 1944. By Christmas of that year, he was in Southeast Asia where he joined three other Canadians as the crew of a DC-3 Dakota in 436 Squadron. On January 15, 1945, the crew was posted to Imphal where they flew supplies to the British 14<sup>th</sup> Army, pushing the Japanese Army southward through Burma. 436 Squadron passed the remaining months of the war flying support to Allied forces in Burma. By September Ed was back in England; on January 15 he boarded the Queen Elizabeth in Southampton, arriving in New York four days later. He finally arrived home in Winnipeg on the coldest day of winter, in late January 1946. Ed was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion in Woodlands. He passed away in 1998.



**LEADBEATER, Arthur Cameron**

**WWII**

Arthur was the son of Arthur and Minnie Leadbeater of Pelly, Saskatchewan. The family moved to Flin Flon, Manitoba in 1940. He enlisted in the Air Force in 1941. Arthur was killed on June 30, 1944, at age 25, when his Spitfire aircraft dived into the sea from off Wirall Peninsula, Cheshire, England, presumed oxygen failure. He is buried in the Blacon Cemetery, Chester, Cheshire, England.



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**LeBLUE, Edmond**

**WWII**

Edmond was born in St Pierre Jolys, Manitoba, on October 31, 1920. He enlisted in the Canadian Army on May 2, 1942, at age 22, and was assigned to the Lake Superior Regiment (Motor), a motorized infantry battalion for the 4<sup>th</sup> Canadian (Armoured) Division as a Platoon Sergeant in D Company and fought through North-West Europe at Falaise, the Scheldt, the lower Mass, Friesoythe and the Rhineland. On April 21, 1945, he was wounded in a fire near the Kusten Canal, Germany. He recovered from his wounds and was re-assigned to the South Saskatchewan Regiment and was discharged from the service on January 7, 1946 for return to civilian life on demobilization. Edmond had been a member of Branch 130 of The Royal Canadian Legion for 40 years before he passed away on March 19, 2010.

**LEBRAS, Joe**

**WWII**

Joe was born in 1913 in St. Leon, Manitoba. He came to Arborfield with his parents and helped his father homestead and then bought his own land. He enlisted with the RCNVR on June 15, 1944 and served aboard HMCS Chimon until his discharge on November 27, 1945. After the war, he returned to farm and married and raised a family. Joe passed away in May 1964.



**LEITCH, Enos Leslie**

**WWI & WWII**

Enos was born in Rathwell, Manitoba on July 23, 1897. He enlisted in the Army and served during World War I in Canada and England. He also served in the Reserves in Canada during World War II. Enos passed away in 1973.





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## LEITCH, Sanford Wesley

WWI

Sanford was born in Rathwell, Manitoba on January 10, 1894. He entered Claresholm Agricultural College for a course in November 1915. He enlisted from there in the Army on March 10, 1916 and served with the 113<sup>th</sup> Highlanders, 16<sup>th</sup> Overseas Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force. He spent the following summer at Sarcee Camp, Calgary with the Military Police. He was home in the fall for a short time to assist in the Harvest but was called back and left for overseas almost immediately with the 113<sup>th</sup> Battalion. He was in England for a few days before he was drafted over to the Front in France in November 1916. He was in constant warfare from that time. He served in Canada, England and France during World War I. Sanford was killed in action in Vimy on April 9, 1917 from enemy machine gun fire soon after leaving the kicking off trench. He was buried close to the Arras Lens Road near Nine Elms, where a regimental cross has been erected to all those who fell in the action. Private Leitch was noted for the love he held for the home folks and friends. He never failed a single week to write a letter home.

## LIGHTFOOT, Edith Eileen "Eileen"

WWII

Eileen was born on October 11, 1924, to parents Arthur and Ethel Lightfoot of Mountain Gap community near Grandview, Manitoba. She had three brothers, two serving in WWII, and one sister. Following farm life and Mountain Gap school, Eileen joined the Canadian Women's Army Corps at Winnipeg in 1942, then trained in Camp Shilo. At Shilo, she met future-husband Bill Edwards (also featured in this volume). Following training, Eileen was posted to Quebec City as a vehicle driver. Following discharges in 1946, Eileen married, becoming Mrs. Bill Edwards on June 26, 1946. They farmed near Harding, Manitoba, raising one daughter Linda. Linda married Bill Drake from nearby Oakner. Eileen and Bill retired to Hamiota, where they enjoyed their grandchildren, and also being very active in the community. Eileen was member of both regular and auxiliary Legions at Bradwardine Branch and later Hamiota Branch. She directed Harding and Hamiota Agricultural Societies and was active in United Churches. She was predeceased by Bill in 1998, and she passed away in 2008. They are buried in Hamiota Cemetery.



## LIVINGSTONE, Dugald

WWI & WWII

Dugald was born in Austin, Manitoba. He enlisted with the Army during World War I and served overseas where he suffered from gas inhalation. He recovered and returned to Austin. He married and they raised five children. In 1928, the family moved to the Megan District to homestead and four more children were born. He enlisted with the Army Veteran's Guard on February 17, 1943 and served in Canada until his discharge on July 10, 1945. He was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Megan Branch and later the Arborfield Branch. Dugald passed away in 1960.



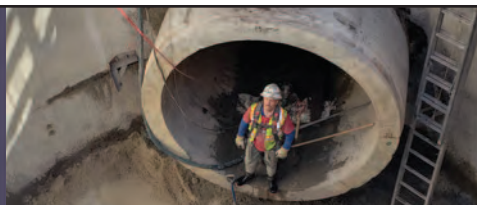
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**LIVINGSTONE, Duncan**

**WWII**

Duncan was born in Austin, Manitoba and moved with his family in 1928 to Megan, Saskatchewan. He enlisted with the Army on June 15, 1942 and served in Canada until his discharge in July 30, 1942. He was married and had two children; the family later moved to Alberta. Duncan is deceased.

**LOCHHEAD, Hector**

**WWII**

Flying Officer Hector Lochhead was in Special Operations with the Royal Canadian Air Force. He survived a full tour of duty and then volunteered again. On February 25, 1945, he was shot down over Arendal, Norway after trying to make a drop to the Norwegian resistance, however could not because of the fog. He is buried at the Runnymede Memorial Cemetery.



**LOEPPKY, Harold Clifford**

**KOREAN WAR**

Harold was born in 1930 in Altona, Manitoba. He joined the Army and served in Canada during the Korean War, and he also spent time in the Militia. Harold was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Branches in Fort Garry, MB; Saskatoon, Saskatchewan and Innisfail, Alberta for 31 years before he died in 2011.



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## LONDY, Archie William

WWII

Archie was born in Minnedosa, Manitoba in 1922. He enlisted in the fall of 1941 after harvest. Being a product of the 1930's when education for farm boys was hard to come by, Archie had taken grades nine and ten by correspondence, but did not have junior matriculation required for air crew at that time. By agreement between the Department of National Defence and Department of Education, he was granted leave and completed my Grade XI from October until April. Later, the "wet pee" (Wartime Emergency Training Plan) was established to allow for upgrading education to air crew requirements.

His first posting was to Manning Pool in Edmonton where he was billeted in an old horse barn. In spite of the smell of paint, the smell of horse manure was quite evident.

After he graduated from I.T.S. (Initial Training School) in Regina as LAC (Leading Air Craftsman), he was posted to 19 E.F.T.S. (Elementary Flying Training School), in Virden. Most of the instructors were old bush pilots. The planes used were bi-plane Tiger Moths. They were really primitive aircraft. He had never flown before he trained at Virden.

Upon graduation from E.F.T.S. his next posting was to #10 S.F.T.S. (Service Flying Training School) in Dauphin, where he trained on two motor Cessna Cranes.

During a night flying solo flight, Archie had just landed and started turning off the runway when he saw the clearance lights of another aircraft approaching from behind. It was piloted by another student flying his first night solo. Archie opened throttles wide open to get away in a hurry. When he saw Archie, he took evasive action to miss him, gave full throttle to do an overshoot, and hit his plane at right angles. His port motor chewed off Archie's port wing swerving it around so that the starboard motor chewed off the fuselage right up to my cockpit. However, both of them were able to get out, expecting the aircrafts to explode. They took off like scared rabbits. (Neither seriously injured). He never knew until 40 years later that Fred Kolesar had watched it all happen. Fred was on night duty at #10.

Following graduation from S.F.T.S., Archie was selected as a flying instructor – in as much as he really wanted to go overseas. He was posted to Pierce, Alberta Flying Instructors School. On one particular flight, flying a Cornell, all of a sudden Archie ran into hurricane force winds. Having no radio, they had no warning of its approach. He didn't have enough fuel to outfly it, but was able to make the airport to attempt a landing. The anemometer broke at 120 mph. The wind was so strong and gusty it took the roof off the hangar and blew the guard houses over the fence. Archie was forced to land between two trucks travelling down the runway, and four airmen climbed from the moving trucks onto the wings of the aircraft to hold it down on the ground. They were the heroes of the event.

A similar incident occurred while flying Oxfords out of Deseronto, Ontario. Caught out over the Bay of Quinte, it looked as if they were going to find if their May Wests (life jackets) really worked. But it also had a happy ending.

On another flight with one of his students, night flying on Ansons practising S.B.A. (Standard Beam Approach), they were about 30 miles south east of Brandon, at an altitude of 3,000 feet when they ran into a severe ice storm with lightning. He had left a student at the controls and was in the rear of the aircraft trying to tune in their radio which was not functioning properly due to the storm. (Consequently they had missed a general recall). Suddenly there was engine trouble due to icing and by the time Archie was able to get back to the controls the starboard engine had kicked out and the port motor down to half power. The wings were also heavily iced. To avoid a complete stall, they had to maintain flying speed by losing altitude. The lightning helped Archie spot a small slough which seemed the only clear place to make a forced landing. The slough cushioned the plane before they crashed into the trees, tearing off both wings. There were no injuries but the crash marked one of many close calls experienced by flying instructors. Archie's room mate, also an instructor, died in a mid-air collision between two Cessna Cranes.

High casualty rate of instructors was caused by allowing students to get into every conceivable dangerous situation such as a spin off a stall and attempt to recover by themselves. There is just a split second of time when it was obvious that the student was not going to recover and it was too late for the instructor to make a recovery. Students did not learn by being told how to get themselves out of a difficult situation and it shattered their confidence to have an instructor taking control too soon or too often. An instructor had to go as far as he could with a student and let

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**LONDREY, Archie William (continued)**

them make and see the mistake and then show them how to recover. It was a necessary part of training and it's how the majority of accidents happened.

"Cautious instructors graduated poor pilots." How did one become a flying instructor? If it was put down as a preference after graduating as a pilot, you would be certain not to be posted to a flying instructor's school. If you were dumb enough to graduate in the top five or ten percent of the class with an above average log book endorsement and requested an overseas posting, you were in trouble as a prime candidate as an instructor. The trouble was that prior to that point you were so scared of being washed out or posted to a position of staff pilot at an A.O.S. (Air Observer School), or B. and G. School (Bombing and Gunnery School), that you did not know where the cut off line was so you did your best. Later on, when the number of instructors met the requirements the situation changed, but they never did graduate enough replacements to allow them all an operational posting as promised.

Then there was learning to fly in adverse weather conditions as it was certain that conditions would not always be good when returning to the U.K. after a trip over the continent. An example of the result of this can be seen at the little Cairn at Cardale Manitoba, where the memorial service was held in June 1992. The entire crew of four were killed when their aircraft crashed in a heavy rain storm during a training flight in 1942.

Low flying experience was a requirement for pilots in action. They did not fly up river valleys or low enough to escape radar without previous experience. You had to realize that not only the life of your students but also the lives of his entire crew, if he went to bomber command, depended on how well he had been taught.

As well as Canadian students, Archie had students from most of the Commonwealth: Britain, Australia and New Zealand, including Mori but he never had a student graduate that he did not feel that he had taught to the best of his ability. It did hurt to see them going on to do the things that you would prefer to be doing yourself but flying instructors were a forgotten breed. There was a recommendation that a Medal be struck for them similar to a campaign medal, and that a thousand hours of instructional time would be considered a tour when instructors would be presented with their operational wings. But all that was shot down by the Federal Government of the day.

With the dropping of the A Bomb (Atomic Bomb) on the Japanese seaport cities, Hiroshima on August 6, 1945, and Nagasaki, August 9, the chance of going to the Pacific theatre was over. Archie ended up as Officer Commanding B.A.T. Flight (Beam Approach Training Flight) but still "JUST" a flying instructor.

To quote Winston Churchill, Wartime Prime Minister of Great Britain, concerning the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan: "Canada's greatest single contribution to the allied victory in the Second World War." Franklin D. Roosevelt, U.S. President, referred to Canada as the "Airdrome of Democracy".

Canada, as host of the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan, trained 130,000 men from all over the Commonwealth, including 50,000 pilots. During the five years it operated, more than 850 trainees and instructors died. Half a century later people are just beginning to realize what the training casualties were. Years ago, people didn't talk about it because they were preoccupied with the war effort. But the sacrifices were made here as well as overseas. From his graduating class alone, about the same number of graduates died in Canada as those who died overseas.

After his discharge in the fall of 1945, in Winnipeg, Archie returned to the farm in the Rapid City area and also worked for the C.P.R.

In July 1946, he was married Winona Horner. They had one son and four grandchildren.


Archie was engaged in a pure bred cattle, semen and embryo operation, and exported pure bred Simmentals to 17 countries around the world.

He was a Life Member of The Royal Canadian Legion General Hugh Dyer Branch 138 in Minnedosa and has been Service Officer for about 20 years. In the late fall of 1945, he was in Deer Lodge Hospital in Winnipeg and saw the raw deal Vets were getting. That is when he decided that if ever he had the opportunity to help the cause of Veterans, he would do so. Hence his involvement as service officer.

He received the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and War Medal 1939-1945.

Archie passed away in 2019.






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**LOVETT, Herbert Ray**

**WWI**

Herbert was born in 1892 in Deloraine, Manitoba. He enlisted in the Canadian Army on March 1, 1916 and was posted to England in November 1916. He served in the Royal Canadian Engineers as a communications linesman. During the next few months, he took part in the heavy fighting as part of the 4<sup>th</sup>, Canadian Division, Signal Company. In early 1918, he was awarded the Military Medal for bravery. He served in England and Europe until his discharge. Herbert passed away in 1950.

**LOW, Donald Baird "Don"**

**WWII**

Don was born in Foxwarren, Manitoba, on March 7, 1926. He joined the RCAF at the age of eighteen with the intention of becoming a pilot but was selected to train as a Wireless Gunner. He was later transferred to the Army and stationed in Toronto and Winnipeg. Upon his discharge on December 12, 1945 he returned to Foxwarren, where he courted Elaine, the love of his life. He worked as a mechanic and cabinet builder; started working for the CPR as an Assistant Agent in 1948; later becoming an Operator and Station Agent. The last sixteen years of his career included a move to Yorkton and a promotion to Mobile Supervisor, retiring in 1988 after forty years with the railway. Don was married to Elaine Thorpe in 1951 and they had two girls and two boys. He was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 77 and very proud to have received a seventy-year member pin. Don passed away on January 3, 2016.



**LUKIANCHUK, Peter "Pete"**

**WWII**

Peter was born near Horod, Manitoba, on April 1, 1909. Father, Konstantine, and mother, Katrina, from Ukraine 1898, had homesteaded near Horod. Peter schooled near Horod, worked farming, then travelled with threshing crews. While threshing he met his future wife, Mabel Reid, near Oakner, Manitoba. Peter later worked in Woodfibre, BC pulp mill, then joined Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's), in Vancouver. Peter had three sisters. He and four of five brothers served in the military. Peter, with 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, going overseas in 1941, docked in Glasgow, were greeted by HRH Princess Mary, then trained in England. On D Day, Peter climbed over machine gunned bodies from the landing craft at Juno. Surviving Normandy, Falaise, Leopold Canal, Rhineland, more, to Germany, Peter returned to marry Mabel, having sent her miniature wooden shoes from Holland. They farmed near Oakner, raising one son Robert, and were active in Legions, including both as Presidents. Peter (1981), and Mabel (1983) are both buried Hamiota, Manitoba, Cemetery.



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**LYONS, Miles**

**WWI**

Miles was born in St. Clements, Manitoba, around 1870. He was a volunteer in the rebellion of 1885. He immigrated to Saskatchewan and homesteaded in the Brancepeth district. Miles married Victoria Taylor and they had a family of ten children. In 1917, he enlisted in the Army in The Pas, Manitoba, and served with the Canadian Expeditionary Force in Canada, Britain and France. He was awarded the British War Medal, the Victory Medal, and was discharged on March 10, 1919 in Winnipeg. Miles passed away on September 4, 1919.

**MacFIE, Gordon C.**

**WWII**

Gordon was born in 1920 in Selkirk, Manitoba. He enlisted with the Army in 1941 and served with the 17<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment RCA and served in Italy and West Europe until his discharge in 1945. He was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Birch Hills Branch 122. Gordon passed away in 1998.



**MacFIE, James E.**

**WWII**

James was born in 1918 in Selkirk, Manitoba. He enlisted with the Army on September 6, 1939 and served with the 1<sup>st</sup> L.A.A. Battery, RCA, CASF in Italy and Sicily. James was killed in action in 1944 and he is buried at Ravenna War Cemetery, Piangipane, Italy.



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## **MacLEOD, Norman Neynoe**

**WWI**

Norman was born on December 1, 1893, in Griswold, Manitoba. His parents Kenneth and Alice (Ferguson) MacLeod later homesteaded in the Outlook area. When he enlisted in Moose Jaw on December 18, 1914, Norman was six feet, one inch tall. He listed his occupation as farmer. As a member the Canadian Field Ambulance in France assigned to the 10<sup>th</sup> Battalion (Canadians), he saw action in some of the heaviest fighting of the war. On November 5, 1915, he suffered a gunshot wound to his neck. After he recovered, he returned to the front line. On April 9, 1917, Norman MacLeod was killed by the concussion from an enemy shell. His battalion was part of the attack on Vimy Ridge. He was 21 years old. Norman Neynoe MacLeod is buried at the Nine Elms Military Cemetery near Thelus, France. The inscription on his tombstone reads: "Our Boy, Not Forgotten."

## **MAHER, William Patrick "Bill"**

**WWI**

Bill was born on March 19, 1897 in St. Jean, Manitoba. The family moved to Cannington Manor, NWT in 1905. Bill enlisted with the Fort Garry Horse in February 1917 at Tuxedo Park in Winnipeg. He was killed in action in France on April 2, 1918 and is buried at Namps-au-Val, a British Cemetery in Somme, France.



## **MALONEY, William Henry**

**WWII**

William was born in Gilbert Plains, Manitoba, in 1918. He joined the 45<sup>th</sup> Transport serving in Canada, England, France and Belgium. He passed away in 1987 and had been a member of Branch 76 of The Royal Canadian Legion for forty years.



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**MANSOFF, George William**

**WWII**

George was born on May 11, 1909 in Manitoba. He enlisted in World War II with the Canadian Army in 1941. He served with the Medical Corps, the 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Field Squadron and the Royal Canadian Engineers 5<sup>th</sup> Canadian Armoured Division in Canada, the Central Mediterranean, Continental Europe and United Kingdom. He was a Life Member of The Royal Canadian Legion Fort Assiniboine Branch 210. George passed away on August 4, 1999.

**MARKS, E. W.**

**WWI**

E. W. Marks was born in Eriksdale, Manitoba. He joined the Canadian Infantry and served with the 28<sup>th</sup> Battalion in Canada, England and France where he was killed in action in 1918. Private Marks is buried in France.



**MAXWELL, Guy Stanley**

**WWI**

Guy was born in the Municipality of Morton, Manitoba on March 31, 1898. He joined the Army at a young age, maybe in 1915, and then went to Regina to train at the RCMP headquarters before proceeding east by train to Ontario. When passing through Brandon, he hid from his aunt and uncle who intended to meet the train and send Guy home because of his age. Guy, Victor Hammond and Harold Gouck went to England on a rather unclean cattle boat, then from there, to Belgium and France. They were not on the front lines but were in charge of caring for the Lord Strathcona Horse Division's horses, cleaning barns, grooming horses or riding while training. Vic and Guy may have gotten home in 1919 while Harold Houck came later. Guy died in 1989.



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**MAYOR, George W.**

**WWII**

George was born in Westbourne, Manitoba in 1924 and he died on April 25, 1944. He joined the Royal Canadian Air Force as a Pilot Officer and served as a Sergeant in England. He was killed in action in Waldalgesheim, three miles south of Bingen, Germany and was buried there on April 27, 1944. George was moved to the Rheinberg British Military Cemetery, which is 11 miles northwest of Duisburg. His crewmates are also buried there.

**MAZIER, Dmetro**

**WWII**

Dmetro was born in Edillen, Manitoba in 1916. He joined the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve and served on HMCS Amherst and St. Boniface in England, Iceland, Germany, and Londonderry in Ireland. He was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Lawrence Branch 87 before he died in 2004.



**McBEAN, Peter Duncan**

**WWII**

Peter was born in Mariska, Manitoba in 1904. He served in the Canadian Provost Corps in Canada during World War II. He was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Eaglesham Branch 235 and he passed away in 1970.





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**McBRIDE, William Robert**

**WWII**

William was born in Deloraine, Manitoba in 1926. His family moved to Semans, Saskatchewan in 1935. At the age of seventeen, he enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force R284729 as a Sergeant (Flight Engineer) and served in Canada during World War II. He was discharged in 1945. He graduated from the University of Saskatchewan in 1950 with a Professional Engineer degree. He married in 1951 and had three children. He practiced in Swift Current, SK; Calgary, AB; Kamloops, Vancouver and Kelowna, BC. He was a member of the Vancouver Chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA 85) and a founding member of the Kelowna EAA 433. He built and flew a Jodel D9. He was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Semans Branch 108 before he passed away in 1974.

**McCAULEY, Harold**

**WWI & WWII**

Harold came from Neepawa, Manitoba with his parents to Edmonton, Alberta in 1912. In World War I, he joined the Navy at eighteen and served in the North Atlantic and the North Sea. Upon discharge at the end of the war, he took a Soldier Settlement farm east of Millet, Alberta. When World War II broke out, he joined the Army in 1940 with the rank of Corporal. He was stationed at Ucluelet and Port Alberni, British Columbia and at a prisoner of war camp in Lethbridge, Alberta.



**McCLAIN, Harold Calven**

**WWI**

Harold was born in Carman, Manitoba, on December 1, 1896. His parents, Thomas Charles and Margaret McClain, moved to Glenside, Saskatchewan. Harold's address when he enlisted in the Army in Regina on June 18, 1918 was Broderick, where he farmed. While in England with the 1<sup>st</sup> Saskatchewan Depot Battalion, Harold contracted a severe case of influenza. He was hospitalized for almost seventy days with a high fever. In view of his long, debilitating illness, his doctors recommended that he be invalided back to Canada for further medical treatment. He was discharged in Regina on June 20, 1919 and passed away four months later on October 16, 1919. He is buried in the Outlook Cemetery.





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## **McCOWAN, Fred**

**WWI**

Fred was born in 1884 in Winnipeg, Manitoba and came to Quill Lake, Saskatchewan in 1920. During World War I, he joined the Canadian Army and served with the 72<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Seaforth Islanders, and the 230 Forestry Division in Canada, England and France where he was wounded and hospitalized. Fred married and had six children. He died in 1965 and is buried in Quill Lake Cemetery.

## **McCRACKEN, Howard R.**

**WWII**

Howard was born on April 21, 1919 in Medora, Manitoba. In 1931 he moved with the rest of his family to Lacadena, SK. He served in World War II from 1942 to 1945 with the Regina Rifles Regiment. On June 6, 1944, he landed in France on Juno Beach. He was wounded on October 12 in Holland. He was sent back to a hospital in England and after convalescence drove a truck until he returned back home in January 1946. He was an active member of The Royal Canadian Legion Lacadena Branch. Howard passed away on May 10, 2006.



## **McDONALD, Allan Hector**

**WWII**

Allan was born in Kelloe, Manitoba. He enlisted in the Army and served in Europe during World War II. Trooper Allan Hector McDonald was killed in action on August 30, 1944 in France with the 18<sup>th</sup> Armoured Car Regiment, 12<sup>th</sup> Manitoba Dragoons. He was the son of John and Annie McDonald of Kelloe, in the Shoal Lake Municipality. He was 29 years old and is buried in the Calais Canadian War Cemetery in Pas-de-Calais, France. His name is inscribed on the Shoal Lake Cenotaph.



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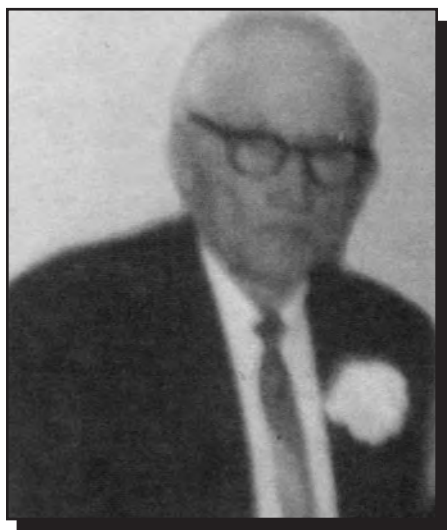
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**McEACHERN, Hugh**

**WWI**

Hugh was born in Glendale, Nova Scotia in 1887. He was a lumberjack who moved to Manitoba from Cape Breton for work. In 1917, the Army was actively recruiting such men for the Canadian Forestry Corps during World War I. Hugh joined and was sent to England and almost immediately to France. He returned at wars end and met a lady from St. Ambrose. They lived in the Portage area until his death in 1971.

**McINTYRE, James A. "Jim"**

**WWI**

Jim was born in Gladstone, Manitoba, on February 19, 1896, to John and Mary, and moved with his family to the Ridgedale District, where they farmed. He enlisted and was at Vimy Ridge and returned to Ridgedale after the war. He married Alma Magee on July 5, 1926 and raised a daughter, Beverley. Jim was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion and passed away in June 1979.



**McKIE, William J.**

**WWII**

William was born on February 22, 1920 in Reston, Manitoba. He enlisted in the Canadian Army Active on March 20, 1941 and served for four years and eight months until November 2, 1945. He served with the Royal Canadian Service Corps, 41<sup>st</sup> General Transport Company. After the war, he served in the Air Force Reserve for eight years with the rank of Captain. He was a Life Member of The Royal Canadian Legion Foam Lake Branch 16 with service of 53 years. William passed away on January 30, 2000.





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**McKIE (BRADSHAW), Winnifred V. I.**

**WWII**

Winnifred was born on January 13, 1926 in Reston, Manitoba. She enlisted with the CWAC in August 1944 in Regina, SK. She received her advanced training in Kitchener, ON. She graduated from Edmonton Vocational Training School in Clerks Accounting. She was stationed in Calgary, AB processing discharges during de-mobilization. She volunteered for the Pacific Theatre of War. She was discharged in August 1946. She was a volunteer in the American Navy as a Nursing Sister during the Korean Conflict, but was never called to duty. Winnifred passed away on January 28, 2000.

**McLAREN, Arthur John**

**WWII**

Arthur was born in 1910 in Neepawa, Manitoba. He enlisted with the Royal Canadian Air Force Bison Squadron, #429 Bomber Command in Canada and England. Arthur passed away in 1996.



**McLAREN, Walter Dan**

**WWII**

Walter was born in 1912 in Wellwood, Manitoba. He enlisted with the Royal Canadian Air Force during the war and served in Canada and England. Walter passed away in 1957.





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## **McLAUGHLIN, Alfred Russell**

**WWI**

Alfred was born in Griswold, Manitoba, on February 17, 1892, son of Robert McLaughlin. While living in Broderick he enlisted with the 46<sup>th</sup> Battalion Canadian Expeditionary Force in Moose Jaw on February 2, 1916 at the age of 24. After basic training, he left for England on August 15, 1916. He served in France from October 1916 until April 1917. He was gassed and wounded on April 13, 1918 and transported to a military hospital at Boulogne where his wounds became infected. When his condition did not improve, he was invalided to the Earl Grey Hospital in Moose Jaw and was discharged in Regina on July 31, 1918. He was living in Chilliwack, BC, when he passed away on June 16, 1971.

## **McNAMEE, Leslie Bruce**

**WWI**

Born in Killarney, Manitoba in 1893, Leslie worked as a clerk in Cochrane before joining the 137<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Alberta Regiment, King's Own Calgary Regiment in 1916. While overseas with the 50<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Alberta Regiment, he was wounded and later died of these injuries on June 7, 1917, at the age of 24. Leslie is buried in the Lapugnoy Military Cemetery in France, is commemorated on page 288 of the Book of Remembrance, and is also remembered on the Cochrane Cenotaph.



## **McNEILL, Donald Henry**

**WWII**

Donald was born in 1918 in Brandon, Manitoba. He enlisted with the Royal Canadian Air Force and served with 424 Squadron. He completed one tour of operations in Bomber Command while serving in Yorkshire, England and North Africa. He was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Foam Lake Branch for 58 years. Donald passed away in 2003.

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## **McPHAIL, Hugh**

**WWI**

Hugh was born on May 22, 1874, in Wooler, Ontario, to John and Jane McPhail. The family moved to Keys, Manitoba, and Hugh came to Runciman, Saskatchewan in 1905 looking for land. He joined the Army and served overseas. His sister, Mildred, and six children came from Keys, Manitoba, to live on his farm. After the war was over, Hugh came home to his farm. Mildred had bought her own land. He married Mabel Robertson and they raised three daughters. Hugh passed away on November 8, 1951.

## **MELNICK, Harry**

**WWII**

Harry was born in The Pas, Manitoba in 1924. He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force and served as a Paratrooper with the 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Parachute Battalion and Allied Airborne during World War II. His service took him to England, France, Belgium, Netherlands, and Germany. He was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Lynn Lake Branch 236. Harry passed away in 2011.



## **MILLIONS, Garnet Ernest**

**WWII**

Garnet was born on April 28, 1920 in Waskada, Manitoba. He was farming near Redvers, Saskatchewan in early 1942, when he enlisted as a Private in the Royal Winnipeg Rifles in Regina, Saskatchewan. He served overseas and was released at the end of World War II. Garnet passed away on December 31, 1973 and is interred in Fertile, Saskatchewan.





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**MINERS, Reginald "George"**

**WWI**

George was born in Plymouth Devonshire, England, on September 3, 1888, and came to Canada when he was fifteen years old. He worked on a dairy farm in Ontario for a year, then made his way to Manitoba and then to Prince Albert National Park making his living by trapping muskrats. He enlisted in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, on March 30, 1915, with the 53<sup>rd</sup> Battalion as a Sapper and served in France where he was wounded and sent home to Saskatchewan and raised a family of four children. He lived in Debden and retired to Prince Albert until he passed away on February 3, 1969.

**MOLONEY, David Thomas**

**WWII**

David was born in Gilbert Plains, Manitoba, in 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas Moloney. He joined the Regina Rifle Regiment, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion and served in Canada, France and England. He was 24 years old when he was killed in action on June 9, 1944, leaving behind his wife Mary Moloney of Fleet, Hampshire, England. Lance Corporal Moloney is buried in Beny-sur-Mer Canadian War Cemetery (IV.E.13) in Calvados, France. He is also commemorated on page 396 of the Second World War Book of Remembrance.



**MONTGOMERY, Albert James H. "Red"**

**WWI**

Albert James H. "Red" Montgomery was born on April 23, 1898 in St. Clair, Manitoba. He was working in the Tofield area when he enlisted with the 211 American Legion Battalion. He served overseas during World War I. He returned to Tofield after the war.

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## **MORDEN, Robert “Bob”**

**WWI**

Bob was born on February 15, 1895, in Neepawa, Manitoba. He married Anne Norbary and moved to Arborfield on May 7, 1930 to get his Veterans' Land. He later sold his land and got land in Connell Creek, which they farmed from 1944 to 1958. They then sold the land and moved to Penticton, British Columbia.

## **MYHILL, Gordon W.**

**WWII**

Gordon William Myhill was born in 1922. He was orphaned at an early age and was raised by his grandparents, Adam and Elizabeth Muirman, in the Kelloe area of the Shoal Lake municipality. On June 18, 1941, Gordon joined the Royal Canadian Artillery as a Gunner in Shilo, Manitoba to serve during World War II. In August 1942, he shipped overseas to England with the 70<sup>th</sup> Battery, 8<sup>th</sup> Canadian LAA Regiment, RCASC. From the United Kingdom, he disembarked for France and fought through Belgium, Holland, and into Germany, where he was wounded. Gordon received a mentioned in dispatches citation and good conduct badge. He returned to Canada and was discharged on October 22, 1945. In May 1948, Gordon married Dorothy Crowther. They had two children, Winifred and Wayne. Gordon was active in The Royal Canadian Legion Shoal Lake Branch 72 for 45 years and Dorothy was involved in the Auxiliary. Gordon passed away in 2000, and Dorothy in 2008.



## **NEWBY, Thomas Bernard**

**WWI**

Thomas was born on June 12, 1896, in Rosewood, Manitoba. He enlisted in World War I with the Canadian Army and served with the 211<sup>th</sup> Battalion in France, Germany and the Netherlands. He was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 81 for 39 years. Thomas passed away on August 25, 1957.



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**NICHOLLS, Lewis**

**WWII**

Lewis was born in Manitoba in 1926. He joined the Army at fifteen years old and served with the Counter-Mortar Unit of the 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Radar Battery in Canada, England, France, Belgium, and Holland. He married, had four children, and worked as a miner in Sudbury, Ontario. Lewis was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion in Sudbury for 42 years before he died in 1988. He is buried in Wahnapiatae, Ontario.

**NICHOLS, Harvey**

**WWI**

Harvey was born on the family farm on March 19, 1896. He was the first son, second born of three brothers and two sisters, to parents Thomas and Ethelda Nichols, from Ontario, who had homesteaded one mile northwest of Lenore, Manitoba in 1889. Pioneer farming was Harvey's life, with schooling in Lenore. Thomas sold the farm and moved to Lenore to run a coal business. Harvey enlisted in the Canadian Expeditionary Force on March 31, 1916. He was assigned to the 184<sup>th</sup> Overseas Battalion and soon transferred to the 27<sup>th</sup> Battalion. He was slightly wounded by shrapnel on August 21, 1917 and returned to duty on August 26. He was killed in action on November 6, 1917. Harvey is buried in the Dochy Farm New British Cemetery near Flanders, Belgium. All the rest of his family are gone, whereabouts unknown. His parents are buried in Breadalbane Cemetery near Lenore.



**NOGA, John**

**WWII**

John was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba on September 9, 1914. He served with the 25<sup>th</sup> Bty 9<sup>th</sup> L.A.A. Regiment R.C.A. (AF) in Petawawa during World War II. He was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Camrose Branch 57 for 45 years. John passed away in January 2000.





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**NORRIS, James C.**

**WWII**

James was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba in 1909. He joined the Army and served as a Sergeant with the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps in Canada, England, France, and Holland. James married, had three children, and farmed in Clair, Saskatchewan. He was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Quill Lake Branch 37 for 38 years before he died in 1984. James is buried in Saskatchewan's Quill Lake Cemetery.

**O'REILLY, John M.**

John enlisted in the Navy and served in Canada and on the High Seas. His service number was V-54362. No other information was available.



**ODDAN, Harold Engman**

**WWII**

Harold was born on March 12, 1911 in Eli, Manitoba. He moved with his parents in 1912 to Hatton, Saskatchewan. He enlisted with the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1940 and was posted in Calgary, Alberta. He married Adrie Reynoldson on April 18, 1942 and his daughter Sharon was born on September 7, 1943. He served with the #419 Moose Squadron and in January 1944 he was posted in England. Harold was killed in action during a night raid in Belgium on May 13, 1944.





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**OMIT, Neil G.**

**WWII**

Neil was born in Ketchen, Saskatchewan in 1921. He enlisted in the Army in Saskatoon on August 2, 1940 and served during World War II with the Regina Rifles in Canada and overseas. He was discharged on October 2, 1945 in Regina. His service number was L36324. Neil received the Service Medal. He was married to Doreen and was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Flin Flon Branch 73 for one year.

**OSBORNE, Kara M.**

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Kara was born in Atikokan, Ontario, in 1974. She joined the Army on June 16, 1994 and served with 56 Fd RCA, 1 AD Regiment, 3 RCR, CJOC and CF INTCOM in Canada, NATO-Bosnia and Herzegovina, and NATO-SDA Afghanistan; Israel and West Bank; and Washington, D.C. She received the CD1, CPSM, NATO-FY, QGJM, GCS, and OSM. Kara retired on September 9, 2020 in Ottawa, Ontario. She is an eight-year member of The Royal Canadian Legion Atikokan Branch 145.



**OSWALD, Alice P.**

**WWII**

Alice was born in Brandon, Manitoba in 1914. She enlisted in the Canadian Women's Army Corps in Winnipeg on December 16, 1941. She served as a Private in Canada and in England during World War II. She was discharged in Winnipeg on August 2, 1946. Her service number was W10093. She was a seven-year member of The Royal Canadian Legion Flin Flon Branch 73. Alice passed away in 1954.

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**OVERLAND, Alvin O.**

**WWII**

Alvin was born in Harmony, Minnesota in 1923. He enlisted in the Army in Winnipeg on May 10, 1943. He served as a Private in Europe with #2 C.I.R.V. 103<sup>rd</sup> C.A.B.T.C. during World War II. He was discharged in Winnipeg on April 4, 1946. His service number was H-9759. He was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Flin Flon Branch 73 for one year. Alvin passed away in 1956.

**PALMER, William G.**

**WWII**

Trooper William Palmer was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba in 1922. He served with #3 CACRV in Canada and Overseas during World War II. William was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Flin Flon Branch 73.



**PARENT, Laury J.**

**WWII**

Laury was born in Transcona, Manitoba in 1921. He enlisted in the Army in Port Arthur, Ontario on January 2, 1942 and served as a Private in Canada, England and Europe with the Calgary Highlanders, RHLI during World War II. He was discharged from service in Hamilton, Ontario in February 1946. His service number was H195652. He received the France and Germany Star, Defence of Britain Medal and the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp. He has been a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Flin Flon Branch 73 for two years.



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**WWI**

Joseph was born in Russia in 1898. He served as a Sapper with the RCE during World War I. His service number was H-82072. He was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Flin Flon Branch 73.

**PEARSON, Douglas E.**

**WWII**

Private Douglas Pearson was serving in Hong Kong with the Winnipeg Grenadiers when he was caught as a Prisoner of War. He passed away of diphtheria in a Japanese prison camp in 1942.



**PEARSON, Joseph**

**WWI**

Joseph enlisted in England on January 15, 1915 and served with the R.A.M.C. during World War I. He was discharged in England on February 18, 1919. His service number was 388432. Joseph was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Flin Flon Branch 73.



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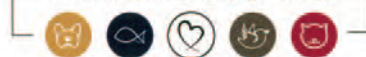
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## PELECHATY, Nicholas

**WWII**

Private Nicholas Pelechaty was born in Saskatchewan in 1924. He enlisted in the Army in 1943 and served with the Rocky Mountain Rangers in Canada and overseas during World War II.

## PELLETIER, Daniel

**WWI & WWII**

Daniel was born in Waywayseecappo, near Rossburn, Manitoba in 1892. He was in military service from October 24, 1916 to April 10, 1919 and from July 4, 1940 to March 22, 1941 and July 12, 1943 to November 6, 1945. Daniel was a Private/Gunner and Sergeant and served with the 217<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion, the Canadian Expeditionary Force, the 16<sup>th</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> Saskatchewan Horse in World War I and the Veterans Guard of Canada in World War II. Daniel was awarded the Victory Medal, the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with Clasp and the War Medal 1939-1945.



## PENGELLY, Francis James "Frank"

**WWII**

Frank was born in Solsgrith, Manitoba, on October 5, 1905. He enlisted in the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry in 1926. He was stationed in Winnipeg and Calgary before going overseas with the advance party of the First Canadian Division in September 1939. Shortly after arriving in England as a Sergeant, he transferred to a RECCE squadron as Squadron Sergeant-Major. Frank's unit spent many nights in France mapping and surveying and returning to England before dawn. The intelligence gathered was used for the Dieppe Raid and the D-Day Landings. Frank joined the Fourth Princess Louise Dragoon Guards as Regimental Sergeant-Major. He was sent to North Africa, but a battlefield injury prevented him taking part in the Sicily landings. He was wounded in Italy and hospitalized in Naples. Frank was an enthusiastic athlete who played baseball and became divisional and Army western Canada boxing champion for several years before the war. Frank remained in the Army until 1947 with the permanent rank of Captain. He served with the Reserve Army. He was a member of several Legion Branches for forty years and served in many positions, including President. Frank died in 1984.

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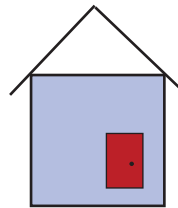
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**PENMAN, John**

**WWI**

John was born on October 12, 1895 in Kingsley, Manitoba. He came to Jordan River with his brother in 1915 to file for homesteads. He enlisted with the Army and served with the 78<sup>th</sup> Battalion overseas. After the war, he continued to farm and he married in 1932 and they raised a family of five children. He was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Arborfield Branch 203. John passed away on January 8, 1986.

**PENNOCK, Joseph D.**

**WWII**

Joseph enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force in June 1943 and served in Canada during World War II. He was discharged from service in May 1945. His service number was R258651. Joseph has been a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Flin Flon Branch 73.



**PENNYCOOK, Robert “Bob”**

**WWII**

Bob was born in Somerset, Manitoba, in 1905. He came with his parents, two brothers and four sisters in 1907 to Saskatchewan. He joined the Saskatoon Light Infantry on January 21, 1940 and served in Canada and England until his discharge on November 19, 1945. He married Muriel Hill of Arborfield who had also served as an army stenographer from 1942 to 1945. He joined The Royal Canadian Legion Arborfield Branch and Muriel was a charter member of the Legion Auxiliary. He received some land from the Veterans' Land Act and they raised a family of seven. Bob passed away on December 5, 1981. Muriel lives in Carrot River.



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**PERKES, James N.**

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James was born in Aston, Birmingham, in 1893. He enlisted in the Army in Bristol in August 1911. His service number was 10161. Private James Perkes served in Gallipoli with 1<sup>st</sup> France Border Regiment during World War I. He was discharged in Liverpool in October 1919 and received the 1914 Star. He was married to Marie Louise and was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Flin Flon Branch 73.

**PETRIE, William G.**

**WWII**

William enlisted in the Navy in November 1941 and served as an Ordinary Seaman with the Royal Canadian Navy Volunteer Reserve in Canada during World War II. He was discharged in September 1945. William has been a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Flin Flon Branch 73.



**PETRIUC, Theodore**

**WWII**

Theodore was born in Canada in 1915. He served as a Trooper in the Army with #3 CACRU in Canada during World War II. His service number was H-63824. Theodore has been a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Flin Flon Branch 73.



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**PICKERSGILL, George**

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George was born on October 16, 1904 in Keyes, Manitoba. He enlisted with the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders on October 30, 1942. He served in Canada and England as a Bren Gun Driver and was wounded in Normandy. He received his discharge on March 8, 1946. He was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Arborfield Branch until 1975 when he transferred to Summerland, BC. George passed away in 1977.

**PICKERSGILL, Jim**

**WWII**

Jim was born in 1909 in Keyes, Manitoba. He enlisted with the Royal Canadian Air Force in March 1940. He served as a Mechanic in Canada and the United States until his discharge on November 1, 1945. After the war he moved to the U.S.A. to work in Aircraft Production and he retired in Portland. Jim passed away in 1993.



**PICO, Lyle**

Lyle served as an Ordinary Seaman in Canada and overseas in the Royal Canadian Navy on HMCS Saguenay. His service number was V-3584.

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**PLESKO, Michael**

**WWII**

Michael enlisted in the Army in Regina in September 1942 and served overseas as a Gunner with the RCA during World War II. He was discharged in Regina in March 1946 and received the Service Medal. Michael was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Flin Flon Branch 73 for two years.

**PLUMMER, Earle A.**

**WWI**

Earle enlisted in the Navy on May 26, 1917. He served with the Royal Canadian Navy Volunteer Reserve overseas as an Able Seaman during World War I. He was discharged in Halifax on January 3, 1919. His service number was AV-2160. Earle received the Class B Naval Service Medal. He was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Flin Flon Branch 73 for twelve years.



**POOLE, Edward W. "Ed"**

**WWII**

Private Edward Poole was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba in 1916. He enlisted in the Army in Winnipeg on July 19, 1944 and served in Canada with C. Coy A-15 CITC during World War II. He was discharged in Winnipeg on April 12, 1946. Ed had received his crossed rifles and crown for marksmanship. Ed was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Flin Flon Branch 73 for fourteen years.



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**PREDIGER, Charles W.**

**WWII**

Charles served as a Trooper in the Army with the 26<sup>th</sup> Canadian Army Tank Regiment in Canada and overseas during World War II. He was discharged in 1946. Charles was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Flin Flon Branch 73.

**PRESUNKA, David N. J.**

**WWII**

David enlisted in the Navy and served with the Royal Canadian Navy Volunteer Reserve in Canada and on the High Seas during World War II. He was discharged from service on November 20, 1945. His service number was V65834. David was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Flin Flon Branch 73.



**PRICE, Bruce F.**

**WWII**

L/Cpl Bruce Price enlisted in the Army in Winnipeg in 1942. He served with #40 Provost Coy in Canada during World War II. He was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Flin Flon Branch 73.



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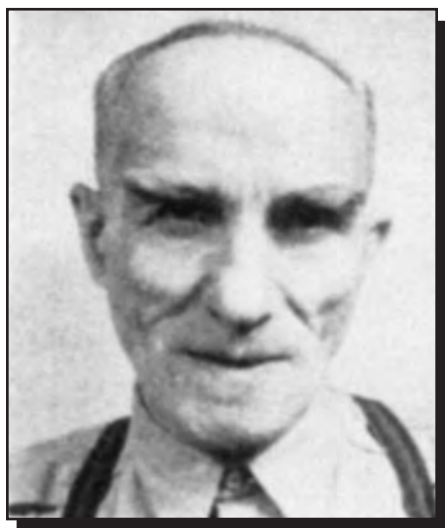
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**PRIEST, John**

**WWI**

John was born in Cullen, Scotland in 1878. He enlisted in the Army in Vancouver in August 1916 and served with the 72<sup>nd</sup> Battalion during World War I. He was discharged from service in Vancouver in January 1919.

**PROUDFOOT, James A.**

**WWII**

James enlisted in the Army and served with the C.A.A. in Canada and overseas during World War II. He was discharged from service on October 11, 1945. His service number was F33554. James was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Flin Flon Branch 73.



**PRUDER, Clarence E.**

**WWII**

Clarence was born in Winnipegosis, Manitoba in 1912. He enlisted in the Navy at HMCS Chippawa in 1941. He served on HMCS Ville de Quebec with the Royal Canadian Navy Volunteer Reserve on the North Atlantic and the English Channel during World War II. Clarence was discharged at HMCS Chippawa in 1945 and received the 1939-1945 Star. He was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Flin Flon Branch 73.

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## **PRUSS, Walter**

**WWII**

Walter was born in Fisher Branch, Manitoba in 1919. He enlisted in February 1942 for active service at Fort Osborne Barracks in Winnipeg. He served during World War II with the Canadian Army overseas with basic training at Fort Garry, Winnipeg then to Camp Ipperwash, Ontario to complete advance training in assault and night manoeuvres.

In July 1943, he was transferred to Halifax to board the troop ship Queen Elizabeth destined for England. He was transferred to his regiment, Algonquin Regiment 4<sup>th</sup> Light Armoured Division, 10<sup>th</sup> Brigade, B Platoon, C Company. In February 1944, the regiment spent two weeks training in Inverness, Scotland for the invasion of Normandy. In July 1944, the regiment was sent to Normandy, France. Their destination was Caen, the front lines of Calais, Carpiquet airport and Falaise Gap.

In August 1944, he was taken Prisoner of War, to a Catholic convent then to a Paris hospital, which was occupied by the German Army. He was treated for his wounds and was then later sent to Dusseldorf, Germany to be treated for his wounds at a Red Cross Station. This station was hit by a bomb and then he moved to Frankfurt, Germany, then moved to Munich and on to Friesing. He then was moved to Stalag 7A prison camp. He then moved back to Munich to lay railway tracks. In February 1945, he was moved with 79 other prisoners to a forestry camp to look after wildlife. He was under German guard.

As the war drew to an end, they were not allowed outside of the compound. One morning the American Army came to the village and liberated them. He was then transferred back to England. In 1945, he was transferred back to Canada and in September 1945 he was demobilized back to civilian life. His five military medals include: 1939-1945 Star, France and Germany Star, Defence of England Medal, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Defence Medal.

Walter and his wife Cathy resided and farmed in Fisherton, Manitoba. Both are now deceased. He was a Life Member of the Royal Canadian Legion Hodgson Branch 158.

## **RALSTON, Charles F.**

**WWII**

Private Charles Ralston was born in Osakis, Minnesota, USA in 1899. On July 4, 1941, he enlisted in the Army in Regina and served in Canada with 12<sup>th</sup> District Depot during World War II. He was discharged in Regina on September 7, 1943. Charles was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Flin Flon Branch 73.





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**RATSON, Fred G.**

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Corporal Fred Ratson enlisted in the Army in September 1939 and served with the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps in Canada and overseas during World War II. He was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Flin Flon Branch 78.

**RATSON, Harold**

**WWII**

Corporal Harold Ratson was born in Canada in 1917. He enlisted in the Army in Winnipeg in September 1939 and served in Canada and overseas during World War II.



**RATSON, Martin L.**

**WWII**

Martin was born in Regina, Saskatchewan in 1919. He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force in Winnipeg on July 24, 1941 and served overseas during World War II. He was discharged in Winnipeg on October 9, 1945. Martin was married to Elsie and was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Flin Flon Branch 73 for three months.



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**RAVEN, Jack A.**

**WWII**

Jack was born in Brandon, Manitoba. He served overseas in the Royal Canadian Air Force during World War II as a Leading Aircraftman. Jack was missing in action and was presumed dead in November 1943.

**READY, William Calvin "Bill"**

**WWII**

Bill was born on September 23, 1921 in Reston, Manitoba. He was the second eldest of the family with an older brother Lloyd (who also served) and sister Eileen and younger brother Allan. Bill enlisted in the army on July 15, 1940. He served with the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps 3<sup>rd</sup> Division Ammunition Corps as a driver. Bill served for 1930 days with 1494 of those days overseas in the United Kingdom and Continental Europe. His overseas service terminated on September 1, 1945 and he was discharged on October 26, 1945.

Upon returning home, Bill started his career with the Monarch Lumber Co. in 1946 in Maryfield and Hanley, Saskatchewan. On October 27, 1949, Bill married his wife, Ethel (Presnell) in Hanley, SK and they were together for 50 plus years until Ethel's passing in February 2000. Bill and Ethel were blessed with four children. In Dauphin, Manitoba, Bill left the lumber business in 1963 and entered into the construction business and in 1975, with a partner, formed TR Construction Ltd. Bill retired in 1986 and his two sons who had joined him in 1975 and 1978 carried on the business.



Bill was an avid sportsman playing hockey, baseball, curling and horseshoes. He first joined The Royal Canadian Legion in Deloraine, MB in 1945 and was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion in Dauphin receiving his 50-year pin. He was a member of the masonic lodge and the Dauphin Shrine Club. Bill enjoyed his retirement years at his cabin at Hill's Camp on Lake Manitoba pursuing his passion of fishing and hanging out at the rink in the winter months watching the boys curl. Bill passed away on May 7, 2000 in Dauphin, MB.

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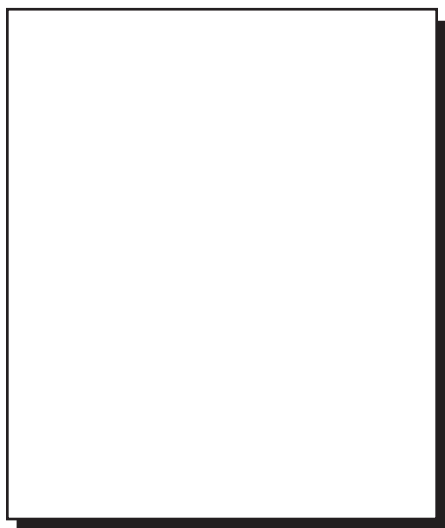
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## **REAGAN, Bernard A.**

**WWII**

Bernard was born in Sturgis, Saskatchewan. He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1942 in British Columbia and served in Canada during World War II. He was discharged on February 28, 1942. He had been a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Flin Flon Branch 73.

## **REDAHL, Carl A.**

**WWII**

Carl was born in Norway in 1906. He enlisted in the Army on September 7, 1940 and served with the Royal Canadian Engineers in Canada during World War II. His service number was L-41188. He was discharged in Chilliwack, British Columbia in 1943. Carl was married to Gladys and he was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Flin Flon Branch 73.



## **REED, Charles**

**WWI**

Charles enlisted in the Army in August 1914 and served with the London Rifle Brigade during World War I. His service number was 318338. He was discharged in March 1919. Charles was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Flin Flon Branch 73 for nine years.





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**REIMER, Arthur B.**

**WWII**

Arthur enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force in Flin Flon, Manitoba in 1942 and served in Canada during World War II.

**REIMER, Peter R.**

**WWII**

Peter was born in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan in 1926. He enlisted in the Navy in Winnipeg on March 3, 1944 and served as a Stoker in the Royal Canadian Navy Volunteer Reserve in Canada during World War II. He was discharged in Vancouver in January 1946. His service number was V-79795. Peter was married to Lula and was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Flin Flon Branch 73. Peter passed away in 2020.



**RENNIE, George**

**WWII**

George served in the Army in Canada and overseas during World War II. He was discharged on September 17, 1945. His service number was D-71498. George was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Flin Flon Branch 73.

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**RENVILL, Joseph K.**

**WWII**

Joseph served with the Royal Canadian Navy Volunteer Reserve in Canada and on the High Seas during World War II. He was discharged from service on September 5, 1945. His service number was V-41029. Joseph was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Flin Flon Branch 73.

**REUSCH, Roland K.**

**WWII**


Roland enlisted in the Royal Canadian Navy on July 31, 1939 and served in Canada on HMCS Stadacona during World War II. His service number was 3505. Roland was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Flin Flon Branch 73.



**REYNOLDS, Ernest A.**

**WWI**

Ernest was born in 1890 in Holmfield, Manitoba. He enlisted with the Army during World War I and served with the Wadena Wildcats in the C.F.C. C.E.F. in Canada, England, and France. He was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Leslie Branch. Ernest passed away in 1960.



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## REYNOLDS, Harry K.

**WWII**

Harry served in the Army with C.A. (A) in Canada and overseas during World War II. He was discharged on March 11, 1946. His service number was L-104535. Harry was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Flin Flon Branch 73.

## RICHARDSON, Cyril Tracy

**WWI**

Cyril was born on July 7, 1883, in London, England, the third of eight children born to William and Alice Richardson. Cyril was sent to Canada at age 13 through Dr. Barnardo Immigration Program. He was placed on Barnardo Training Farm near Russell, Manitoba, and after learning farming, he lived with the farm family near Miniota. Enlisting on January 23, 1917, he joined the 181<sup>st</sup> Canadian Overseas Battalion. He further trained in England before deploying to Belgium. He lost a foot when he was wounded at Passchendaele on November 9, 1917 and was discharged from Convalescent Hospital in Winnipeg on November 20, 1918. Cyril purchased, a quarter-section farm near Kenton, MB, although now called VLA. He worked alongside his brother-in-law Ernest Hunt. Ernest (WWI), sons Dick and Albert (WWII), are all members of Legion Branch 118 and recognized in this volume. Cyril moved to nearby Bradwardine with his mother. After his mother's death in 1937, Cyril married Florence Ritter. Moving to Coombs, Vancouver Island, they enjoyed gardening. Cyril passed away on January 21, 1962, and Florence in 1973. They are buried in the Royal Oak Park Cemetery in Victoria, BC.



## ROOKS, Lester George

**WWI**

Lester was born in Melita, Manitoba in 1890. Prior to World War I, Lester was a Lieutenant in the 20<sup>th</sup> Border Horse, a Militia Regiment in Estevan and area. At the onset of World War I, he enlisted in the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI) on August 24, 1914. He was commissioned on November 21, 1916 and joined the Royal Canadian Regiment on December 7, 1916. He served in France and Belgium. Lester was killed in action on April 9, 1917 during an attack west of Vimy Ridge. Lester was an avid hunter and outdoorsman; he joined every organization in the town. Lester and a partner by the name of Stokes set up a jewellery store in Estevan, named Rooks and Stokes Jewellers. The story goes that when Lester got wind of the fact that war had broken out in Europe, he rode his horse up the stairs to the front door and on into the beer parlor of the Empire Hotel in Estevan, and announced to the startled patrons that war had been declared.





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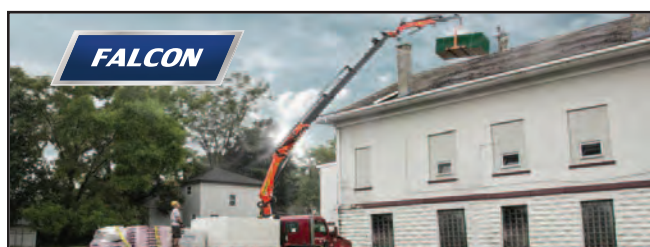
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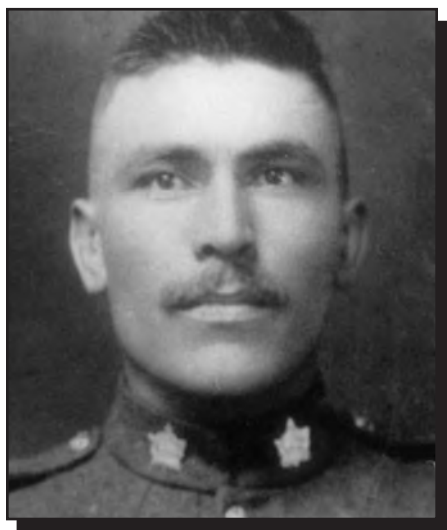
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**ROSS, E. Roman**

**WWI & WWII**

Roman was born in 1895 in St. Lazare, Manitoba. He served in World War I overseas in England and France with the 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion from 1914 to 1918. He was honourably discharged on April 12, 1919 in Regina, Saskatchewan. He served in the Veteran's Guard of Canada during World War II. Roman passed away on February 26, 1946 while in the service in the internment camp in Lethbridge, Alberta.

**ROY, Louis**

**WWI**

Louis was born in 1896 in Mariapolis, Manitoba and he moved to Dollard, Saskatchewan in 1910 in a caravan. He joined the Army and served in Europe during World War I. His brothers, André and David, served in World War II. Louis died of a sun stroke in 1920 at the age of 23.



**SAMWAY, Harold Henry**

**WWII**

Harold was born in Deloraine, Manitoba. He joined the Air Force as a cadet for pilot in 1918, and as a private in 1942 serving in Canada. After his discharge in 1946, Harold, Sylvia and Maybelle moved to Welwyn, where he taught school until his retirement in 1972. He was Zone Commander and District Commander of The Royal Canadian Legion Welwyn Branch 112 in Saskatchewan. In September 1982, he moved to St. Albert, Alberta, to live with his daughter until his passing. He received the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal.





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## **SANGSTER, Edward M.**

**WWII**

Edward was born in Yorkton, Saskatchewan in 1916. He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force Special Reserve and served overseas in Germany during World War II. He was appointed the rank of Pilot Officer by HRH King George VI on June 18, 1941 in the Royal Canadian Air Force. On October 27, 1941, he was reported missing as a result of a parachute descent. On November 22, 1941, the Red Cross reported his being captured and was in a Prisoner of War camp. In January 1942, he was confirmed to be a Prisoner of War in Stalag Luft III. He was later to be renowned for the "Great Escape" for which Edward participated in the tunnel development. He was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion South Osborne Branch 252 and Killarney Branch 109 for 35 years, receiving the 25, 30 and 35-year pins. Edward passed away in 1989.

The following is an essay written by Edward Sangster's grandson Adam Coates while he was in the sixth grade.

### **The Great Escape**

A few weeks ago my mom came home from my grandmother's place. She had a very special book of my Grandfather's called "The Great Escape". When it came time to pick a topic for my speech I thought about the book, and the movie which I had watched this past summer, and how I would like to learn more about the Great Escape.

When allied aircrew were shot down during World War II they were interrogated and then sent to an Air Force Prisoner of War camps run by Luftwaffe (or Germans). My grandfather was one of the men shot down, and was sent to Stalag III. It was located at Sagan, 100 miles south of Berlin. This was the scene of the Great Escape.

The conditions at the camp were strict, but bearable. However, if it were not for the Red Cross food parcels, food would have been a serious problem. German rations allowed only one half of the recommended calorie intake. Because the guards were not that much better off than the prisoners, food wise, they would often steal the food parcels.

For about 25% of the prison population, escape was a 'restless itch'. It was estimated that 5% of those were to be considered to be *dedicated escape artists*. The others would work in support of any escape attempts.

Stalag had some of the finest escape artists in the allied air forces. Among those were my grandfather's friend Officer Airman Wally Floody. Wally was the mastermind of the construction of all 3 tunnels, later to be nicknamed "The Tunnel King".

Nicknames were used a lot in the escape. Germans were known as "goons" a nickname that puzzled them. Tall sentry towers, which had searchlights and machine-guns, were called "goon towers"; and annoying the guards was called "goon baiting". The Germans specializing in escape detection were called "ferrets". They could come in at any time without warning and in any hut. The method that sand was removed, was by using "penguins". These men had bags attached to their pockets of their trousers, that slowly released sand while they were walking. This was the job my Grandpa had. The three tunnels were Nicknamed "Tom, Dick and Harry".



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Back at the camp, both the men and Luftwaffe were horrified from the outcome. A memorial was allowed to be built and the ashes of the 50 who were men killed were buried there. Very few traces of the camp are now left.

Although my grandfather died 9 years ago to this day, my mother thinks that a part of him died on March 24, 1944, in 'Harry' - Hut 104.

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The Germans were aware of something major was going on, but all attempts of discovering a tunnel failed. Even a wooden railway was built to truck back small amounts of sand, and later to transport the men for escape. Electric wire had an important use - the tunnel was wired for lighting so diggers could see. Much of the materials used were got from cleverly bribing the guards. Some of the materials used were spoons, forks, knives, shovels, water cans, bed boards, all kinds of tables, ropes, linens and electric wire.

Those who could speak German, and were experienced Escapers, were thought to have a better chance at getting 'home free'; and also the people who contributed most to the constructions of the tunnel, had a higher exit place, and were given priority with forged papers and civilian clothes. They had to also carry aircrew badges and brevets in a secret place while escaping in order to prove that they were not a spy. Being able to produce evidence being an escaped POW was vital.

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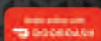


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**SARGENT, Carlie Warren**

**WWII**

Carlie was born to Merdick and Ellen on September 21, 1921 in Rounthwaite, Manitoba. His birth certificate states his birthday as September 28 because they could not get to town to register his arrival until a week later. The family left and settled in Brandon. Carlie left school after grade nine and worked various jobs. He joined the Royal Canadian Navy to do his part during World War II where he became a Stoker Petty Officer and completed three tours of duty in the Atlantic and the Pacific. While on leave Carlie married Margaret Isabella Wilson of Parkman on August 25, 1944. They had two children: Linda and John. Carlie returned home after the war ended and started working with the Canadian National Railways where he became a section foreman. This meant a lot of moving. Eventually they moved to the Frobisher area on January 2, 1970. Carlie and Margaret became members of The Royal Canadian Legion Frobisher Branch 343. Carlie passed away unexpectedly on March 11, 1979.

**SAWCHUK, Very Rev. Dr. Sam W.**

**WWII**

Father Sawchuk was born on February 14, 1885 in Wolkiwci, Ukraine. He came to Canada with his parents in 1899 and they settled near Dauphin, Manitoba and they later took up a homestead near Insinger, Saskatchewan. He enlisted with the Canadian Army in February 1942 and served as Chaplain until his discharge on May 5, 1946. He married Olga on February 14, 1920 in Saskatoon and they raised a family of eight children. Father Sawchuk passed away on October 28, 1983.



**SCHULTZ, Hugo**

**WWII**

Hugo was born in Pine Ridge, Manitoba, on August 14, 1901. He moved to Langenburg when he was young and joined the Army. During the war, Hugo was a chauffeur, driving cars and trucks. After the war, he worked on farms and elevators in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, and then moved to town and worked in a hotel. He passed away in July 1999.

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**SETTER, Clayton N.**

**WWII**

Clayton was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, in 1917. He volunteered and served in the United Kingdom and northwest Europe with the Canadian Army. He married Edith Bray in 1939 and they raised five children. After his discharge, Clayton farmed and was a barber in the Tisdale, Saskatchewan area. He passed away in 1975.

**SHEETS, William John**

**WWII**

William was born in Carmen, Manitoba in 1914. He served overseas in the Royal Canadian Engineers during World War II and passed away in 1954. William is buried in Viking Cemetery.



**SIMPSON, Thomas**

**WWI**

Thomas was born in 1895 in Swan Lake, Manitoba. He served overseas with the Canadian Army during World War I. He came to the Tisdale District in 1919 and was married in 1923. The family homesteaded in 1928 in the Pembina area. In 1931, the family moved to a farm near Tisdale and in 1947 they moved their farmhouse into Tisdale. They raised a family of nine children. Thomas passed away in February 1960.



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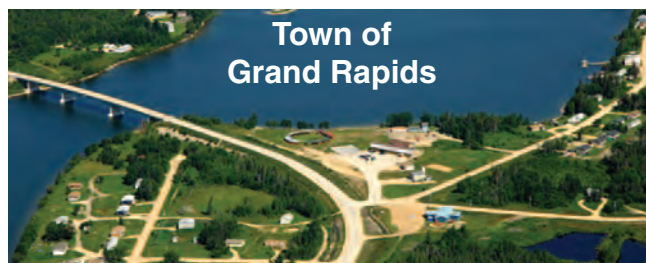
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**SLOAN, Harry**

**WWII**

Harry was born in Clair, Saskatchewan in 1921. From 1941 to 1945, he served as a Flight Sergeant with the Royal Canadian Air Force in Canada, England, and over Europe. He then moved to Winnipeg, Manitoba where he died in 2001.

**SMITH, Charles Robert**

**WWII**

Charles was born in 1908 in Minitonas, Manitoba. In 1943, he enlisted in the Canadian Army in Chilliwack, British Columbia, where he received his basic training. He was sent overseas with the Medical Services and was stationed at 13 Canadian General Hospital at Brighton, England, until his discharge in 1946. Charles passed away in 1975.



**SMITH (BUCHANAN), Martha**

**WWII**

Martha was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba in 1917. She joined the Canadian Women's Army Corps in 1943 as a stenographer and worked as an executive assistant to a colonel running a military hospital in Saint John, New Brunswick. When there was a request for stenographers with superior skills for a special project, Martha was one of five selected from Canada to move to New York to work with William Stephenson in British Security Coordination. After a brief period in New York, she moved to Washington, DC and worked in the Pentagon, decoding intercepted Japanese communications. Martha never talked about her wartime experiences until after a book was published describing William Stephenson as Intrepid. Even then, she was concerned that speaking of any of the work she did could have security implications even that much later in life. Martha was proud of her contribution, but lost many friends and hated that wars continue to be politically, ideologically and financially motivated with little thought given to the losses and suffering created. Martha passed away in 2010.





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**STANLEY, Alfred**

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Alfred was born in Pendennis, Manitoba. He moved to Saskatchewan in 1932 and married and had 2 children. He enlisted with the R.C.A. on July 21, 1941. He served in Canada and England until his discharge in 1946. He lived in Ontario for almost 35 years after the war. Alfred passed away in 1978.

**STEEN, Robert C. "Chuck"**

**WWII**

Chuck was born in St. James, Manitoba on December 7, 1924. He enlisted in July 1943 at the age of eighteen, fresh out of high school. He trained in Manitoba and was sent to England on the Aquitania in December 1943 as LAC in the Royal Canadian Air Force. He landed in Avranches, France with the No. 6 Bomber Group for the D-Day landing and went on to Belgium, Holland and Germany. Chuck spent his time supporting the Army as a truck driver/ambulance in the air evacuation unit. In Eindhoven, Holland, they were attacked by the Luftwaffe and received injuries while taking cover under a truck. Chuck passed away on January 18, 2016.



**STEFANSON, Numi H.**

**WWII**

Numi was born in Winnipegosis, Manitoba in 1918. He served with the 12<sup>th</sup> Manitoba Dragoons in England, France, Holland, Belgium and Germany during World War II. He was a Life Member of The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 91 and Branch 20 in Manitoba. Numi was an active member of the Colour Party in Manitoba until he moved to Alberta at the age of 95. At the Innisfail Remembrance Day Service on November 11, 2014, Numi was presented with the Knight of the National Order of the Legion of Honour, France's highest non-citizen award, in recognition of his service to liberate France. He was a proud Canadian and was honoured to serve his country. Numi passed away on August 16, 2016.



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**STEPHENSON, Leslie Currie "Les"**

**RCMP**

Les was born on March 25, 1919, in Belmont, Manitoba. His parents, Joseph and Annie Stephenson, had seven children, six boys and one girl. Les (or Stevie as he was then called) received all of his schooling in Belmont. In 1940, he joined the RCMP at the Training Depot in Regina. In 1947, he and Mary Royce were married in Saskatoon. They raised four children: Margaret, Dorothy, Robert and Donald. Like many members of the RCMP, Les served in many Saskatchewan communities, including Elbow, Imperial, Humboldt, Rosetown, Kamsack and Outlook. In 1965, Les retired in Outlook where he operated the Irrigation Centre Motel. He continued serving his community through involvement in sports and community government. Les enjoyed seeing his thirteen grandchildren whenever he was able to. He loved his career with the RCMP where he respected his colleagues and was, in turn, respected by them. Les passed away on March 5, 2005, at the age of 85. He is buried in the Outlook Cemetery.

**STEWART, Hamish Galbraith Hamilton "Jimmy" WWII**

Jimmy was born on March 20, 1923, in St. James, Manitoba. He enlisted in World War II with the Canadian Army on March 16, 1940, with Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. He served overseas in 1941 with the Winnipeg Grenadiers. He was captured on December 25, 1941 and spent the rest of the war in prison camps in China and Japan. He returned home on September 9, 1945, and re-enlisted in 1947, serving seventeen more years. He was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 46 Fort Macleod for sixteen years. Jimmy passed away on June 19, 1993.



**STEWART, William Duncan**

**KOREAN WAR**

William was born in Miniota, Manitoba in 1931. He joined the Army at nineteen years old and served in Korea from 1952 to 1953 as a Trooper with the Strathcona Horse Royal Canadians (LDSH). William suffered from PTSD and he died in 2002. He was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Saskatoon Branch for fifty years.

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## STODGELL, Frank

**WWII**

Frank enlisted from his parents' farm in Fisherton on July 9, 1941 in Winnipeg. After receiving basic training, he went to Vancouver Island with the 18<sup>th</sup> Armoured Car Regiment. From there he was sent overseas to England and saw action in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. While in Holland, he was struck by lightning. He spent several weeks in hospital and after recovering he joined his regiment again, doing dispatch writing and reconnaissance duty. In 1946, Frank returned from overseas and was discharged in Winnipeg on January 24, 1946. He returned to the farm in Fisherton and was killed accidentally in February 1958. The following is an account of the lightning incident in Holland by Peter Masniuk. "In Holland, on a very rainy day in 1944, Frank Stodgell, Earl Rickman and myself were lying under a pup tent behind our scout car. A bolt of lightning struck the antenna of the car hitting Frank who had earphones on. Frank was unconscious and stiff as a board, when transferred to a stretcher. He was flown to England by helicopter. Frank rejoined the regiment three months later, okay healthwise, and was with the regiment until the war ended."

## STOESZ, Steve D.

**AFGHANISTAN**

Steve was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba in 1980. He joined the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry from Winnipeg. After completing training, he deployed to Afghanistan and was wounded on three separate occasions by IED's. Steve was medically released from the Army and now lives in Russell, Manitoba.



## STUART, Charles

**WWI**

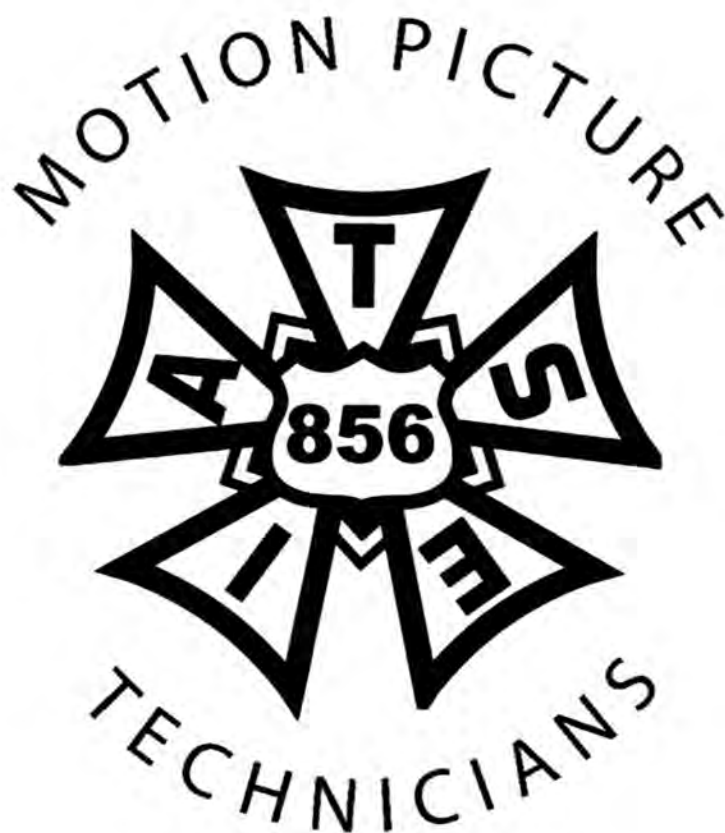
Charles was born on May 25, 1889 in Pilot Mound, Manitoba. He came to the Jordan River area in 1912. He enlisted with the Army in December 1916 and served overseas where he was wounded at Passchendaele, Belgium. He returned home in 1918 and filed for a homestead in the Arborfield area in 1930. He was a charter member of the Legion Branch to the British Empire Service League #203. Charles passed away on September 26, 1949.



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## SWINDLEHURST, Tom

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Tom was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba in April 1904. The family moved to homestead around Excel, Alberta, where Tom later taught at Excel School. He married Helen Caldwell in 1926 and moved to Saskatchewan and taught at various schools. They raised two children: Reg and Donna. In 1942, Tom joined the RCA, where he was a link trainer instructor at Prince Albert and Saskatoon, SK. In 1945, after his discharge, the family moved to Ridgedale, SK, where he taught for twelve years and then they moved to Tisdale, SK to teach for thirteen years. Tom retired after teaching for 46 years and moved to Abbotsford, British Columbia. He passed away on February 14, 1981.

## SWITALLO, Charles George

**WWII**

Charles was born in 1921 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. He enlisted in the Army with the Regina Rifles and served in France, Belgium and Holland during World War II. He was discharged in January 1946. He owned and operated Macleod's Store in Rockglen, Saskatchewan until he retired in 1998. Charles passed away in 2013. He was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Rockglen Branch 359 and Assiniboia Branch 17 for a total of 38 years.



## SYRENNE, Roland Adrien

**WWII**

Roland was born on March 11, 1920 in Fannystelle, Manitoba. He was conscripted into the army on December 4, 1941. He served with the South Saskatchewan Regiment in Holland, Germany, Canada, England, and Belgium before his discharge on January 24, 1946. He received the France and Germany Star and the Star for volunteering. He was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Ponteix Branch 297. The Legion was always the love of his life. Roland passed away on November 14, 1994.

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## **SYROTUCK, Michael**

**WWII**

Michael was born on October 10, 1919, in Ethelbert, Manitoba. He enrolled in the Edmonton Military Institute in 1937 with the rank of Lieutenant. He joined the Militia, serving with 78<sup>th</sup> Field Battery R.C.A. and graduated from the Royal School of Artillery as a Captain. He enlisted in the Army on August 19, 1940 and was promoted to Major in 1942. He served in Canada, the United Kingdom, Belgium, and Holland. Michael was awarded the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, the Defence Medal, and the France and Germany Star. He returned to reserve status on March 11, 1946. He was promoted to Acting Lieutenant Colonel to command 116 Depot (Reserve Force) until November 1954, when he attained the rank of Colonel. Michael helped organize The Royal Canadian Legion Norwood Branch 178 and served as its first President in 1946 as well as in 1947, 1949, 1950, and 1953. He was awarded a Life Membership in December 1962 and the Meritorious Service Medal in 1966. Michael passed away in 1974.

## **TAPAROWSKI, Carl Alexander**

Carl served in the Royal Canadian Navy Volunteer Reserve in Canada and on the High Seas. His service number was V-36570.



## **TELFER, Andrew Black Craig**

**WWII**

Andrew was born on November 27, 1916, in Shevlin, Manitoba and was the oldest of three brothers who went to war. His brothers were Gordon and Robert. Andrew joined the Army in 1939 and served in England, Holland and Belgium with the Yorkton Anti-Aircraft Battery. He was discharged in 1946 and then worked many years on the CN Railroad as a decks and bridges foreman. His next job took him to Fort Nelson, British Columbia, where he was the town foreman. From there, he retired to the farm he and his wife purchased in Clayhurst, BC, not too far from Dawson Creek. He was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 63 in Saskatoon, SK and in Dawson Creek Branch 141 in British Columbia. He died on January 14, 1987.



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**THOMPSON, Albert Lorne**

**WWII**

Albert was born in Saskatoon on January 4, 1918. He enlisted in the Navy with the Royal Canadian Navy Volunteer Reserve in Saskatoon on March 25, 1943 and served in Canada during World War II. He was discharged from service on March 27, 1946. His service number was V-61300. Albert received the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal. He was married to Ellen Mary and they had one daughter, Tana Joan.

**THOMPSON, Joseph A.**

**WWII**

L/Cpl Joseph Thompson enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force on March 3, 1942 and served in Canada and overseas with 13 Coy, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, #1CBRD during World War II. He was discharged on November 20, 1945.



**THOMPSON, Melvin Fred**

**WWII**

Private Melvin Thompson was born in Medicine Hat, Alberta on February 9, 1918. He enlisted in the Army in Winnipeg in June 1940 and served with the R.W. Rifles in England during World War II. He was discharged in Winnipeg in March 1944. His service number was H-41779. Melvin was married to Helen.





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**THOMPSON, Walter "Jack"**

**WWII**

Jack was born on September 21, 1912, in Kelwood, Manitoba. He moved with his parents to Pleasantdale, SK. He enlisted with the R.C.E. in 1939 and served in Canada, England, France, Germany, Holland, and Belgium until his discharge in January 1945. He married Myrtle Pendleton and in 1948 they moved out to the homestead. They finally went to Arborfield and there they raised a family of eight children. Jack passed away on October 24, 1981.

**THOMSON, John Fowler**

**WWII**


John was born in Brandon, Manitoba on September 6, 1923. He enlisted in the Army in Winnipeg in June 1941 and served as a Trooper with the C.A.C. overseas during World War II. He was discharged in Winnipeg in September 1945. His service number was H-77362. John received the Service Medal.



**THOMSON, Robert Gibson "Gibby"**

**WWII**

Gibby was born in Waskada, Manitoba, in 1914 and moved to the Alameda area in 1918. He joined the Army with the Calgary Highlanders going overseas in 1941 as an infantry signalman, serving in Canada, England, France, Belgium and Germany, and he was discharged on January 26, 1946. He received the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, the 1939-1945 Star, the France and Germany Star and the Defence Medal. Upon returning to Alameda, he took over the barbershop and pool room from his father. He married Mary Gibbons and they had three children. Gibby passed away on February 14, 1988. He had been a member of the Alameda Branch 267 of The Royal Canadian Legion.



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**THOMSON, Thomas Frank**

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Thomas was born on April 7, 1923, in Swan River, Manitoba. He joined the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1941 and served with Security Guard "C" in Canada for over three years. He was transferred to the General Section of the Reserve, Class "E", on December 15, 1944. After being discharged, he went to Carpentry school, and then farmed in the Peace Country where he lived until he passed away in 1993. Thomas was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Manning Branch 139.

**THORNTON, James Philip**

**WWII**

Lieutenant James Thornton enlisted in the Royal Canadian Navy in August 1941. He served in Canada with the Royal Canadian Navy Volunteer Reserve on GMCS Gryme during World War II. He was discharged on December 4, 1945.



**THORPE, Ernest**

**WWII**

Ernest enlisted in February 1940 and served overseas with 11<sup>th</sup> Field Engineers.



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**WWII**

Flt/Sgt John Thorsteinson enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force on September 25, 1941 and served overseas during World War II.

**THORSTEINSON, Kristjan Jonson**

**WWII**

Kristjan was born on May 22, 1914, in Lundar, Manitoba. He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force in Winnipeg on October 20, 1942, serving in Canada as a Sergeant. He was discharged in Winnipeg on April 25, 1945 and joined the Army. He served in Canada as a Private until his discharge in Winnipeg on February 20, 1946. Kristjan received the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal. He was married to Reita and they had one son, Kristjan H.



**TILLEY, Irvin Alfred**

**WWII**

Irvin was born in Wiarton, Ontario on May 3, 1917. He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Navy in Hamilton, Ontario on March 27, 1942 and served on the Atlantic and British Isles during World War II. He was discharged in Hamilton on September 28, 1945. His service number was A-5412.



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**WWII**

F/Lt William Timmermans was born in the Netherlands on December 28, 1927. He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force in Toronto on August 18, 1941 and served in Europe during World War II. He was discharged in Calgary on September 15, 1945 and received the Service Medal. His service number was J-22869. William was married to Phyllis.

**TIPPING, Harry R.**

**WWII**

Harry enlisted in the Navy in March 1942, serving during World War II as an Able Seaman with the Royal Canadian Navy Volunteer Reserve on HMCS New Westminster. He was discharged from service on August 16, 1945. Harry married his wife Muriel in Saskatoon.



**TITOFF, Leon A.**

**WWII**

P/O Leon Titoff enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force in October 1942 and served in Canada and overseas during World War II. He was presumed killed in action on October 20, 1943.



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**TOD, Robert G.**

**WWII**

Sergeant Robert Tod served overseas in the Royal Canadian Air Force during World War II. He was discharged from service on October 17, 1945.

**TODD (CAMPBELL), Mernelda A. R.**

**PEACETIME**

Mernelda was born in Dauphin, Manitoba in 1943. She served with the 10<sup>th</sup> Independent Signals Squadron in Canada during Peacetime. Her unit was put on high alert during the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962. While in service, she attained the rank of Corporal. She thoroughly enjoyed her service in the army. Later, Mernelda trained as an air traffic controller and worked at that for several years. In 1997, she received the "Volunteer of the Year Award of Merit" from the Township of Langley, BC. She was a twenty-year member of The Royal Canadian Legion Sylvan Lake Branch 212. Mernelda passed away in 2018 in Red Deer, Alberta.



**TOKAREK, Walter John**

**WWII**

Walter served in the Royal Canadian Air Force in Canada during World War II. He was discharged on January 19, 1946. His service number was R-182984.



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**TORGUSON, Raymond Stanley**

**WWII**

Raymond served in the Navy with the Royal Canadian Navy Volunteer Reserve in Canada and overseas. He was discharged in December 1945.

**TOTHE, Leslie W.**

**WWII**

Sergeant Leslie Tothe served overseas in the Royal Canadian Air Force with 419 (Moose) Squadron during World War II. He was killed in action in November 1944 and is buried in Harrogate, England.



**TREMAIN, Samuel Robert**

**WWII**

Samuel enlisted in the Navy in Flin Flon in May 1943. He served as an Able Seaman on HMCS Givenchy in Canada with the Royal Canadian Navy Volunteer Reserve during World War II.





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## **TROUGHTON, Thomas B. "Tom"**

**WWII**

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## **TUMLINSON, Milton Cornelius**

**WWII**

Milton was born on November 22, 1920 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. He joined the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve and served on HMCS Haida in Canada and on the High Seas. After serving in the Canadian Navy, he moved to Oregon, USA. Milton passed away on July 27, 1995.



## **TURNER, Ernest C.**

**WWII**

Ernest was born on October 29, 1916. He enlisted in the Army in October 1941 and served overseas with the 18<sup>th</sup> Armoured Car Regiment during World War II. Corporal Ernest Turner was killed in action on November 22, 1944. He left behind his wife Lena.

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**TYNAN, Eileen M.**

**WWII**

Eileen served with the Canadian Women's Army Corps, CWAAF Training Depot in Canada during World War II. Her service number was W-301168.

**TYNAN, Kathleen**

**WWII**

Kathleen enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force with #10 SFTS in March 1942. She served in Canada during World War II.



**UHLIN, Arnold Maurice**

**WWII**

Arnold enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force in December 1941 and served in Canada and Labrador during World War II. He was discharged from service on October 19, 1945.



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**WWII**

Robert was born on September 23, 1917, in Minnesota, USA. He enlisted in the Navy with the Royal Canadian Navy Volunteer Reserve in Winnipeg on August 7, 1941 and served on HMCS Chippawa in Canada during World War II. He was discharged on November 9, 1945. He and his wife Ellen had one daughter, Sandra Marion.

**UZELMAN, Peter**

**WWII**

Sergeant Peter Uzelman enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force in December 1941 and served overseas with #3 "M" Depot during World War II. His service number was R-14573.



**VAN NES, Johan Christian**

**WWII**

Johan was born in Prud'homme, Saskatchewan on November 23, 1917. He enlisted in Saskatoon on June 12, 1941 and served in the Far East with 177 Squadron during World War II. He was discharged on October 26, 1945 and received the Distinguished Flying Cross. Johan was married to Jeanie.





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George enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force in Winnipeg on May 11, 1941. He served in Europe with #12 SFTS during World War II. He was discharged from service in Winnipeg on September 19, 1945. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Service Medal.

**VAUGHAN, William**

Sergeant William Vaughan was born in Toronto on July 30, 1932. He enlisted in the Army on March 18, 1952 and served in Cyprus with the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps. He was discharged on April 15, 1974. His service number was SB-13384.



**VEAL, Herbert Kitchener**

**WWII**

Herbert was born in Dauphin, Manitoba on March 20, 1915. He served in the Army overseas with the Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers and was killed in action on October 19, 1945. He is buried at the Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery (XVI.A.6) in the Netherlands. He is also commemorated on page 572 of the Second World War Book of Remembrance.



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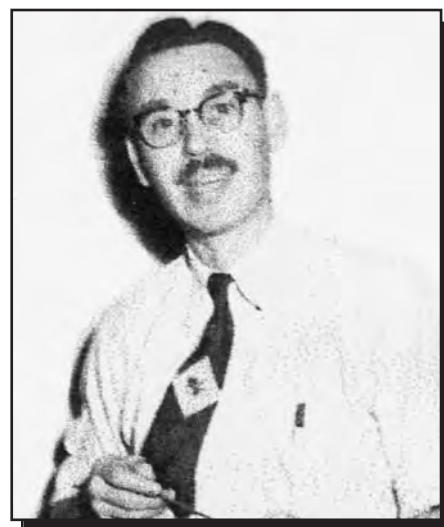
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Gordon served in the Army with the C.A. (A) in Canada and overseas during World War II. He was discharged on August 19, 1945. His service number was B-131287.

**VERWILGHEN, Charles Alphonse**

**WWI**

Private Charles Verwilghen was born in Tacoma, Washington on October 4, 1894. He enlisted in the Army in Winnipeg in August 1917 and served with #10 DD, 11<sup>th</sup> RCS, CEF in England during World War I. He was discharged in Winnipeg in 1919. Charles was married to Ada. He passed away in 1955.



**VICKERS, Alfred George**

**WWII**

L/Cpl Alfred Vickers was born in Nipawin, Saskatchewan on September 5, 1919. He enlisted in the Army in Saskatoon on February 20, 1941 and served with VIII Canadian Reece overseas during World War II. He was discharged Regina on January 20, 1946. His service number was L-53566. Alfred received the 1939-1945 Star, France and Germany Star, Defence Medal and Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp.



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**WAKEMAN, Thomas Edward**

**WWII**

Thomas was born in Cupar, Saskatchewan on April 15, 1923. He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force in Winnipeg on October 25, 1941 and served in Canada and the United Kingdom during World War II. He was discharged in Winnipeg on December 3, 1945. His service number was R-134662. Thomas received the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp and the Defence Medal. He and his wife Irene had two children, Frederich William and Susan Laura.



**WALKER, Howard Edwin**

**WWII**

Howard was born in Red Willow, Alberta on August 31, 1919. He enlisted in the Army in Calgary on May 28, 1942. Trooper Howard Walker served with the RCD, 31<sup>st</sup> Alta in Europe during World War II. He was discharged in Calgary on February 7, 1946 and received the Service Medal. He and his wife Jill had two sons, Roy Edwin and Robert James.





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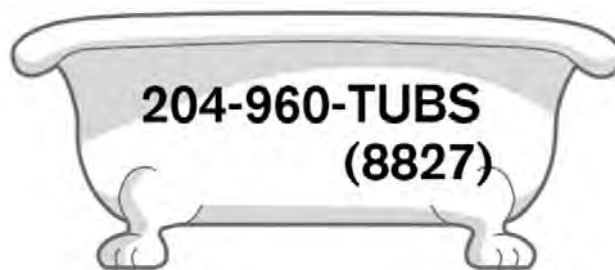
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**WALKER, John G.**

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John was born in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba in 1907. He was in the Army for five years, serving with the 14<sup>th</sup> Calgary Tank Regiment and the 9<sup>th</sup> Troop Tank in Canada, England and France where he was taken prisoner in Dieppe. John was in prison war camps in Poland (Stalag 8B) and in Prussia at Stargard, Stalag 2D. He never got over his abuse at these camps. John farmed after his discharge and he was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Quill Lake Branch 37 for 32 years before he died in 1978. He is buried in Quill Lake Cemetery.

**WALLACE, Hugh John**

**WWII**

Hugh was born in Regina on October 3, 1922 in Regina, Saskatchewan. He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force in Winnipeg on December 9, 1942 and served with Squadron 432 during World War II as a Leading Aircraftman. He was discharged in Winnipeg on September 8, 1945. His service number was R-210076. He and his wife Jean had one son, Robert Garth.



**WALLACK, Nick**

**WWII**

Private Nick Wallack enlisted at the beginning of July 1944 in Fisher Branch. A. C. Savage was the recruiting officer at the time. The recruiting station in Winnipeg at the time was at the corner of Portage and Main. He was then taken to Fort Osborne Barracks where he went through his medical. He stayed there until he was drafted to Fort Garry in September where he took basic training for fourteen weeks. In January 1945, he was drafted to Camp Shilo for advance combat training with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. On May 8 of that year, the war ended. In November, he was returned to No. 10 Depot, Fort Osborne Barracks. Nick received his discharge on December 4, 1945 and returned to farm life.

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Cecil enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force in Flin Flon on July 13, 1943 and served overseas as a Leading Aircraftman during World War II. He was discharged on June 21, 1946. His service number was R-265516. Cecil was married to Alice.

**WARD, George Sanford**

**WWII**

Private George Ward enlisted in the Army in Winnipeg on June 9, 1944 and served in Canada with CA(A) during World War II. He was discharged in November 1945.



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John served in the Royal Canadian Air Force during World War II. He was discharged on October 24, 1945.

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Elmer served during World War II in the Canadian Army from 1941 to 1945. He was born in Neepawa, Manitoba on February 23, 1921 and moved to the Meteor District in 1923 and farmed there after leaving the Army. He passed away in November 1985.

**WARREN, Clayton Ennis**

**WWII**

Clayton served in the Army in Canada and overseas during World War II. He was discharged on March 12, 1946. His service number was C-77108.



**WARREN, Michael**

**WWII**

Michael enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force in Saskatoon on June 18, 1943. He served as a Leading Aircraftman in Canada during World War II until his discharge in February 1946.





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## WATSON, Edwin Blackburn

Edwin was born in Strathclair, Manitoba on October 6, 1931. He enlisted in the Navy in Winnipeg in October 1950 and served as an Ordinary Seaman with Fleet Air Arm on HMCS Cornwallis. He was discharged in Halifax in October 1955.



## WATSON, John Witfield

WWII

Private John Watson was born in Tisdale, Saskatchewan on March 7, 1918. He enlisted in the Army in Vancouver on June 4, 1942 and served overseas with the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps with 8<sup>th</sup> Gen Hospital during World War II. He was discharged in Regina on March 14, 1946. His service number was K-46010. John received the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, 1939-1945 Star, Defence Medal and France and Germany Star. He was married to Ann and they had one son, Frederick James.

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John served in the Army with the RCA in Canada and in the United States of America during World War II. He was discharged in September 1945. His service number was B-159151.

## **WEBBER, Richard Lawrence**

**WWII**

Richard was born in Macklin, Saskatchewan on September 6, 1921. He enlisted in the Army in Saskatoon on May 21, 1941 and served as a sapper with the 9<sup>th</sup> Canadian Field Squad RCE in Europe during World War II. He was discharged in Winnipeg on October 5, 1945 and received the Service Medal.



## **WEBSTER, Elmer H.**

**WWII**

Elmer was born in 1919 on the family farm in the Riverview District of the Rural Municipality of Glenwood, Manitoba. He enlisted in April 1941 and after basic training, was sent to Pacific Command in Victoria, BC before being posted overseas in October 1943. Elmer served as a Storeman with the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps, #36 – 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Army Troops, in Canada, England, France and Holland, where he was on VE Day. Elmer was a Lance Corporal when he returned to Canada in January 1946 and was discharged in Winnipeg in March. He was awarded the 1939-1945 Star, the France and Germany Star, and the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with Clasp. He settled in Souris, trained as a Journeyman Electrician, and operated Webster's Electric. Elmer was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Souris Branch 60 for more than 35 years and he passed away in 2008.



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## **WEESE, Helena M.**

Corporal Helena M. Weese served in Canada with the Canadian Women's Army Corps.

## **WEESE, Wellesley George**

**WWII**

Wellesley was born in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan on September 11, 1925. He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force in Saskatoon on January 15, 1943 and served in Canada and in the United Kingdom during World War II. He was discharged in Regina in April 1945. His service number was J-93483. Wellesley received the 1939-1945 Star, European Star, and Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp.



## **WEITZEL, Henry Richard**

**WWII**

Henry served in the Royal Canadian Air Force in Canada and overseas during World War II. He was discharged on March 12, 1946. His service number was R-257958.





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**WENDEBORN, Emil John**

**WWII**

Emil was born in Elma, Manitoba on July 15, 1920. He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force in Winnipeg on July 15, 1941 and served as a Leading Aircraftman on an aircrew in Canada during World War II. He was discharged in Edmonton on March 31, 1942. His service number was R-123900.



**WEST, Albert Barton**

**WWII**

Corporal Albert West was born in Brighton, England on January 21, 1903. He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force on January 3, 1941 and served in Canada during World War II. He was discharged on August 18, 1945 and received the Service Medal. He and his wife Alice had one son Bruce Alex.



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**WHITE, Albert Victor**

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Albert enlisted in the Navy with the Royal Canadian Navy Volunteer Reserve in Saskatoon in May 1943 and served as an Ordinary Seaman in Canada on HMCS Unicorn during World War II. He was married to Winnie.

**WHITE, Conrad M.**

Conrad was born on March 31, 1966 in Fort Peck Sioux Assiniboine Reservation, Brockton, Montana. His parents were Vivian White and Philip Chaske, of Sioux Valley band, Manitoba. Conrad, who was raised in both countries, enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1987 in Columbia, South Carolina. As Advanced Individual Heavy Wheel Mechanic, he was stationed in Baumholder, Germany and worked many vehicles, including 5 tons, M105 Howitzers, and MLRS Multiple Rocket Launchers. Also a qualified medic, he was called to Kuwait in 1990 and served during Desert Shield/Desert Storm. He celebrated his 24<sup>th</sup> birthday while in Kuwait, where oil fires turned day into night. Contrasting deadly silence, crickets from home on the Missouri River would have been welcomed. Family before him served in WWI, WWII and Korea. His mother's steadfast faith in God was instilled in Conrad, including her words "How you see him leave is how He will come home." Returning to Sioux Valley, working together in health care, he met his love Melvina Genaille, from Barrows, Manitoba. Together for life, no children, Sioux Valley remains their home. Conrad is a member of Legion 118, Woodworth, Kenton, MB.



**WHITE, Mervyn Vivian**

**WWII**

Private Mervyn White was born in Yorkton, Saskatchewan on November 15, 1922. He enlisted in the Army in Regina on November 10, 1943 and served in England with the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps in England during World War II. He was discharged in Winnipeg on October 3, 1946 and received the Service Medal. Mervyn was married to his wife Jean.

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William was born in Ontario on February 16, 1903. He enlisted in the Navy with the Royal Canadian Navy Volunteer Reserve in Saskatoon on September 28, 1943. He served in Canada during World War II until his discharge on January 11, 1945. William received the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal. He and his wife Bertha had three children: Carole M., Bonnie June and Edmond W.

**WHITELY, Eric Samuel**

**WWII**

Eric enlisted in the Navy with the Royal Canadian Navy Volunteer Reserve in October 1942 and served in Canada on HMCS Cornwallis during World War II. He was married to Joan.



**WHITMORE, Benjamin William**

**WWII**

Benjamin was born in Dauphin, Manitoba on November 30, 1922. He attended Dickson school and then went to work in Peace River. He enlisted in the Army in Dawson Creek on October 2, 1940 and served with the 49<sup>th</sup> Royal Edmonton Regiment overseas during World War II. Private Benjamin Whitmore was wounded in action in Italy on December 11, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Whitmore. He was discharged in Calgary on May 31, 1944.





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**WHITMORE, Donald Duncan**

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Donald was born in Dauphin, Manitoba on September 24, 1926. He enlisted in the Army in Winnipeg, Manitoba on October 24, 1944 and served in Canada with #4 Coy, 103 C.I.(B)T.C. He was discharged on January 31, 1946. His service number was H-28030.

**WICKENS, William A.**

**WWII**

Private William Wickens enlisted in the Army in Winnipeg on July 20, 1944 and served with the Infantry in Canada during World War II. His service number was H-23568. William was married to Winona.



**WIEBE, John**

**WWII**

John was born on July 1, 1918 on a farm near Altona, Manitoba. He enlisted with the Army and served with the 17<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment, RCA, Canadian Armoured Division in England, Italy and Holland. John passed away on June 14, 1983.



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Isaac enlisted in the Air Force in Winnipeg in July 1943 and served as a Navigator overseas during World War II. He was discharged on January 13, 1945. His service number was R-263652.

**WIEST, Robert Stephen "Bob"**

**WWII**

Private Robert Wiest enlisted in the Army in Winnipeg in April 1944. He served in Canada and overseas with CAA A Co. #10 DD during World War II. He was discharged on May 25, 1946.



**WIIG, Arnold Baldwin**

**WWII**

Arnold enlisted in the Navy in July 1944 and served as an Ordinary Seaman with the Royal Canadian Navy Volunteer Reserve on HMCS Unicorn in Canada during World War II. He was married to Blanch.

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William enlisted in the Navy in June 1944 and served with the Royal Canadian Navy Volunteer Reserve as an Ordinary Seaman on HMS Fledgling in Canada during World War II. His service number was V-87726.

**WILKES, Conrad Leonard**

**WWII**

Conrad served in the Army with the C.A.A. in Canada during World War II. He was discharged on September 13, 1945. His service number was L-66484.



**WILKIE, William Archibald "Bill"**

**WWII**

William was born in Saskatchewan on June 29, 1908. He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force in Regina on July 1, 1941 and served in Labrador during World War II. Corporal William Wilkie was discharged in Dartmouth on December 4, 1945 and received the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal. He was married to Eunice Myrtle.




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**WILLIS, Donald George Alex**

**WWII**

Corporal Donald Willis was born in Whitby, Ontario on July 27, 1919. He enlisted in the Army in Fort William in February 1942 and served with the RCCS overseas during World War II. He was discharged in Winnipeg on December 1, 1945. His service number was H-38944. He received the Service Medal. Donald was married to Margaret.



**WILLIS, Howard Melvin**

**WWII**

Howard was born in Biggar, Saskatchewan on May 16, 1924. He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force in Regina on October 30, 1942. He served overseas as a Leading Aircraftman during World War II. He was discharged in Winnipeg on October 12, 1945 and received the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal.

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**WILLIS, William Stanley**

**WWII**

William was born in Biggar, Saskatchewan on November 21, 1916. He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force in Winnipeg on June 25, 1942 and served on Coast Patrol in Canada during World War II. He was discharged in Winnipeg on September 22, 1945 and received the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp. He and his wife Grace Elva had one daughter, Donna Marion.



**WILSON, Alfred Herbert**

**WWII**

Alfred was born in Regina on March 18, 1918. He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force in Saskatoon on June 16, 1941 and served as a Leading Aircraftman overseas during World War II. He was discharged in Winnipeg on July 19, 1946. His service number was R-107347. Alfred received the Service Medal. He was married to Margaret.



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## **WILSON, Forrest C.**

**WWII**

Sergeant Forrest Wilson was born in Roland, Manitoba on March 28, 1914. He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force in Winnipeg in May 1943 and served in Canada and Newfoundland during World War II. He was discharged in Vancouver in September 1946. His service number was R-253467.

## **WILSON, Ludwick "Lud"**

**WWII**

Lud was born in Manitoba on October 31, 1920. He enlisted in the Army, Regimental # L103231 on November 30, 1942 in Regina, Saskatchewan and trained there as well. Once he was discharged on demobilization on January 29, 1946 in Regina, he returned home and married Bertha Waddell on April 29, 1946. Lud served in Canada, the United Kingdom and Continental Europe. Private Ludwick Wilson received the France and Germany Star, and the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp. Bertha and Lud lived in Bracken, Saskatchewan where he and his older brother, Frank, owned and operated a garage. They had three sons: Terry, Garry and Kenneth. In 1949, Lud and Bertha rented his father's farm and eventually purchased land of their own. The Wilsons decided to move to Alberta in 1962 and purchased a half section of land in the Kleskun Hills area near Bezanson. The following year, Lud moved his family to a farm in the Fitzsimmons area also near Bezanson. Bertha and Lud's sons all attended school in Bezanson and Grande Prairie. The Wilsons continued to farm until 1973 when they sold their land to the Peel brothers. They moved to Grande Prairie where Lud became a Real Estate Agent – an industry he worked in until his retirement. Bertha passed away in 1992, Lud in 2007; both were buried at the Grande Prairie Cemetery.



## **WILSON, Robert Edwin**

**WWII**

Robert enlisted in the Navy with the Royal Canadian Navy Volunteer Reserve in Saskatoon on March 30, 1944. He served in Canada on HMCS Ettrick during World War II. He was married to Pat.





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Lewis was born in Kamsack, Saskatchewan on August 8, 1921. He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force in Winnipeg on April 29, 1941. He served in England, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany during World War II. He was discharged in Winnipeg on May 10, 1946. Lewis received the DFC, 1939-1945 Star, Air Crew Europe Star, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp and Ops Wings and Bar. He and his wife Gladys had one daughter, Patricia Katherine.

**WOOD, George Henry**

**WWI**

George was born in Nottingham, England and came to Brandon, Manitoba in 1904. He moved to the Sheho district in 1907 and farmed until his enlistment. He enlisted with the Canadian Railway Troops Expeditionary Force in 1916. He served in Canada, England and France. George was killed in action in Vimy Ridge on August 1, 1918.



**WOOD, Samuel George**

**WWI**

Samuel was born in Brighton, England on March 10, 1890. He enlisted in the Army in Woolsley, Saskatchewan on August 12, 1914 and served in England and in France with the 16<sup>th</sup> Light Horse, 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion during World War I. Private Samuel Wood was discharged in Quebec on August 23, 1920. He was married to Janet and passed away in 1950.



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Charles enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force in February 1942 and served in Canada with #4 SFTS during World War II. He was discharged in November 1945. Ernest was married to Norine.

**WOODS, Leonard Kenneth**

**WWII**

Leonard was born in Warman, Saskatchewan on June 30, 1919. He enlisted in the Army in Saskatoon on September 21, 1939 and served as a Gunner with the 6<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment, RCA in Europe during World War II. He was discharged in Regina on July 28, 1945. His service number was L-11103. Leonard received the Service Medal. He and his wife Irene Alice had one son, Lorne Albert.



**WOODS, Richard Stevenson**

**WWI**

Richard was born in 1886 in Beaconsfield, Manitoba. In 1911, he took up a homestead in Saskatchewan. He enlisted with the Canadian Army when the war broke out in 1914 in Leroy, SK. After being in and out of the trenches in France from 1915 until the first part of June 1916 in the battles of Ypres, Lance Corporal Woods was pelted by a mine blast and almost lost an arm and a leg. He recovered from his wounds and was put on patrol with the Military Police in England. He was given an honourable discharge in late 1917. Richard passed away in 1976.

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**WORKMAN, Willard Dudley**

**WWII**

Willard was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba on November 24, 1918. He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Navy in Winnipeg in 1941 and served in the Pacific during World War II. Willard was discharged in Winnipeg in October 1945. He and his wife Rose had two sons, Clifford J. and Richard J.



**WOTTON, Lyall Wright**

**WWII**

Private Lyall Wotton served in the Army with the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders in Canada and overseas. He was killed in action on August 12, 1944 and is buried at Uckfield Cemetery in Sussex, United Kingdom.



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Mervin enlisted in the Army and served with the C.A.A. in the United Kingdom, Continental Europe and Canada during World War II. He was discharged in March 1946. His service number was B-137270.

**WRIGHT, Andrew Roy**

**WWII**

Andrew enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force in August 1942. He served overseas with 75<sup>th</sup> Squadron during World War II. He was killed in action on November 21, 1944 and is buried in Surrey, England.



**WRYE, Arthur Lawrence**

**WWI**

Arthur was born in Brandon, Manitoba on December 18, 1898. He enlisted in the Royal Air Force in Winnipeg as a Cadet during World War I. He was discharged in Toronto on November 25, 1918. His service number was 271493. Arthur was married to Katherine. He passed away in 1953.

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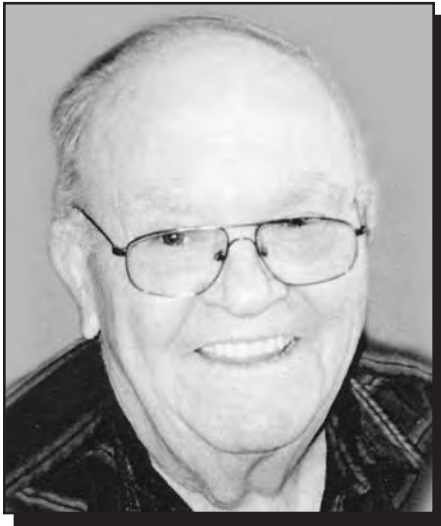
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Ernie was born in Mather, Manitoba on December 25, 1921. He enlisted in the Army in Winnipeg, MB on May 14, 1944 and served in the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps and the Corps of Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers in Canada and the United Kingdom as a Vehicle Mechanic. Ernie was discharged on December 11, 1945. He was awarded the Defence Medal, the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and clasp, and the War Medal 1939-1945. Ernie was a member of Alberta's Royal Canadian Legion Branch 4 in Cartwright and Branch 100 in St. Paul for more than sixty years. He passed away in Elk Point, Alberta on December 20, 2009.

**YARUSH, Fred**

**WWII**

Fred was born in Grandview, Manitoba. He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force in August 1941 and served overseas during World War II. Fred was killed in action on December 22, 1944 and is buried in Harrogate, Yorkshire, England.



**YEO, Arnold**

**WWII**

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Thomas enlisted in the Army in Saskatoon in July 1942 and served in Canada and overseas with the 7<sup>th</sup> Canadian Reconnaissance Regiment during World War II.

**YOUNG, Norman Henry**

**WWII**

Norman served in the Royal Canadian Air Force in Canada during World War II. He was discharged in June 1945. His service number was J-52232.



**YOUNG, William Douglas "Bill"**

**WWII**

Bill was born on September 5, 1921 on a farm in Stonehenge, Saskatchewan. He joined the Royal Canadian Air Force on November 23, 1942. He served with the 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron 1 Wing during World War II. He was sent to Toronto for basic training. He trained as an Electrician in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia and then was transferred to Gander, NL which was considered overseas. They worked all night on aircraft to have them ready to take off at first light. Bill was discharged on January 22, 1946. He moved home and got married in 1948. They moved to Ipswich, Manitoba where Bill was a Grain Agent for Patterson Grain. They moved back to Stonehenge and eventually Bill took over the family farm. He farmed for many years even after the family moved to Assiniboia. He retired from farming in 1995. Bill was very involved in the community. They had three daughters. Bill passed away in September 2016 and is buried in the Assiniboia Cemetery.



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**ZBITNEW, Walter S.**

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Walter was born in Buchan, Saskatchewan on March 25, 1920. He first enlisted in the Army in Dundurn, Saskatchewan on February 17, 1941 and again in Vancouver on August 17, 1943. He served as a Corporal in Canada during World War II until his discharge in Rockcliffe, Ontario on February 25, 1946. He received the Service Medal.

**ZDAN, Dmytro**

**WWII**

Dmytro enlisted in the Army and served with the NRMA in Canada during World War II. He was discharged on June 7, 1945. His service number was H-615047.



**ZENTNER, Albert H.**

**WWII**

Albert was born in Langenburg, Saskatchewan, in 1917. He joined the 70<sup>th</sup> Field Battery on June 19, 1941, serving in Canada, the United Kingdom, and Continental Europe. He was discharged on January 26, 1946. He received the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, the War Medal 1939-1945, the 1939-1945 Star, the France and Germany Star, and the Defence Medal. Albert passed away on August 12, 1981, in Russell, Manitoba.

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**ZIMMERMAN, Robert Leonard**

**WWII**

Robert enlisted in the Navy in Saskatoon on April 7, 1943 and served as an Ordinary Seaman with the Royal Canadian Navy Volunteer Reserve in Canada and on the High Seas during World War II. He was discharged in November 1945. His service number was V-55849.

**ZLOTY, Stephen**

**WWII**

Stephen was born on Cape Breton Island in 1911 and joined the Royal Canadian Navy, serving in Canada, Britain and the High Seas. He passed away in 2002 and had been a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Ukrainian Canadian Veterans Branch 141 for 55 years.



**ZROBACK, Nicholas**

**WWII**

Nicholas was born in Kenora, Ontario in 1914 and joined the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry on January 11, 1940. He served in England and Sicily in 1943 and on October 22, 1944, "D" Company, of which he was Platoon Commander, launched an attack at the Savio River in Northern Italy, reaching their objective on the far side of the river. The enemy counter attack was relentless and the platoon had no choice but to surrender to the enemy. He was imprisoned at Stalag 7B in Moosburg, Germany until the end of the war. Nicholas was mentioned in "Dispatches", published in the London Gazette in 1943. He died in 1995 and was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Kenora Branch 12 for 45 years.

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