

Canada's Armed Forces

SOEST, West Germany — Canada's war heroes rest in beautifully kept cemeteries in Belgium, Holland, Germany, France and Italy. We have been able to visit the Canadian Military Cemeteries at Adege, Belgium, and at nearby Werl in Germany. In each, we must confess, a lump swelled into our throat and we had to stop quietly in a prayer of thankfulness and humble appreciation.

After visiting the British Dunkirk Memorial Cemetery, we came to the Adege Cemetery in Belgium, which reads like a roll call of the Third Canadian Infantry Division. As one walks down the neat rows of stones the names come back from the various regiments and supporting units who fought in that area of Belgium, especially over the flooded polders of the Breskens Peninsula.

A register in the memorial holds the names and particulars of the men, and the row and number of each plot. Among the rows we saw the names of Guardsman Edward Triebner, Canadian Grenadier Guards of Exeter, Ont.; Cpl. Einar Petterson, Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa; Capt. John Henry Morris, 12th Manitoba Dragoons, Prescott, Ont.; L/Cpl. Borden McGillivray, Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Highlanders, Cornwall; Pte. Harold Connell Irwin, Loyal Edmonton Regiment, Goderich; Pte. William Henry Jacques, SD&G Highlanders, of Brockville; Pte. J. Cochrane, CH of O; Pte. L. Perrigo, SD&G Highlanders; Lt. T. E. Annble, SD&G Highlanders, Winchester; Guardsman J. C. Jensen, Governor General's Footguards; Pte. W. I. Darling and Pte. H. C. Channing, both of the CH of O.

These were, of course, but a few of the 837 men buried in this beautifully kept cemetery. We would like to have visited every one, but we wanted to visit that day several of the small towns in northern Belgium liberated by our Division in that awful campaign which earned for Third Div the unofficial title of "Water Rats".

At the roadside impressive wrought iron and brick gates lead into a walk which skirts a cross-topped monolith. Inside the memorial at the far end a plaque reads: "1939-1945". "The Land on Which This Cemetery Stands Is the Gift of the Belgian People for the Perpetual Resting Place of the Canadian Soldiers and Airmen Who Are Honoured Here". Beneath the plaque, behind a bronze door, is kept the register.

The keeper was at work trimming about the flower beds which surround the headstones. We met Frank W. Fisher, Commissioner of the British Imperial War Graves Commission, who offered his assistance here or at Ypres or Vimy or any other of the many other cemeteries in France.

During our stay with the 4th Canadian Infantry Brigade Group we visited the newest Canadian Military at Werl — site of the prison where the war criminals were incarcerated. Already a number of Canadian soldiers are buried there, and nearby are the graves of wives and children who died while their men were posted over here.

Augmenting the gifts of flowers from their fellow servicemen are a host from German civilians which smother the graves and temporary wooden crosses.

A list of Canadian war cemeteries of 100 graves or more for the 1939-45 war shows Belgium with three; France, six; Germany nine; Italy, 12 with 22 burials in the Rome War Cemetery, and the Netherlands, four.

We can be assured that, although we are separated by miles of water and land, Canada maintains the graves of her heroes in a manner befitting the sacrifice they and their loved ones made for their fellow men.

"Greater love hath no man . . ."

A Message from Phil Hoffman

THANK YOU TEMISKAMING

On the eve of the election, I am not going to bore you with politics, nor try and capture a few votes with last minute charges, denials, promises, or similar political gimmickery.

No matter how the election may go, I shall continue to live in Temiskaming, and I hope that in the best traditions of Canadian democracy, my opponents will continue to be my friends.

During the past few weeks I have met hundreds of people of all political persuasions. I have enjoyed countless discussions and arguments, and a great many cups of tea and coffee offered by hospitable housewives.

It has been a great experience, and convinced me again that there is only one place to live, and that is in the north country, right here in Temiskaming.

When it is all over, I hope you will drop in and see me at Temagami, or if I am elected, bring me your problems and views at the central office I intend to set up.

Again, my thanks to you all.



Phil Hoffman

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