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Halton supporting WW2 war memorial

In honour of the important role Canadian veterans played in the Second World War, Halton regional council recently approved Halton's support of the Juno Beach Centre Project.

Located on the Normandy Coast in France, the Juno Beach Centre will be the first Canadian memorial museum and information centre in Europe commemorating the role Canadians played during the war.

"It is an honour to take part in this exciting project," said Halton Regional Chairman Joyce Savoline. "This is the time of year when we reflect on the dedication and sacrifice of Canadian veterans who fought for the freedoms and opportunities we enjoy today."

The Juno Beach Centre — a project organized by a dedicated group of Second World War veterans — will be situated on Courseulles-sur-Mer on the Normandy Coast, overlooking the English Channel at the location where Canadian forces landed on D-Day on June 6, 1944.

Halton is supporting the Juno Beach Centre Project through the Group Memorial Brick Program. The Region has purchased a brick that will be mounted on the walls at one of several kiosks near the entrance to the centre. The brick will have the region's name, logo and a brief statement of commemoration — 'Remembering the veterans who fought for our freedom'.

Construction of the Juno Beach Centre began in April and is scheduled to open June 6.

"This brick will serve as a permanent reminder of Halton's support for the brave Canadians who protected our country, ensuring our high quality of life," Ms Savoline said.

Participation in the Juno Beach Centre Project is the Region's most recent show of support for Canadian veterans. Last month, Regional Road 25 was awarded an honorary dedication as 'The Veterans Highway' to commemorate Halton's veterans.

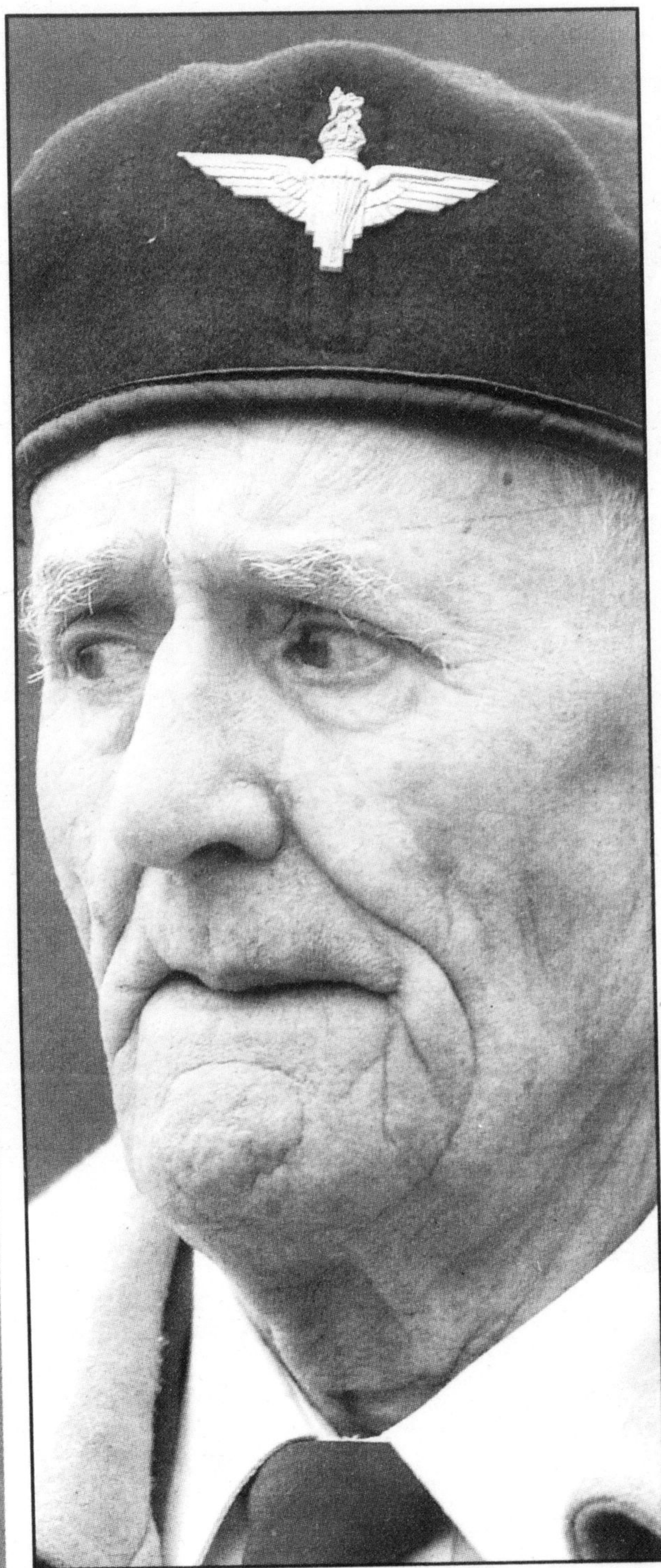


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Remembering...

Second World War veteran George Avery, 82, remembers the fallen during the Remembrance Day Memorial Service at the Haltonville Cenotaph Sunday. Mr. Avery served with the 1st Airborne British Army, 4th Battalion paratroopers. More Remembrance Day services are planned in town this Sunday and Monday. See page 2 for details.

Second World War pilot remembers country's war years

Walton never saw battlefield but still felt effects of war

By FANNIE SUNSHINE

The Champion

Bert Walton was 17 years old when he said goodbye to his family for what could have been the last time.

Fortunately, it wasn't.

When he heard 12 other young men from Campbellville were volunteering to fight

during the Second World War, he followed the flock.

"My mother was very upset," he recalled. "My father thought it was wonderful."

So Mr. Walton signed up with the Royal Canadian Air Force and became a flight lieutenant.

For four years, he was a navigation instructor with the air force in Dauphin, Manitoba. He never saw the battlefield.

"They put you where they feel you would be of most value to the country," he explained. "I thought teaching was a temporary thing and I would head overseas any day."

Mr. Walton almost had his chance to battle, but the day never came.

"When the war started to wind down, the air force no longer needed teachers (instructors). They said we were going to be sent to Berma, but we were told they didn't need us and to go home. We were all disappointed."

But Mr. Walton doesn't regret the years spent with the air force.

"I thoroughly enjoyed it. It was only four
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Maplehurst locked down

Inmates were confined to their cells for three days while the Maplehurst Correctional Facility was searched after contraband was found in the premises Tuesday.

The lock-down went into effect Tuesday morning before inmates were let out of their cells, Julia Noonan, ministry of correctional services spokesperson, said.

She said contraband was found in an office area where inmates — except those assigned to janitorial duties — don't have access. She wouldn't confirm reports of a bullet found inside the jail.

"Crisis intervention teams from Hamilton came in to assist in the searching process," Ms Noonan said, adding non-inmate areas were searched Tuesday. Two of the four living areas were searched Wednesday, with the remaining two expected to be searched yesterday.

As of press time yesterday, no other signs of contraband had been found inside the jail, she said. "We haven't found anything in the search, no weapons of any sort."

The lock-down didn't affect court appearances.

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