

## Harold A. Stirling Mentioned In Despatches

In a letter from Col. C. L. Laurin, Director of Records in the Adjutant-General's Department, dated April 11, Harold A. Stirling, Beamsville, has been notified that he has been awarded a Mention in Despatches for gallant and distinguished services in the field.

Mr. Stirling served Overseas four years with the Royal Canadian Engineers. During his service in Northwest Europe he was a member of 85 Bridge Coy., 1 Cdn. Army Troops. This company was attached to the British 2nd Army for most of its work.

He returned home last August. Mr. Stirling is married, with one son.

## MEMORIAL WINDOW DEDICATED AT <sup>May 15</sup> 1946 TRINITY CHURCH

### LARGE CONGREGATION FILLS CHURCH SUNDAY. H./MAJ. REV. S. B. EAST PREACHES AT SPECIAL SERVICE

One of the largest congregations ever to attend, crowded the auditorium of Trinity United Church, Beamsville, on Sunday morning for the special service of dedication for the new memorial window commemorating men of the congregation who gave their lives in the two Great Wars.

H./Maj. Rev. Stewart B. East, M.B.E., M.C., B.Paed., B.A., preached the sermon and joined with the minister, Rev. W. C. Almack, in the dedication ceremonies at the window, which was presented to the church by the Woman's Association and unveiled by the president, Mrs. C. J. Freeman. George Shepherd accepted the gift on behalf of the trustees of Trinity Church.

#### All Seats Filled

Extra seats in all aisles were necessary to accommodate the large congregation, among whom were many service and ex-servicemen and their families. Rev. Mr. Almack opened the service and Major East read the lesson, taking his text from the second chapter of Philippians, verses 5-16. Special music was rendered by the large choir, the anthem being "Souls of the Righteous," (T. T. Noble). Mrs. H. Canning sang a solo, "There is No Death," by Geoffrey O'Hara. The music was under the direction of William F. Tufford, L.T.C.L. (Eng.).

Wearing Highland uniform and the red patch of the 1st Division, Major East took as his text "They humbly stooped in their obedience, to die." Brought up in a dissolute generation, the fallen men had held their faith in God to be supreme over all other considerations and in the midst of battle that faith and obedience had carried them to a glorious death, he said. They were good men, and their death provokes again the question in many minds, "Why must the good die?" The answer, Major East said, was that spiritual and moral progress can be made only through the sacrifices of good men.

#### Roll of Honour

Printed on the special program were the names of 78 members of Trinity Church who saw service in the two wars, including the names of 17 who were killed in action. Those to whom the window was dedicated were C. Thompson, H. H. Elliott, C. W. Wilcox, George Knight, G. E. Read, Alex. Lawrie, F. S. Albright, E. J. Harshaw, R. R. Hobden, A. R. Hewitt, E. C. Blunden, J. D. Reid, R. L. Miln, A. L. Logan, J. B. Stallwood, O. J. Thorpe and T. H. Page.

Altar flowers were supplied by Mrs. J. B. Stallwood in memory of her son Sgt. John Stallwood.

Theme of the beautiful stained glass window is "The Crown of Life." The symbolic significance of the subject is seen by considering the river immediately above the inscription plate as the River of Jordan, from which the soldier in armour is emerging. As he sets his foot upon the dry land he is met by Christ, Who offers him the Crown of Life in exchange for his sword.

## "NIGHT OF FUN" BRILLIANT SUCCESS LAST FRIDAY NIGHT

June 12 1946

### EX-SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN JOIN WITH MEMBERS OF WAR WORK COMMITTEES IN OUTSTANDING PARTY AT THE COMMUNITY HALL.

Attended by upwards of 550, Beamsville and Clinton's entertainment for ex-servicemen and women was held Friday night in the Community Hall and proved an outstanding success.

Horace Lapp and his orchestra, Louise Burns and her dancers, Jack McLean, Mildred Moray and Rudy Hanson provided entertainment that held the attention of the audience from start to finish and kept the large hall resounding with laughs and applause.

#### George Shepherd, M.C.

Master of Ceremonies for the evening was George Shepherd, president of the Beamsville and Clinton War Services Committee. Reeve Roy A. Saunders, Beamsville, welcomed the crowd to open the entertainment, and introduced Horace Lapp. Reeve Montgomery, Clinton Township, spoke briefly and then Mr. Shepherd took over. After outlining briefly the work of the War Services Committee, he called for a minute's silence for the 27 local boys who paid the supreme sacrifice in World War II.

#### Fine Floor Show

Turning the microphone over to Horace Lapp, the first half of the fine floor show was presented. Louise Burns and her dancers presented a smart military tap number, after which Mildred Moray rendered in her inimitable style, "Macnamara's Band", with help from the audience. For an encore she sang "I Want To Make Music," after the style of Martha Raye. Luring Frank Thomson onto the stage, she used him as a willing stooge for a rendition of "Oh Johnny," in which his necktie suffered not a little.

Following the first half of the floor show, Horace Lapp and his band played several numbers for dancing and a large number of both young and old took advantage of the fine music and the good floor. Assisted by a number of men, the ladies from

the various societies served an attractive lunch of sandwiches, cake and coffee under the convensership of Mrs. R. A. Saunders.

Horace Lapp took charge of the second part of the floor show in which Rudy Hanson delighted the crowd with "Night and Day" and "Benny's From Heaven," and Jack McLean provided many clever impersonations of famous stars of screen and radio. Louise Burns was applauded for a solo number, "A Little Bit of Scotch," and with her girls, in a novelty interpretation of "The Blue Danube."

#### Prize Draw Held

George Shepherd and Frank Thomson, assisted by the singer in the band, conducted the draw in which ten lucky ex-servicemen and women were awarded floor prizes. Seven war brides were introduced to the audience from the stage. These were Mrs. Lloyd Southward, Mrs. Norman McKee, Mrs. Jack Thompson, Mrs. Robert Gayman, Mrs. John Saunders, Mrs. Gordon Buchan and Mrs. Ron Tessmer. Mrs. Gayman won a basket of flowers.

Mildred Moray came back to entertain the crowd with two numbers, "I'm Just a Girl Who Can't Say No," from "Oklahoma," and the Gracie Fields song, "I Never Cried So Much in All My Life," closing the show.

A great deal of credit goes to the committee who organized this most successful winding up of the Beamsville and Clinton War Services Committee. It is safe to say that no finer entertainment could have been presented than the artists and numbers chosen and the function was one of the best-organized that the Community Hall has ever seen.

#### Reception Committee

Identification cards were presented to the men and women on arrival and white carnations were given to next-of-kin. On the reception Committee were Reeve R. A. Saunders, Reeve George Montgomery, A. G. Richmond, Mesdames, J. B. Stallwood, C. W. Buck, and R. A. Saunders.

#### Door Committee

G. V. Cooke, Jas. Lay, R. O. Wilcox, H. W. Reid, James Platts, J. Burgess, H. Freure and Mrs. G. Shepherd. Decorating was in charge of G. V. Cooke, F. J. Thomson and A. G. Richmond.

#### "Night of Fun" Cost \$800

Accounts were received for the "Night of Fun" celebration last Friday night. Cost of the affair was \$834.07, of which Beamsville pays 40%, or \$333.63, with Clinton assuming the remainder.

June 19, 1946

Maj. Norman R. M. Southward was awarded the M.B.E. in the King's Birthday Honours List. An old Beamsville boy, Major Southward attended public and high school here and is now living in Montreal. During the war he was on the H.Q. staff of M.D. 4, Montreal as District Auxiliary Services Officer.

## Presentations Made To "30" Vets

July 17 — 1946

On Friday night at a social evening at Hugh Lounsbury's home, Alan Poole received a chromium smoker, similar to that which all the boys who saw service overseas received on their return. Ed Prittle another of our overseas boys, has taken up residence in England. He was taken prisoner at Dieppe, suffering many hardships while in German prison camps. Through the efforts of our Home Front Club he was able to receive smokes every week and parcels as often as regulations permitted. In fact, all our overseas boys received smokes, parcels of food, and knitted goods made by the ladies of the Club, in alternate months. The boys from The Thirty and Grobb School locality who were overseas were: A. Yachuck, L. Melitzer, A. Quinn, L. Carson, G. Meikle, A. Zubak, M. Tufford, E. Groff, A. Poole. All have returned safely.

There were also fourteen whose services were confined to Canada as follows:—G. Burrows, R. Konkle, D. Philips, C. Konkle, E. Brubaker, R. Wilcox, I. Carson, W. Rouse, K. Hurst, Don Philip, L. Jones, J. Fearn, H. Penner, W. Wennman.

These received initialled military brushes, and Seneth Merritt received an initialled leather writing case. All expressed pleasure at the happy conclusion of this work, and greatly appreciate the efficiency and untiring effort on the part of the Executives of the Club.

## Bishop Will Dedicate 1947 New Window

At the 11 a.m. morning service next Sunday, March 9th, at St. Alban's Anglican Church, Beamsville, the Rt. Rev. L. W. B. Broughall, D.D., Bishop of Niagara will dedicate a memorial window, the figure of St. Alban. This window was very kindly arranged for and donated to the church sometime before her death by the late Mrs. W. D. Fairbrother of Beamsville. The inscription on the window will read as follows: "To the Glory of God and In Honour of the Volunteers from This Church Who Served Their Country 1914 to 1918 and 1939 to 1945." — Erected by Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Fairbrother.

## St. Alban Depicted On Church Window

The national heritage of military service and religious devotion in the centuries was dwelt upon by the Right Rev. L. W. B. Broughall, Bishop of the Diocese of Niagara, at St. Alban's Church on Sunday. At the morning service he dedicated a new stained glass window, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Fairbrother, in memory of those who went from the church to serve in the two Great Wars.

Appropriately, the window depicts St. Alban, after whom the church is named. The Bishop pointed out that he too was a soldier, a member of the Roman occupation forces in Britain about 300 A.D. When still a pagan he saved the life of a priest endangered in persecution by donning the priest's clothing himself. Later he was converted to Christianity by that priest, Amphibalus. As a Christian, in 303 A.D., he refused to sacrifice to the gods, and was executed at Verulamium, now St. Alban's in Hertfordshire. In the window he is represented as a young soldier, wearing the priestly robe over his armour, the sword in one hand, the cross in the other.

The Bishop emphasized the great sacrifice made by all those who served their country in the Great Wars, and called upon his hearers to remember the debt owed to them. The theme of his discourse was based on "The noble army of martyrs praise Thee," a phrase in the ancient hymn of the whole church, the TeDeum. He pointed out that service, and praise, and prayer are all one for the Christian. That great hymn declares the church's faith, expounds the Gospel, and shows the way in Christian life and hope.

## Alan Taylor <sup>June</sup> Awarded DFC <sup>4</sup>

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Along with thirty other R. C. A. F. personnel, Alan D. Taylor attended the Sarnia Investiture on Wednesday last when he was presented with the Distinguished Flying Cross by Viscount Alexander of Tunis, Governor-General of Canada.

Alan Taylor served overseas 2½ years and won his decoration while in Italy. He is at present working in Hamilton.

Accompanying him to the investiture were Mrs. Alan Taylor and Mrs. Charles W. Taylor, Beamsville.