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A Message from the President



This year 2018, marks the 100th Anniversary of the signing of the Armistice of 11 November 1918 that ended fighting on land, sea and air in World War I.

This is the ninth edition of the Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario Command, Military Service Recognition Book. It is meant as a tribute to all those Veterans who served or are serving, as well as to all of those who made the supreme sacrifice in defense of our way of life. We owe these men and women a debt of gratitude that may never be fully paid. It is important to all of us that we continue to recognize the great sacrifice that was made by so many.

There are many Veterans and those who paid the supreme sacrifice who have not yet been recognized. It is up to us to search these out and tell their story in the future editions of the Military Service Recognition Books.

To everyone who made submissions to this or any earlier edition of the Military Service Recognition Book, Thank You.

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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.

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The **Morris Veterans Memorial Cenotaph** was constructed in memory of the Veterans from World War I.

The Cenotaph was constructed with money raised by the Women's Institute of Morris and unveiled in the front yard of the courthouse on Main Street in 1930. It is dedicated to the memory of those who paid the supreme sacrifice in The Great War 1914-1918.

It was later dedicated to the memory of the Veterans of World War II 1939-1946.

"THEIR NAMES LIVE FOREVER"

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This ninth edition in the series devoted to recognizing Veterans and ex-military service personnel throughout Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario coincides with the 100th Anniversary of the armistice of November 11, 1918, which brought relief to the entire world.

I would like to thank the citizens and business owners of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario who have supported this very worthwhile project of The Royal Canadian Legion, as it is their support that makes this legacy of The Royal Canadian Legion possible.

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World War I 1914-1918

Raymond Bartlette Private Raymond Berthelette, son of Edouard and Marguerite Berthelette, was born May 28, 1899 in Aubigny, Manitoba. He enlisted on January 6, 1916 and his regimental number was 292055. He was part of the 46th Battalion, Canadian Infantry, Saskatchewan Regiment. He was killed in action on August 21, 1917 near Lens, France.

Michael Blasesky Private Michael Black (name he enlisted under), son of John and Lina Blasecki, was born on July 12, 1896 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. He enlisted on October 7, 1915 and his regimental number was 476281. He was a driver with the Fort Garry Horse. He was presumed to have died on August 10, 1918.

Edwin Brown Private Edwin Emslie Brown, son of John and Ginerva Brown, was born on August 19, 1886 in Morris, Manitoba. He enlisted on February 22, 1916 and his regimental number was 701195. He was part of the 16th Battalion, Canadian Infantry, Manitoba Regiment. He was presumed to have died on September 28, 1916 near Courcellette, France.

Jacob Cornelson Private Jacob Harmes Cornelson, son of Mrs. Anne Kroeker, was born on September 9, 1898 in Rosenort, Manitoba. He enlisted on April 1, 1916 and his regimental number was 292302. He was part of the 46th Battalion, Canadian Infantry, Saskatchewan Regiment. He was killed in action on May 4, 1917 at La Coulotte, France.

John Dickson Private John Dickson, son of John and Elizabeth Frances Dickson, was born on July 23, 1880 in Pakenham, Ontario. He enlisted on March 23, 1916 and his regimental number was 204533. He was part of the 15th Battalion, Canadian Infantry, Central Ontario Regiment. He was killed in action on September 1, 1918 near Hendecourt, France.

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George Elliot

Private George Elliot, son of Thomas and Catherine Elliot, was born on December 16, 1893 in McTavish, Manitoba. He enlisted on November 2, 1915 and his regimental number was 186099. He was part of the 8th Battalion, Canadian Infantry, Manitoba Regiment. He was killed in action on April 28, 1917 near Arleux-en-Gohelle, France.

William Haining

Private William Bell Haining, son of John and Maria Haining, was born on March 21, 1885 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. He enlisted on October 2, 1915 and his regimental number was 160385. He was part of the 10th Battalion, Canadian Infantry. He was killed in action on April 9, 1917 at Vimy Ridge.

Thomas Hay

Private Thomas Robertson Hay, son of James and Ann Mary Hay, was born on June 3, 1890 in MacGregor, Manitoba. He enlisted on December 17, 1914 and his regimental number was 51202. He was part of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. He was killed in action on October 30, 1917.

Earl McNair

Private Earl Lawrence McNair, son of John and Mary McNair, was born on January 29, 1894 in Indian Head, Saskatchewan. He enlisted on November 29, 1916 and his regimental number was 922748. He was part of the 27th Battalion, Canadian Infantry, Manitoba Regiment. He was killed in action on October 15, 1917.

William Molloy

Lieutenant William Molloy, son of John and Mary Molloy, was born on October 28, 1877 in Arthur, Ontario. He was part of the 1st Canadian Mounted Rifles Battalion. He was killed in action on April 10, 1917 at Vimy Ridge.

Fred Peck

Private Durward Frederick Peck, son of Frederick and Charlotte Peck, was born on December 15, 1896 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. He enlisted on February 23, 1916 and his regimental number was 874164. He was part of the 78th Battalion, Canadian Infantry. He was killed in action on October 30, 1917 at Passchendaele, Belgium.

George Peterson

Private George L. Peterson, son of Lauritz and Anna Peterson, was born on October 3, 1892 in Stephen, Minnesota. He enlisted on September 26, 1914 and his regimental number was 19759. He was part of the 10th Battalion, Canadian Infantry. He was killed in action on April 23, 1915 near Langemarck, Belgium.

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Donald Roche

Private Edward Donald Roche's regimental number was 292031. He was part of the 5th Battalion, Canadian Infantry, Saskatchewan Regiment. He was killed in action on August 15 or 16, 1917 at the Battle of Hill 70 near Lens, France.

Albert Scammell

Lance Corporal Albert Edward Scammell, son of Alice Scammell, was born on June 13, 1890 in Brighton, England. He enlisted on May 14, 1915 and his regimental number was 622368. He was part of the 44th Battalion, Canadian Infantry. He was killed in action on January 7, 1917 at Souchez, France.

Ronald Sickner

Private Ronald Goldie Sickner, son of William and Minnie Sickner, was born on April 30, 1897 in Aikin, Minnesota. His regimental number was 292024. He was part of the 44th Battalion, Canadian Infantry, Manitoba Regiment. He died of wounds on December 9, 1918 at the 1st Southern General Hospital, Dudley Road, Birmingham, England.

Fred Starr

Private Samuel Frederick Starr, son of Albert and Elizabeth Starr, was born on November 20, 1899 in Morris, Manitoba. He enlisted on February 1, 1916 and his regimental number was 718387. He was part of the 1st Canadian Mounted Rifles Battalion, Saskatchewan Regiment. He was killed in action on November 13, 1917.

**World War II
1939-1945**

Peter Anderson

Private Peter Thomas Garfield Anderson, husband of Gladys Alfreda Bell Anderson, was born on October 5, 1915 in Longburn, Manitoba. He enlisted on May 13, 1942 and his regimental number was H200067. He was with the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders. He was killed in action on July 20, 1944. He was buried in the Bretteville-sur-Laize Canadian War Cemetery in Bretteville-sur-Laize, France.

Richard Bower

Flight Officer (Pilot) William Richardson Bower, son of William Edward and Viola Agnes Bower, was born on March 7, 1911 in Hazelwood, Indiana. He enlisted on March 4, 1941 and his regimental numbers were J8763 and R95326. He was killed on November 23, 1942. He was with the #14 R.A.F. Marauder Squadron. He and his flight crew of one Canadian and 3 R.A.F. were all buried in the Suez War Memorial Cemetery in Egypt.



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Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, MD, author of *In Flanders Fields*.

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Bernard Braun

Lance Corporal Bernard Braun, son of David and Mary Braun, was born on April 25, 1917 in Alonsa, Manitoba. He enlisted on June 2, 1942 and his regimental number was H70515. He was killed in action on July 20, 1944. He was with the South Saskatchewan Regiment. He was buried in the Bretteville-sur-Laize Canadian War Cemetery in Bretteville-sur-Laize, France.

Herman Buss

Trooper Herman Buss, son of Emile and Albertina Buss, was born on May 18, 1923 in Morris, Manitoba. He enlisted on May 5, 1942 and his regimental number was H100845. He was with the Lord Strathcona Horse Tank Regiment. He was killed in action on May 24, 1944. He was buried in the Cassino War Cemetery in Cassino, Italy.

James Chapman

Private James Everett Chapman, son of Orlando Walter Chapman, was born on May 7, 1901 in Lehigh, Wisconsin. He enlisted on September 12, 1939 and his regimental number was H6271. He was with the Winnipeg Grenadiers. He died as a P.O.W. on August 15, 1942 in Hong Kong. He was buried in the Sai Wan Military Cemetery in Hong Kong.

Roy Coates

Private Roy Henry Coates, son of James Henry and Lydia Coates, was born on January 16, 1922 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. He enlisted on June 4, 1941 and his regimental number was H65199. He was with the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps. He died in a jeep roll over on May 2, 1945 near Meppen, Germany. He was buried in the Holten Canadian Military Cemetery in Holten, Holland.

Harry Cox

Sergeant Pilot Harry Kenny Cox, son of James and Anna Cox, was born on March 4, 1923 in Ste. Agathe, Manitoba. He enlisted on March 11, 1941 and his regimental number was R95453. He was an instructor of #19 E.F.T.S. in Virden, Manitoba when his Tiger Moth crashed 2 miles south east of the airdrome on July 2, 1942. He was buried in the Union Point Cemetery in Union Point, Manitoba.

Benjamin Enns

Flying Officer Benjamin Hugo Enns, son of David and Gertrude Enns, was born on May 8, 1916 in Morris, Manitoba. He enlisted in 1941 and his regimental numbers were J10008 and R95333. He flew in the 405 Canadian Squadron. The Halifax aircraft crashed 1 mile east of Melmerby Village, Yorkshire, England on November 29, 1942. Fourteen Canadians were killed as an extra crew were along on an exercise test. He was buried in Airth Cemetery in Shropshire, Scotland.

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Alex Garonsky

Leading Aircraftsman Alexander Garonsky, son of Anthony and Angela Garonsky, was born on October 30, 1914 in Ashern, Manitoba. He enlisted on December 3, 1941 and his regimental number was R147125. He accidentally drowned at Langara Island, British Columbia on March 21, 1943. He was buried in the Ashern Cemetery in Ashern, Manitoba.

Arthur Hatton

Sergeant Arthur Thomas Hatton, son of Arthur and Enid Hatton, was born on January 13, 1921 in Cranbrook, British Columbia. He enlisted on March 25, 1940 and his regimental number was R4312A. He was a wireless air gunner in the 9 R.A.F. Squadron when the Wellington aircraft was lost on August 12, 1941. His name is inscribed on the Runnymede War Memorial in England.

William Hayward

Private William Alexander Hayward, son of John and Nettie Hayward, was born on August 16, 1912 in Morris, Manitoba. He enlisted on January 12, 1943 and his regimental number was L104308. He served with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry and was killed in action on May 30, 1944. He was buried in the Cassino Military Cemetery in Cassino, Italy.

Henry Heide

Warrant Officer Class II Henry John Heide, son of Nicolai and Anna Heide, was born on June 28, 1920 in Morden, Manitoba. He enlisted on March 1, 1941 and his regimental number was R123526. He was a wireless air gunner in the 8 Canadian Squadron when two Bolinbroke aircraft collided in mid-air just off Tofino, British Columbia on January 8, 1944. Two other Canadians were also killed and all are listed on the Ottawa War Memorial in Ottawa, Ontario.

Richard Jones

Leading Aircraftsman Richard Cyril Jones, son of Frederick and Violet Jones, was born on March 10, 1925 in Ituna, Saskatchewan. He enlisted on October 27, 1943 and his regimental number was R281976. He was a navigator under training when he was killed in an Anson aircraft that crashed on May 16, 1944 at #7 A.O.S. Portage la Prairie, Manitoba. He was the only casualty. He was buried in the Morris Cemetery in Morris, Manitoba.

Wentworth Langton

Private Elmer Lyle Wentworth Langton, son of Albert and Louise Langton, was born on July 26, 1910 in Morris, Manitoba. He enlisted on May 27, 1942 and his regimental number was H200133. He was with the Saskatoon Light Infantry. He died of wounds on December 13, 1943. He was buried in the Moro River Canadian Military Cemetery in Ortona.



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- Keith Lawrie** Private Keith Robert Lawrie, son of William and Myrtle Lawrie, was born on June 2, 1911 in Morris, Manitoba. He enlisted on September 13, 1939 and his regimental number was H6301. He was with the Winnipeg Grenadiers. He was killed in action on December 21, 1941. He was buried in the Sai Wan Military Cemetery in Hong Kong.
- Ronald Minaker** Corporal Ronald George Minaker, son of George and Elizabeth Minaker, was born on July 23, 1923 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. He enlisted on November 21, 1940 and his regimental number was H26560. He was with the Royal Winnipeg Rifles. He died of wounds on July 4, 1944. He was buried in Beny-sur-Mer Canadian War Cemetery in Beny-sur-Mer, France.
- Earl Mitchell** Private Earl John Mitchell, son of Arthur and Jennie Mitchell, was born on September 12, 1906 in Morris, Manitoba. He enlisted on April 13, 1943 and his regimental number was H9258. He was with the Seaforth Highlanders. He was killed in action on May 23, 1944 in Italy. He was buried in the Cassino Military Cemetery in Cassino, Italy.
- Albert Porter** Leading Aircraftsman Albert Edward Porter, son of Edward and Jane Porter, was born on October 25, 1902 in Morris, Manitoba. He enlisted on April 8, 1940 and his regimental number was R56893. He was an aero engine mechanic and was killed on September 21, 1940 when two Fleet Finch aircraft collided in mid-air in Cedardale, Ontario. He was buried in the Morris Cemetery in Morris, Manitoba.
- Louis Quasso** Guardsman Louis Quasso, son of Katherine Quasso, was born on June 21, 1923 in Morris, Manitoba. He enlisted on July 9, 1943 and his regimental number was H10608. He was with the Canadian Grenadier Guards. He was killed in action on February 26, 1945. He is buried in the Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery in Groesbeek, Holland.
- Paul Recksiedler** Signaller Paul Recksiedler, son of Henry and Elizabeth Recksiedler, was born on September 10, 1919 in DeWet, Manitoba. He enlisted on January 8, 1942 and his regimental number was H38899. He served with the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals. He died following a motorcycle accident on January 8, 1944 at the Shaughnessy Military Hospital in Vancouver, British Columbia. He was buried in the St. John's Lutheran Cemetery in Sewell, Manitoba.
- Paul Roy** Private Paul Henry Roy, son of George and Zelma Roy, was born on February 14, 1922 in Morris, Manitoba. He enlisted on March 10, 1942 and his regimental number was H100002. He was with the South Saskatchewan Regiment. He was killed in action on August 29, 1944. He was buried in the Bretteville-sur-Laize Canadian Military Cemetery in Bretteville-sur-Laize, France.



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ALLEN, McDougall “Mac”

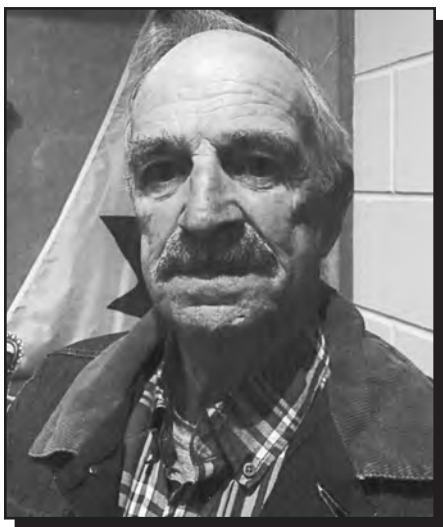
WWII

Mac was born on February 7, 1931. Along with older brother Ron and mother, Marjorie, he moved to Prince Rupert, BC in 1940, where his mother worked in the shipyards building warships and was nicknamed “Rosie the Riveter”. In 1944, Mac enlisted in the 1st Battalion Prince Rupert Regiment MG (machine gun) as a “Boy Soldier”. He was only thirteen but had his mother sign an attestation declaring that he was born in 1929 to indicate he was fifteen years old. Mac and Ron trained on 306 Springfield and 303 Lee-Enfield rifles, Bren gun, Sten gun and 40 MM Bofors anti-aircraft guns, as well as driver and communications training. The training was very intense due to the threat of Japanese invasion of the west coast through the Aleutian Islands. He was honourably discharged in 1946. Mac passed away in 2011.

ALLEN, Ronald John “Ron”

WWII

Ron was born on December 9, 1929 in Winnipeg. Along with brother Mac and mother, Marjorie, he moved to Prince Rupert, BC in 1940, where his mother worked in the shipyards building warships and was nicknamed “Rosie the Riveter”. In 1944, Ron enlisted in the 1st Battalion Prince Rupert Regiment MG (Machine Gun) as a “Boy Soldier”. Ron and brother, Mac, trained on 306 Springfield and 303 Lee-Enfield rifles, Bren gun, Sten gun and 40 MM Bofors anti-aircraft guns, as well as driver and communications training. The training was very intense due to the threat of Japanese invasion of the west coast through the Aleutian Islands. Ron was honourably discharged in 1946. He passed away in 2008.



ANDERSON, Harold W.

PEACETIME

Harold was born in Sydney, Nova Scotia in 1940. He enlisted in the Army and served during Peacetime in the Middle East, Germany and Canada with the Black Watch Canadian Medical Corps (IPPCLI). He has been a member of Legion Branch 42 for five years.

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ANDRIESHYN, William J.

WWII

Bill was born in Fisher Branch on December 10, 1910, where he attended elementary and high school. He was a medalist in mathematics and graduated from Normal School in Manitou, Manitoba. Bill taught in several schools over a period of eight and a half years, then he operated a general store in Fisher Branch for three years. He enlisted with the RCAF in Winnipeg in 1941. Later, in 1949, he was transferred to the 5002 Intelligence Unit. He was the assistant to Air Attache in Stockholm, Sweden from 1935 to 1957 and retired from service in 1960 as Leading Aircraftsman. Bill was employed with the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce in Vancouver from 1960 to 1965, before coming to the main branch in Winnipeg. Bill was a member of the Fort Rouge Legion and past executive of this Legion. He was also treasurer of the John Basco Society. William passed away on August 12, 1972.

ANDRYCHUK, Dmetro

WWII

Dmetro enlisted in Winnipeg in June 1942 in the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals. After basic training in Brockville, Ontario and the Signals School of Instruction in Kingston, Ontario, he was posted to the Research and Development Group of the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals in Ottawa, Ontario. He did work on Communications Jamming and Teletype Communications until September 1945, when he joined the Reserves as a Captain and returned to civilian life. He entered the University of Toronto, Physics Department to study for his Ph.D. which he received in January 1949. In 1984, he retired from the Texas Instruments Inc. after 26 years as a Physicist and a Manager. He resided in Richardson, Texas with his wife Eloise.



ANTONCHUK, William

WWII

William enlisted in the RCAF in Winnipeg in January 1942. He served in #2 Air Command and Western Air Command areas. Also, when he served in the Western Air Command, he served for a year and a half in Alaska on American Air Bases. His duties were primarily in communications and confidential record assignments. He was honourably discharged in March 1946 with the rank of Leading Aircraftsman. He received the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp. After discharge, he resided in Dearborn Heights, Michigan, a suburb of Detroit.

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ASHAM, Howard WWII

Howard joined the RCAF on April 10, 1940 in Winnipeg. He was sent to the Manning Depot in Toronto. He went to St. Thomas, ON for basic training as an air frame mechanic. On completion of the course he was stationed to Trenton, ON where he was assigned to work on Harvards. He remained there for two years and three months. During this time, the show "Captains of the Clouds" was produced, starring "James Cagney". Howard played a very minor role. He pushed his aircraft from the hangar. When he saw the movie he caught a very brief glimpse of himself. He figured he was not photogenic because he was not requested to play any further role, but he could always jokingly claim he once upon a time co-starred with James Cagney. He went overseas in February of 1943. They were in a convoy of sixty ships. It took them two weeks to cross the Atlantic, continually zig-zagging to avoid enemy submarines. It was a traumatic, apprehensive voyage. He finally arrived in Liverpool, England. He was stationed at Topcliffe, Yorkshire, where he serviced Wellington bomber planes which flew daily over the continent. The position was extremely dangerous with continual air raids. They lost many of the bomber planes and buddies.

After three months, he was sent to Africa, on the Sahara Desert, under General Eisenhower. He serviced Wellington bombers which were bombing Italy. He was a Flight Sergeant during his service.

They lived in tents on the desert six of them to a tent. They bought fruit and wine from the Arabs. The fruit consisted of dates, melons, bananas, oranges, etc. The Arabs were tough bargainers. They were there through May to September, the hottest time of the year. The sun was directly over their heads. During the day the temperature would be 110 degrees Fahrenheit. At night it was quite a different story. When the sun disappeared it turned very cool. The temperature would drop to around 60. Water was rationed so they had to use it sparingly. When they did their laundry, they did not worry too much about the whitest and brightest.

Upon, their return to England they were stationed at Skipton, Yorkshire, serving bombers until the end of the



war. Howard returned to civy street for six months.

He then rejoined the Air Force and was posted to Edmonton with the winter experimental flight. They spent part of the winter servicing planes at Watson Lake in the Yukon. He was posted to Churchill for the remainder of the winter. These postings were certainly quite a contrast from the Sahara.

He went from there to Tacoma, Washington, on the Korean air lift. They were affiliated with the American Air Force taking troops' supplies to Korea. During one of Howard's trips, he visited Tokyo

and attended a masonic lodge. The lodge presented him with the most unique masonic emblem, superbly handcrafted from wood and gold.

He later re-mustered to air crew but on account of air sickness, he was grounded again. He returned to England twice, in charge of a detachment of men. He was then stationed at Lachine in Montreal, also St. Hubert. He finally ended up at Rivers, Manitoba, in charge of Quality Control until his retirement in August 1964, after having spent 25 years with the RCAF, for which he has no regrets.

Howard has been actively involved in Hodgson Legion. He was President of Legion 158 from 1967 to 1975 and again from 1978 to 1981. He retired to Fisher Bay with his wife Nora.





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ASHAM, Ebenezer

WWII

Ebenezer enlisted in Winnipeg in March 1944. His basic training was at Orillia, Ontario, where he spent sixty days. Then he went to camp Borden, Ontario for about six months, for his advanced training. In December 1944, he went overseas on the ship "New Amsterdam". It took about ten days from Halifax to Greenock, Scotland. From there, he was sent to Blackdown, near Aldershot, England. He took training on Grissley Tanks, but they were outdated, so they had to retrain on American Sherman tanks. They hit the front lines, south of Apeldoorn, Holland. He went through Belgium, Holland, and Germany. He was with the Fort Garry Horse Regiment right until the war ended. He volunteered to go to the Pacific War in July 1945. He came back to Canada on the "New Amsterdam" ship. While he was on his thirty-day leave, the Pacific War ended. He stayed in the Army attached to the Military Police. They were hunting army deserters, plus other things. He took his discharge in April 1946 and resided in Dallas, Manitoba.



ASHAM, Kenneth McLure

WWI

McLure joined the Army in September 1916 at the age of 21. He went overseas to England, then to the Continent. He was in the battle of Vimy Ridge and was wounded. McLure died of his wounds on March 28, 1917 and left behind a daughter, Louise Hodgson. The bible that was presented to him at Camp Hughes, as he left for overseas, was returned to his family. There is a bullet hole through the entire book, upper centre top. It is believed to be the bullet that injured him.





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ASHAM, Orton

WWII

Orton originally came from Dallas, Manitoba. His early years were spent in farming and pioneering until World War II. He volunteered for active service and served abroad during war years. He returned to farming for a short period post war. Once more feeling that allegiance of patriotism, he rejoined the services in the Royal Canadian Electrical Mechanical Engineers in 1948, where he spent the next twenty years. This time included two tours on location in the Middle East and the Arctic Circle with the United Nations Peacekeeping Force. Finally he took his discharge with the rank of Master Warrant Officer. His commitment to service did not end there, between work as Chief Engineer with freighting, and fishing vessels building supervisory work and security positions. He worked industriously in volunteer capacities to develop alcohol treatment programs and to provide a forum for the resolution of Native Veteran concerns. Orton was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 5. He died on September 2, 1990 in Thunder Bay, Ontario.

AXFORD, Laurie

WWII

Laurie served with the RCAF from August 1939 to 1946. He served six months overseas and the remainder of his time in Canada. He joined in Winnipeg and was discharged there as well. Laurie passed away in 1986.



AXFORD, Norman

WWII

Norman joined the Navy on May 19, 1943 at Winnipeg and went overseas aboard a British cruiser HMS Arethusa, and then he was drafted on to a Canadian destroyer, HMCS Algonquin, in Glasgow. He served with the British Fleet out of Scapaflow, Northern Scotland, known as the Striking Force. They escorted convoys to Russia twice. Their main objective was escorting the British Fleet, bombing the Norwegian coast many times. They chased the German battleship Tirpitz, submarines and ships heading for Germany with supplies. He also took part in the D-Day invasion, then went to the South Pacific. He returned to Victoria when the war ended. He went back to Winnipeg for discharge in December 1945. He later resided in Duncan, BC.



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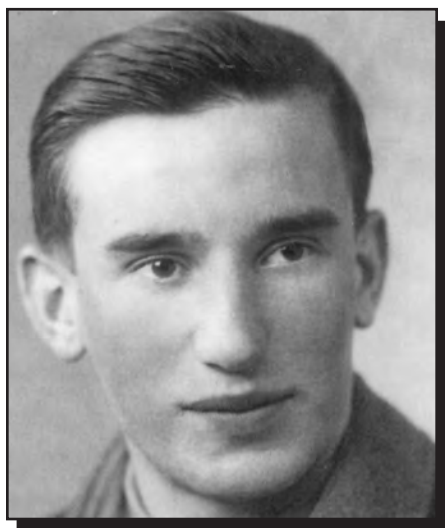
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BABINIEC, Walter Jaras

WWII

Walter was born on September 5, 1926 in Winnipeg. He attended Central School in Transcona and studied Labour Law at the University of Winnipeg. Walter joined the Canadian Army in District #10, Winnipeg in 1944. He completed basic training at Camp Shilo, Manitoba and was then posted to Camp Wainwright, Alberta. In Wainwright he completed Advanced Infantry training and Chemical Warfare training. He was employed as a sentry guarding German prisoners of war while stationed at Camp Wainwright. Walter was transferred to Halifax to prepare for deployment overseas to Germany, but the war ended on VE Day, May 8, 1945 before he embarked. Walter also recalls them preparing to be shipped to South Carolina, USA to complete Tropical Warfare training in preparation for the invasion of Japan, but fortunately VJ Day came on August 15, 1945 prior to his departure. Walter was honourably discharged in October 1945. He went to work as an Apprentice Carman with the CNR. While at the CNR, Walter served as Chairman of the Canadian Union of Railway Workers. He remained with the CNR for 46 years. He has been a member of the Henderson Highway Legion Branch 215 for 25 years.

BACK, Harry W.

WWII

Harry went to Mayfair School in Broad Valley, Manitoba. He enlisted in the Army in April 1942 and served with the 24th Field Regiment in the Aleutians. He went overseas to England in 1944, then on to France in August 1944. There, he joined the Essex Scottish Regiment of Windsor, ON. He became a prisoner of war in January 1945 and was liberated in May 1945. He returned to Canada in 1946 for discharge. A footnote relates that both he and his brother, Lawrence, were hospitalized in England at the same time but neither knew the other was there. Harry retired and lived in Vancouver.



BAKER, Darren

PEACETIME

Darren enlisted in the Canadian Army on September 23, 1988 and joined the Combat Engineers. He took his basic training in Canadian Forces Base, Cornwallis. He was sent to CFSME Chilliwack for combat engineer training for six months, and then was posted to CFB Gagetown, NB, with the 22nd Field Squadron in June 1989. He was transferred to Shilo, Manitoba in July 1990.



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BALE, Emmanuel

WWI

Emmanuel served with the 70th Infantry Regiment during World War I in France. He belonged to the French Army as he was born in France on December 7, 1896, thus a citizen of France. Emmanuel passed away on January 6, 1937.

BALE, Ernest

WWII

Sapper Ernest Bale was born on September 12, 1922. He enlisted in the Artillery on January 18, 1943 at Winnipeg. He went to the West Coast on February 11, 1943, and was stationed at Victoria, Port Alberni, Prince George, Nanaimo, Comox, also in Kiska, Aleutian Islands and the North Pacific Area. He was in these places from June to December 1944. On January 14, 1945, Ernest was posted overseas. He went to the Alberta Reconnaissance Battalion in the United Kingdom, and on July 20, 1945, he left for Northwest Europe, where he joined the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders. On September 30, 1945, he returned to the United Kingdom and arrived in Canada on October 3, 1945. He then had 14 days leave. On October 17, 1945, Ernest reported back to Winnipeg and was requested to become a batman, looking after the officers, doing such things as driving them around and attending to their needs. He refused that position, so was sent to MacDonald Air Base where he joined the Engineers and drove trucks mostly hauling the soldiers to Portage la Prairie at night. Ernest received his discharge under routine Order 1029 (5) (c) (i) by reason of "to return to civil life on demobilization" on August 13, 1946. Ernest resided in Fisher Branch with his wife Angelique. Ernest was a member of Hodgson Legion Branch 158.



BARLOW (PICHE), Beatrice H.

WWII

Beatrice enlisted at Fort Osborne Barracks, Winnipeg, Manitoba in May 1944. She took her basic training at Basic Training Centre, Kitchener, ON and worked with the Postal Corps there. She also spent some time in London, ON. She received her discharge at Fort Osborne Barracks, Winnipeg in October 1944.

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BARLOW, Charles Elmer

WWII

Elmer was born on October 21, 1921. In the spring of 1941, Elmer left his parents' farm in Fisherton, Manitoba to go to Winnipeg and voluntarily enlist with the Canadian Army at No. 10 District Depot (CA). He received his basic training and was briefly stationed in British Columbia after joining the 18th Armoured Car Regiment. From there he was drafted overseas where he saw action in England, Holland, Belgium, France and Germany. While on leave in England he married an English girl, Alice Withoff on March 5, 1945. In Germany Elmer was killed in action, one day before he was to go on leave to see his three-week old daughter for the first time. He was survived by his wife, Alice, his daughter, Leslie Denise, his parents, and brothers Glenn and Earle. Elmer is buried in the Groesheik Military Cemetery in Holland near the German border.

BARLOW, Glenn L.

WWII

Glenn voluntarily enlisted at the No. 10 District Depot at Winnipeg, Manitoba on October 1, 1942. After receiving his basic training, he joined the Royal Canadian Engineers and was transferred to Chilliwack, BC in December 1942. They began construction on the army base, which is now an outstanding Canadian Forces Base in Canada. The regiment tolerated terrible weather conditions that winter while they lived in tents. Glenn also was based on Vancouver Island for training on heavy army equipment. While on duty in 1943, he seriously injured his back and was hospitalized many times. He was put on draft for overseas twice and withdrawn twice. Eventually, due to his spinal condition, he was sent back to Winnipeg No. 10 District Depot and discharged on March 8, 1944. Glenn passed away on December 29, 1978 in Vancouver, BC, leaving his beloved wife, Doris and daughters Glenda and Sylvia. He is buried in the Forest Lawn Cemetery, Burnaby, BC.



BARRETT, Harold

WWII

Harold enlisted in Winnipeg on June 13, 1941. He joined with the rank of Trooper in Unit 12 Manitoba Dragoons. After he went overseas, he was attached to the Fourth Medical Regiment, RCA. Harold served in Europe. In an excerpt from a letter written in Europe to his sister, by permission we quote: "June 1944, The last while I have been moving quite a lot so have seen a lot of France but am sorry to say an awful lot has been destroyed. I am with a Montreal Unit now and they are a good bunch of boys. I have seen lots of strange and terrible things since I came over here and most likely will see before it's over with. We had some wonderful receptions in some towns here, the people giving us flowers and fruit and wine if they had it. But, the Huns got most of that, in fact they got nearly everything the people had except the milk in the cows and the fruit on the trees". "June 1945, I will be stuck here for a while. General Simonds inspected all RCA units in our formation. I took part in it. We had a big parade. The people are really hard up and in need of food. I was lucky to be in London on V-Day, something I shall never forget". Harold served from 1941 to 1946 and returned to Fisher Branch where he resided until his death in 1975. He was a member of Hodgson Legion Branch 158.



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BARRETT, Clifford Francis

WWII

Clifford enlisted on June 16, 1943 at HMCS Chippawa, Winnipeg and went for six weeks of basic training before he was transferred to HMCS Cornwallis at Deepbrook, NS for further training in barracks and sea time experience. Further to this, he served out of Deepbrook, on HMCS Annapolis for about one year. They were a ship's crew, training officer candidates in seamanship.

He served about six months in HMCS Chaleur II, a dockyard unit at Quebec City. He served on HMCS Glencove on the Saint Lawrence River. It was a 400-horsepower diesel tug, operating at Quebec City. They towed "Live Ships" out into the St. Lawrence on their way to convoy assignments. We towed HMCS Magog to Trois Rivières, after she was torpedoed in the Gaspé' Coast area, by a German submarine, U-boat that operated as part of the pack on the Atlantic Coast and Saint Lawrence River.

On one occasion they were called back into port on HMCS Annapolis, when a foreign submarine threatened. Annapolis was a 1917 US destroyer refitted from 4-funnel destroyer to "3-stack", and lent to Great Britain by the US in the lend-lease program. Rumor was that they had been sunk, but they all felt very alive.

One of their interesting activities was meeting returning troop ships at Wolf's Cove. Included in these troops were the heroic soldiers and a few who had been charged with black marketing. While the main body of troops was disembarked on the shore side. They aided those not so happy men, the black marketers, onto their boats on the side away from the public gaze; these men to be dealt with later.

It was a joy during these 29 months of Clifford's service to meet, at times, with the RCNVR types from home. Jerry Huk and Clifford enjoyed some fellowships at Cornwallis and Halifax. George Savage and Clifford met in Quebec City and enjoyed an evening out. These were also times of sadness as reports of loved ones lost in service filtered to them, but also times of great pride in the courage and dedication of local units such as the Winnipeg Grenadiers.

As the war was ending, Clifford volunteered for duty in the Pacific. Such volunteers were generally sent home on two months leave. While returning from leave, the atomic bomb was dropped in Hiroshima, in essence, terminating the war in the Pacific. Clifford was demobilized at Winnipeg on November 21, 1945.

After the war, he and his wife Lois lived at Sherwood Park, Alberta and raised fourteen children. He retired from government work, in pest control, for Alberta Agriculture. He also worked with Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture. Clifford said "I see many problems currently and much need of dedicated people to work for a strong Canada".



BARRON, Joseph Eli

WWII

Eli joined the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders in Winnipeg on October 5, 1940. His basic training was taken mainly in Winnipeg. He was posted overseas in the early part of October 1941. They landed in England where they had further Commando training in preparation for the Dieppe raid, August 19, 1942. Eli went over on the Dieppe raid. He was with the mortar outfit. The mortar outfit, which fired bombs on the beach to protect the men landing on the beaches and to destroy the enemy pillboxes. He was wounded while on the ship and taken back to England where he was hospitalized for many months. Shrapnel injured him in the right hip area, including rupturing his appendix. After getting out of the hospital he continued action in France, Belgium and Holland. He took part in D-Day, the invasion of Normandy. Eli returned to Canada and was discharged on September 6, 1945. Through the years Eli continued to be bothered from his war wounds, often picking out pieces of shrapnel from his side. He resided in Fisherton for a number of years with his wife, Myrtle (Switzer). They then moved to Winnipeg in 1950, and after retirement in 1970, they moved to Balmoral, Manitoba. Eli passed away in 1982.



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BAUDER, Ernest Mac

WWII

Mac was born on July 1, 1917 in Chatfield, Manitoba. He enlisted on June 14, 1941. He trained at Fort Osborne Barracks in Winnipeg. His branch of service was the Canadian Army – Active Service. He then served with the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders. He received the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and the War Medal 1939-1945. Mac was discharged with the rank of Private on July 31, 1943. Mac resided in Hodgson, Manitoba.

BEARD, Walter Joseph "Joe"

WWI

Joe enlisted in the Canadian Expeditionary Force, 90th Battalion, in Winnipeg on November 27, 1915. He served in France for six months with the 27th Battalion. He was paymaster for his unit while in the forces. He was wounded in the left forearm at Vimy Ridge. He was then sent to a hospital in England. Joe was discharged from the service in Winnipeg on May 2, 1919. After being discharged he worked with the Provincial Police for a while. He also did well-drilling and he worked as a wood buyer for LaPorte. In the mid-twenties he was on a survey crew that did the survey before they ran the rail lines into Churchill, Manitoba. On May 13, 1929, he married Florence Jane (Jenny) Staples. They lived in Hodgson until they bought their farm just south of town around 1933. Joe and Florence farmed and he was also the Justice of the Peace from 1948 to 1963. They had two sons, George and Walter, and two daughters, Shirley and Pat. Joe passed away on February 20, 1965.



BEARD, Walter Melvin

PEACETIME

Walter enlisted in the RCAF on December 15, 1960 in Winnipeg. He took basic training at St. Jean, Quebec. Then he spent about eight months in Trenton, Ontario as a Canadian Customs Officer. Then he took his training course as a supply technician in Camp Borden, Ontario. From there he was posted to Edmonton in 1962 and remained there until his discharge on July 16, 1964. After his discharge, he lived in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. In October 1972, he moved back to the family farm with his wife and two daughters.

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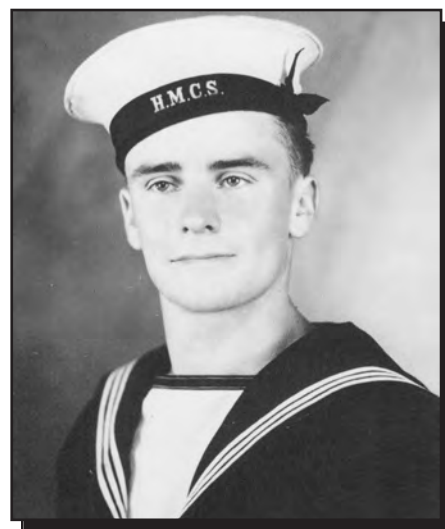
WWII

John was in the Fort Garry Horse, 10th Armored Tank Corps from March 1940 to November 1945.

BEAUVAIS, Joseph

WWII

Joseph joined the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve on June 27, 1942. He served as a Stoker on the Corvette HMCS Victoriaville. One of the first German submarines to surrender to the Royal Canadian Navy was picked up by the Corvette HMCS Thorlock. A short time later, their ship, the Frigate HMCS Victoriaville, joined the Thorlock. Both ships put boarding parties on the submarine to take her into Newfoundland. Joseph was with the boarding party from the Victoriaville. He received his discharge in 1945.



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BEAUVAIS, Wilfred

WWII

Wilfred joined the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders in September 1940. While with the Cameron Highlanders he took part in the Dieppe Raid. He later transferred to Les Fusiliers Mont-Royal while still overseas. He received his discharge in 1945. Wilfred resided in Fisher Branch until his death.

BECK, Andrew "Andy"

WWII

Andy was one of the two Beck Brothers. He enlisted in Winnipeg on July 10, 1940. He took basic training at Fort William, Ontario and advance training at Ottawa, Ontario. He was a guard of honour in Ottawa.

They went on a forced route march from Ottawa to Montreal. Then they moved to Camp Borden, Ontario where they took most of their training. They went to Truro, Nova Scotia, also to Saint John, New Brunswick, then back to Regina, Saskatchewan, for a mechanic's course for six weeks, then back to Saint John for a motorcycle course, to Halifax, Nova Scotia, and overseas in August 1942 on the Strathmore ship in a big convoy.

They dropped a lot of depth charges at German subs. A big tanker of the convoy blew up. They were about thirteen days on the ocean. They landed at South Hampton, England. They were stationed at Brighton for a long time. He met Cyril Stodgell, Jack Romanson, Charlie Mackie, and Morris Smith. He liked to go to Aberdeen and Glasgow, Scotland on leave. He was stationed in Wales, England taking training.

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He went into action at Forge, France. "We changed our motorcycles over to American Half Tracks because our motorcycles were too noisy and always getting stuck." He was a machine gunner.

Andy was wounded at Falaise Gap, France in August 1944 when on a motorized spearhead. His wounds were in the left leg, right arm, and the back of the neck. He laid in the battle field for about 24 hours before the ambulance came to pick him up.

The Major was with Andy, and wounded badly. He later died in England of the wounds received at that time.

Andy was in an outpost hospital in France for about a week, and was then taken to Bramshott, England.

He came back to Canada in November 1944 and was in hospital at Fort Osborne and Deer Lodge.

He finally went home to his parents on Christmas Day 1944. He went to Portage la Prairie to convalesce for about a month and was discharged on January 25, 1945. He resided at his parents' farm.





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BECK, Harry

WWII

Harry enlisted on November 25, 1942 to the Sea-Forth Highlanders at Fort Osborne Barracks, Winnipeg. He took basic training at Portage la Prairie and went to Shilo, Manitoba for advance training. He trained as a motorcyclist and passed this course. In June of 1943, Harry went overseas on "H.M.C.S. Queen Elizabeth", along with Phil Camire. They arrived in England four and a half days from embarkment. In August 1943, Harry was transferred to Africa for night training in the mountains. Once again, he met Phil Camire in Africa. He received his sniper's certificate while there. He was also a stretcher bearer. After two months training Harry went to Italy, United Kingdom, Central Mediterranean Area, and Continental Europe. Andy Beck (Harry's brother) went to see Harry in England, but missed him by one hour! He had just been shipped to another regimental holding unit. Harry had six medals: the 1939-1945 Star, the Italy Star, France and Germany Star, the Defence of England Medal, the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp and the War Medal 1939-1945. He was entitled to wear War Service Badge – General Service Class #754213. Harry received his discharge on February 18, 1946. He was an active Legion member and resided on his farm, in Fisherton, until his death.

BEDARD, Albert Joseph

WWI

Albert enlisted in the 100th Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force, in Winnipeg, Manitoba on February 12, 1916. He served and fought in the 78th Battalion in France at Vimy Ridge, Passchendaele and Somme. Private Bedard was discharged in Winnipeg on June 12, 1919. He passed away on December 4, 1964.



BEDARD, Benjamin Hugh Edward

WWII

Benjamin enlisted in the Canadian Light Infantry Corps in Vancouver, British Columbia on September 3, 1944. At this time, at age 21, he was the oldest member in their unit. The Canadian Light Infantry Corp, #13 Platoon, #2 Company, was stationed at Wetaskawin, Saskatchewan in October 1944. He served in Canada and also in England. When ready for embarkation one of the men in the unit got mumps – consequently they didn't go overseas at that time. They spent their time guarding German prisoners in Canada and in England. Benjamin was discharged in Winnipeg, Manitoba on July 12, 1946. He retired and resided with his wife, Irene (Gerardin) in Kenora, Ontario.

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BEDARD, Dollard J.

WWII

Dollard joined the Navy in February 1943 at Chippewa Barracks in Winnipeg. He didn't start training until the beginning of May and trained for six weeks in Winnipeg. From Winnipeg he went to Esquimalt, British Columbia, for another six weeks, then on to St. John's, Newfoundland. During this time he had two weeks leave.

At St. John's, they had guard duty until they were assigned to a ship. He got his ship, HMCS Brandon, sometime in January 1944. The Brandon was a Corvette. It carried depth charges to use against enemy submarines and it escorted convoys across the Atlantic. He served escort duty on the Brandon, in the North Atlantic, for about eighteen months. At one time, on one of the early escorts, they left St. John's in a convoy of 180 cargo ships. When they got to the United Kingdom there were only about sixty ships left. Every night they would lose some ships. Usually, in the convoy, there would be five Corvettes (warships) and one Destroyer to escort supply ships; to protect these cargo ships from enemy submarines. The ships they escorted would be gathered from the triangle, three cities: New York,

Halifax and St. John's. It would take about fifteen days, and then they'd go into London for new supplies. They seldom had to escort on their way back to Canada. The worst action he saw was once, after escort duty in the North Atlantic, they were called to the Gulf of St. Lawrence. As they had been on escort duty they weren't anxious to look for submarines there. When there, there was a mix-up of identification and the RCAF fired on them. Thankfully this was straightened out before it was too late. When HMCS Brandon went into Liverpool, Nova Scotia for a refit, they had two weeks leave. When he came back, he joined HMCS Tulsenberg.

He served about two months, or two more crossings of the North Atlantic. While they were at sea the war ended. He volunteered to go to the Pacific conflict. When they came back to Canada for leave, the war in the Pacific ended. He made twenty-two crossings of the Atlantic. Every time they crossed they lost some ships. Early in the war they lost more ships, but as the war progressed their losses lessened. He returned to Halifax, went back to Winnipeg, and he received his discharge in November 1945. He received the 1939-1945 Star and the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal.

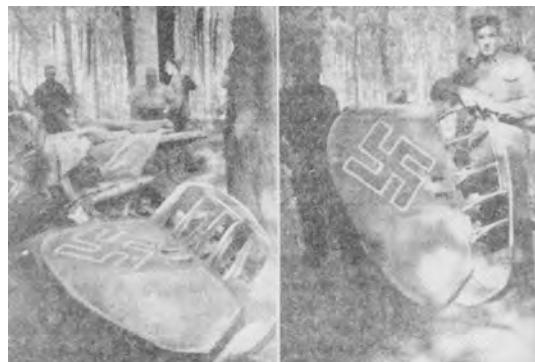


BEDARD, Gerry

WWII

Gerry joined the PPCLI in 1939. He was sent to England. The picture below was taken somewhere in England. The members of this Winnipeg battery downed this Nazi raider which flew over them. It is rumoured that Gerry himself shot this plane down while in a trench. He was shooting at it with a machine gun and a bullet finally pierced the windshield killing the pilot. Being resourceful, two members show the piece of plane they used for a table top. Gerry is shown on the right. He also sent a piece of the Nazi pilot's parachute home to his mother. He served for about two years before becoming ill having to be discharged. He returned

to Canada in 1942. He lived in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and Kenora, Ontario. Gerry died in Winnipeg.





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BEDARD, Litton

KOREA

Litton enlisted in Winnipeg on July 27, 1950 and was in the PPCLI Parachute Battalion. He served for one year in Korea, also serving in the United States and Japan. He was discharged in Winnipeg in August 1953, after which point, he lived in New Zealand with his wife, Joy, four daughters and seven grandchildren. They had an orchard and grew avocados.

BENNETT, Clifford

PEACETIME

Clifford was born in St. Rose de Lac, Manitoba in 1945. He enlisted in the Army in 1962 with the Queen's Own Rifles (2nd Battalion) and after one year he went with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry and took paratrooping training. Clifford spent three years in Germany with NATO and was stationed at Fort McLeod, which was an Airborne training facility. He did a tour to Cyprus in 1967 with United Nations and joined 2 Command in the Airborne Division in 1968 until he was discharged in 1970. As a civilian, Clifford worked in construction, operated a private automotive business and spent his last 23 years of work with CP Rail. He is single and has two boys and a girl from a previous marriage. Clifford resides in Winnipeg.



BERNIER, Paul E.

WWII

Paul joined the Army at Fort Osborne Barracks, Winnipeg, Manitoba on January 18, 1943. From Fort Osborne he went to Cornwall, Ontario for his basic training. He then returned to Fort Osborne, Winnipeg, where he did guard duty on Japanese and German prisoners. He could not be posted overseas due to a re-occurrence of ill health. It took the doctors a long time to find out what the illness was. Finally on April 1, 1946, he was admitted to Deer Lodge hospital for surgery. On April 2, 1946 he underwent a kidney operation. He was not discharged from hospital until June 4, 1946. He was married to Delia Meilleur on July 2, 1945, while still in the Army. He received an honourable discharge from the Army on June 26, 1946, after which he resided on a farm at Fisher Branch, Manitoba.

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BIRSTON, James "Jim"

WWII

Jim enlisted on April 29, 1943 and trained at North Bay, Ontario. As he was unable to meet the required military physical standards he was discharged on November 4, 1943. After his discharge James resided near Hodgson until his death in June 1979.

BIRSTON, Thomas H. "Bud"

WWII

Private Birston enlisted in Winnipeg on October 27, 1942. After about three months training he went overseas in January 1943. He went into action with the Cameron Highlanders and was wounded in the left shoulder in August 1944. The following telegram from the *Department of Records* was received on August 18, 1944: *Private Thomas Birston HI02884, "Previously reported wounded in action, Nature of wounds. Now report. Bullet left arm and shoulder!"* After this he returned to action and was once again wounded. Another telegram from the *Department of Records* was received on October 18, 1944: *"Minister of National Defence informs that Pte. Birston previously reported slightly wounded in action. Nature of second wound casualty now reported bullet wound right scalp. Further information forwarded as received. Was wounded on October 6, 1944 - in hospital."* Shortly after this a Canadian Army Priority Casualty Post Card was received on July 12, 1944 which reported Pte. Birston in hospital. Altogether Private Birston spent twenty-four and one-half months overseas. He volunteered to go to Japan and had sixty days leave. The war in the Pacific ended at this time. He was discharged on January 17, 1946. He resided in Winnipeg until his death in 1971.



BISHOP, Howard

PEACETIME

Howard was born in Stonewall, Manitoba in 1946 and at seventeen years of age he joined the militia with the Royal Winnipeg Rifles. Their nickname was 'The Little Black Devils'. Howard took his basic training at Minto Armories where he learned about weaponry, dress code and drill among other military basics. Each summer for five years he would go to Camp Shilo where he took an Infantry course, a junior NCO course and where he spent time recruiting as a Corporal. Howard was discharged in 1968. He originally worked at the stock yards, at the Telephone warehouse and spent 32 years with the CP Railway. Howard was twice married and has a son and a daughter. He is retired in Winnipeg. He also is a member of the Norwood Legion.

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BISHOP, Jack

WWII

Jack was born in 1921 in Stonewall, Manitoba, where he worked in his father's butcher shop until he enlisted in the Royal Canadian Navy in 1942. During his time overseas, he survived his ship being struck by a torpedo. He was discharged in 1943, at which time he married Fay Howard. They had two boys, Howard and Cliff, and resided in Norwood Flats. Jack worked for Canada Packers for 46 years and retired in 1985. He passed away in 2006.

BLAIR, Lillian A.

WWII

Miss Lillian Blair was a Public Health Nurse in the Fisher Branch Nursing Station prior to her service in South Africa. After returning to Canada from service in Africa, she spent her remaining years in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The following is from a clipping: Nursing Sister Lillian A. Blair, only daughter of Mrs. A. E. Blair, Alexander, Man., has arrived safely in South Africa. She was a member of the Manitoba government department of public health, and enlisted for service in South Africa. She left Winnipeg on December 17, 1941.



BLOWERS, Clifford

WWI

Clifford Blowers enlisted in the 44th Infantry Regiment in World War I and served in England and France. After being discharged, he returned to the Fisherton area to farm. He later moved to Woodlands, Manitoba, where he remained until his death. The following is taken from a postcard sent to Mrs. C. Stodgell from overseas on March 6, 1916:

*Dear Friend,
Just a line to let you know I am well. Hoping you are the same. Everything is good out here. News is scarce so will say good-bye for now.
From your old friend,
Cliff*

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BOCEK, Frank

WWI

Frank was born in Braidwood, Illinois, USA on November 18, 1888. He worked in many places in the US and Canada before moving to a homestead in Broad Valley. He enlisted on January 11, 1918 in Winnipeg in the 1st Depot Battalion Manitoba Regiment. He was a Private, Class A, war service badge number 74732. Frank served as an army cook. He transferred to the 43rd Cameron Highlanders and served in France. Frank was discharged on March 24, 1919, after being wounded. Later Frank worked as a cook in lumber camps at Grand Beach, Grand Marais and also for a Doctor in Winnipeg. He retired in 1950 and lived in Fisher Branch for a number of years, then returned to Winnipeg. Frank received a Life Membership to The Royal Canadian Legion Hodgson Branch 158 on October 19, 1970. He passed away on January 13, 1983.

BOOKBINDER, Joseph

WWII

Joseph served during World War II with the Royal Canadian Air Force as 1st Class Aircraftsman.



BOOTH, William Edward "Bill"

WWII

William was born in England in 1910. He joined the Air Force in February 1942 and trained as a ground mechanic in Winnipeg and Ontario. His last leave was December 1943. On New Year's Eve of 1943 he set sail from Halifax to go overseas. He was stationed in Ireland and eventually ended up in Japan in 1945, coming home in February 1946. Although he was not on the front lines he always said that he saw enough to last a lifetime. He was a member of Legion Branch 120 for twenty years. William passed away in 1969.

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BOUCHARD, Arthur

WWI

Arthur Bouchard enlisted on June 4, 1918, in the Canadian Expeditionary Force, Winnipeg, at 1st Depot Battalion Manitoba Regiment. He served in the 11th Reserve Battalion 53rd Infantry Canada in England in 1918, in France in 1919, and back in England by July 1919. Arthur Bouchard received his discharge on September 20, 1919 with the rank of Private. He returned to Fisher Branch in 1926 and married Antoinette Hudon. They moved to Burnaby, British Columbia, where they remained until he passed away in 1962.

BOYD, Larry R.

PEACETIME

Larry, the son of Len and Gladys, enlisted in the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals in July 1967. He took his basic training and Group I Signals Electrician Course in Kingston, Ontario, and then was posted to 3 RCHA Winnipeg for a duration of one year. From Winnipeg, Larry was posted to Shilo, Manitoba, where he remained for one more year. In August 1971, Larry remustered into The Canadian Military Engineers as a Field Engineer. He was posted to Canadian Forces Base Chilliwack, where he spent fifteen years in 1 Combat Engineer Regiment, Canadian Forces School of Military Engineering and the Base Construction Section. Larry's next posting was to the 1 Brigade (Army of the West) headquarters, Currie Barracks, Calgary, Alberta. He then was employed as production superintendent, responsible for construction and maintenance of the various building and units within CFB Calgary and all lodger units.



BRADBURN, Alex H.

WWII

Alex enlisted in the 7th Artillery Regiment in Winnipeg, Manitoba on June 20, 1941. He served in Italy and Northwest Europe. Alex was discharged in Winnipeg on November 13, 1945. He was a lifetime member of the Hodgson Legion and resided in Hodgson until his death on September 27, 1981 at age 64.



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BROADFOOT, Bert

WWII

Bert enlisted in 1940 in the RCASC. He went to Camp Shilo for four days, then moved to Camp Borden, Ontario. He also trained at Gault, Ontario. He was discharged due to an ear infection but rejoined shortly after that in the Winnipeg Grenadiers. He went to Jamaica in April 1941, and served there until October 1941, when they returned to Canada for two weeks. The Grenadiers then went to Hong Kong by ship. Bert was wounded on December 24, 1941 and taken prisoner on December 25, 1941. He remained in Japanese prison camps until the war ended. He returned to Canada and received his discharge in 1946. Bert lived in Winnipeg for a while, then moved to Campbell River, British Columbia, where he resided until his death.

BROADFOOT, Frederick Scott "Fred"

WWI

Fred enlisted on February 14, 1916 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. His original unit was the 4th Divisional Mounted Troops (Cyclists). He transferred to the Canadian Machine Gun Corps on August 9, 1916. This Corps was also called the 4th Canadian Infantry Brigade Machine Gun Company. Fred served in France from August 1916 to November 1918. He was promoted to Corporal on October 26, 1916. He received the Military Medal on January 22, 1918. At that time he was with the Canadian Machine Gun Corps, 11th Machine Gun Company. He was appointed Acting Sergeant on February 22, 1918 and officially confirmed Sergeant, also on February 22, 1918. Fred was gassed while he was serving in France. He received his discharge on July 13, 1919 and returned to Fisherton, Manitoba where he lived with his family for many years and ran the local Post Office. After his retirement, he and his wife, Nellie, moved to Stonewall, where they resided until their deaths.



BUDDICK, Stephen "Steve"

WWII

Stephen was born in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba in 1917. He enlisted in the Army and served with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry in Africa, Italy, the Netherlands and Great Britain during World War II. Pelted with flowers as the Canadian troops moved through a village in Holland netted Gnr. Steve Buddick a bride. The lavish welcome bestowed on the liberators culminated in a church wedding five months later. Tina Pouw was one of Canada's first war brides to arrive in Portage la Prairie. They had seven children. He was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 3. Stephen passed away in 1981.



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BURDEN, Teddy

WWI

Teddy lived in Fisherton, Manitoba before enlisting with four other men from the Fisherton district. He went overseas in April 1916, landing in England. About a month after arriving there, their battalion disbanded and Teddy joined the 44th Battalion Infantry and saw action in England and France. After the end of the war he never returned to the Fisherton area. The following story was submitted by Jack Gard: "Just after we arrived in England in 1916, the colonel of our battalion offered ten dollars to the cleanest man and the best kept equipment. Well, yours truly, knew better than to compete. However, many did, as ten bucks was almost a small fortune for guys like us. One of those competing was an "old seed" by the name of Teddy Burden. After about an hour of examining, a bunch of ten was selected and marched to the front. After a lot more picking and choosing, it finally boiled down to two competitors, so we are all holding our breath, that's us from the Fisherton district, as one of those was Teddy Burden. After about another ten minutes, they told the other fellow to step back - Teddy had won! We let out a few whoops and cheers - not because of the ten spot but because an old hayseed and a buddy of ours had beat all of the city slickers!"

BUSH, John Edward

WWII

John enlisted in the Royal Canadian Engineers in Winnipeg, Manitoba on December 6, 1941. He took his basic training at Dundurn, Saskatchewan until July 1942. From July until November 1942, he was at Nanaimo, British Columbia. It was at this time that he broke and dislocated his elbow and was hospitalized until November 15, 1942. John then returned to Winnipeg where he was honourably discharged in December 1942. After the war was over John served in the Reserve Army for a short while. He resided in Hodgson, Manitoba. John passed away on February 15, 1960.



BUSH, Sarah M. "Toots"

WWII

Private Sarah M. Bush joined the Canadian Women's Army Corps, attached to the Ordnance Corps, in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

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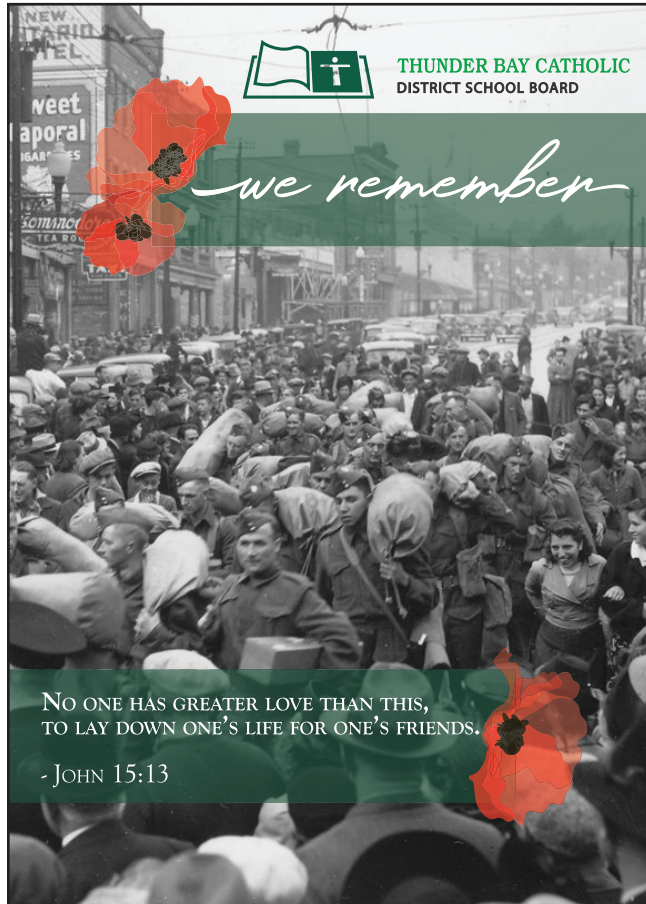


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CAMERON, Harvey

WWII

Harvey Cameron was born and raised near Hodgson, Manitoba. He enlisted in Winnipeg at Fort Osborne Barracks on January 6, 1943. He took basic training at Fort Garry and advance training at Camp Shilo, Manitoba. He left for overseas on August 22, 1943 and spent some time at Aldershot, England. He went to the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa and trained on 4.2 mortars and some machine guns. He went to France on D-Day and was also in Belgium and Holland. When the war was over, Harvey signed up for the Pacific and arrived back in Canada in July, 1945. While on harvest leave, the war in the Pacific ended and Harvey received his discharge at Number 3 Wireless, Winnipeg on November 14, 1945. Harvey was employed with the CP Railway. He married in 1947 and raised five children. He retired in 1982 after 36 years of service. He then moved to Sanford, Manitoba in 1984.

CAMIRE, Adrian Joseph

WWII

Adrian joined the Royal Canadian Ordnance in Winnipeg in 1941. He was sent to Newfoundland in April 1942, where he met his wife, Madeline. While in Newfoundland, the regiment was changed from Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps to Royal Canadian Electrical Mechanical Engineers. Adrian served as a mechanic in the forces and was in Newfoundland for about two and a half years. After this time he was sent overseas as a war vehicle transporter – the vehicles were transported from England to Continental Europe. While in Holland, Adrian met his younger brother, Philip. Adrian returned to Newfoundland in January of 1946 and received his discharge in Winnipeg in the spring of 1946. After his discharge, Adrian and his family moved to Kenora, Ontario where he lived until his death on February 3, 1979.



CAMIRE, Gerald Wilfred

WWII

Gerald joined the Canadian Army in Kenora, Ontario on November 24, 1944. He was stationed in Fort Osborne Barracks, Winnipeg, Portage la Prairie, Brandon, Manitoba then back to Winnipeg as a Gunner. He was discharged on April 17, 1946.

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CAMIRE, Joseph Ernest Alfred

WWII

L.A.C. Ernest Camire enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force on August 12, 1941. He served in Works and Buildings as an engineer on trucks, caterpillars, tractors, etc. He did not have any active service and was not wounded. He received the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, and his discharge on December 28, 1945.

CAMIRE, Joseph Filicien A. "Joe"

WWII

Joe enlisted with the Royal Canadian Air Force on January 7, 1942 at No. 2 Manning Depot, Brandon, Manitoba, at the age of 23. He served overseas for five years. While overseas, Joe worked on the ground crew putting out fires on the large planes and helping to clear the rubble from airfields after bombing. This often took them close to the fighting. He was also promoted to A.C.Cp. (5) as shown in his service book. Joe completed the full period of qualifying service for the 1939-1945 Star on December 26, 1944. He received his discharge in 1945. Joe married Eva Champagne in 1956. They had one daughter, Linda. Joe's last residence was in Abbotsford, British Columbia, where he passed away at the age of 59, in March 1978.

Shown below is a picture of a German Fighter Plane which had crashed in England.





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CAMIRE, Phillip Joseph "Phil"

WWII

Phil joined the Royal Winnipeg Rifles in November 1942 and took his basic training at Portage la Prairie. After about two months in Portage, he was sent to Shilo for advance training before going overseas to England. After just three weeks there, he was shipped to Africa where he met Harry Beck. He took two months of night training before going to Italy.

They were the first reinforcement in Italy. Phil was transferred to the Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry.

The fighting was pretty severe in Italy. He first saw action in "Vino Ridge" where he was in battle until he was wounded on December 16, 1943. He was hospitalized at "Akilino", the 14th General Hospital, for about two months.

When he got out of the hospital he was sent back to the front lines until he was wounded again on May 23, 1944, the day before his 23rd birthday.

He was sent to the same hospital, in the same room, and also the same nurse! When she saw him again she said, "What are you doing back here?"

His hospitalization lasted about two months, then he was sent back to the front lines in August until September 24, 1944. At this time, because of such heavy fighting, he was taken out by the doctor because of front line exhaustion and put into the 16th Canadian Special Employment Co. From there, he went to France, Belgium, and Holland. He remained in Holland until V.E. Day, working for "Medical Stores Suppliers" for the occupation forces. While in Holland he met his brother Adrian, which made him feel much better!

Phil took his first leave to Scotland for fourteen days. He went back to England and then returned home on the "Queen Elizabeth", the same ship he had gone over on.

He resided in Fisher Branch with his wife Dorothy.



CAMPBELL, Duncan Norman "Dunc"

WWI

Dunc was born on the Isle of Harris, Scotland, the son of Norman and Hannah (MacLeod) Campbell. He enlisted in the 68th Battalion CEF on November 29, 1915 with the rank of Gunner. He served in England and in France with the 6th Brigade C.F.A. and E Battery A. A. He was discharged at Regina, Saskatchewan on July 15, 1919 by reason of demobilization. Dunc married Millie May Lambkin on April 15, 1936 and they had one daughter, Mrs. Mildred Cramer of Emerson, MB; and one son, Ian Duncan of Pilot Mound. Dunc is deceased.



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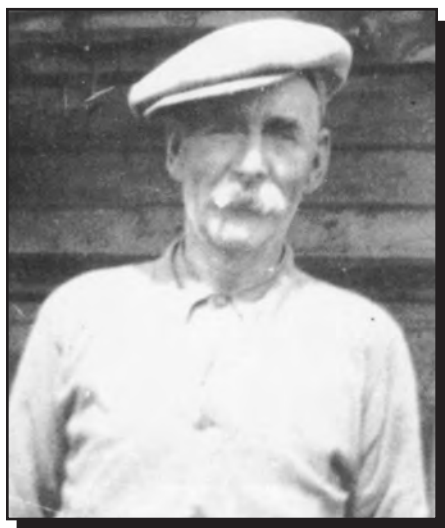
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CAMPBELL, George

WWI

George enlisted in March 1916 in the 108th Battalion Canadian Expeditionary Forces and served in England, France, and Belgium as a Sapper. He was discharged in 1919 and returned to live in Fisherton. George passed away on June 13, 1956 and is buried in the Fisherton Cemetery.

CARRIERE, Rob M.

PEACETIME

Rob was born in Saint Boniface, Manitoba in 1951, and in 1968 he joined the Royal Canadian Navy and took his basic training aboard a destroyer ship in Esquimalt, BC. Rob had joined the Navy for the excitement of being aboard a ship performing his radio operator job, but the demand was inland as the base in Aldergrove was in need of operators to look after the Pacific Coast; this is not the type of adventure Rob, at eighteen, was looking for. He was given an honourable discharge in 1970. In his civilian life he had moved back to Winnipeg and worked for the city as an emergency dispatcher for Public Works until in 2005. Rob is single and has one boy from a previous marriage. He resides in Winnipeg.



CARRIERE, Robert

KOREA

Robert was born in Saint Boniface in 1933 and enlisted in the Army in 1951. He joined the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry and took his basic training at Camp Borden and at Ipperwash, Ontario. He went to Korea in 1952 as a Private and was on the front lines there. After returning from Korea, he was stationed at Calgary and was discharged in 1953. Robert married Margaret Giesbrecht and they had five children. They moved to Cochenour, Ontario and was a miner, then to Winnipeg where he worked in construction until his retirement in 2002. Robert currently resides in Rathwell.



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CASE, William James WWI & WWII

William was born near Bagot, Manitoba on April 23, 1895. His family farmed there for a while before moving to farms in Rosedale and McDonald. William started school in 1901 at Harford School, and as he grew, he helped on the farm, continued his schooling, and also worked in the bush. While working on the McDonald farm with his father, there was a tragic accident involving William's younger brother, Stan, who fell off a grain wagon containing 33 bags of barley and was crushed.



Stuck in England and wanting to be in the action, he "paraded up to the Colonel and asked to go to France".

He went to France in April 1917 with the 14th Reserve, and the first battle he fought was at Vimy Ridge.

William was promoted to Corporal at that time and was sent to Etaples for a break. He went into the reserve for two weeks and then back to the trenches again for about two months of training for the Battle of Hill 70.

The family then moved to Salem, south-east of Portage la Prairie, where the family bought a farm from Bill Charleton. When William's father passed away in 1914, William continued to work the farm for another year. When William's uncle Nate bought a farm on Ridge Road, William rented that farm from him, and also rented a farm near Burnside from a man by the name of Stevenson from Winnipeg.

WWI

William continued to run the two farms until his call to duty during World War I, when he enlisted on November 9, 1915 in the Canadian Expedition Force at Portage la Prairie, Manitoba in the 226th Overseas Battalion. The legal enlistment age during World War I was 21, so he needed his mother's consent. His daily pay was 90 cents, and since his mother was a widow with young children, he was supporting the family and assigned her half of his pay.

William trained at Camp Hughes in Shilo, Manitoba. In the fall of 1916, he went to Halifax and then sailed to England on SS Olympic on December 13, 1916 and arrived there on December 17, 1916. While in training in Southampton, England he managed to get into "the cookhouse" and his daily wage went up to \$1 per day.

William describes the Battle of Hill 70 which he describes as 'we had a hard time there and lost it, near the whole battalion and I won the MM there, the Military Medal'. William further describes his experience:

"We went into the battle in front of Lenz and we had a hard time. We lost pretty near all the men we had and we come out and we went to a place called Bulle Granade. I stayed in Bulle Granade for about two weeks and had a rest because I hadn't had a rest and then I went on training to go up through Ypres and into Passchendaele. I went into line at Passchendaele from Ypres. We took Passchendaele and I got a little scratch on me there, I had a hard time there but I...that was the first time I ever took a rum in my life. And I don't like to tell you about it either. I hadn't eaten for two days and I took a slug of rum when I got back down from Passchendaele and it knocked me right out of the tent. When I woke up in the morning, I was lying with my feet in the water so I never did drink or smoke after that. I never did before.

Anyway we took Passchendaele and we come out... by this time the big push was going on...to finish the Germans off. We went over the top sometime about 8th of November and we went right through to the day



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before the Armistice on the 18th of November, and we finished up outside Molens about 4 kms and I was ready to go into battle about 10 o'clock in the morning. I had my equipment all on and ready. I was a Sergeant at the time and I had my platoon ready and the word came through that Armistice had come. So we stayed in this little village, I forget the name of the village, but we stayed in that village and we just slept under our ground sheets. We stayed there for about 2 or 3 days then went into Molen and it was just a shambles. Nothing much left to it, hardly at all. And then we recessed to a place in France. We stayed there all winter. We marched all up around the river up into Atkin and into Bonn, in Germany. From Bonn to a place called Ober, and from Ober to Ebumberedik. And then I come back to Nemeur and down to LeHavre. At LeHavre I stayed for a month and then we come back to England and I stayed in England for a month.."

He was granted fourteen days, leave January 26, 1918 and returned to active duty in France in February 1918. In March he was appointed "L/Cpl.vice" and on March 9th he received a Good Conduct badge in the field. On August 24th he was appointed "Cpl-vice" and September 18th was appointed "L/Sgt vice". William earned his Distinguished Conduct Medal on October 8/9, 1918, north of Cambrai. He received fourteen days leave in the UK on December 13, 1918 and returned to the field on January 18, 1919. On January 3, 1919, he was promoted to "Sgt.vice".

William embarked from Liverpool for Halifax on April 13, 1919 and arrived in Halifax on April 23, 1919. He was discharged on May 26, 1919 in Winnipeg with the rank of Sergeant.

He was home in Portage la Prairie for about a month, and then went to work for the Home of Incurable for about two months before he quit to go work for Mr. Sam Rams at Lavenham, Manitoba. While he was there, the Prince of Wales visited Portage la Prairie while on a Canadian tour. In October 1919, William was decorated by the Prince of Wales in front of the old Collegiate School in Portage.

WWII

William re-enlisted during World War II in August 1940 as a sergeant in the 22nd Company Veterans' Guard where he guarded prisoners. In his own words "I trained in Winnipeg and in the spring of 1941, I moved to Mays, Ontario. Went from Mays to Angler and guarded Japanese prisoners at Angler for about three months, then came back to Port Arthur for two weeks' rest, then back to Mays and guarded German prisoners. We took three months turn, each company, then we came back to Port Arthur again. From Port Arthur down to Espanola, Ontario...there for three months. Then I made several trips on the train to Halifax and New York and we fetched two trainloads right clean from New York to Seebe in Alberta. We had 11,000 German prisoners living in tents and guarded them there all summer. In the fall, when it got too cold to live in the tent, we took them from



Seebe to Medicine Hat and Lethbridge. We built huts up there, guarded them there all winter. I was made an RSM, Regimental Sergeant Major. Then I was sent back to Wainwright as Camp Sergeant major. There were German prisoners there; I guarded the prisoners there all one winter. Next spring, the war was over. I was detailed as an RSM to take prisoners to Germany. We loaded the prisoners at Wainwright, took them to Halifax, put them on the boat. I was RSM on the boat; took them across to Southampton. A lot of the prisoners that were in the camp, 35 or 40, could not take the solitary confinement and they went (crazy) so we had to take them home to Germany. So I was detailed to take these prisoners right up through France and Hamburg in Germany. I took them out and delivered them where I had to, then come back to England and stayed for a visit."

William passed away in 1988.

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CHAMBERS, John Russell

WWII

John was born at Belmont, the son of Pte. Dougal A. Chambers and H. Sybel Chester. He married the former Margaret Evelyn Myers and they had one son, Gene, and daughters: Merle, Carol, Lois and Colleen. He enlisted in Winnipeg on September 6, 1943 and trained at Toronto and St. Thomas as an aircraft electrician. He was stationed at McDonald, Brandon and Calgary before he was discharged on May 9, 1946 and awarded the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal. After the war, he resided in Belmont where he was employed as a school custodian.

CHAMPAGNE, Cecil

WWII

Cecil enlisted on April 11, 1941 in Winnipeg. He took his training at Camp Debert, Nova Scotia for about five or six months. He had embarkation leave, then went overseas in October 1941 as a Rifleman with the Royal Winnipeg Rifles. He went on the SS Orbita in a convoy. They traveled past Greenland on their way over. It took them three weeks to get to Greenock, Scotland. From there they went to Aldershot, England and then on to Horsham Camp in England. They were on the Isle of Wight for about six months with more training at Camp Borden, England. While in England he met Bud Burston and Cyril Stodgell.

He transferred to the Regina Rifles about two weeks after D-Day. He went into front line action before they reached Caen, France. After they passed Caen, Cecil and his buddy had to take about 200 German prisoners of war back to the P.O.W. cage which was about two miles away. Cecil said that it seemed like ten miles, and they were so nervous.

He was in the front line through Belgium, France and Holland, right to the Rhine River in Germany. There he was sent to a hospital in Ghent, Belgium, for battle fatigue where he remained six days. After that he was sent to Leopold Barracks in Ghent for a short time. He was in Edens, Holland when the war ended.

Cecil was in the occupation forces in Belgium for most of the time, then back to England to wait for a ship to return to Canada.

He returned home on an aircraft carrier in February 1946, and was discharged on April 10, 1946. He resided in the Hodgsonville District.



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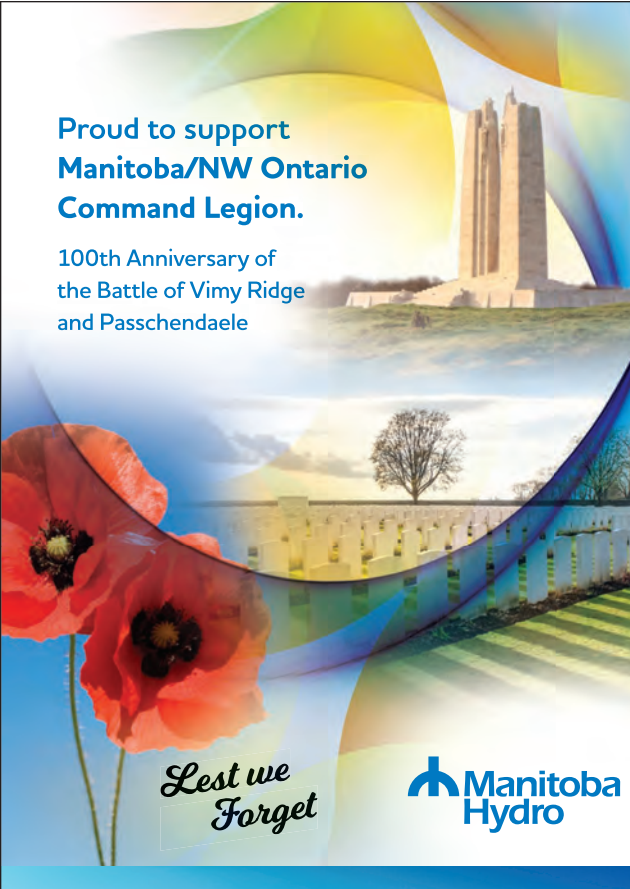
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CHAMPAGNE, Emile George

WWII

Emile enlisted in the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps in 1940. He served in the European theater of war: in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. On D-Day he took part in the invasion of Normandy. Emile received his discharge in 1945. He was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Fisher Branch.

CHAMPAGNE, Joseph "Joe"

WWII

Joe served in Canada in the Royal Canadian Air Force. He resided in Montreal, Quebec.



CHAMPAGNE, Leo

WWII

Leo enlisted in the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps with the 27th Field Ambulance. He was in Korea for one year, and then in Canada for two years. He trained in Camp Borden, Halifax and Vancouver.



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CHAMPAGNE, Lucien

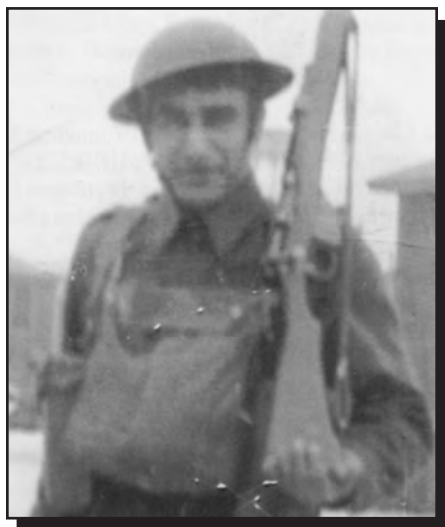
WWII

Lucien enlisted on September 9, 1939 with the Fort Garry Horse Regiment. He was discharged from the Regiment on March 1940, due to complications with an abscess. This eventually healed. By spring of 1941, he enlisted again with RCASC and went overseas early in 1941. From there they went to France on D-Day, Belgium, Holland, and Germany. The war was over when he left Germany in 1945. He went to the hospital in England and from there to Winnipeg. He was discharged in June 1945. Private Champagne could tell a million stories but it would have taken a book. He went back to Fisher Branch in June 1945, as he had a month's leave; then he left home for a job with Winnipeg Hydro. Lucien got married while in England and resided in Mission, British Columbia.

CHAMPAGNE, Robert Louis Conrad

WWII

Robert enlisted in the Canadian Army (Active Force) on February 19, 1941 at No. 10 District Depot, Winnipeg, Manitoba. He was discharged at Debert, Nova Scotia on November 19, 1941. Given reason as reported on his record of service - Canadian Armed Forces - "Between 17 and 19 years of age at date of application for discharge." He rejoined the Royal Canadian Air Force and served in England, France, Holland, Belgium and Germany. Robert was wounded in Holland and was discharged on April 10, 1946. He received the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and the War Medal 1939-1945. Robert died in January 1973.



CHASSIE, Fred

WWII

Fred joined the Royal Winnipeg Rifles in 1940 and his regiment went to Nova Scotia in 1941. While in Nova Scotia, he was injured in an accident and returned to Winnipeg for discharge. After being away from Fisher for forty years, Fred returned to his hometown where he passed away in 1978. Fred was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Fisher Branch.



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CHRISTIANSON, Bjorn Gestsson "Bud"

WWI

Bjorn was born at Grund on October 23, 1892, the son of Gester and Jona Bjornson. He enlisted with the 223rd in April 1916. He participated in the battle at Passchendaele, receiving the Military Medal for Bravery in the Field. He returned to Canada in May 1919. Bud married Ingibjorg Eyvindson and they had four children: Arden Thedrik, John Aaran, Conrad Gestur and Hope Aileen. In 1944, he married Oluf Evanson. He fished on Lake Manitoba and blacksmithed in Langruth and in 1933 he bought the John Deere, Ford – Mercury business in Portage la Prairie and lived there thereafter.

CIUNYK, John

WWII

John was raised in Hodgson, Manitoba. He enlisted with the Army transport in 1941 and served overseas in England and Europe. He received an honourable discharge in 1947.



CLAIRMONT, Frank

WWII

Frank joined the United States Merchant Marines in Boston, Massachusetts in 1928. He started his career as a deck hand and then went to the Naval Academy in New York where he obtained his commission as a Senior Engineer. In 1943, he became Captain of his own ship, one of the largest oil tankers in the American fleet. He retired from the Merchant Marines in 1976 after serving 48 years. He died in 1986 at his home in Texas at the age of 76.



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CLAIRMONT, Joseph

WWII

Joseph Clairmont joined the Royal Canadian Engineers in 1941 and served overseas from 1942 to 1945. He was discharged from the service at the end of the war and returned to farming in the Fisher Branch area.

CLAIRMONT, Napoleon

WWII

Napoleon joined the Royal Canadian Engineers in 1942 and was posted to Chilliwack, British Columbia, for advance training. Napoleon left the service in 1943 and returned to Winnipeg.



CLANCY, George

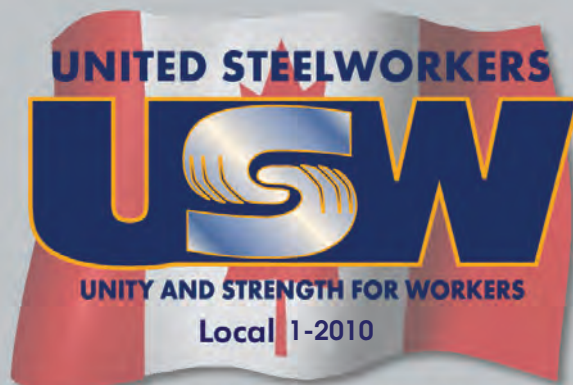
WWI

George enlisted on April 22, 1915 and served in England and France. Upon returning from overseas he lived in the Fisherton area, where he resided with his wife, Evelyn, until his death in 1989.



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CLARKE, Morris S.

RESERVES

Morris was born in Virden, Manitoba in 1947. He joined the 12th Manitoba Dragoons as a young soldier while still in school on October 21, 1964. He trained on Saturdays during the winter. While serving with the 12th Manitoba Dragoons it was disbanded and became the 13 Battery 26Fd. Regiment of the Royal Canadian Artillery. Morris was honourably discharged on January 17, 1970. He joined the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 8 in Virden and later transferred to the Waskada Branch 92 and is still a member of the Oak Lake Branch 79.

CLARKE, Wallace B.

WWII

Wallace was born in East End, Saskatchewan in 1916. He served during World War II in the Air Force in Canada with the Reserve General Section Class "E". He was awarded the War Service Badge. He was a member of the Gillam and Birch River Legions. Wallace passed away in 2006.



CLEMENS, John J.

WWI

Rev. John J. Clemens was born in Reykjavik, Iceland on September 5, 1872, the son of Jon T. and Ingibjorg Clemens. He enlisted on June 1, 1918 while a pastor at Lakeville, Minnesota, USA. He was awarded the Silver Medal for his war service by the National Lutheran Church at Grund from 1896 to 1901. He married Meta Roos. John passed away in September 1934 at Yorkville, USA.



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CLEMENT, Richard

PEACETIME

Richard was born in Sudbury, Ontario in 1944. At the age of fourteen, he joined the Army Cadets as one of the Coppercliff Highlanders. He went through four years of training learning to drive jeeps and trucks, learn the Morse code and spent his summers at Camp Ipperwash training on the rifle range. Richard worked his way up to become the Commanding Officer and when he was eighteen, he joined the Militia with the 58 Light Anti-Aircraft division. He took some training at Niagara on the Lake and became a Lance Bombardier.

Richard left the militia and joined the Regular Army and went to Toronto to join the 6 Personal Depot in the Military Police. He went to Camp Borden for basic training with the Group 1 Military Police and was then posted to Camp Petawawa with 2 Provost Platoon in 1964. He was posted for summer training in New Brunswick and then back to Camp Petawawa where he took a Canadian Guard's Junior NCO course. He

was transferred to London, Ontario with the Military Police Detachment looking after the guard house and patrolling the base. Richard went to Rivers for paratrooper training course and to Camp Shilo where he completed the high tower jumps and received his paratrooper's wings. He went on a six month tour to Cyprus, overseas with the 1 Royal Canadian Regiment and patrolled the Kyrenia Mountains.

Richard was discharged in 1969 and upon his return to civilian life joined the Winnipeg Police Force until his retirement in 2000. Richard married Anne Brunton and they had two daughters. The Clements live in Winnipeg.

CLEMENTSON, George

BOER WAR, WWI & WWII

George Clementson was in the Boer War, World War I and World War II. He was in the Royal Engineers Regiment. George served in England, Africa and France. He was discharged and returned to farm in Fisherton. He passed away on May 1, 1954 and is interned in the Fisherton Cemetery.





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COCHRANE, Leslie

WWII

Leslie joined the Canadian Army on May 11, 1943 in Winnipeg. He took basic training in Fort Garry. From there he was sent to Camp Shilo for advance training. He then went directly overseas landing in Liverpool. They were given a hardening training for one month in England. They then sailed for Italy which took 28 days before they landed in Naples. They went to a holding unit in Avalenio. They joined with the Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry and were sent to Italy. During combat, a shell exploded right beside him and he was rendered unconscious; he lost his bearings for quite some time. He spent two months in hospital. After convalescing, he returned to the front lines with the Saskatchewan Light Infantry (M.G.). They sailed from Leghorn to Marseille where they joined the Canadian Army in Northwest Europe. They saw action mostly in Holland. After peace was declared he volunteered for the Pacific Force. While he was on leave, the war with Japan ended and he got his discharge in 1946.

In April 1953, he joined for survival training (A.F.) with the Winnipeg Grenadiers for two months.

He re-enlisted on June 9, 1953 and took training at Petawawa, Ontario, and was sent directly to Korea. They sailed from Seattle. It took 21 days to reach Pusan, Korea. He was there with the occupational force for ten months.

He returned to Canada at Christmas 1955, and got his release the following June.

In October 1961, he rejoined the Winnipeg Rifles and took survival training at Minto Armories in Winnipeg. While there, he roomed with Ebenezer Asham. A funny incident took place on parade. The night before the parade, Eb spent hours polishing up his boots. Leslie couldn't be bothered, so he threw his in a corner and bought nice shiny new ones. The next day on parade Eb developed a very sore foot so he went to see the M.D., the doctor examined it and said, 'No damned wonder you have a sore foot, you have on one shoe size 9 and the other size 8.' He had put on one of Leslie's boots by mistake.

That was his last military service; he obtained his discharge in 1961. The medals he received were: 1939-1945 Star; Italy Star; France and Germany Star; Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp; also the Prov/Awarded United Nations Service Medal. Leslie resided in Fisher River and was a Life Member of Hodgson Legion Branch 158.

COCHRANE, Robert J.

WWII

Robert enlisted on July 8, 1944 as a reinforcement. He took his basic training in Fort Garry, Manitoba, and his advance training at Shilo, Manitoba. He got married on February 2, 1945, and then went overseas to England in March 1945, aboard the HMCS New Amsterdam. He met Tiny Link as Tiny was coming to England and he was leaving for the continent. After spending two weeks in England, he went to Amsterdam with the Royal Winnipeg Rifles and into Walfhazy, Holland. He was stationed twenty miles from Apeldoorn and the Rhine River. He took part in the 3rd Division Dominion Day march for King George VI and Queen Elizabeth I, in front of Westminster Abbey. He volunteered for Burma and landed back in England for a few weeks. He arrived back in Winnipeg on July 11, 1945. Robert received his honourable discharge in the fall of 1946. He has been a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Hodgson Branch 158, although he resided in Alberta.



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COLDRON, William

BOER WAR & WWI

William was born in Brant, Broughton, England, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coldron. He enlisted in England and went to the Boer War in Africa as a messenger. He got an ostrich egg while in Africa and sent it to his parents in England in 1902. He married Rachel Clark on October 19, 1910. In World War I, he enlisted in Winnipeg with the Fort Garry Horse and served in England.

COLLINS, Larry

VIETNAM

Larry was born at Glenora, Manitoba, the son of Owen and Joyce Collins of Winnipeg. He enlisted at Fargo, North Dakota and trained at Fort Lewis and Washington. He gave his life in Vietnam in 1969. He was twice awarded the Purple Heart, as well as many other medals including the Bronze Star of heroism.



CONQUERGOD, William Ernest "Ernie"

WWII

Ernie was born in McAuley, Manitoba in 1912. He joined the services in Manitoba and served overseas with the Ottawa Cameron Highlanders. Ernie was active in The Legion in early years. He did a great deal of carpentry work on The Legion building. He married Mary in 1959. He continued to operate their store, Dallas Trading Post, until 1973, when they moved to Fisher Branch. Ernie resided there, enjoying his hobbies of gardening and building lawn furniture until his death on December 11, 1985.



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COOK, Albert “Abbie”

WWII

After many unsuccessful attempts to join the military services from 1939 to 1941; Abbie finally enlisted in the Army on February 10, 1941 at No. 10 District Depot, Winnipeg, Manitoba. He joined the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders and was stationed at Fort Osborne Barracks until June 1941, when he transferred to the Royal Winnipeg Rifles, stationed at Debert, Nova Scotia. On August 28, 1941, he boarded the ship, SS Orbita, and sailed for England.

They landed at Liverpool on September 13, 1941. From there on, they were stationed in many different places in England and the Isle of Wight. At Inveraray, Scotland, they did their commando training and then back to England in the South Downs of Lewis, where they did more hardening training in the hills, where every move they made was on the double, with full battle gear.

Finally, on June 3, 1944 we boarded ship for France. Where, on June 6, 1944, they made the "invasion" on the Normandy beaches where all Hell was waiting for them!

On June 8, 1944, Abbie was taken prisoner. Later on or about June 11 or 12, he was severely wounded, he was lost for some time, and ended up in a hospital in Ronnes, France, which was run by the Germans and staffed with French doctors and nurses.

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When the Americans transferred him over to the Canadian Hospital, Abbie had more surgery. They shipped him back to Canada in October, and when they landed at Halifax, he was put on the train for Winnipeg, where he was taken to Deer Lodge Hospital for more surgery.

He was discharged on November 22, 1944 at No. 10 District Depot in Winnipeg, as he was unfit for further military service after losing his right leg. He had an artificial leg from that time on.

After his discharge, Abbie went back home and married in 1950. He and his wife raised a family of five, and had eight grandchildren. He worked with Manitoba Telephone System for the twenty-five years until he took an early retirement in 1979 to work for himself for the next nine years. After he retired, Abbie started entertaining at the Nursing Homes and Seniors' Residences, and found it very rewarding.

CORRIVEAU, Yvan

PEACETIME

Yvan was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba in 1983 and joined the Army with the Princess Patricia Light Infantry division in 2004. He took his basic training in St. Jean, Quebec, and was stationed in Wainwright, Alberta, and Camp Shilo, Manitoba before spending eight months in Afghanistan. Upon his return, Yvan went to Winnipeg with the Winnipeg Rifles out of Minto Armouries until his discharge in 2009. Yvan is single. He is now a Winnipeg Police Officer and resides in Ile de Chene, Manitoba.



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COSENS, Jessie James "Jim" WWII

Jim was born on October 26, 1924 to Ella and Russell Cosens on the family farm in Fisherton, Manitoba. He took his schooling at Maidstone School District. He joined the Army on October 20, 1943 and was stationed for his basic training in Fort Garry and advance training in Camp Shilo Barracks.

He left Camp Shilo in May 1944 and went by train to Windsor, Nova Scotia, where he spent a few days before going to Halifax, NS, where he got on a boat called

"The Andes". The boat arrived in Liverpool, England after six days. He was only there for a short while before boarding a train to Barnsley, England, and from there to Aldershot, England. He had a short stay in Aldershot prior to heading to Caen, France, as reinforcements got united with Essex Scottish Regiment, 4th Brigade, 2nd Division.

Jim's next stop was Falaise, France, where he started active front line service. Fighting there was severe, but they won the battle. He spent about four weeks there. The regiment moved from there to Dieppe, France - a 100 mile trip that was made in one day. They rode on gun carriers or any way they could, some men even rode on artillery guns. When they arrived in Dieppe, they found that there were no civilians and no Germans, in fact, there was no one to be found there.

The next day they moved onto Ostend, Belgium, in one day which was about fifty miles. There they found a few German soldiers along the sea coast with Naval guns, which was really no threat to them. All the civilians were there and treated them very well. Two days later, the Germans, approximately 700 in number, gave up and they took them prisoners. Essex Scottish Street in Ostend is named after their regiment.

From there they went to Antwerp, Belgium, where they encountered resistance from the Germans. They



spent about three weeks there before they started to move north through Holland in October 1944 to liberate Holland, which they did. They spent the winter at a place called Mook, Germany. Around the first of February 1945, they started to move towards the Rhine River, going through the Hawkwell Forest to Kalcar, Germany. That's where Jim got wounded in the right arm on February 23, 1945. He was sent back to 123rd British General Hospital in Belgium. He spent about a week there before he was sent to 24th Canadian General

Hospital in England. He was still in this hospital when the war ended. He got out of the hospital around the end of May 1945. Because he didn't have enough points to come home he was sent to a holding unit in England. He volunteered for Auxiliary Service and went to Enschede, Holland, and worked in a place called "Broncostores" that handled all the canteen supplies for the Canadian Army Overseas.

In January 1946, the stores moved to Wilhelmshaven, Germany. After they moved there, NATO decided they didn't need the Canadians in the occupation force anymore, and they no longer needed the big warehouse so they moved to a smaller warehouse in Oldenburg, Germany, where they stayed there until May 1946 and then moved back to Aldershot, England, to wait for a boat to take them home. From then on, Jim had an extended holiday by being able to go on leave for two weeks at a time for about four months.

Jim embarked on the four-day journey for home in September 1946. The boat was called the Elde France. He was discharged from the Army on October 22, 1946 and took up farming. He married Rosemary Hopgood on October 28, 1949 and they had six children: Edwin, Patricia, Carolyn, Darlene, Thelma, and Ronald.



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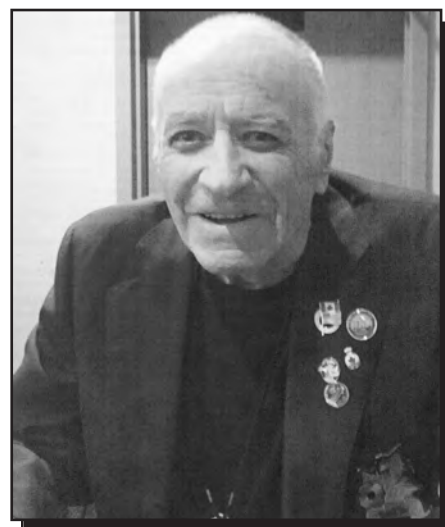
WWII

John was a son of Ella and Russell Cosens and brother to Jimmy Cosens. He enlisted in Winnipeg in January 1940. John served overseas in England, France, and Belgium with the 6th Field Artillery. On July 31, 1943, John married Maude Isted in St. John's Church, Lewes, England. Maude and John met in this town at a dance and went together for about two years. On October 20, 1944, John was killed in action in Belgium, where he was buried.

COTE, Norbert

WWII

Norbert was born in Winnipeg in 1921 in St. Leon, Manitoba. He enlisted in 1941 with the Canadian Army in the Artillery division and trained in Regina, CFB Shilo, Camp Vernon and Vancouver. Norbert returned to Regina in 1942 and was discharged at that time. He took a machinist course with the Department of Veterans Affairs and worked as a machinist for Strong & Scotts, Continental Can and Crown & Cork. He married Hazel Stubner in 1947 and they raised seven children. Norbert is retired and living in Winnipeg.



COTE, Paul Alphonse

WWII

Paul was born on June 27, 1919, son of Alphonse and Melvina (Lambert) Cote. Living in Fort Frances, Ontario, he enlisted with the Royal Canadian Regiment in London, Ontario. From Canada, the men were sent to England, where they were trained and re-trained, awaiting an assignment. Paul was sent to the front in Italy in September 1944, and rode on the same truck as Philip Camire. His group's objective was a three-day assault on the Rimini Airport Railway Station. Within five minutes of leaving Philip Camire and about half a mile away, Paul stepped on a mine and was killed. His comrades obtained their objective on Rimini. Paul was killed in action on September 6, 1944. He is buried at the Corono Ridge War Cemetery in Italy, three and a half kilometers west of the Ricconi Seaside Resort, just south of Rimini (Plot I, Row B, Grave 12).



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COUTU, Arthur

WWI

Arthur joined the Armed Forces at St. Boniface, Manitoba on June 22, 1917 and served in Canada, Britain and France. Arthur returned to Canada and was honourably discharged on March 22, 1919, at Montreal, Quebec. He received the British War Medal. Arthur returned to Fisher Branch and died in 1941.

COUTU, George Ernest Joseph

WWII

George joined the Canadian Army in Winnipeg on April 14, 1944. He served in Canada, Britain and Northwest Europe as a Trooper. George received the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with Clasp and the War Medal 1939-1945. He received his discharge on May 2, 1946.



COUTU, Maurice Joseph

WWII

Maurice enlisted in the Canadian Army (active) on March 2, 1943 at Fort Osborne Barracks in Winnipeg. He served in the United Kingdom, France, Belgium and Holland. He landed in France on June 6, 1944 with the 3rd Canadian Division, 12 Field Regiment, RCA. He was wounded in Holland in April 1945 and received his discharge on March 7, 1946. He received the 1939-45 Star, France and Germany Star, the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with Clasp and the War Medal 1939-1945.

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COUTU, Paul

PEACETIME

Paul enlisted in the Navy in May 1947 in Winnipeg. He trained and became a radio operator. He was discharged in Winnipeg in May 1952. Paul resided in Edmonton, Alberta.

CRAITE, Herman

WWII


Herman joined the Royal Canadian Air Force (Air Crew) in September 1940 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. He took his basic training in Hamilton, Ontario, and Moncton, New Brunswick. He completed his training in England. Herman flew in Egypt, Palestine, Iraq and India. He crashed in India due to engine trouble. His plane was completely destroyed and the navigator was killed. Herman sustained a broken foot and was sent to hospital in England. He then returned to Canada and was stationed in Belleville, Ontario, where he was an instructor in the RCAF in bombing and gunnery. Herman returned to Winnipeg in October 1945 for his discharge. He resided in Winnipeg, Manitoba.



CRAMPAIN, Raymond Earl

WWI & WWII

Raymond was born in Griswold, Manitoba in 1898. He enlisted in the Canadian Expeditionary Force on October 26, 1916 with the 16th Cancomsh. He was discharged on February 27, 1919. He enlisted on June 19, 1940 for World War II and later discharged on July 29, 1944. Raymond passed away in 1978.



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CRATE, Harvey Laroy

KOREA

Harvey joined the Army in April 1952, enlisting in the 3rd Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment. He served in Korea and Japan, returning to Canada from overseas in late 1953. He transferred to the Airborne Unit, 1st Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment stationed in London, Ontario. He received an honourable discharge in 1955 and resided in Koostatak, Manitoba.

CURRIE, James Sr.

WWI

James was born in Boston, Massachusetts, USA on December 26, 1893, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Currie. He enlisted at Brandon and trained there and at Halifax, Nova Scotia and at Seaforth, England. James went to France after the Armistice with an outfit that moved the remains of service men to their permanent resting places, having originally been buried where they fell. James farmed five miles west of Baldur for a number of years.



DANA (NELCO), Shirley

WWII

Shirley enlisted in the RCAF in 1941. She served as a clerk and was stationed at Vulcan, Alberta. In 1944, Shirley was discharged due to the death of her mother, as she was needed at home. Shirley is deceased.



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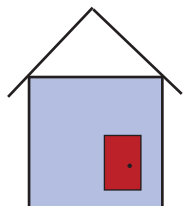
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DANDENEAU, Conrad WWII

Conrad was twenty years old when he was called in for a check-up with a doctor for the purpose of joining the Army in the summer of 1942. He was seventeen years old when the war started in 1939. He and his brother, Prosper, would always go to the bush in the winter to cut logs or pulpwood, to earn extra money for the family, but not in the October 1942, because Conrad had joined the Army in Winnipeg.

When he was interviewed and questioned, Conrad had stated that he passed Grade 9, thinking he would have a better position, but the truth was that he hadn't even finished Grade 7. When asked whether he wanted to join the Reserve Army or the Active Army, he asked, "What's the difference?" He was told that if he joined the Active Army he would be treated better and have a good chance for a better position, but did not mention anything about going overseas, so he signed up for Active.

He was overseas in England by March 1943. While in Winnipeg, he spent two weeks in Fort Osborne Barracks, then had 2 months basic training in Fort Garry. Then, he was in Red Deer, Alberta, for two months for advance training and did some driving of army service trucks.

Then, he had a fourteen-day furlough and went to Fisher Branch to see his parents, brothers, and sisters. He went back to Red Deer by passenger train, with all soldiers aboard, straight to Halifax. They then took the "Queen Elizabeth" ship across the ocean to England. A train took them to Aldershot where they did two months training. Another three months, training was given in the field where there were tractors or big tank transports with big semi-trailers hooked behind, used for hauling heavy tanks.

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They arrived in France near Caen and Bayeux with sixty-six boats; thirty-three had perished or gone missing. Whereas a crossing usually took two to three hours, it took their convoy two weeks to get there, because of the fighting, trying to hide and dodge from the enemy and with communications from other points to find the best time and place to land.

There were no docks to go beside, only barges. They unloaded the trucks and other materials onto the barges and then the barges were brought as close as possible to shore. They drove the trucks off the barges and into the water to reach land. Before leaving England, the trucks were all well water-proofed, with tail pipes reaching above the cabs.

The streets of Caen and Bayeux were piled with clutter and rubbish, which the trucks had to maneuver. The air was polluted with grey smoke, the smell of gunfire and the stench of corpses still waiting to be picked up for burial. Farther on where they parked the trucks, were spruce trees so that made easy camouflage to hide from the enemy.

They would go ahead to different sections near the front line where the supply service was most needed. At times they would sleep underneath the trucks, in the trenches



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and in tents. For a while they had to eat what was called "Hard Tack" for their meals. These were heavy but took less room for transporting. The noise was so loud at night that they could not sleep through the night. For a while there was a steady thunder of bombs and shells, and noise from artillery guns placed around them for protection; fires gave them light through the night. For all the time that Conrad spent in the Army, these were the worst places and events. He believed in the prayers of those who prayed for them.

One time, pieces of shrapnel were falling all around Conrad, and he happened to be beside a large tree, so he found protection underneath it. Another time, two of them were guarding a gate all day long, and there were bullets and shells dropping all around them; Conrad thought that it was a miracle that they hadn't been hit! The guard next to him was shot in the back of his knee; Conrad learned later that his leg had to be amputated above the knee.

The worst times were when they had to haul ammunition at the dumps when there was an enemy air raid above them. Imagine if a bomb was to fall on one of their 'munition' trucks. What an explosion that would make!

For a while they had to haul while in the dark of the night. The leader of the convoy had to know the area and road very well in order to get to the right place. The trucks following each other were guided by looking at the white differential reflected by a little light from underneath the truck ahead.

As they had to move ahead from time to time they were stationed at Antwerp, Belgium, where there was a large airport. They had to haul rubbish for the men who were repairing the airport, where V1 and V2 bombs were dropped every day. This finally ended after about three months.

They lived in old damaged buildings while they were there. The window openings were paneled with boards. Conrad's bed was placed near one of these panels, and one night just as he laid down in bed, a big V2 bomb fell at the airport nearby. The noise of that bomb shook the building enough to throw that panel down onto his bed. He was not hurt by the panel but did get a little frightened as it stayed on the top of the head and foot board of his bed.

They moved on to another town in Belgium, which was not all damaged. It was nice to see but hard to believe after seeing all the other wrecked places over the past nine months. In addition to this they were told they could stay in private homes, where some of the good families accepted two of them in each home to stay at night and to rest in comfortable beds. This change seemed almost unbelievable! They ate their meals in restaurants.

However they were not there long, just about one month, but they appreciated the rest they had during that time.

They moved on to Holland, where winter made the roads icy and very slippery. The deep canals on the sides of the roads made driving even more dangerous. Most of the time they hauled sand to keep the roads open. From Holland, their Company was called to go somewhere in Germany. However, three of the men were called out to go to Paris. This again was a big change, to see lights and the city streets brightly lit. Where they had come from, they could not even light a match outside in the dark.

They were the first Canadians in Paris and a staff was formed. By now, the war was getting close to the end. In Paris they had to fill the day with 10-12 hours, seven days a week, for about three to four months. They then went to six days and then five days a week. They hauled rations from one main point and distributed the goods to other places around the city, such as restaurants and hotels. They made once-a-week deliveries to Little France, Belgium and Holland.

Conrad was once somewhere in Germany to move an officer's batman and the luggage. He also delivered mail for about two months from the main post office to other points in the city using a very small delivery truck.

Things were slowing down as the war was coming closer to an end. In the fall of 1945, a group of Canadians were called back to Canada. Some left but they had a choice and could stay for another two or three months. Conrad decided to stay as he would miss the worst part of the cold weather in Manitoba, also he was interested in his current job, which was taking care of phone calls and the points on the map where supplies had to go. There were still a few truck drivers and taxi cabs on duty, and he had to make sure that there was one available in case of an emergency.

Conrad was amongst the last group to leave for Canada. They boarded a boat called the "Ille de France" which took two weeks to cross the ocean. They arrived at Halifax and took a train to Winnipeg, slept overnight, then took a train to Fisher Branch. Conrad was finally home with his dear parents, brothers and sisters, whom he had not seen for three years, although they had communicated through letters. He hardly had a month without sending a few words. He recalled kissing the letters before putting them in the mail.

He was discharged from the Army a month after he returned home - "Good-Bye Soldier". He had a whole new life ahead of him but was back at the same point he had left three and a half years before.

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DANDENEAU, Prosper

WWII

Prosper was called on May 21, 1942, to report to Fort Osborne Barracks. In June of 1942, he went to Vernon, British Columbia with the Canadian Light Infantry and trained for one year. He went to Vancouver Island in 1943 for combat operations. In 1944, he transferred to Prince George, British Columbia. On August 15, 1944, Prosper joined the Royal Winnipeg Rifles at the front. In Normandy, France, on September 15, he was wounded and sent back to England. He was on convalescent leave for seven months, then was sent back to Germany in the middle of April, where he remained at the front until the war ended. He stayed in Holland until December 23 and arrived in New York, USA on December 29, aboard the "Queen Elizabeth". He returned to Fisher Branch on December 31, 1945 and was discharged on February 16, 1946. Prosper's medals include the 1939-1945 Star, the France and Germany Star and the Canadian Volunteer Medal and Clasp.

DAVIDSON, George Henry

WWI & WWII

George was born on June 21, 1892 and came to Canada in July 1906 to reside in Weston, Winnipeg. He joined the Canadian Army on November 7, 1914 with the 17th Battalion, 5th Artillery Brigade. On August 14, 1915, they entrained to Halifax, but stopped over Ottawa where the battalion was inspected in front of the Parliament Buildings by the Duke of Connaught.

They sailed on the "Metagama" on August 9, 1915 and landed in Plymouth, England on August 17, 1915. The battalion proceeded to Otterpool where the camp was visited by Zepps. The battery suffered its first casualties there.

George landed in Le Havre, France on February 18, 1916, where he was promoted to Acting Bombardier. He was later sent to Artillery School at Tilques, France, and rejoined his unit on August 8, 1916.

George was wounded in the right thigh on April 18, 1917, and sent to a hospital in Shorncliffe, England. He returned to the front on September 22, 1917. He was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on December 6, 1917. He served in Canada, Britain, also France, fighting in the battles of Somme and Vimy Ridge. He was discharged on May 26, 1919, and came back to Winnipeg. He received soldiers' settlement land eight miles east of Hodgson where he lived for four years. The house burned down in January 1923 so with his wife and daughter Florence, he returned to Winnipeg. He worked in Winnipeg as an Artillery caretaker at Minto Armouries from 1926 until his retirement, except for the time he served again in the Army during WWII.

George joined the 13th Field Battery, 2nd Canadian Division on October 10, 1939 as a Warrant Officer, Class 2 Battery Sergeant Major.

He was stationed in Winnipeg at the Canadian Pacific Railway Immigration Building, and then went to Camp Shilo, where he went to trade school and passed as an artificer RCA in April 1940.

George went overseas on August 5, 1940, arriving at Gourock, Scotland on September 5, 1940. He was stationed at Aldershot, England for a while and was sent back to Winnipeg on September 30, 1943. In Winnipeg, he was detailed to duty as supervisor of personnel on streetcars on April 6, 1944. He was sent to be on duty at Brandon and Camp Shilo.

He received the following medals: Defence Medal, Volunteer Medal with Clasp, War Medal 1939-1945, and Efficiency Medal 2nd Clasp. He was discharged in Winnipeg on September 7, 1945.

George passed away on December 11, 1974 and is buried at Green Acres Cemetery in Winnipeg.





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DAVIDSON, Henry Alexander "Harry"

WWI

Harry was born in January 1895 in Stepney, London, England. He came to Canada in July 1906. Later he worked as a carpenter with the Canadian Pacific Railway shops, Weston. He joined the 8th Battalion Royal Winnipeg Rifles on September 22, 1914 in Winnipeg. On February 9, 1915, Harry transferred to the 8th Battalion overseas. He served in France and Belgium. While there, he was wounded for which he received a wounded stripe, also, receiving a service pin for serving at the front lines. Harry was mentioned in dispatches for bravery. He received three medals: 1914-1918 Star, Victory Medal (Oakleaf), and the British War Medal. Later, Harry returned to Winnipeg. He received soldiers' settlement land at Hodgson and built a two-storey house on his brother George's land. Harry never lived there but went back to Winnipeg to work for Canadian Pacific Railway. He married Annie Leigh on October 4, 1922. They moved to Los Angeles, California, U.S.A., where he worked as a carpenter for the movie studios. Harry died on August 9, 1963 in Los Angeles.

DAVIDSON, James

WWI

James was born the third son of Alexander Davidson in London, England, on November 17, 1897.

He joined the 78th Battalion, 100 Regiment, C.E.F., on July 4, 1915, when he was only seventeen years and seven months old. He trained in Canada, then sailed from Halifax to England on May 5, 1916, on the Empress of Britain. He arrived in Liverpool on May 29, 1916. He then embarked to Le Havre, France on August 13, 1916.

James served in France and Belgium for three and a half months. He was wounded on November 25, 1916. A bullet which entered below his right eye came out behind his right ear. He was admitted to No. 1 General Hospital, then taken to a hospital in Cardiff, Wales. Later he was moved to an eye and ear hospital in Folkston, England.



When he was healed and released to go back to work, he was sent to an army kitchen in England. It was a building which had no windows, the smoke went out through a hole in the roof! There he contracted tuberculosis and was sent to Canadian General Hospital, East Bourne on May 19, 1919. He was invalided to Canada on July 14, 1919, on HMAT Essequibo. He was awarded the War Service Badge, the Good Conduct Badge, The British War Medal, and the Victory Cross.

Back in Canada he was sent to Ninette Sanatorium. In 1920 he was released and told to go live where the pine trees grow. He lived in a log cabin on his piece of land until 1928. He then left Hodgson and came back to Winnipeg. He worked for Arctic Ice Company but the work was too heavy and he became sick again with tuberculosis. James spent many years in St. Vital Sanatorium. When he was released, he lived with his parents and brother Jack in St. James until his death on April 19, 1951. He is buried in St. James Cemetery, with a military stone marking his grave. His mother received the Silver Cross Medal.

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DAVIDSON, John

WWI

John was born at Churchbridge, Saskatchewan in 1892, the son of Gunnlaugur and Margaret Davidson. John enlisted on April 17, 1917 in the 223rd Battalion in Winnipeg. He participated in battles at Passchendaele, Amiens, Arras, Cambrai, Valenciennes and Mons, returning to Canada in August 1919. He married Helga Oliver on April 23, 1924. They had four children: Frederick, Margaret Murphy, Thora Ball and John. John farmed immediately southwest of the town of Baldur until his death on February 23, 1956.

DAVIDSON, John James "Jack"

WWII

Jack was born on April 9, 1900 at Stepney, London, England, and came to Canada in July 1906. He went to Hodgson with his parents in 1924. He lived there until 1928 when he came back to Winnipeg and lived with his brother, George, in St. James. He joined the Canadian Postal Unit, 4th Platoon, 1st Coy, 103rd C.A.(B).T.C. then went overseas and served in England. When he was discharged, he rejoined the Canadian Postal Service and worked there until he retired. Later, he became blind and resided in the Institute for the Blind. He died on July 16, 1975, and is buried in St. James Cemetery, Winnipeg, Manitoba.



DAVIDSON, William Edward "Bill"

WWII

Bill was born on August 30, 1908 in Weston, Winnipeg. In 1924, when he was 16 years of age, he moved to Hodgson with his parents. He lived there until 1940 when he left the farm and went to live in Vancouver, British Columbia. He joined the Canadian Army, XI District Depot on September 23, 1941. He served only in Canada and was discharged on April 3, 1946. Bill received the Volunteer Service Medal. He continued to live in Vancouver until his death on February 20, 1979. He is buried in Mountain View Cemetery, Vancouver, British Columbia.



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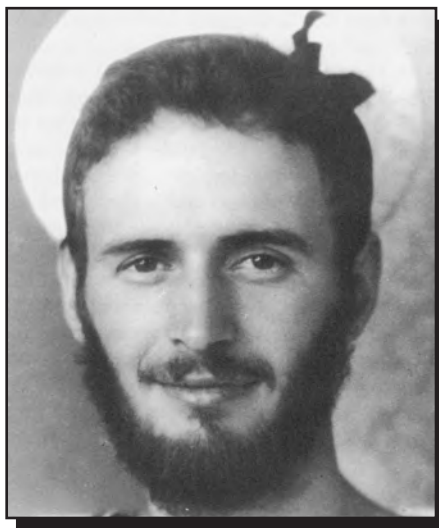
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I guess from that day on, I was convinced that I would one day be in the Navy. As I was only fourteen at the time, I still had a few years to go and I secretly wished that the war would not end before I was old enough to enlist. Well, fortunately, the war did end sooner and I don't remember being disappointed but I was still determined to "Join the Navy and see the World" as soon as possible.

When I turned seventeen, I decided to give it a try and was not surprised when they told me to go home and wait until I was seventeen-and-a-half, which was the minimum age at that time. Home I went, but not before I was given a list of things to bring with me when I returned. This included a Birth Certificate and two or three letters of reference. Two of the letters came from Mr. A. C. Savage, and Mr. Bouchard, both local businessmen in Fisher Branch.

Well, after what seemed like an eternity, the day finally arrived and armed with my documents, I went back to Chippawa and this time I was accepted. After a few days of tests, medical examinations, etc., I was told once again to go home and wait. Well wait I did and finally I was called in to Chippawa to be sworn in and pick up my tickets and orders to proceed to HMCS Naden in Esquimalt, British Columbia for training. Officially my enlistment date was June 18, 1948.

I will never forget the feeling when that train left Winnipeg and was headed for a place that I had never before been to and had only read about. Also, this was the first experience at being alone, without a friend or family member along. It makes a difference, when you travel with someone you know and are away from home with someone you are familiar with, to talk about things that are common to you both. This would not happen to me for my entire five and a half years, as I never did meet up with anyone I knew.

Besides the loneliness, everything was new and strange to me - the training, the rigid discipline, the new terminology. They did not speak

English, they spoke Navy. The lonely feeling would eventually lessen as I made more and more friends and became used to the routine of military life. It would lessen but never really go away and was experienced every time I would return from leave. I'm sure that those who have left home at a young age, for some reason or another can appreciate what the feeling is like.

Beautiful British Columbia, as the current license plates read, was certainly true back then as well but what a change for a small town farm boy! I don't think I was prepared for the change and did not think it was that beautiful then, but only because it was very strange to me.

Upon arriving in Vancouver I was met by a "Navy" person and taken to the BC Ferry dock for my first boat ride to Victoria. Never losing sight of the shore, I thought sea life was okay and I could handle this part. That was not a good example of sea time, as I soon learned.

What a rude awakening I received when I arrived at HMCS Naden in Esquimalt. What a rude bunch! No welcome, just "shave off that moustache", "get rid of those side burns", do this, don't do that, orders, orders, rules and more rules. I was obviously not prepared for this either. In spite of it all, I later realized that it was all necessary and I survived and probably grew up and matured a lot faster than if I had not enlisted.





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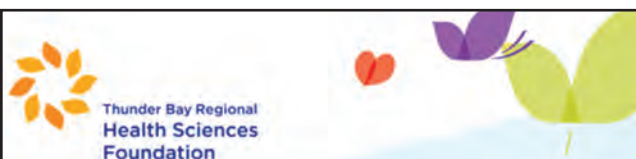
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Basic Training was another new experience that I will never forget and one that all young people should have to endure. At times, in fact, nearly every day I would have gladly left for home if I could have. Why did I ever get myself into this mess? There were full days of Parade Ground training: how to march, how to stop, how to carry a rifle, clean a rifle, how to dress properly in Naval gear, how to salute, who to salute and who not to, when to say "Sir" and when not to, etc.

Finally, four months later we were considered to be trained and it was a happy and proud day when we graduated and were ready to move on to something more challenging.

There was really no surprise when I was drafted to the Cruiser HMCS Ontario which was then used as a training ship. This was an opportunity to put into practice all that we had learned in the classroom during basic training. One nice thing about a training ship in peacetime was the trips we took: San Diego, Acapulco, Hawaii, Panama Canal, West Indies, Antigua, Alaska, to name a few. What a geography lesson! Unlike basic training we were now permitted to take shore leave almost every evening except when our "Watch" was on duty. The only drawback to this, of course, was the miserly pay that we received which had a very detrimental effect on the extent of your social life.

During the first couple of months on the "Ontario", I decided that I would like to become a Signaller or Radio Operator and was granted authority to work with the Communications Branch I admired their neat and tidy appearance, as well as the excitement of playing such an important part in the ship's operation. The decision to become involved in Communications was one I never regretted.

It's hard to explain the feeling of going home for my first leave, but there I was at last, on my way to arrive in time for Christmas. It was a great feeling but unfortunately it didn't last nearly long enough to suit me and all too soon I was on the train heading back to my ship. The same lonely feeling but, this time it only lasted until I was onboard the ship and back with familiar, friendly faces.

Another cruise south for three months was the first time I had not experienced a prairie winter. Those training cruises always managed to go south during the winter months and, of course, this was fine with me.

It was early summer in 1949 that I received my next posting. This time I was heading to Halifax, Nova Scotia, and HMCS Stadacona for a year's course in Communications. Following a brief stopover at home, I arrived in Halifax to begin another new experience. As a seasoned "Salt", I was now going to learn all about Naval Communications and considered myself as going

full speed ahead with my new-found career. The course was full of new terms, another strange lingo consisting of Morse Code, semaphore, Aldis light, cryptograph, receivers, transmitter, antennae, ship screening, convoys, etc.; complex but very interesting and, as it turned out, a very rewarding experience and an enviable trade.

Winter in Halifax was different again, from that in Esquimalt, with colder temperatures and a lot of wet snow. Since we spent most of our time in a classroom, it was not that hard to take. I remember reading and hearing about the flood in Winnipeg in the spring of 1950 and a number of us from Manitoba volunteered to go to help with flood control currently being carried out by quite a number of military personnel. Since we were nearing the completion of our course, our request was turned down.

Graduation day at last, and what a proud day that was! I was sent back to HMCS Naden to await a posting to another ship. The Korean War was in full swing by this time; Canadian Destroyers were already on patrol with the United Nations forces. I was on leave in Fisher Branch when I received a telegram ordering me to report immediately to HMCS Athabaskan which was leaving for Korea. By the time I arrived in Esquimalt, the ship had sailed and I was sent, instead, to the Frigate HMCS Beacon Hill to await another ship to Korea. This happened in the spring of 1951 when I received a posting to the Destroyer HMCS Cayuga which was leaving approximately June 1.

Preparing for our arrival in Korea meant many hours training with long periods of "Battle Stations" involving simulated air and submarine attacks. This was all necessary to ensure that everyone knew what to do and where to go in the event of an attack. Everyone was assigned a station which you would be required to proceed to each time the alert was sounded. We were equipped with life jacket, steel helmet, etc., which were to be carried with us at all times.

A couple of stops on the way to Korea, one in Hawaii and another at a deserted island where our gun crews would practice shore bombardment at fixed land targets.

Upon our arrival in the "Korean Theater" as it was called, we were mostly involved in screening duty which meant the protection of aircraft carriers while they launched and landed aircraft. While this was not too exciting, it did provide the Communications crew with some excellent training while performing maneuvers around the carrier. When not screening carriers, we were assigned patrol duties which took us close inland where our gun crews would shell shore installations, supply trains, etc., and, of course, being close to shore we





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were subject to shelling from enemy guns. We were, fortunately, never hit due mainly to the poor aim of the enemy. There were others, though, that were not as lucky as us.

We took a South Korean boat alongside one day that had nine wounded Marines on board. Since they had no doctor, we were asked to provide medical aid for these wounded troops. Our Surgeon, Dr. Joseph Cyr, was on hand to remove bullets and treat the wounds, one of which was a collapsed lung. They all survived, and in fact made a very speedy recovery, which they attributed to the skills of our doctor.

The reason I emphasize this particular story is because our "Doctor", Joseph Cyr, was later discovered to be an imposter. He was, in fact, Ferdinand Waldo Demara Jr., who had somehow obtained the real Dr. Cyr's credentials, enlisted in the Royal Canadian Navy in Halifax, NS under Cyr's name and was assigned to the Cayuga as a Surgeon. It was a result of the publicity received for his efforts in saving the Korean marines that was his downfall. The story by a Navy public relations officer was carried by Canadian papers and was read by the real Dr. Cyr.

This story and other similar escapades was detailed in a movie "The Great Imposter", which was filmed in 1960, with the part of Demara played by Tony Curtis. I personally remember him as a very inquisitive man always asking questions which, I guess was all part of his education. He treated me for water on the knee which had developed following a fall. I had every confidence in his treatment based on what I had seen and heard of his skills. I had no idea, of course, that he was not a real surgeon.

My assignment to the Cayuga was cut short after only five months due to a serious illness in the family and I returned to Winnipeg in the fall of 1951. The trip back to Canada was a memorable experience. I travelled halfway across Japan by train which took me to Tokyo. From there, I flew to Vancouver by US Military Air Transport aircraft via the Aleutian Islands; from Vancouver by Commercial aircraft to Winnipeg.

When I arrived in Winnipeg, I was assigned to HMCS Chippawa where I remained until after the New Year (1952) and was then posted back to HMCS Naden in Esquimalt to await posting to another ship. This happened in the spring of 1952 when I was sent to the Destroyer HMCS Crusader which left for Korea in April.

The procedures and routine on the Crusader was much the same as the Cayuga and I now considered myself a seasoned veteran of all this and was prepared for another long stint away from home. By now, I was used to the many days at sea with short periods of leave in

Japan and back to sea again. During one period, we were at sea for 52 days without any leave and everyone was, to say the least, a bit testy by the time we were allowed shore leave. The highlight of one of our breaks from patrol was a visit to Hong Kong. I had the opportunity to visit the cemetery where a number of members of the Winnipeg Grenadiers were buried, some of them local boys from Fisherton and area. I was surprised to see such a well-kept cemetery in this far-off land.

In addition to the patrols and carrier screening, we also provided support to the ROK Navy (Republic of Korea) which I assume only had a handful of ships. Some of these were made entirely of wood and used to patrol inland in search of mines. I drew the assignment of Radio Operator onboard one of these vessels one evening during a patrol. My job was to remain in radio control with our ship and provide support in the event of enemy shelling or the discovery of an active mine area. Besides the fact that no one onboard spoke English, the radio room was small, hot and smelly, and contained at least one family of rats and a dozen or so mice. What a night! I never complained about our ship again.

We had the opportunity to work with ships from a number of other countries including Great Britain, Holland, Australia, New Zealand and the United States. Our ship was the first Canadian ship to work with the 7th Fleet. This involved carrier screening with one of the largest gathering of ships in Korea and was a very active and busy time for our branch.

Upon completion of our tour of duty, we returned to Esquimalt in May 1953, thirteen months after having left Canada. This was a very emotional and happy time for many, especially the married members of the crew who had not seen their families for this long period. Some were seeing their year-old children for the first time.

Following our arrival, I was transferred to Naden to begin my discharge routine. This being completed, I returned to Winnipeg and home, officially discharged in October 1953 after serving for five and a half years.

Although I was discharged from the Regular Force, I did remain with the Reserves for a period and was involved in training Reserve personnel in Communications (Morse Code, Semaphore, Operating Procedures, etc.)

Many times during my term, I questioned my sanity in joining the Navy, but I do believe that it was one of the smarter things that I ever did. I also feel that the training, the discipline and the experience I gained have influenced my life and certainly were a factor in fashioning my future, as I continued in Communications for another thirty years with the Federal Government, retiring in 1985.



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DAVIS, William "Bill"

WWII

Bill enlisted in the service on October 5, 1940, at Fort Osborne Barracks, Winnipeg, Manitoba. He joined the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada. He was transferred to Shilo and then moved to Cove Field Barracks, Quebec City, Quebec. He was now in the 1st reinforcement. Early in December 1940, they embarked from Halifax on the HMS Louis Pasteur (a captured French ship). They landed at Greenock, Scotland, on December 25, 1940. From here he went to Aldershot, England and took training in the Commandoes, in preparation for the Dieppe Raid of August 1942. Here, he was wounded and hospitalized in the fall of Dieppe. In March 1944, they sent him home on a hospital ship, HMCS Andes. He was in Deer Lodge Hospital, Winnipeg, on his return from England and was discharged in July 1944. He moved to British Columbia in November 1944. He spent most of his early days on his grandfather's farm near Hodgson attending Marble Ridge and Hodgson schools. The picture was taken in New Haven, Sussex, England, where they were doing coastal guard duty in 1942. This was the same port the Cameron Highlanders left from on the Dieppe Raid.

DELORME, Albert Noel Joseph

WWII

Albert enlisted in the Army at Portage la Prairie in May 1942. He served in Canada, the United Kingdom and Continental Europe. Albert was in NRMA from April 19, 1942 to April 30, 1942. He was discharged at #10 District Depot, Winnipeg, on March 12, 1946. His medals include 1939-1945 Volunteer Star, the France and Germany Star, the Defence Medal and the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp.



DELORME, Joseph Alcide Augustin

WWII & KOREA

Alcide enlisted with the Canadian Army (Active) on April 1, 1942, in Winnipeg, as a Trooper with the Armoured Corps. He served overseas in Britain, Central Mediterranean Area and Northeast Europe. On September 14, 1946 he was given an honourable discharge and was awarded: the 1939-45 Star, the Italy Star, the France and Germany Star, the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp and the War Medal 1939-45. Alcide re-enlisted on November 23, 1951, in Winnipeg, as a Trooper with the Armoured Corps, Unit "A", Sqn. LDSH, RCACA. He served in the Far East and was awarded the Korean Medal and United Nations Service Medal (Korea). He embarked from Canada on April 30, 1953, and disembarked in Japan on May 16. He embarked from Japan on May 19, and disembarked in Korea on May 20. "Many war stories were told by my father. One tells of the horrors these men endured. An overturned tank was engulfed in flames and his friend was trapped inside. My father described his friend's screams as unbearably horrible." Alcide was born and raised in the Fisher Branch area; he married Gertrude Boisclair from Inwood, Manitoba. After his service with the Canadian Army, he and his wife moved to Winnipeg, where they raised five children. At the time of his passing, Alcide resided in Ashern, Manitoba.



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DELORME, Theodore

WWI

At the age of 27, Theodore enlisted at the St. George's Barracks in St. Boniface on May 1, 1917. He served with the French Canadian, 258 O/S Battalion. Leaving a wife, Bernadette and three children, Theodore served overseas in England, France and Belgium. Upon his return to Canada, he was discharged on May 19, 1919, and was granted a homestead in the Fisher Branch area by the Soldier Settlement Board. Theodore farmed in Fisher Branch for many years where he raised eleven children. He then resided in St. Rita, Manitoba. After the death of his wife, he married and eventually moved to the Legion Gardens, until his passing.

DELORME, Thomas

WWI

Thomas was born at Pilot Mound; the son of Joe and Sarah Delorme. He enlisted in Winnipeg and served overseas at Seaforth, England. On April 9, 1918 he married Alma Chasse. Their children are Alvin Ernest, Edwin Leona, Reta, Mildred, Velman, Leonard and Eleanor. Tom farmed in Pilot Mound, Manitoba.



DESJARDINS, Leo A.

WWII

Leo voluntarily joined the Navy in June 1942 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. He was given an honorary discharge several weeks later after a further medical. Unfortunately, his discharge papers were stolen. He wrote to Ottawa asking for his record of enlistment and discharge. He received a letter stating they did not have any record of this. He took it up with the Bowser Legion Branch 211. They inquired and told him they had no records as they did not keep short service records. Leo received an honorary discharge in Winnipeg, Manitoba in June 1942. He was a member of Bowser, British Columbia, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 211 and resided with his wife, Dorothy, in Bowser, British Columbia.



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DION, Joseph Eugene "Gene"

WWII

Gene enlisted in the RCAF on December 30, 1940 in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

He served overseas from April 29, 1942 to August 7, 1942. Gene served with RCAF 409 Night Fighter Squadron, the "Nighthawks", as Leading Aircraftsman.

He was honourably discharged on September 26, 1945 in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

He arrived in England on his birthday, May 14, 1942 and was quartered in a beautiful tourist hotel on the cliffs of Dover overlooking the English Channel. He supposed it really was an initiation location as the Hun flew over on a regular basis to take pictures and drop small bombs before returning home.

From this location he was posted to 409 Squadron, Nightfighters, at Coleby Grange, Lincolnshire.

In 1943 they moved north to Acklington, near the Scottish border, and during the year the 409 Squadron moved wherever it was needed to protect their bombers who flew over Germany in large numbers every night. In early 1944 they went back to Acklington to re-organize into a field operation. They were equipped with tents, all operations were under canvas, mobile and ready to move at a moment's notice. It was preparation for D-Day.

During 1943, the 409 Squadron was equipped with their first Mosquito which was equipped with cannons, machine guns, and could also carry a small bomb. Because of its speed, it was a super plane for night fighting. It was also equipped with radar. Once organized for air field, they moved to West Malting, near London. The German buzz bomb started to terrorize the area at this time. After spending the winter and early spring at different bases west of London, they landed at Carpiquet Airdome, France ahead of their Squadron planes. The "Battle of the Bulge" was on, the enemy were being forced back, and the airdome was still being shelled. They followed the army into Belgium but they had to move back to France before Christmas to re-group as they had lost many of their planes. In early spring 1945, they followed the Allied Army over the Rhine to the Rhine Aerodrome sixty miles northeast of the Ruhr. The 409 Squadron planes flew over Berlin during the last hours of the war.

Gene was back in England in late June 1945 and arrived in Winnipeg on V-J Day, 1945.

Gene married Eva Mathieu on August 31, 1946 at Fort Francis, Ontario and has two daughters, two sons, and three grandchildren.

DION, Leo I.

WWII

Leo enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force in Winnipeg in November 1943. He passed away in 1975.



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DION, William A. "Bill"

WWII

Bill joined the RCAF in Winnipeg, Manitoba, on August 20, 1942. He served in the Four Western Provinces- Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. He was then posted to the Queen Charlotte Islands, along the West Coast. He was discharged on March 13, 1946, and resided in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

DOELL, Frank

WWII & KOREA

Frank was born on December 20, 1925 in Plum Coulee. He enlisted in the Army during World War II in 1942. He enlisted in the Air Force 1st Airborne Battalion – PPCLI 1949 to 1954 serving during the Korean War from 1950 to 1953. He was a member of the Selkirk Legion Branch 42. Frank passed away on April 6, 2017.



DRURY, Harry

WWII

Harry served with the Winnipeg Grenadiers. He joined the services in 1940 and was stationed in Jamaica and Bermuda. Harry went to Hong Kong with the Grenadiers and was taken prisoner of war in Hong Kong. He remained a prisoner from 1941 to 1945. When Harry was released from Hong Kong, he was taken to Gordon Head, British Columbia as he weighed only ninety pounds at this time. Harry passed away on June 24, 1971 at the age of 46 years.

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DRURY, John

WWI

John was born in Pistaho, Wisconsin, United States. He served in the Phillipine War for three years. He came to Canada and worked building the Canadian National Railway to Hodgson. In 1914, John joined the Fort Garry Horse Regiment and went to France. He was discharged in 1918. He farmed in the Hodgson area until he died on April 22, 1949, at the age of 62 years. John served in the army with Tom Menard and Frazer McDonald. He was a member of Hodgson Legion, Branch No. 158.

DUCKWORTH, Carol

PEACETIME

Carol was born in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia in 1970. She enrolled in the Regular Force of the CAF in January 2001, in the trade of Military Police. During her time in the Regular Force, she served on several domestic deployments, including the G8 Summit in Kananaskis, Alberta. She also served on the overseas deployment in Afghanistan, filling the role of Mission Support Aircraft Security Officer. She received the South-West Asia Service Medal for her service overseas. In 2008 after being released from the Regular Force, she enrolled in the reserves as a Cadet Instructor Cadre (CIC Officer). She has served in the CIC since, and currently holds the rank of Captain. Currently she lives in Winnipeg, Manitoba, with her wife, Captain Ang Ramsden. Captain Duckworth currently fills the role(s) of Administrative Officer, Supply Officer and Level Officer with 176 Boeing of Canada, Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron.



DUNPHY, Hubert Earl "Bert"

WWII

Bert was the youngest of the three Dunphy brothers who served in World War I and World War II. He left the family farm, situated southeast of Hodgson, in 1939, going to Vancouver to work. He enlisted on May 30, 1940 in the RCNVR as a probationary stoker on HMCS Naden at Esquimalt, a training base. Bert was there until August 23, 1940. He was trained on the Givenchy until January 21, 1941. On March 2, 1941, he was promoted to Stoker 1st class. Naden was his next base; then Prescott (Scotland). He sailed on HMS Mansfield, a British ship. Bert served on many ships and shore establishments, spending 834 days on the high seas. He became an officer in 1942 and later became a full-fledged shipwright. During his training in Ontario, he met and married Hazel, she and their baby son travelled across Canada whenever possible to meet Bert. Bert received a good conduct bar in May 30, 1943. He was discharged on August 27, 1945 and settled in Calgary where he resided with his wife and children until he passed away in 1964.



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DUNPHY, Peter "Pete"

WWI

Pete was one of the three Dunphy brothers who served in WWI. He was killed in action in Germany on November 11, 1918, after the Armistice was signed. He was removing the wounded and dead from the last battlefield when a German sniper's bullet decapitated him. This occurred after the eleventh day, of the eleventh month, eleven hundred hours, 1918. You can imagine the anguish of his mother and family when the telegram arrived a few days after peace had been declared.

DUNPHY, Raymond Churchill

WWII

Raymond enlisted in November 1942 in Winnipeg. He took basic training in Portage la Prairie and then went overseas and served in England and Continental Europe with the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps. He was discharged in March 1945 with rank of Lance Corporal. Raymond passed away on February 21, 1969.



EATON, Harry

WWI

Harry enlisted in Winnipeg during the first few days of World War I. He went overseas with the 8th Battalion of the Little Black Devils, Canadian Expeditionary Force. He served in France until he lost his leg at the Battle of the Somme. Harry returned to Canada for discharge at the end of the war, after having spent many months in a hospital in England. Harry went back to England and married Elsie. They returned to Red Rose, Manitoba and settled on a farm. Harry, his brother George, and sister Alice were pioneers in the Red Rose area and Alice taught school for many years at Dallas.

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ELIUK, John

WWII

John was raised in the Kilkenny area. He joined the Winnipeg Grenadiers in 1939 and at Christmas of 1940 he was in the British West Indies. They returned to Canada in October 1941. After two weeks leave they were sent to Hong Kong in October 1941. John was taken prisoner at the fall of Hong Kong in December 1941. John was prisoner of war until the war in the Pacific ended. He returned to Canada. John is now deceased.

ELMES, Douglas

WWII

Douglas enlisted with the Fort Garry Horse on February 4, 1941, at Winnipeg, Manitoba. He went overseas with the 5th Canadian Armoured Division in November 1941. Douglas served in England and France as Trooper. He was killed in action at Caen, France on August 8, 1944, at the age of 21. There is an Elmes Island in Manitoba named after Douglas.



ELMES, William John "Bill"

WWII

William enlisted with the Fort Garry Horse on February 4, 1941 at Winnipeg, Manitoba and went overseas with the 5th Canadian Armoured Division in November 1941. He served in England and landed on the beaches of Normandy on D-Day, June 6, 1944. He was wounded at Carpiquet Air Field in France in July 1944. He served throughout Northwest Europe and returned to Canada in February 1946. After the war, he served with Lord Strathcona Horse (R.C) and the Fort Garry Horse progressing in rank to Master Warrant Officer. He received his release from the service in October 1969, and was employed with the Bank of Montreal until he retired in October 1983. He was residing at Christina Lake, British Columbia and spending the winters in Yuma, Arizona.



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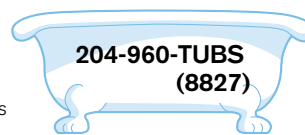
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ELMES, William Sr.

WWI

Bill served in World War I in the Veterans' Guards. His two sons, Douglas and Bill, served their country during World War II.

EMBURY, Charles B.

BOER WAR

Charles was born in Ontario to Angus and Mary Embury. He married Clara Galloway in December 1909. Their children include Olive Woodward, Mabel Wall and Graydon Embury. Charles served in the Boer War into which he enlisted in Winnipeg and later in World War I he saw action in France. While in service, Charlie contracted tuberculosis and as a result died at Ninette Sanatorium in 1921. Prior to enlistment he was a barber in Clearwater, Manitoba.



ERKLESS, Earl

WWII

Earl enlisted in the Canadian Army Medical Corps in Winnipeg, Manitoba, on July 2, 1942. In May 1943, he went overseas landing in England. He went to France with the Canadian 3rd Field Ambulance, shortly after D-Day, serving in Belgium, Holland and Germany until the war was over. After the war was over, he had the opportunity to meet and visit many of his relatives in Holland, which was the thrill of a lifetime. His parents had emigrated from Rotterdam, Holland, in 1913, so he had never met any of his relatives there. He was discharged on March 23, 1946. He resided and retired in Winnipeg.



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ERKLENS, Ralph

WWII

Ralph enlisted in Winnipeg on May 21, 1942. He was in the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders for a brief time and spent most of the war in a reinforcement unit. He served in the United Kingdom. He was discharged on April 5, 1946 with the rank of CQM Sergeant. He lived and retired in Winnipeg. He married Anne, a woman he met during the war. They had one daughter.

EVERHARDUS, Christopher

PEACETIME

Christopher was born in Belleville, Ontario, in 1968 and joined the Militia with the Princess of Wales Own Regiment in 1987. In 1988, he joined the Regular Royal Canadian Air Force with the Military Police and took his basic training in Cornwallis for thirteen weeks before being stationed at Camp Borden. He then went to Camp Carp. Camp Carp was also known as Camp Diefenbunker where a bunker was built during the Cold War in the event of a possible nuclear attack. It is now a museum just outside of Ottawa, Ontario. After serving his three-year term, Christopher was discharged in 1991. As a civilian he took nurse's training in Quebec and eventually moved to Winnipeg where he continues in that field. He married Brigitte Vermette and they have three children.



EVERS, Gordon M.

PEACETIME

Gordon was born in Saskatoon in 1946 and joined the Navy Reserve in 1962 there at HMCS Unicorn. Gordon took his training at the Great Lakes Training Centre based out of Hamilton, Ontario learning all about ship operations. Eventually he was deployed to larger ships; HMCS Nootka, a Tribal destroyer, HMCS Lanark, a Frigate, HMCS Gatineau, a Restigouche class destroyer and the HMCS Saguenay, a river class destroyer. Gordon spent six years in the Naval Reserve and was discharged in 1968, with the rank of Petty Officer 2nd class. As a civilian, he worked for customs, both at the border and inland. In 1993, he served with the United Nations Sanctions Assistance Mission to the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. He spent 25 years with customs and finished his civilian career at Revenue Canada in Winnipeg. He was awarded the following medals: 1967 Centennial Medal, 1994 the Canada 125th Anniversary of Confederation Medal and in 2002, the Canadian Peacekeeping Service Medal. He married Dawn Dufresne and they have a daughter, Allison. Gordon and Dawn are retired in Winnipeg.



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FAVELL, Alfred

WWI

Alfred served in World War I with the Winnipeg Rifles from April 1917 to May 1919. He served in Germany and France as a Rifleman. He was wounded in the shoulder and because of this injury he received a pension. After returning to Canada he was discharged from the Army in May 1919. In civilian life he was a captain of a freighter boat on Lake Winnipeg. On one occasion when he was docked in Winnipeg, two gentlemen came and requested a trip up the river. During the course of the conversation he learned that one of the men had served overseas, too. They discussed their experiences and some of their hardships in the trenches with mud, water, etc. They both agreed that their most unpleasant battle was with pediculosis or as more commonly known - body and head lice. When they arrived back at the dock, Alfred asked the gentleman his name. The reply was "Steve Juba", Mayor of Winnipeg.

FEDICK, John William

WWII


John joined the Canadian Army on July 7, 1944 with the RECCE Regiments. He served in Canada, United Kingdom and Continental Europe as a Trooper. He returned to Canada after the war ended and was discharged on August 27, 1946. He received the Defence Medal and War Medal 1939-1945. John resided in Fisher Branch after the war.



FEDICK, Paul

WWII

Paul served overseas in the Canadian Army for three years during World War II. He returned to Canada and received his discharge. He is now deceased.



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FINCH, Kenneth WWII

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After joining in Winnipeg, he spent an extremely enlightening six weeks in Manning Depot, Toronto, C.B'd. "Every day there was something to look forward to - needles and more needles, parades for dental, medical, clothes, showers and parades for no reason at all that we could see except possibly to make sure we did not get bored; all this, for the munificent sum of a dollar a day, half of which went to your wife if you were married."

From Toronto, he had a short stint in Trenton and a posting to Souris, Manitoba for seven months. Then he moved 35 miles to the emergency field at Hartney where he stayed for a year. There were runways, a hangar and barracks. The barracks had no running water as there was only two of them. Bill Harkies from Orangeville, Ontario, Service Police and Kenneth got to drive the crash tender, the only vehicle on the station. They used it to haul their water from town, which suited them just fine. Marie, his wife, rented a room in Hartney and the town people treated them wonderfully. Kenneth and Bill were the only service personnel in the town.

EFTS Virden flew Tiger Moths and SFTS Souris flew Ansons and used the field for circuits and bumps. Some of the student pilots got in a lot more bumps than circuits. They never had a Tiger Moth crash. The odd ground loop, but there were a few Ansons totalled and with some loss of life.

After a year of this, the M.O. (Medical Officer) decided the way they were living was not healthy for them, so Bill Harkies was posted to Gander and Kenneth got



#3 Repair Depot, Vancouver. Kenneth did a short stint at #3 Repair Depot and then a posting to Boundary Bay for a year. Marie rented a room at Beach Grove, beautiful sand beach on the ocean. They got their first taste of huge fresh oysters.

His sojourn at Boundary Bay was uneventful. Daily routines were garbage runs, ration runs and canteen runs. "These were the best as mostly the canteen runs consisted of beer, which meant we got to stop for a while at the

breweries while they loaded up. Then there were the crash tenders, gas tenders, ambulance and personnel runs. I always volunteered for as much night duty as they would allow me. That way I missed a lot of Parades, except pay parade which I was always there for. Also, I could spend the days with Marie at the beach. Boundary Bay was quite active. Mostly Kitty Hawks flying patrol and back from the Aleutians for refit. Many saw action with the Japanese Zeros and had shot down quite a few. One had six Japanese flags stencilled, which meant six kills. Others one or two. Many never came back at all. The worst enemy there was the mountains and fog."

Kenneth's next posting was to Sea Island which was an International Airport. There was a lot of heavy transport flying out of Sea Island with a mix of fighters flying patrol. Motor transport consisted of the usual runs. The wartime traffic in Vancouver was not heavy, but the fall fog made life interesting. The fog was so thick that if they were not following a street car closely, they got lost.

Kenneth took his discharge from Sea Island in 1945 and went back to the farm.

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FORBES, Katherine J.

PEACETIME

Katherine was born in North Battleford, Saskatchewan in 1965. She joined the Cadet Instructors Cadre in 1990 in Thompson, MB with the 737 Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron. She transferred to 82 Brandon RCACS in 1991. She was then promoted to Captain in 1994 when appointed Commanding Officer of 82 Brandon RCACS. She was then appointed Commanding Officer of 2589 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps in 1997 to 2000 in Churchill, MB. After moving to Morden, Manitoba she transferred to 179 Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron in 2001 and remained an Instructor there until 2010. She received the Canadian Forces Decoration Medal for twelve years of service in 2004. She transferred to the Supplementary Reserve in 2011. Katherine is a member of the Morden Legion Branch 11 and has been for fifteen years.

GAMACHE, Aimé

WWII

Aimé joined the Army in 1942, serving in Canada and overseas. He was in the Auxiliary Services driving for Army shows and Belgium shows, entertaining the troops in different camps from France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. He was discharged in 1946. After the war, he bought a firewood business. Aimé and his brother Emile had two trucks. They delivered wood, day and night, to customers in New Westminster and Coquitlam, British Columbia. He married Eva Sattel and they had seven children and thirteen grandchildren. He retired and lived in Maple Ridge, British Columbia.






GAMACHE, Emile

WWII

Emile joined the Army in 1941. He served in North Africa, Italy, Europe, and on the Continent with RECCY Regiment. He was discharged in 1946. He married Marie and they had two boys. One died in an accident, at 21 years of age. Emile drove transport across Canada and USA, nearly all his life. He retired and lived in Alberta.

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GAMACHE, Leo

WWII

Leo was in the Infantry. He joined the service in 1943 and he was stationed in different parts of Europe. Leo had to leave his wife behind. He was discharged in 1946. After the war he worked in a sawmill. He had two children.

GAMACHE, Lucien

WWII

Lucien joined the services in 1942. He went overseas at the same time as his brother Aimé, going across to England by ship. He was seasick. He had to lie under the table at mealtimes. Aimé fed him; this was the only way he could keep his food down. He was discharged in 1946. After the war he married Claret Belanger. They had six children and twelve grandchildren. He worked in the mill. Lucien retired and lived in Coquitlam, British Columbia.

*The sixth Gamache brother to join the services, stayed in the Army for almost a year. Then, Aimé states, "He had too many boils so they (the Army) kicked him out."



GAMACHE, Roland

WWII

Roland joined the service in Canada. He stayed in Canada and was on radar on the West Coast. He was discharged. He married Rosalie Pare and she always stayed close to different camps he was in. After the war they settled down and had two children and four grandchildren.



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GARD, Fred

WWII

Fred enlisted on September 14, 1939 and took his basic training at Minto Armouries and Fort Osborne Barracks. He served with the Winnipeg Grenadiers as a Private. He went to Jamaica on the ship, Queen Virginia, in May 1940.

Mostly he guarded German and Russian prisoners of war. He even guarded Rudolf Hess.

He returned to Canada in the beginning of October 1941 on two weeks leave. They then went to the west coast and got on a ship at Vancouver, travelling in a convoy. They were on the ocean for about three weeks. They landed in Hong Kong in November 1941.

The Japanese had invaded Hong Kong on December 8, 1941. Fred was taken prisoner on December 18, 1941, then Hong Kong fell to the Japanese on December 25, 1941. He spent some time at North Point

Camp. The Japanese then moved him to Sham Shoo Poo Camp then to Camp Kalloon in China.

Later the prisoners were loaded on a ship to go to Japan. They were put down in the hold. It was so crowded they had to stand upright for four days, they even slept standing up!

They got off the ship at Nagasaki on the fifth day. All they had on their feet were sandals and they had to stand in the snow for about two hours. Then, they were loaded on a train and taken to Yokohama, where they worked in shipyards. They were then taken to the coal mines.

Their food consisted of one cup of boiled rice three times a day. When the war ended, the Americans started to drop food which was a good treat for the former prisoners.

Fred was with Roy Stodgell all the way through everything. While in Japan, after the war ended, they were close to Mount Fujiama. There was a volcano there. Thousands of Japanese jumped into the volcano committing harikari.

Fred returned to Guam by plane, then to San Diego by the ship, Iowa, and then by train to Winnipeg. He was discharged on March 12, 1946. After the war, he resided in Fisherton.

GARD, Jack

WWI

Jack signed up on February 4, 1916, and went overseas in April 1916 with the 61st Battalion Canadian Infantry. This outfit was disbanded and he was transferred to the 44th Canadian Infantry Battalion. He trained in England then crossed the channel to Le Havre, France, in early July. From there, he went to Ypres and Salient, Belgium, sometime in September 1916. They marched from there to Somme, France. Jack was wounded at Regina Trench, near Courcellette, on October 25, 1916 and ended up in Dr. Stephen's Hospital in Dublin, Ireland in November 1916. In April 1917, he was sent to Epsom, England. He was convalescing there until July 1917, at which time he was sent back to Canada. He then was convalescing at Tuxedo for two or three months. Finally, he got his discharge certificate on January 31, 1918. Jack resided in Winnipeg with his wife Myrtle.





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GARD, James "Jim"

WWII

Jim enlisted in January 1940 in Winnipeg, with the Grenadiers as Private. He trained at Fort Osborne Barracks. Jim went to Jamaica in 1940 and returned to Canada in October 1941. He went to Hong Kong at the end of October 1941 and was taken prisoner by the Japanese on January 2, 1942. Jim died in a Japanese prison camp, after the war ended, on August 15, 1945. Gard Lake in Manitoba is named in the memory of Jim Gard.

GARD, James "Jim"

WWI

Jim enlisted in February 1916 with the 61st Battalion Canadian Infantry. He went overseas in April 1916. Their battalion was disbanded and was transferred to the 44th Infantry Battalion. He served in England and France as Sergeant. He was wounded at Vimy Ridge in April 1917. He died at the Footing Hospital the same month from his wounds. Jim would have been buried there but his brother Jack took him to Rose-Ash Church yard in Devon, England where their parents were buried.



GAY, Paul

WWII

Paul enlisted in Winnipeg at No. 10 District Depot, Fort Osborne Barracks in the Canadian Infantry Corps. He served in Canada and was discharged on April 4, 1946 as Private Paul Gay. After service, Paul resided on his farm at Fisher Branch, Manitoba.

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GENYK, Michael "Mike"

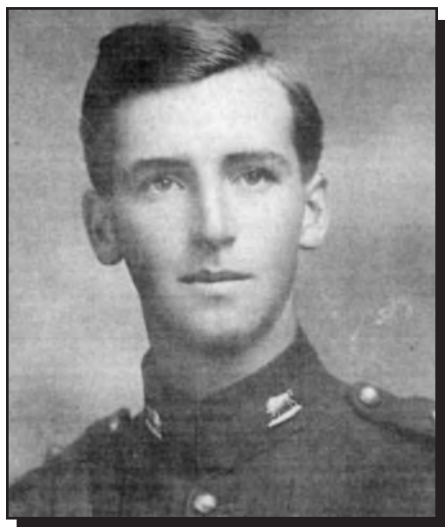
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Michael volunteered for active service in May 1943 as Ordinary Seaman with the Navy. He took basic training at Unicorn, Saskatoon and then he was drafted to HMCS Naden and transferred to Trades Department as blacksmith 4/c. He served in bases at Stadacona, Shelburne, Peregrine and Avalon, Newfoundland. Mike was discharged as 2/c Chief Petty Officer in November 1945. He was a member of the Legion Branch 73, Flin Flon, Manitoba.

GEROLAMY, John Milburn "Joker"

WWI

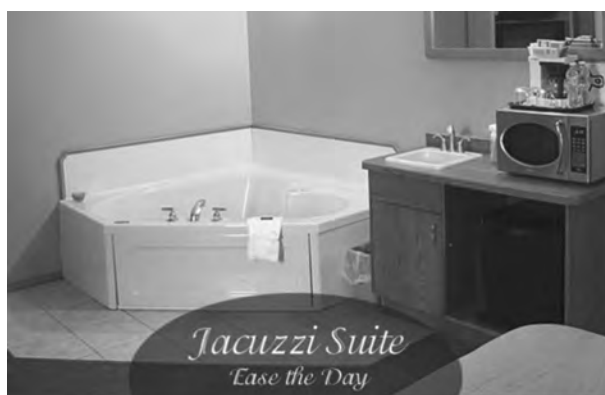
John was born in 1895 in Greenway, Manitoba, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Gerolamy. Following enlistment in 1914 and training in Canada, he was sent to France for two and a half years. He was wounded in the chest and received shrapnel in the leg. He was in hospital in England when the Armistice was signed. He was with the 10th Canadian Mounted Rifles of the 22nd Battalion. Joker married Myrtle I. Sinclair in Greenway. They moved to Rocanville, SK and they had three children: Erma Mae, Dr. S.B. Gerolamy (deceased) and Bruce. He also had a step son, Lynn Blake. Marjorie Blake of Rocanville became his second wife.



GERRAND, Thomas

WWI

Thomas was born in Miniota, Manitoba on May 20, 1892. He joined the Army with the 5th Battalion Canadians and served in England during World War I. Thomas died of meningitis after he contracted it at Salisbury Plain on February 10, 1915. He is buried at Bulford Manor, England.



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GIASSON, Aimé N.

WWII

Aimé enlisted in Winnipeg on September 29, 1942 with the Royal Canadian Air Force and was sent to Brandon Air Base for training. He served as Air Bomber with "431" Squadron (Iroquois) in number 6 group, Bomber Command; Croft, Yorkshire, England.

Following is a thumbnail sketch of some of his experiences. Aimé lost his first crew in a crash while at Heavy Conversion Unit on September 23, 1944. Then on February 14, 1945, on a Chemnitz raid, a fighter attack almost got them.

On February 20, 1945, they bombed Dortmund on only three engines which prevented them from reaching the prescribed bombing height and made them late. When they returned for briefing they were twenty minutes late and their names had already been crossed off the board.

On March 31, 1945, they were attacked by ME 262 Jet fighters. They damaged one and destroyed another.

On April 4, 1945, on Leipzig, got target token. He was commissioned on April 18, 1945. It was at Wangaroog on April 25, 1945 when two Halifax bombers collided on the run in and two Lanks collided on their run out after bombing. All four aircraft were destroyed; Air men too (unless the Germans fished them out of the sea). Add to this, flak holes in their aircraft, inclement weather with severe icing conditions, getting caught in searchlight cones, fighter aircraft infiltration their returning aircraft at night, straffing their airdrome and shooting down one of their bombers"

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Fred retired and had three daughters and a son (all married) and he lived in London, Ontario after his service.

The pictures are from actual operational photos taken by the aircraft's F24 camera which was triggered when bombs were released. This provides a check as to the effectiveness of each aircraft's performance, the date, bombing height, heading, bombs carried, squadron, pilot and other pertinent information.

The first two photos show the initial bombing attack. Photographs taken later during the attack show mostly smoke with next to no detail.

The third photo looks like an atomic bomb. Actually, it is a "Lank" (Lancaster plane) that was taking off right after Aimé's aircraft. It blew a tire and caught fire with a load of fuel and bombs including a 4000-pound bomb. The aircraft simply disintegrated!





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GIASSON, Napoleon G.

WWI

Private Napoleon Giasson enlisted in 1917 and served in Winnipeg at the 1st Depot, Manitoba Regiment. He was discharged on January 7, 1919. He was a Life Member of the Hodgson Legion 158. Napoleon lived in Fisher Branch, and passed away in 1985.

GIASSON, Ralph J.

WWII

Ralph enlisted in late 1941 and took his basic training at Dauphin, Manitoba. He served in the RCAF ground crew as a mechanic in India, France and Germany. Ralph received his discharge in March of 1946, and passed away in 1959.



GOLAS, Albert C.

WWII

Albert enlisted in the Army in October 1939, joining the Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry. After barely two months of training he was sent overseas, leaving by train from Winnipeg on December 17, 1939. He spent almost four years in different parts of England. Albert was invalided home in July 1943, after spending many months in a hospital in England. After his discharge from the Army in Winnipeg, he farmed for sixteen years in the Fisher Branch area. He then moved to Winnipeg where he worked as a postal clerk. In 1964, Albert moved to Victoria, British Columbia where he was with the Commissionaire Corps until his retirement.

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GOODRICH, Charles "Charlie"

WWII

Charlie joined the Army in 1942. At that time he was living in Fisherton. He served in England, France, Belgium and Holland and remained in the Occupation Forces after the war ended. Charlie resided in Winnipeg until his death. His decorations included: the 1939-45 Star, the France and Germany Star, the Defence of England Medal, the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp and the 1939-1945 War Medal.

GOYMAN, Joe

WWII

Joe was educated at the Broad Valley School from grade 1 to 6, then his family moved to Winnipeg. He joined the RCNVR (Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve) in January 1941. He saw service from Hong Kong to the Aleutians and along the west coast. Then later on the east coast in mine sweeping approaches to east coast harbours to North Atlantic convoy duties. He was Ord/seaman onboard HMCS Prince Robert, LD/seaman on board HMCS Stratford and A/CPO on board HMCS Mahone. He was discharged late in 1945. After discharge he attended university and qualified as an Officer Candidate with the University training division, Naval and became an Officer Candidate. He retired from the CNR as an Engineer. He has served on the executive of Norwood, St. Boniface Legion for about fifteen year and after as 1st Vice President.



GRADLEY (GRODZIUK), Ray Alexander

WWII

Ray enlisted in the Canadian Army (Active) on April 22, 1943 in Hamilton, Ontario as a Signaller. He took basic training as a driver/gunner and wireless operator, in the armoured division, (tanks) at Mifford, Ontario. Unfortunately at the end of advance training he was categorized and sent to clerical training in Toronto and on completion returned to Camp Borden. Six months later he requested a transfer to Fort Osborne Barracks, Winnipeg. He ended his service at Headquarters, Royal Canadian Service Corps, at Fort Osborne Barracks, doing clerical work. He was honourably discharged on September 24, 1946, and returned to Hamilton, Ontario. He received the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and the War Medal 1939-1945. After service, he resided in Burlington, Ontario.



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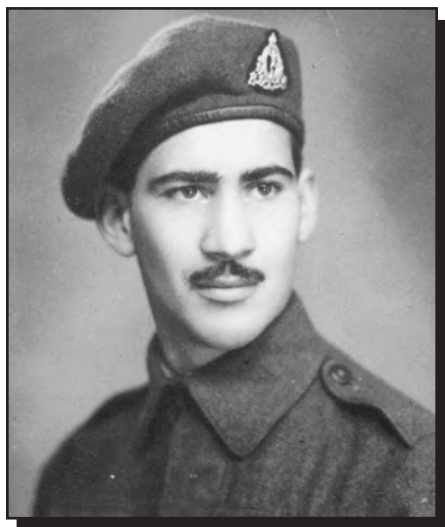
WWII

John enlisted in the summer of 1941 in Winnipeg. He served overseas with the Artillery, 14th Field Regiment in the Sicilian campaign. He returned to Winnipeg in 1945. John is now deceased.

GRODZUK (GRADLEY), Paul

WWII

Paul joined the Royal Canadian Naval Reserve Force in early 1945. He was overseas, stationed at Prestwick, Scotland until the war ended. After demobilization, he went to university and graduated as a civil engineer. Paul was in Vancouver, British Columbia, at the time of his death in 1987.



GROS, Jean Eugene

WWII

Jean enlisted in the Army in Winnipeg on December 10, 1941, in the RCC Engineers. He trained in Dundurn, SK and Chilliwack, BC. He left Chilliwack with his regiment to go to the United Kingdom in mid-August 1943. In the UK, he transferred to the RCC Signals. Jean served in the UK and Continental Europe. He received the 1939-45 Star, the France and Germany Star, the Defence Medal and the Canadian Voluntary Service Medal with Clasp. Jean was discharged on January 18, 1946 to return to civil life "on Demobilization". Jean married on July 24, 1943. He was the father of two children and "Papa" to two granddaughters. Jean passed away in his sleep on the eve of his retirement on September 7, 1987.



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HELLOFS, Raymond

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Raymond was born in 1926 in Gretna, Manitoba and signed up with the Army in early 1945. He was in the Infantry and took his training at Fort Osborne Barracks in Winnipeg and in Camp Shilo, Manitoba. Raymond decided to go back to school so he did so after being discharged in the middle of 1946. In his civilian life he bounced around a bit doing various jobs and finally settled down to a 35-year career with Manitoba Telephone System. Raymond was twice widowed and is currently married for nineteen years to Celine Tougas and they are retired in Winnipeg.

HOUSTON, Jack H.

WWII

Jack was born in Winnipeg to William and Janet Houston in 1923. He joined the Army during World War II as General Replacements and ended up with 12th Manitoba Dragoons. The 12th Manitoba Dragoons were a RECCE Regiment; they rode in Staghold's which held five of the crew. They were Corp troops and could be assigned anywhere when needed. He served six months in Canada and then off to England, then France, Belgium, Holland and on to Germany. He returned home in 1946 and worked in construction for ten years. Then he took up farming for 43 years. He enjoyed life, loved curling and served in The Legion for sixty years. Jack and his wife, Gwen, raised four children. He received the Legion of Honour from France in July 2016.



HUDSON, Walter

WWII

Walter joined the artillery in Winnipeg in September 1942 at Fort Osborne Barracks. He took basic training at Portage la Prairie for two months and advance training in Brandon A4 Artillery Training Centre from November to January. In February, he went overseas from New York, after having spent ten days in an American camp. They sailed on the Empress of Scotland and landed at Liverpool, England. He took further training in England and then went to France as a Gunner. From June 6, 1944, they were in combat continually until he was wounded in Holland, at Leopold Canal. A mortar barrel fell in the trench where they were located. Two comrades were killed and Walter severely injured. He was in hospital in France, and then transferred to a hospital in England for approximately three months. He returned to Canada in 1945 and was in Deer Lodge hospital for three months. Walter then received his discharge. All of his papers were burned in a house fire. He resided in Fisher Bay, Manitoba and was a Life Member of Hodgson Legion Branch 158.



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HYDE, G. William "Bill"

WWII

Bill enlisted in the 18th Manitoba Reconnaissance Battalion in 1942. After going overseas, he transferred to the 12th Manitoba Dragoons and served in England, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany as a Trooper. Bill was discharged on February 26, 1946. After service, he resided in Chilliwack, British Columbia.

HYDE (EASTCOTT), Phyllis

WWII

Phyllis joined the Army in Winnipeg on January 28, 1943 with the CWAC No.4 Company. She served as a bookkeeper and eventually secretary to the psychiatrist. She was posted at Winnipeg, Portage la Prairie, Brandon, Fort William, Edmonton, Saskatoon and back to Winnipeg, finishing up at Portage la Prairie. When anyone came to the barracks and yelled "Hyde", she did. She never got picked for k.p., they couldn't find her. She received her discharge on January 14, 1946.



HYDE, Gerald

WWII

Gerald enlisted in the Canadian Army on September 24, 1940 into the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada at Fort Osborne Barracks, Winnipeg, Manitoba. He took his training at Camp Shilo. On July 7, 1941 he transferred to the 18th Armoured Car Regiment, XII Manitoba Dragoons CAC and again spent some time at Shilo and Camp Borden, Ontario. He then moved to Vancouver Island to patrol the coastline between Sooke and Jordan River when there was fear of a Japanese invasion on Canada's west coast. In April 1942 he left on a training course travelling all across Canada and boarded the troop ship "The Andes London" arriving in England after nine days at sea. He was stationed in various parts of southern England until July 8, 1942. On July 9 they left England and sailed to Courseulles, France. From then on he was on active duty through France, Holland and Germany. He was in Germany at the war's end. He then joined the Royal Canadian Hussars and was part of the occupation force in Germany for a year. Gerald returned to Canada in 1946 and was discharged on July 2, 1946 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. On December 4, 1951, he joined the Militia, 108 Manning Depot, Fort Osborne and served there for seven years until 1958. He was a member of the Hodgson Legion when it was first opened.



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HYDE, Henry Arthur

WWII

Henry enlisted in January 1940 in the Royal Winnipeg Rifles and served in Canada as a Private. He was discharged due to medical reasons. Henry is now deceased.

IMLAH, Roy R.

WWII

Roy enlisted in Winnipeg at No. 10 District Depot on October 10, 1941 in the Royal Winnipeg Rifles. He stayed in Winnipeg for approximately one month then was transferred to Portage la Prairie for basic training. He took advance training at North Bay, Ontario. Because he was only 15 years of age he took bugling and drove staff cars. He was discharged on June 16, 1942.



JAMES, Charles E. KOREA & SPECIAL DUTY AREA

Charles was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia in 1927. He joined the Army in Halifax on May 14, 1951. He did basic training at Camp Debert, NS with the Nova Scotian Highlanders, Royal Canadian Army Service Corps. He served at Hanover, Germany from 1951 to 1952. From 1952 to 1973 he served the Gaza Strip, Egypt with US Peacekeepers, HMCS Shearwater Naval Air Station, serving a lot of sea duty on HMCS Magnificent and HMCS Bonaventure, the International Commission for Supervision and Control, Indo China (LAOS), HQ NS/PEI ARCAA and 1970 Windson Park Base. Charles was honourably discharged on May 13, 1973. He received the UN Service Medal for Gaza Strip, ICSC Medal for Indo China, CD Medal with Bar and Special Service Medal (NATO Service). In civilian life he worked for the Government of Canada at HMCS Dockyard, Halifax, NS. He passed away in Halifax in November 2010 at the age of 73.



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JANZ, Christopher

PEACETIME

Christopher was born in Winnipeg in 1982 and in 1999 he joined the Army Reserves with the Queen's Own Highlanders of Canada. He took his basic training in Wainwright, Alberta and served in both the Middle East and in Afghanistan in 2004. He was discharged in 2013 and became a Winnipeg Police Officer where he remains at present.

JANZ, Jack

WWII

Jack was born in Elgin, Manitoba in 1915 and enlisted in the Canadian Army in 1939. He took his basic training in Winnipeg and served in England and in Europe during World War II. While serving in England, he married Vera May Love and they had six children: Peter, Roger, John, Allan, James and Susan. After returning home from the war, Jack worked for International Harvester selling and servicing farm machinery.



JANZ, Peter

PEACETIME

Peter was born in Castle Donington, Loughborough, England in 1943. He joined the Queen's Own Rifles 2nd Battalion (Red Patch) in 1961 and took his basic training in Currie Barracks in Calgary, Alberta. He was transferred to Edmonton in 1963 and joined the Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry there in order to train for a Germany assignment. From Edmonton he went to Work Point Camp in Victoria, BC. Peter took the train from Vancouver to Trenton, ON. From there the Air Force flew them to Dusseldorf, Germany, where he trained with the Army Brigade in Infantry for two years. He was discharged in 1965. In his civilian life Peter worked for a large construction firm as a mechanic/welder. He married Angie Lumbardo and they had two boys. He is currently retired and living in Winnipeg. Peter has been a member of the Norwood Legion Branch 43 for 31 years.



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JOHNSON, Floyd Thomas

WWII

Lance Corporal Floyd Thomas Johnson was born in Brandon, MB on August 26, 1909, and moved to Saskatchewan as a child. He enlisted in Regina, SK on July 2, 1942 with the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps (RCASC). He trained in Red Deer, AB and Maple Creek, SK. He was transferred overseas on December 11, 1942 as RCASC Reinforcement Unit from Canada. He was later attached to 87 Canadian Artillery Unit RCASC on September 16, 1943. He was a qualified Class III Driver and drove heavy trucks throughout the war, serving in the United Kingdom, France, Belgium, Holland and Northwest Europe. He was awarded the Canadian Volunteer Medal and Clasp on January 15, 1944, the Good Conduct Badge on July 2, 1944 and received the title of Lance Corporal on July 26, 1944. At the end of the war he was awarded 1939-45 Star, the France and Germany Star, the Defence Medal and the War Medal 1939-1945. He was honourably discharged on January 31, 1946 in Regina, SK. He never spoke of his army life. He moved to Quesnel, BC where he was a Legion member for many years, passing away on December 17, 1985 at the age of 76.

JOHNSTON, Charles Keith

SPECIAL DUTY AREA

Keith was born in Lumsden, SK in 1933. He first served in the Reserves then served in the Canadian Army with the PPCLI Signal Corps and did one tour of Duty Peacekeeping in Germany. He was a 64-year member of The Royal Canadian Legion and was a Life Member of the Oak Lake, MB Legion at the time of his death in 2014.



JONES, Victor H.

WWII

Victor was born in Douglas, MB on August 18, 1921. He enlisted in the Army in 1940. He served in Italy, Belgium, France, Holland and England during World War II. He has been a member of Legion Branches 3 and 247 for over thirty years.



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JORDAN, Harry R.

WWII

Harry was born in 1918 in Manitou, MB. He enlisted in the Infantry as a Gunner and served in Canada, England and Northwest Europe during World War II. He received the 1939-1945 Star, the France and Germany Star, the Defence Medal, the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with Clasp and the War Medal. Harry was a member of The Legion in Manitou and Gillam, MB. He passed away in 1991.

JULIUS, Brian

PEACETIME

Brian was born in Winnipeg in 1936 and joined the Navy Reserves in 1956 at HMCS Chippawa. He took his basic training at HMCS Naden in the Naden Band of the Royal Canadian Navy. He was a musician playing the clarinet and the saxophone. When he was aboard the HMCS Ontario, he toured Australia for three months and back at HMCS Chippawa he remained until 1986 as a Chief Petty Officer upon his discharge at that time. Brian married Elizabeth Davis and they have two sons. He worked for MTS but has now retired and lives in Winnipeg.



KINGYENS, Lorne Brydon

PEACETIME

Lorne was born in New Liskeard, Ontario in 1930. He joined the RCAF in 1950 at North Bay, Ontario. He began his basic training at RCAF Station Aylmer, Ontario at the Manning Depot until December 1950 when he was posted to Halifax until April 1951. His training continued at Stn Clinton, ON, then to Stn Trenton and in 1952 he went overseas to North Luffenham, England until 1955. While there he married Pearl Wright in 1954 and they had three children. Lorne returned to Ontario in 1955 stationed at Falconbridge. He was posted to many places from 1959 until arriving in Winnipeg in 1977 including Resolute Bay (59/60), Senneterre, PQ (61), Biloxi, Mississippi (62), Ramore, ON (65), CFB Trenton (68), Esquimalt, BC (69), CFB Foymount (70), CFB Comox, BC (73), and North Bay in 1976. Lorne retired in 1983 as a Captain. His medals include: Canadian Forces Decoration (32 years), Centennial Medal (1967), Special Service Medal NATO (#1F) and North Luffenham (1952-55). Lorne was a member of the Corp of Canadian Commissionaires from 1944 to 1999.

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KURTZ, John Allen

WWII

John was born in 1924 in Kenora, Ontario. He enlisted in the Army on November 17, 1943 in Winnipeg. He served with the 1st Parachute Battalion in Canada, Britain and Northwest Europe during World War II. He was honourably discharged on June 15, 1946 at the rank of Private. He received the France and Germany Star, the Defence Medal, the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with Clasp and the War Medal 1939-1945. John passed away in 1994.

LAFANTAISIE, Jean Georges

PEACETIME

Jean was born in St. Malo, Manitoba in 1943 and joined the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1961. He took basic training (boot camp) in St. Jean, Quebec and then onto Camp Borden, Ontario. He stayed at Camp Borden until he enrolled in Radar & Communication School at CFB Clinton, Ontario. After a year there he was posted to Canadian Air Force Station, Saint Sylvestre, Quebec with the radar maintenance team. After about a year there he went to Winnipeg as an aircraft electrician and then to Canadian Forces Station Lowther, Ontario and continued his radar work. Jean's last posting was at CFS Senneterre, Quebec. After being discharged following five years in the military, he worked as a tech for Canadian Aviation Electronics, went for a spell to the Arctic on the DEW Line and then to Manitoba where he was with MTS for thirty years and semi-retired in 1999. Jean looked after an apartment building until 2014 and fully retired then. He married Linda Nelson from Canora, SK and they had a daughter and Jean has three children from a previous marriage. Jean and Linda live in Transcona.



LAWRENCE, William A.

PEACETIME

William was born in the Athabasca region of Alberta in 1932 and joined the Canadian Army in 1950 with the Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry. He began his training at Fort Osborne Barracks in Winnipeg and travelled to Fort Lewis in Washington State where he took the regular basic army training and earned his parachute badge (wings) while there. William joined the 'Special Forces' on tours with the United Nations to both Japan and to Korea. He was discharged in late 1952 and after a 32 year career as a truck driver, he retired. William married June Martha Seiler and they reside in Winnipeg.

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LECUYER, Andy

PEACETIME

Andy was born in St. Boniface, Manitoba in 1937 and joined the Army Reserves in 1957. In 1959 he joined the Canadian Army in 'Signals' and took his basic training starting in Kingston, Ontario. He went to Egypt in 1961 with the United Nations for one year and returned to Fort Osborne Barracks in Winnipeg with the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery and was shipped to Germany with that Regiment. From there he went to Edmonton working on a construction line crew (signals). Then he was posted to Val Cartier, Quebec and onto St. Hubert, just outside Montreal. From there Andy went to the Middle East once again with the United Nations. He finished up his military career, after 22 years, in Camp Shilo. He married Patricia Curdt from Sperling, MB and they had three children who all live in Winnipeg.

LEGARE, Giles

PEACETIME

Giles was born in St. Jean, Quebec in 1949 and 24 years later joined the Army in that same place. He was put into the Tri-Service and eventually was placed in the Royal Canadian Air Force and went into the financial and accounting area. He was sent to Camp Borden, Ontario to study English and a trade, which he settled in on finance. His first posting after training was to Ottawa for four years, part of which was going to Chilliwack, BC for basic officer school. He was posted in Queen Charlotte Island, BC for two years and then back to Ottawa at the Communication Base. Giles was posted in Toronto at the Recruiting Centre where he travelled throughout Ontario going to schools recruiting. He then went to Borden again for Officer Finance School for two and a half years. He went to Winnipeg to the Air Force Base and then to Air Command. He retired from the CFB in 1992 and as a civilian, after a twenty-year military career, he worked as a Commissionaire and in the financial industry and fully retired in 1995. Giles was married, now divorced, and has two children. He lives in Winnipeg.



LELLIOTT, William G.

WWII

William was born in Winnipeg, MB in 1914. He enlisted in the Army with the PPCLI "B" Company. He served in the North Pacific, Aleutian Islands and Continental Europe during World War II. William passed away in 1990.



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LEWIS, Charles

PEACETIME

Charles was born in Toronto, Ontario in 1944 and joined the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1962 in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. He took his basic training at St. Jean, Quebec and trained as a firefighter on the runway. He was posted to Moose Jaw in 1963, which was a flying base and he was on runway duty there as well until he was discharged in the fall of 1965. After leaving the military, Charles worked on the Saskatchewan River Dam Project and moved to Winnipeg in 1966 where he worked at a few different places including The Winnipeg Floodway, Texaco Oil and CN Railway. Charles married Alice Tourin and they have two boys. He is retired in Winnipeg.

LINDGREN, Brian Earl

PEACETIME

Brian was born on February 24, 1980 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. He went to school at Kildonan East Collegiate. In 2001, Brian joined the Royal Winnipeg Rifles a famous Reserve Infantry Regiment stationed at Minto Armoury. He completed basic training at Minto Armoury and then completed advanced infantry training at an Infantry Battle School conducted by 2 PPCLI at Kapyong Barracks and CFB Shilo. In 2002, Brian was attached to 1 PPCLI and completed a six month tour in Bosnia-Herzegovina as part of the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR). In 2006, Brian joined the RCAF as a Met Tech (Meteorology Technician) completing his trade training at the CF School of Meteorology at RCAF 17 Wing in Winnipeg. In 2008, he completed his first seven-month tour in Afghanistan attached to the B Battery, 1 RCHA. Brian completed a second eight-month tour in Afghanistan attached to D Battery, 2 RCHA as the Meteorology Detachment Commander in 2010. Brian was honourably discharged in 2014. He has been a member of the Henderson Highway Legion Branch 215 for three years.



MARCOTTE, Donald

SPECIAL DUTY AREA

Donald was born in Winnipeg in 1947 and he signed up for the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1965. Donald took basic training in St. Jean, Quebec as a flight simulator Technician. He was moved to Clinton, Ontario where he took an eight-month course in basic electronics. The top quartile of that class went to Camp Borden where they worked with the flight simulators and worked closely with the pilots. He spent another eight months in Comox, BC and was discharged in 1969. After leaving the Air Force, Donald worked on office machines as a technician and because computers were coming of age and he was more of a mechanical person he specialized on cash registers and worked with office supplies until his retirement. Donald married Anita Giles and together they had three girls and two boys. He currently resides in Winnipeg.



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MARGINET, Andre

WWII

Andre was born in Belgium in 1910 and emigrated to Canada in 1923. He enlisted in the Canadian Army in May 1941, and later transferred to the newly formed 5th Independent Belgian Parachute Regiment which was under the command of the British Special Air Services. He received parachute and advanced training in England and Scotland and saw initial action on July 27, 1944 after parachuting behind enemy lines into France. In addition he saw action in Belgium and the Netherlands where he was involved around Nijmegen after the Allies' withdrawal from operation Market Garden. After cessation of hostilities, he returned to Canada in 1946. Andre passed away in 1973 and is buried in Bruxelles Manitoba Cemetery.

MARSHALL, Orville F.

WWII

Orville was born in Peterborough, Ontario in 1921. He enlisted in the Army and served with the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment. He served in Canada, England, North Africa and Italy during World War II. Orville is a member of the Selkirk Legion Branch 42 and has been for six years.



MARTIN (LESLIE), Muriel

WWII

Muriel was born on February 18, 1923 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. She attended Daniel McIntyre Collegiate. Muriel joined the RCAF in 1942 and served as an Administrative Clerk at RCAF Base Winnipeg. The base was extremely important during the war for the conduct of the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan. Muriel was honourably discharged in 1945 and received the WWII Volunteer Service Medal. Following her discharge from the RCAF, Muriel was employed at Winnipeg Electric from 1946 to 1955 as a comptometrist (key punch operator). She joined the Henderson Highway Legion Branch 215 when it was located on Henderson Highway across from Wallace Avenue. She held many Branch Executive positions and was the first female Legion Branch President in 1984. Muriel passed away in September 2015 at the age of 92 and was proud to have served her country as well as her local community and Legion Branch.



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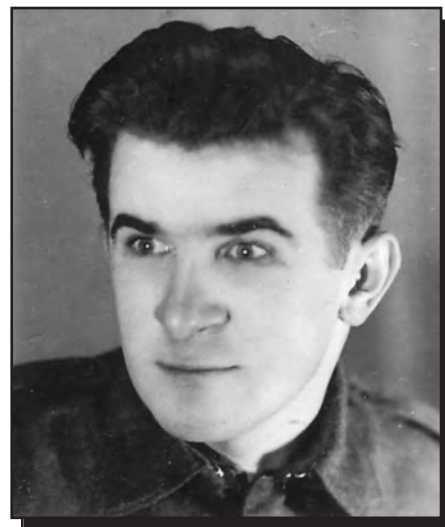
AFGHANISTAN

David was born on June 29, 1984 in Kamloops, BC. He attended Oakbank Elementary School, Springfield Junior High School and Springfield Collegiate. He joined the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI) in 2009 and completed basic military training at CFB St. Jean and advanced infantry training at the Battle School at CFB Wainwright AB. He joined the 3rd Battalion PPCLI in Edmonton and was then deployed to Afghanistan for eight and a half months on Rotation 0, as part of Operation Attention in 2011. David's Unit was part of a QRF (Quick Reaction Force) operating out of Camp Black Horse and Camp Phoenix in Kabul, Afghanistan. He was employed as an RG-31 Nyala Armoured Fighting Vehicle driver and gunner on the 7.62 mm GPMG or .50 caliber Heavy Machine Gun RFS (Remote Firing System) providing convoy protection and security for broke down armoured SUV's. Back in Edmonton, David completed Mountain Warfare Training and was employed as an NCO in the 3 PPCLI Mountain Company. He was a member of the 3 PPCLI Drum Line for the Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the PPCLI Regiment. David was honourably discharged in 2015 at the rank of Corporal.

MAZUR, Stanley

WWII

Stanley was born in Winnipeg on February 4, 1923. He attended Lord Roberts School and Calvin Christian Collegiate. He joined the Canadian Army in 1942 and reported for duty at Fort Osborne Barracks, Winnipeg. He was sent to Portage la Prairie for basic infantry training and then advanced infantry training at Camp Shilo, Manitoba. He was sent to Kingston, Ontario for an Infantry Signals Course. In 1943, he went overseas by ship to Aldershot, England where he joined the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa and completed driver training on the T16 Universal Carrier or Bren Gun Carrier. Stanley then joined a Replacement Holding Company. A short time later, he joined A Company, Toronto Scottish Regiment in Caen, France. Stanley saw action as a radio operator/driver with the Toronto Scottish Regiment through France, Belgium, Holland, and finally ending up in Oldenberg, Germany. On his release from active duty in 1945, Stanley went to work for CN Telecommunications at Portage and Main, Winnipeg. He is a member of the Henderson Highway Legion Branch 215 and has been for 43 years.



MORGAN, Andrew J. "Andy"

SPECIAL DUTY AREA

Andy was born in Burnaby, British Columbia on October 23, 1973. He enlisted in the Fort Garry Horse, an Armoured Reconnaissance (Recce) unit in the Canadian Army Reserve based at McGregor Armoury in Winnipeg, Manitoba, in 1990. Following basic military training, he was assigned to one year in Assault Troop then two years in a Recce Squadron. In 1994, Andy was augmented to the Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) – [LdSH(RC)] Battle Group, and was deployed overseas as part of the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) during the war in Bosnia-Herzegovina. During this tour of duty he was based in Visoko, Bosnia with Canadian Battalion 2 (CANBAT2). He was assigned to the Headquarters Transport Troop "Heavy Lift" section. His duties were: troop/civilian transport, refueling and resupply, assisting refugee displacement, reporting troop movements, reporting by radio shot and shell violations, security, securing war dead/body exchanges and conducting convoys into the besieged city of Sarajevo. Andy was honourably discharged in 1997. He has been a member of the Henderson Highway Legion Branch 215 for three years.



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MORGAN (FALZARANO), Tracy L.

PEACETIME

Tracy was born in 1977 in Winnipeg. She joined the Air Cadet Squadron 573 at McGregor Armoury when she was eleven years old and remained a member until she was fifteen. In 1994, Tracy enlisted in the Fort Garry Horse, an armoured Reconnaissance Regiment in the Canadian Army Reserve based at McGregor Armoury in Winnipeg, Manitoba. She was one of the first group of women in Canada allowed to serve in the Canadian Armed Forces Combat Arms, thanks to a new Canadian Government initiative. On her Qualification Level 3 Crewman course, she was awarded the designation as the course 'Top Candidate' a high achievement for the only female on the course. After training, Tracy worked mostly full time attached to the PPCLI and the Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadian) working at various military support tasks at CFB Dundurn Saskatchewan, CFB Shilo, Manitoba and CFB Wainwright Alberta. Tracy was honourably discharged from the Canadian Armed Forces in 1997. She has been a member of the Henderson Highway Legion Branch 215 for two years.

MORRISON, Francis Michael "Frank"

WWII

Frank served with the Royal Canadian Artillery as a Gunner. The picture was taken early on before his transfer to the Artillery during World War II.



MORRISON, James Jr.

WWI

Private James Morrison was killed in action in the second battle at Vimy Ridge on April 16, 1917 while serving with the 52nd Battalion with his father and two brothers. His father witnessed the tragic event.



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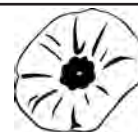
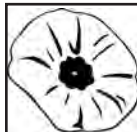
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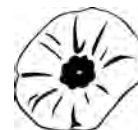


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MORRISON, James Sr. WWI

RSM James Morrison served with the 52nd Battalion in the second battle at Vimy Ridge. He served with his three sons. On April 16, 1917 his eldest son, James Jr., was killed in action, his father witnessed this tragic event. The following is a letter, written to his wife Kate the following day, trying to explain their son's death. The letter was written in a pencil on four pages of a field message book and reads:



The following is from a magazine article, believed to be a Catholic parishioner's magazine and was printed about the same time:

"SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE" FATHER AND SON

Just a note to thank you and your kind and sympathetic letter. My only anxiety now is for those at home in Canada. God only know how his mother will take it, but she will have this consolation that he was well prepared for death.

THE LETTER HOME:

Somewhere in France, April 17.

My Dear Wife and Children, It is like breaking my heart to write and let you know our darling boy is dead. He was killed on the night of the 16th and Old God was good to me for he died in my arms. He was not conscious. A shell burst in amongst us and it was the hand of God that protected me as he was only 3 yards off me. I always liked to have him close to me. I at once got at him and held him in my arms till he died. His was a painless death, for life was gone in about two minutes. It is breaking my heart to think that our darling boy has gone, but God alone knows what your sorrow will be when you hear of it. But, Kate, I will pray to God and his Blessed Mother that you may get strength to bear your loss as none known the depth of a mother's love. I am sending home some of the property that was in his pockets. Other property will be sent on late. What I am sending is the photos of his Mother, Grandmother, Sisters, Brothers which he was always so proud of. Well my dear Kate, I will need to finish as my heart is like to break, but trust in God you will get strength to bear your terrible loss for the sake of the remainder of your children. From your loving and broken hearted Husband and Father till death XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX.

It was the night of the 16th. We were in one part of the battle line and were to change to another. It was pitch dark and snowing heavily. We set out about 8:30pm for our new position—as cheery a lot of fellow as you could meet anywhere. All went well for a time, though we were under heavy shell fire-and, of course, once you go forward there is no going back, for the simple reason that the safest place is to get through the barrage. Close on 11pm the barrage-firing got more and more fierce, and we were out in the open—ever moving forward in a steady, brisk step-with no cover or protection possible. It was hear that a shell dropped just two yards from us, and close to my boy's side. The shell burst, and some of us were tossed into the air. When I struck the ground again I heard the groans of the wounded, and my first thoughts were for James. I shouted his name, and getting no reply, knew that the worst had happened. I moved around in the dark, until I came across a group of men lying still; I turned my flashlight on them, and he was the second I came to. I knelt down, and got him out from amongst the rest, and found he was still alive, but a mere glance told me that death was near. I took him in my arms and gently spoke to him, but he was unconscious. He died in my arms, having lived just three to five minutes after the





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shell fell. I thank God that he was well prepared for a death on the battlefield, for he died as he had lived—a quiet, pure-hearted and pure-minded boy, faithful to his Church and attending to his duties every time he got the chance. That thought alone is a very great consolation to me. It was, as you can well understand, a hard and bitter blow to me, who had practically been his comrade right through, though ever father and son. It was however, God's will that he should 'give his life for his friends'. And now he is buried in a quiet spot on the slopes of Vimy. May his dear soul and souls of his chums rest in peace! Everyone in the Battalion has been very kind and sympathetic with me in my loss; for my boy was a general favorite. The Pioneers made a lovely cross, and grave is railed round, and our Chaplin

had planted flowers on it. But his mother's broken heart! Who will be able to console her? You will write her, I trust.

The foregoing written on the battlefield and sent us for publication by an esteemed clerical correspondent, tells its own story and needs no comment. He who alone could give the details will pardon its publication. Our Catholic soldiers known how to love and how to die!

RSM James Morrison, TD passed away in 1958 at the age of 86. Both his and his son James' memorabilia is housed in The Museum of the home station of the Battalion, The Armoury, 317 Park Avenue, Thunder Bay, Ontario. The Museum is open to the public.

MORRISON, Michael Killoran

WWII

Captain Michael Killoran Morrison was with the Personal Selection Office with the Canadian Headquarter Staff overseas during World War II. Following the war, he returned to his family in Port Arthur, Ontario and was manager of the Unemployment Insurance for many years, leaving to join The Investors Group in Winnipeg and returning to Port Arthur as District Manager. He was with Investors Group until he retired. Michael passed away in Thunder Bay, Ontario on May 27, 1984 at the age of 78.



MURRAY, Charles

WWII

Charles was born in 1913 and enlisted in the Army in 1940. He was an instructor for the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps and instructed the Home Forces of England on first aid. Charles took some basic training at Camp Borden in 1943 and served in the United Kingdom and in Continental Europe. He was discharged in 1945. He rejoined the Militia in 1949 and was discharged in Winnipeg in 1960 as Regimental Sargent. Charles married Elizabeth Luke and they had eight children. He was awarded the following medals: Coronation Medal, 1939-1945 Star, France and Germany Star, Defence Medal and the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp.



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MURRAY, George

PEACETIME

George was born in Winnipeg in 1947 and at the age of thirty, he signed on with the Army Reserves. During Boot Camp, he was made Corporal because he had already achieved his red seal ticket as a heavy duty mechanic. He took some basic training at CFB Cornwallis (Digby) and his mechanical training at Camp Borden. He was to go on with the Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry, but George was honourably discharged in 1978 because of foot problems. As a civilian he worked mainly as a mechanic for Ford of Canada dealerships. He married Denise Ford. They had three children and are retired and living in Winnipeg.

MURRAY, Robert

PEACETIME

Robert was born in Glasgow, Scotland in 1937 and joined the Royal Air Force Reserves in 1957. He took his basic training beginning at RAF Winslow and was in RAF Winthorp until the end of 1957 and in 1958 went to RAF Boscombe Down until he was discharged in 1959. Robert returned to Glasgow and answered an advertisement for tradesmen wanted in Manitoba. He was successful and moved to Winnipeg to take up painting and decorating soon working as a self-employed decorator until his retirement in 1998. Robert was married (div) and he brought his three children over from Glasgow and they are still all in Winnipeg today.



MURRAY, Walter David

PEACETIME

Walter was born in 1932 in the Township of Whitton, County Frontenac, Quebec. He enlisted in the Army and served with VIII Canadian Hussars (Princess Louise's) in Canada, Congo, Cyprus, Sinai Desert of Egypt, Hawaii, High Arctic and the Caribbean during Peacetime. Walter was fluently bilingual. He was a member of Oak Lake Legion Branch 79. Major Walter David Murray, O.M.M, C.D. (Order of Military Merit) passed away in 2013.



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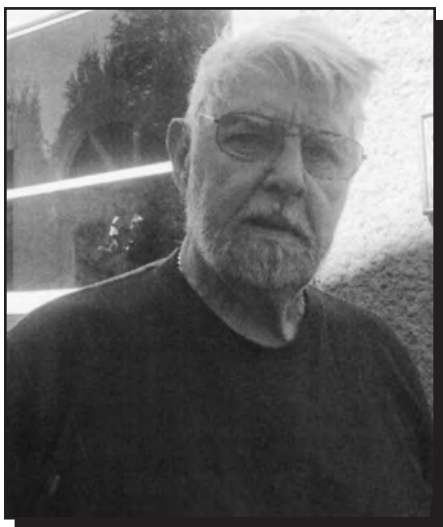
WWII

Raymond was born at Dry River, the son of J.W. and Alma Nelson. He married Velma Driver in August of 1951 and resides in Greenup, Kentucky, USA. They have four children. He enlisted in Winnipeg in 1940 and trained in Saskatchewan and served overseas in the United Kingdom, Africa, Italy and Northwest Europe with the PPCLI and was discharged with rank of Sergeant.

NICHOLL, Tom A.

WWII

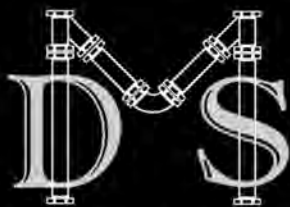
Tom was born in Winnipeg in 1926 and at seventeen and a half years old, he signed up with the Royal Canadian Navy at HMCS Chippawa. He began his active service taking his basic training as an oil stoker in Windsor, Ontario and shortly thereafter took a six week engineering course at HMCS Cornwallis. He was drafted to Halifax and then aboard the HMCS Protector in Sydney, NS and then was aboard the HMCS Sudory, which was a mine sweeper. When the war ended on VE Day, Tom was back in the barracks at Sydney and he volunteered for war in Japan when he was sent to go aboard the HMCS Uganda in Vancouver, but prior to heading out the war with Japan ended. Tom was working at the CNR prior to joining the Navy and he returned there until his retirement in 1985. He married Verna Anderson, who he met in Nova Scotia while stationed there and they had three girls and one son. Tom is still living in the same house he was in after the war. This year, Tom will receive his 60 year Legion Membership Pin.



NORCOTT, Don

SPECIAL DUTY AREA

Don was born in Kenora, Ontario and enlisted in the Air Force in 1956. He took his basic training in Winnipeg taking special training as an electrical technician (Aero) with RTTP Group One. He started as an AC2 and after seven months he was given an honourable discharge as an AC1 or Aircraftsman. As a civilian, Don was an electrician then worked for 25 years as a computer maintenance technician and later was a computer programmer until he retired in 1995. He is now retired and lives in Winnipeg. He is widowed with two children and is re-married to Lena.



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PARKER, Douglas C.

WWII

Douglas was born in Rivers, Manitoba in 1918. He enlisted in the Navy and served aboard the St. Laurent (Sally Ann) on the High Seas during World War II. He was a member of Kenton Legion Branch 118 for 63 years. Douglas passed away in 2010.

PEARSON, Franklin Earl

PEACETIME

Frank was born in Glenora, the son of Doug and Jean Pierson. On June 1, 1951, he married Lillian Overton of Portage and they have six children. He enlisted at Winnipeg in January of 1951 and trained at Kingston, ON and Chilliwack, BC and was stationed at Fort Churchill Val Cartier, QC, Borden, ON, Alert, NWT and overseas at Soest, Germany.



PFEIFFER, Fredrick

PEACETIME

Fredrick was born in Vernon, British Columbia in 1952 and joined the Militia in 1965 with the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders. He took his basic training at Minto Armouries and at Cornwallis, Nova Scotia. In 1969, he went to Camp Borden, Ontario and was discharged in 1970. In his civilian life, Fredrick worked in the slaughter business with various companies including Canada Packers. He is currently a Commissionaire at the Virology Lab in Winnipeg. He married Brenda Stone in 1985 and they reside in Winnipeg.



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PIERCE, Frederick John

WWII

Frederick was born in Deloraine, Manitoba in 1924. He volunteered in October 1940. He trained in Shilo and was transferred to Camp Borden. He served under General Montgomery in Africa. He also drove a motorbike in Africa and was sent out on recon missions. He served as Non Commissioned Officer with Fort Garry Horse. He was also acting Quarter Master. Frederick served in Africa, Italy and Belgium until his discharge in January 1946. He was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion in Ontario for three years. Frederick passed away in 1997.

POCIUK, Nicholas "Nick"

Nick was born on December 16, 1932 at Oakbank, Manitoba. He attended Sunnyside High School in Oakbank. Nick joined the RCAF in 1953 and was sent to St. Jean, Quebec for basic training and then to RCAF Station Aylmer Ontario for Military Police training. In 1954, he was stationed at CFB Winnipeg for two years and then transferred overseas to the Military Police Detachment at RCAF Station Marville France for four years. At Marville, he worked closely with the French Gendarmes. On his return to Canada, Nick became a Special Investigator carrying out Military Police investigations and conducting security clearances. From 1961 to 1965, Nick was a Report Writing and Military Law Instructor at the Military Police Academy at Camp Borden Ontario. He was promoted through the ranks to Warrant Officer and was stationed at Dundurn, Saskatchewan; Comox, BC and finally back to CFB Winnipeg where he was honourably discharged in 1983. After his military service, Nick went to work as the Security Supervisor at the Manitoba Legislature for eight years and then with the Corps of Commissionaires providing security for Government VIP's. He has been a member of the Henderson Highway Legion Branch 215 for 41 years.



RAMSDEN, Angela D.

PEACETIME

Captain Angela Ramsden was born in Pembroke, Ontario in 1974 to a family with a strong history of military service. She completed a Bachelor of Theology in 1997 and a Masters in Adult Education in 2001. She joined the Air Reserves under the CIC program in 1993 in Campbell River, BC. From there she served in several air cadet squadrons including 363 Campbell River, 893 Parksville, 111 Pegasus, 176 Boeing of Canada and 386 Komox. Currently, she is serving as the Commanding Officer of 176 Boeing of Canada located in Winnipeg. She received her CD in 2010. Captain Ramsden has also worked at several Air Cadet summer training centres throughout her career including Penhold, Albert Head and Comox. Her positions have ranged from Squadron Training Officer to PERO. She is currently employed full time with Nav Canada as the Regional Learning Quality Specialist in Winnipeg. She is married to Captain Carol Duckworth who is also currently serving as a member of the CIC.



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RAMSDEN, Edward Vincent “Ted”

WWII

Edward was born in Trail, British Columbia in 1919. He enlisted in the Army in 1941 and was sent to England with no field experience so he was placed in charge of O.R. He served with the RCHA in Canada, England, Italy, France, the Netherlands and Germany during World War II. Edward requested reduction in rank to Gunner and posting to Active Unit. He was promoted several times and always requested rank reduction. He was a dispatch rider then Artillery Spotter during the Invasion of Italy. He lost most of his teeth compliments of a German rifle butt. He met his wife Rose (British Army) in England. They were married in 1943. He shipped home in 1945 and his son Michael was born in 1946. He worked for CPR in Vancouver, Montreal, and Toronto before retiring to Victoria. They had three daughters, Marilyn in 1947, Shawn in 1948 and Michele in 1961. Edward passed away in 1971.

RAMSDEN, Michael E.

PEACETIME

Michael was born in Sheffield, England in 1946, the son of Edward and Rose Ramsden. He joined the Army (RCEME) in 1964. He took basic training in RC SOFS – Kingston, Group 1, AVN Tech, Borden. He was posted to Rivers, Manitoba. He was picked up at a dance by his current wife, Cheryl, in 1965 and they were married in 1968. The couple's fiftieth wedding anniversary was on May 18, 2018. He was posted to Petawawa for ten years. He remustered to Flight Engineer to 442 Comox S+R, mid-east (Egypt) then 436 on Hercs, WPG on Mahogany Bomber and 407 Comox. He retired in 1993 after 29 years. He is now living on small acreage in rural Manitoba. He is President of Branch 118, President of Woodworth Senior Services, Lions Member and sits on Museum Board. He took part in the rescue of 510 people from burning cruise ship Prinsendam off the coast of Alaska in 1980. It is sometimes referred to as the “greatest maritime rescue ever”. There were no major injuries and he received a certificate of recognition from the U.S. House of Representatives. He has been a member of the Kenton Legion Branch 118 for seventeen years.



RAMSDEN (MITCHEL), Rose E.

WWII

Rose was born in Sheffield, England in 1920. She enlisted in the British Army and served in England during World War II. She married Edward “Ted” in 1943 and they had a son, Michael, in 1946. She sailed as a war bride in 1946 to Montreal and to Vancouver. They then had three girls, Marilyn in 1947, Shawn in 1948 and Michele in 1961. Rose passed away in 1991.



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RAYSON, Stanley "Stan"

WWII

Stanley was born in Somerset, Manitoba on June 19, 1910.

Stan Rayson who lived in the Villa in Treherne and who made his home at Somerset and Swan Lake for many years was 32 years of age when he enlisted in the Army in 1942 (9 days before Christmas). He landed at Juno Beach on D-Day May 6, 1944, was wounded and still returned to action.

Stan was stationed at Camp Shilo (in Manitoba) in 1943 and after six months went to Halifax by train. They were on the ocean for six days, landing in Liverpool, England as a member of the Royal Winnipeg Rifles. He was stationed in the south part of England (south of London).

He and his comrades took the 21 mile boat ride across the English Channel on May 6, 1944, D-Day. They landed at Juno Beach, France just as it was becoming daylight and Stan, like the rest of his comrades found themselves in waist high water (part of the landing procedure). "We went from the larger boat to a flat bottom boat for landing" says Stan. "There were about 15 of

us in the landing boat". "There was a certain amount of confrontation at this spot on the beach head, but compared to other locations, there was very little fighting right there. It was there however, that I received a bullet right through the calf of my leg". Two of the fifteen in Stan's platoon were wounded. They moved (the two who were wounded) to a cove along the shore line and when darkness came, they moved to a red cross building. "I was able to bandage myself and able to walk out." "The next morning I remember the whistling of shells overhead from the big ships".

Stan was transferred back to a supply boat and returned to England for just under a month. "I returned back to Europe later in 1944, this time by plane to Belgium. We went all through Holland and then to the edge of the Black Forest in Germany, still fighting in the west part of Germany". Stan recalls being eye witness to the aerial onslaught on Duzzeldorf, Germany, a key location for the German oil supply system, watching from the opposite side of a river. "I was in the Canadian Armed Forces for two and a half years" reports Stan "from start to finish". When the end of the war came he was returned back to Holland for what he considers to be a long time and then returned to Canada, arriving in Montreal on New Year's Day 1946.

Stan came back to the Somerset and Swan Lake area, back to his dad's farm. Stan had a vivid memory of the dates, places and times, returning from the front line. He was a member of Legion Branch 120 for sixty years. Stan passed away in 2011.

ROBERTSON, Lawrence A. "Larry"

SPECIAL DUTY AREA

Larry was born in Sydney Mines, Nova Scotia on August 30, 1936. He enlisted in London, Ontario on February 2, 1956 with the Canadian Army (Artillery) and did training in Camp Utopia, NB and RCSA Shilo, MB. He posted to 1RCHA in Winnipeg in September 1957 and then to Z Battery 2RCHA. Following an injury on the Shilo Ranges, he posted to RCSA Shilo. He re-mustered to Administration and posted to 9 AMU (Air Movements Unit) in Winnipeg. In 1972, he posted to #22 NRHQ (NORAD Regional Headquarters) as Administrative Clerk. He was released in April 1976 following which he worked for Corrections Manitoba in Brandon for 22 years. He has been a member of The Royal Canadian Legion, Wheat City Branch 247 for 24 years and is now a Life Member.





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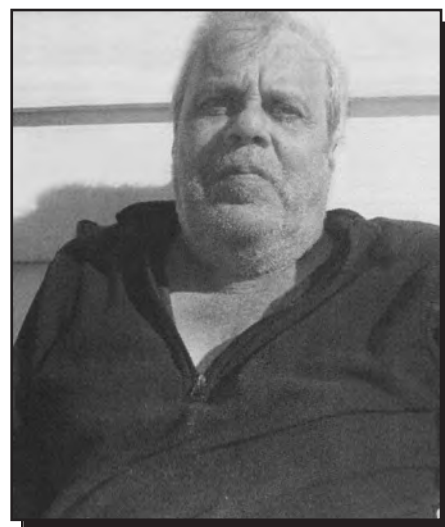
WWII

John was born in Sperling, Manitoba in 1921. Following family farm, he joined the Royal Canadian Artillery (Army) in Winnipeg in 1942 and trained at Camp Shilo. He was attached to the 23rd Regiment RCA Self Propelled and 83rd Battery North Atlantic. In January 1943, John departed from New York. After a vicious North Atlantic storm crossing, he served in England before Northwest Europe. John was a driver instructor and field mechanic on everything from motorcycles to Sherman and Ram tanks. Active battle was North Atlantic, Defense of Britain, and then Caen and Falaise to Rested near Wilhelmshaven and victory. John served in Czechoslovakia in post war. Following discharge in 1946, John married Nan Curtis from Kenton, Manitoba, raising five children in Waskada then family farm in Kenton. John received several awards including French Legion Medal of Honour, Battle of Britain, and Victory Europe Medals. Nan is deceased and John lives in Hamiota, Manitoba. John has been a member of Kenton Legion Branch 118 for sixty years.

ROSS, William

PEACETIME

William was born in 1950 in Winnipeg, Manitoba and after a year or two of being a Sea Cadet, he joined the Royal Canadian Navy Reserves out of the HMCS Chippawa. He went to Hamilton and sailed the Great Lakes and took some training just west of Victoria, British Columbia at CFB Esquimalt. William specialized in radio communications and a lot of various administration work. He was discharged in 1978 and as a civilian he worked for 28 years with the Investor's Group and worked another seventeen years in the lawn care business. He is now retired and is living in Winnipeg.



ROZIERE, Adolphe R.

WWII

Adolphe was born in Notre Dame de Lourde in 1922. He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force and served in the Netherlands at the rank of LAC during World War II. He was honourably released and transferred to the Reserve General Section Class "E" on June 26, 1944. He was awarded the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, 1939-1945 Star, and the France and Germany Star. He was a member of the Oak Lake Legion Branch 79. Adolphe passed away in 1994.

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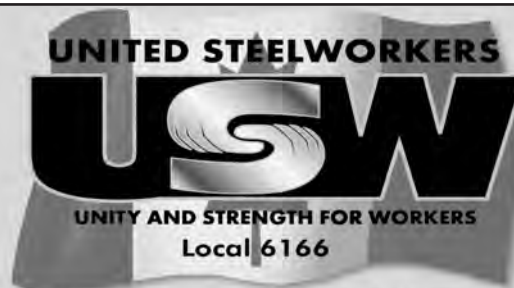


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SABO, Steven Charles

AFGHANISTAN

Steven was born in Kamloops, British Columbia on June 25, 1983. He moved to Winnipeg at a very early age and attended Sun Valley School, Chief Peguis Junior High School and Kildonan East Collegiate. Steven joined the Canadian Army in 2005 and completed basic training at CFB St. Jean Quebec. He then completed infantry training at the Royal Canadian Regiment (RCR) Battle School at CFB Meaford, Ontario. On his request he was transferred to the 2nd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (2PPCLI) at CFB Shilo, Manitoba. In 2008, Steven was deployed on Task Force 108 with the 2PPCLI Battle Group in Afghanistan for seven months. Steve saw action as a Light Armoured Vehicle (LAV III) driver/operator with C Company (Mechanized) conducting daily operations including as a Quick Reaction Force out of Forward Operating Bases (FOBs). Steve was medically discharged due to a training injury in 2012. He has been a member of Henderson Highway Legion Branch 215 for three years.

SCOTT, Wilfred Richard "Wilf"

WWI

Wilfred was born on February 14, 1895 in Baldur, the son of Samuel and Sarah Scott. Wilf enlisted in Winnipeg and was in training at Fort Osborne Barracks when he was discharged to return home to the farm due to his father's health. He married Mary Aitken on March 9, 1921. They had six children, Fern, Gordon, twins Irving and Edith Maxwell, Keith and Betty DeMare. Wilf bought grain for a few years then took over the farm west of Baldur. They retired to their home in Baldur.



SEAL, Marvin

WWII

Marvin was born in Edmonton in 1922 and lived in a small town just outside of Edmonton called Tofield, Alberta. He took his basic training in Edmonton after joining the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1942. Under the 'Bomber Command', Marvin completed his tour of operations, which included thirty operational trips over Germany with #419 The Moose Squadron. After being discharged from the Air Force in 1945, he went to Edmonton University and then onto Minnesota State University to complete his Masters Degree. In 1951, Marvin joined the University of Manitoba as a Professor and retired from there in 1985, although not officially as he stayed on until full retirement in 1991. He met his secretary, and future wife, Gloria Huxley in Winnipeg in 1951 and married her in 1953. They raised three girls and one boy and have both retired in Winnipeg. Marvin keeps himself busy and informed by watching tv and wading through both the Winnipeg Free Press and The Toronto Globe and Mail.

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SERGE, Raymond

PEACETIME

Raymond was born in Montreal, Quebec in 1957 and joined the Infantry division of the Canadian Army in 1976. He took his basic training (boot camp) in Saint Jean, Quebec and was posted to CFB Val-Cartier and shortly afterwards was posted to CFB Petawawa, Ontario with the Canadian Airborne Regiment.

Raymond took a paratrooper's jump course and also passed a course which enabled him to wear the maroon beret. He was there until 1983 when he was posted to Edmonton, Alberta with the Canadian Airborne Regiment there. For two years he instructed new young soldiers the art of jumping out of planes. After being a parachute instructor he joined the RCMP in Edmonton and after going through his training he was posted to Ottawa where he was on guard duty for the Senate, the Prime Minister and Parliament Hill.

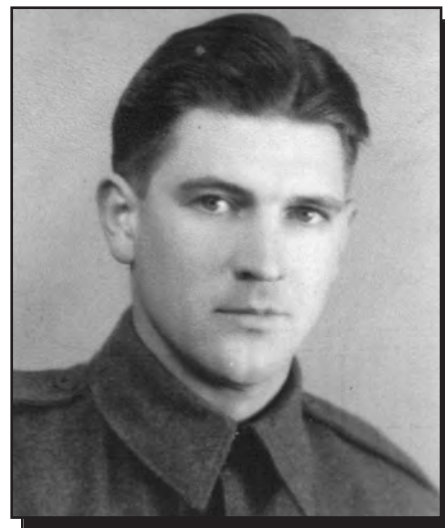
In 1989, he went to the RCMP Academy in Regina and after some training was posted to Carberry, Manitoba to a four member force there. He stayed there for two years and in 1992 went up north to Island Lakes until another move had him move to Selkirk, MB for another two year term. He then joined the Emergency Response Team and stayed on that job for eight years. In 2007, he retired from the RCMP and rejoined the Military and in 2008 he went for a six month term to Afghanistan with the Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI).

He was discharged in 2012 and as a civilian worked at the airport unloading cargo that UPS sent from the USA. In 2014 he became a Commissionaire and was posted to the Canadian Museum of Human Rights where he is still employed today. He is married to Gail Hellmann and they are living in Winnipeg.

SHUTTLEWORTH, Stanford Harris

WWII

Stanford was born in the Odanah Municipality (Minnedosa), Manitoba in 1918. He enlisted in Winnipeg on May 12, 1941 with the RCOC (Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps). He received his basic training in Hamilton, Ontario where he took a course in mechanics. He then became a driving instructor. Anxious to get overseas, he was able to transfer to the RCCS (Royal Canadian Corps of Signals), 4 Squadron Signal 5 Division. He was assigned to an armored command vehicle as a driver mechanic (18 ton ACV "G"). He served in Italy, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. He was awarded the following medals: Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, Defence Medal, France and Germany Star, Italy Star, 1939-1945 Star, and War Medal 1939-1945. He married Wilhelmina Erkamps from Hilversum, Holland in 1945. They had five children. They were together until his death in 1999. They lived in Onanole, Manitoba until 1977 where he retired from the RMNP (Riding Mountain National Park). They moved to Surrey, BC. Stanford was a member of the Onanole Legion Branch.





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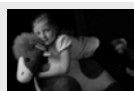
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SINCLAIR, John V.

WWII

John was born in Winnipeg on April 25, 1925, the son of Garret J. Sinclair. He lied about his age to get in the Army. John was in the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment. He was wounded in France and was sent home. He was awarded the Campaign Medal 1939-1945, France and Germany Campaign Medal, Volunteer Medal and the British War Medal. John was also part of the Dufferin Avenue Gang and was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 42 in Selkirk, Manitoba. He settled in Selkirk and married Elsie and had eleven children together. He worked at the Manitoba Rolling Mill until he was 62. John passed away on January 4, 2012.

SMART, Robert W. "Bob"

WWII

Robert was born in Manitoba in 1920. He enlisted in the Army and served with the Winnipeg Army. Bob was an anti-aircraft gunner stationed in England, France and Germany throughout World War II. November 11, Remembrance Day, was a very important part of his life. He was a member of Legion Branch 120 for 45 years. Robert passed away in 1992.



SMITH, Jack Robert

WWII

Jack was born in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba in 1923. He enlisted in the Army and served with the Gov. Gen. Horse Guards in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, Great Britain and Belgium during World War II. He was a member of Brandon Legion Branch 3 and Oak Lake Legion Branch 79 for a total of forty years. Jack passed away in 1988.



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STUART, Kenneth W.

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Kenneth was born in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario in 1953. He served in the Canadian Forces in Germany, Washington, DC; Cyprus, Egypt, Golan Heights, Israel and Canada with the following service units: 2PPCLI, Canadian Consulate USA, 3 Mech Commando Germany, HMCS Protecteur, HMCS Annapolis, Canada. Kenneth has been a member of Oak Lake Legion Branch 79 for 34 years.

STURNEY, Albert H.

WWII

Albert was born in Winnipeg on August 29, 1924. He went to school at Greenway General Wolf and Daniel McIntyre Collegiate. He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Navy Reserve RCN(R) in April 1942 at HMCS Chippawa and was posted to Esquimalt, BC for Basic and Initial Naval training. He was trained as an ASDIC operator and obtained his SD rating. Albert was then sent to Halifax and posted to his first ship, the corvette HMCS Cobalt. His ship escorted freighters between Halifax, New York, Newfoundland and out into the Atlantic to meet allied convoys. Albert was transferred to the minesweeper HMCS Lachine and continued on convoy escort duty until he returned to Halifax to receive further Sonar training to get his HSD rating. He was honourably discharged in October 1945. After the war, Albert apprenticed as a bricklayer but could not find work in the trade so he joined Canada Post and worked as a postal clerk until he retired in 1987. He has been a member of the Henderson Highway Legion Branch 215 for forty years.



TAYLOR, Edward P.

WWII & KOREA

Edward was born in Ontario in 1923 and joined the Army in the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery Division and after his basic training went overseas to action in Italy, Holland and Belgium. He was a radio operator, operated guns and was responsible for driving the Colonel from place to place. Edward was also involved in the Korean War during 1953 and 1954. He went on his first Germany Tour from 1954 to 1956 and his second tour from 1964 to 1966. Edward retired in Winnipeg at Fort Osborne Barracks in 1971 and in his civilian life he worked for Booth Fisheries and for the Dairy Lab at the University of Manitoba until his retirement in 1988. He married Yvonne in 1962 and they had two children together. Edward passed away in 2015. He was a Legion member for 59 years.

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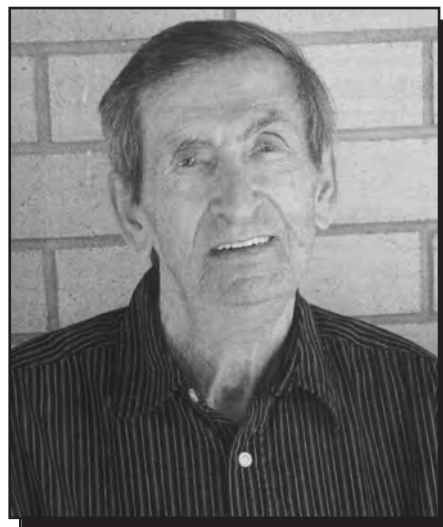
PEACETIME

Yvonne was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba in 1932 and joined the Army reserves in 1958. She was with the Women's Army Corps at Minto Armoury for five years in the recruiting office and spent that time recruiting soldiers for the Army. Yvonne was married after being discharged in 1962 and had two children and became a 'stay at home mom'. She was widowed a few years ago and she currently lives in Winnipeg.

TETRAULT, Roger

PEACETIME

Roger was born in 1935 in St. Pierre, Manitoba and signed on with the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1955 in Winnipeg. He took his basic training starting off in 'Boot Camp' in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. He made his way to CFB Clinton, Ontario learning maintenance and painting of aircrafts as well as fabric care such as working with parachutes. He was posted to RCAF Station Aylmer, Ontario and in 1958 was back in Winnipeg and was discharged at that time. Roger was married and had two boys and two girls. He retired in 2000 after working in the heavy equipment and pipeline industries. He currently resides in Winnipeg.



THOMAS, Joseph A.

WWI

Joseph was born in Brussels, Belgium on April 9, 1892, the son of Colonel and Mrs. Victor Thomas. He enlisted in Winnipeg and into the Belgian Army. He trained at Calais, France and spent four and a half years on the Belgium Front as a sub-lieutenant of the Machine Gunners. His citations include: Cross of Knight of the Order of Leopold with Cross Swords, Knight of the Order of the Crown with Cross Swords, Knight of the Order of Leopold Second with Cross Swords, Military Medal with Palms, Croix de Guerre with 2 palms, Fire Cross, Victory Medal, Volunteer Medal 14-18, War Service Medal 14-18 with 2 bars, as well as the following RCMP Service Medals: RCMP Corporal, Long Service and Good Conduct Medal with Bar and Star (27 years). He was appointed Chief Security Officer at the Canadian Embassy in Brussels (four years) and in Paris (with Ambassador S. Vanier) three and a half years. Joseph married Bernadette Adam on June 22, 1920. They had two children, Roland and Pearl Highberg. They resided in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.

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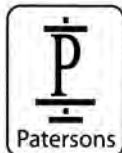
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THORGRIMSSON, Freyr Adamsson

WWII

Freyr was born in Akureyir, Iceland, the son of Reverend Adam and Sigrun Thorgrimmsson. He was assistant to the Bank Manager in Baldur and Langruth prior to enlistment at MD No. 10 in September 1939 with the 13th Field Battery (Winnipeg); Royal Canadian Artillery. Freyr took his training at Winnipeg and Shilo from 1939 to 1941, from where he transferred to Pay Corps and served in Canadian Military Headquarters in London. He was discharged in November 1945. In March 1940, he married Grace Hutchinson of Laningruth. They had three children, Freyr A., Nan Constance and Linda Hornsby. Freyr died at Crystal City on February 6, 1969 where he was manager of the Royal Bank.

TISDALE, Oscar Leonard

WWI

Oscar was born in Dry River, Manitoba, the son of Elizabeth and William Tisdale. He enlisted at Watrous, Saskatchewan and trained at Saskatoon and Camp Hughes (Shilo), Manitoba. He was sent overseas where he was killed in action on October 28, 1918. He was married to Gertrude Fraser of Glenora and they had two children, Gregor Leonard (Ontario Provincial Police, Windsor) and Lois Kathleen Robson St. James (mother of Paul Robson of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers).



TISDALE, Walter Felix

WWI

Walter was born in Greenway, Manitoba on September 6, 1888, the son of Elizabeth and William Tisdale. Dr. Tisdale's wife was the former Mary Strang of Baldur. He enlisted in the Canadian Army Medical Corps, immediately seconded for duty to the Royal Army Medical Corps. He trained in Blackpool, England and served in France with a field ambulance until the end of the war; attached to and serving with various British, Canadian and American units. His rank was Captain Acting Major in November 1918 at the termination of hostilities. Dr. Walter Tisdale established a private practice in Winnipeg in 1925. He was president of Manitoba Medical Association, President of Manitoba Medical Services, and also President of Canadian Wildlife Federation, Game and Fish Association. He supported conservationist organizations as well. Walter passed away on September 29, 1960.



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TROUT, Harry E.

WWII

Harry was born in Souris, Manitoba in 1908. He enlisted in the Army and served with the 13 Canadian Field Regiment RCA in Europe during World War II. He served as a Sapper and transferred to Engine Driver Group "A", Equivalent to Civilian Railroad Engineer. He was a founding member of Reunion Committee. He was a member of the Montgomery Legion Branch for over 40 years. Harry passed away in 1992 at the Col. Mewburn Veteran Hospital in Edmonton, Alberta.

WADE, Gerard J.

PERSIAN GULF CONFLICT

Gerard was born in Botwood, Newfoundland in 1962. He served with the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, 1st and 2nd Battalions, attaining the rank of Warrant Officer and with the Royal Canadian Air Force, attaining the rank of Corporal. He served in Canada, NATO – West Germany and Middle East during the Persian Gulf Conflict. Gerard was awarded the CD and the Persian Gulf Medal. He is a member of the Royal Canadian Legion.



WAKEFORD, George A.

PEACETIME

George was born in Regina, Saskatchewan in 1943 and joined the Army in 1963. He was with the Royal Canadian Engineers and then the Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineer Division. He took basic training in Chilliwack, BC and from there he was stationed at CFB Gagetown, New Brunswick in 1963 until 1966 where he was a mechanic and worked on the various army vehicles. He was discharged in 1966 and stayed in Fredericton working in the automotive industry until the next year when he went to Winnipeg and worked for Auto Supply on Fort Street here and then worked for at a couple of Canadian Tire Stores. In 1971, he worked for Prairie Remanufacturing until 2002 when they closed. He finished civilian work in Cochrane, Alberta with another remanufacturing firm and retired back in Winnipeg in 2006. George is widowed and had one son from a previous marriage.



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WARD, Norman T.

PEACETIME

Norman was born in Baldur, the son of Fred and Amanda Ward. He enlisted at Winnipeg with the 1st Battalion PPCLI and trained at Calgary and Victoria before going overseas where he served in Germany for two years. On March 29, 1958, he married Joyce Hume. They had three children, Norman J.C., Valerie A. and Pauline C. Norman resided in Brandon where he was employed as a City Firefighter.

WIEBE, Kenneth Wayne "Ken"

PEACETIME

Ken was born in Carman, Manitoba in 1948 and grew up and attended school in Morden, Manitoba. In January 1967, he enrolled in the Royal Canadian Navy and completed basic training at Cornwallis, Nova Scotia and training as an Aviation Technician at Borden, Ontario. He served in Shearwater, NS with VU 32 and VS 880 Squadrons. Other postings included Bagotville, Quebec; Baden, Germany; Cold Lake, Alberta 419 Squadron; Goose Bay, Labrador; Edmonton 408 Squadron which included a six month tour with the Multi-National Force and Observers Egypt to Montreal, Quebec and he was appointed to the Order of Military Merit in May 1991. Back to Edmonton as the Wing Chief Warrant Officer and then to Flight Safety, Winnipeg in 1995 and retired the following year (1996). He is a member of Morden Legion Branch 11 and has been for 23 years.



WIEBE, Linda Ann

RESERVES & PEACETIME

Linda was born in 1954 in Winnipeg and grew up in Morden, Manitoba. Her husband was in the Forces and while stationed at CFB Cold Lake, Alberta, Linda decided to enlist in the Air Reserves. She completed her basic training in March 1982 and trained as a Dental Assistant and Administrative Clerk at CFB Cold Lake and was promoted to Corporal. She left the Reserve Squadron at Cold Lake when her husband was transferred to CFS Goose Bay, Newfoundland-Labrador. She was taken on strength as an Administrative Clerk at Goose Bay and served until her husband was posted in 1985. Linda stayed on the inactive reserve list for a number of years until family commitments took over. She is a member of the Morden Legion Branch 11 for 23 years and has served on the executive.



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WILLIAMS (KOLISNYK), Mary

WWII

Mary was born in the Ukraine in 1924 and in 1929 she moved to Canada and settled in on the family farm in Scalter, Manitoba. When she was eighteen, in 1942, she joined the Army and took her basic training, which included small arms range courses and trained to become a cook at Fort Garry Barracks. Private Mary Williams passed her cooking tests and became a cook at the Sargent's Mess in 1943, where she met and married Sargent Parker Williams in 1944. After being discharged, the couple moved to Pine River, Manitoba. They raised three boys there and moved to Winnipeg in 1955 and added two more sons to their family. During civilian life, Mary worked as a waitress and in housekeeping and in her retirement she still enjoyed cooking and took in some casino gaming as well as the weekly bingos. She also enjoyed spending time with her children, grandchildren and her great-grandchildren. Mary passed away in 2017 at the age of 93.

ZEBINSKI, Michael

WWII

Michael was born in Goner, Manitoba in 1915. He enlisted in the Armoured Corps in the fall of 1941. He was a driver instructor at Borden and Dundurn as Sgt. He took a rank reduction and transferred to Calgary Highlanders. He received a head wound in Holland and was discharged in January 1946. He served in Canada, England and Holland during World War II. Michael passed away in 1996.



ZOLINSKI, Darrell S.

PEACETIME

Darrell was born in 1964 and grew up in Winnipeg. He joined the Canadian Army in 1985 as a Radio Operator and began a full and distinguished military career with PPCLI Signals, Kingston 38 unit. His domestic postings were in Borden, Germany, Kingston, and Thunder Bay. From there, he deployed to numerous international tours including Nicosia, Cypress; Lahr, Germany; Visoko, Bosnia and Herzegovina; Qunaytirah, Syria; and Kabul, Afghanistan. He retired in 2013. Darrell was a member of the Legion Branch 5, Thunder Bay from 2013 to 2015 and Arborg Legion from 2015 until his death in 2017.



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ANDERSON, Albert

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Albert was born in Cypress River (Bru P. O.) on February 14, 1895, the son of Skuli and Gudrun Arnason. He enlisted in 1917 in the Air Corps but was later discharged in Canada due to his health. Albert and his wife, Gladys Baskerville (Dominion City), had three children. He worked in a saw mill in British Columbia until his retirement and lived in Vancouver.

ARASON, Elmer

WWII

Elmer was born in Bru, near Cypress River, Manitoba, the eldest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Tryggvi Arason of Cypress. He enlisted in December 1942 in Winnipeg, later stationed in Toronto also. Elmer married Helen Patterson, also of Cypress River and they lived with their family on his father's farm.

ARASON, Herman

WWII

Herman Arason was born in Glenboro, Manitoba on February 17, 1923, the son of August and Aurora Arason. He enlisted in Winnipeg in 1943 in the RCAF. He served in Canada. In 1958, he married Donna Baldwin; they had three children – Signe, Laura and John. After the war, Herman was a municipal councillor for R. M. of Argyle.

BALLANTINE, David E. "Dave"

WWI

David was born in Lanark County, Ontario, the son of Robert and Margaret (White) Ballantine. He enlisted in the 45th Battalion and was drafted to the 5th Battalion, 2nd Brigade in Belgium, July 1915. He was discharged in March 1920. Dave retired and lived in Edmonton.

BARLOW, Percy

WWII

Percy Barlow was born in Bollington Cheshire, England, the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Barlow. He joined the RCAF and graduated as a Flying Officer. He was killed in action in December 1944. Percy was an employee of the R. B. of C. in Baldur prior to enlistment.

BATEMAN, Royden John

WWII

Royden John Bateman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Bateman, was born in Baldur where he farmed. Roy enlisted in Winnipeg, training there and at St. Thomas and Brandon. Roy married Dorothy A. Morgan of Carman, Manitoba on February 16, 1943. They had two children, Lorne Royden and Roberta Dorothy (Cuthbertson).

BOLACK, Wilbert Nelson

WWII

Wilbert was born in Neelin, Manitoba, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bolack. He enlisted in Winnipeg, trained there and in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and was stationed at Delbert and St. John and served overseas in Belgium and Holland. Wilbert farmed in Cartwright, MB.

BOLACK, William George

WWII

William George Bolack was born in Neelin, Manitoba, the son of John and Edith (Cooper) Bolack. He married Frances Sexsmith in July 1949 and they had three children, Jack, Mary and Wayne. He lived in Baldur and was employed by the Manitoba Telephone System. He enlisted in Portage and trained in Kingston, Ontario and served overseas in England, Italy and Northwest Europe. He was a member of the Baldur Legion.

BRAMWELL, Robert Stanley

WWI

Robert was born in Cartwright in 1890, the son of James Robert and Annie Bramwell. He was employed by the Bank of Toronto at the time he enlisted in Pilot Mound, Manitoba. He trained with the 65th Battalion at Camp Sewell before going overseas with the 27th Battalion in 1915. He was killed in action in France in 1917.

BREAULT, Edward "Baptiste"

WWII

Edward (Baptiste) Breault was born in Baldur, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Breault. He enlisted in Winnipeg on January 9, 1941 and trained at E. and A.T.S., St. Thomas, Ontario. He was stationed at the Training Command in Winnipeg. After the war, he lived in Portland, Oregon and was employed as Hospital Materials Manager.

BURGH-SMEATON, John

WWI

John was born in Auchterarder, Perthshire, Scotland, the son of Leila Burgh and Thomas Wright Smeaton. He enlisted in Baldur, trained with the 27th Battalion in Winnipeg and served overseas in England and France where he was killed in action at Vimy Ridge on April 9, 1917. John was awarded the Mons Star.

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CHESTER, William

WWI

William was the son of James and Harriet Chester of Baldur. He enlisted with the 222nd Battalion in Baldur in 1916. Overseas, he served with the First C.M.R.'s. He returned in 1919 and on December 31, 1920, he married Catherine Bullion. They had ten children. Bill and Mrs. Chester retired in Baldur.

CLEMENSON, Bjorn

WWI

Bjorn was born in Iceland in 1892, the son of Thuridur and John Clemensen. He joined the 223rd Battalion and trained at Camp Hughes in 1916. He did serve outside of Canada. Bjorn married Ruth Robertson of Moosehorn, Manitoba. They farmed in Silver Bay, Manitoba until his death on September 29, 1970.

COLE, Ernest T.

WWI

Ernest was born in Huron County, Ontario, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cole. He enlisted in Cypress River, trained there and at Camp Hughes. He was sent overseas to Bramshott and on to the continent. He was wounded twice at Vimy Ridge and was hospitalized for eleven months after being buried at Hill 70. Ernest retired and lived in Brandon, Manitoba.

CONIBEAR, Arthur James "Art"

WWI

Art was born in Cornwall, Ontario, the son of James and Caroline Conibear. He enlisted in Baldur and trained there and at Camp Hughes and overseas in Shoreham, England. Art married Minnie Hogg in November 1919. They had one daughter, Marion, Mrs. D. Sewell, Fort St. John, British Columbia. Art is deceased.

COOPER, Vernon Landsdowne

KOREA

Vernon was born in Pilot Mound, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cooper. He was a carpenter in Kindersley, Saskatchewan. He enlisted in Winnipeg with the P.P.C.L.L. and trained at Calgary and Camp Borden. He saw overseas service in Korea.

COOPER, Walter R.

WWI

Walter was born in LaRiviere on November 11, 1899, the son of Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Cooper. He enlisted in May 1916 in Winnipeg, trained at Camp Hughes, was sent overseas and was stationed in Folktone, Seaforth, Bramshott, and Kimmel Park, North Wales. In 1927, he married Edith Day and they had two sons, Vernon and Claire and three daughters, Wenna, Doreen and Linda. Walter farmed on RR2 in Pilot Mound.

CORNOCK, Percy J.

WWI

Percy was born in Glen Valley, British Columbia, the son of Wm. B. Cornock and his wife Laura (Crozier). He enlisted in Brandon, Manitoba training there and in Winnipeg and overseas in Aldershot and Seaforth, England. Percy farmed in Greenway for many years and retired in Baldur.

CRAMPAIN, Herbert

WWI

Herbert was born on January 13, 1896. He enlisted in the Canadian Expeditionary Force. He passed away in 1918 and is buried in Flesquieres Hill British Cemetery.

CUTHBERT, Charles

WWI

Charles was born in Kent, England, the son of Charles and Eliza (Wickens) Cuthbert. He enlisted in Baldur and trained there and at Camp Hughes before going to serve in England and France. He was married to Katherine Pass and they had two sons, Morris and Brian. Charles is deceased.

DALZELL, Albert "Bert"

WWI

Bert was born in Millford, Manitoba. He enlisted with the 61st Battalion in Winnipeg. He trained at Camp Hughes and went overseas as a barber, was with the Officers Headquarters in France in 1916 with the 107th Engineers Battalion. He came home in 1919. His first wife was Lena Frederickson, and second was Gudny Bjornson (1916). They had two sons, Lloyd and Murray. He was a barber by trade. Bert is deceased.



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DAVIDSON, Peter

WWI

Peter was born in Perth, Scotland. He served in the Imperial Forces in Scotland. He came to Canada and in 1914 he enlisted in the 90th Winnipeg Rifles (Little Black Devils). He went overseas in 1915 serving in France, in Flanders with the 8th Battalion. He was three years on active service. On his return, he farmed in the Marringhurst district until his death in 1940.

DILLABOUGH, Guy

WWII

Guy Dillabough was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Dillabough, Greenway, Manitoba. He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Navy Volunteer Reserve in Toronto. He trained at HMCS York and later to Halifax and the Stadacona. While serving on convoy duty aboard the "Racoon", his boat was torpedoed in the North Atlantic and he was reported lost at sea on September 7, 1942. He was posthumously cited for Duty at Sea. Guy was employed by De Havill and Aircraft prior to enlistment.

EDINBOROUGH, George

WWII

George was born in Carman, Manitoba, the son of Kathaleen and Charles Edinborough. In 1946, he married Irma Laura Duffey in Winnipeg. He enlisted in Winnipeg in 1939 and trained there, in Shilo and in Quebec City. Overseas, he was in Aldershot, Farnham, and Brighton, England. George was a member of the Legion Branch 108 while in Baldur he served a term as President. After the war, he resided in Winnipeg where he was a Customs Officer.

FORBES, John Orran

WWII

John was born in Greenway, Manitoba, the son of Horace and Maggie Forbes. He married Gwen Campbell of Bethany, Manitoba on August 4, 1945. They had five sons, William, Barrie, Blake, Brian and Bruce. He enlisted in Winnipeg and trained in Brandon, Saskatoon, Davidson, Saskatchewan and was stationed in Estevan, Saskatchewan and Dauphin, Manitoba. After service, John lived in Winnipeg where he was an Agrologist.

FRANKLIN, John

WWII

John was born in London, England. He lived in St. James, Manitoba. He enlisted in April 1941, trained at Winnipeg and Shilo and was stationed at Portage and overseas. On December 20, 1944, he married Doris (Barber) Franklin and they had four sons, Douglas, Kenneth, Ronald and Charles and two daughters, Gwen and Kathy.

FREDERICKSON, Carl F.

WWI

Carl was born in the RM of Argyle on January 23, 1894, the son of Saemundur and Valgerdur. Carl arrived at the front in France in 1916. On return to Canada, he took up residence in Notch Hill, BC where he was a railroad engineer for the Canadian Pacific. On April 28, 1920, he married Miss Anne Winters. They had five children, Jack, Alice, Marg, Fred and Barry.

FREDERICKSON, Eunice Lillian

WWII

Eunice was born in Baldur, Manitoba, the daughter of Paul and Elissa Frederickson. She enlisted in Winnipeg in March 1942 and trained in Brandon, Halifax and Newfoundland. She was employed as a sales clerk at The Bay and resided in Winnipeg.

FREDERICKSON, Johannes Bjorn "Joe"

WWI

Johannes was born in the RM of Argyle on October 21, 1889, the son of Tryggvi and Sigridur Frederickson. He enlisted in April 1916 in the 183 Battalion. He served in England in a military hospital until April 1918. He married Helga Sigridur Dalman and they had four children, Paul, Viola, Sarah and Shirley. Joe is deceased.

FREDERICKSON, Petur "Pete"

WWI

Petur was born in Iceland on April 5, 1885, the son of Fridrik and Gudlaug S. Frederickson. He enlisted on March 13, 1916 and sailed to England on September 12, 1916. He participated in battle at Lens, Vimy Ridge and Passchendaele, where he was wounded on October 30, 1917. He returned to Canada on October 13, 1918. Pete married Rosa Frederickson. He farmed in Glenboro and passed away at Deer Lodge on March 17, 1966. Pete had one son, John.

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FREDERICKSON, Samuel

WWI

Samuel was born in Bru, in the RM of Argyle, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Frederickson. He enlisted in Winnipeg and served in Canada but did not go overseas due to his eyesight. He was a member of the Dauphin Royal Canadian Legion. Samuel passed away on December 14, 1967. He and his wife had one son, John Douglas.

FREDERICKSON, Valtyr "Walter"

WWI

Walter was born on May 3, 1892 in Duluth, Minnesota, the son of Fredrik and Gudlaug S. Frederickson. They came to Canada and the Bru district in 1908. Walter joined the 223rd Battalion on April 11, 1916, but was released from service in 1917 due to a loss of health. He was a trapper in Northern Saskatchewan and stationery engine operator for many years. Walter passed away in Wisconsin in about 1934.

FREDERICKSON, Walter

WWI

Walter was born in the RM of Argyle on December 26, 1890, the son of Saemundur and Valgundur. Walter enlisted in World War I, trained at Val Cartier, Quebec and arrived in France in 1916. At Ypres he was seriously wounded in the head. Upon return to Canada, he took up his position as a printer in Weyburn, Saskatchewan. His wife was named Norah Yann and they had one son, Richard. Walter passed away in 1947.

FRIDSTEINSSON, Arni

WWI

Arni was born in Riverton, Manitoba on January 9, 1891, the son of Fridstein and Sesselia Sigurdson. Arni was a resident farmer of his community for several years before enlisting in Baldur on July 31, 1918. He was in training when Armistice was signed and did not go overseas. He lived in the Riverton district and passed away at Betel Home in Gimli on February 27, 1971.

GODKIN, Jas H.

WWI

Jas was born in Pilot Mound in October 1892, the son of pioneer (1879) parents, J. W. and Agnes Godkin. He served in the Trenches in France for a considerable time. He married overseas and their family included a son Harry.

GOODMAN, Gudmundur "Fred"

WWI

Fred was born in Iceland, the son of Anna and Thorlakur Gudmudson. He enlisted on January 12, 1918 in Winnipeg, serving in Quebec City, Montreal and Ottawa as a service police. He was discharged on December 28, 1918. Fred married Gudrun Christie on February 1, 1921 and they farmed southwest of Glenboro. They had one daughter Mattie. Fred passed away in 1962 and is buried in Grund Cemetery.

GOODMANSON, Sigurdur

WWII

Sigurdur was born in Baldur, Manitoba on October 15, 1915, the son of Hans and Thorbjorg Goodmanson. He enlisted in February 1943 and trained at Vancouver, Victoria and Wetashewin, Alberta. He lived in North Vancouver, British Columbia. In October 1966, he married Nora Hannah and was employed as a construction foreman and blaster.

GRAHAM, Archibald Muir "Archie"

WWI

Archibald was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Graham, later of the Dry River, Manitoba district. He enlisted in Scotland and later transferred to the Canadian Artillery and spent four war years in France. When he was discharged, he held the rank of Sergeant Major. Archie is deceased.

GRAHAM, Edward Brown

WWI

Edward was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Graham. He enlisted in Winnipeg with the 44th Battalion. He trained there and in Shilo and was sent to France. In 1921, he married Nellie Morgan. They had one daughter, Laura.

GRAHAM, John Brown

WWI

John was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Graham. John enlisted with the 203rd Battalion in Winnipeg, training there and in Shilo. He served overseas in France and in Belgium. He married Sarah Kemp and they had one daughter Irene. John retired to Winnipeg.

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GUNNLAUGSON, Siggeir Hannes "Harry" WWI

Harry was born in Baldur in April 1896, the son of Brynjolfur and Halldora Gunnlaugson. He was called up in May 1918 which left his aged mother and two sisters on the farm. He was training in Canada when the war ended, so returned to the farm. He married Lottie Bannerman on October 28, 1925 and they had two children: Harry "Merle" and Lottie "Joyce". Harry farmed in Baldur until his retirement. He is deceased.

HACAULT, Andrew WWII

Andrew was born in Bruxelles, Manitoba, the son of Joseph Hacaault. He enlisted in Winnipeg at Fort Osborne and was stationed in Debert, Nova Scotia and served overseas in Aldershot and many places in England with the R.W.R. He married Therese Desrochers in 1948. They had five children: Patsy, Guy, Roland, Larry and David.

HALLGRIMSON, Sigurdur "Siggi" WWI

Sigurdur was born in Gardar, North Dakota, U.S.A., the son of Thorsteinn and Elizabeth Hallgrimson. He came to Canada as a young man and enlisted in Winnipeg in June 1, 1918. He trained at Minto Barracks in Winnipeg and did not go abroad. He was discharged on January 10, 1919. Siggi farmed until his retirement to Glenboro and he passed away on November 12, 1971.

HAMWEE, Cyril WWII

Dr. Hamwee was born in Manchester, England, the son of Joseph and Judith Hamwee. He married in 1939 and they had two daughters, Jean and Barbara. He enlisted in Leeds, England, trained in Manchester and London and served in Burma. Dr. Hamwee was the physician in Baldur during the 1950s; thereafter he lived in Breton, Alberta.

HARRISON, Percy WWI

Percy was born in Holland, Manitoba on August 20, 1895. He enlisted in Winnipeg in the 34th Fort Garry Horse Regiment on May 9, 1918. He trained in Winnipeg and at Shornecliff, England and France where he was kept in the "Standing Army" until March 1919. Percy married Ida McSorley of Brandon on July 12, 1933. They had one son, Percy "Grant". Percy farmed in Glenora for several years prior to his death in 1967.

HENRICKSON, Sigthor Mattias WWI

Sigthor was born in Baldur, Manitoba on September 15, 1892, the son of Tryggvi and Jonina Ragnheidur Henrickson. He enlisted in Winnipeg on March 17, 1916 with the 223 Battalion. He participated in battle at Passchendaele, Lens, Amiens, Arras and Cambrai returning home on August 6, 1919. He married Ethel Mary Gowans and lived in Winnipeg.

ISFELD, Ivan Andrew WWII

Ivan was born in Langruth, Manitoba, son of Mr. and Mrs. Holm Gier Isfeld. Ivan enlisted in Winnipeg and going overseas was reported missing on August 31, 1943 and later presumed dead. In 1949, his body was found outside of Holland (where a farmer had buried him) and later transferred to Field of Honour so his parents were notified. Ivan's parents farmed north of the area known as the Stone Church.

JOHNSON, Armann Friddor "Fred" WWI

Armann was born on May 26, 1895 in Bru, Manitoba, the son of Jon and Gudny Johnson. Fred enlisted in 1918 and served in Canada. He and his wife Asa (Joelson) had three children, Laura Lambertsen, Marjorie Spratt and Daniel. They retired in Baldur.

JOHNSON, Arni WWI

Arni was born in 1892 in Gardar, ND, USA, the son of Sigmundur and Soffia Johnson. He enlisted in January 1918 in Winnipeg. He trained there before going overseas where he served in France. On November 30, 1941 he married Elizabeth Bolack. They retired to Baldur.

JOHNSON, Bernhard "Ben" WWI & WWII

Bernhard was born in October 1896 in Bru in the R. M. of Argyle, the son of Jon and Gudny Jonsson. Ben enlisted in the 190th in November 1916. He served in France where he suffered wounds and was returned to Canada in January 1919. Ben was a practicing dentist for a number of years in Calgary, Alberta. In that capacity he also served during World War II. Ben is deceased.

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JOHNSON, Gudmundur "Mundi" WWI

Mundi was born in Iceland on December 27, 1878, the son of Jon and Adalbjorg Jonsson. He enlisted in Winnipeg in 1916 with the 197th. He served in England and in France. On January 16, 1904, he married Erlina Ingibjorg Jonsdottir. They had two sons, John A. and H. Marino. Mundi was remembered as a carpenter by trade in Baldur until he retired to Vancouver in 1954.

JOHNSON, John M. "Jack" WWI

John was born in Winnipeg on March 30, 1894, the son of Markus and Margaret Johnson. He enlisted in Brandon in July 1918; where he was stationed when the war terminated. On June 9, 1919, he married Ena and they had four children, Flora, Evelyn, Dorothy and John who passed away in a traffic accident on November 19, 1964. Jack farmed two miles north of Baldur until he passed away.

JOHNSON, Kari S. WWI

Kari was born in Gardar, ND, USA, the son of Sigmundur and Soffia Johnson. He enlisted at Cavalier, ND and trained at Camp Dodge, Iowa before going overseas with the 88th Division of the American Army from August 1918 to June 1919. Kari married Anna Dalman on June 8, 1918 and they retired in Baldur. They had four daughters Jennie, Kristine, Lillian and Ranka.

JOSEPHSON, Fridbjorn Arni WWI

Fridbjorn was born in the R. M. of Argyle, Manitoba on November 12, 1894, the son of Thorstein and Holmfridur Josephson. On June 11, 1918 he enlisted, went to England and was in training there when the war ended, returning to Canada on June 24, 1919. He took up residence in Sinclair, MB.

KENNEY, Russell Ambrows WWI

Russell was born in Pilot Mound, Manitoba (Dry River), the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Kenney. Russell served in World War I, receiving a Military Medal for meritorious service. They had one daughter, Bessie, who lived in Ontario.

LANDERS, Harry WWI

Harry grew up in England and came to Canada about 1912. He lived near Fisher Lake for several years. He enlisted in the 222nd Battalion in 1916 and was sent overseas in the autumn of 1916. He was badly wounded but recovered and was sent back to the front where he was killed on the day that the war ended.

LYONS, Clifford Joseph "Cliff" WWI

Clifford was a Trumpeter in service. He was born in Roland, Manitoba, the son of Joseph and Mary Lyons. He enlisted in Regina with the RCMP serving with them from 1918 to November 1919. He was eighteen when joining to go overseas where he spent one year. He returned to spend two years in Sanatorium and died at the age of 21. Cliff lived in Baldur while his father operated the local butcher shop.

MacDOUGALD, John WWI

John was born in Glengarry County, Ontario. He enlisted in Ontario, serving with the 3rd Battalion Infantry. John spent many years in this community as a laborer before his death on January 16, 1950.

McGILLIVRAY, William Albert WWI

William was born in Fort Gratiot, St. Clair County on July 25, 1890, the son of John and Mary Ellen McGillivray. He enlisted at Baldur on June 9, 1917, served in the 78th Battalion Canadian Infantry in France and was honourably discharged on July 28, 1919. On December 29, 1926, he married Isabelle Stuart and they had one daughter, Ruth Doreen Hurst. Bill is deceased.

McLAREN, Peter Henry "Pete" WWI

Peter was born in Baldur on March 20, 1895, the son of Archie and Lavina McLaren. He passed away on November 5, 1961. Pete served in England and in France from 1918 to 1919. He married Isabelle Reid of Glasgow, Scotland in Ninette, Manitoba on November 24, 1926. They had one daughter, Ruby Kenyon. Pete was a member of the Baldur Legion. He suffered the results of war all his life. He worked as an electrician in Baldur for many years.

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MINAKER, Brian Calvin SPECIAL DUTY AREA

Brian was born in Brandon, Manitoba on July 18, 1948. He enlisted in the Army and served with the COTC Training, 26 Field Regiment Brandon and COTC Ph 1 in Borden and COTC Ph 2 in Shilo. He was a member of the 26th Field from 1968 to 1969. Brian has been a member of the Brandon Legion Branch 3 for ten years and Morden Branch 11 for ten years.

MISENER, Ernest F. WWII

Ernest was born in Pipestone in 1910. He enlisted in the Army on May 18, 1943 with the No 13 District Depot (Lake Superior Regiment) in Calgary, Alberta. He took his training at Currie Barracks in Calgary and embarked in March 1944 to the United Kingdom during World War II. He embarked to France (Northwestern Europe) and transferred to the Canadian Scottish Regiment in September 1944. He was a member of the Virden Legion Branch 8. Ernest passed away in 1967.

MONTROY, Peter L. WWI

Peter was one of five sons of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Montroy, who served their country overseas. He was born in Rock Lake, Manitoba. He enlisted in Winnipeg and transferred to the 108th Battalion in England with who he continued to serve overseas. He drowned at Sioux Lookout, ON early in the fall of 1945.

MONTROY, Ramsey WWI

Ramsey was born in Rock Lake, Manitoba, one of five sons of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Montroy to serve his country abroad. Ramsey enlisted in Neelin, Manitoba in 1916. He trained in Camp Hughes and served in action in France and Belgium. He was wounded in Battle in Vimy Ridge. He married Miss Lilly Gosselin in about 1905. They had five children, Fred, Oliver, Evelyn (deceased), Beatrice and Gertrude.

MORRISON (BREAULT), Doris E. WWII

Doris was the daughter of James and Helen Breault. She married Pat Morrison in February 1962. She enlisted with the RCAF in Winnipeg, took her training at Toronto and was stationed at Dauphin Air Stn. and Uplands in Ontario.

NORDAL, Johannes Sivertson WWI

Johannes was born in the R. M. of Argyle, Manitoba, the son of Rofn and Vigdis Nordal. He was called into service in the USA, going to France at St. Michel and Argonne and in the Army of Occupation until October 2, 1919, when he returned and again took up the teaching profession.

PAULSON, Louis Harold WWI

Louis was born in the R. M. of Argyle, Manitoba on October 21, 1896, the son of Kristjan and Jonina Paulson. He enlisted in Winnipeg on March 27, 1916 in the 223 Battalion, going to England in April 1917. He participated in battle at Lens, Cambrai and Passchendaele and was wounded at Lens. He returned to Canada in April 1919, following which he farmed in Gerald, SK.

PLAYFAIR, John Lorne WWI

John was born on December 25, 1875 in Frontenac County, Ontario. He enlisted on November 22, 1915 in Winnipeg with the 61st Battalion, CEF serving in Canada, Britain and France with the 44th. He was honourably discharged as Sergeant on June 8, 1919 in Winnipeg. John was decorated with the Military Medal, Meritorious Service Medal as well as the British War and Victory Medals. The MM was personally presented by the Prince of Wales.

POOLE, Brian WWI & WWII

Brian was born in Baldur, Manitoba in 1899, the son of hardware merchant Thomas and Mrs. Poole. He enlisted in World War I with the 190th, later serving with the 78th in France. After the war, he farmed. In World War II, he enlisted with the Royal Canadian Engineers in 1929, going overseas in 1940. He was killed accidentally in England on February 18, 1941.

PRICE, Frank WWI

Frank was the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Price of Baldur. Frank was a druggist. He enlisted in Winnipeg in the Canadian Army Medical Corps. He served in Winnipeg, Windsor and Nova Scotia before going abroad. In 1941, he married Marion Frame. They had one daughter, Mrs. D. Larkin. Frank is deceased.

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PURVIS, Albert

WWI

Albert was an RCMP Constable stationed in Yukon prior to World War I. He enlisted in the 102nd Battalion and fought in France and Belgium. He returned to Canada in 1919 and farmed in Baldur for a few years. At the time of his death he was an employee of CNR where he had worked for fourteen years. He died suddenly on March 19, 1942. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Purvis had two sons, Ronald and Jack and a daughter, Doris.

ROBERTS, Jack

WWI

Jack was born in Rexom, Wales. He enlisted in Winnipeg in 1912 and served abroad in the United Kingdom and in Continental Europe. On September 24, 1919 he married Mildred Gertrude Morrison. They had ten children: Mildred, Helen, Vivian, John, Grace, Lorne, Hilda, Lloyd, Wray and Wayne. They farmed south of Greenway. Jack is deceased.

SEXSMITH, William Graham "Bill"

WWI

William was born in Baldur, the son of Thomas and Sarah (Graham) Sexsmith. Bill enlisted in Baldur, trained there and at Camp Hughes before going overseas to serve in England, France, Belgium and Germany. In October 1920, he married Mae Cramer. They had four children, Beatrice, Frances, Graham (deceased) and Evelyn. Bill operated the livery barn and dray service in Baldur until he passed away.

SIGMAR, Bjorn

WWI

Bjorn was born in the R. M. of Argyle, Manitoba on June 26, 1895, the son of Sigmar and Gudrun Sigurjonson. He enlisted on May 14, 1918 and was discharged due to poor health on January 6, 1919. Bjorn farmed with his brother, Albert, for many years. He passed away on May 9, 1963.

SIGURDSON, Kristjan "Chris"

WWI

Chris was born in the R. M. of Argyle on February 8, 1895, the son of Kristjan and Johanna Sigurdson. He enlisted on May 13, 1918 in the Army. He sailed for England on August 4, 1918. He came back to Canada in June 1919 and farmed the rest of his life in Markerville, Alberta. He married Margaret Mae Brown of Innisfail, Alberta. Chris passed away in December 1955.

SIGURDSON, Sigurbjorn Anton

WWI

Anton was born on January 21, 1902 in Winnipeg, the son of Stefa and Ragnhildur Sigurdson. He enlisted on March 12, 1916 in the 197th Battalion as a bulger at the age of fourteen, but was released due to his age. Anton was a brother of the late Mrs. Bergur Johnson. He lived in Winnipeg.

SIGURDSON, Sigurdur "Siggi"

WWI

Sigurdur was born in Baldur, Manitoba on May 15, 1885, the son of Hjortur and Maria Sigurdson. Sigg enlisted on May 20, 1918 and was training in England when the Armistice was signed. On return, he farmed in Raymore, SK then went to British Columbia where he died in a car accident at Prince George.

THORSTEINSON, Carl Daniel

WWI

Carl was born June 2, 1882, the son of Thordur and Elizabeth Thorsteinson. He enlisted in the 222nd in January 1916 and participated in battle at Passchendaele, Amiens and Arras. He returned in April 1919. Carl married Jonina Joelson and they made their home in Baldur where Carl retired.

WARD, Joseph H.

WWI

Joseph was born in Yorkshire, England in 1888. He enlisted in the Army and served with the 44th Battalion and 27th City of Winnipeg in France and Belgium during World War I. He was gassed at Ypres in 1915 and was wounded three times. He received the Military Medal for bravery in the field. He was a member of St. James Legion Branch 4 for over 25 years. Joseph passed away in 1970.

WARDELL, Silas

WWI

Silas was born in Barrie, Ontario. He enlisted in Winnipeg in October 1914 in the 27th Battalion 6th Brigade CEF. He went overseas in May 1915 and to France in September 1915 and returned to Canada in 1919. He, Mrs. Wardell and their son Howard lived on their farm in the Zephyr district for many years. He passed away in 1969 at the age of 88.

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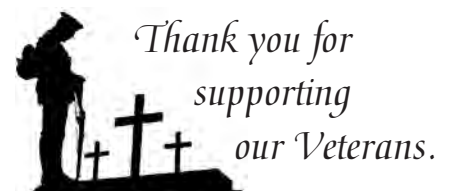
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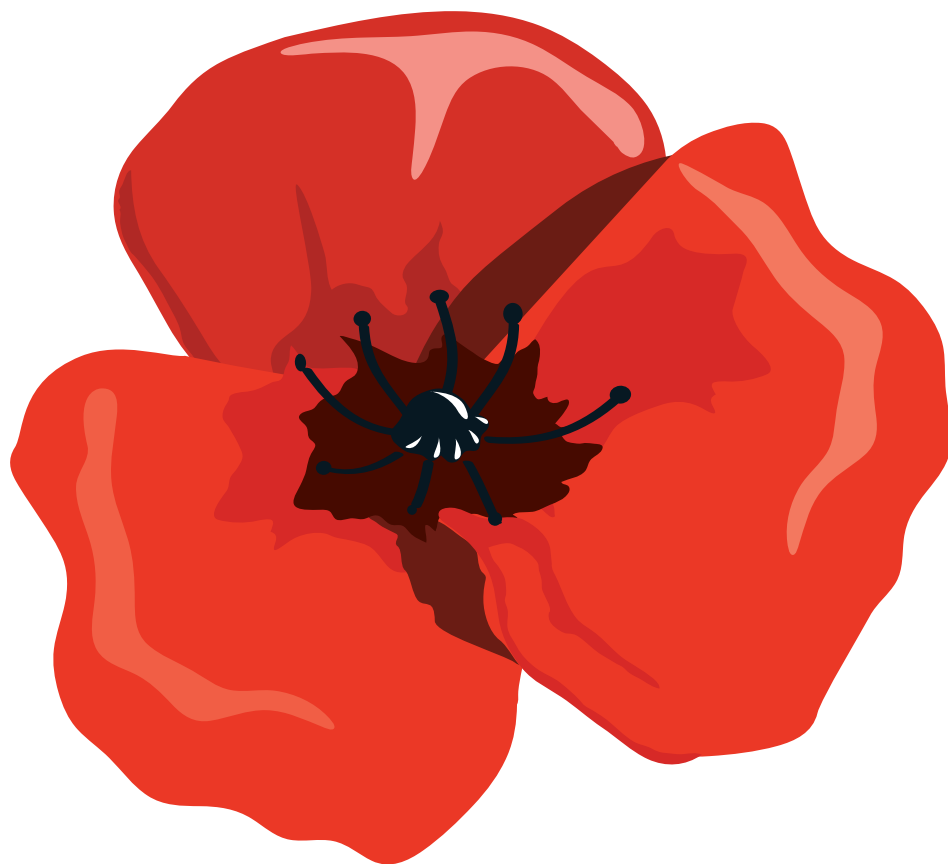
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