

Warriors exhibit celebrates

(Handwritten letter from Pte. E.M. Burnham:)
*Somewhere in Germany
Mar. 5, 1945
Dear Folks:*

Whew!! Boy it's swell to get a breather and a grand night's sleep.

You'll probably hear about us on the radio, but as luck would have it, I was sent back for a few days to take out citizenship papers, but I told them I didn't need them so I'm clear again until they ask later.

I managed to take a shower, change my clothes, clean up, see a movie and hear a radio, the first I've heard and done in a hell of a while so that now I don't feel quite as blue as I did just before they called me back and I only hope it lasts for a few days longer. . .

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(Note on a handmade Happy Birthday card addressed to Mrs. Edward Burnham, R1 Ohsweken:)

Dearest mother:

You've been everything a son could ever expect of a mother.

So please accept my little sketch as a token of my love and everything that may and does go with it.

Birth day 1945

Your son,

Love

Ted.

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(Canadian National Telegram message RA3440138 from Washington, D.C.)

MRS. MINA E. BURNHAM=
ROUTE NUMBER ONE OHS-
WEKEN ONT.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE DESIRES ME TO EXPRESS HIS DEEP REGRET THAT YOUR SON PVT BURNHAM ELLWOOD M. WAS KILLED IN ACTION IN GERMANY 19 MAR 45. HE HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN REPORTED MISSING IN ACTION CONFIRMING LETTER FOLLOWS.

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Private Burnham's purple heart is now in a glass case, along with the letter to his folks, the birthday card to his mother and the telegram she received shortly after the card arrived.

It's an emotional display, part of the Warriors exhibit which opened on Friday night at the Woodland Indian Cultural Centre.

Emotional as it is, Mrs. Burnham, who still lives in Ohsweken, donated these treasured memories to the museum for more than a sentimental purpose.

As people read the touching letter, the beautiful card, and the tragic telegram, Pte. Burnham becomes more than just another statistic of the Second World War.

Rose
Simone



He was somebody's son. He also happened to be an Indian from Ohsweken; one of many who served this continent in war.

"So often those thoughts are lost," said Tom Hill, the museum director at the Woodland Indian Cultural Centre.

Few people realize how much Indian people contributed to the de-



Garry Wouters (left), regional director-general of the Maracle of the Woodland Indian Cultural Cen