

Munroe became wealthy after the war's end

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stuck his finger in the bullet hole. Munroe was eventually invalided to the Royal Victoria Hospital near London.

The hospital commandant posted an order that Bobbie Burns be permitted to stay at Munroe's bedside and have the run of the hospital. The seriousness of his wounds caused him to lose the use of his right arm, which ironically was his most feared weapon in the ring.

After recovery in England, Munroe was promoted to lieutenant and returned to Canada.

After the war was over and the peace treaty signed on Nov. 1, 1918, Munroe decided to write a book and he chose a very unique way to write it by doing so in the third person through the eyes of Bobbie Burns. The book is entitled *Mopping Up with the PPCLI* and is one of the first books to be published by a soldier on the front lines.

Of the 1,098 Patricia Originals who went over to France in the fall of 1914, only 39 were in the welcome home parade in Ottawa

at the end of the war. The exact number who survived the war is unknown but is probably fewer than 200.

After the war, Munroe and Bobbie went to Nova Scotia to visit his ailing mother and family. Their next stop was northern Ontario to claim their fortune in gold and silver prospecting. Munroe became wealthy selling claims, but wisely kept a small percentage of the interest, which he invested into hotels and commercial realty. One black day in 1919, Bobbie Burns didn't meet Munroe's train. He assumed that 16-year-old Bobbie knew his time had come and had crawled into the woods to die. Munroe mourned for Bobbie but could never bring himself to replace him with another dog.

In 1923, Jack married Lina Craine, a Toronto concert soprano 10 years his junior.

John A. Jack Munroe died in Toronto in 1942 and is buried in his wife's family plot in Acton's Fairview Cemetery. The only indication of this real Canadian legend and hero is a metal Lest We Forget plate installed by the Royal Canadian Legion.

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