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NOVA SCOTIA / NUNAVUT COMMAND**

**VETERANS' SERVICE RECOGNITION BOOK - Volume Seventeen**



Every year, thousands of enlisted personnel serve their country in the Canadian Armed Forces, on the land, on sea and in the air. Throughout our history, members of the Canadian Forces have been there for Nova Scotians in times of need. Most recently, they worked alongside our front-line healthcare workers, to provide support during the pandemic. I am deeply grateful for their willingness to play a critical role in helping us fight COVID-19.

Nova Scotia has a proud tradition of military service dating back over 200 years. Our province is home to tens of thousands of veterans who served their country and continue to serve their communities when they leave the armed forces. I would especially like to recognize the Nova Scotia/ Nunavut Command of the Royal Canadian Legion for honouring our veterans in this annual Veterans' Service Recognition Book.

As Minister of Military Relations for Nova Scotia, and on behalf of all Nova Scotians, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to you, your families, and to our veterans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Lohr". The signature is fluid and cursive.

**Honourable John Lohr**  
Minister Responsible for Military Relations







Constructed in Oct./Nov., 1937 in memory of the fallen W.W.I. veterans.

The World War One Cenotaph in Antigonish is located at the Federal Building Grounds, Main St. It was previously located at the intersection of St. Ninian St. and Main St., West end of town (see story regarding the move on p.213). It was built on the above location in October/November of 1937 and was unveiled on November 11, 1937.

The material used in its construction was a North Grant (Antigonish County) sandstone. It is a plain obelisk, 17 feet high, tapering to a pointed cap, designed and completed by F.W. Arsenault. The concrete base was put in and donated by the MacDonald Construction Company, Halifax, N.S. On three sides of the monument are black granite slabs on which the names of the dead were carved by W.T. Dalton, Shelburne. On the North side is an inscription composed by Miss K.M. MacDonald, Teacher in England at Morrison High School (1937).

It was the people of Antigonish and surrounding areas that donated to the fund toward the building of the Cenotaph in the town of Antigonish.

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## President's Message



On behalf of the Officers and Members of Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command, we would like to present the 17<sup>th</sup> issue of the Veterans Service Recognition Book. This book, as in the previous issues, shares the many faces and stories of the men and women who have served our country in the Canadian Armed Forces and the RCMP during times of War and on Peacekeeping missions around the world.

Our Veterans Service Recognition Book, which is a huge success, would not be possible without the generous donations from the advertisers and private individuals. Your contributions make this project possible year after year.

Congratulations once again to Chairman and Editor Steve Wessel. His dedication over the past 17 years ensures that the VSRB continues to highlight the Veterans from NS/NU Command. Their stories need to be told and honoured by us all. The books are sent to all the schools and libraries in our Command so the history and sacrifices of these Veterans will continue to be remembered. Special thanks to Fenety Marketing and Mark Fenety for once again producing a quality product that we are proud of.

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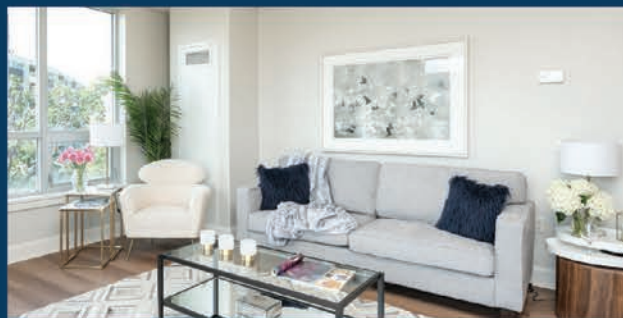
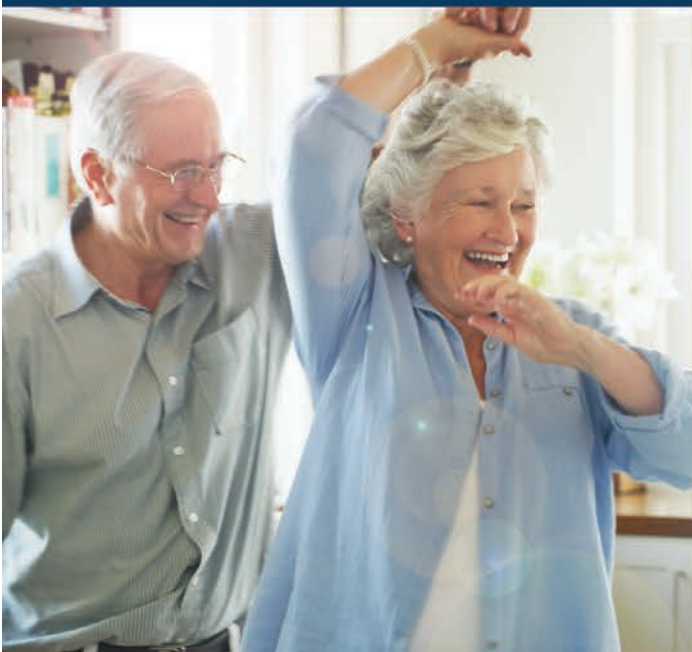


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## Project Chairman's/Editor Message



As project Chairman, it is an honour and a privilege to present the 2021 edition, the 17<sup>th</sup> book in our Veterans Service Recognition Book (VSRB) series. All of these books are produced in an effort to honour, acknowledge and remember the contributions made by so many brave Canadians who have served, not only in times of war, but also during many peacekeeping and peacemaking missions. We also recognize and support those men and women who continue the proud tradition of service to Canada throughout the world in the Canadian Forces and the RCMP.

During these past 18 months we have endured the revolving door pandemic we call Covid, with temporary branch shutdowns and very few branch meetings, so I understand why the submissions for this edition have been lower than previous years, but I offer my sincere thanks to all of the Legion branches and members of the general public who took the time to support this publication by contributing biographies and photos. I would also like to thank the many businesses, groups and individuals who continue to generously support these publications through advertising and through personal financial donations.

As always, I wish to thank Fenety Marketing for their continued partnership and shared expertise in the production of these books. I would also like to recognize and thank Comrade Gary Siliker, CD, for his continued contributions, and Florence Br.#083, District A, for allowing us to re-print portions of their Remembrance Book.

In closing, we look forward to issuing the 18<sup>th</sup> edition of the VSRB series in the fall of 2022, and if you would like to contribute to the 2022 edition, please use the form at the back of this book and send it to our Command office.

In Comradeship,



Steve Wessel  
Project Chairman / Editor  
Veterans' Service Recognition Book

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# Nova Scotia / Nunavut Command Poster and Literary Contest Winners, 2021



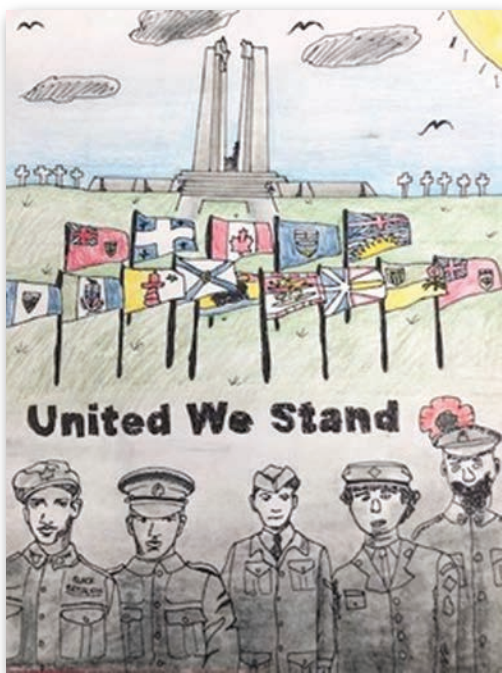
## 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Senior Colour Poster, **Amelia Turner**,  
Submitted by Habitant Br. 73, District D



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Senior Colour Poster, **Brianna Doiron**,  
Submitted by Elmsdale Br. 48, District F



## 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Intermediate Colour Poster, **Nathan Herman**,  
Submitted by Somme Br. 31, District F



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Intermediate Colour Poster, **Amarro Mayo**,  
Submitted by New Germany Br.102, District E

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**1<sup>st</sup> Place**

Junior Colour Poster, **Sophie Nicol**,  
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**2<sup>nd</sup> Place**

Junior Colour Poster, **Abby Theriault**,  
Submitted by Hants County Br. 09, District D



**1<sup>st</sup> Place**

Primary Colour Poster, **George Ostrander**,  
Submitted by Wolfville Br. 74, District D



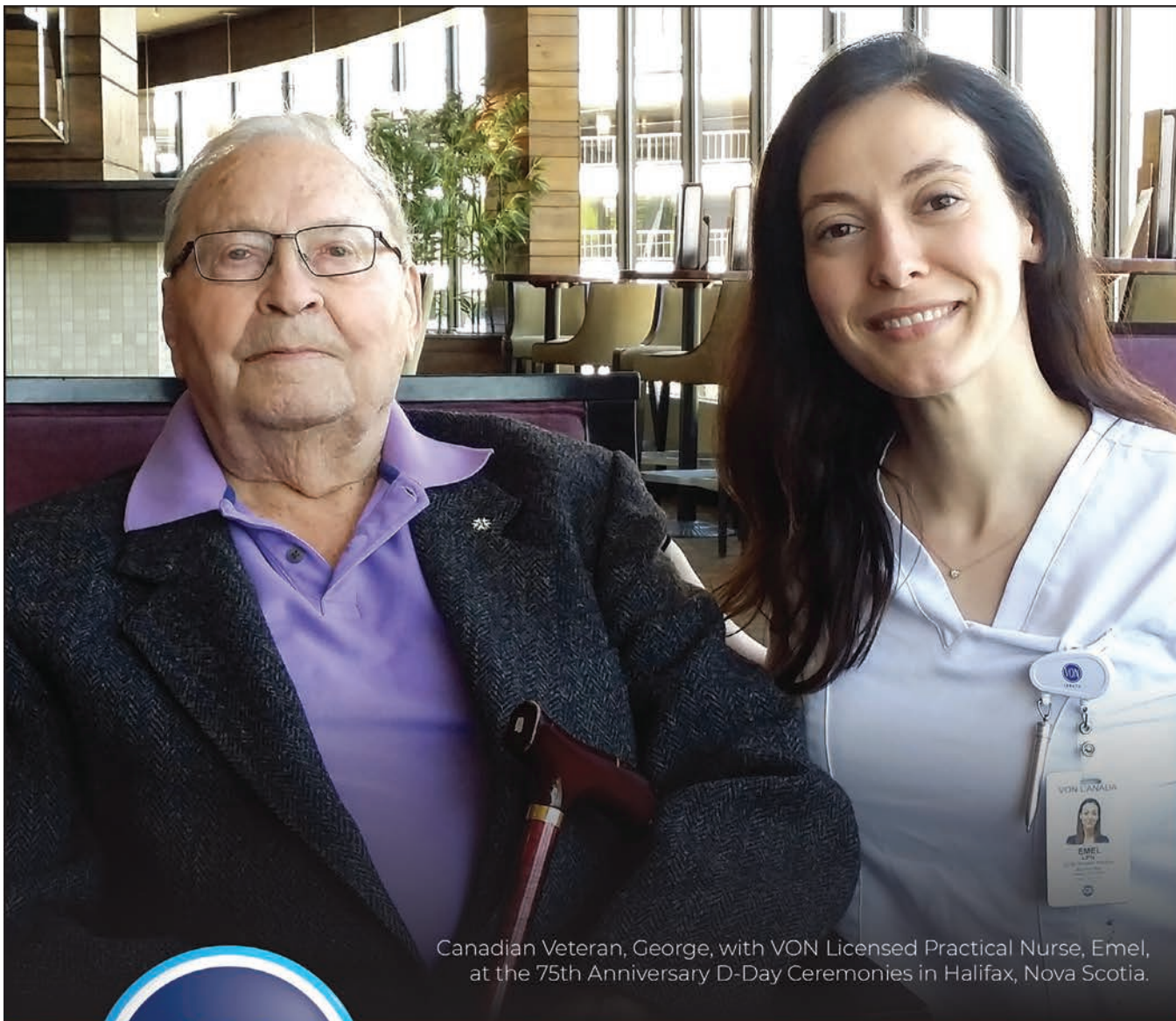
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Primary Colour Poster, **Emma Retallack**,  
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Senior Black & White Poster, **Lauren Kee**,  
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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Senior Black & White Poster, **Kira Kennie**,  
Submitted by Habitant Br. 73, District D



## 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Intermediate B&W Poster, **Kennedy Chisholm**,  
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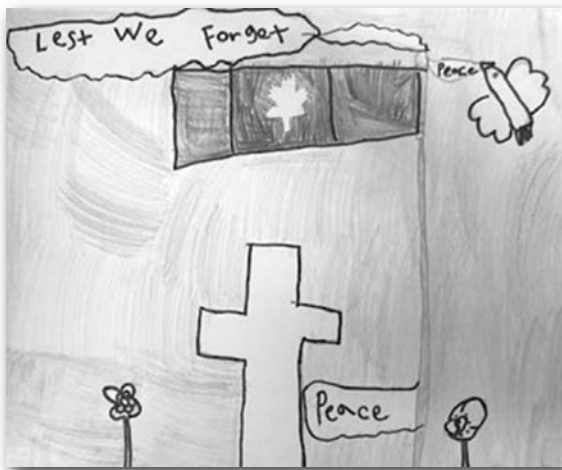
**1<sup>st</sup> Place**

Junior B&W Poster, **Ethan Lipsett**,  
Submitted by New Germany Br.102, District E



**2<sup>nd</sup> Place**

Junior B&W Poster, **Sofie Cruickshank**,  
Submitted by Antigonish Br. 59, District B



**1<sup>st</sup> Place**

Primary B&W Poster, **Abigail Pietersma**,  
Submitted by Habitant Br. 73, District D



**2<sup>nd</sup> Place**

Primary B&W Poster, **Felicity Batstone**,  
Submitted by Habitant Br. 73, District D





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**Following are a selection of the poetry submitted as well as  
a complete listing of the winners in each category:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** Senior poetry, **Taylor MacIssaac**, Submitted by Port Hawkesbury Br. 43, District A

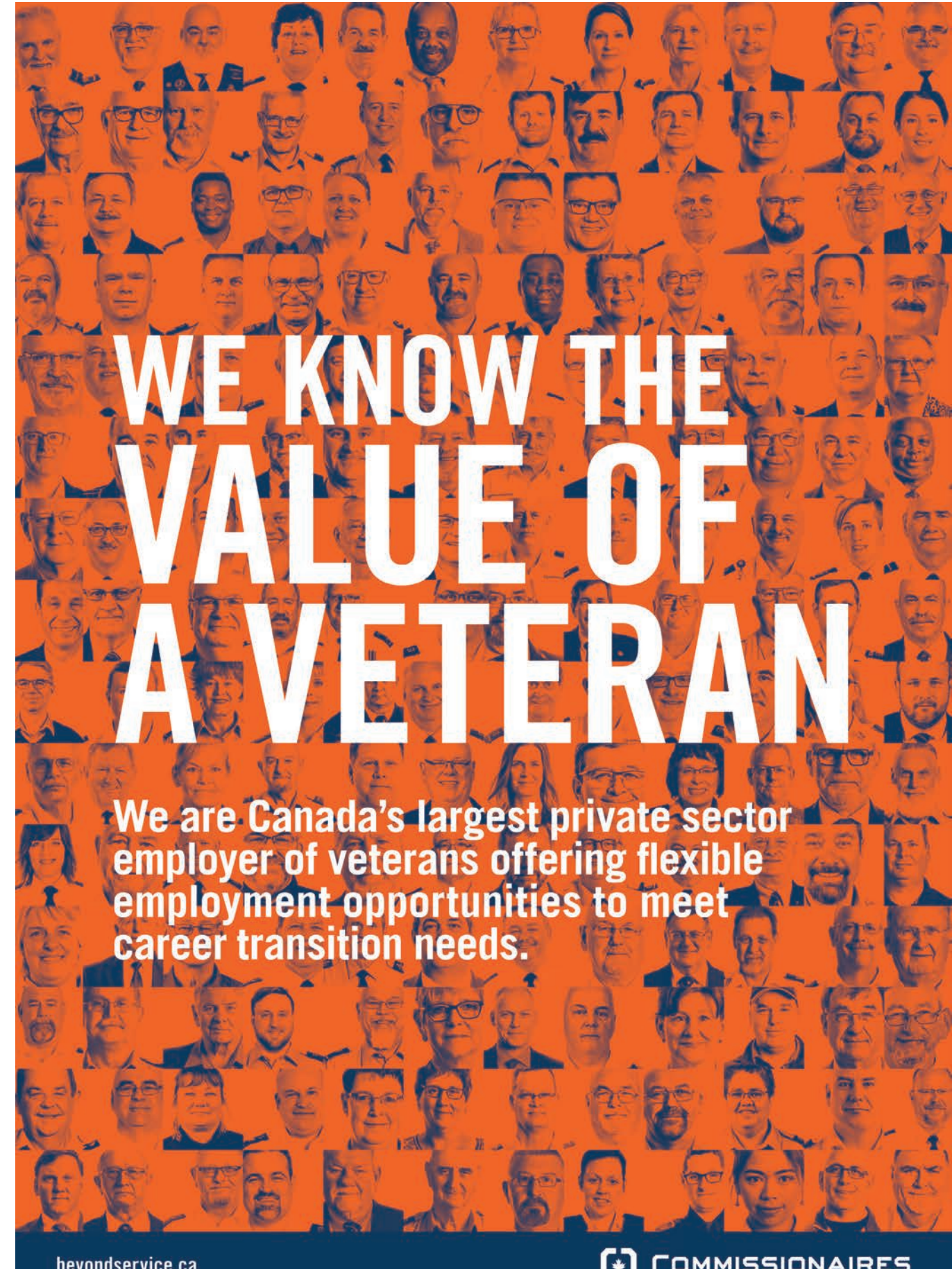
### **War Poem**

*For sixteen years she watched him grow  
From a boy to a brave young man  
But when the war began he felt he must go  
Fight for his country in a far away land  
Her husband had died five years prior  
And she could not lose her son too  
But all the boys were signing up  
And he thought it was the right thing to do  
He was brawny and tall for his age  
So he enlisted without suspicion  
And despite his mother begging  
He left to prepare for his first mission  
He made great friends with the other boys  
And he learned how to shoot a gun  
He felt like a real grown up man  
And was actually having fun  
He dreamed of how the girls back home  
Would be impressed by his valor  
And believed it would only be a few more months  
Until the Allies won the war  
He would then go home victorious  
And live a long happy life  
Maybe build a big house  
Have children and a beautiful wife  
But in his first battle something happened  
For which he could not prepare  
Suddenly it seemed as though  
Poison filled the air*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** Senior Poetry, **Madison Delorey**, Submitted by Arras Br. 59, District B

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*I close my eyes, and I hear the gunshots  
I see him fall to the ground,  
I touch his cold body; it's as cold as ice.  
I taste blood spattering from his head.  
I smell sulphur from the gunpowder.  
I know he is gone for good.  
  
I wake in a cold sweat.  
I look over to my nightstand and  
I see my brother's recruitment photo from the war.  
I can't shake the night terrors.  
I miss him terribly.  
Today I will visit his grave.*

**REMEMBER THE LOST LOVED ONES****2<sup>nd</sup> Place** Intermediate Poetry, **Patrick Mansfield**, Submitted by Elmsdale Br. 48, District F**1<sup>st</sup> Place** Junior Poetry, **Grace Jones**, Submitted by Elmsdale Br. 48, District F**Time to Protect**

*In 2020 our world learned to fight a new kind of war,  
With an invisible enemy, a virus that came to our shore.  
We keep safe by distancing, handwashing and masking.  
Staying the "Blazes Home" like our Premiere is asking.  
  
Nothing compares to World Wars 1 and 2.  
But through sacrifices we've learned what to do.  
Our Canadian Forces fought with bravery and heart.  
They showed that Canadians all have a part.  
  
Veterans stood up for freedom and paid a high cost.  
Poppies blew across fields where young and old lives were lost.  
We are sick of Covid and not being able to connect!  
But now it's our turn to serve and protect.  
  
Our soldiers, responders, our nans and pops.  
We listen to doctors and nurses to make Covid stop.  
2020 is our time to return the debt.  
Protecting our seniors. **Lest we forget!***

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** Junior Poetry, **Cooper Freeman**, Submitted by Mahone Bay Br. 49, District E*continued ...*



Garreth Hutton, Retired, Canadian Army and  
Stacey Wiper, Retired, Royal Canadian Navy



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*continued ...***1<sup>st</sup> Place** Senior Essay, **Sara Pluta**, Submitted by Port Hawkesbury Br. 43, District A**The Lucky Ones**

*My entire life, I've been told I'm lucky. Lucky to have grown up in a loving household, lucky to have carried a Ross Rifle that didn't jam up in the muddy trenches, and lucky to have survived the War. I guess I am lucky, if lucky means forced to bear the guilt of taking dozens of lives. I am lucky, if lucky means unable to sleep because every time I close my eyes I'm transported back to that battlefield. So yeah, I guess I'm lucky.*

*During my deployment at Vimy, I saw horrors I pray to forget. The problem is, I can't forget. I can't forget the faces of the soldiers I fatally shot. I can't forget the mutilated bodies of my friends lying on the battlefield. I can't forget what I've done. Some days, I find myself unable to feel and in these periods of numbness, I can't feel sorrow, fear, or despair. Other days an influx of these terrible feelings returns and I'm forced to relive my time in Vimy over and over in a vicious, unforgiving cycle.*

*At the time of the War, I was diagnosed with shell shock. Not even medical experts understood that wounds weren't just physical, nor did they understand how to treat shell shock. They brushed this condition off, perhaps treated by shock therapy or, if you were lucky, the less barbaric treatment of talk and physical therapy. However, these treatments were simply to get soldiers back on the front lines and didn't have a goal of long-term rehabilitation in mind. Men who were emotionally distressed to the point of being unable to walk, speak or function, including me, were deemed cowards or insane. We weren't cowards, nor insane, we were victims.*

*When I arrived back home, a small part of me believed I was still back in those vile trenches. The War had been over for years, but I was not done fighting. I couldn't sleep. I'd often wake up, teary-eyed, confusing my bedroom for a battlefield and my wife for an enemy soldier. Eventually, I was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder and began therapy. Talking about my experiences at Vimy helped me immensely on my long road to recovery. Seventy-two years after Canada claimed Vimy Ridge, my battle was finally over. I died a proud Canadian veteran in recovery of PTSD. I was survived by my beautiful wife who stood by my side despite the hardships we've faced. Without her, my lifeline, I probably would've faced a more gruesome end.*

*My entire life, I've been told I'm lucky. At first, I didn't realize it, but now I do. I am lucky. I am lucky I sought help for my PTSD. I am lucky I had a loving wife who supported my recovery. I am lucky that I didn't have to fight this battle alone. I am one of the lucky ones.*

*In Canada, approximately 10% of all war-zone veterans experience PTSD. An even smaller fraction of these veterans have a similar, happy ending. Too many veterans have met tragic ends because their PTSD remained undiagnosed or they did not seek treatment. Especially during these unprecedented times, it is important to reach out for help. The COVID-19 pandemic has been hard on everyone, but is notably harder for veterans suffering from PTSD. This pandemic creates more stress and PTSD triggers. Social isolation will make seeking treatment increasingly difficult. Today, it is more crucial than ever to seek help, and ensure others seek help, for PTSD.*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** Senior Essay, **Carly Samson**, Submitted by Arras Br. 59, District B*continued ...*

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**1<sup>st</sup> Place** Intermediate Essay, **Cadence Davidson**, Submitted by Shubenacadie Br. 111, District C

### **We Are Still Here**

In honour of our Indigenous Veterans

*We are still here  
We are still living people  
We fought for you  
We killed for you  
We fought in wars beside you  
All we ask for is recognition  
Why don't people see that we are the same  
Even if the war is over  
We are still fighting  
We are still at war  
We are at war with ourselves as a country  
It needs to stop  
Now put down your guns, and step off the battlefield.*

This poem is about how indigenous people of Canada are still at war for our treaty rights that are being ignored. The fact is that we were being treated like animals, physically and verbally assaulted, and being called “Savage” or “Dirty Indian”. The fact is that I’ve already been called both of those, and I’m only 12 years old. It doesn’t matter the age, no one should ever be mistreated because of their race or the colour of their skin. It needs to stop.

We’ve been here for thousands of years, and we’re still trying to build peace. It’s showing up in our schools, and it’s disgusting. When you learn how to talk, you learn it from an influence like an adult. Same goes for racism. It gets passed down. Is this really what you want our generation to look like? We fought and died alongside you for peace, but where is ours?

“Now put down your guns, and step off the battlefield.” What does that mean to you? Ask yourself that. To me, it means to end the fighting and come to peace. We still have that warrior in us. You can burn down our homes, take our rights away, but we will still thrive. We’re not going anywhere. You can waste your breath, and voice, talking about how natives are in the wrong. It’s not everyday I can use mine to be heard, so I’ll be using it on a problem that’s been going on for generations. If I’m lucky, I’ll live long enough to see a difference. No matter what, my spirit will forever be fighting.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** Intermediate Essay, **Aaliyah Thompson**, Submitted by Enfield Br. 133, District F

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**1<sup>st</sup> Place** Junior Essay, **Zoe Walker**, Submitted by Elmsdale Br. 48, District F

### **A War Story**

Have you ever thought of planes in the war? War might not have always been people on battlefields with guns, there are many more parts of war then just that. This is a story about my great Aunt Evelyn and my great Uncle John, who both were a part of WWII.

In 1939 John joined the armed forces. He was 21 years of age. He went to Saskatchewan Canada to learn how to fly a plane. He then went to Manitoba Canada to train to be a pilot and earn his wings. After training he was sent overseas to England. He was sent to Shawberry (England) for more training, where he became the pilot of a Lancaster bomber. He was stationed in Derbyshire (England). He flew 31 missions including a bombing raid over Berlin (Germany), and one to Norway to break a dam. For his efforts in the war he was awarded the DFC which stands for Distinguished Flying Cross.

In Shawberry is where he met Evelyn. At the time Evelyn was living in Moreton Corbet which was near Shawberry. She worked in a post office. On John's 22nd birthday he met Evelyn, he came to the post office for some stamps. A few days later he came back and he came back again. Then on the third night he asked her to the movies. It was a big thing to be invited to the movies because only soldiers were allowed, and that was the start to their relationship.

They got married in 1945 and when the war was over John returned to Canada. At that time Evelyn was 5 months pregnant with their first child so she couldn't travel. Once the baby was 5 months old, she travelled to Halifax N.S. on the ship RMS Aquitania. The sailing was in March, and was very rough, causing many to be seasick including Evelyn and her 5 month old son. Upon arrival in Halifax N.S. they were checked out by doctors. Once cleared they were allowed to take a train to Moncton N.B., where they were reunited with John. Then they travelled to Sussex N.B. to meet John's family.

In conclusion the next Remembrance Day try to remember John and Evelyn Walker, a bomber who didn't just want stamps.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** Junior Essay, **Amelia Rovers**, Submitted by Arras Br. 59, District B



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## Joseph “Alcide” LeBlanc

101 year old veteran Joseph “Alcide” LeBlanc: The Longest Serving Yarmouth Gunner (Ret’d)

World War II veteran Joseph “Alcide” LeBlanc and Royal Canadian Legion Branch 155 Wedgeport, NS member was presented with a Regimental (artillery) Scroll making him the Longest Serving Yarmouth NS Gunner (Ret’d). Mr. LeBlanc was awarded this title by the Yarmouth 84<sup>th</sup>

Independent Field Battery Royal Canadian Artillery on his 101 birthday March 21, 2021. Photo shows Mr. LeBlanc at Veterans Place holding the scroll with a Royal Regiment coin in the corner.

Mr. LeBlanc was a 25 pounder artillery gunner in the 4<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division, Canadian Army. He landed in Normandy, France shortly after D-Day. He and his unit fought heavily for three weeks against the Germans in Caen, Normandy, which was 70% destroyed. He was also a batman to the Captain who decided where the artillery should be aimed. Two previous drivers and a Captain were killed. He fought against the Germans for over 11 months from Normandy to near Berlin where he was on May 8, 1945, the Victory in Europe Day. He also served as a peacekeeper for three months in Germany.

In 2014 he received the French Medal of Honour that was instituted in 1802 by Napoleon Bonaparte to thank his best soldiers. He also received the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the liberation of Normandy medal. He was born in Wedgeport, NS. Joseph “Alcide” LeBlanc passed away in Yarmouth on September 3, 2021.


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## Addison “Wesley” Spinney

Addison “Wesley” Spinney was born in 1923 in Pubnico Head, Yarmouth County. He served during WWII as Quartermaster aboard the destroyer HMCS Qu’Appelle which fought on D-Day June 6, 1944 and subsequent weeks. He also served on a corvette, the HMCS Kamloops, that was a convoy escorting ship from Canada to the United Kingdom. He said that they were shot at from under the sea, from the sky and from enemy ships. He remembered vividly plucking casualties out of the water and at times during a battle they could not stop. He said they had to steam through them and could hear them hollering. He came out of the war without a scratch but with a lot of bad memories that were with him until his death.

Upon his return to civilian life, he continued his military interests by serving 18 years with the 14<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery and as an instructor for 33 years with the 110 Yarmouth Army cadets sponsored by the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 155 Wedgeport NS of which he was a most faithful member always attending meetings and legion events.

In 2014 he received the French Medal of Honour that was instituted in 1802 by Napoleon Bonaparte to thank his best soldiers. He also received the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the liberation of Normandy medal. He died at age 97 on December 4, 2020.



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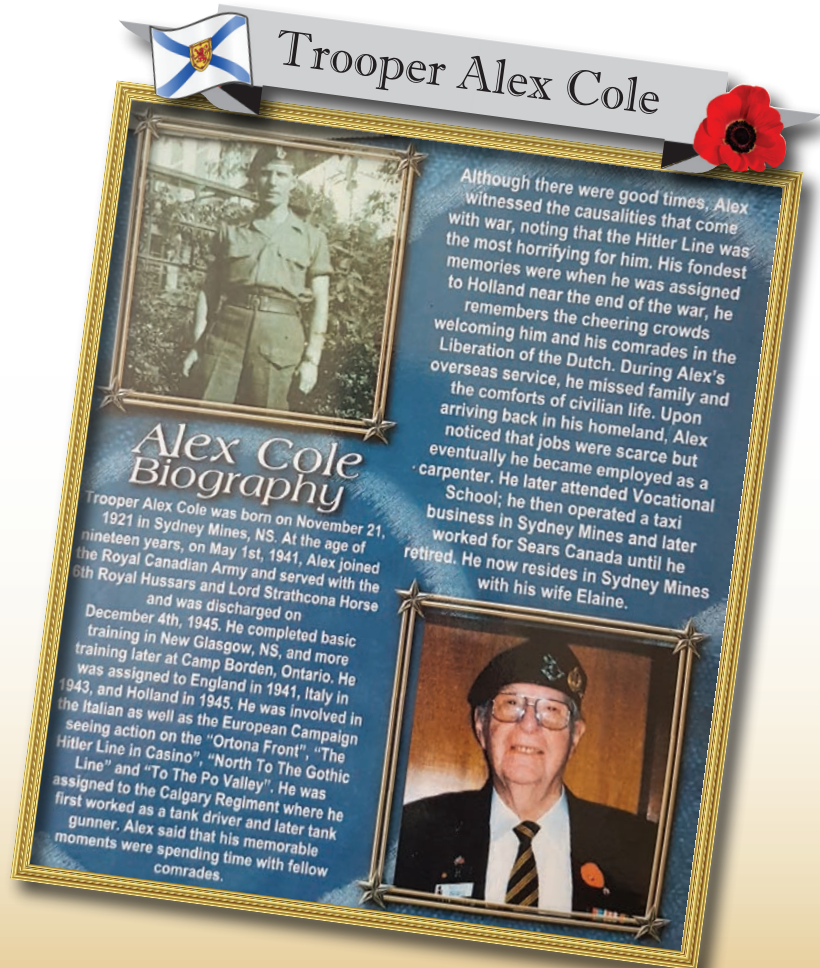


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*Please note that the biographies are image copies taken directly from the branch Remembrance albums and any grammatical or spelling inconsistencies are shown as they are printed in the albums. It was determined that all biographies would be shared as they are printed, and as displayed in the branch albums. A poppy in the upper-right-hand corner indicates remembrance for those who have passed away.*



**Trooper Alex Cole**

**Alex Cole Biography**

Trooper Alex Cole was born on November 21, 1921 in Sydney Mines, NS. At the age of nineteen years, on May 1st, 1941, Alex joined the Royal Canadian Army and served with the 6th Royal Hussars and Lord Strathcona Horse and was discharged on December 4th, 1945. He completed basic training in New Glasgow, NS, and more training later at Camp Borden, Ontario. He was assigned to England in 1941, Italy in 1943, and Holland in 1945. He was involved in the Italian as well as the European Campaign seeing action on the "Ortona Front", "The Hitler Line in Casino", "North To The Gothic Line" and "To The Po Valley". He was assigned to the Calgary Regiment where he first worked as a tank driver and later tank gunner. Alex said that his memorable moments were spending time with fellow comrades.

Although there were good times, Alex witnessed the casualties that come with war, noting that the Hitler Line was the most horrifying for him. His fondest memories were when he was assigned to Holland near the end of the war, he remembers the cheering crowds welcoming him and his comrades in the Liberation of the Dutch. During Alex's overseas service, he missed family and the comforts of civilian life. Upon arriving back in his homeland, Alex noticed that jobs were scarce but eventually he became employed as a carpenter. He later attended Vocational School; he then operated a taxi business in Sydney Mines and later worked for Sears Canada until he retired. He now resides in Sydney Mines with his wife Elaine.

**\*\*Please see page 63 for Trooper Alex Cole's full biography.\*\***



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# Lt Col Howie Allen



## LCol Howie Allen Biography

Born in North Sydney, Nova Scotia on June 5th 1944. At age seventeen, Howie was looking for adventure; he wanted to do something different so he decided to enlist into the 2nd Battalion NSH (CB) Militia at Kelly's Beach in North Sydney. In September of 1961 Howie began his basic training at Victoria Park in Sydney as a Private recruit. During a demolition training course in Gagetown he recalls his first time using C4 explosives. The officer demonstrated first with a pound of explosives, and it made quite a bang. He then took everyone into a classroom with C4 sitting on a table, the officer was smoking and left his cigarette burn on the pile of plastic explosives and left the room. No one in the room knew what to do; they wouldn't dare get out of their seats. At the time most did not know that it would not explode without the correct detonator.

When asked about memorable moments, the first thing to come to mind for Howie is the trooping of the colours in 1967. This was the centennial year for Canada. The camaraderie with fellow soldiers and just jumping in a Hercules to go to

Gagetown are all memories he will enjoy. The Camaraderie is what Howie loves about the military, there is no prejudice, and everyone is in it together. It didn't matter who you were outside the military, when you put on the uniform, you are respected as a soldier. Respect is important because not only do you rely on them but they also rely on you. If you can accomplish this any task can be completed.

Howie has very few negative memories of his time in service; sure he missed out on many long weekends with his family. There is only one thing Howie would do differently, back in 1961 when he joined the army as a reservist, he wishes he joined regular forces. He believes it is a great career, one that you can be proud of, while serving your country. "Everyone can use some military experience – it definitely shows up and can help you deal with life outside of the military." Howie's two proudest moments remain taking over command of the Battalion in October of 1989 and in 1990 when he commanded the first Total Force Infantry Battalion exercise in Gagetown. Howie gave up command of the battalion on October 4th 1992 and stayed on as Regimental Secretary for one more year before retiring from the military. Howie resides with his wife Judy in North Sydney.







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# Lt Col Michael Alteen



## L Col Michael Alteen Biography

L Col. Michael Alteen was born in Sydney, Nova Scotia on September 26th 1947. He grew up in Sydney and attended Riverview Rural High School and Sydney Academy. In 1966, at the age of 18, Michael enlisted in the Army. He did so in Sydney and was posted to Kingston, Ontario for basic training. He began his military career as a signalman in the Royal Canadian Corp of Signals. Joining the military really seemed like something he wanted to do. For his first two years of service, between 1966 and 1968, he was a part of the regular forces. After this he took a hiatus from the military to become involved in the family business as a jeweller with Alteen's Jewellers. By 1980 Michael had reconvened his military career with the 2nd Bn. Nova Scotia Highlanders (Cape Breton) as an Officer Cadet, training in Aldershot, Nova Scotia, Gagetown, New Brunswick also Orangeville, Borden, and Petawawa, Ontario.

Michael has made several trips overseas for training and ceremonial services. He spent two weeks in Bosnia for an Advanced Peacekeeping Course. He also made a trip to England to purchase kilts for the Battalion. He and RSM John Clarke were fortunate to attend the Tercentenary of the 22nd Cheshire Regiment, the affiliated British Regiment in Chester

England.

Michael has had many memorable experiences throughout his time in service. Becoming Commanding officer of the 2nd Battalion Nova Scotia Highlanders (Cape Breton) ranks high on that list. Another very proud moment for him happened when a former member of the Battalion, who had served with Michael in Glace Bay when Michael was Officer Commanding of D Coy, this soldier had gone on to a career in the regular force and wanted to express his thanks for getting set on a path that gave him a promising career and possibly kept him out of jail. This type of recognition is certainly something to be proud of.

During his time enlisted Michael says he has had no bad experiences, some times may have been difficult or a task may be tough to complete but this is to be expected. Especially as you move forward with your career and climb through the ranks; tasks and responsibility grows. Whenever you are met with adversity, fight through, hold your own and you will prevail. Michaels' overall experience has been very positive.

LCol(Retd) Michael Alteen currently lives in Sydney Forks with his wife Margie, he continues to work in the jewellery business. They have a son, Douglas who lives in Paris, France with his wife Carole and two children, Louis and Julia





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# Private John Francis Arsenault



## Pte John Francis Arsenault Biography

John Francis Arsenault was born in Alder Point on January 17th 1922. He enlisted into the Army at the Town Hall in Sydney Mines, Nova Scotia in April of 1941. He was a trooper with the Royal Canadian Dragoons; he completed his basic training in New Glasgow before being shipped to Camp Borden for the Armored Vehicle course. He decided to enlist because at the time he was working in the Toronto Mine and he figured if he was going to die, he was going to do it fighting for his country. Once his training was completed he was shipped to England, where he arrived in October of 1941. It was not until December of 1943 that he was moved out of England. He boarded the troopship, S.S. Alexandria, in Loch Lomond, Scotland. The convoy of ships he was a part of was bombed while traveling through the Strait of Gibraltar. He recalls everyone being out on deck enjoying a beautiful evening, when the sirens sounded people began rushing below like cattle. Two ships sank in the strait, the S.S. Monterrey picked up the survivors out of the water. From Italy he moved on through to France, Belgium, Holland and on to Germany. Throughout this time he was a dispatch rider. John remembers many bad experiences during his

time serving overseas. It is never easy to lose comrades. He recalls one incident which occurred just four days before the war had ended. A car traveling just ahead of him was hit by a magnetic mine; everyone in the vehicle was lost. John was lucky to escape with only a few injuries which could heal with time. John would like to think of the more memorable experiences he has had, during his time on rest leaves he was able to travel and see some wonderful places. One of his favorites was going to see the ruins of Pompeii.

John's proudest moment during his service was having the opportunity to be part of King George VI escort into Aldershot, England on his motorcycle. As part of the escort John was dressed with his high boots and white helmet for the royal touch. The king was coming in for an inspection of the troops. After the war had ended John stayed in Germany as part of the occupation for four months. After this time he got his discharge from the army and returned home.

Upon returning to Canada he immediately re-entered the work force, working in the mines for two years before starting a career with CN and Marine Atlantic as a statistics clerk until his retirement in October of 1985. He now resides in Sydney Mines, Nova Scotia with his wife Rosina, the couple has four children.



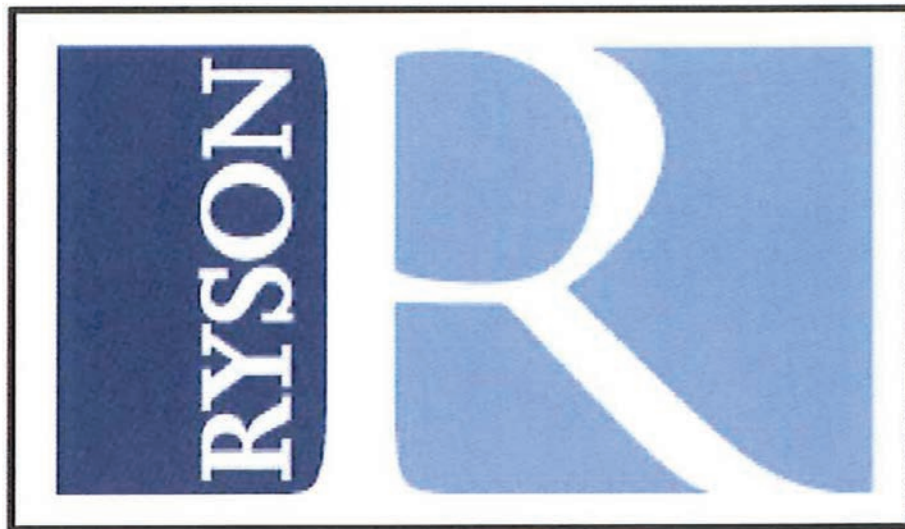




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# Sergeant Guy Bailey



After the war, Guy returned to a hero's welcome in Sydney Mines. Hundreds of people turned out to watch as he was paraded through town in a dump truck. In 1946, he married his wife, Jesse, and they subsequently had seven children. He worked "in the pit" for a while and also drove an ambulance. Later, he worked at the Liquor Store until his retirement. Additionally, after the war, Guy was also involved in the training of soldiers in the local militia. Guy is Lifetime Member of Br. 008 Sydney Mines, Royal Canadian Legion.

## Guy Bailey Biography

Guy Bailey was born November 14, 1920. Guy joined up with the 36th Battery of Sydney Mines prior to the outbreak of World War 2. When hostilities commenced he already held the rank of Sergeant and was immediately called upon. As a Counter Battery Staff Officer in the Royal Canadian Artillery, Guy served in Sicily, Italy, France, Holland, and Germany. Among the actions he participated in were the Sicily and Normandy invasions and the liberation of Holland. On one occasion he narrowly escaped when he was strafed by a German plane while driving a transport. Guy sometimes had the grisly task of burying fallen comrades but he also had fond stories of "sports day" when he practiced his boxing skills.





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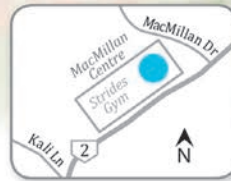
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# PO 1 Dean Baldwin



## PO 1 Dean Baldwin Biography

Dean Baldwin was born in Chatham, Ontario in January 1962. Growing up on Lake Erie, the water became very natural to Dean, so when the time came to choose a career it only made sense to pursue one on the water. When he was 19 years old, Dean enlisted into the Navy in Windsor, Ontario. He took part in basic training at CFB Cornwallis in Deep Brook, Nova Scotia. After basic training, Dean began his career on the water. He has travelled all over the world taking in cultures and climates from many diverse countries. He spent his first six years serving on the HMCS Assiniboine, after this he spent two years on a shore posting at the Canadian Forces Fleet School. Here, was the Acoustic Data Analysis Center. He spent this time analyzing and teaching sonar men how to decipher acoustic data. After his onshore posting he was back on the water, some other ships he spent time working on are the HMCS Nipigon, Margaree, Saguenay, Halifax, St. John's, and Athabaskan. During this time he served as the Anti-Submarine Warfare Director, under this title Dean controlled all underwater

weapons and sensors, conducting exercises in charge of ships, aircrafts, helicopters and all man power on board. Completion of his ASWD course and his very first exercise at sea as the ASWD remain two of his proudest moments of service. Another proud accomplishment is representing Nova Scotia in the Military Sports Awards for sailing at the National level. He also included firing his first torpedo, at one time having the longest active sonar contact on a Submarine at 53,000 yards and retirement as memorable moments.

When asked about any memorable stories from his time in service Dean recalls one particularly rough day in the North Atlantic, with swells up to forty feet tall. A rouge wave had hit his ship and HQ1 reported a final heeling angle of 51 degrees. "Imagine a 300' warship heeling over at that angle." As for his worst experiences, Dean lists the Swiss Air Disaster, undoubtedly.

Dean says his military career has been nothing short of amazing. While at sea he did miss his family, his wife Joanne and children Spencer and Samantha. Upon retirement and looking back, one thing Dean misses is laying in his bunk nearest to the ship walls and having the steady flow of water rushing by as he lays in bed.





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# Private George Bidart



## Pte George Bidart Biography

George Bidart was born in North Sydney, Nova Scotia on April 26th 1919. He enlisted into the Army at Victoria Park as soon as he finished High School. George completed his basic training in Aldershot, Nova Scotia. He says he joined because if he didn't, there would have been conscription anyways. Before enlisting he worked for a short time at the Sydney Steel Plant. At the end of basic training George boarded the Queen Elizabeth to make the jump across the Atlantic. His first stop was England. While he was in England he worked as a cook for the officers. Once in England training continued until he was moved to Italy where he spent the better part of the war.

George remembers facing perils at sea, before he even arrived in Italy. Many precautions were taken to ensure the safe arrival of soldiers. Soldiers were taken to the depot in Italy where they were trained to learn the Italian landscape. By the end of their training, George's ankles had swollen so bad the doctors kept him back from the front lines. George wanted to work so he asked officers what he could do; he was sent to HQ and landed a job in the mail room. He would take mail by Jeep or motorcycle to the soldiers at the front lines.

George considers himself lucky to work with the people he has during his time enlisted. When he returned home one major adjustment he says he had to make was to get used to the Canadian food again. On his return home he received his discharge from the military and applied to school. George took Engineering for three years before he began working at the steel plant, where he worked for fifty years leading up to his retirement. George's proudest moments of service are boarding the Queen Elizabeth to travel overseas for his country and the training he has completed. When asked if he had any advice for the young men and women currently serving our country, George says "Let us hope there is no more war." Soldiers receive excellent training but from his experiences he says, it's "stuff you have to encounter to know what you would do. If there is another war, take your time and think twice." For George the hardest part was learning to cope, when you are forced to fight and see the fighting, you must learn to cope – and learn fast. George married Penny MacDonald with whom he had two children. He now resides in the Veterans Wing in Harbourview Hospital in Sydney Mines, Nova Scotia. George appreciates the care he receives from the staff and realizes how lucky they are to have these services.







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# Mel Birmingham



## Mel Birmingham Biography

Mel Birmingham was born December 31, 1942. Mel joined the Reserves with the Nova Scotia Highlanders 2nd Battalion in 1958. In 1962 he joined the navy enlisting at Sydney and receiving his basic training at Cornwallis. Ordinary Seaman Birmingham served aboard HMCS Bonaventure and HMCS Cape Scott. During this time he was also the Gun Captain of the Sunset Ceremony contingent that performed public displays throughout Canada and the US. Subsequently, Mel served as an Aircraft Technician at HMCS Shearwater. Able Seaman Birmingham left the navy in 1965.

After the navy, Mel worked briefly in the pit at Princess Colliery and as an engineer for Kodak Canada. He joined the Sydney Mines Police Department in 1973 and thereafter spent 34 years serving his community in that capacity. Officer Birmingham earned the Canadian Medal of Bravery twice for his

police work. In 2000 Mel volunteered for the newly formed United Nations Civilian Police (UNCIVPOL) contingent that was sent to Kosovo in the wake of the Yugoslav civil wars.

During this mission Mel and another officer set up a forensic unit to assist in the investigation of war crimes and ethnic cleansing. The situation was difficult with much tension and violence between ethnic groups. The UNCIVPOL forces were often attacked and on more than one occasion Mel was injured and had to retreat to the Police Office. In "lockdown" incidents they were forced to shelter in the Police Office for several days without food, water, or even heat. Mel received the UN's Kosovo Medal and the Canadian Volunteer UN Medal for his role in that mission. Today Mel and his wife live in Boularderie. They have 3 children.



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# 2Lt John Boudreau



## 2Lt John Boudreau Biography

John Boudreau was born in Sydney, Nova Scotia on November 7th 1983. Growing up he heard many stories from his father about his experiences serving with the Highlanders. This was a big push for him to decide to join, along with the undoubted physical challenges that would come with joining. John, always looking for a challenge, wanted to be a part of something big and answer the call of his country, if she ever called.

With such a rich military history within his family, it meant a lot to John to become a member of the Highlanders. He enlisted at Victoria Park in May of 2009 and completed his basic training between there and LFAATC Aldershot. John, during his short time with the Highlanders, has already made many lasting memories. Especially working alongside his comrades, he has learned how much you can and have to rely on your mates in certain situations. It was a memorable experience

learning how imperative it is to rely on your comrades to pull you through in extreme conditions and situations. Putting that trust in your comrades and being relied on by them is very special.

When asked, John says he has not had a single negative experience within the military. "Sure, maybe fatigue will set in, you may get tiresome – but that does not mean much from a young man only two years into his service." The complete experience remains enjoyable and memorable. John recalls seeing the regimental colors fly while taking part in his first parade and realizing that these were his colors now. He ranks two moments as his proudest as a Highlander, receiving the Cape Breton Highlander cap badge on September 11th 2011 while being recognized as such and the first shot of Drambuie he had the pleasure of sharing with his father, Len Boudreau, Highland Officer to Highland Officer. John currently works in Sydney, Nova Scotia as a physiotherapist at the Cape Breton Regional Hospital and will soon wed his fiancé Julie Reeves.





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# Lt Len Boudreau



## Lt Len Boudreau Biography

Len Boudreau was born in Sydney on May 17th 1950. Before joining the army he worked with the federal department of Fisheries and Oceans. He enlisted in the army on July 1st 1976 as part of the 2nd Battalion Nova Scotia Highlanders (CB) at Victoria Park in Sydney. He completed basic officer training at CFB Aldershot and was appointed to the rank of Lieutenant. At the time of enlistment Len was married to his wife Elaine who supported his decision wholeheartedly. He says he had no hobbies per se and interest drove him to see what the military had to offer. He admits the kilt also attracted him into joining the highlanders. While training in Aldershot, Len met and worked closely with reserve officers from numerous units throughout the country.

Len had the opportunity to command a platoon during Exercise Neptune Raider in 1978-79; up until that time, this was the largest post-war military exercise. The highlanders provided an enemy force to assist the Canadian Airborne Regiment in their training. The exercise involved elements of the army, navy and air force, including destroyers, submarines, helicopters and T-33 jets. The exercise lasted two weeks and took place in many areas throughout Cape Breton Island. Len states, it was a pleasure

working alongside the pros from the Airborne Regiment, he learned so much. Len also performed in the first ever Nova Scotia Tattoo and had the honour of competing before Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, during the International Gathering of the Clans. His section competed in the Tug-a-War event.

When asked about any bad experiences, Len says that there were none. Throughout his experiences he says he has come to learn that there is no task that is insurmountable. During his time spent as Battalion Adjutant he had the opportunity to work closely with the Commanding Officer at the time, Lt. Col. Gordon Gabriel. Len lists his most memorable and proudest moment as, "When my son John enlisted with the CBH. To see him in Glengarry and kilt was a very proud moment indeed."

As for advice for those young men and women serving overseas today, they know what they are doing and are looked upon as being among the best trained soldiers within NATO. He believes people should continue to join, for the excellent training offered in leadership, decision making and teamwork. You do not realize how effective your training is until you get older and use it in life. He is very proud to have served and honored that the Cape Breton Highlanders now have their hat badge back. "We always considered ourselves to be the Cape Breton Highlanders – it is fitting to have that badge back."







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# Sgt Bob Bowins



## Sgt Bob Bowins Biography

Bob Bowins was born in July 1946 in Collingwood, Ontario. He began his military career at the age of sixteen as part of the Artillery Apprentice Plan. He enlisted in August 1962 in Toronto. Bob began his training in Shilo, Manitoba as a Gunner Apprentice. Young men who began the Apprentice Plan were known as 'Boy Soldiers'. He recalls numerous occasions when the drill Sergeant would break his drill stick during training for the Precision Drill Team. Getting ready for competition was very serious. For these competitions against Engineer Apprentices, the teams would compete in sport and drill.

Bob spent several years overseas; in 1965 he spent six months in Cyprus as a Lance Bombardier in Artillery. Here he manned an outpost on a peacekeeping mission. His next trip over was to Germany, this time he spent three years in northern Germany with NATO Forces working with the Honest John. He made his second trip to Germany in 1974 with HQ 4th Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group. In 1975 he was transferred to

Canadian Forces Europe HQ working military intelligence. In 1976, while still in Germany, Bob was promoted to Sergeant. It is here where Bob first got involved with Scouting. He made his first trip with the Beavers, to Switzerland, in 1978. He returned to camp Borden in '78 and taught at the Military Intelligence School until 1981 when he moved to Halifax with Naval HQ, where he worked for four years. He got out of the regular forces in 1986 and began work at the Canadian Forces Training Area in Meaford, Ontario where he worked as a reservist for six years.

While overseas, Bob enjoyed traveling and exploring historical sites. He had the chance of visiting Bertches Gardens in Germany; this is where Hitler and his higher ranked officers had their chalet hide-aways. Bobs marks graduating from all of his courses, especially the Apprentice course and the promotion he received in Cyprus at age nineteen as his proudest moments. He has thoroughly enjoyed his time in the military and would recommend it – "Military is a good life, we had more good times than bad times – that is for certain." Bob and his wife Patricia have two children; he currently works as Commissionaire at the Point Aconi Power Plant.







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# Creighton Bungay



## Creighton Bungay Biography

Petty Officer Creighton Bungay was born on September 16th, 1918, in North Sydney, Nova Scotia. In September of 1941 Creighton joined the Royal Canadian Navy and served with the A5101 R.C.N.R. After completing training in Sydney, Nova Scotia, Creighton served on the Naval Destroyer the H.M.C.S. St Laurent, for three and a half years. Some of the countries that Creighton saw were Iceland, Ireland and England just to name a few. Creighton was assigned to convoy duty and took part in the D-Day invasion. The main purpose of the Naval convoys was to keep Submarines away from the Merchant Navy ships that were carrying much needed war supplies. Such honors and awards that Creighton received for his service were, the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal, the war 1939-1945 Star, the North Atlantic Star, The Queen's Jubilee Medal the War Medal with Oak Leaf and the France and Germany Bar.

One of Creighton's memorable moments came when his ship went to Gibraltar to escort three aircraft carriers to Liverpool, England. When the planes took off from the carriers they flew over the escort ship and "Dipped its Wing" as a gesture of gratitude. The worst thing that Creighton encountered was the loss of fourteen ships between Boxing Day and January. While serving his country, Creighton missed the comforts of home and family and did notice a lot of young men were gone from the area due to the war. A proud moment in Creighton's life came on August 15th, 1944, when his name was published in the London Gazette by the King's Order in which, he was distinguished for "Mentioned in Dispatches for distinguished service". After being discharged in September of 1945, Creighton took up a career in fishing and later worked in the coalmines until his retirement. Creighton now resides in Alder Point and raised two children with his wife Esther (now deceased).







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# WO Joseph Burke



## WO Joe Burke Biography

Joe Burke was born on October 19th 1923 in Windsor, Ontario. He and his family moved to Cape Breton when he was just four years old. In June of 1940 at the age of 16 he enlisted into the Army at Victoria Park in Sydney. He began his career with the CBH as a Private and completed his basic training in Sydney and Glace Bay. When asked what prompted him to join the army he says with a smirk, one day he was playing hooky from school and ended up at Victoria Park with his neighbor, the next day he took in his proper paper work and began his career. Joe spent time in England, France, Holland, Belgium and Germany. When he arrived in England, he was attached to the North Shore New Brunswick Regiment headquartered out of Bathurst. He worked as a dispatch rider for their Signal Platoon. Driving through the European country he has had several accidents and spills on his motorcycle. One crash sticks out in his mind, when a car traveling towards Joe came across the center line and hit him head on, he was extremely lucky to walk away unharmed. When asked about any memorable moments with comrades, he says memorable questions come to mind. "Why would a sniper pick one person over another?" Or "Why was the shell that landed next to

us a dud, while the shell that landed over there blew a hole in the ground?" Joe says everything about war is memorable, it is something that sticks in your head – whether you like it or not. As his proudest and most memorable moment Joe recalls his visit to Windsor Castle. After a tour of the castle, he and the small group he was with were asked to sit in the back garden. The Queen Mother Mary came out to serve tea with Queen Elizabeth bringing out scones. Princess Margaret and Princess Elizabeth were also present. He had a great afternoon lunch with royalty.

While he was away Joe missed his family and friends. Upon his return to Canada he left the Army for two years before continuing his duty. In 1951 he returned to Germany with the 27th Canadian Infantry Brigade at the outset of the Cold War, working communication for the brigade. Joe retired from the military in March of 1969, for his service he received the War Medal, France Campaign, Germany Campaign, Defence of Britain, NATO and Canadian Decoration Medals. After the Military he began his career as Captain of the Grand and Little Narrows ferries and the Englishtown ferry. He retired from the ferry service in June of 1987. Joe enjoyed every second of his time spent in the military; he now resides in Sydney with his wife Gladys.





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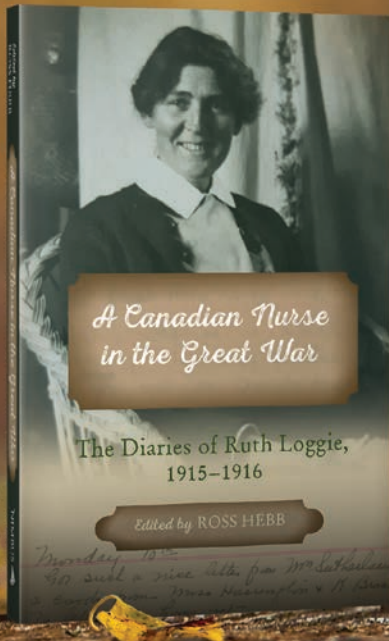
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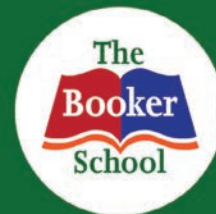
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# CWO John Clarke



## CWO John Clarke Biography

John Clarke was born on September 2nd 1939 in Sydney, Nova Scotia. In 1960, at the age of 22, John enlisted into the Army at Victoria Park in Sydney, Nova Scotia. At the time a lot of his friends had been joining and John found interest in all the military subjects. It was also encouraging to do something different, a step ahead of the average work day. So he began his military career in Infantry as a Private. He has spent over thirty years in the reservists and for his dedication John has received the Canadian Decoration with two clasps. He has also received the Queens Jubilee, the Canadian Centennial Medal and the Canada 125th Anniversary Medal.

John was honored in 1989 to travel to England and participate in the celebration of the Highlanders allied regiment the Cheshire. It was the 300th birthday of the regiment. John travelled across the Atlantic with Colonel Mike Alteen. This remains one of the most memorable moments during his military career, he says he met many interesting people and was well taken care of during his stay. John thoroughly enjoyed his stays at Aldershot, it was always great to go off and see old friends and meet new and interesting people. John's proudest moments remain his promotions. "It feels great to be recognized for your hard work."

John says he is most certainly proud to be a part of the Highlanders and Canada is certainly proud of their military. As for advice to leave with those currently serving their country, "Uphold the service and it will go a long way!" In the military you learn to work as a team, trust in others and deal with major decisions. These things come natural to those in the military, it can teach you things you will not learn in civilian life.

One of John's greatest accomplishments, which can be recognized and appreciated by all, is the Highlander Museum located in Victoria Park. After his retirement in 1994, there were plans being made for the new armouries. There were many artifacts and objects of historical significance to the battalion which were to be moved elsewhere. John took it upon himself to try and preserve this history, where it belonged, in Victoria Park. He approached the right people and not long after, the museum began coming to fruition. John believes it is important to preserve the military history of Cape Breton. "Everyone in Cape Breton has a military connection" and he wants to convey that rich history to anyone who is interested in it. It is a great accomplishment after thirty-four years of gaining knowledge, to pass on the story and keep the history alive.

John continues to run the Museum in Victoria Park. He now resides in Sydney, Nova Scotia with his wife Fonnie, they have three children.





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# Sergeant Ron Clarke



## Ron Clarke Biography

Ron Clarke was born April 3, 1940. He enlisted in the army in October 1956 at the tender age of sixteen and received his basic training at Sussex, NB. He was assigned to the Black Watch and spent the next ten years with that regiment. During this time period Ron became known as a boxer of exceptional talent. He won 30 of his 32 fights, 26 of them by knockout. In 1990 Ron was inducted into the Boxing Hall of Fame.

After his time with the Black Watch, Ron transferred to the Royal Canadian Postal Corps. For the next twenty-six years, Ron was posted to various countries including Germany, Viet Nam, Cyprus and Namibia. In addition to being part of UN Peacekeeping operations and NATO deployments, Ron's work with the Postal Corps led to him being Postmaster on various deployments. In Germany he was responsible for initiating the

overseas Santa Claus letter writing program for children of forces personnel which remains popular to this day. He was also a member of the Canadian Defense Liaison Staff.

Prior to his retirement in 1992, Sgt. Ron Clarke was the Chief Instructor at the postal school in CFB Trenton. Ron is a member of Br. 019, North Sydney, Royal Canadian Legion and also the Canadian Association of Veterans in UN Peacekeeping for whom he served as Past President of the local chapter. He has also passed on his love of boxing as longtime trainer with the Tommy Gordon Boxing Club. Today Ron lives in Georges River with his wife, Elsie. They have three children.





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# Trooper Alex Cole



## Alex Cole Biography

Trooper Alex Cole was born on November 21, 1921 in Sydney Mines, NS. At the age of nineteen years, on May 1st, 1941, Alex joined the Royal Canadian Army and served with the 6th Royal Hussars and Lord Strathcona Horse and was discharged on December 4th, 1945. He completed basic training in New Glasgow, NS, and more training later at Camp Borden, Ontario. He was assigned to England in 1941, Italy in 1943, and Holland in 1945. He was involved in the Italian as well as the European Campaign seeing action on the "Ortona Front", "The Hitler Line in Casino", "North To The Gothic Line" and "To The Po Valley". He was assigned to the Calgary Regiment where he first worked as a tank driver and later tank gunner. Alex said that his memorable moments were spending time with fellow comrades.

Although there were good times, Alex witnessed the casualties that come with war, noting that the Hitler Line was the most horrifying for him. His fondest memories were when he was assigned to Holland near the end of the war, he remembers the cheering crowds welcoming him and his comrades in the Liberation of the Dutch. During Alex's overseas service, he missed family and the comforts of civilian life. Upon arriving back in his homeland, Alex noticed that jobs were scarce but eventually he became employed as a carpenter. He later attended Vocational School; he then operated a taxi business in Sydney Mines and later worked for Sears Canada until he retired. He now resides in Sydney Mines with his wife Elaine.







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# WO Terry Collins



## WO Terry Collins Biography

Terrance Lloyd Collins was born in March 1967 in North Sydney. Terry enlisted into the Canadian Forces in June of 1988. He enlisted at CFRC Sydney and completed his basic training in 1988 out of CFRS Cornwallis. Terry was looking for a challenge, and the excitement of the Army intrigued him. The chances to see the world and serve Canada were also deciding factors.

Terry's first deployment was part of the Oka Crisis in Quebec 1991. As a Bombardier in the Field Artillery School, Terry was deployed to Quebec as a member of W Battery and a 105mm Howitzer Gun Troop. In 2000-01, Terry was deployed to Bosnia Herzegovina as a member of the NATO International Stabilization Force Canadian Contingent. As an Ammunition Technician, Terry supplied and serviced all the ammunition/explosives for the 3RD Regiment of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Battalion Task Force in Op Palladium. In 2005, as a Sergeant, Terry was deployed to Afghanistan's capital city of Kabul as a member of the NATO ISAF Canadian Contingent. His last tour of duty outside of Canada was in the United Arab of Emirates in 2007 as a member of an Intermediate

Staging Team in direct support of the Canadian Contingent Task Force out of Kandahar Afghanistan.

Terry has many memorable moments during his 22 years of enlistment. When asked about negative experiences, Terry says they were minimal, however; Terry explained that training accidents to our own troops are definitely at the top of that list. For his proudest moments; Terry lists being promoted to Warrant Officer in CFB Petawawa 2006. Also receiving the Task Force Kabul Commander's Commendation for his outstanding contribution as the Task Force Explosive Safety Officer during his tour in Afghanistan. This was one of two Commander Commendations; the other was in Petawawa from the 2 Area Support Group Commander in recognition of his outstanding professionalism which contributed to the success of - Stalwart Guardian 2004.

As for advice he would like to offer men and women currently serving our country, "trust your Sergeant Majors". If you ever experience troublesome times, do not be afraid to talk about it, there is support for you throughout the Canadian Forces, it truly is a family. Since his retirement from the Military in May 2010, Terry has been working part time at a Commissionaire detail at Marine Atlantic North Sydney.





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# Able Seaman Eldon Critchley



## Eldon Critchley Biography

Eldon Critchley was born Christmas Day in 1926. His father was an ARP Warden and he joined the Sea Cadets as a youth. He enlisted in the navy at Sydney in 1943 and received his basic training at Cornwallis. During the Battle of the Atlantic, Eldon served aboard HMCS Bowmanville and HMCS Kapuskasing. Operating out of Halifax, they laboured to keep the sea lanes safe for the many convoys destined for overseas. The Kapuskasing was a minesweeper and, although she never had a direct confrontation with the enemy, her work was often dangerous and even at the best of times it could be tedious and nerve racking.

Able Bodied Seaman Critchley was discharged from the navy in April 1946. He married his wife, Helen and they had five children. After serving in the navy, Eldon worked for the British Canadian Co-Op Dairy in Sydney Mines for ten years. He also worked at the colliery wash plant on Pitt Street before settling in at Marine Atlantic where he spent the next thirty years as a Marine Engineer. Eldon is lifetime member of Br. 008, Sydney Mines, Royal Canadian Legion where he plays trumpet in the Sydney Mines Legion Centennial Band. He is also a member of the Cape Breton Naval Veterans Association. Today he resides in Georges River with his wife.





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# Clarence Dawe



## Clarence Dawe Biography

Clarence Dawe was born September 2, 1945. He enlisted in the army on January of 1964. After completing his basic training at Shiloh, Manitoba he was stationed with the 1st Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery (RCHA) at Gagetown, New Brunswick.

As a Gunner, or Operator Technician, Clarence was involved in all aspects of the operation of both 105mm and 155mm howitzers. He was also trained as a Signal Operator and Driver. Clarence, like many of our servicemen, describes his time in the service in modest terms. However, like all those who serve, he was sometimes forced to deal with drastic circumstances. On

one such occasion, while fighting a forest fire near Bathurst, he and his comrades were nearly lost in a firestorm when the wind changed.

Clarence's fondest memories are of the teamwork and the comradery the men shared while serving their country. After he left the forces in 1967 he worked for Devco at the Princess and Prince Mines and then as a carpenter. He continues to serve as an active member of Br. 008 Sydney Mines, Royal Canadian Legion. He has also served as President of Nova Scotia / Nunavut Command and on the Dominion Executive Council.





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# Dennis Douglas



## Dennis Douglas Biography

Dennis Douglas was born December 7, 1966. After spending 6 years in the Sea Cadets he enlisted at Sydney in September 1985 and received his basic training at Wainwright, Alberta. Initially he served with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. He was deployed with UN Peacekeeping operations in Cyprus in 1991 and the former Yugoslavia in 1993. It was during the latter deployment that he was involved in the action at the Medak Pocket. During that action Canadian and French forces came under heavy attack by the Croatian army after they had intervened to stop the slaughter of Serbian civilians. Afterward, Dennis had the unenviable job of operating as part of a sweep team that recovered bodies and documenting the

ethnic cleansing that had taken place. He received the Commander In Chief Unit Citation for his efforts.

After 8 years in the PPCLI, Dennis transferred to the Air Force where he served as a Meteorological Technician. During this period he spent time stationed at CFB Alert and also took part in NATO exercises as a Navigator Yeoman aboard a naval vessel visiting numerous allied countries. Dennis retired from the military in September 2005. He is currently employed as a Surface Weather Observer. Dennis is a member of Br. 019, North Sydney, Royal Canadian Legion where he has served as Sgt. at Arms and currently serves on the Executive. He and his wife, Susan, live in North Sydney.







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# Private Berkley Evans



## *Berkley Evans Biography*

Private Berkley Evans was born on January 1st 1926 and at the age of eighteen years joined the RCAF. He completed basic Air Force Basic Training at #1 Manning Depot, in Toronto. He was scheduled for Gunnery School for Air Gunners in September of 1944 however aircrews were not required so his regiment was discharged. He then joined the Army on January 12th 1945 and completed basic training for the Armoured Corps at Camp Borden, Ontario and later sent to Barrie field, Ontario. He was scheduled for Pacific Training in Fort Benning, Georgia, USA., however when the bombs were dropped on Japan, hostilities ceased. Berkley then served one more year in Canada and was discharged in July of 1946.

While serving at Camp Borden, Ontario, Berkley recalls an instance when a couple of comrades were doing overhead exercises, the water pipes suddenly broke and the place flooded. The Corporal was called and he asked how long had the water been flowing and one of the boys said "For as long as the pipe had been broke". Upon returning home, Berkley noticed the lack of jobs for ex-servicemen. He did eventually go to work at a convenience store and at a trucking company; he later took a course in office machine and repairs and secured employment in this field until 1966. Berkley and his wife Mildred reside in North Sydney.





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# WO Jim Fletcher



## WO Jim Fletcher Biography

Jim Fletcher was born on January 20th 1953 in Glace Bay, Nova Scotia. Growing up he got involved with the Nova Scotia Highlanders Cadets in 1967. With this group he travelled to Aldershot, instructors told him about the Reserves and in 1969 he enlisted with them in Glace Bay. Jim recalls beginning training and only having one uniform to worry about, the standard wool with boots, puttees and a belt. Shortly after this the Armed Forces were combined to squash any distinction between the Forces and the Reserve soldiers were issued three uniforms. Now with these uniforms, the men were not always sure which one they should be wearing, Jim joked we would dress depending on the mood of the RSM that day. Another funny mishap regarding uniforms occurred in Gagetown serving as a Sergeant, out on the machine gun range after a night out with the boys, numerous soldiers had been addressing him as Sgt. Ferguson, until finally he said, "Its Fletcher!" It turned out he and another Sergeant had their uniforms switched without realizing.

Jim's proudest moment during his service is to have the pleasure of being the Color Warrant Officer whenever the Colors were to be paraded during

special events. When asked if any moments stuck out as a negative experience, only one occasion came to mind. During an exercise in Gagetown, the group was training to do a fighting patrol, marching through snow knee deep when Jim took a sharp pain in his chest. When they reached the next forming up place he gathered himself and continued the exercise. He finished the training and continued having trouble breathing until the next morning when he was taken to the hospital in Kentville. Here Jim found out he had taken a heart attack and was transported to an intensive care unit. This remained the worst experience Jim endured during his time of service.

When asked if he had any advice to offer to the young men and women currently serving our country, Jim recommends continuing your education. Tell them you want to pursue more schooling because they can and will provide it. Regarding Canada's participation in Afghanistan he believes progress has been made, but the problems they have are far from solved. "We want to show them a better way of life." Jim served thirty seven years in the military and he would not change a thing. He retired from the Armed Forces in May of 2000 with the Canadian Decoration for Service with two clasps. He says he would recommend it to all youth, the life lessons you can learn are invaluable. Jim currently resides in Dominion with his wife Ann Marie, they have two children.







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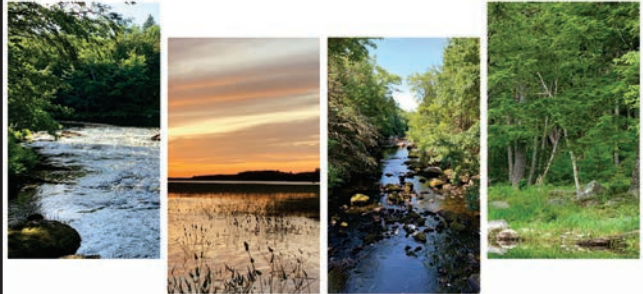
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# RSM Frank Forget



## RSM Frank Forget Biography

Frank 'Bricky' Forget was born on November 29th 1932 in Sydney, Nova Scotia. He enlisted into the Army at Victoria Park in Sydney in January of 1951, he and some friends decided to join up together. He completed training in Victoria Park, Aldershot, Gagetown and Debert. During his training he recalls walking through the field during an exercise and spotting a .30 caliber machine gun smoking, he rushed to it to haul it down, the gun went off and he had gun powder explode in his face. "I was pink for a week!"

During his time enlisted Bricky says some of his favorite times were spent on the track for Wednesday afternoons Sports Days. He says he never got tired of winning all those trophies. Sports were always his favorite, he would run in the 100 yard dash and 200 yard dash, compete in the long jump and high jump. A special highlight was going up against a fellow who was an Olympic runner, Bricky didn't know at the time, but he did win the race anyways, he

says his legs never moved so fast. His proudest moment during his time enlisted is becoming the Nova Scotia Highlanders District RSM, before he became this he spent ten years as the Nova Scotia Highlanders Battalion RSM. Bricky says he misses just being out in the field with the boys, there was always great camaraderie. When he retired from the Army in 1983, he remained on standby for Ready Company. When asked if he has any advice for young men and women currently serving our country Bricky says sign up and get your haircut. Regarding Canada's participation in the Afghanistan conflict Bricky says "They are doing a really good job over there, nobody wants to be there, but they are doing their job." Bricky now resides in Whitney Pier with his wife Isabel.

### Honors and Awards

Bricky received the Canadian Decoration for service with one clasp and the Queens Medal.





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# Private Don Garnier



## Pte Don Garnier Biography

Don Garnier was born in North Sydney, Nova Scotia on November 23rd 1924. When the war began Don was just a young man, and he decided to enlist into the army, at the age of eighteen. He wanted to travel and experience the world, and more importantly, he wanted to go to battle to protect his country. So on March 14th of 1943 Don enlisted in North Sydney and began his basic training in New Glasgow. Once his training was completed, he was originally assigned to Search Lights in Vancouver, BC. Don simply stated he joined to go overseas, and if he was not sent he would go back to Cape Breton. He was part of the very next draft to go overseas.

During his time overseas, Don fought in Italy, Holland and Germany. He spent his tour of duty at the front lines as a Bren gunner. Don was in major battles in Italy and Holland, in Italy he took part in the Cassino Ridge and Coriano Ridge battles, he also spent time on what would be later known as Graveyard Hill, where Canadian soldiers received the worst shelling of the Italian campaign. Don says his worst experience in the Military happened during the Italian campaign. Don made some great

friends while enlisted, one in particular, his number two on his Bren gun would tell Don about his home and how he will forever miss the apple tree he would spend his days sitting under. Don was quick to tell him; "someday we will both sit under that tree when we return home". Don lost this dear friend on a day when the Canadian Forces were pushing the Germans back. His number two saw that Don was tiring from marching forward carrying the Bren, so he took over to let him rest. Moments later he was caught by a snipers bullet.

When asked if he missed anything about home while he was overseas, he responded, "If you did not miss twelve brothers and sisters, it would mean you have no heart." Upon returning home he missed the many new friends he had met, knowing that he would never see them again. When asked of his proudest moment during his service, he is proud he was one of many men, who stepped up to put an end to a reign of terror on earth. Upon his return to Canada, Don left the Military on March 15th 1946. He then resumed his job at the Sydney steel plant, where he stayed until he began his pension. He currently resides at Taigh Na Mara in Glace Bay, Nova Scotia. As a proud member of the Cape Breton Highlanders, he continues to write poetry and share his stories from his time in the military.





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# Private Charles Gilbert



## Pte Charles Wilson Gilbert Biography

Charles Wilson Gilbert was born in Sydney mines, Nova Scotia on October 12, 1921. Growing up in Sydney Mines as a teenager, Wilson worked at the local theater until he was 19 years old, when he decided to enlist into the military on September 19th, 1940 at the age of 19. He went to Sydney to sign up at Victoria Park and joined the 1st Field Company Engineers. After enlisting, he spent six months training in the Sydney area locating and extracting dud landmines in the field, honing his trade. After the six months they were put into the field with live mines, before they traveled to Halifax to get on a ship to Europe.

While overseas during the Second World War, Wilson spent time in Italy, France, Germany, Belgium and Holland. As part of the Field Engineers, he spent most of his time near the front lines, using metal detectors to find landmines in the fields. The German mines were planted all over the field of war, it was imperative to find and dispose of these before it was safe to move ahead. This was a very dangerous job to be given; Wilson assured it was most definitely not a glamorous job. When asked if there were any memorable moments, Wilson was just proud to serve his country alongside his comrades. "We

looked after each other, I met some great friends." There was great camaraderie. It was important to look after each other, as Wilson reminisced about being in the trenches they would dig out, seeing planes fly passed, hearing shells overhead and the shrapnel fly in all directions. When asked if he was ever scared doing the job he was assigned, he said there was no time to be scared. Maybe at first, but it was something you would get over quickly. When asked if he missed anything from home while he was overseas, he quickly answered, "I guess I did!" Wilson missed his family, friends and his future wife, Annie Coakley. He even missed his small town theater. Upon his arrival home he says it was an adjustment getting used to the silence in Canada. Returning back home, Wilson continued to serve for a short time before earning his honourable discharge on November 7th, 1945 and searching for a civilian job. Wilson earned several service medals during his time enlisted, he has the Italy Star, France and Germany Star, Defence Medal, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with Clasp and war Medal 1939-45. He began working in the Princess Colliery Mine in Sydney Mines, where he worked for 25 years until his retirement. Wilson and his wife Annie Gilbert had four children together. Wilson resides on Pond Road in Sydney Mines and to this day claims he is "shell shocked from eating too many peanuts."





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# Alex Giles



## Alex Giles Biography

Alex Giles was born in North Sydney in 1924. Alex was a member of the reserves before joining the Navy in the fall of 1942. His true ambition, however, was the Air Force and he quickly transferred when the opportunity presented itself. Alex received his Basic Training at Lachine, Quebec and was posted to the No. 10 Bombing and Gunnery School at Mount Pleasant, PEI.

As a Pilot Officer at Mount Pleasant he assisted with the training of Air Force personnel which included the aerial towing of targets for gunnery practice. Alex was also regularly involved in anti-submarine patrols in the Gulf of St. Lawrence and as such provided valuable air cover for convoys operating in that area.

The primary aircraft Alex operated was the Blenheim MK4 also known as the Boling-

broke bomber. Alex also piloted Fairey Battle light bombers. On one occasion, he was dispatched to an area off Cavendish where a U-boat had been sighted. After dropping depth charges and scouring the area there was no sign of the enemy vessel. He had to return to base without ever knowing if he had damaged or even struck his intended target. On another occasion Alex was forced to crash land in the ocean and was mercifully spared the fate that had befallen a comrade who had simply disappeared 20 minutes after takeoff without any trace ever being found.

After the war Alex married his wife Edith and had three daughters. He worked for the Post Office until his retirement in 1979. In his spare time he built a single-engine plane in his basement based on modified plans he had purchased. This project took four years and is noteworthy even today.





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# Paul Graham



...serving his country today. Since retiring from the navy in 1993, Paul has been an active volunteer with Veteran's support groups. He is a member of Br. 128, Whitney Pier, Royal Canadian Legion; Vice President of the Cape Breton Naval Veteran's Association; and Past President of the Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans In Canada, Unit 217 – New Waterford. Paul and his wife live in New Waterford where he also volunteers with the local Meals on Wheels program.

## Paul Graham Biography

Paul Graham was born July 7, 1946. He enlisted in the navy in 1964 at Halifax and received his basic training at Cornwallis. During his time in the navy Paul served aboard HMCS Cape Scott, HMCS Annapolis, HMCS Gatineau and HMCS Protector. He was also stationed at CFB Soest and CFB Baden in Germany as well as CFB Edmonton. While still an Ordinary Seaman, Paul trained as a diver. Eventually he rose to the rank of Chief Petty Officer 2. Paul credited a Korean War vet with instilling him with a simple but powerful leadership philosophy: "Treat a man like a man and he'll be a man".

Paul married his wife, Ellen, in 1969. They have one son who is a graduate of the Royal Military College of Canada and is





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# Earl "Curly" Gray



## Earl Gray Biography

Able Seaman Earl (Curly) Gray was born on May 6th 1924, in Sydney, NS. At the age of seventeen years, on September 9th 1941, Curly joined the Royal Canadian Navy where he was assigned to the Mine Sweeper, the HMCS Vegreville. He was discharged on September 29th 1945. He completed basic training in Halifax, Nova Scotia. He was stationed in 1943 to London and Newfoundland, England. Curly was involved in escort duty in the North Atlantic and was assigned to the 31st Mine Sweeping Flotilla in the Invasion on D-Day. He received such honors as The France/Germany Star, The 1939-45 Star, The Atlantic Star, The Volunteer Service Medal, The Medal of Military Merit, The Canadian Forces Decoration, Normandy Medal bestowed by the Government of France,. Curly also received the 50 Year Service Award from the Legion as well as the Meritorious Service Award.

Curly said that his memorable moments spending time aboard the ship with his fellow comrades. Curly also enjoyed meeting some of his relatives that lived in England and the visits that they had together. Although there were good times, while on escort duty with the RCNVR in the North Atlantic, he witnessed severe storms as well as extreme loss of live and casualties on Juno Beach in the D-day Invasion. the casualties that come with war from the damage done by bombs, seeing many towns and cities destroyed as well as many lives lost. He was inspired by the morale of the people of Britain who continued day to day life despite the severe bombings. During Curly's overseas service, he missed Christmas with family, the comforts of home such as: clean dry clothing, soap, toothpaste, and razor blades. He also missed mail from home. Upon arriving back on the home front, Curly noticed how his parents had aged, and how the economic situation had improved and everyone was working. After being home for three months he went to work at the Steel Plant. Curly resides in Sydney with his wife Muriel.





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# Lt Lloyd Harris



## Lt Lloyd Harris Biography

Lloyd Harris was born on September 7th 1954 in Sydney Mines, Nova Scotia. Growing up he always thought about joining the military but his caring father did not agree because he did not want to lose any of his children, so he didn't join until 2001. When some of his friends who were involved with the local Air Cadets talked him into attending one of their meetings in Sydney Mines. He was immediately interested after the first meeting, however, in order to join Lloyd was told he had to go back to school to attain his GED by Captain Tom Spence. So that he did, and soon after completing this he began courses in training as an Officer Cadet. Lloyd's basic training was split between Gagetown, New Brunswick and Shearwater, Nova Scotia. He recalls having many laughs throughout his training experiences, joking and carrying on with his comrades and officers alike. The joking was reciprocated as he told the story of his rain gear being stolen on one of the rainiest days of training. He didn't know what to do, so a friend of his in training cut arm holes and room for his head into a garbage bag and he wore it out to march. Upon seeing this

sight an officer inquired, "Why the bag?" Lloyd explained and the officer offered him an extra set he could borrow, it was a tight fit but Lloyd stayed dry.

Lloyd is very proud to wear his uniform. "Looks good, feels good." Along with this, some other proud moments in Lloyd's career include when he was commissioned in 2005 and all of his promotions, he is currently a Lieutenant. He says returning home after completing a course is a great feeling of satisfaction and achievement. He is completely satisfied with his involvement in Air Cadets, "It is not a piece of cake – at times you have to work very hard", but it is all worth it. The Cadet Movement has so much to offer the kids and Lloyd puts in his time with them, taking them on overnights and day trips.

Lloyd is also a proud member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #0083 in Florence and is currently Branch President. He believes the service is a great career; it is something that can teach you to make the right choices. "Not everyone is made for it, but if you are, wear your uniform proudly!" Thinking back, Lloyd wishes he had joined the military at a much younger age, because, "the military is awesome." He now resides in Florence with his wife Dolores, they have five children together.





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# Private Joseph A. Hawkins



## Jodi Hawkins Biography

Private Joseph A. (Jodi) Hawkins was born in Bras d'Or, Nova Scotia on July 29, 1927. In January 1944, Jodi enlisted in the Royal Canadian Army. He completed his basic training in Yarmouth, as well as Aldershot, Nova Scotia and was stationed throughout Canada. While preparing to be shipped to England, word was received that the war was over; Jodi continued to serve Canada until his discharge in February of 1946, receiving the 1939-45 Canadian Voluntary Medal. On February 12th 1951, Jodi re-enlisted to serve his country once again; he served in the Korean War as a paratrooper. He completed his training in Rivers and Shylo, Manitoba. He was sent by train to Tokyo, Japan and later by boat to Korea where he served fourteen months fighting on the front lines.

Jodi did experience casualties of war such as seeing some of his fellow comrades shot and killed. One day while sitting eating his K Rations (lunch/dinner), Jodi felt something whiz past his ear, this happened a couple more times but Jodi blew it off as being flies around his head. Only, when he reached down to pick up his water canteen, and saw a bullet hole being shot straight through it, Jodi then realized that there was a sniper shooting at him. Although Jodi did enjoy serving his country, he missed his growing up years at home such as the experiences of going to teen dances and such. When he arrived home he noticed how quickly his friends had grown up. Jodi did return to the coalmines until he retired some years later. He resides in Florence where he lived with his wife Joan (now deceased), and they raised twelve children.







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# Thomas A. Howard



## Thomas A. Howard Biography

Lance Bombardier Thomas A. Howard was born on December 5th 1925, in Florence, Nova Scotia. On April 6th 1943, at the age of 17, he enlisted in the Royal Canadian Army and served with the 5th Anti-Tank Regiment. Tom completed his basic training in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia and his advanced training in Petawawa, Ontario. After serving his country, Tom was discharged in March of 1946. During his time Overseas, Tom was assigned to England, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. Tom was involved in the Liberation of the Dutch and his tank regiment was assigned as backup for the conflict known as The Battle of the Bulge. Tom received such honours and awards as the France-Germany Star, Canadian Voluntary Service Medal and the 1939-1945 War Medal.

Some of Tom's memorable moments were with one of his comrades, George LeBlanc; Tom recalls them as having a close friendship, sharing trenches and being on leave together.

This friendship lasted well after the war ended. Tom enjoyed his comradeship with crew from all over Canada and remembers being in Quad trucks going through towns and the people being very receptive to the Canadian soldiers.

At times Tom experienced hardships and recalls witnessing a comrade from Western Canada being under a truck with shrapnel wound to the back of the head. Tom felt helpless, as there was nothing he could do for his friend. While overseas, Tom desperately missed his girlfriend, Anne. Upon his return, Tom made Anne his wife. The most noticeable sight for Tom was his return from service only to discover the homestead gone and a new home erected down the road. Two weeks after Tom returned from Overseas, he resumed his work in the coalmines in which he retired after 48 years of service. Tom resides in Florence with his wife, the former Anne Bailey with whom he had seven children.







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# Charlotte Hull



## Charlotte Hull Biography

Private Charlotte Hull was originally from Ste. Theresa, Quebec. At the age of twenty-two, on February 4th 1942, Charlotte joined the 42nd Company, Canadian Women's Army Corps., and was discharged on February 6, 1946. Before heading overseas, she was stationed at the Secretarial Headquarters in Ottawa working in all different departments. During this time, she was promoted to Corporal, but she decided to volunteer overseas but in order to qualify she had to be demoted back to private ranks.

She was assigned to the headquarters in London, England, from December 1942, through to 1945. Here she met Private Lloyd Hull, he proposed to her but she refused to marry him at first. She told him to go back and see his old girlfriend and then if he still wanted to marry her, she would. They later married and had four children. Currently Charlotte and Lloyd reside at the Northside Guest home.





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# Ed Ingham



## Ed Ingham Biography

Ed Ingham was born March 11, 1929 in Kirkland Lake, Ontario. As a youth in St. Catharines, Ed joined the sea cadets and four years later at the age of 19 he enlisted in the Navy at Hamilton. He received his basic training at Esquimalt. Ed was initially trained in engineering as a Stoker and after 5 years he became a Storeman for the duration of his service. In 1953 Ed was deployed to the Korean War aboard the newly refitted HMCS Haida where they conducted operations in conjunction with the US 7th Fleet. Ed received 3 medals for his service in Korea.

After that war, Ed served aboard HMC Ships Kootenany, Protector, Swansea, and Columbia. As all sailors can attest the weather was often their worst enemy. Ed recalls one occasion when his vessel almost rolled over in heavy seas. After retiring from the navy in 1973, Ed worked as a purchasing agent for Public Works Canada until he retired for good. Ed is an active member of the Cape Breton Naval Veterans Association. He has three children and resides with his second wife, Bernadette, in Glace Bay.





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# CWO James Jackson



## CWO James Jackson Biography

James "Jim" Jackson was born in St. Peters, Nova Scotia on April 13th 1925. His family has a great military tradition, his father and older brother were in the navy, his twin brother was in the Army and his sister was in the Air Force. So naturally, when he was old enough, Jim also enlisted. He joined the army in 1943 in Halifax as a Private. His basic training was completed in Yarmouth, NS. He says the training was tough; they did not have much of the amenities those would have today.

Jim spent much of his early career overseas, he has seen action in the UK, Korea, Vietnam, Cyprus, Egypt, Golan, Gaza Strip and Japan. Jim's travels had their memorable experiences, both good and bad. In Syria the men would go on hikes, on one particular hike the men found a donkey and took him back to base with them. The donkey jumped in the jeep with the soldiers and immediately became their mascot. Time spent overseas were not all laughs, in Korea, where Jim was the Warrant Officer, there was a constant danger. In Vietnam the bombers were always overhead, dropping on villages and schools. Korea was particularly dangerous, because of the numerous hills and valleys it was very easy to be ambushed. One of his worst experiences in the military happened in

Vietnam, Jim recalls being in choppers during fighting, when a chopper left the designated route for a short-cut, Jim says he watched the lead chopper get shot down by a group of teenage girls from the North Vietnam Army.

While he was away Jim missed family and friends. After his retirement from the military Jim became a hunting safety instructor with the Department of Lands and Forests and later became the commissioner at the Canso Causeway. He also went to schools to talk about and make children aware of the problems caused by bullying. By the time he had retired, Jim collected many medals. He has the Order of Military Merit, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal, War Medal 1939-45, Korea Medal, UN Service Medal, UN Medal (Cyprus), International Commission of Control and Supervision Medal (Vietnam) and the Canadian Forces Decoration with clasp. His proudest moment was in 1976, when he took his mother to Ottawa to receive a Medal of Military Merit from the Governor General.

When asked if he had any advice for the young men and women currently serving this country, Jim says to join the forces with a cause – listen and obey- obedience is important. "Get along with your fellow men and women, regardless of credence or color". Jim currently resides in the Veterans Wing in Harbourview Hospital in Sydney Mines. "Everyone here is so nice, all the nurses and staff here are the kindest you could ever meet."





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# Ron Kelly



## Ron Kelly Biography

Sergeant Ron Kelly was born March 30th, 1941. Before entering the Army, Ron spent three years in the Reserves with the Nova Scotia Highlanders. Ron enlisted in the army in October 2nd, 1961 at the age of 20 and received his basic training at Edmonton and Victoria. He was assigned to the Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers regiment (RCEME). Ron was deployed for two tours in Germany, as well as one tour in Egypt in 1977 as a Peacekeeper. During his tours he conversed with his family via tape recordings. Ron also went to Bermuda for an exercise which is one of his fondest memories. Two of Ron's proudest moments during his service were the birth of his child while he was in Germany and his promotion to Sergeant. Ron also

enjoyed the sports competitions that were held in Germany every year.

Ron received such honors and awards as the CD medal, UN medal, NATO medal, and a Peacekeeping medal. When Ron was discharged from the military worked in security for Maritech. He also worked at AB Mechanical in Sydney, Nova Scotia is a life time member of Br. 019,, North Sydney, Royal Canadian Legion. He is the Sergeant of Arms, Bar Manager, District Chairman, and he is also on the entertainment committee. Ron and his wife, Flora, live in North Sydney and they have 4 children.







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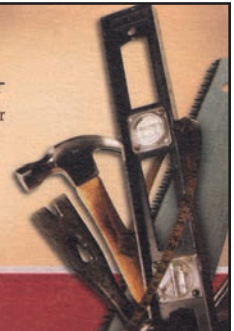
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# Dr. Mike Laffin



## Mike Laffin Biography

Dr. Mike Laffin was born January 12, 1918 in New Waterford. He enlisted in the Air Force in 1941 and received his "Wings" as a flying officer in May 1942. Mike was assigned a Halifax bomber designated as LK-801 of the Bluenose Squadron. As the Allied bombing of German targets increased in the latter part of the war, Mike flew some 24 sorties over France, Belgium, Holland and Germany.

On June 16, 1944 Mike's bomber was shot down near the border of Germany and Holland. Mike was injured but survived along with most of his crew. Fellow crewmember, Clarence Soderstrom from Edmonton was not so fortunate. Mike evaded capture for several days before being turned in by Nazi

sympathizers. Mike spent the remainder of the war in a German POW camp where he was appointed camp leader. When Germany surrendered in May of 1945, Mike volunteered for service in the Pacific but the surrender of the Japanese in August relieved him of service in that theatre.

After the war, Mike completed his pre-med at St. FX and then received his degree in Dentistry from McGill University. He operated a dental practice in New Waterford for many years. He was elected to represent Cape Breton Centre the Nova Scotia Legislature from 1963-1974 and again from 1981-1988. Today Mike lives in New Waterford with his wife Doris. He is a lifetime member of Br. 015, New Waterford, Royal Canadian Legion.





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# Nick Laffin



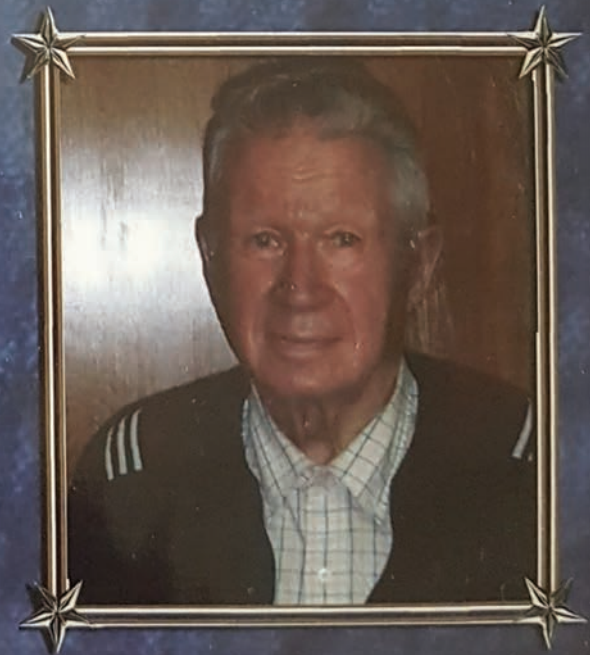
work. Those men were startled, to say the least, at his sudden return to consciousness.

In his spare time Nick was an avid boxer, like many of our Cape Breton boys, and was later inducted into the Canadian Boxing Hall of Fame. Nick was discharged in 1946 and returned home where he worked at the Franklin Colliery. He joined the Draggermen and was called to assist at both mine explosions at Springhill. Since his retirement, Nick has volunteered with palliative care services at local hospitals. Nick and his wife Evangeline have six children. He currently resides in Bras Dor.

## Nick Laffin Biography

Nick Laffin was born April 3, 1924. He enlisted in the army in 1943 at Halifax and received his basic training at Yarmouth. Assigned to the 8th Reconnaissance Regiment of the 2nd Canadian Infantry Division, he trained as wireless operator, gunner and driver of light armoured vehicle. The 8th Recce also known as the 14th Canadian Hussars was sent overseas and saw action in Normandy, Belgium, Holland and Germany.

Nick was wounded on two occasions. In Belgium he suffered damaged eardrums and a broken hand after being hit by an artillery round. Later, in Germany, he was shot in the back by a wounded German soldier after the town had surrendered. On another occasion he was stunned by an artillery burst and collapsed among dead comrades. He came to while the burial detail was doing their grim





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## Able Seaman Clarence Landry



### Clarence B. Landry Biography

Able Seaman Clarence Landry was born on September 30, 1924, Sydney, NS. On September 30, 1943, Clarence enlisted in the Royal Canadian Navy to do his part for the war effort and was discharged on December 7, 1945. He was sent to Quebec City, Quebec, and then to Cornwallis, Nova Scotia, for basic training. Clarence departed Canada for convoy duty in the Atlantic Ocean on the H.M.C.S. Levis. While on tour duty, Clarence saw many ports including: Nassau, Bermuda, Miami, the American Eastern Seaboard and Newfoundland. During the down time, he enjoyed spending time with his comrades seeing the local sights, playing crib and sometimes singing war songs. The little things made time long, and Clarence missed his family, girlfriend, and good home cooking. What stands out in Clarence's mind as a horror of war would be fighting alongside a ship only to watch it be torpedoed.

However, after the war ended, the best thing Clarence ever saw were the lights being turned on board the merchant ships and of course the Gulf Coast. When Clarence arrived home, he had already enlisted for another tour of duty in the Pacific. However, the war with Japan had ended while Clarence was on leave. Things had changed when Clarence was away fighting for his country, but it was noticeable to Clarence when looking at the neighborhood children who were now young men and women. For his dedication to his country, Clarence received the Atlantic Star 1939-1945 and his Volunteer medal 1939-1945. After the war ended Clarence was slowly becoming used to his civilian life again and it took about a month before he took up the trade as a meat cutter. Clarence now resides in Sydney River, with his wife Charlotte.





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# Trooper Donald LeDrew



## Donald LeDrew Biography

Trooper Donald LeDrew was born September 18, 1925. He enlisted in 1942 at Halifax and received his basic training at Brampton. Donald was assigned to the Sherbrooke Fusiliers. He was deployed overseas and served in England, Belgium, Holland, and Germany. The Sherbrooke Fusiliers were an armoured regiment equipped with Sherman tanks. They were engaged almost constantly from D-Day onward and, although Donald was fortunate to be in a reserve company, he saw firsthand the effects of war. As an example, he was in the vicinity of Arnhem after the fateful Operation Market Garden which was the subject of the movie "A Bridge Too Far". He

described a scene of devastation with crashed gliders, demolished buildings, and the charred corpses of men and animals.

On VE day, Donald was in Zutphen, Holland where he and his comrades celebrated alongside the grateful Dutch citizens. For his wartime service Donald received the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal, The France and Germany Star, and the Dutch Medal of Remembrance. After the war, Donald worked at the Sydney Steel Plant until his retirement in 1987. Donald and his wife, Evelyn, live in Sydney Mines. They have two children.





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# George E. Lewis



However, George also remembers the ravages of war, most of all the women and children scavenging for food in dumpsites and troop garbage trucks. It was times like these that made George yearn for his family and friends and his mother's home cooking, a luxury by far. When George was discharged on January 8th, 1957, he left with a Peacekeeping medal; a well deserved award for his duty to his country. Upon his return to North Sydney and civilian life, George noticed that a great many of his friends were not around anymore. Most had joined the military shortly after him, and had yet to return from their tours of duty. After two months, George worked at Thompson & Sutherlands as a stock clerk. Eventually George married his girlfriend, Susan Perry, and they now reside in North Sydney.

## George E. Lewis Biography

George E. Lewis enlisted for duty in South Korea as a Peacekeeper on January 8th, 1954. At the tender age of seventeen, George left his home town of North Sydney, for Camp Borden in Ontario, for basic training, and from there he spent the next three years in South Korea. George can recall a few found memories among which was the trip Overseas on American troop ships. He also enjoyed the camaraderie shared with new found friends and an exciting trip to Yokahoma, Japan.





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# WO Joseph R. Lewis



After serving 25 years in the army the things he noticed the most was the improvement and infrastructure in the town and for some time he felt that he was a stranger in the community. One of Hec's best experiences was the R.C.R. reunion in 1983. After being discharged in 1981 Hec worked for the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires at the terminal wharf in North Sydney. He has one son and currently resides in Sydney Mines with his wife Eileen

## Joseph R. Lewis Biography

Warrant Officer Joseph R. (Hec) Lewis was born on August 19th, 1931 in North Sydney, Nova Scotia. In March of 1956 at the age of 24 Hec enlisted in the Royal Canadian Regiment and completed basic training in London Ontario. Hec was discharged on August 19th, 1981 in the capacity of Warrant Officer. During Hec's service he was assigned to countries such as Germany and Cyprus. He received such honours and medals as the Canadian Decorative Medal, the U.N. Cyprus and a Nato Medal and also was commended for being in North West Europe. Hec said that he encountered many miserable times and had even witnessed a young officer shot and killed while serving in Cyprus.



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# Trooper William Lewis



## William Lewis Biography

Trooper William Henry Lewis was born on February 5, 1924. At the age of 19 he enlisted in the Canadian Army and served with the 8th New Brunswick Hussars until his discharge on March 15, 1946. Bill completed his basic training in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia.

Bill was assigned to countries such as England, Italy, Belgium, Holland and the U.K. and served in the Italian, North West Europe, Belgium and Holland Campaigns. Bill was involved in Action in Ortona and on the Hitler and Goustav Lines. Although Bill enjoyed on leave in England, Scotland, Rome and Naples and liked seeing the tower of London and Piccadilly. He did encounter less fortunate happenings such as seeing a Sherman Tank that was hit and was on fire with the crew inside.

After returning home Bill missed the camaraderie with fellow servicemen and was happy to see the boat docking in Halifax Harbor after returning from Europe. Upon returning home, Bill worked various jobs and then was janitor of the North Sydney Post Office until his retirement. In addition Bill was an active member of the North Sydney Fire Department and the Royal Canadian Legion, where he received the palm leaf medal, the highest Medal of Honor in the Royal Canadian Legion. Bill lives in North Sydney, with his wife Hildred.







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# Maj Bill Lloy



## Maj Bill Lloy Biography

Major Bill Lloy was born on February 23rd 1958 in Halifax, Nova Scotia. He grew up in Dartmouth and enlisted in Halifax into the 1st Field Regiment of Royal Canadian Artillery in 1975. Bill decided to join the military for the opportunity of gainful employment and the prospect of travel. As he trained with the Regiment he continued his schooling. By September of 1980, he transferred to the 45 Field Engineering Squadron. By the end of his time with this unit he had done just about every job including Commanding Officer for five years, command of the Atlantic Engineer Regiment, 45 Field Engineer Squadron and 56 Field Engineer Squadron and command of the Atlantic Engineer Squadron deployed in the United States of America. After this he spent two years at 36 Canadian Brigade Group Headquarters as G1 head of personnel services and completed Canadian Land Force Command and Staff College. After his stint at Brigade HQ he was transferred to the 2nd Battalion Nova Scotia Highlanders (CB).

Bill made his initial trip to Cape Breton in 1976 where he had his first encounter with a Highlander. Col. George Troicuk was the first Highlander he had the pleasure of meeting. He remembers the first impression the Highlanders left on him and proved to hold true, as they steadily worked intensely on a cold,

miserable day to complete their duties. The next time they met, Bill had built a reputation as a pistol shooter. He competed at the Canadian Nationals Small Arms competition five times compiling three medals, competing at all levels with a pistol. Bill would practice four to five times a week and on weekends he would travel to practice with the team. During his next meeting with the Highlanders, Major Troicuk put Bill up against his best shooters, wagering with Bill that if he should lose, he would join the 2NSH. Bill won the shooting competition with the last bullet and chose the 45 Field Engineering Squadron. Bill completed a short stint in Munich, Germany as a senior Canadian Officer during NATO Engineering training. Bill lists Swiss Air as his only unpleasant experience, Bill and many others were asked to mobilize in a time of disaster, the incredible jobs and depth of character of those involved will be something that sticks with Bill.

He will never forget the times he has spent training with soldiers. It is a special relationship, building camaraderie with others who put out their greatest efforts together. Being accepted as a Cape Breton Highlander means a lot to him. "When you sink your heart and soul into a unit, being acknowledged and accepted is a really good feeling."

Bill currently lives in Sydney, Nova Scotia with his wife Deana and children, Samantha and Michael. He works as a Denturist at his business, Lloy's Denture Clinic, Glace Bay.







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# MWO Bob Luker



## MWO Bob Luker Biography

Bob Luker was born in Florence in May 1947. He decided to enlist into the army at Victoria Park in Sydney in July 1968 for the employment. Bob completed his basic training at CFB Cornwallis. He believed that the military would provide a good life and an early retirement, it turned out he didn't want to leave. He began his military career working with Centurion tanks. Bob spent five years in tanks before deciding to change his career path over to finance after a rough weekend in the field. Throughout his career, Bob has had the opportunity of traveling overseas on several occasions. In 1975, he spent six months in Egypt and Israel after conflict between the two countries. While stationed in Egypt he traveled extensively, a highlight of the trip was taking camel rides out into the desert to see the great pyramids. Working in finance he also worked alongside the Navy, he spent seven weeks on tour for a Navy exercise in Bermuda. He also spent five months on a NATO tour on the HMCS Ottawa, all around the world for exercises and public relations events. Bob thor-

oughly enjoyed the traveling aspect, he says, "they paid me to see things that most must pay to see", and he considers himself extremely lucky for this. While he was away, Bob says he missed his children dearly.

When asked about any tough experiences he may have been through, Bob recalls a grueling exercise held in Churchill, Manitoba with temperatures well below zero. The men stayed in tents, and travelled their gear with toboggans. At the end of the exercise, the men were to fire their guns to signal completion of the exercise, 90% of the weapons could not fire in the cold weather. Bob has earned several medals, for his service he has received the Canadian Decoration, UN Peacekeeping Medal, Egypt Medal and the Queens 50th Golden Jubilee Medal. He ended his military career as Master Warrant Officer. Asked if he had any advice for the young men and women currently serving their country, Bob wants to tell them to, "Be dedicated to the job – Work hard and play hard. That was my philosophy for the job." Bob retired after thirty-nine years of service on May 14th, 2007. He currently resides in North Sydney, with his wife Mary. He has two children and two step-children.





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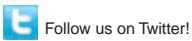


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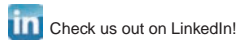


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# Captain A. David Luker



## Captain A David Luker Biography

The Reverend Captain A. David Luker was born March 16, 1954. There is a proud military tradition in his family, of whom four members fought in WWI and one made the greatest sacrifice. Yes, Reverend David was destined to serve his fellow man and his country. His first calling led him to the ministry and the second, in 1988, led to his enlistment in the Canadian Forces Reserves. His first eleven years with the Reserves were spent at Moncton with the 32 Service Battalion and the 4th Air Defense Regiment as a Captain in the Canadian Armed Forces Chaplaincy Branch. Since 1999, Reverend David has been assigned to Sydney serving with the 35 Medical Company, 35 Service Battalion and currently with the 36 Service Battalion. He also has the duty of Padre with the Cape Breton Highlanders Association.

Reverend David enjoys training alongside his

comrades, especially the regular ARCON exercises, and he shows a real passion for the unique work of the Military Chaplain. As a soldier he has earned the Canadian Forces Decoration (CD) in 2000 as well as the Queen's Jubilee Medal. At least as significant are his awards for his lifetime of community service. Among these are his induction into the Order of St. John and the International Knightly Order of St. George. Reverend David received these honours for his tireless work with community organizations which are too numerous to list in this space. As an Ordained Minister he is also very active both within his denomination and in ecumenical efforts as well. The Reverend Captain A. David Luker is a member of Br. 019, North Sydney, Royal Canadian Legion where he currently serves as 2nd Vice President. He lives in North Sydney with his wife, Pauline. They have two sons and three daughters.



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# Bill MacArthur



## Bill MacArthur Biography

Bill MacArthur was born April 28, 1930. He enlisted in the Navy in 1953 at Halifax and received his basic training at Cornwallis. Initially Bill served aboard HMCS Magnificent. Subsequently he was transferred to HMCS Shearwater. Although Shearwater was his primary assignment for the duration of his service, as an Air Armourer, Bill was regularly attached to various vessels. Among these vessels were HMC Ships Bonaventure, Assiniboine, Huron and Fraser. In addition Bill served with Canadian contingents aboard the USS Wasp and USS Essex. His role was to provide support of Sea King helicopter and Gruman Avenger fighter

operations.

During his service, Bill visited various countries including Scotland, France, Belgium and Panama to name a few. On one occasion in the Caribbean he and five comrades were fortunate to survive when their Sea King crashed into the ocean. Leading Seaman MacArthur retired from the Navy in 1971. Returning home he was astounded at the number of people with cars. Conditions had improved in the coal mines as well. Bill found employment at the Lingan Colliery where he worked until his retirement 1996. Today Bill lives in Glace Bay with his wife Edna. They have 5 children.





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# Maj Douglas MacDonald



## Maj Douglas MacDonald Biography

Douglas Macdonald was born in September 1924 in Sydney Mines. He decided to join the military because he was very interested in artillery; he began in artillery before being transferred to the Highlanders in 1954. He enlisted in North Sydney as a gunner and completed his basic training in Picton, Ontario at the School of Artillery and Officer Training. Over the years within the military he says he has met with so many fantastic people, and has collected many great memories with his comrades. Some of his favorite times were just standing around with the men and exchanging stories. The annual camps were always a memorable experience, especially once Douglas was promoted to Major and appointed Commanding Officer of A Company 2nd Battalion Nova Scotia Highlanders situated in North Sydney. Doug remembers commanding the last Militia exercise at Aldershot.

Douglas is very proud of his Scottish background and the motto of the Cape Breton highlanders, Siol Na Fear Fearail, so when the time for amalgamation with the North Novies came about, Doug was very adamant on keeping some of the Cape Breton Highlander traditions alive. Shortly

after this amalgamation he was elected to pick up the new colors in Halifax and take them to Victoria Park for the trooping of the colors. It was a very big deal for him to be able to do this, and he guarded them with his life. Now, many years later, Douglas was in attendance at the Gaelic College in St. Anne's for the announcement of the rebadging of the Cape Breton Highlanders in January of 2011. Being out for this announcement meant a lot to Douglas, he had the chance to meet with Minister of National Defence Peter Mackay and many officers and men he has served.

After retiring from the military as a Major, Douglas went back to school for his Bachelor of Arts and B.Ed. For nine years, he was taking courses year round to finish up his education. He became a head instructor at the AVTC Marconi Campus in Sydney. Doug continued to teach until his retirement in 1986. Before retiring from the military he received the Canadian Forces Decoration for serving.

Doug now resides in Sydney Mines with his wife Connie, they have five children. He enjoyed it all so much, and had the opportunity to meet so many marvelous people. "They have taught me so much; I would do it all over again – most certainly!"







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# Private Jim MacDonald



## Pte Jim MacDonald Biography

Jim Macdonald was born on September 15, 1925 in Sydney Mines, Nova Scotia. He enlisted into the army as a Pte on May 18th 1944 in Halifax, Nova Scotia at the age of 18. He joined with the North Nova Scotia Highlanders and completed his training in Yarmouth and Aldershot, Nova Scotia. Jim says he made the decision to join because during the Second World War there was not much work. Upon the completion of basic training Jim was shipped out to Aldershot, England. On Christmas Eve 1944, the SS Pasteur left Halifax and travelled down the coast to the south to duck around the submarines in the Atlantic. Jim recalls leaving in a snowstorm and just hours later sitting on the deck with no shirt on catching some sun. The Pasteur landed in England on New Year's Eve. He spent January training in England, before mobilizing and moving out to Belgium for a month. After Belgium, Jim was sent to the front lines in Holland.

Jim spent three weeks on the front lines in Holland, living in the trenches. He was part of the 3rd Platoon of the North Novies. This is where he spent the remainder of the war. He recalls hearing

the news that the war had ended, while he and his comrades were at a farm house in the afternoon. He recalls thinking, it doesn't feel like it is over, because there were still German guns ringing in the sky. Following the end of the war, Jim joined the Occupation Force that was put into place in Germany; he spent the next year training and sharing guard duties with members of this force, until he boarded the ship RMS Aquitania in July of 1946 to take him home. Jim got his discharge from the military one month after returning from Germany.

When asked if he missed anything while he was overseas or upon his return home, Jim missed everything from home, all the small things and upon his return he asserts there was nothing to miss about being a foot soldier, except the pay. Jim was making a dollar a day, at the end of the month he could send twenty dollars home and keep ten for himself. This was a big deal at the time because once he returned home Jim recalls jobs being scarce. He eventually started a job with Marine Atlantic where he worked up until his retirement in March of 1989. Jim now resides in Sydney Mines, Nova Scotia with his wife Frances, they have five children.







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# Colonel Ian MacIntyre



## Col Ian MacIntyre Biography

Colonel Ian MacIntyre was born on February 4th 1941 in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. He joined the Royal Canadian Army Cadets, in 1954. Two years later he joined 2nd Battalion, The Nova Scotia Highlanders (CB) in Sydney, Nova Scotia as a Private. He completed his basic training between Sydney and Camp Aldershot. He says he decided to join because at the time all of his friends were joining.

Being a Reservist, his overseas experience was sparse, except for a short time at the NATO Staff School, Oberammergau in Bavaria, Germany. Also in 2005 he was part of a delegation which took Veterans to Delfzijl, Holland where the last battle of the Cape Breton Highlanders took place, Apr-May 1945. The town was liberated by the CBH.

Colonel MacIntyre's career with the military has been one of great joy. "It was all memorable and fun, an overall great experience." One of his most memorable experiences was assisting in the restoration of the Cape Breton Highlanders name. There was a great deal of community assistance, throughout the endeavor, and he appreciated being a part of it. The announcement was made by Minister of National Defense, Peter MacKay on January 16th

2011 at the Gaelic College in St. Anne's, Nova Scotia. It was special to have the announcement so close to the roots of the Regiment, which was raised in Baddeck. His five years serving as President of the Cape Breton Highlanders Association remains one of his proudest military connections. Ian appreciates the Canadian Forces' great sense of humor and can-do attitude, plenty of laughs and good times always helped you forget about the tough times. Ian says this stems all the way back to the reputation of our veterans, a WW II running joke from their time was, "How do you get to Berlin? Make it out of bounds to the Highlanders!" It is nice to be known to have a 'cool' attitude in a 'hot' area, and Canada's Forces have that reputation internationally.

When asked about Canada's current participation on the world stage, he says that Canada has a responsibility in the global village to assist oppressed populations and repair dysfunctional regimes. As we do this, trust your comrades and look after them. Love Canada.

Ian now resides in Sydney River, Nova Scotia with his wife Mia LeGresley MacIntyre. He was appointed Honorary Colonel of the Nova Scotia Highlanders on May 15th 2010 and with the renaming of the Cape Breton Highlanders in January 2011, he became its Honorary Colonel as well.







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# Bill MacKeigan



## Bill MacKeigan Biography

Bill MacKeigan was born in Sydney Mines on September 15, 1916. Bill enlisted with the Cape Breton Highlanders in 1937. Along with his brother Johnny, Uncle Albert and many of his friends he was assigned to Company "C" and they trained locally. As a member of the reserves he was immediately called upon when war broke out in 1939. He spent the first years of the war guarding local strategic installations and maintaining a coastal watch. In November 1941 he was sent overseas where the Highlanders were merged into the 5th Armoured Division.

Bill was deployed to Sicily and subsequently served in Italy, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. As a

driver with the 5th Armoured Bill regularly transported supplies to the front lines. These loads often consisted of petrol (gasoline) which made him a choice target for the enemy. On one occasion he and a friend were spared when an armour-piercing round hit the pavement between them and ricocheted away without detonating.

After the war Bill worked in sales for various local concerns and eventually opened his own business "Cape Breton Trailer Sales" which he operated until his retirement in 1989. He and his wife, Erma, have four children. Bill is Lifetime member of Br. 019 North Sydney, Royal Canadian Legion.





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# Private Duncan MacKeigan



## Duncan MacKeigan Biography

Private John Duncan MacKeigan was born on March 20, 1924 in North Sydney, NS. On August 25, 1942 at the age of eighteen years, Duncan enlisted in the Royal Canadian Army and served in the 1st Canadian Parachute Battalion and later the North Shore Regiment. He was sent to Yarmouth, Nova Scotia for basic training.

Duncan was assigned to numerous countries such as: England, France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany. While on tour duty, Duncan was involved in action such as "Crossing of the Oran River", "Battle of the Bulge", Liberation of Devenger, Holland", "Niamegan", "Grous Beach" and "Cleve, Germany". While on leave, Duncan and his comrades would tour a lot of the cities and towns that they were in but Duncan missed his family and good home cooked meals.

Although Duncan was shot three times himself between 1944 and 1945, what stands out in Duncan's mind as a horror of war was when one of his comrades was shot in the head but was still alive. Duncan and one of his other comrades were chosen to go out and retrieve the wounded soldier and bring him back to the medics. When they ran across to where the soldier laid, one of the other soldiers asked them, how did you get there so fast? They replied that they ran across the field, he then told them that you better find another route back as that field was a land mine. When Duncan and his comrade brought the wounded soldier back to the medics, Duncan had to hold the wounded soldiers tongue so it wouldn't fall back into his windpipe and choke him. Duncan brought back some good memories with him and his fellow comrade Private Paddy Brogan. They had lots of laughs through all of the battles that they went through. In every village they went through, Paddy would make it a mission to get a chicken and he would only let the boys from Sydney Mines eat the chicken. After being home for a month, Duncan went to work for CN, now known as Marine Atlantic until his retirement. Duncan resides in Sydney Mines with his wife Freda.







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# Martin MacKinnon



## Martin MacKinnon Biography

Martin MacKinnon was born May 23, 1926. With a youthful yearning to "go to sea" he enlisted in the Merchant Marine in 1944 after a medical condition dashed his hopes of joining the navy. Martin was subsequently assigned to a series of merchant vessels including Park Ships, which were the Canadian equivalent of the American "Liberty" merchant vessels. Starting out as an Engineer's Messman he served aboard the Kerma, Philip P. Dodge, Mayfair Park, and Stanley Park. These vessels operated between Sydney and Newfoundland and down into the Caribbean/West Indies.

Martin enjoyed life at sea and as the war wound down he was spared the fate of many sailors such as those who perished aboard the SS Livingstone. Martin's ship came across an empty lifeboat from that tanker after she had been sunk by U-541 sixty miles

east of Scatarie. At war's end Martin was, by chance, in Halifax and witnessed the VE Day riots firsthand. After the war he sailed aboard lake boats and served in the Canadian Coast Guard aboard the CCGS Nanook and CCGS John A. MacDonald as an engineer. He finished his career with Marine Atlantic as a Senior Engineer after sailing aboard numerous vessels in that fleet.

Martin is a member of Br. 128, Whitney Pier, Royal Canadian Legion where he has served as Past President and currently serves as 1st Vice President. He is also President of the Cape Breton Naval Veterans Association and 1st Vice President of the League of Merchant Mariners local chapter. He resides in South Bar with his wife, Gloria. They have six children.



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# Eric MacLean



## Eric MacLean Biography

Eric MacLean was born July 23, 1936. He enlisted in the army on January 20, 1954 at Sydney and received his basic training at Fort Osborne in Winnipeg. Eric was in good company as 11 other soldiers from North Sydney signed up at about the same time. As a member of the 1st Royal Canadian Horse Artillery he trained as a gunner and a driver but his proudest moment was when he received his paratrooper "wings". He recalls an incident when after jumping from the aerial transport fondly referred to as a "flying boxcar", the chute of one of his comrades didn't open. The seemingly doomed man grabbed onto the man alongside of Eric. Despite the danger, both men

landed safely.

After leaving the service in 1957, Eric worked in the "pit" for several years before settling in as long haul truck driver for Canada Liquid Air. He spent 30 plus years in that profession before his retirement. Eric is a lifetime member of Br. 019, North Sydney, Royal Canadian Legion. He has diligently served in most of the offices of that branch and is currently a member of the executive. Eric and his wife Jacqueline currently live in Sydney Mines and they have one daughter.





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# Reverend Jim MacLean




## Reverend Jim MacLean Biography

The Reverend Commodore Jim MacLean was born on February 19th 1918 in St. Lawrence, Nova Scotia. As a young man, he entered the priesthood and was subsequently ordained on June 3rd 1943. In August 1951 he enlisted in the Navy to serve his fellow man and his country as a member of Canadian Armed Forces Chaplaincy Branch. He received his basic training at Halifax. In 1952 Father Jim was deployed to the Korean War where he served aboard HMC Ships Haida, Athabaskan, and Crusader. There were not many priests available and Father Jim was a busy man sometimes conducting 5 masses a day for which purpose he transported from ship to ship via helicopter. After that conflict, Father Jim, who held the official rank of Commodore, served on various vessels during the Cold War. He recalls one incident when, while aboard HMCS Magnificent when the Captain asked

him to pray for the men aboard 7 aircraft that were lost in heavy fog. Father Jim prayed and those prayers were answered with the safe return of all 7 air crews. The Reverend Commodore MacLean retired from the navy in 1975. He had earned several medals including the UN Korea Medal and the Volunteer Medal. In 1989 he retired from the priesthood as well. Father Jim is a lifetime member of Br. 128, Whitney Pier, Royal Canadian Legion. He is also a member of the Cape Breton Naval Veterans Association where he served as Chaplain for 26 years. He currently resides in Sydney.





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# Corporal Cecil MacLeod



## *Cecil MacLeod Biography*

Corporal Cecil MacLeod was born on November 5th, 1932, in Donkin, Cape Breton. At the age of seventeen, On October 5th 1950, Cecil enlisted in the 1st Battalion Royal Canadian Regiment, where he completed basic training at Camp Bordon, Ontario. Cecil was assigned to Korea and Japan, and while serving in the Korean War, he completed parachute training. Although Cecil enjoyed seeing the country of Japan he encountered many devastating perils of war such as starving children.

While away, he missed the closeness of family meals and the taste of homemade bread. Upon returning home, he was overwhelmed with the tranquility of our Country. Cecil became employed working in construction and later with the Federal Fire Service as a Fire Training Officer and Fire Inspector. Cecil now resides in North Sydney with his wife Cassie, the former Cassie LeMoine. Currently, Cecil serves as the President of the North Sydney Royal Canadian Legion, Armstrong Memorial Branch # 0019.







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# CWO Leo MacMillan



## CWO Leo MacMillan Biography

Leo MacMillan was born on April 11th 1939 in Sydney, Nova Scotia. Growing up his older brother was in the forces so when he was old enough, this and a decent paycheck was enough incentive to make Leo enlist. He signed up at Victoria Park to become a member of 2NSH (Cape Breton) and completed his basic training there as well.

Through basic training Leo recalls having many good laughs, spending time with soldiers and meeting many new friends. He says there were pranks and jokes played but it's best to leave those unmentioned. He has made many long lasting friendships with people from all over Canada experiencing many different cultures, an opportunity he would never have gotten if not for the Forces.

Some of his most memorable experiences during his time in service allowed him to meet members of the Royal family. During the international Year of the Tartan, the Queen Mother visited the International Tattoo. Leo had the honor of being the Sergeant Major of the Queen Mothers Honor Guard. His next brush with Royalty was in Newfoundland, where he travelled with Col. Ian

Macintyre for the trooping of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment's Colours. Prince Charles and Princess Diana were in attendance for the ceremony.

Leo was also involved with the Cadets program for youth from the far North in the Yukon. He made two trips north to work with twelve and thirteen year olds, the program was used to teach the children about community and citizenship, how to rely on others and bushman strategies. These things were taught to the children using fun games like hide and seek to teach about using camouflage. Leo says it would be the first time these kids have flown, and for many of them the first time they may have seen trees, since they live north of the tree line. A great program for the kids, Leo says they were some of the happiest kids he has ever seen, and for the amount of knowledge he passed onto them, they taught him just as much. Leo enjoyed every second of the Military, meeting new friends from all different cultures building long lasting friendships which spread country wide. Leo received the Canadian Decoration with two clasps for his service of over thirty two years. Outside of the Military Leo spent thirty two years with Canada Post as a letter carrier, he retired in 1992. He now resides in Grand Mira South with his wife Carmel.







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# Private Daniel MacNeil



## *Daniel MacNeil Biography*

Private Daniel MacNeil was born on December 3rd, 1919, in North Sydney, NS. On February 20th 1942, at the age of 23, Dan enlisted in the Royal Canadian Army to do his part for the war effort and was discharged on March 15th, 1946. He completed his basic training in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia and was assigned to such countries as France, Belgium, Holland, Germany and England where he married in 1945. He was involved in action such as: D. Day, Normandy, Juno Beach, The United Kingdom, and Europe. Dan was in the Signal Corps and HQ Armed Car Regiment and with the R.C. Engineers.

Daniel received such honors and medals as; the 1939-1945 France & Germany Star, Defense Medal, Canadian Volunteer and Clasp War Medal, the Queens Jubilee and all medals within the R.C.L. Branch. Dan said that his most memorable times were leave time spent in Belgium, Holland and the United Kingdom. He did see some of the misfortunes caused by war, like the destruction of cities, and people starving. Dan did miss the comforts of home and family but said that the best thing that he saw was the Victory in Europe and peace again. Upon returning home, he noticed that food was plentiful and the many changes that took place in the town. After being home for three months, Dan became employed as a book keeper in the local lumberyard. Dan now resides in North Sydney with his wife Joan.







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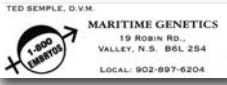
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# Private Harold MacNeil



## Pte Harold MacNeil Biography

Harold 'Butch' Macneil was born on August 6th 1947 in Sydney Mines, Nova Scotia. When Butch turned eighteen, a friend of his was a part of the Black Watch and had told him all about it. Butch was single at the time and decided he wanted to join as well so he enlisted for the Army in Sydney at Victoria Park on November 4th 1965. Butch completed his basic training in Gagetown, New Brunswick. Before joining the Black Watch in Gagetown, Butch spent one year training with the 2nd Battalion Nova Scotia Highlanders.

During his time enlisted Butch spent six months in Cyprus between 1967 and 1968 working as a radio operator out of a Command Post. During his time in Cyprus there was a threat of Turkey attacking, during this everyone on duty was on high alert and issued live ammunition. Butch says he was by himself through the night on his post in a tin hut. A buddy of his, who had a few drinks decided to go visiting. When he arrived at Butch's hut he began banging on the walls, being on high alert Butch did not take this lightly and readied his gun only to find out there was no threat behind the door. Another funny story Butch recalled from his time in Cyprus occurred during a week leave from duties. The men

had hired a cab driver to tour them around Fama-gusta. On their travels they came across a Turkish checkpoint. Everyone was asked to exit the vehicle and follow the guards, who were all equipped with guns yelling "move!" The Canadian soldiers did not know what was going on, they were forced to wait for an interpreter to help figure out the situation. The men felt uneasy, but it turned out the guards at the checkpoint were not concerned with the Canadian soldiers, their interest was in the Cyprus cab driver.

Butch's most memorable experience during his time of duty is meeting with the Queen Mother in 1967 as part of the Centennial Review in Gagetown. She was in town as the Colonel in Chief of the regiment. Graduating from the Depot will always remain as a proud moment for Butch.

Regarding the Afghan conflict, Butch says that they are doing a great job but it is always tough to lose soldiers over there. For the young men and women currently serving, Butch says, "Keep your spirits up and be careful."

Butch received his discharge on November 4th 1968 when he met his future wife, Geraldine. The two wed in 1969, after which, they moved to Oshawa, Ontario. Butch returned to Nova Scotia in 1976, he worked repairing and building electronics and Arcade games. He and his wife currently reside in North Sydney, Nova Scotia.





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# RSM John MacNeil



## John MacNeil Biography

Regimental Sergeant Major (RSM) John MacNeil was born July 4, 1936. He enlisted in the Army in 1958 at Halifax and did his basic training in Gaagetown. He was then assigned to the Blackwatch regiment as a private. John enjoyed the infantry and continued in that capacity later his career while serving in the Royal Canadian Regiment and the Airborne. John excelled in the Airborne and completed the US Ranger program as an honour graduate. In addition, he completed the French Commando training program. John has served overseas on numerous occasions with two tours in Germany and four in Cyprus. John recalls grim memories of what later came to be called ethnic cleansing during the 1974 Turkish invasion of Cyprus.

For recreation John played centre for a regimental hockey team that became national champions and he was also an accomplished

boxer and was inducted into the Canadian Boxing Hall of Fame. During his service John earned numerous medals including the Military Medal of Merit, Good Conduct Medal (3 bars), NATO Medal, UN Medal, Peacekeeping Medal and the Cyprus Medal. John retired from the Forces in 1992. He worked for 5 years as a cadet instructor at a private school. John has also been the Area Cadet Officer for Cape Breton army cadets and has worked as a Special Events coordinator with the Nova Scotia Tattoo. He also volunteered for many years with the Tommy Gordon Boxing Club. John is member of Br. 008, Sydney Mines, Royal Canadian Legion where he has served as Sergeant At Arms and on the Executive. John resides in Sydney Mines with his wife, Marguerite, and they have three children.





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# Rory MacRae



## Rory MacRae Biography

Rory MacRae was born March 19, 1927. He enlisted in the Merchant Marine in October 1943 at Halifax. Rory served aboard numerous vessels in the Battle of the Atlantic making runs between coastal ports and into the St. Lawrence, down into the Caribbean, as well as transoceanic runs to Manchester and Bristol. Starting out as a Deck Boy, he worked his way up to the Able Seaman designation by wars end.

Sailing in the U-boat infested waters of the Atlantic was a dangerous profession and Rory recalls deploying the shipboard torpedo nets in response to U-boat sightings. Sailing in convoy also meant that collisions sometimes occurred. In one such incident when he was on the tanker Arlington Beach Park, they collided with a Norwegian vessel near Scaterie Island. Both vessels were damaged and limped into Sydney. It being Christmas

time, Rory had the good fortune of being home for the holidays that year.

Rory was discharged from the Merchant Navy in 1946. He worked for National Gypsum at Dingwall and thereafter for various concerns in Montreal. He returned to Cape Breton and worked for various local concerns in the tire business before eventually retiring from Clarke Tire. Rory is a member of Br. 138, Ashby, Royal Canadian legion. He is a lifetime member and currently serves on the Executive.





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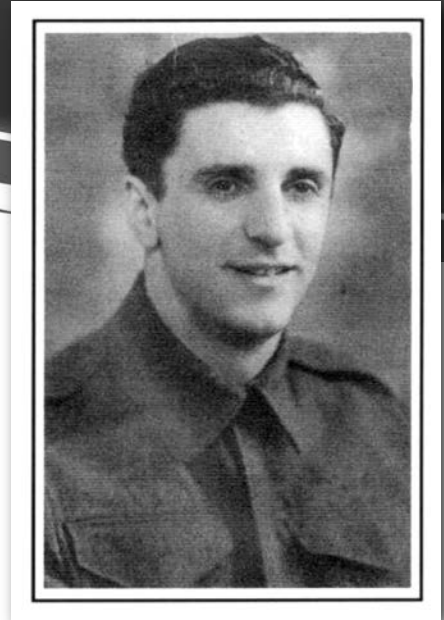


## Tony Lipton

**Service No. F67742, 22nd Field Ambulance**

### *Tony's Story*

My name is Tony Lipton. I was born on 24 August 1916 in Glace Bay and I am the oldest of 14 children, seven boys and seven girls. Two of my brothers are deceased now. If all my siblings had lived there would have been 21 of us. My mother just had her 105<sup>th</sup> birthday and she resides at The MIRA Nursing Home.



Tony Lipton, in uniform 1940s

When I was around two years, old my family moved to Stellarton. I went to school completing grade seven and I liked my seventh grade teacher so much I stayed there for two years. Sisters of Charity taught me. Anyway, after grade seven I just quit. I went to work because as the oldest I had to help my parents. My Dad worked in the mines, so I went to work in the mines too plus I did any odd jobs that I could find. When I would get my pay from the mines I would go home and give it to my Mother and she in turn would give me \$2.00 back. In 1939, I went to work in a box factory at Grand Lake around Enfield area. I stayed there for eight to 10 months.

In June 1940, my friend Joe Wilsack convinced me to go to New Glasgow to join the Army. There was a long line waiting to get into the Pictou Highlanders; another long line to get into the North Nova Scotia Regiment; and another outfit with a long line of guys waiting. Joe said he had a friend Jim White who was a dragger man at the mines. So we went to see him and told him we had our First Aid Certificates and it just happened that was exactly what 22<sup>nd</sup> Field Ambulance was looking for. He gave them our names and that's how we got in. I got in with a bad knee but Joe didn't get in because they couldn't see his chest in an x-ray. He did get in later though. You see we had to have drag to get into the Army!

I met a young woman in 1936 and by now we had been together four years but we had no money to get married. The Army informed us that we would be sent overseas in six weeks. My girlfriend worked as a head pastry girl at the Green Lantern Restaurant in Halifax so I called her and asked her to marry me. She wanted me to give her two months but I told her I was leaving in six weeks. She said, "What about my Mom and Dad?" to which I responded, "I'm not interested in your Mom and Dad, I'm interested in you." I told her I'd call her the next night at 6:00 p.m. The next night I called her, there were one or two rings. I asked her again and she responded, "well yes". I told her that was good because I had all the arrangements made. You see I didn't want to go overseas without marrying her. I thought if I didn't come back, she'd at least have a little money coming to her. We married on 3 August 1940 at Saint Mary's Basilica in Halifax. Her name was Catherine Henman. Those six weeks turned out to be 12 months later because I didn't go overseas until July 21, 1941. In the meantime, Catherine became pregnant. We rented an upstairs house on

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Wood Street in Truro for \$5.00 a month, no lights and no water. A lorry, which is a big truck, would make daily rounds from Debert to Truro and return daily. That's how I got back and forth to work.

Now Catherine was about eight months pregnant when we got word of leaving for overseas. But we didn't know exactly when we were going and when I found out I couldn't get word to my wife. When we were loaded on the train I was given a great big chocolate bar. There was a guard outside and there was no way I could get past him to let my wife know I was leaving. I happened to see a MacKay girl we knew and she went by the car train I was on. I managed to get the car window open and got her attention. I asked her to give the chocolate bar to Catherine and to tell her this was it. It was like a ton of bricks off my back knowing that I got word to her. I was overseas just two weeks when I received word that we had a baby girl.

We arrived at Pier 21 and boarded an oriental boat ORION. We landed at Cardiff Wales and from there boarded a train to Aldershot. I was never in action. We route marched an awful lot. We move around Southern England in Kent County. This was probably mostly 3rd Division to my knowledge. By now after 2-1/2 years in the Army on cross country route marches with full packs of 47 pounds and going about 15 miles. Anyway I dropped back about 1 mile from camp and met another man who dropped back also. He had flat feet. At camp supper that night I couldn't get up and I couldn't straighten my knee up. I had dry knee that turned out to be arthritis at the seat of the injury. I said to some man from Stewiacke, "don't leave, I can't get up". I lay awake thru the night and decided to go to sick parade the next morning. There were 15 men ahead of me with blisters. When the Doctor got to me he told me to take my shoes off, as he thought I had blisters too. Instead I pulled up my pant leg and as he looked at it he asked me "who let you in the Army?" to which I responded, "you did".

I was put in a general hospital outside London. It was a kind of cute operating hospital. There were about 10 patients there and the nurses couldn't wait to get you. They would heat "pigs" or hot water bottles to warm our feet at night. I was there about a month.

As time went on, I was put on a category for my knee. I ended up in Basing stoke, outside London where I was a training orderly sent there to work on the boat coming home. I was there approximately 1-1/2 years. I kind of liked that kind of work and thought I would like to continue doing it in life because I was helping people. I next remember boarding the Isle de France to return back home.

February 14, 1944 probably around 8:00 p.m. the train landed in Truro. It was cold when I landed home and rapped at the door. As soon as my wife saw me she ran upstairs to get the baby to show her to me. I've got to tell you my wife caused more trouble within my unit. Every month she got \$76.00 and her pattern upon receiving her cheque was to look after me first. Every month she would send me 1,000 cigarettes and a parcel. In the parcel would be a mouth organ, toothpaste, cookies, date squares, you name it. Guys used to joke and say what's the second thing you're going to do when you get home to which the response was - take the backpack off!

And so I got to meet this beautiful plump little girl named Sally. But you see Sally's father was a picture on the mantle. So after about 25 days of trying to warm up to this little girl, I went out and bought her a red rocking horse for \$2.00. That was the turning point. And to this day, Sally still has that red rocking horse!

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After my 28 days leave was up, I went back to No. 11 Depot in Halifax to work and come home every weekend. We weren't doing too badly until one weekend I was put on fire duty and had to stay in Halifax. I told my Sergeant I wanted to see the Officer in Charge. He paraded me in and I proceeded to tell him that I was in the Army for 4 years and was never in trouble. I went on to explain to him that I had a little girl born while I was overseas and that it took me a long time to win her over, and if I didn't go home for two weeks, I would lose all I had gained with her. The OC told the Sergeant to take me off fire duty.

Two months later the Doctor that signed me in the Army, signed me out of the Army. Every two years over approximately six years I had to go to Camp Hill where the same Doctor always saw me.

I saw a lot of death. At the Plastic Surgery Neurological Hospital there were nine buildings and 18 wards. Each ward had 15 beds on the left side, then a horseshoe, and then another 15 beds on the right side. We only had a little night-light to work with. One night in particular that I remember it was around one or two in the morning. Everyone was awake and I was going around taking their orders for juice or whatever. As I was making my rounds I heard a man behind me and when I looked he was huge, looked like Lil Abner. He was following me and making strange noises. I began to sweat and everyone kept asking, "What are you going to do Orderly?" That strange man followed me until about the second last bed. I realized there wasn't one man in the ward that could help me. Then it came to me that I was the boss there! I turned to that man and in a loud voice I said, "What are you doing out of bed?" I ordered him in bed and I made darn sure he was well tucked in. It was kind of sad you know.

Then there was another time when I asked one of the patients to do me a favor and help clean the ashtrays. The ashtrays were always full. He wouldn't help me. Then the day came when he needed an enema so I asked the nurse if carbolic soap would cause any damage. She told me she thought it would sting a little but that it was not damaging. Well I mixed some of the soap in the enema and administered it. Well let me tell you he had fire in his eyes when he came out of the washroom and I never had trouble getting his help after that!

I remember when I was on the boat that left Greenock, Scotland; the Friday night "law of the sea" was that you didn't leave before midnight. Word got to us to get the sick bay ready because a Ship's Company man needed his appendix out. We had an officer specialist going back to Toronto with us. Our Major got the specialist to operate. He told us that the operation on Civilian Street would cost \$500.00. On that trip we started out with a man on the ward covered with eczema from head to toe. Another man had both his eyes out. It was either the first or second night out that a rap came on the ward door. There was a little blond woman and she told me her husband was in the ward - he was the man with no eyes. I took her in and she stayed all night with him but I made sure she was out by six a.m. It turned out she slept with him every night. Two or three nights after we left we were once again told to get the Sick Bay ready. This time there was a POW u-boat sailor who needed to have his appendix out. He was a little blond about nineteen years old. There were two guards on him and we named him Willie.

As time went on we'd get some guys in who had CLAP. At one point there were eleven of them. We had to give them two big tablets, sulfarthyson, every four hours. They looked like peppermints and we had to make sure they took them. Halfway through an officer came in. He was a ferry pilot who looked just like Gregory Peck. He had the CLAP. I asked him where in hell he got it. He said that two weeks back he was with his wife. She didn't know he was coming home and he didn't know what to do. I suggested that he

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go home, pick up his wife and take her to the doctor. That was the end of the story. He just wanted someone to give him some advice.

Among the POWs there was a man who was the Captain of the pocket battleship Sharnhorse. Our officer, a Major, told us this POW was coming up to the Sick Bay to visit Willie and it would be nice if we came to attention when he arrived, out of respect. Up come this little man with a nice suit, little black beard, but no hat. Everyone came to attention and he looked us up and down. As he passed the man with no eyes and the man with the bad eczema, he patted them on their heads. After that he saw a man in the Galley doing pots and pans and he said, “same as in Germany”. He spoke good English.

While in International waters the loudspeaker announced that we had two hours to buy things at the canteen. Willie was going to Cogswell Street Hospital and I decided to take up a collection to buy him some goodies, hoping to leave a good taste in his mouth. Everybody agreed. While collecting I tried to stay clear of the man with no eyes. He said, “Orderly, something is going on”. I said, “Oh, it’s nothing” but he insisted he wanted to know what was going on. So I told him I was taking up a collection for Willie and the man with no eyes gave me 54 crown. Even the guards gave me money. I went to the canteen and bought chocolate bars, toothpaste, etc. whatever. Upon presenting Willie with a bag of goodies, he cried.

In my civilian life, I was an Engine man on the railroad for 33 years. On August 3, 2000, Catherine and I were married 60 years. We had nine children, six girls and three boys. We lost a son in 1960 in an accident. We have 22 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren. My wife passed away on August 30, 2000 of a massive brain hemorrhage.

I am a Legion member. I live in Parkland Estates. It’s an assistant living residence. My hobby is making Jacob’s ladder in bottles. I’ve been doing this since 1962 and have made approximately 1,500. I believe in keeping things simple and I always look for the good in people. You see, everyone has some good in them; and there are two sides to every story.



*Tony Lipton passed away on Christmas Eve 2011 at the Veterans Memorial Hospital, Halifax.*



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## Lloyd MacDonald

**Service No. F89855 2nd Heavy Anti-Aircraft,  
Canadian Army**

### Lloyd's Story

My name is Lloyd MacDonald. I was born on 13 June 1919 in Gabrus, Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia. I was the oldest of two boys and three girls. At the age of 14, I quit school after completing grade eight. I went to work for my Dad who was a self-employed fisherman. In 1941, I went to Sydney and joined the Army as a Radar Operator.

I took my Basic Training in Yarmouth and was sent to Petawawa for my Advanced Training. My unit was being sent overseas but I got sick on the train and ended up in Debert with the mumps, and in quarantine. By the time I got out my unit was gone overseas to form up a radar unit. I was given papers to go overseas on my own, and they didn't even give me embarkation leave. I was put onboard the SS ANDES out of Halifax and landed at Mercy Docks in Liverpool. Across the harbour the docks were all aflame and being night time we couldn't see too much. The Germans were bombing the hell out of Liverpool, England. I was shipped by rail to some camp in England that I can't remember the name of. I went by rail in Yovall in South England and met up with my unit. Canada had no radar unit so I spent a year in the British Army getting acquainted with radar. This was around April 1942 at the entrance to Portsmouth, England. Then I got sick again and spent 3-4 months in the hospital. When I got out I gladly went back to the Canadian Army. Grub and pay was bad, but it was worse in the British Army.

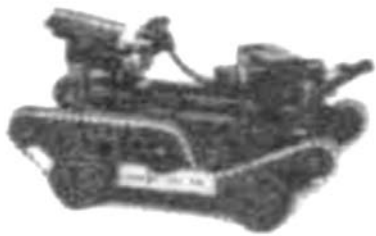
Now we were in a mixed Battery with approximately 200 female ATS. We worked together at a rocket site in Portsmouth. Sometimes the German planes would be over us before we heard them. We were the 2<sup>nd</sup> Heavy Anti-Aircraft with 1,600 members. There were three Batteries and each Battery had two troops with four guns. There was one radar site to each four guns. There was one radar site to each four guns. We sent out the bearings, angles and range. It was pretty much the same principle as used today. Information is from the radar to the guns.

We were in action pretty much all the time. There were German planes over us almost every night and sometimes throughout the day. I was scared. Then we went to France where I lost a lot of my buddies. Three in my outfit were killed outright. My unit used to send balloons with radar reflectors up in the air to follow the weather. Information was passed on to the Air Force. Some of the balloons went up as high as 60,000 feet and when they were that high, they enlarged as big as a five-story building.

Once we took up position 1-1/2 miles from Cap Gris Nez, near Calais. By noon we were dug in an open field and the Sergeant and I thought we would walk to lunch. We were halfway across the field when the Germans

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fired on us. I tell you when a 2,000-pound shell lands 50 feet in front of you, you just lay and pray. In that battle the Germans destroyed four of our guns, killed four and injured many. We were shelled for 1-1/2 hours. Our cook was shaving against a tree and the top of his head was cut off. Our Commander ordered us to leave the guns and get into nearby caves until dark. That's how we got out.

After that, my unit sent me to Belgium where I guided planes and did weather reports for about 1-1/2 months. Then we were set up in Dunkirk part of the winter building a border. There were Germans there and at meal time the gunner would shoot a few rounds to keep them active. I met a guy from Saint John, NB. 44-46 years later that had been taken prisoner of war at Dunkirk. He recalled to me how the Canadians would send in airbursts when they were being marched for their meals.

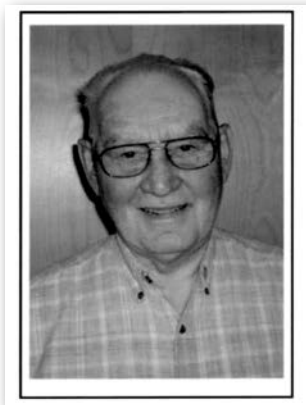
I was then sent to Holland and up to Germany doing the same job. That year on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April they were going to let one man go on leave to England. Out of 1,600 men, my name got picked. I spent two weeks on leave in England. It took me almost a week to get there. I went to see the girlfriends. I still hear from one yet. I stood with her and her husband when they got married.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of May we overran a civilian camp where the SS were trying to burn down the barracks. There were lots of kids with swollen bellies. We were left guarding 15-20,000 German prisoners who lived in tents with wired fences around them. These were mostly young men officers. One night they even hung their own commander. We never abused any of them. There were about 200 horses. I remember we marched the prisoners to Holland to return the stolen horses to the farmers. There were trucks ahead, on the sides and in back of the prisoners. But coming back we put the prisoners in trucks. You couldn't trust the young guys; some as young as 14.

I left Scotland on the 8<sup>th</sup> of July and landed in Halifax on the 13<sup>th</sup> of July. I took the first train out to Sydney arriving that night. There were two girls who met me first and my father and a sister. I didn't even know my own sister. I was on leave for 30 days and went fishing with my Dad every day and chased girls all night. I was discharged on 10 October end of demobilization. For two years I fished with my father and then I got a job with the Department of Fisheries. I worked for them for 30 years.

I married Daisy Latham on 20 July 1948 and we had two children, a boy and a girl. That union lasted 11 years. On 25 November 1960, I married Bethena Stubbert. She passed away on 18 January 2002. I have three grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

I've been a member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 12 in Sydney for 41 years. I'm also a member of Normandy Veterans Association No. 58 N.S. Branch No. 1. I reside at Parkland Estates and for hobbies I play darts and bowl.



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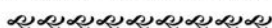
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# Ryland Leroy Marshall

Royal Canadian Navy Service No. V37508

## Ryland's Story



Marshall Home on Exhibition Street

My name is Ryland Leroy Marshall. I was born 24 December 1921 in Truro, NS and I'm the second oldest of five children. What a bad time to be born. I always got gyped out of birthday presents and rarely had a birthday party. The house I was born in is still standing at 27 Exhibition Street, straight across from the main door of the Legion. The man who built the house was a counterfeiter who got caught and was sent to jail; so my father got a real good deal out of it. We were a close family. My Dad worked at Stanfield's and I had two younger brothers who were in the Army and both were in Normandy. Thank God all three of us returned home from the war.



This clipping photo from the 1942 Daily News recalls Rylee Marshall's hockey days!

After I graduated from High School, I completed one year of studies in Sciences at the Nova Scotia Agriculture College. In 1941, I went down to Halifax to join the Air Force but when they gave me the medical I failed the eye sight portion. I told the guy doing the testing that I really wanted to get into the military so he advised me to go try the Navy. He said the Navy didn't have the equipment to do eye tests that the Air Force had and he told me what to do when it came time for my eye test. His words of wisdom were "doing both hands over the same eye". So I went to the Navy recruiters, did what I was told, and passed. I went back home to Truro waiting for my call. In the meantime I had an appendix attack and had surgery. Well I recovered and by Spring of 1942 I was enlisted in the Navy.

I took communication training in Saint-Hyacinthe, Quebec and by summer I was sent back to Halifax onboard the corvette HMCS *Battleford*. I served there for three years. The HMCS *Battleford* did convoy duty between St. John's, Newfoundland and Ireland and the Mediterranean. We escorted all transportation ships, freighters, tankers, whatever went overseas. I made approximately 58 trips over and back! My job as a Coder was to decode all secret messages that came in.

The first six months I was onboard, I was seasick all the time. I couldn't eat and let me tell you it wasn't much of a life. I slept in a hammock and wore the same clothes 12 days at a time with no showers. I drank a lot of tomato juice. The food on ship was pretty good once I was able to keep it down. Those corvettes were so rough that when food was placed on the tables it very quickly ended up on the floor. I remember one young man who was seasick as well. He was fairly new on the ship and one-day he just disappeared. He apparently jumped overboard and committed suicide.

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In those days we only made about \$1.25 a day. Whenever we were in St. John's, Newfoundland over a 3 to 4-day stint, I would get a bed at the Salvation Army for \$1.00 per night. It was like being in a hotel and a bit like heaven after sleeping in those hammocks and it was the best \$1.00 I ever spent.

On the way to the Mediterranean, the convoys were attacked by u-boats at night and aircrafts by day. Many of the freight transportation ships were torpedoed but we weren't allowed to stop. We would just scoop men out of the water, one at a time and many men were left behind in the water. One incidence I particularly remember was when we picked up a US Merchant Marine who was badly burnt. I gave up my hammock for him to sleep in and for the next 10-12 nights I slept on the deck. And I don't think that deck stopped rolling the entire time I slept on it!



Sailors ashore

I recall once we made a half trip to Murmansk, Russia. The reason it was a half trip was because the ship would ice up on one side causing it to tip so we had to go back to Ireland.

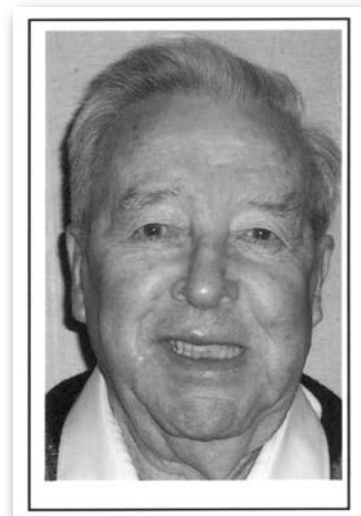
My superiors recommended me for Commissioning from the Ranks, and if selected I would have been sent to King's College in Halifax to study. But, they caught up with my eye problem and offered me a discharge. I refused and lied, and told them my records indicated good eye sight when I joined so it had to have happen while I was in the service.

I volunteered for Japan but they surrendered before I was sent over. I was released from the military in September 1945 end of demobilization. After the war I went to Nova Scotia Technical College in Halifax and studied Electrical Engineering for three years. It was a special course offered after the war. Upon completion I stayed and taught for five years and then I went to work at Stanfield's where I worked for 33 years and retired as Vice President.

I joined the Royal Canadian Legion Colchester N.S. Branch No. 26 on January 4, 1947. This is my 59<sup>th</sup> year. I was President when the present building was being built. In 1985 I received the Diamond Jubilee Medal and received Life Membership in 1999. I was also President at the Truro Golf Club, Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce and Vice President of the Curling Club.

I met Doris Hunt in Truro and in 1950 we got married in Halifax. We have two children, a son and a daughter, who both reside in Truro and two granddaughters. We lost Doris on 29 February 2004 and I miss her very much.

If war was on and everyone was joining I'd do it all again! I sure wouldn't look forward to the seasickness again though!



*Ryland Leroy Marshall passed away on June 23, 2013 at the Q.E.II Health Sciences Centre, Halifax.*

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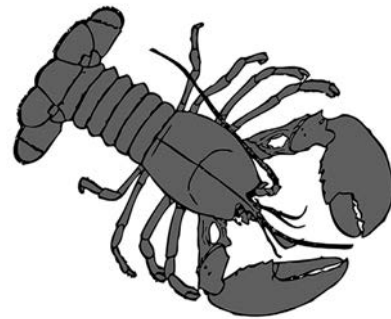
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## John Joseph McCabe

**Service No: V94918**

John Joseph McCabe was born on 18 December 1926 in Truro, Nova Scotia to Lawrence Frederick McCabe and Mary Lillian (née: Coldwell) McCabe. He was married to Irene (née Ripley) McCabe. John was the second youngest of seven children - five boys and two girls.



Frank and John McCabe. with German flag and helmet taken from battle with Germans

At the age of 18, John enrolled for wartime military service in 1944 believing it was his duty to do what he could to try and save the country. He received his basic training in Cornwallis, Nova Scotia where he was assigned to Supplies Assistant. He also received three months basic training in Quebec City. Following basic training, John was then posted to “HMCS New Liskeard” which was a minesweeper. This ship was detailed to the St. Lawrence River, Halifax Harbour and Port aux Basque, Newfoundland. During the latter part of the war, John was posted to the “HMCS Albertan” which was dispatched to the mouth of the St. Lawrence River to trace a submarine (U190). The “HMCS Albertan” was an ocean-going tug.

It did not have any form of defence, just rifles. For this reason, the crew kept track of the vessel at a distance. ***During the war, the HMCS Albertan was to escort convoys across the ocean. If a ship was torpedoed, they could help by putting a line on the ship to help save the crew.***

Later, John was transferred back to the minesweeper, HMCS New Liskeard. This ship did convoy-duty as well. This would have been close to the end of the war. John did not encounter any conflicts, nor did he see any injuries. The only thing that may have scared him somewhat was when the old 4.7 was fired off the bow of the ship. The whole ship shuttered as a result of the combustion. This was nerve wracking for some time.

An interesting and amusing story John recounted was as follows:

While tied up at Point Head Naval Base in North Sydney, John and his buddies (Jake Hamilton & Bub Terris) went into Sydney for the evening. After their evening out, they were too late to catch the last harbour craft which would take them back to the Base. So, they had to take a taxi. When they arrived at the Base gate, the guard on duty would not let the taxi take them to the ship. This was not good as it was quite a distance to walk from the gate to the ship. Off to the side of the gate were two or three parked army jeeps. Sparky told John to keep the on-duty guard occupied while he went around back “to borrow” one of the jeeps. Sparky was able to start up one of the jeeps and the four of them piled in together. They started down the hill towards the wharf. This particular night was exceptionally foggy. The fog was so thick that it was difficult for Sparky to see where he was going. So, he stuck his head out the window in an effort to see better and when he did he lost his glasses.

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He couldn't see anything after losing his glasses. Because he could not see, they went off the road and over a ditch onto another road. Just in this particular area, there were piles of huge steel floats stacked in pyramid shapes. These steel floats were used to hold up submarine nets. Each of these floats was about four feet in diameter – really quite large. Because Sparky was unable to see, the army jeep bumped the corner of one of these huge floats. Down came the steel pyramid! As soon as John and his buddies realized that these floats were coming down, they kept going in the jeep because they were ahead of them. The floats were like a steel wall right behind them. They went all over the place. They went into the water and everywhere. The boys made it safely back on board their ship. No one was the wiser as to how these floats had come down. Once the captain of their ship heard about the incident, he figured it must have been one of his crew who were responsible. The next morning at 0500 hours, they set sail.

John was discharged from duty in 1946 and returned to Truro, NS. He initially worked as a labourer with the town and then with Canadian National Railway (CNR). After taking a typing course, John worked in the Claims Department for CNR where he worked for 35 to 40 years. John enjoyed this work because it called for “the use of the noggin”. During his years of service, John was also the CNR union representative which could be at times quite stressful. For hobbies, John has thoroughly enjoyed gardening, fishing, hunting and playing cards with the boys. Also, he enjoyed bowling and was president for quite a few years.

John was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 16 since 1946.

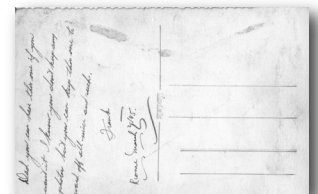
He passed away at Camp Hill Veterans Hospital in Halifax on August 16, 2020.

John had three brothers who also served. They are as follows:



**Francis Raymond (Frank) McCabe**, F65891 enlisted in No. 6 District Depot, Canadian Army on 25 September 1942 at the age of 22. He served on the front lines in North Africa, Italy (wounded) and was posted to the United Kingdom. He received the 1939-1945 Star, Italy Star, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp. He was discharged on 22 March 1946.

Postcard: “Dad you can have this one if you want it. I know you don't keep any photos but you can keep this one to ward off all mice and such. Frank, Rome March 2/45.”



**Ernest Herbert (Ern) McCabe** joined the Navy on 30 June 1944. He was posted to a minesweeper. After the war, he was discharged on 12 April 1946. He reenlisted on 09 June 1955 and served until 12 December 1974. He received the 1939-1945 Star, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp and Canadian Forces Decoration.



**William James McCabe**, F65924.  
Born 23 October 1922, died 30 September 1985.



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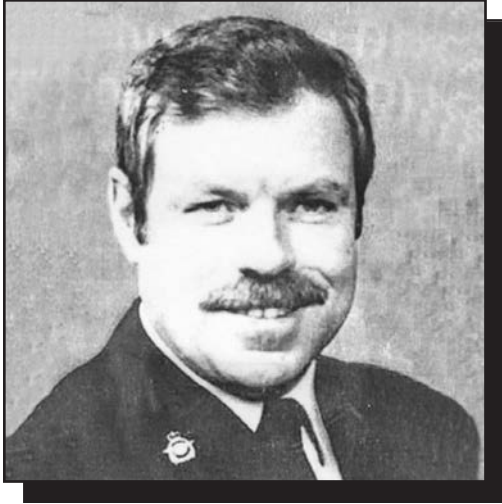


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**ABBOTT, John James Donald**

**PEACETIME**

John was born in Newfoundland. He was posted at CFB Summerside, Greenwood and Chatham and served in Marville, France and Lahr, Germany.

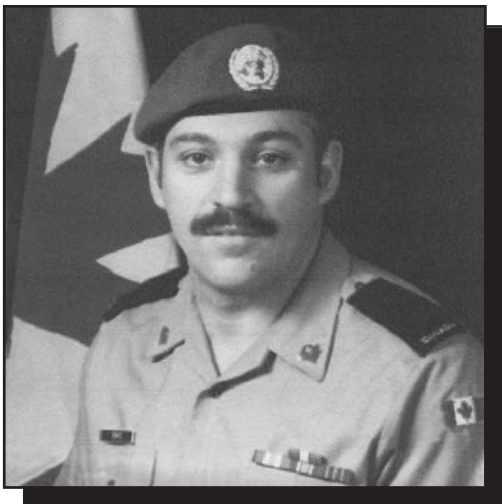
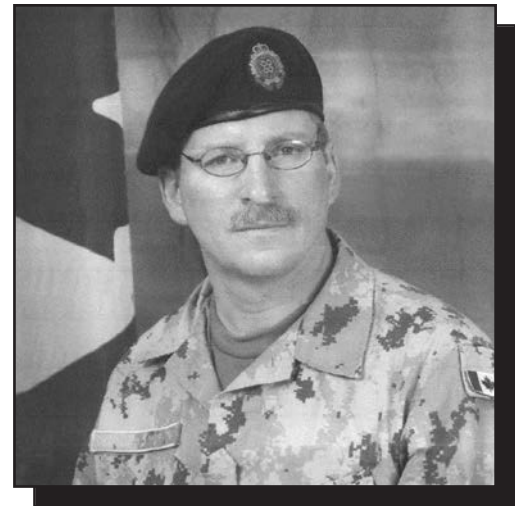
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**BOWIE, Albert**

**SPECIAL DUTY AREA  
& PEACETIME**

Albert was born in Nova Scotia. He served in the Army for 33 years with the following units: CFB Shilo, Manitoba from May 1982 to July 1986; HMCS Nipigon in Halifax, NS from July 1986 to July 1988; CFB Gander, NL from July 1988 to August 1990; HMCS Provider in Esquimalt, BC from August 1990 to July 1993; and CFB Gagetown in Oromocto, NB from July 1993 to February 2015. He was a part of Joint Task Force in Afghanistan from February to August 2007. He received the CD2, QGJM and SWACS.

*Submitted Independently*



**BOWIE, Allan Bernard**

**SPECIAL SERVICE**

Allan was born in Nova Scotia. He joined the Army on July 6, 1967. He was stationed at Currie Barracks in Calgary in 1967; RCSME Chilliwack in 1968; 4 Fd Sqn in Werl, Germany from 1968 to 1978 with NATO; 4 Fd Sqn in Lahr, Germany from 1970 to 1971, NATO; 3 Fd Sqn in Chilliwack from 1971 to 1974; UNEF (Egypt) from 1973 to 1974, UN; 4 CER in Lahr, Germany from 1974 to 1978, NATO; 22 Fd Sqn in Gagetown from 1978 to 1980; CFB Halifax from 1980 to 1982; CFS Inuvik from 1982 to 1984; CFB Ottawa from 1984 to 1988; UNDOF (Golan Heights) in 1985, UN; CFB Summerside from 1988 to 1992; UNFICYP (Cyprus) from 1988 to 1989, UN and CFB Shearwater from 1992 to 1996. His other duties included clearing mortar range of live explosives in 1973, building a bridge in Holberg on Vancouver Island in 1973, earthquake disaster assistance in Italy in 1976, exchange with the US National Guard in Mississippi in 1993 and exchange with the US National Guard in Pittsburgh in 1995. Allan was the recipient of the 1988 Nobel Peace Prize for United Nations Peacekeeping and received the CD1, UN Medal (Egypt), UN Medal (Golan Heights), UN Medal Cyprus, Canadian Peacekeeping Service Medal and NATO Medal. He was discharged on February 4, 1996.

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**BOWIE, Anthony Daniel**

Anthony was born on April 10, 1954, in Nova Scotia. Officer Cadet Anthony Daniel Bowie drowned in an obstacle course during basic training at Royal Military College in Kingston, Ontario, on September 29, 1972. He was eighteen years old.

*Submitted Independently*

**BOWIE, James A. "Jim"      SPECIAL DUTY AREA & PEACETIME**

Jim was born in Nova Scotia. He served from July 13, 1973 to April 10, 1998 at Canadian Forces Fleet School Esquimalt (CFFS(E)) HMCS Preserver from 1974 to 1976; (CFFS(E)) HMCS Saskatchewan from 1977 to 1979; CFB Esquimalt from 1979 to 1981; HMCS Provider from 1981 to 1984; (CFFS(E)) from 1985 to 1988; HMCS Yukon from 1988 to 1989; HMCS Saskatchewan from 1989 to 1990; (CFFS(E)) from 1990 to 1992; Canadian Forces Fleet School Halifax (CFFS(H)) from 1992 to 1994; HMCS Montreal from 1994 to 1996 (Commissioning Crew); Fleet Maintenance Facility Cape Scott (Halifax) from 1996 to 1997 and Fleet Maintenance Facility Cape Breton (Esquimalt) from 1997 to 1998. He participated at the following battles: Suez Crisis in 1974 (UN Support); Cyprus in 1974 (UN Support) and Former Republic of Yugoslavia Adriatic Sea in 1997 (NATO Support). He received the Conduct Decoration with Clasp, NATO Service Medal, Former Republic of Yugoslavia Service Medal and United Nations Peacekeeping Medal.

*Submitted Independently*



**BOWIE, John Donald      WWII**

Sapper John David Bowie, born in Nova Scotia, joined the army in 1943. He served with the 12<sup>th</sup> Fd Coy in Italy from January 1944 to February 28, 1945. He went to Italy after the Battle of Ortona as a replacement for casualties after the battle. He then served with the same unit in Holland from March 15 to July 15, 1945, and with the 1st Fd Coy from July to September 1945. His duties in Holland after the war included building bridges and clearing minefields. He was also the Coy shoemaker. John was discharged in 1946. He received the 1939-1945 Star, Italy Star, France and Germany Star, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp and War Medal 1939-1945.

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**COLLICUTT, Lawrence Manning "Larry" WWII**

Larry was born in Lower Vaughans, Hants County, Nova Scotia, in 1922. He volunteered to serve in July 1942 and trained as an Air Gunner in Mont-Jolie, Quebec. Overseas, he served as a tail gunner in heavy bombers (primarily Lancasters) for 31 missions with Bomber Command, retiring from the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1945 with the rank of Flying Officer. After the war, Larry resumed his job as an electrician with Nova Scotia Light and Power, retiring in 1986. Larry received the 1939-1945 Star, Air Crew Europe Star, Defence Medal, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal, Overseas Service Bar, War Medal 1939-1945, Bomber Command Medal and Bar and the Queen's Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Medal (1977). He was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Dr. C. B. Lumsden MM Branch 74. Larry passed away in 2002.

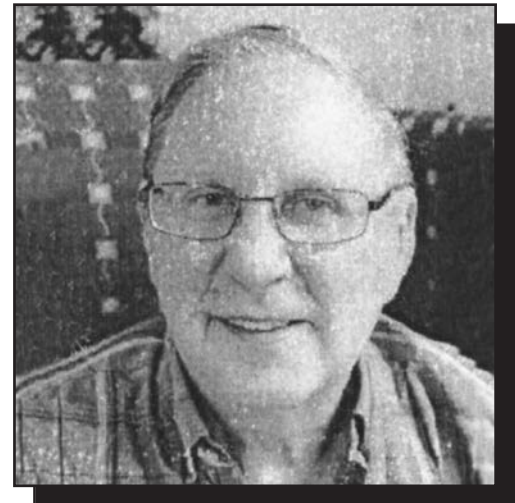
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**CORKUM, Brenton**

**SPECIAL DUTY AREA  
& PEACETIME**

Brenton was born in Pleasantville, Nova Scotia in 1937, the son of Frances and Gordon Simmons. At the age of seventeen, he joined the Royal Canadian Air Force, enjoying a 25-year career with posts to Comox, BC; Cold Lake, AB; Crediton, ON; Gimli, MB; Greenwood, NS and finally retiring from Shearwater, NS. He proudly served his country, participating in various NATO taskings ranging from France, Great Britain, Azores, Bermuda, Sweden, Norway and Greenland. Upon retirement, Brenton pursued a thirteen-year career as a Corrections Officer at the Centre Jail. Brenton and his wife Barbara made their home in Pleasantville where they raised three girls. He continued to serve his community as a long-time member of the Pleasantville Baptist Church and was a 51-year member of The Royal Canadian Legion Bridgewater Branch 24. He took over several roles, for over thirty years as an active volunteer fire fighter with the Pleasantville Fire Department. Brenton passed away in 2020.

*Submitted by Peace Branch #060,  
The Royal Canadian Legion*



**CRAWFORD, Richard Dwayne SPECIAL DUTY AREA  
& PEACETIME**

Richard was born in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan in 1970. He was posted at CFB Cornwallis, Ottawa, Borden, Petawawa and Kingston serving in Canada, Afghanistan, Croatia and Haiti. He received the UN Protection Force Medal, Canadian Peacekeeping Medal Afghanistan and Operational Service Medal. Richard passed away in 2021.

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**CROCKER, Robert Douglas SPECIAL DUTY AREA**

Bob was born on June 3, 1938, to Ernest and Mary (McLellan) Crocker of Glace Bay, Nova Scotia. He was educated in Glace Bay and attended the Sea Cadets and Reserve Army at the Glace Bay Armoury. Bob then joined the Royal Canadian Navy in 1956 at the age of eighteen and took basic training in Cornwallis, NS. He served at bases HMCS Stadacona and HMCS Hochelaga in Quebec. Throughout his ten-year enlistment, he was an administrative writer deployed both at sea and ashore. He served on HMCS Chaudière in 1959, HMCS Cape Scott and HMCS Scotian this alternating with shore assignments at Stadacona. Leaving the navy in 1966, Bob moved his family to Sydney, NS where he was self-employed and served one term on city council for North End Sydney as alderman. Bob earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from CBU, a Divinity degree from Thorneloe University, Ontario and lastly Ordination into Ministry. A member of The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 12 in Sydney, he was honoured with his Padre Stole in 2019 for recognition from the Legion and the Naval Veterans Association. His is a thirty-year Member of Sydney Branch 12. Bob lives a reduced life of mobility due to Parkinson's Disease at the Cove Quest Home in Sydney.

*Submitted by Family*

**DUNN, Arthur Augustus**

**WWI**

Arthur was born in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia on November 9, 1897. He served during World War I with the 8<sup>th</sup> Siege Battery RCA and 9<sup>th</sup> Siege Battery RCA in France and in Russia. Arthur was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 61 from 1925 until his death in 1966.

*Submitted Independently*



**ELDRIDGE, Victor Eugene**

**WWI & WWII**

Victor was born in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia in 1897. He served during World War I with the 40<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 24<sup>th</sup> Battalion and 25<sup>th</sup> Battalion CEF in France and in Germany from 1916 to 1919. Victor was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 61 from 1925 until his death in 1972.

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**GROSVOLD, Karsten Wilfred**

**WWII**

Karsten was born on June 26, 1923, in Saggrenda, Norway. He joined the army in July 1943 with his younger brother Hoken. However, as they were originally from Norway and became Canadian citizens, they were interrogated by the Army because of one of their older brothers. Around the same time that they joined, their oldest brother Tolly and his wife Margaret hid out in the woods because he did not want to fight overseas. He trained at Camp Aldershot, Nova Scotia and Woodstock, Ontario, taking basic and mechanical courses. He served in Canada with the Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. While in Trenton, Ontario and working as a mechanic, he was training on a truck and something fell on his leg. They were going to amputate it, but Karsten convinced the doctors not to. As a result, Karsten was unable to go overseas with Hoken. He remained in Canada, serving until his discharge in July 1945. For his service, he received the Defence Medal and the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp. He married Elena June Janosko in Pictou, Nova Scotia. He was a life member of The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 16. Karsten passed away on October 9, 2005, buried at the Haliburton Cemetery in Pictou.

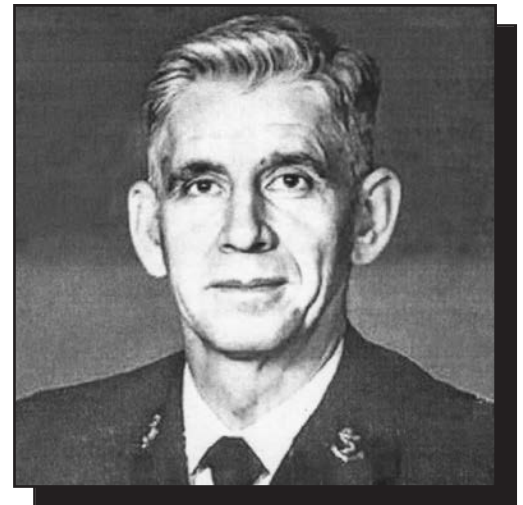
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**HEARD, George Frederick James**

**Peacetime**

George was the son of George Heard and Margaret (Pat) Atkinson. He was born on November 25, 1935 in Hamilton, Ontario. George went to Halifax at the age of 17 to join the Royal Canadian Navy. He was a dedicated member of the Canadian Armed Forces with a 37-year, long, impressive and varied career. He rose through the ranks with time spent traveling the world on ships and aircraft carriers such as the HMCS Bonaventure to the HMCS Protecteur. For a time, he was a career manager in Ottawa. George became Chief of the Naval Fleet School and Base Chief at Stadacona, Halifax. After an honourable career, he retired from the Navy as a Lieutenant.

*Submitted by Peace Branch #060,  
The Royal Canadian Legion*



**KANE, David Baxter**

David was born in Ingonish Centre, Victoria County, Nova Scotia in 1943. He enlisted in the Army and served with the Royal Canadian Infantry Corps in Canada, Germany and Continental Europe. He is a fifty-year member of The Royal Canadian Legion Ashby Branch 138.

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**KEMPT, Marguerite “Maggie”** **WWII,  
SPECIAL DUTY AREA  
& PEACETIME**

Maggie was born in Springhill in 1925. She enlisted in the Army and served with the North Novas, HMCS Scotian in Springhill, Debert, Halifax and Gagetown. She received the Voluntary Medal and the Peace Medal. Maggie has been a member of The Royal Canadian Legion in Springhill.

*Submitted by Peace Branch #060,  
The Royal Canadian Legion*

**KEMPT, William** **SPECIAL DUTY AREA  
& PEACETIME**

William was born in Springhill in 1941. He enlisted in the Army and served with the North Nova Scotia Highlanders in Springhill, Debert, Aldershot, Camp Utopia and Gagetown. He received the Volunteer Service Medal and the Peace Medal. William was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion in Springhill, Nova Scotia.

*Submitted by Peace Branch #060,  
The Royal Canadian Legion*



**MacDONALD, Elizabeth Veronica** **WWII**

Elizabeth was born in Nova Scotia. She enlisted in the Navy on September 19, 1944 and served on the following ships: HMCS Haligonian from September 19, 1944 to November 13, 1944; HMCS Conestoga from November 14, 1944 to December 11, 1944; HMCS Cornwallis from December 12, 1944 to January 30, 1945; HMCS Avalon from January 31, 1945 to September 12, 1945; RMS Victoria from October 11, 1945 to February 4, 1946; HMCS Givenchy from February 5, 1946 to March 20, 1946; HMCS Naden from March 21, 1946 to March 29, 1946 and HMCS Stadacona from March 30, 1946 until her discharge on April 16, 1946. Elizabeth received the Queen’s Golden Jubilee Medal, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp and War Medal 1939-1945.

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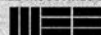
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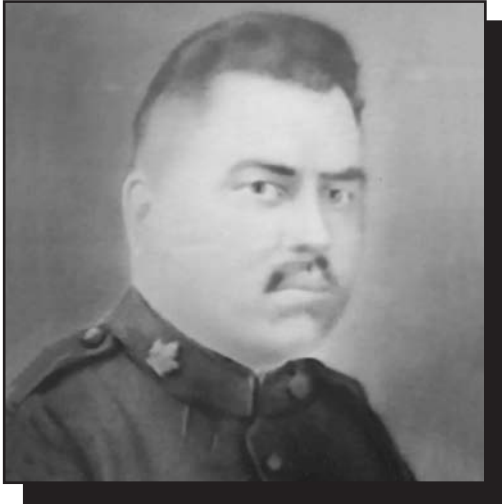
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**MacNEIL, Roderick “Rory”**

**WWI**

Rory was born on March 19, 1892, the son of Francis X. S. and Christy MacNeil of Iona, Nova Scotia. He was employed as a Liveryman for the Railway prior to his enlistment in the Army in December 1915. His unit sailed on SS Empress of Britain arriving in Liverpool, England on July 25, 1916. Rory was wounded and taken off strength with a gunshot wound to the right forearm in March 1917 and pulled back on strength later that year. He returned to Canada in March 1919 and settled into civilian life. He married Mary MacNeil of Barra Glen and raised two children. Rory passed away on February 3, 1952 and is buried in Iona.

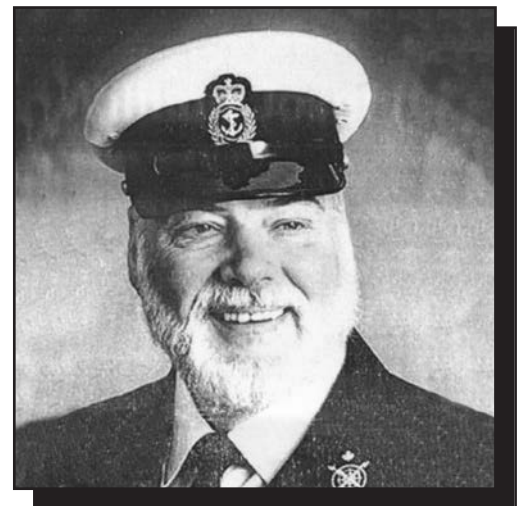
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**MASER, William Josef**

**PEACETIME**

William was born in Hanover, Ontario on March 29, 1937. He joined the Royal Canadian Navy in 1956 as an OSLSM and retired in 1992 as a CPO2 combat systems coordinator. He spent over half of his career on various ships from minesweepers to aircraft carriers serving on both Canadian coasts. Two of the ships he served on were HMCS Bonaventure and HMCS Iroquois, of which he had very fond memories. He was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 165 in Mount Uniacke. William passed away on March 25, 2021.

*Submitted by Peace Branch #060,  
The Royal Canadian Legion*



**MEISNER, Bernard Harvey**

**WWII**

Bernard was born in Blackpoint, Nova Scotia in 1921. He served in the Army with the Royal Canadian Artillery during World War II. Bernard was killed in action in 1942 while serving in Hann’s Point, Lewisporte, Newfoundland.

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**MEISNER, Donald Keith**

**PEACETIME**

Donald was born in Bridgewater, Nova Scotia in 1934. He served in the Army as a peacekeeper in Germany. Donald passed away in 1993.

*Submitted by Family*

**MEISNER, Harry Allan** **WWII**

Harry was born in Blackpoint, Nova Scotia in 1922. He enlisted in the Army and served in Newfoundland with the Royal Canadian Artillery in Newfoundland during World War II. Harry passed away in 1987.

*Submitted by Family*



**MURPHY, Michael Peter**

**WWII**

Peter was born in 1920, the son of Joseph F. and Mary (MacNeil) of MacKinnons Harbour, Nova Scotia. He first joined the Army on September 3, 1939 yet failed the eye test. He took the medical test again in 1941 and passed. He proceeded overseas in the fall of 1941 and served as Motorman, Bren Gun Carrier and truck driver with the Cape Breton Highlanders. He saw action in England, France, Italy, Belgium and Holland with the liberation of Delzeil, Holland as the final battle. After VE Day, Peter and a large number of Highlanders signed up for service with the U.S. Forces in the Pacific, but the war ended before they shipped out. Peter also had three brothers Hugh, Roddie, and Donald who served overseas during the war and all survived the conflict. Donald and Roddie both made a career in the Army until their respective retirements. Peter married Margaret Theresa MacNeil of Iona and raised five children. Peter worked as Engineer on the Iona/Grand Narrows Ferry for over thirty years. Peter died on May 25, 2012 and is buried in Iona.

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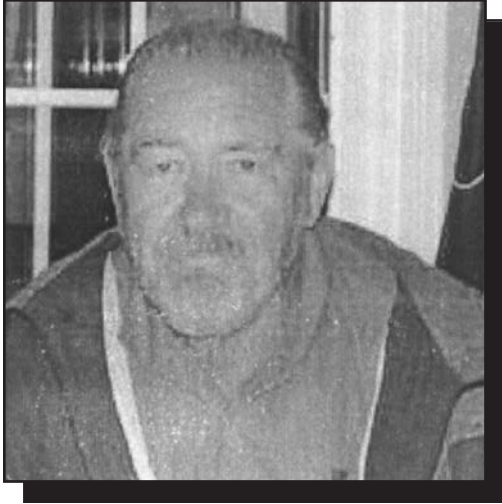
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**NICHOLSON, Robert Tait      SPECIAL DUTY AREA  
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Robert was born in Edinburgh, Scotland on March 16, 1934, the son of Robert Tait Nicholson and Elizabeth Margaret (Clarke). He was conscripted into the Royal Air Force and later joined the Royal Canadian Air Force, serving thirty years after immigrating to Canada. He received the RAF Medal and the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal. He was married to his wife Winnifred Darlene (Brown) for 58 years and had two children, Caitlyn and Domhnall. He was a wonderful, smart, bright, compassionate man with a dry sense of humor to go along with his Scottish accent that never went away, even after sixty years in Canada. In his younger years, he was a member of MENSAs. He was a big city boy growing up in Edinburgh and Glasgow, but surprisingly enough he was content on the deck in Pugwash for the last twenty years. He was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Peace Branch 60 for 37 years. Robert passed away on April 23, 2020.

*Submitted by Peace Branch #060,  
The Royal Canadian Legion*

**O'REILLY, James Patrick**

**WWII**

James was born in Sydney, Nova Scotia on November 25, 1918. He enlisted in the Army and served with the 8th Princess Louise Fusiliers (New Brunswick). He served in Italy, the Gustav Line and the Hitler Line. James was killed in action on May 27, 1944, in Monte Cassino, Italy. He received the Defence Medal, 1939-1945 Star, War Medal 1939-1945, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with Clasp and the Italy Star.

*Submitted Independently*



**PIERCY, Wilfred**

**WWII**

Wilfred was born in Sydney, Nova Scotia in 1923. He enlisted in the Army and served with the Cape Breton Highlanders in Canada and in Italy during World War II. He was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Sydney Branch 12. Wilfred passed away in 1983.

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**POWER, Lawrence H. “Law”**

**WWII**

Law was born in 1918. He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force and served with 426 Bomber Squadron in Europe operations during World War II. As a member of 426 Bomber Squadron, he saved his life twice by parachuting. After his second jump, he was captured and became a prisoner of war for eighteen months in Stalag Luft III, the camp that was made famous in the Movie “The Great Escape”. Flight Lieutenant Power was liberated by allied troops in Lubes, Germany on May 2, 1945. He was a nineteen-year member of The Royal Canadian Legion Ashby Branch 138. Law passed away in 2006.

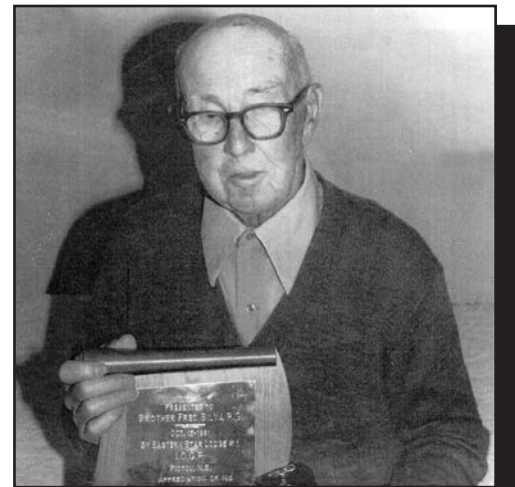
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**SILVA, Fred**

**WWI**

Fred Silva was born in 1890 in Pictou, Nova Scotia. He served in the Army during World War I and fought at Vimy Ridge. While his unit was stationed in Europe, they were settled in a bombed-out basement of a house. The shelling surrounding them was getting closer and a shell dropped so close to the house that the shock wave blew all of the lights out. Fred eventually made it back home after the war completely exhausted. He could hardly do anything and had lost forty pounds. No doctor could tell him why. After the summer, he finally recovered and was able to move on with his life. He was an Oddfellow and was a member of the Vimy Club. Fred passed away on May 18, 1988, buried at the Haliburton Cemetery in Pictou.

*Submitted by Family*




**TRITES, Clifford “Cliff”**

**WWII**

Cliff, along with ten brothers and five sisters, was born in Campbellton, NB, to Joseph and Bridget (Duguay) Trites. He was a veteran of World War II. He was a Dispatch Rider with the 4<sup>th</sup> Canadian Armed Division, Canadian Army and served in Canada, England and the Normandy Campaign from France, Belgium and Holland to Germany. For his service in the Normandy Campaign, Cliff was appointed the rank of Knight of the National Order of the Legion of Honour from the Government of France. Following the war, Cliff was employed in a number of roles within the Public Service Commission. He retired in 1977 after thirty years of service. On retirement, Cliff served for two years with the Corps of Commissionaires at the Halifax Court House and the Victoria-General Hospital, completing his planned tour as a Major. He was an avid woodworker and specialized in Intarsia (artistry in wood) in his later years. His creations graced the walls of his room at Camp Hill, where he was a resident for the last eight years. He received the War Medal 1939-1945, France and Germany Star and Holland Star. Cliff passed away in 2020.


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# *The Nova Scotia war dead of Groesbeek, the Netherlands.*

*Editor's note:*

*Close to 175,000 Canadians took part in the campaign to liberate the Netherlands during the latter stages of WWII, which began in the fall of 1944 and ended in the spring of 1945.*

*In our 2020 edition, a list of war dead, buried in various Dutch cemeteries, was printed in honour of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the liberation of the Netherlands. The following is a continuation of the list of Nova Scotians who participated in the liberation and paid the supreme sacrifice. I would like to acknowledge and thank Comrade Gary Siliker, CD, Mahone Bay Br #49, for his dedication in the research and remembrance of these Canadian heroes.*

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*These war dead have been collated based upon the CAF precedence of units. Each entry is: name, rank, date of death, family information and classification of death (additional details are provided in many cases).*

*KIA - killed in action*

*DOW - died of wounds*

*DOA - died of accident*

*DOI - died of illness*

## **The Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery**

### **LORD STRATHCONA'S HORSE (ROYAL CANADIANS)**

**WRIGHT, HARRY ELWOOD.** Trooper. 17/04/1945. Son of John Everett Wright and Florence May Wright, of Clementsport, Annapolis Co. KIA.

### **FORT GARRY HORSE**

**KENNEDY, ELDRED ALONZO.** Trooper. 28/02/1945. Son of Cleveland and Mary Kennedy of Halifax; husband of Hazel Elsie Kennedy of Toronto. KIA.

### **SHERBROOKE FUSILIERS REGIMENT**

**GILLIS, JAMES JOSEPH.** Lance Corporal. 9/04/1945. Son of Roderick F. and Catherine Gillis, of Jamesville West. DOW - wounded 12 April (shrapnel to left thigh and back/burns hands face chest leg).

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**PORTER, BURGESS ALLISON.** Bombardier. Royal Canadian Artillery. 21/02/1945. Son of Frank O. and Linnie A. Porter, of Grafton, King's Co. KIA.

**RUDOLPH, LAWRENCE ARTHUR.** Gunner. 27/02/1945. Son of Basil M. and Elsie Rudolph, of Liscomb, Guysborough Co. KIA - Cleve Germany.

**SPRAY, STANLEY.** Battery Quartermaster Sergeant. 23/07/1945. Son of Edgar and Edith M. Spray; husband of Alda M. Spray, of Digby. DOA – killed in a vehicle accident while on duty.

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**MARTIN, ROBERT MALCOLM.** Sapper. 16/03/1945. Son of Malcolm and Elizabeth Martin, of Dominion. DOA - he was conducting road maintenance when he was crushed between a truck and a tree.

**McLELLAN, DONALD ANGUS.** Sapper. 18/03/1945. Son of Malcolm McLellan of Pipers Glen. DOA - Nine members of 11 Field Company were killed when a mine dump exploded.

**SPONAGLE, NEIL TRUEMAN.** Sapper. 18/03/1945. Son of George Roy and Clara May Sponagle; husband of Naomi Gertrude Sponagle, of Boylston, Guysboro Co. DOA - Nine members of 11 Field Company were killed when a mine dump exploded.

**TAYLOR, OWEN HOWARD.** Lieutenant. 18/03/1945. Son of John Leander Taylor and Myrtle A. Taylor, of Bridgetown, Annapolis Co., Nova Scotia. DOA - Nine members of 11 Field Company were killed when a mine dump exploded.

**THOMPSON, NEIL ARTHUR.** Sapper. 26/09/1944. Husband of Muriel Eleen Thompson of Halifax. Neil was a member of 23 Field Company ('the Storm boat Kings') During the rescue operation to get the remnants of the British 1<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division out of Arnhem, his storm boat was damaged by German mortar fire and sank. Sapper Thompson drowned in the Rhine River that night.

### ROYAL CANADIAN CORPS OF SIGNALS

**KENNEDY, EDWARD JOHN.** Signaller. 28/08/1945. Son of Jacob and Josephine Kennedy of Glace Bay. DOA - drowned in Amsterdam while on leave.

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**BENJAMIN, WALTER CONRAD.** Guardsman. 11/11/1944. Son of Charles Oscar and Mina Beatrice Benjamin, of Fox River, Cumberland Co.; husband of Ruby Bernice Benjamin, of Fox River. DOA - struck by an armoured car during a night operation.

### CANADIAN GRENADIER GUARDS

**FAULKNER, RALPH DOUGLAS.** Guardsman. 26/02/1945. Son of John Henry and Gertrude Maud Faulkner, of Fairview, Halifax Co. KIA.

### QUEEN'S OWN RIFLES OF CANADA

**LLOYD, MERRILL PEREZ.** Rifleman. 26/02/1945. Son of Perez Merrill Lloyd and Eva Verba Lloyd, of South Waterville, King's Co., Nova Scotia; husband of Lenora Blanche Lloyd, of South Waterville. KIA.

### BLACK WATCH (ROYAL HIGHLAND REGIMENT) OF CANADA

**COOLEN, GERALD BRUNELL.** Private. 27/02/1945. Son of Eben Burnell Coolen and Dorothy Belle Coolen; husband of Gladys Mary Coolen, of Berwick, King's Co. KIA.

**ERNST, DONALD CHARLES.** Private. 03/03/1945. Son of Kenneth and Emma Muriel Ernst, of Whynacht Settlement, Lunenburg Co. DOW.

**WAGNER, LAWRENCE GRANVILLE.** Private. 30/12/1944. Son of Robert Lawrence Wagner of Oak Hill, Lunenburg Co. KIA.

### ROYAL REGIMENT OF CANADA

**MORELL, ALOYSIUS THEAPHILE.** Private. 08/03/1945. Son of Peter and Annie Morell, of Monk's Head, Antigonish Co. KIA.

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**COLBURNE, RICHARD ALLEN.** Corporal. 26/02/1945. Son of Willard and Olive T. Colburne, of Brookfield, Colchester Co. KIA.

**CROWELL, MAURICE J.** Private. 08/03/1945. Son of Irving and Laura Crowell of Clarks Harbour, Shelburne Co; husband of Myrtis Crowell, of Western Shore, Lunenburg Co. KIA.

**HATCHER, JAMES ARMISTICE.** Lance Corporal. 08/03/1945. Son of James Henry and Mildred Hatcher of Milton. KIA.

**INGLIS, ALBERT THOMAS.** Corporal. 08/03/1945. Son of Mrs. Ethel Inglis of Dartmouth. KIA.

**KOSTEY, JAMES.** Private. 08/03/1945. Son of Tim and Mary Kostey, of Caledonia Mines. KIA.

**MACDONALD, ALLAN.** Private. 02/03/1945. Son of Donald A. and Margaret M. Macdonald, of Stewartdale, Inverness Co. DOW – wounded on 20 February. He was awarded the Military Medal posthumously.

**LINCOLN AND WELLAND REGIMENT**

**HOOPER, JOHN RALPH.** Lance Corporal. Lincoln and Welland Regiment. 26/01/1945. Son of Lester and Annabell Hooper of Pictou. DOW.

**MACKINNON, OWEN JOSEPH.** Private. 26/01/1945. Son of Charles and Mary Jane MacKinnon, of Sydney. KIA.

**HIGHLAND LIGHT INFANTRY OF CANADA**

**MACDONALD, GEORGE OXLEY.** Lieutenant. 26/03/1945. Husband of Harriet Macdonald, of New Waterford. DOW - He was posthumously awarded the Military Cross for his actions on 24 March 1945 near Speldrop, Germany.

**SEARS, HAROLD MELVIN.** Private. 17/02/1945. Son of Joseph and Rhoda Sears, of Halifax. DOW - shrapnel to the abdomen and shock.

**WITHERALL, BENJAMIN JAMES.** Private. 27/12/1944. Son of Harry and Rachel Witherall, of North Sydney. KIA.

**LORNE SCOTS (PEEL, DUFFERIN AND HALTON REGIMENT)**

**SELDON, WILLIAM OWEN.** Private. 19/02/1945. Son of Roland Chivers Seldon and Effie Seldon, of Caledonia, Queen's Co. KIA.

**STORMONT, DUNDAS AND GLENGARRY HIGHLANDERS**

**MILLS, PERRY ELMORE.** Private. 04/03/1945. Son of Ainslie Brenton Mills and Lottie Lenora Mills, of Bramber, Hants Co. KIA.

**ROSS, MALCOM ARTHUR.** Private. 06/03/1945. Son of Harry Isaac Ross of Halifax. DOW - wounded on 5 March (shrapnel from a high explosive shell, to right chest, left leg and throat).

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**CORMIER, DELPHIN.** Corporal. 26/02/1945. Son of Peter and Marianne Cormier, of Cheticamp. KIA.

**WEST NOVA SCOTIA REGIMENT**

**BEHIE, FREDERICK HUTCHISON.** Corporal. West Nova Scotia Regiment. 02/05/1945. Son of David Anderson Behie and Mabel Rebecca Behie, of Sheet Harbour, Halifax Co. DOA - He was on duty at night and driving a motorcycle when he had a collision with an army truck. Behie died of multiple head injuries.

**WHITE, HARRY.** Private. 19/05/1945. Son of Wilfred and Mary White, of Halifax. DOA - He was thrown from the back of a rations truck that was struck by a civilian vehicle. White died of a fractured skull.

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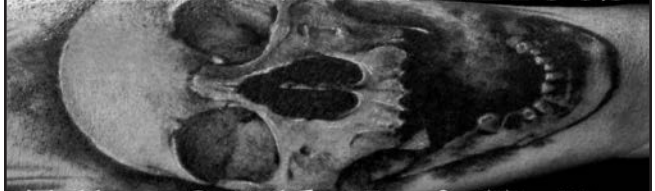
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**BEAZLEY, RICHARD PAUL.** Private. 26/02/1945. Son of Gaberal C. and Blanche G. Beazley, of Hantsport, Hants Co., Nova Scotia; husband of Mary Elizabeth Beazley, of Hantsport. KIA - when the NSR attacked the town of Keppeln, Germany.

**GRAHAM, GEORGE L.** Private. 26/02/1945. Son of David Selden Graham and Ethel May Graham, of Belmont, Colchester Co. KIA - when the NSR attacked the town of Keppeln, Germany.

**GOULDEN, CRAIG HENRY.** Private. 08/01/1945. Son of George and Sadie Goulden of Gunning Cove, Shelb. Co. KIA - during an effective, yet costly 20-minute hit-and-run raid against a German position near the Dutch village of Wyler.

**HUMBY, BAXTER PRESCOTT.** Private. 26/03/1945. Son of Hezekiah Humby and of Annie Jane Humby (nee Russell), of Sydney. KIA - when the regiment attacked the town of Milligen, Germany.

**HULL, FREDERICK CLARENCE.** Private. 26/02/1945. The oldest son of Fred and Kathleen Hull of Dartmouth. KIA - when the NSR attacked the town of Keppeln, Germany.

**LA'FAVE, JOHN ALBERT.** Private. 26/02/1945. The son of Joseph and Mary La'fave of Yarmouth; husband of Catherine La'fave of Yarmouth. KIA - when the NSR attacked the town of Keppeln, Germany.

**MacDONALD, ALLAN JOHN.** Private. 08/01/1945. Son of Jennie MacDonald of Halifax. KIA - during an effective, yet costly 20-minute hit-and-run raid against a German position near the Dutch village of Wyler.

**MACPHERSON, DONALD RAE.** Lieutenant. 26/02/1945. Son of Robert Synton Macpherson and Annie Rachel Macpherson of Westville; husband of Marion Chapman Macpherson, of Moncton. KIA - when the NSR attacked the town of Keppeln, Germany.

**MUNROE, ERWIN A.** Private. 26/02/1945. Son of Owen and Lottie Munroe, of Port Medway, Queen's Co., Nova Scotia; husband of Helen Muriel Munroe, of Port Medway. KIA - when the NSR attacked the town of Keppeln, Germany.

**PATTERSON, MILLARD A.** Private. 26/02/1945. The son of Freeman and Jennie Patterson of West Apple River, Cumberland Co. KIA - when the NSR attacked the town of Keppeln, Germany.

**ROACH, PATRICK DANIEL.** Private. 08/01/1945. Son of Joseph and Lucy Roach, of Reserve Mines. KIA - during an effective, yet costly 20-minute hit-and-run raid against a German position near the Dutch village of Wyler.

**NORTH NOVA SCOTIA HIGHLANDERS**

**BEDWIN, ALBERT FIELD.** Private. 14/02/1945. Son of William Field Bedwin and Ella Louise Bedwin of Halifax; husband of Norma Collins Bedwin, of Truro. KIA.

**BOGGILD, VILHELM KRUISE.** Corporal. 25/03/1945. Son of Hans C. and Esther Boggild of Lockeport (Vilhelm was born in Denmark). KIA.

**BOUTILIER, SHERMAN WILLIAM.** Private. 19/02/1945. Son of Alfred and Nancy L. Boutilier, of Sheet Harbour, Halifax Co. KIA.

**BRANNEN, HERBERT MALCOLM.** Private. 26/03/1945. Son of William and Mildred Brannen, of Stony Island, Shelburne Co. KIA.

**BURKE, AUGUSTINE JOHN.** Private. 22/02/1945. Son of Maurice and Alice R. Burke, of Cannes, Richmond Co. KIA.

**CAMPBELL, ALLAN JOSEPH.** Private. 04/12/1944. Son of Alex T. and Annie Campbell, of Centennial, Inverness Co. KIA.

**CAMERON, ALEXANDER DOUGLAS.** Private. 27/02/1945. Son of John J. and Minetta Cameron, of Fairmont, Antigonish Co. KIA.

**CAMERON, GORDON PHILIP.** Private. 26/03/1945. Son of Herbert L. and Elizabeth M. Cameron, of Springhill. DOW - wounded on 25 March and die the next day.

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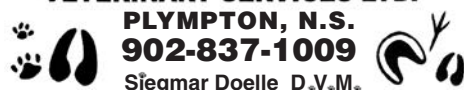
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**CHRISTIE, HUGH PATTERSON.** Private. 25/03/1945. Son of David S. and Christine Christie, of English Town, Victoria Co. KIA.

**COLLINS, ROY WILLIAMS.** Private. 25/03/1945. Son of Mary Collins, and stepson of James Lawley, of North Sydney. KIA.

**CORBETT, HILBERT STEPHEN.** Private. 04/04/1945. Son of Walter Smith Corbett and Nelly Kelly Corbett, of Bass River, Colchester Co. DOW.

**CROCKETT, JOHN CECIL.** Private. 19/02/1945. Son of John G. and Cora May Crockett, of Brookfield, Colchester Co. KIA.

**DASH, GEORGE MITCHELL.** Private. 25/03/1945. Son of Harris and Eldora Dash, of Sable River West, Shelburne Co. KIA.

**DONKIN, PHILIP ARTHUR.** Private. 23/02/1945. Son of Mrs. Edith Donkin of Truro. KIA.

**DOUCETTE, HARRY WILLIAM.** Private. 25/03/1945. Son of John and Celina Mary Doucette of Bell Neck. KIA.

**GALLANT, ARTHUR.** Corporal. 19/02/1945. Son of Teddy and Duraldia Gallant; husband of Mary J. Gallant, of Kentville. KIA.

**HAGERTY, CHARLES BENJAMIN.** Private. 25/03/1945. Son of Obediah and Edith Jane Hagerty, of Port Williams, King's Co. KIA.

**HARVEY, DONALD ROBERT.** Private. 19/02/1945. Son of George Ralph and Bessie Mae Harvey, of Brooklyn, Hants Co. DOW - blast wounds to both legs.

**HARVEY, MARVEN GLENROY.** Private. 25/03/1945. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Haney, of North Noel Road, Hants Co. KIA.

**HEARABOUT, GRANVILLE MURRAY.** Private. 25/03/1945. Son of John and Irene Hearabout; husband of Frances Isabelle Hearabout, of Truro. KIA.

**HENRY, GORDON.** Corporal. 25/03/1945. Son of Joseph and Emma Henry of North Sydney. KIA.

**HERMAN, HARRY HENRY.** Private. 22/02/1945. Son of Henry and Jennie Herman, of Stonehurst, Lunenburg Co. KIA.

**JAMES, HAROLD CHARLES.** Private. 25/03/1945. Son of Charles and Edna James, of Springhill. DOW.

**KEDDY, HAROLD LAWRENCE.** Private. 25/03/1945. Son of Arthur and Minnie Keddy of Port Williams, nephew of Blanche Kelley, of Port Williams, King's Co. KIA.

**LANGILLE, KITCHENER.** Private. 25/03/1945. Son of Daniel and Lydia Langille, of New Glasgow; husband of Queenie Eloise Langille, of New Glasgow. KIA.

**LYONS, ELLIS.** Private. 22/02/1945. Moved to NS, from England, in 1932 and enlisted in North Sydney in 1940. Son of James Lyons, and of Mary Lyons, of Atherton, Lancashire, England. KIA.

**MALAIACK, STEPHAN.** Private. 29/03/1945. Son of Andrew and Anna Malaidack, of Halifax. DOW - he was wounded by machine gun fire (abdomen and left arm) on 25 March and died 4 days later.

**MacDONALD, STEWART RINDRESS.** Private. 25/03/1945. Son of Daniel John and Katheryn Stewart MacDonald; husband of Margaret Mary MacDonald, of Cape Dauphin, Victoria Co. KIA.

**MacKINNON, DONALD JOHN.** Private. 25/03/1945. Son of Joseph and Katie MacKinnon, of Sydney. KIA.

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**MacMULLIN, LEO JOSEPH.** Private. 25/03/1945. Son of Mr. and Mrs. James MacMullin, of Glace Bay. KIA.

**MacNUTT, EVERETT WILLIAM.** Private. 06/03/1945. Son of Kenneth C. and Pearle W. MacNutt, of Graywood, Annapolis Co. KIA.

**MacINTYRE, NORBERT JAMES.** Private. 25/03/1945. Son of Ellen MacIntyre; husband of Marie L. MacIntyre, of Reserve Mines. KIA.

**McGREGOR, MARVIN WILLIAM.** Private. 25/03/1945. Son of Norman and Laura McGregor, of West Jeddore, Halifax Co. KIA.

**MITCHELL, HARLAND EVENDER.** Lance Corporal. 25/03/1945. Son of Owen and Eva Mitchell, of East Jeddore, Halifax Co. KIA.

**MUNROE, AUSTIN HAVELOCK.** Private. 25/03/1945. Husband of Anna Elizabeth Munroe of Little Dover, Guysborough Co. KIA.

**PAGE, LAURIE DOUGLAS.** Lance Corporal. 25/03/1945. Son of Harry and Florence Viola Page, of Rawdon, Hants Co. KIA.

**PARKER, WENDELL.** Private. 28/03/1945. Son of Oran and Jessie Parker, of Elmsdale. DOW - he was wounded by machine gun fire (abdomen, both legs) at 5 PM on 25 March and died 3 days later in 6th Canadian Field Trauma Unit.

**PHILLIPS, RICHARD.** Lance Corporal. 01/03/1945. Son of James A. and Jane A. Phillips, of Chilton Buildings, Ferryhill, Co. Durham, England; a British immigrant who was living and working in River Hebert when he enlisted. KIA.

**ROBINSON, WESLEY LEVI.** Private. 25/03/1945. Son of John W. and Lillian G. Robinson, of South Maitland, Hants Co. KIA.

**RODGERS, MURDOCK AINSLIE.** Corporal. 19/01/1945. Son of William Francis and Margaret Rodgers of Sydney. DOA - he was moving, near the front, when accidentally killed by a sentry's Bren gun fire.

**ROSS, JOHN ARCHIBALD.** Private. 27/03/1945. Son of John Archibald and Mary A Ross of New Glasgow. DOW -he was wounded by machine gun fire (neck, arms, legs) on 25 March and died at 3 Canadian Casualty Clearing Station of respiratory failure.

**SHAW, NORMAN A.** Private. 25/03/1945. Son of Malcolm M. and Margaret Shaw, of Lochside, Richmond Co. DOW.

**THOMSON, ERIC H.** Private. DOD 25/03/1945. Son of Robert and Margaret I. Thomson of Halifax. KIA.

**TOLSON, CHARLES ALLAN.** Private. 19/02/1945. Son of Edmund and Mary Balfour Tolson, of Lansdowne Station, Pictou Co. KIA.

**WALLACE, JOHN LEWIS.** Private. 25/03/1945. Son of Mrs. Amy Wallace of Kentville; husband of Doris Wallace of Windsor. KIA.

**WARNELL, THEODORE GEORGE.** Private. 25/03/1945. Son of Lena Warnell of Jeddore, Oyster Pond. KIA.

### ROYAL WINNIPEG RIFLES

**ASHFORD, JAMES.** Lance Corporal. 27/03/1945. Son of John T. and Annie Ashford; husband of Phyllis Ashford, of North Sydney. DOW - on 24 March Ashford stepped on a mine which destroyed his left leg. He was rushed to 4 Canadian Field Trauma Unit for immediate treatment. He also had a fractured spine and one small piece of shrapnel had entered his skull just below his right eyebrow. He died at 0830 27 March of a 'fat embolism' in his brain.

**DUFFY, JAMES EDWARD.** Rifleman. 12/12/1944. Son of Thomas Duffy, and of Janie Duffy, of Parrsboro, Cumberland Co. DOA - drowned. Seven soldiers drowned when they were pinned under their universal carrier that had rolled into an irrigation canal.

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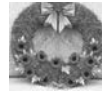


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**MacLEAN, ARNOLD ALLISTER.** Rifleman. 28/02/1945. Son of John Thomas MacLean of Sydney Mines. DOW - wounded (blast wounds to face, both legs and right arm) on 21 February. Died in 8 Canadian General Hospital.

**YOUNG, ROBERT COLSON.** Corporal. 29/03/1945. Son of William and Uda Young of Halifax. KIA.

### ESSEX SCOTTISH REGIMENT

**DOREY, CLARENCE.** Private. 19/02/1945. Son of Alfred and Mary Virginia Dorey, of Janvrin Harbour, Richmond Co., Nova Scotia; husband of Rose Dorey, of Janvrin Harbour. KIA.

**ELLIS, ROY DONALD.** Private. 08/02/1945. Son of George and Laura Ellis of Waverly. DOW.

**HANLEY, LESTER L.** Corporal. 19/02/1945. Son of James and Hilda Hanley; husband of Verna D. Hanley, of Malaga Mines, Queen's Co. KIA.

**HEIGHTON, VINCENT EVERETT.** Corporal. 01/03/1945. Son of James and Lillie Ann Heighton of River John. DOW - died in Bedburg Germany.

**KING, JAMES HAROLD.** Private. 08/03/1945. Son of Murray K King of Lansdowne Station. KIA.

**PINCH, WARNER DOUGLAS.** Private. 19/02/1945. Son of Frederick W. and Annie M. Pinch, of Waterville, King's Co. KIA.

### CAPE BRETON HIGHLANDERS

**CUSACK, JAMES BERTRAM.** Private. 03/04/1945. Son of William J. and Florence Cusack, of Sydney. KIA.

**FRASER, JOHN TRUESDALE.** Private. 09/04/1945. Son of John R. and Catherine M. Fraser, of Sydney. KIA.

**MacKEIGAN, ALFRED JAMES.** Private. 03/04/1945. Son of George A. and Irene MacKeigan, of Coxheath; husband of Kathleen M. MacKeigan, of Coxheath. DOW.

### ALGONQUIN REGIMENT

**ALLEN, ARNOLD HOWARD.** Private. 27/02/1945. Son of Everard Grantley Allen and Minnie Elmore Allen; husband of Joyce Marie Allen, of Kentville, King's Co. KIA - He was taken prisoner on 14 September 1944 and was killed in when RAF Bomber Command bombed Leipzig which included Stalag 4B.

**BLACK, DOUGLAS GORDON.** Lance Sergeant. 03/03/1945. Son of Sherman and Alice Black of Amherst. KIA.

**CAMPBELL, JOSEPH DANIEL.** Private. 10/02/1945. Son of Agnes Campbell of Dominion. KIA.

**CREELMAN, ROY THOMPSON.** Corporal. 21/11/1944. Son of Roy Thomas Creelman and Minnie E. Creelman, of Halifax, Nova Scotia; husband of Minnie Creelman, of Halifax. KIA.

**DE BAY, THOMAS GEORGE VINCENT.** Private. 09/03/1945. Son of Francis and Emily De Bay; husband of Rena De Bay, of De Bay's Cove, Halifax Co. KIA.

**ELLIS, GERALD A.** Corporal. 27/02/1945. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd S. Ellis, of Digby, Nova Scotia; husband of Sylvia S. Ellis, of Westville, Pictou Co. KIA.

**EAGLES, KENNETH WALDON.** Private. 03/03/1945. Son of James W. and Nellie G. Eagles, of Wolfville. KIA.

**LE RUE, ALBERT GEORGE.** Private. 07/03/1945. Son of William and Catherine Le Rue, of Halifax. KIA.

**LEWIS, JOSEPH WATSON.** Private. 03/03/1945. Son of Watson Joseph and Mary Lewis, of Waterford, Digby Co. KIA.

**WEBB, IVAN LE ROY.** Lance Sergeant. 07/03/1945. Son of Charles and Margaret Webb; husband of Martha Ellen Webb, of Truro. KIA.

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**FORSYTH, JOHN BYRON.** Lance Corporal. 28/02/1945. Son of Frank and Jessie Forsyth of Greenwich, Kings Co; husband of Lillian Forsyth of Brandon, Manitoba. KIA.

**MacDOUGALL, LEO ALEXANDER.** Private. 30/01/1945. Son of John A. and Agnes MacDougall, of Sydney. KIA.

**MUISE, JOSEPH ARTHUR.** Private. 06/03/1945. Son of Annie L. Muise, of Yarmouth. KIA.

**SMITH, GORDON.** Private. 28/02/1945. Son of Frank and Emily Smith of Dartmouth; husband of Jean Frances Smith, of Trinity Bay, Newfoundland. DOW.

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**SMITH, GEORGE LAURIE ARCHIBALD.** Sergeant. 26/02/1945. Son of John Wesley Smith and Margaret Inez Smith, of McClure's Mills. KIA.

### REGINA RIFLE REGIMENT

**GALLANT, GARNET JOSEPH.** Rifleman. 18/02/1945. Son of Charles and Mary Gallant, of Amherst. DOW - he suffered shrapnel wounds to both legs, his left leg was broken in 2 places and died before reaching 11 Canadian Field Ambulance.

**TURNER, LEAMON CLINTON.** Rifleman. 14/12/1944. Son of Charlie and Adelus Turner, of Litchfield, Annapolis Co. KIA.

### QUEEN'S OWN CAMERON HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA

**MacDONALD, GORDON CHALMERS.** Private. 12/01/1945. Son of Dan J. and Ellen MacDonald, of Sydney. DOW - blast injuries and shrapnel to right thigh and leg.

**MacIVER, WILLIAM ELI.** Private. 07/02/1945. Son of John Eli and Annie Margaret MacIver, of Gillis Cove, Inverness Co. KIA

**YOUNES, CHARLES JOSEPH.** Private. 30/03/1945. Son of Albert Charles and Susan Younes of Halifax. KIA.

### CALGARY HIGHLANDERS

**GOODHEW, FRANK ANTHONY.** Corporal. 09/03/1945. Son of William and Alice Goodhew; husband of Joyce Goodhew of Halifax. DOW.

### SOUTH SASKATCHEWAN REGIMENT

**EDDY, JAMES DAVID.** Private. 03/03/1945. Husband of Lillian Eddy of Sydney. KIA.

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**NICKERSON, ROBERT ALAN.** Private. DOD 24/03/1945. Son of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Nickerson of Halifax. KIA.

### ROYAL CANADIAN ARMY SERVICE CORPS

**BLACK, ANTHONY.** Private. 24/09/1945. Son of Joseph and Mary Ann Black of Sydney. DOA - vehicle accident.

**MORRISON, ALVAH EDWARD.** Private. 01/05/1945. Son of Wesley Thomas Morrison and Ida Isabel Morrison, of Westville, Pictou Co. DOA - died of injuries when an anti-tank round accidentally exploded near him.

**MacDONALD, CHARLES ALLEN.** Private. 23/04/1945. Son of M. A. and Grace MacDonald, of New Waterford. DOA - motorcycle accident/ struck a car in an intersection.

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
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**REID, JOHN HAROLD.** Private. 28/11/1945. Son of Allan Reid, and of Emma Reid, of Pictou, Pictou Co. DOA - vehicle accident.

### ROYAL CANADIAN ORDNANCE CORPS

**ARMSTRONG, GEORGE STEWART.** Private. 06/12/1945. Son of George Fred and Mary Catherina Armstrong; husband of Adriana Armstrong of Truro. DOA - vehicle accident (one week after his marriage to Adrianna).

### ROYAL CANADIAN ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

**MacDONALD, GEORGE ROBERT.** Private. 19/02/1945. Son of Hector and Susan MacDonald of Donkin. KIA - while attached to the Essex Scottish Regiment.

**O'HANDLEY, HUGH RAYMOND.** Private. 07/04/1945. Son of Andrew and Josephine O'Handley, of Dominion, Nova Scotia; husband of Annie M. O'Handley, of Dominion. DOI - Subarachnoid Hemorrhage.

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**CROMWELL, PERCY CLAYTON.** Craftsman. 08/02/1945. Son of James and Annie Cromwell, of Yarmouth; husband of Lillian Beryl Cromwell, of Yarmouth. DOA - fell into a canal, at night, and drowned.

**DELOUCHERY, MICHAEL JAMES.** Craftsman. 24/05/1945. Son of John Albert Delouchery of Halifax. DOA - fell into a canal, at night, and drowned.

**McQUEEN, RODERICK WILLIAM.** Craftsman. 26/11/1944. Son of Lauchlin and Annabelle McQueen; husband of Laura B. McQueen of Florence. KIA.

### ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

**CAMPBELL, FREDERICK WILLIAM.** Pilot Officer. 23/12/1944. Son of William True Campbell and Bertha Lillian Campbell, of Pembroke, Hants Co., Nova Scotia; husband of Dorothy Glennon Campbell. KIA - His OBOE equipped Lancaster bomber was shot down during a daylight raid on the Gremberg marshalling yards near Cologne Germany.

**HUPMAN, ARNOLD FREEMAN.** Flying Officer. 17/06/1944. Son of Freeman Waterman Hupman and Eudella Hupman, of East Side of Ragged Island; husband of Margaret Winnifred Hupman, of East Side of Ragged Island, Shelburne Co. KIA - His Lancaster bomber was on a raid to Sterkrade, Germany, when it was attacked and shot down by German night fighters.



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**MacKINNON, GREGORY ALLAN.** Lance Corporal. 13/10/1944. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael MacKinnon of Glace Bay. Allan suffered a serious head wound and was taken prisoner by the Germans and died in a German army field hospital that same day.

### **HIGHLAND LIGHT INFANTRY OF CANADA**

**SKINNER, RALPH.** Private. 3/01/1945. Son of Abraham and Annie Skinner, of Sydney. Ralph was killed in action and reported dead by the Germans.

### **STORMONT, DUNDAS AND GLENGARRY HIGHLANDERS**

**MEAGHER, ALEXANDER.** Private. 13/09/1944. Son of Rose Meagher of Dartmouth. He was killed by a sniper near Axel, the Netherlands, while serving with the Polish Army.

### **ALGONQUIN REGIMENT**

**CONN, ELMER EUGENE.** Private. 27/02/1945. Son of Joseph Conn of Dutch Brook. Elmer was wounded (arm and leg) and taken prisoner on 14 September during the fighting around the Leopold Canal. KIA. He was killed in when RAF Bomber Command bombed Leipzig which included Stalag 4B.

**PETTIPAS, LEONARD FRANCIS.** Private. DOD 14/09/1944. Son of Oscar Pettipas, and of Harriet Pettipas, of Linwood, Antigonish Co. KIA. Leonard was killed by shrapnel, fired from Canadian guns, just hours after joining the Algonquins.

### **CANADIAN SCOTTISH REGIMENT**

**WILLIAMS, CLIFFORD LORNE.** Private. DOD 20/12/1944. Son of Stanley Samuel and Carolina Georgina Williams; husband of Edna May Williams, of Canning, King's Co. Clifford was killed in action and recorded as "missing presumed dead."

### **1<sup>ST</sup> CANADIAN PARACHUTE BATTALION**

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For over ten years Arras Branch 59 of the Royal Canadian Legion in Antigonish had hoped to have the local WW1 cenotaph moved (see cover photo). The location behind the Post Office in Chisholm Park had become too small to accommodate the increasing crowds that were attending the remembrance services. This area in town was also being used by many other groups throughout the year and the cenotaph was being encroached upon. Several years ago another major factor that intensified the need to find a more suitable home for the monument occurred. On the East end of Main St. the WW2 arch and memorial had to be taken down for safety reasons. The World War 2 plaques were therefore put into storage. Not being displayed meant that for several years Antigonish was not commemorating the soldiers from the area that had given their lives in that war.



*Heritage is that which society inherits from previous generations and deems worthy of taking special measures to preserve for future generations. Shown is the WWII Arch.*

A plan was put in place to find a new location to honour vets of both wars, and to have the WWI cenotaph moved there. A committee of volunteers considered various locations and after much research, settled on Columbus Field. Not only would it be large enough to accommodate a large cenotaph and the crowds of Remembrance Day, but it would also be very visible and accessible to all.

It took several meetings for the committee to choose the new design that had to then be sketched and presented to all parties (The Town of Antigonish, The County of Antigonish and the Columbus Club.) Once approved, the Legion had to set up working agreements, and set out the process for contracting out the work for the move and reconstruction of the cenotaph.

A detailed plan of the move and reconstruction was made and contractors were hired to build the new Cenotaph foundation in Columbus Field. The new foundation would allow the Cenotaph to be much higher and more visible from Main Street.

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In the summer of 2020 the new foundation was poured and the work began on readying the WW1 cenotaph for the big move. The cenotaph needed to be cut from its base and cut in two! It would be too tall to move in one piece. Once these cuts were made the cenotaph was then craned onto a flatbed trailer and strapped in place. On September 15, 2020 the cenotaph moved down the road to its new location. Many were amazed to see the 30 ton stone monument in two pieces on its road trip!

Once it arrived safely at Columbus Field it was craned onto the new foundation. New matching sandstone was added to the concrete base along with steps. Over 1000 paver stones that were in Chisholm Park got moved and reinstalled as well. The World War 2 plaques were installed on the front of the new base. A new plaque was also installed on the front of the base to display names of both WW1 and WW2 soldiers that were missed on the original plaques. With much help from the Heritage Association of Antigonish all the biographies of the fallen soldiers from our area have been researched and written.

On Saturday October 24, 2020 a re-dedication service was held for our new monument, and on Nov 11<sup>th</sup> a scaled-down Remembrance Day service took place there.

Arras Branch 59 would like to thank all the many volunteers that helped make this project a reality. This huge and complex job is now complete and Antigonish and area now have the proper place to promote Remembrance.



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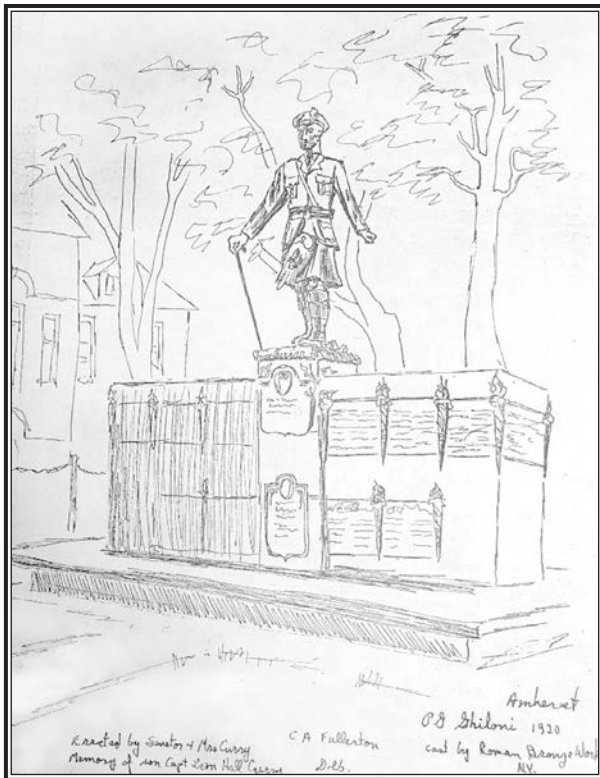

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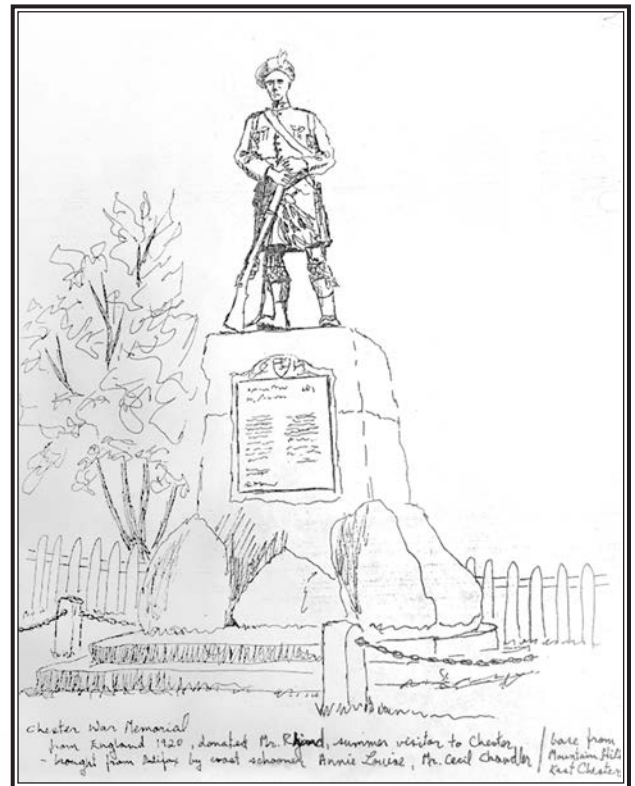
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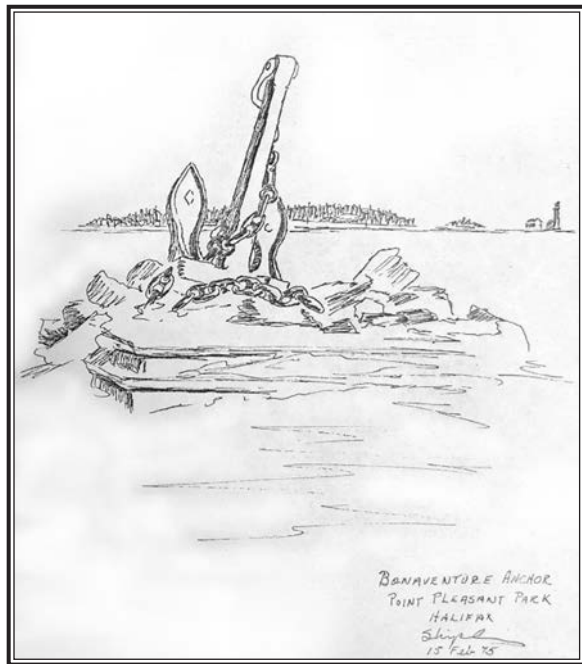
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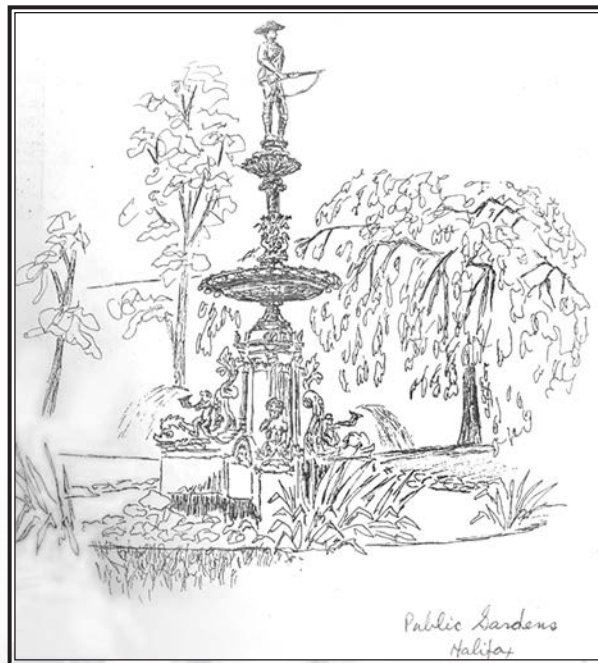
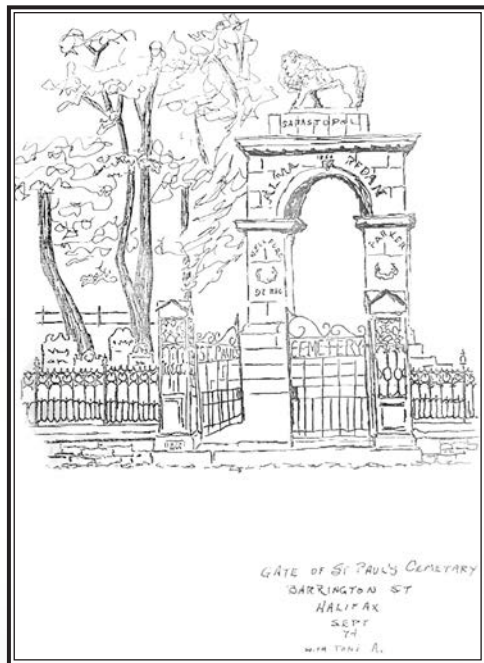


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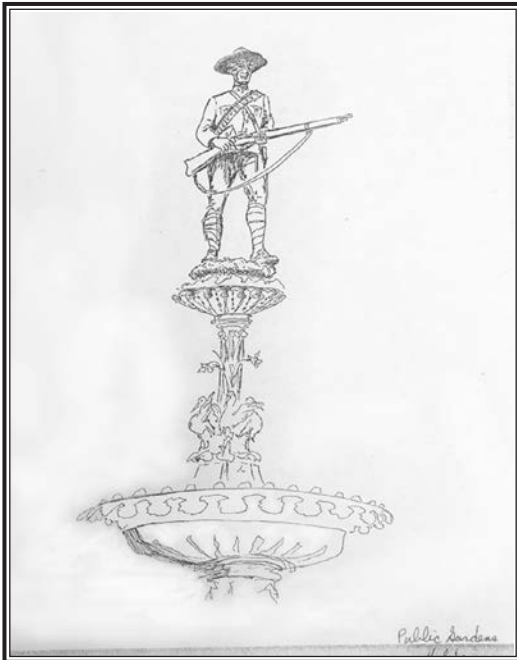
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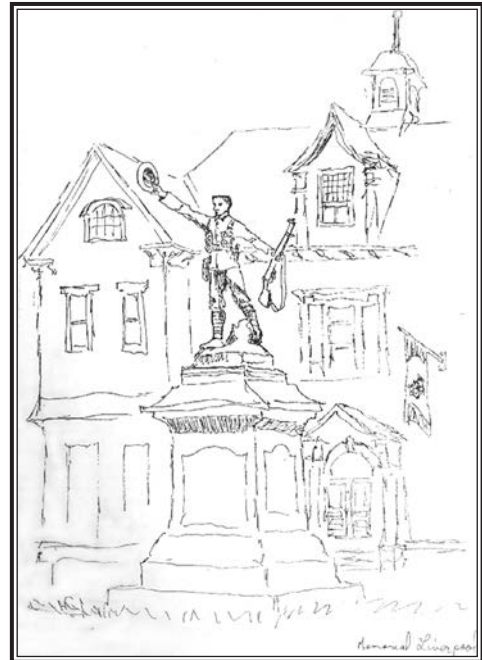
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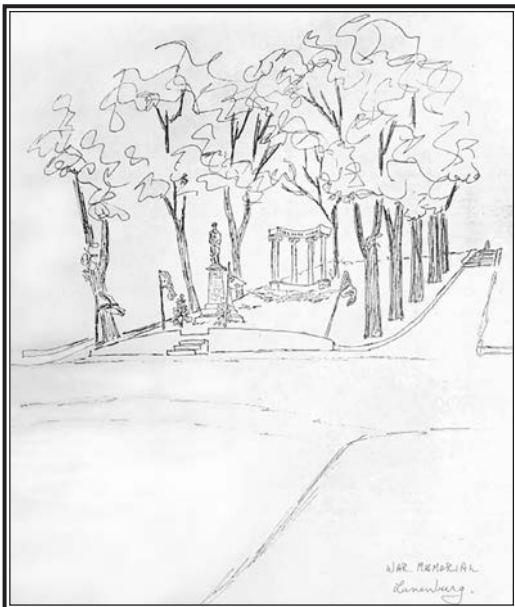
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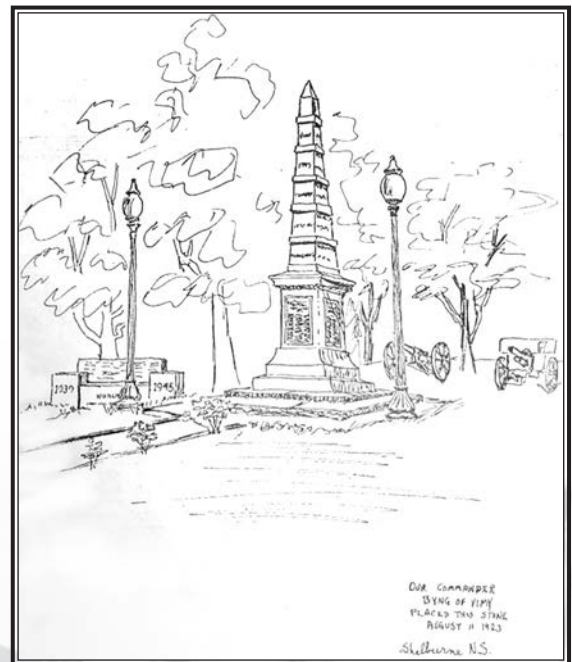
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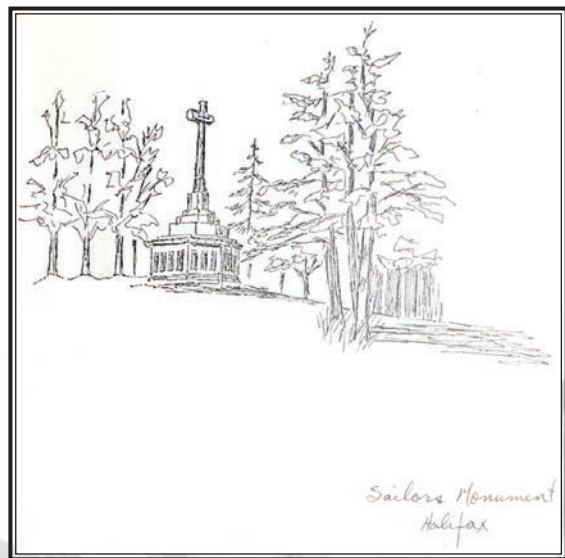
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