

Community

Canadian armed forces personnel commanded respect

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In the six years of the Second World War more than one million Canadian men and women enlisted in the armed forces. 45,000 of these gave their lives in the cause of peace and freedom. The quality of Canada's contribution was naturally smaller than that of her major allies, Great Britain and the United States but their achievements had been of the highest order.

In the words of the official historian of the Canadian Army, Canada's record "might command respect even by the standards of the great powers."

Not just the Canadian Army emerged with a proud record. The Royal Canadian Air Force had a substantial share in the air offensive against the enemy forces, and our British Commonwealth Air Training Plan helped train large numbers of airmen from the other Commonwealth Nations.

The Royal Canadian Navy protected allied convoys from enemy submarines in the Atlantic Ocean and ultimately was entrusted to do the bulk of the convoy work.

Canada's economic and financial contribution was not only impressive but generous. New industries were created and met the demand for war supplies from munitions to motor vehicles, aircraft and ships. Our liaison role between Great Britain and the United States, and in the field of diplomacy was of great importance.

For a country of only 11 million people our contributions to the defeat of the Axis powers were remarkable and was such to win the respect of other nations.

Canada as a nation matured through the ordeal of war and we have assumed the responsibilities of a member of the world community.

Throughout the world, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission maintains graves and memorials to commemorate members of the Commonwealth Forces who died during the First and Second World Wars.

A total of 109,980 Canadians are thus commemorated in 74 countries. The following are some of the cemeteries and memorials



Legion Lines

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for Canadians who died in the Second World War. Beny-sur-Mer Canadian Cemetery, Sai Wan Bay War Cemetery, Holten Canadian War Cemetery, Bergan-op-Zoom Canadian War Cemetery, Runnymede Memorial and Moro River Canadian War Cemetery (Ortono).

Individual acts of great courage occur frequently during war, but only a few are seen and recorded. Those that are, stand out as examples for all to see and admire and respect.

During the Second World War, 13 Canadians were awarded the Victoria Cross, the Commonwealth's highest military decoration for bravery. Their valor sets them apart as Canadians of the highest order.

Company Sergeant Major John Robert Osborn of the Winnipeg Grenadiers - Hong Kong, Dec. 19, 1941.

Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Cecil Ingersoll Merritt of the South Saskatchewan Regiment - Dieppe, France, Aug. 19, 1942.

Honorary Captain John Wier Foote of the Canadian Chaplain Service - Dieppe, France, Aug. 19, 1942.

Captain Paul Triquet of the Royal 22e Regiment - Casa Berardi, Italy, Dec. 14, 1943.

Major John Keefer Mahony of the Westminster Regiment (Motor) - Melfa River, Italy, May 24, 1944.

Pilot Officer Andrew Charles Mynarski of the Royal Canadian Airforce - France, June 13, 1944.

Flight-Lieutenant David Ernest Hornell of the Royal Canadian Airforce - Sea Patrol, North Sea, June 25, 1944.

Major David Vivian Currie of the South Alberta Regiment (29th Armoured Car Regiment), St. Lambert-sir-Dives, France, Aug. 18-20, 1944.

Private Ernest Alvia Smith of the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada - Savio River, Italy, Oct.

21-22, 1944.

Sergeant Aubrey Cosens of the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada - Goch-Calcar Road, Germany, Feb. 25-26, 1945.

Major Frederick Albert Tilston of the Essex Scottish Regiment - Hochwald, Germany, March 1, 1945.

Corporal Frederick George Topham of the 1st Canadian Parachute Battalion - Diersfordt, Germany, March 24, 1945.

Lieutenant Robert Hampton Gray of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve - Onagawa Bay, Honshu, Japan, Aug. 9, 1945.

Sgt-at-Arms Harry Bottoms requires Color Party's for the following: Friday, November 9th at the Georgetown High School. Time 9:00 a.m. Friday, November 9th at Park School. Time 10:30 a.m. For further information contact Harry Bottoms at 877-0068.

Jean Narey, Poppy Chairman still needs your help canvassing for Poppy Week. Please be generous with your time. The Poppy Roster in the Club Room has some empty spaces just waiting for your name.

Ray Clarke, Membership Chairman, reminds all members that to be an early bird you must pay your dues by November 30.

Roy Bradley, Sports Chairman, wishes to remind all Legion members that Double Darts for the Fred Gilmer trophy will be held in the Club Room Nov. 17. For further information please contact your Sports Chairman, Roy Bradley.

Ways and Means Chairman and Entertainment Chairman Dave McNeilly has booked the following entertainment in the Lounge Nov. 24 - Arrow. Buy your meat tickets early on Saturday so you can be in on the early bird draws.

November 10th Remembrance Dinner - tickets behind the bar. Don't be disappointed, get yours now.

Car Club Draw November 1st - 312 Jim Smith, 382 Ormie Carter, 174 Jack Kemshead Sr., 125 John Reyce, 401 Ken Riley, 246 Rex Day.

Friday Night Euchre, November 2nd - Ladies 1st: Joan Clancy. 2nd: Emily Sargent and Madge Craig (tied).

Most Lone Hands: Mae Tost. Men's 1st: Marlene Haskins. 2nd: Alice MacDonald. Most Lone Hands: Vi Hewitt.

Saturday Afternoon Meat Draw: Early Bird No. 1 - Jean Murphy, No. 2 Jean Murphy.

Regular draw: Norma Lawrence, Jean Narey, A. Nolan, Bud Haynes, Anne Willis, Duke Blood, Bill Simpson, Norma Lawrence, Cathy Watson, Cathy Watson, Dorothy Vinkle, Jean Narey. The roast was won by Roy Bradley.

The hockey tickets for the Toronto Maple Leafs game against the Philadelphia Flyers Nov. 4th was won by Bill Wilkenson.

The Remembrance Day Parades times are on the board in the Club Room and also in the paper.

Sick Chairmans Report
It has been another quiet week, but this left me time to visit with some members still on the recovery and recreation routine, watching the idiot box, keeping

an eye on the wife, and generally getting in her hair. Jim Collier was much improved since my last visit, still exercising to the best of his ability. Buster Hale, well he was his old self, taking an interest in everything. He was saying he would love to visit the branch, and shoot the breeze with the boys, but that he really was bothered with the smoke residue, it makes no sense to agravate his condition.

The surprise of the week was the re-entry of Red Roshier into the ranks of the temporary disabled, but when I visited on Saturday, Jean was saying he was much improved, and that's a good sign. "Tough luck Red, no goodies on the meat draw", better luck when you're up and about, you will have some change coming. "This is a wrap".

Sick Chairman, Branch 120
Chuck Tutty.

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**YOUTH APPRECIATION
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WHEREAS, the vast majority of the youth are concerned, knowledgeable and responsible citizens, and

WHEREAS, the accomplishments, and achievements of these young citizens deserve recognition and praise of their elders, and

WHEREAS, Optimist International has since 1954, developed and promoted a program entitled Youth Appreciation Week, and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Halton Hills, Ontario have indicated a desire to join with the Optimists in expressing appreciation and approval of the contributions of the youth, I, Russell Miller, Mayor, therefore proclaim the week of November 4th to November 10th as YOUTH APPRECIATION WEEK in Halton Hills, Ontario. By this action, let it be known that we have faith in the ability of today's youth as they assume responsible roles in the future of mankind.

FRIEND OF YOUTH



Award winner

Long time Agricultural Society member Charlotte Ironside (right) accepts the Wilbur Award from Ismey Bird at the Georgetown Agricultural Society's annual dinner last Friday evening. The Wilbur Award is the annual award presented to a fairboard member for service to the society above and beyond the regular tasks. (Herald photo)

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