

McCormack, Bertha

Identity of photo donor clears

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The saga of a recent Legion gift to Silver Cross Mother Bertha McCormack continues to span the miles.

Thanks to a Belleville native currently living in San Francisco, the identity of the man who contributed many of the photographs has been clarified.

Barbara Bunton, of San Francisco, called The Intelligencer Friday. She said the former city man who provided the photographs is George Forhan, son of the late George Forhan who once ran the Belle Theatre. Forhan left Belleville 30 to 40 years ago, she said, and currently lives in Halifax, Nova Scotia, where he too runs a theatre.

Bunton explained Forhan maintains contact with family and friends in the Belleville

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area. He has, she added, collected material in past for friends of both himself and his father.

The special gift to Mrs. McCormack, presented at the annual Legion Poppy Banquet, consisted of a large,

framed memento which included a picture of herself, her son John—who died in 1945 when the ship he was serving on sank—and several pictures of a cenotaph bearing his name.

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