



Several thousand young Canadians faced a cold and lonely death like this, caked with mud and blood. The face of war is one part of a CBC drama which was shot in Milton recently for broadcast in March, 1984. (Staff photo by Jon Borgstrom)

Horror of war recreated here

Some of the horror and devastation of the War to End All Wars was recreated in Milton recently for the filming of a new drama series by the CBC.

Entitled *Some Honorable Gentlemen*, the series is to be a look at some of the lesser known political heroes of Canada's past.

The segments shot in Milton, according to associate producer Sharon Keogh, are for an installment entitled *Sam Hughes's War*.

Col. Sam Hughes was Canada's minister of militia at the start of World War One.

This segment, she said, will be three hours long, compared to other installments of the series which will be only 90 minutes long. A decision has not yet been made on whether the story will be told in one or two parts.

The Milton location used was the Heavy Equipment School of Sheridan College. Jacques Simard, drama unit

manager of the CBC, said that location was chosen because the 200 acre site on the Sixth Line "had all the elements we needed for the drama."

"The vast area around the campus was the right size, full of trees and we were able to dig trenches for the scenes. We could stage a war with gunshots and bombing and no one would panic," Mr. Simard said.

Sheridan students were also able to take part in creating the drama, according to college spokesman Linda Dalton. They dug the trenches for the production and planted dead trees to create a "no man's land" for the battle scenes.

Ms. Keogh said it has not yet been decided how many segments there will be in the series, although four have already been completed.

A decision has also not been made on when the series will be broadcast.

Hospice and COHR offer Vital help for widows

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Losing your husband or wife can be one of the most traumatic experiences in life, a trauma not everyone handles properly.

Giving people the information they need to cope with this loss, however, is the aim of a recently formed self-help group in north Halton sponsored by the North Halton Hospice and a Burlington church-based counselling agency.

The groups, for widows and widowers, meets monthly under the leadership of counsellor Elizabeth Kiddle, a board member of the North Halton Hospice and social worker with the Counselling and Human Relations Institute (COHR).

Mrs. Kiddle said the new group, which is alternating its meetings between Milton and Georgetown currently, is designed to give

the recently bereaved "some much needed support and encouragement."

"We give our people a chance to make contact with a network of other people who have had similar experiences," Mrs. Kiddle said.

In its early stages, she said, the program of the widows group is very flexible.

"We'll do whatever the membership wants to do," she said. "Our main thrust right now is to be responsive to the needs of the members so they have a program they want."

The forming of a widows group, Mrs. Kiddle said, spread "out of a need experienced by the North Halton Hospice."

"We found in many cases that after our patient died the spouse was left grieving and lonely with very few ongoing supports available," she said.

According to Mrs. Kiddle, the emotional needs to be met through such a program differ with the stage of grieving a person has reached.

Through later stages the problems of depression and loneliness must be faced, "along with practical life issues like financial planning and deciding where to live."

Karen Ferguson, patient services coordinator of the North Halton Hospice, said the group strongly supports the work to be done by the new group.

The next meeting of the widows group will be held Nov. 16 at St. John's United Church, Guelph St., Georgetown. Meetings are currently held in the afternoons, but evening affairs can be arranged as required.

For further information, contact Mrs. Kiddle at 637-9000 or the North Halton Hospice at 873-1383.

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