

### **Sopper Francis Cooper**

**Francis David Cooper was born December 12, 1918, the year that World War 1 ended at Ballinow, Saskatchewan. He was the fourth son of Issac Cooper. When a babe he came with his parents to Ontario and resided in the Kingarf District until time of enlistment. His 1<sup>st</sup> home was on the place now occupied by Wilmer Cooper, formerly Rody Cooper later he came with his parents to the farmhome still resided by his mother, Mrs. Mabel Cooper. He attended S.S. #7, Kincardine school (Needham school). He attended Kincardine High School for two years. He bought the farm now occupied by his brother, Alvin, Lot 30, Concession 8 in 1940.**

**He enlisted in June of 1941 and was stationed at several army camps, the last being Debert, Nova Scotia. He was sent to England in September 1942, later going to Italy. Was wounded the following February, taken back from the front lines for six weeks. Then he went back into action losing his life September 12, 1944 from wounds received previously at breakfast time.**

**A memorial service was held in his home church, Kingarf on October 9. While serving his country, he won six medals including the Italian star.**

**The following is the Memorial Service.**

**Representing all sections of the District in which he was so well known a Memorial Service was held in the Mathew's Church, Kingarf for Sopper Francis David Cooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Issac Cooper of R.R.#5, Kincardine, Ontario. Sopper Cooper died September 12, 1944 from wounds received the previous day in action in Italy.**

**The Church was filled to capacity and many stood throughout the impressive service which was attended by Members of McDonald Branch of the Canadian Legion and Kincardine Township Council.**

**The Rector, the Rev. George S. Kinour in his message pointed out that people at home have a duty to men overseas in making a better world for them to come back to and upholding them while they are absent.**

**Reeve William Shewfelt read the scripture lesson and three hymns : Blest be the tie that binds, Forever the Lord and O God of Love were sung.**

**A letter from the Chaplain of the unit in which Sopper Cooper served was read in which he was extolled for his influence among the men.**