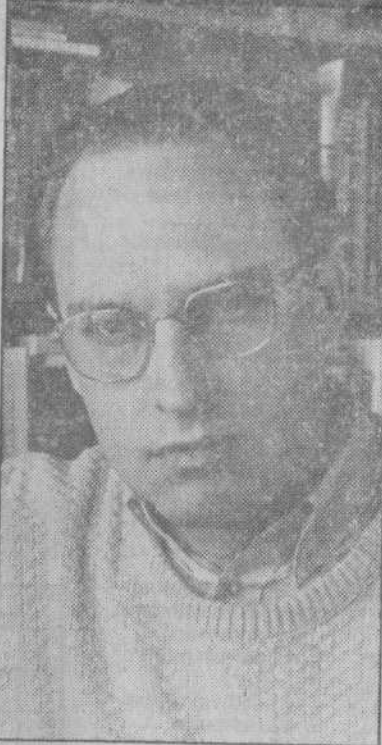


DAFOE, Colin

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**Bloody months:** For six bloody months, Dr. Colin Dafoe of Madoc, Ont., above, treated wounded resistance fighters in WW II Yugoslavia. Author Jeffrey Street, left, wove together Dafoe's diaries and interviews in Yugoslavia.

Victory and the Order of Merit. Such high honors, the book says, are rarely bestowed on foreigners.

The British were not very helpful about a man who was, although a Canadian, one of their own officers. Author Street says a number of official documents about Dafoe's mission and his wartime service were unavailable because of the Official Secrets Act "or were unaccountably missing."

#### Drew blank

And efforts to trace the identities and whereabouts of other agents who served with him in Yugoslavia drew a blank. Someone, Street suspects, went through Dafoe's official life with a broom and swept up after him.

The book is a welcome addition to the library of Canadian exploits in World War II.

□ Ron Lowman covers the military beat for The Star.

"A surgeon was more valuable to us than a division. He was not only a good surgeon, but also a very kind man, self-effacing, self-sacrificing, and above all, a brave soldier."

Yugoslavia gave Dafoe the Order of Service to the People before he left the country in 1944 and in 1984, during ceremonies marking the 40th anniversary of his parachute drop, he was posthumously awarded the Medal of