



HOLD ACHIEVEMENT DAY — Mrs. Harold McArthur, Dobbinton, president of the Bruce Centre Women's Institute is seen on the left presenting provincial honors at the Bruce County 4-H Homemaking Club achievement day in Port Elgin. Winners, left to right, are Diane Thompson, R.R. 5, Paisley; Leona Middleton R.R. 3, Paisley and Carolyn France, R.R. 4, Paisley. *May 8, 1965*

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**183 Century Farms
 Reported in Bruce**

TARA — There have been 183 Bruce county farms registered as having been in the same family 100 years or more. Registrations may still be sent to Miss Wanita Diebel, P.O. Box 122, Tara.

To mark the centennial of Canada next year, the Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario is helping towards the cost of signs marking farms owned by the same families a century or more. Miss Diebel will send applications to farms of which she has knowledge. Signs must be requested by May 1.

Bruce County Junior Farmers report good sales of slow-moving vehicle signs. These signs, advocated by farm safety organizations, may be purchased from members or agricultural offices.

Owen Sound woman, 90, was much decorated as World War 1 nurse

Mrs. R. J. Doyle, 1173 4th ave. w., is Owen Sound's most decorated woman. Without forewarning, one might never learn that from her, for at a reporter's request she traced the highlights of her career without making any reference to her honors.

She has survived shipwreck in New York harbor, submarine attack off the coast of France, and air and land bombardment in a front line hospital in the French Toul sector, during World War One.

Her 1915 enlistment attempt as a nursing sister with the Canadian Armed Forces was rejected, but her service with the United States army won her a Purple Heart from Washington, D.C., and a Croix de Guerre with bronze star from the marshal of France.

Mrs. Doyle was 90 Wednesday. She looks a good 20 years younger, and retains all the physical and mental alertness, which made her life the full interesting experience it has been, since she was born in Hanover, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lister, and given the name of Hannah.

She moved to Fergus, while a child, and attended high school there. In 1899 she began nursing at the Owen Sound General and Marine Hospital, but left after eight months to do her nurse's training at what is now New York's University Hospital. At the time the local hospital was not a training school. The fact cost Canada the services of this dedicated nurse for 30 years.

OVERSEAS DUTY

Mrs. Doyle volunteered for overseas duty with the American army, when the Canadian forces declined her services. On a sunny July afternoon in 1917, she was on board the Saratogo in New York, enroute to France, when it was sliced in two by the incoming Panama. She escaped to sail in August on the Finland, which on the way fought a 90-minute battle with submarines in St. Nazaire harbor.

She became head nurse of an evacuation hospital, located seven miles from the trenches, in the Toul sector. It was equipped with eight operating rooms and 28 operating tables. Its bed capacity was 900, but by Sept. 1918 it was forced to accommodate 2,800.

All wars end, and peacetime saw Mrs. Doyle at work in New Jersey, establishing well baby clinics throughout the state. Legislation passed in the U.S. on women's franchise, influenced her to become a naturalized American citizen in 1919.

CROIX DE GUERRE

A year later she was sitting in a New York restaurant opening her mail, when a Croix de Guerre fell out. The accompanying citation from Marshal Petain cited her devotion and courage during air bombardment in the Toul sector during 1918.

It was another 13 years before she received the Purple Heart, once more through the mails, but this time she was resident here. The award originated at Gettysburg, when Gen. Washington ordered a silk n purple heart sewn on a brave

soldier's tunic. It was revived for military merit long after the 1918 armistice. In World War Two it was given for war wounds. Mrs. Doyle returned to Canada in 1928, when she married Richard Johnson Doyle of Balmy Beach, a fruit farmer and pure bred cattle breeder, and accordingly became a Canadian citizen once more.

PACKED FOR CSCF

She was active in United Church work, served on YWCA board 30 years ago, and was president of the King's Daughters during the early depression days. Probably her best known charitable activity here was her six-years' service as packer for the Canadian Save the Children Fund.

Mrs. Doyle did this work in her own home, donating her guest room for the project, which often overflowed into all other rooms. Weekly she despatched several cartons of the packaged goods.

Later she retired from this work, which was then taken over by a committee, and at the same time gave up her car. She is a friend of all the neighborhood children, all of whom are doubtless unaware that their dear friend is a very gallant woman indeed, who received, in addition to those honors mentioned, the New York state medal, American Red Cross Foreign Service medal, one for services in the defensive sector of St. Mihiel and the Meuse-Argonne battle, and a volunteer service bar from the French government.

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MOST DECORATED WOMAN — Mrs. R. J. Doyle, 1173-4th ave. w., is Owen Sound's most decorated woman, possessing among other awards a Croix de Guerre from France and a Purple Heart from the United States. A native of Hanover, she served in a front line hospital during World War One. Later she returned to Owen Sound, where her late husband operated fruit and pure bred cattle farms in Balmy Beach. She celebrated her 90th birthday Wednesday. (Sun-Times' Staff Photo)