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History of Georgetown war quilt comes full circle

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Consequently, the quilt arrived at Rowe's residence in mid-August, and everyone involved—Groves, the Canadian High Commission in the UK (embassy), Veterans' Affairs, and most of all, members of Esquesing Historical Society—were delighted.

For Happe it was one of her final duties at the Canadian High Commission in the UK, as she returned to Canada and retired from the Canadian Forces at the end of August.

"There are some names on the quilt I noticed," wrote Groves. "I assume that there might be some descendants of those names on the quilt still living in the area.

"I know your lads did well and suffered badly up on Vimy Ridge in 1917 but this (quilt) predates Vimy by two years," said Groves.

The quilt is now hanging on display in the Georgetown Branch of Halton Hills Public Library, along with a number of artifacts honouring Remembrance Day. It will be displayed in the library until the end of November, then will be taken to Mountainview Residence for a day, to show the veterans who reside there.

From there, it will return to the EHS archives.

The display, a joint effort of EHS, Halton Hills Library and Branch 120 (Georgetown) of

Mr T Leslie



The Shorncliffe Military Hospital operating room in 1916.

Photo from Halton Images Collection the Royal Canadian Legion, was set up October 25.

Branch 120 president Jack Harrison, Halton Hills Public Library staffer Jodie Mandarino and Sheridan College Visual Merchandising student Samantha Babic co-ordinated their efforts to set up the display.

"The whole thing is amazing," said Harrison. "This (quilt) was done in 1915— almost 100 years ago, and it comes back to town, in amazing shape at that. When I heard about it, I was quite excited, and now that it's set up on display, it's wonderful."

All the players in Georgetown are quite pleased at the outcome of the quilt, making its way back to Georgetown. But the most

Miss C Henderson

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pleased is Tony Groves.

"I have a great love of military history and I had relatives serving in the armed forces in both world wars," said Groves. "My uncle is buried in Perth (China Wall) Cemetery in Ypres being killed in 1917. I still have his medals and some of his possessions that were returned to the family.

"We're not the great and the good," said Groves, speaking of his wife and himself. "It just seemed right and proper that the quilt, which has survived in such good condition, should go back 'home' where it was made all those years ago. It is part of your history and we are so pleased that it will be exhibited so people can see it."

So the story has gone full circle.

Like an old veteran, the quilt, sent out 98 years ago to fight its own battle— comforting and reminding wounded troops overseas that they were in their families' hopes and prayers— has done its duty. It's come home to the safety and respect of the Esquesing Historical Society archives.

And a responsible, amateur historian in Wimbledon has also done his duty, making sure it did return home, where it can inspire memory and respect, as well as once again remind all of the horrors of war—then, now and forever.

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Irene Sullivan

Doris Green

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Miss A Clark

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