

MELANCTHON WORLD WAR 1 VETERANS - THOSE WHO CAME HOME

The Melancthon Township Heritage Committee recognizes that over the years there has been a focus as we remember, especially on Remembrance Day, on those who paid the ultimate sacrifice while in service. The Committee extends the recognition to those who served and 'came home'.

The focus of the following is to recognize and honour those from World War 1 who served Canada. For some there are very limited records and history available to share and we trust that the brevity of the posted information does not reflect any disrespect. The Sixty Eight (68) stories that are shared are shared in chronological order based on the date of enlistment and/or draft date. We have provided an index reference immediately following this introduction listing the page reference to the individual 'story', for those who may be seeking to only reference a specific soldier.

There are some, approximately 20, who by virtue of physical and mental capacity and military standard requirements, and those who were needed on the home front/farm who enlisted/drafted but not able to serve. There were others, sometimes simply by virtue of the closeness of their draft/enlistment relative to the timing of the end of the War, who while drafted were not called on to serve. For those who could not or did not actually 'serve' their stories are not posted.

If the Committee has missed anyone, we apologize; we would be pleased to post additional "histories".

The Committee had hoped to recognize those with Melancthon connections who served in World War 2 and subsequently but unfortunately there is no ability to access the military records and diaries to suitably 'historize' the service. Based on the Museum of Dufferin 'research online' there were approximately 120 persons from Melancthon who 'served' in WW2, apart from the sixteen who paid the ultimate sacrifice, but the Committee has limited ways to determine the nature of the 'service' or even to affirm that the 120 actually were connected to Melancthon. To each of these persons we do extend our recognition and honour. We would hope in future to be able to honour each individually with "their story".

Reference source information has included;

1. The Museum of Dufferin online research information;
2. The Library Archives of Canada Personnel Records for WW1 veterans; and
3. War Diaries for various Regiments/Battalions.

Lest We Forget

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MICHAEL GEORGE McCAULEY

He was born December 3, 1885. His parents were James and Lydia McCauley. One of his nine siblings, being his brother David would also enlist and serve.

George enlisted on September 22, 1914 at Valcartier, Quebec proceeding to England as part of the 1st Canadian Division in October, 1914. He served with the 4th Battalion. He would be recognized with the Distinguished Conduct Medal for 'conspicuous gallantry' for his actions at Langemarck, Belgium on April 23, 1915, being the first real encounter of the Canadian forces in the war effort. In January, 1916 he would transfer to the 1st Brigade Machine Gun Company. He returned home to Canada on March 29, 1919 being struck off the service rolls on April 8, 1919.

He would marry Dolly French on March 22, 1921 and thereafter have a son and daughter. He would farm near Corbetton. He died on October 8, 1948 and is buried in the Dundalk cemetery.

WILLIAM HERMAN "AUSTIN" PATTON

He was born July 16, 1885 to James and Mary Patton. He had five siblings including three brothers and two sisters. Two of his brothers would also serve, one would pay the ultimate sacrifice (Herbert Patton). The family lived and farmed south of Dundalk until the family relocated to Birtle, Manitoba in approximately 1907. Austin had military experience prior to WW1 but with the Declaration of War in August, 1914 he formed part of the 1st Canadian Expeditionary Force with his formal enlistment on September 23, 1914 at Valcartier, Quebec. He would serve with the 5th Battalion Canadian Infantry. He would hold the rank of Sergeant as of February, 1915 and as of February, 1918 hold the rank of Acting QuarterMaster Sergeant. He would be awarded the Military Medal for Bravery in October, 1916. He sustained gunshot wounds in battle in September, 1916. He ultimately returned to Canada on April 5, 1919 and be demobilized April 10, 1919.

He would following his return to Canada reside and farm in Birtle, Manitoba. He died on May 3, 1938, his obituary referring to his military rank as Sergeant Major.

JOHN ELLARD LEONARD KEYES

John was born on October 23, 1887 in Barrie, Ontario to David and Elizabeth Keyes. According to the 1911 Census the family was residing in Hornings Mills, David Keyes being a teacher. The Shelburne Free Press in a December, 1915 news article shared that John had left Hornings Mills in 1912 to travel to Scotland as a surgeon before returning to school in London, England to further his medical training. With the onset of war, he joined the British Army as a surgeon serving in France through 1915 before returning to Toronto to open his medical office.

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He would reenlist with the Canadian Army Medical Corps in November, 1917 serving at military hospitals in Toronto until October, 1919.

He would marry in 1922 before relocating to Ohio, USA. He would subsequently divorce and remarry in 1940 having three more children.

In 1942 he enlisted with the USA Medical Corps to serve through 1945 as a Lieutenant Colonel.

He died on March 26, 1968 in Ohio, USA.

HARVEY MARTIN MIDDGAUGH (Medaugh)

Harvey was born July 10, 1882 at Corbetton to Martin and Amelia (Hicks) Middaugh. He married Martha Hessey on February 17, 1909 at Winnipeg and had a daughter in 1911. He was employed as a telegraph operator. He enlisted to serve on February 16, 1915. He served with the 2nd Canadian Division as a Signaller. He would be awarded several decorations including the Military Medal for Bravery, the 1915 Mons Star and the Russia St George Cross. He was wounded on November 27, 1916 resulting in his transfer to serve with a non-combat Corps, his promotion to Sergeant and ultimately his return to Canada in December, 1917. He would there serve at the Hart House School and Dominion Orthopedic Hospital, Toronto ultimately holding the rank of Quarter Master Sergeant in Toronto until his demobilization on June 6, 1919.

Post War he lived with his family in Toronto, where he worked as a telegraph operator. He died on October 31, 1955.

JOSEPH DEMMANS

He was born March 4, 1894 in Fergus, Ontario. His parents, John and Mary Jane (Fleming) Demmans would relocate the family to Riverview in the early 1900s, his mother dying in 1907. Joseph would later relocate to work on a farm near Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan.

He enlisted to serve on March 24, 1915 with the 28th Northwest Battalion that would later serve as part of the 6th Infantry Brigade, 2nd Canadian Division. He would be in England as of September, 1915 and in France by early January, 1916, joining his Unit on February 3, 1916. Two months later he was wounded at the Battle of St Eloi, Belgium on April 5, 1916 suffering a serious injury to his jaw. He would be returned to England for treatment before being determined to be no longer physically fit for service. He returned to Canada in November, 1916 and was demobilized on January 21, 1917.

Following his demobilization he would marry in 1919 and have a daughter in 1920. He worked as a farmer in Manitoba before relocating to Windsor, Ontario. He died on April 7, 1953.

CHARLES OSCAR STEWART

Charles was born May 1, 1893 to James and Margaret (Phillips) Stewart near Shrigley where his family farmed. Charles worked for the CPR as a freight clerk in Owen Sound before his enlistment on June 11, 1915 in Owen Sound. Before embarking to England in December, 1915 he married Greta May Evans on October 16, 1915. He served with the 37th Battalion, Canadian Engineers as a Sapper through until his return to Halifax in May, 1919 and his demobilization on May 16, 1919.

He and his spouse would have seven children. He died on October 29, 1951. He is buried in the Prospect Cemetery in Toronto.

WILLIAM JAMES HUMM

There is some confusion in William's records both as to his birthdate, the dates ranging between 1888 and 1896, and even his surname. He was born in London, England and would arrive in Canada on March 28, 1903, purportedly at age nine. He was part of the Barnardo Group Home Children. The 1911 Canada Census identifies him as working as a servant for the Curphey family in Melancthon since 1910.

He enlisted to serve on June 29th, 1915 in Belleville with the 59th Battalion. He would embark for England in April, 1916 before joining the 18th Battalion (Infantry), 2nd Canadian Division in France on June 11, 1916. Less than two weeks later, on June 23rd, 1916 he sustained a gun shot wound to his face and to his left leg. He would rejoin his Battalion as of mid-July, 1916 but by mid August he was unable to continue as a result of the prior injuries. On September 27, 1916 he was deemed not fit for military service. He returned to Canada in November, 1916. In January, 1917 he was discharged from military service.

He would die on January 8, 1951 in Toronto, after having returned to military service during WW2 serving as part of the Veteran's Guard in Canada. He is buried in Prospect Cemetery, Toronto.

WILLIAM APPLETON KNOWLTON

William was born December 14, 1894 in Hornings Mills to Alfred and Ellen (Flear) Knowlton. He was one of six children.

He enlisted to serve with the 58th Battalion on July 6, 1915, embarked for England in August, 1915 and was taken strength with the 26 Battalion (New Brunswick Regiment) in November, 1915. He served with the 26th until he was wounded in May, 1916 rejoining the Battalion in late September, 1916 before

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being wounded again on November 14, 1916, being disabled until March 10, 1917. In the spring, 1917 he was receiving treatment for the not yet fully resolved November, 1916 injury and was also treated for post traumatic shock, as it would later be known. By virtue of William's disability he was deemed not fit for service, returned to Canada and discharged from service on May 10, 1918.

In the meantime he had met a English war widow, Margaret Lawrence, and received permission from the Canadian Army to marry. He married her on August 9, 1916. His wife would unfortunately die in 1922 after having born him a son in 1920. She is buried in the Hornings Mills Cemetery.

William would marry Dorothy Morton in 1925, and would have four more children. He would be employed as a carpenter. The family resided in Whitby, Ontario.

William would die on June 9, 1956 as a result of a drowning accident on Rice Lake, Ontario. He is buried in Oshawa, Ontario.

JOHN JAMES EYLES

John Eyles was born on June 11, 1895 in Dartford, Kent, England to his parents John and Elizabeth (Morris) Eyles. He was apparently living in an orphanage in 1901. Due to his family situation he would travel to Canada in May, 1910 with the National Children's Home organization. The 1911 Canada Census identifies him as working with the Andrew and Etta Henry family as a farm labourer in Melancthon. He would later work for Hugh Bates. Records indicate that he was a member of the Hornings Mills Presbyterian Church choir.

John would enlist in Niagara Falls on July 6, 1915 and be granted permission to return to Melancthon to help with the farming in the summer, 1915. He arrived in England in November, 1915 landing in France in February, 1916 to serve with the 58th Battalion, 4th Infantry Brigade, 3rd Canadian Division. His personnel records indicate that John would sustain injuries on a number of battlefield encounters in July, 1916, August, 1917 and again on August 8, 1918. He was awarded the Military Medal for bravery.

He returned to Canada in February, 1919 and was demobilized on May 6, 1919. He would live in Artemesia Township, Grey County after the War working as a switchboard operator. He married Niva Wilson on January 14, 1922. He died in approximately 1970.

SIDNEY THOMAS MAKER

Sidney Maker was another of the British Home Children that came to Canada in the late 1800s, early

1900s. He arrived from England on July 7, 1895 as a ten year old, born April 3, 1885 in London, England. The records indicate that for a period of time he resided with and worked for James Donkin in Riverview.

He enlisted to serve on July 20, 1915. He embarked from Halifax for England on March 24, 1916. He would be taken on by the 3rd Battalion, joining the Battalion on June 21, 1916 in France. In the Battle of Courcelette he was wounded on September 6, 1916 with injuries to his arms and foot. Ultimately he would return to Canada, deemed medically unfit to serve, where he continued in the military through until April 30, 1920.

Sidney would marry and settle in Toronto working as a stationary engineer. He died on July 12, 1950.

FRANCIS "FRANK" COLLINS

Another British Home Child, Frank would arrive in Melancthon in 1909 where he resided with the William and Adeline Hudd family, working on their family farm. He had been born May 13, 1897 in Bermondsey, England.

He enlisted to serve on July 20, 1915. He would embark for England on March 29, 1916 where he would be taken on by the 4 Canadian Mounted Rifles, 8th Canadian Infantry Brigade, 3rd Canadian Division joining his Unit in France on June 11, 1916. During his time at the battle front he would be wounded on two separate occasions including at the Battle of the Somme on September 15, 1916 and at Vimy Ridge on April 13, 1917. He would ultimately return to Canada and be demobilized on May 19, 1919.

He married Florence Alberta Westecott on November 28, 1923 having four children. They resided in Melancthon until a move to Shelburne in 1958. Frank died on January 19, 1969 and is buried in the Hornings Mills Cemetery.

DUFFERIN CLARK WILDER

Dufferin was born January 26, 1895 in Hornings Mills, his parents Thomas and Mary Wilder. By October, 1915 he and his mother had moved to Rockwood, following his father's death in June, 1915. He enlisted to serve on October 8, 1915 noting his occupation as a weaver.

He arrived with his battalion in England in April, 1916. He would join the 42nd battalion in France in June, 1916. He was wounded in August, 1916 but continued to serve in France until into the spring, 1917. In February, 1917 the Canadian military sent notice to his mother that Dufferin had been killed in action only to have Dufferin write to her a few weeks later that he was alive and well. In May, 1917 he

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suffered an injury due to an accident. He would return to Canada in November, 1917, discharged as medically unfit on December 14, 1917.

In March, 1918 he relocated to Chicago, Illinois, United States. He would marry. He died on April 29, 1948.

MILTON LLOYD SLOAN

Milton was born on July 22, 1896 in Fergus to Thomas and Minna (Bolton) Sloan. The family would move to Hornings Mills.

He enlisted to serve on October 26, 1915 with the 95th battalion. He arrived in England on June 8, 1916 and would be taken on by the 26th Battalion (New Brunswick) Infantry as of September, 1916. He would serve with the 26th through the remainder of the War until his return to England in June, 1919. On June 11, 1919 he was demobilized in Canada.

Following the war he would live and work for a time in Hornings Mills but in the early, 1920s he moved out west before relocating to Kansas, USA where he married and had a daughter, according to the US Census of 1931, working as a plumber. The family would ultimately return to live in Toronto. Milton died on December 18, 1979 in Toronto.

EDWARD POTTS

Edward was another of the British Home Children. He was born June 10, 1892 and according to records was living in a Workhouse for children in 1902. He arrived in Canada in August, 1903. The 1911 census identifies Edward as living and working with the John Newton family in Riverview.

On November 15, 1915 he enlisted in Kingston to serve. He listed his occupation as a farmer and named his sister Emily, also, living in Riverview, as his next of kin. Edward served with the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery as a Gunner having arrived in England in March, 1916 and in France by June 14, 1916. He was wounded on March 28, 1918 at Vimy Ridge. As a result of wounds sustained he was hospitalized through until October, 1918. He returned to Canada and was demobilized as medically unfit to serve on February 14, 1919.

He would marry on June 28, 1922 to Mary Gowanlock and they would raise a family of three children while living in Walkerton. He died in Walkerton on October 18, 1975.

DANIEL MARTELL

He was born October 20, 1892 to his parents Daniel and Barbara (Ellis) Martell. The family would farm in the Corbetton area.

Daniel enlisted to serve on November 30, 1915 in Owen Sound with the 147th Battalion. The Battalion would arrive in England on November 20, 1916. On June 26, 1917 he was taken on by the 39th Battalion, Canadian Infantry. On August 8, 1918 he was seriously wounded being returned to England for treatment. In December, 1918 he was returned to Canada and discharged as medically unfit on February 21, 1919.

Daniel returned to live in Melancthon following the war. He married Ethel Scace on October 10, 1923. They would have three daughters. Ultimately the family would relocate to Brantford, Ontario. Daniel died on June 8, 1961.

ERIC FRANCIS STURGE

Another of the British Home Children Eric arrived in Canada on July 17, 1911 at the age of eighteen, having been born November 23, 1892. He would live and work as farm labour in Corbetton.

In the fall, 1915 he was doing military training even before he enlisted on December 7, 1915. He arrived in England with his battalion on June 21, 1916. He would be taken on by the 5th Canadian Mounted Rifles joining his Unit in France on November 9, 1917. Following the War he returned to Canada in July, 1919, being demobilized on July 30, 1919.

He would marry Dorothy Sproston and have two children. They lived in Battle River, near Lloydminster, Saskatchewan. He died on November 22, 19179 in British Columbia.

WILLIAM HERBERT POLLEY

He was born May 28, 1892 in Hornings Mills, his parents being William and Dinah Polley. His brother Roy also enlisted and was killed in action.

He enlisted to serve on December 7, 1915 with the 123rd Royal Grenadiers. His Battalion would arrive in England on August 19, 1916. He would join his Unit in France on June 16, 1917, the Unit being part of the Canadian Engineers, CEF. His military personnel records indicate that he was promoted to Corporal. He would have some health issues through the later part of 1918 before returning to Canada in 1919. He was demobilized as not medically fit on April 1, 1919.

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He would on his demobilization reside with his mother and siblings in Toronto. He married Myra Ketcheson on September 19, 1922. His wife would die in 1937. He died on August 14, 1948 in Toronto and is buried at the Prospect Cemetery, Toronto.

GEORGE EDWARD PERCY WILKINSON

Percy was born on September 13, 1892. His parents were James Henry and Margaret (Henry) Wilkinson. He worked as a teamster prior to his enlistment.

Percy enlisted on December 7, 1915, at the same time as Herbert Polley, with the 123rd Battalion. He would travel to England in August, 1916. He went to France on March 3, 1917 but had health challenges off and on through 1917. He would serve with the 9th battalion, Canadian Engineers from May, 1918 onward until his return to Canada in March, 1919. He was demobilized on March 30, 1919.

Following his return to Canada he would marry Louise McBean on April 11, 1923. They would reside in Innisfil, Simcoe. He died on June 29, 1970 in Innisfil.

DAVID MCCAULEY

David was born March 26, 1889 in Melancthon. His parents were James and Lydia (Shoaff) McCauley.

He enlisted on December 15, 1915 with the Western Ontario regiment in Harriston where he was working as a barber. The Regiment would not embark to England until January, 1918. He would join his Unit, the 50th Battalion, in France on June 9, 1918. He was wounded in battle on September 5, 1918 and thereafter be hospitalized until November 22, 1918, almost two weeks after the War ended. He returned to Canada in February, 1919 and demobilized on March 4, 1919.

He married Olive Landsborough in Shelburne on January 26, 1926. They would reside in Toronto where he worked as a barber. He died in Toronto on April 29, 1940.

JOHN CECIL STEWART

He was born on December 24, 1895 to James Redpath and Margaret Stewart near Shrigley.

He enlisted with the 147th battalion in Owen Sound on January 6, 1916, listing his occupation as Banker. He initially served as a payroll clerk before transferring to the Machine Gun Section in March, 1916. The Battalion arrived in England in November, 1916. He was taken on strength with the Canadian Machine Gun Corp on April 18, 1917. On November 15, 1917, while serving at the Battle of Passendaele he was buried alive by shelling. Fortunately he escaped but he injured his arm but did not discover it was

fractured until some months later in March, 1918. He would not return to action but would only return to Canada, medically unfit to serve, in February, 1919.

Following the War he married Donaldda Madeline Hogan on July 4, 1923. They would have two children and live in Toronto where John Cecil was employed, at least in 1931, as the manager of a store. He died on January 2, 1976.

ANGUS MCAULEY

Angus was born on August 16, 1882 in Melancthon. His parents were Angus and Margaret. He had seven siblings according to the 1901 Canada census. He married Maude Coutts on May 7, 1913 in Corbetton. He was employed as a carpenter.

He enlisted on January 6, 1916 with John Cecil Stewart in the 147th Battalion in Owen Sound. He would following his arrival in England be taken on by the 4th Canadian Mounted Rifles in June, 1917 although he did not join the Battalion until September 30, 1917. He was injured on October 27, 1917 and was subsequently reassigned to serve in England. He returned to Canada in May, 1919, demobilized on May 27th.

Following the War he and Maude took up residence in the greater Dundalk/Proton-Holland Township area. They had a son, Gordon McAuley, a son who would later serve Canada in WW2, paying the ultimate sacrifice in October, 1944. Angus died on July 19, 1968 and is buried in the Dundalk Cemetery.

PERCY HARDING

Percy Harding was born near Erin, Wellington on June 13, 1896 to William and Minnie (Murdock) Harding. The family relocated to Melancthon sometime before 1911, according to the 1911 Canada Census, where the family farmed.

He enlisted on January 6, 1916, the same day as Angus McAuley and John Stewart, in Owen Sound with the 147th Battalion. He would embark for England on November 14, 1916. He would serve with the 4th Canadian Mounted Rifles as of April 21, 1917. He sustained gunshot wounds on May 31, 1917 and again on November 5 and 22nd, 1917. He returned to Canada in March, 1919, demobilized on March 29, 1919.

He married Jennie Miller ten days later on April 7, 1919. They would have a daughter born in 1930 who died in 1934. A divorce would follow for Percy would later remarry to Ina Campbell. Percy died in Georgetown on April 30, 1965.

GORDON ROY BAILEY

Gordon was born near Shrigley on May 3, 1893 to William and Emma (Cole) Bailey. There were, as of the 1911 Census, five children including a brother (Milton) who would also enlist to serve. Gordon enlisted to serve on January 21, 1916. He disclosed that he was an Accountant in Owen Sound. The Battalion would arrive in England on October 12, 1916. He would be taken on by the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry in January, 1917. In February, 1917 he chose to revert to the Rank of private from his previously awarded promotions to Corporal. He was wounded at the Battle of Passendale in November, 1917 and again on September 30, 1918 at the Battle at Canal du Nord. He would be invalided home to Canada on December 10, 1918 and ultimately demobilized on May 16, 1919. He was awarded the Military Medal for bravery. He had also received battlefield promotions but would be demobilized with the rank of Corporal.

Gordon would never marry. He died on September 10, 1949 and was buried in the Badjeros Cemetery.

JAMES HILL KENNEDY

James was born June 7, 1885 in Fergus, Ontario. His parents John and Jean (Tait) Kennedy relocated their family to near Riverview. The 1901 Census names ten children in the family. James would work on the family farm until his enlistment.

James enlisted on January 24, 1916 with the 147th Battalion in Owen Sound. He arrived with the Battalion in England on November 21, 1916. He would transfer to the Machine Gun Corps in February, 1917, serving with the 8th Machine Gun Company as of April 29, 1917. Within two weeks of his joining the Company he was gassed with poison gas on May 9, 1917 at St Eloi, Ypres, Belgium. He would be hospitalized until August, 1917 but would not recover to be fit for service. He was invalided home to Canada in May, 1918 and discharged from military service on June 7, 1918 as medically unfit.

He would marry Agnes Aldcorn in Riverview on January 1, 1920. They would have two children. He would obtain employment with the Fielding Tea Company before becoming the Postmaster in Shelburne in November, 1931. He died on July 11, 1944 in Shelburne.

WILLIAM NELSON WINTERS

He was born February 20, 1896 near Maxwell, Osprey to David and Ann (McInnes) Winters.

He enlisted to serve on January 25, 1916 at Parry Sound with the 162nd Battalion. The battalion would embark from Halifax to England on November 1, 1916. He would be taken on by the 2nd Canadian Pioneers on November 30, 1916, joining the Unit in France on December 20, 1916. He would serve with the Pioneers until renamed the 5th Canadian Engineers in June, 1918. He would continue to serve in Europe until April, 1919. He was returned to Canada and discharged from service on May 19, 1919.

He would return to farming near Shrigley until he moved to Dundalk in 1951. He had married Alice Buttrum on February 28, 1923 and had two children. He died on February 20, 1968 and was buried in the Shelburne cemetery.

ROBERT THOMAS McCORMICK

Robert was born on March 24, 1889 near Redickville. His parents were Robert and Annie McCormick. Robert's father passed in 1891, his mother would later remarry Matthew Sleightholme.

Robert enlisted on February 10, 1916 with the 164th Battalion, Shelburne. He left Halifax for England on April 11, 1917. He would serve with the 116th Battalion, 9th Canadian Infantry Brigade, 3rd Canadian Division as of March 19, 1918, reverting in his rank as Lance Corporal to Private to enable his assignment, although he would later receive a field promotion. He was injured on August 15, 1918 in heavy fighting at Les Quesnel, France but returned to serve through the remainder of the War. He returned to Canada on March 28, 1919 and was demobilized from service.

He would marry Francis Cameron of Shelburne on January 3, 1920. He had during his war service years assigned part of his military pay to her. They had a daughter born in 1925. Francis passed in 1931. Robert would die on October 18, 1961 at the Sunnybrook Hospital, Toronto.

SAMUEL FOSTER FERGUSON

Samuel Foster Ferguson was born on June 18, 1885 near Orono, Ontario. His parents were Robert and Ann Jane (McGhee) Ferguson. He was one of seven children, one of his brothers Robert also serving in the War was killed at the Battle of Vimy Ridge in April, 1917. The family were in Melancthon in the 1880s/1890s, Ann McGhee having family connections with the McGhees long time residents of Melancthon. Samuel would serve as principal of the Orangeville Business College for a period of time.

He enlisted to serve on February 16, 1916 in Wellington County as he was then living in Wingham with his wife Charlotte Hooey who he had married in 1910. He held the rank of Lieutenant prior to his being

taken on by the 18th Battalion in January, 1917 but would be promoted weeks later to Sergeant and in March, 1918 to the rank of Lieutenant. He was injured at the Battle of Amiens on August 10, 1918 and it would not be until May 21, 1919, after the war, that he was discharged from hospital. He did receive the Military Medal for Bravery in November, 1917..

Following his return to Canada in July, 1919 he continued to require treatment for his war injury. He was not discharged from the military until October 31, 1920.

The family, they had three daughters, would relocate to Saskatchewan for a period of years before returning to Ontario to live near Nestleton, Ontario where he operated a general store before moving to Ottawa from 1936 to 1950 to work for the Defence Department. The family would return to the Nestleton area. Samuel Foster Ferguson died on March 10, 1955.

ARTHUR HENRY WHITE

Another of the British Home Children he arrived in Canada with the Barnardo Home Children in March, 1910 with his brother Henry. Arthur was born in January 24, 1900 or 1901, not the 1897 listed on his military enlistment papers, no doubt designed to age qualify when he enlisted on February 15, 1916. His parents were George and Annie and he was one of five children. He was born in West Ham, Essex, England. He and his brother were placed with the Mcleod family in Melancthon, according to the 1911 Canada Census.

Arthur enlisted with the 147th Grey Battalion in Owen Sound. He would be taken on by the 38th Battalion in France in April 1918 serving through until his return from England in May, 1919. During his military service he assigned part of his pay to one of his sisters.

Arthur married Della Hopkins in 1930 in New Jersey, USA. They would have three children. He died in New Jersey on July 26, 1966.

JAMES DANIEL WHITTEN

James was a Melancthon boy. He was born July 26, 1891 near Corbetton, the son of Robert and Mary Elizabeth (Merkley) Whitten. He was one of seven children.

He enlisted to serve on March 4, 1916. He arrived in England on May 7, 1917 and was taken on strength by the 116 Battalion (Infantry) on September 27, 1917. He was wounded on October 3, 1918 with a gunshot to his knee. He would return to England on February 2, 1919 and to Canada for demobilization on March 28, 1919.

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He married Margaret Campbell on April 14, 1920. They would have four children before Margaret passed in 1929. They would continue to live and work the family farm outside Corbetton. One of his son's, Harold, would serve and pay the ultimate sacrifice in WW2. James died on November 20, 1949 and is buried in the Shelburne Cemetery.

IVAN NAPIER BOWLER

Ivan was born March 16, 1888 to Joseph and Margaret (McAulay) Bowler in Melancthon, one of seven children. Ivan moved to Alberta in 1911.

He enlisted to serve on March 8, 1916 in Medicine Hat, Alberta with the 175th Battalion. He arrived in England on October 13, 1916 before being taken on strength by the 31st battalion in France on March 21, 1917. He was wounded on January 7, 1918 and returned to Canada on December 18, 1918, not fit for military service.

Ivan married Susan McDonald on March 19, 1919 and they had two children. They lived in Empress, Alberta, and later near Estavan, Saskatchewan Ivan having qualified for homestead land through the Soldier's Homestead program. Ivan also had a son, born in 1910, from a previous relationship. Ivan passed February 2, 1975 in Duncan, British Columbia.

NELSON WALLACE KITCHEN

Nelson was born January 1, 1895 near Redickville to Robert and Jane (Mortimer) Kitchen, being one of four children.

He enlisted to serve on March 16, 1916. He arrived in England on May 5, 1916. He served with the Divisional Supply Column of the Service Corps as a mechanic. He held the rank of Sergeant as of October 31, 1917. He returned to Canada on April 30, 1921 and was demobilized May 31, 1921, long after the war had ended.

He married Edith Bessie Gilbert on June 16, 1919 in England. They would have two children. He died on June 22, 1961 in Owen Sound and is buried in a Georgetown cemetery.

FRANK M. CURRAN

He was born on October 1, 1896 or 1897 near Feversham, Osprey to parents Josiah and Elizabeth (Diamond) Curran.

Frank enlisted on March 23, 1916. He arrived with the 177th Battalion in England on May 1, 1917. He was taken on strength on November 19, 1917 by the 4th Battalion (Infantry). He was wounded July 13,

1918 and August 11, 1918. He rejoined his Unit on September 4, 1918 serving out the war, returning to England March 22, 1919 before returning to Canada on April 14, 1919.

He married Gladys Henderson on April 28, 1920 and they would have two children. They farmed in Melancthon. Frank died on November 9, 1975 in London, Ontario.

JAMES ALBERT PATTON

One of the three Patton boys to serve in WW1, James was born October 27, 1876 to James and Mary (Quinn) Patton.

James served the military, having served with the Canadian contingent that served in the Boer War, South Africa before enlisting with the Royal Canadian Dragoons in September 24, 1914 at Valcartier, Quebec. He would re-enlist with the 182nd Battalion in Whitby on March 18, 1916 at the age of almost forty. He served in England, holding the rank of Major. He returned to Canada in March, 1918 and was demobilized on September 6, 1919.

He married his spouse Charlotte (Lottie) on September 27, 1904 in Toronto. He died in Milford, Surrey, England on November 20, 1959 and is buried in Birtle, Manitoba.

BERT FOSTER NOBLE

Bert Foster Noble was born near Redickville to Peter and Elizabeth Noble.

He enlisted to serve on March 27, 1916 with the 177th Battalion (Simcoe Foresters). He would serve overseas with the 4th Battalion (Infantry) as of September 29, 1917 in France before having health issues requiring treatment in England. Unable to return to France in the spring, 1918 he would serve as support staff at a military hospital in England. He returned to Canada and was demobilized October 1, 1919.

He would live on the family farm until his marriage to Norma Bailey on July 8, 1924. They had five children and lived in Creemore where he was employed as a janitor at the Creemore school. In June, 1935 Bert died in a drowning accident. He is buried in the Union Cemetery, Creemore.

JOSEPH ASHLEY HOWARD HODGSON

Joseph's connection to Melancthon would be after WW1. He was born June 24, 1898 in Durham, England to parents Joseph and Mary Hodgson. The family would, apparently, immigrate to Canada in

approximately 1908.

He enlisted to serve on March 27, 1916. Listing his occupation as 'student'.. He would not leave Canada until October 30, 1916 arriving in England on November 1, 1916. He served in France with the 4th Battalion, Canadian Machine Gun Corps as of March, 1918. He suffered with Influenza from October to December, 1918, as did thousands of other Canadian soldiers. He returned to Canada and was demobilized on May 11, 1919.

The 1921 Canada census has Joseph residing in Algoma District, his occupation being 'missionary'. He married Iva Healey on June 1, 1929. They had one daughter. His connection to Melancthon came thereafter as he had become a Minister serving in Melancthon according to the 1931 Census before becoming a Chaplain in the Canadian military during WW2. Joseph died on November 15, 1985.

FRANCIS JAMES DOUGAL (DOUG) WATSON

He was born April 15, 1897 in Melancthon near Corbetton. His parents were Thomas and Margaret. He had four siblings.

He enlisted to serve on March 29, 1916 at Shelburne. He embarked from Halifax on April 11, 1917. He would serve in France with the 164th Battalion as of March 23, 1918. He was wounded three times on August 8, 1918 including a gunshot wound to his left arm, fracturing the bone. He was unable to return to wartime service, being returned to Canada February 2, 1919. He continued to need medical attention and treatment through until his military demobilization on August 16, 1919.

He would following the War continue to live in Melancthon. He died on July 24, 1960 at the Sunnybrook Hospital, Toronto and is buried in the Shelburne Cemetery. He was survived by a daughter, Lucille.

ROBERT ALBERT FRENCH

He was born June 17, 1896 to parents Albert and Barbara (Thomson) French, being one of five children. They lived outside Corbetton.

Robert enlisted on April 26, 1916 with the 198th Battalion. He was at the time working in Toronto as a conductor. He would arrive in England on April 17, 1917. He was taken on by the 4th Canadian Mounted Rifles as of September 6, 1918. He served in France/Europe until his return from England in March, 1919. He was demobilized on March 20, 1919.

He married Grace Muir on April 5, 1919. They would have six children. The 1921 Census has the family

living in Dundalk where he was a barber. He died on May 3, 1944 in Toronto, the declaration listing his occupation as postman.

ROBERT KERR LAMBERT

Robert was born on June 11, 1863 (8) in New York State, USA. He was widowed with two daughters before marrying Evelyn Robinson in 1903. His profession was a Clergyman/Minister.

He enlisted to serve on May 1, 1916 while living in Beeton, Ontario. He was attached as the Chaplain in October, 1916 with the Royal Canadian Regiment. He would serve in France with the 97th Battalion. By July, 1918 he was back in England serving at the Canadian Military Hospital. He returned to Canada on October 21, 1918, where he continued to serve until March 13, 1919, holding the rank of Captain.

He relocated to Hornings Mills by 1928 as he served as the Postmaster for many years. He died on March 25, 1950 in Wisconsin, USA while visiting his daughter. He would be returned to be buried in the Hornings Mills Cemetery.

HARRY ALEXANDER COUTTS

Harry was born in Riverview on July 22, 1897. His parents were George and Sarah (Oldfield) Coutts. He would attend the Section school in Riverview before attending high school in Dundalk.

He enlisted to serve on May 4, 1916 with the 201st Battalion, Toronto. He arrived in England on April 7, 1917. He was taken on by the 19th Battalion, 4th Canadian Infantry, 2nd Canadian Division on March 1, 1918, serving in France from March 14, 1918. He was wounded at the battle of Amiens in August, 1918 where his Battalion in a course of a few days would suffer 486 killed, casualties, missing. He was invalided back to England until October 1, 1918 and thereafter placed on light duties. He would return to Canada to be demobilized on January 21, 1919.

Following his return he would live and work the family farm until his marriage to Margaret Robinson Donkin on December 31, 1924. They would have two children. Harry would later work at the Orangeville Jail from 1940 to 1965. He died on November 23, 1965 in Orangeville. He is buried in the Shelburne Cemetery.

MATTHEW VAN OSTRANDER LOREE

Matthew was born October 8, 1895 near Conover/Redickville to parents Matthew and Maria Loree.

It was on May 8, 1916 that Matthew enlisted in Toronto. He was then living in Toronto working as a tea

packer. His father had died in February, 1915 so it was his mother and siblings who he was supporting. He embarked with his battalion on October 25, 1916. He would join his Unit, the 75th Battalion, in France on February 19, 1917. He would later be attached to the 148th Battalion in January, 1918. He returned to England in May, 1919 and to Canada later that month, demobilized on June 8, 1919.

He married Doris Fried/Field on June 3, 1930. The family lived and farmed near Creemore. Matthew died on July 10, 1988.

ROSS A LYON

He was born on April 20, 1898 in Illinois, USA to Samuel and Margaret Lyon. The family had returned to Canada in 1903 and were living in Melancthon. He would attend high school in Dundalk.

He enlisted to serve on October 18, 1916 with the University of Toronto training program for the Royal Flying Corps. While in England doing training he was injured in an accident in June, 1917. He returned to Canada and was discharged from the Royal Air Force on July 3, 1918.

On December 1, 1927 he married Lois Isabelle Barnes. Ross died on December 24, 1960.

MEREDITH McDOWELL

He was born on September 8, 1892 (or December 20, 1891 according to other documents) to Samuel and Annie (Davidson) McDowell near Dundalk. His mother would die in 1916.

Meredith had relocated to work near Rosetown, Saskatchewan by the time he enlisted on May 18, 1916. He would embark to England on May 27, 1917 and be taken on by the 28th Battalion, 2nd Canadian Division as of September, 1917 in France. He was injured on May 15, 1918 but would rejoin the Battalion in late June. He was promoted to Corporal in September, 1918. He would return to England in April, 1919 before returning to Canada.

Following his return to Canada he would work for International Harvester. On June 5, 1937 he married Ruth Gillespie in Ottawa. He died in Ottawa on April 14, 1982.

WILLIAM ARTHUR PAGE

Art was born on June 30, 1892 in Hornings Mills to parents William Henry and Elizabeth (Ferris) Page.

He enlisted to serve with the 164th Battalion on May 24, 1916. The Battalion would arrive in England on

April 22, 1917. He was taken on strength with the 116th Battalion in France on June 29, 1918. He was injured with a gunshot/shrapnel wound to his chest on August 13, 1918 necessitating his return to England for treatment on September 6, 1918, pieces of the shrapnel remaining in his chest. He returned to Canada in February, 1919 and demobilized April 12, 1919.

He lived in Melancthon on his return but would later change residence, no doubt due to his occupation as a Police Officer. He married Lillian Ireland on September 18, 1923. They would have two children. He would retire in 1958 as an Inspector with the OPP. He died in Brantford, Ontario on March 1, 1974.

ROBERT BRANTER

He was born September 17, 1887 in Corbetton to parents Joseph and Rachel (Armstrong) Branter, one of six children. His mother passed on October 30, 1914. Robert had relocated to Saskatchewan in 1907.

He enlisted on May 18, 1916 in Toronto. He embarked for England in May, 1917 serving with the 102nd Battalion (Infantry) as of January/February, 1918. He was sick as of August, 1918 being hospitalized in England until November 16, 1918 before rejoining his Unit. He would return to England in February, 1919 and be demobilized in Canada on July 12, 1919.

Before he returned to Canada, he married his wife Estella. They would settle and live in Calgary, Alberta where he worked as a barber. They had three children. He died on January 18, 1966 in Calgary.

JAMES ALBERT BRANTER

James was born September 28, 1888 (or December 28, 1883), older brother to Robert, in Corbetton.

He had relocated to near Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan by the time he enlisted on May 26, 1916, eight days after brother, Robert. He embarked for England in December, 1916. He joined his Unit the 78th Battalion, 12th Brigade, 4th Canadian Division on January 9th, 1917 in time for the preparation for the battle at Vimy. He was injured on April 9, 1917. He rejoined his battalion on June 3, 1917 before being injured again on October 13, 1917. He rejoined his battalion in early February, 1918 only to be wounded again on February 14, 1918, a victim of a gas attack. He rejoined his Unit on August 10 in time to be wounded once again on August 29, 1918. His brush with death would continue as he rejoined his Unit in September only to be wounded by a gas shell on October 10, 1918. He would rejoin his battalion just before the end of the War, serving in Europe until March, 1919. He returned to Canada to be demobilized on June 8, 1919.

James would not marry. He lived in Corbetton until his death on March 24, 1975 in Shelburne. He is buried in the Shelburne Cemetery.

CHARLES HUBERT FARLEY

He was born on November 15, 1880 in Hampshire, England. It is unclear as to when he arrived in Canada but he apparently worked for Henry Ferris for approximately eight years near Redickville.

He enlisted on May 22, 1916 with the 164th Battalion (Dufferin). He went to England in April, 1917 before being taken on by the 58th Battalion on April 16, 1918. He would serve in France until October 23, 1918 when he was hospitalized for chronic bronchitis and emphysema. He returned to Canada in January, 1919, demobilized in August, 1919.

He married Louisa Jane Rowe in April, 1919. He worked for Canada Post. He died on March 15, 1940 in Toronto and is buried in the Prospect Cemetery, Toronto.

KENNETH STROTHER

He was born on March 1, 1892 in Newmarket to parents Lancelot and Effie Mildred (Case) Strother, the parents locating in Hornings Mills by the time of the War.

Kenneth and his brother Frederick would enlist on August, 1916 with the University of Toronto Officer Training Program. He would serve as a dispatch rider with the Red Cross before returning home in June, 1917. He then enlisted with the British Army in October, 1917 as a Lieutenant.

After the war he returned to Canada to live in Hornings Mills. He married Ida May Creswicke on November 26, 1924 and had two children. His spouse died in 1932. He died on September 23rd, 1948 in Barrie.

FREDERICK WEBB STROTHER

Frederick was born on March 2, 1889 in Newmarket.

He enlisted in August, 1916 with the University of Toronto Officer Training Program. He was a cavalry cadet in Ireland in November, 1916 and would serve with the British Imperial Army, 17th Lancers as a Lieutenant as of October 26, 1917.

He married Mary Brown Cassie in February, 1926. According to the 1931 Canada census he and his family lived in Melancthon. He died on March 28, 1946 in Toronto.

JAMES FAIRY

James was born June 24, 1898 in England to parents Henry and Louisa Fairy. James arrived in Quebec City as one of the Barnardo Home children on October 14, 1910. It is unclear as to when he arrived in Melancthon prior to the war but the 1921 Census has him residing in Melancthon with the Lender family and the Hornings Mills Presbyterian Church has him on the WW1 Honour Roll.

He enlisted to serve at Camp Borden on September 16, 1916. He arrived in England in April, 1917. He would serve in Europe with the 52nd Battalion as of March 28, 1918. He was wounded on August 29, 1918 and would require hospitalization in England. He would be discharged from hospital on December 9, 1918. He returned to Halifax as of January, 24, 1919 and was demobilized on February 24, 1919.

He married his spouse Doris Lent on January 21, 1925 in Lambton, Ontario. He would die in St Catharines on June 6, 1959, the father of seven children.

GEORGE WILLIAM SAMUEL QUICK

George was another of the Barnardo Home children. He was born in London, England on June 10, 1898 to George and Emily Quick. He arrived in Canada on March 7, 1905. He lived with Alexander and Mary McPherson in Melancthon according to the 1911 Canada Census.

He enlisted to serve on November 18, 1916 while living in Fergus, Ontario, employed as a Miller. He served as a Gunner with the Canadian Field Artillery, initially the 7th and later the 8th Siege Battery. He was demobilized on February 7, 1919.

He married Mary Hewitt on September 5, 1923 in Waterloo where he worked as a truck driver. They had three children. He died on December 22, 1976 in Waterloo.

SIMON FEAD HUNTER

Simon was born on February 10, 1895 in Melancthon. His parents were William and Margaret Hunter.

He enlisted to serve on January 3, 1917 at Toronto with the Canadian Army Service Corps. He listed his occupation as a teacher. He left for England in June, 1917 being taken on by the 38th Battalion in July before transferring to the 4th Engineer Battalion in early August, 1917. The records indicate that in May, 1918 he reverted to the rank of private and he would serve with the 38th Battalion. He was wounded in early September, 1918 at the Battle of Arras, receiving a serious wound to his left leg that necessitated

his transfer back to England for treatment. He was invalided back to Canada in May, 1919 and ultimately demobilized on June 25, 1919.

The 1921 Canada Census has Simon working as a teacher in Temiskaming, Ontario. He would not marry. He died on December 26, 1940 and is buried with his family in the Honeywood Cemetery.

WILLIAM LEWIS HUNTER

He was born on January 27, 1895 in Hornings Mills to parents Robert and Jane Hunter. He had two brothers and two sisters. He attended the Shelburne High School before attending school in Toronto in 1913-14 for training as a Teacher.

He enlisted on January 3, 1917 with the Canadian Army Service Corps. He arrived in England in early February, 1917. He would be taken on by the 21st Battalion Infantry as of September 12, 1917 in France. At the Battle of Passendaele he was wounded on November 12, 1917, having been initially determined to be missing. Following lengthy hospitalization and treatment he would rejoin his Unit on October 1, 1918. He returned to England on April 8, 1919. He returned to Canada and was demobilized in May, 1919.

He married Florence Blatherwick on August 6, 1925 in Nipissing. They would have two children. He would go on to have a career as a Teacher and Principal until his death on June 28, 1945 in Kitchener.

GEORGE GILFILLIAN

George was born March 24, 1898 in Dublin, Ireland. He arrived in Canada on March 5, 1907 as part of the Barnardo Home program. He resided with the Carson family in Melancthon.

He apparently tried to enlist in Owen Sound on February 10, 1916 but there are separate enlistment documents for January 9, 1917, the explanation is unknown. He travelled from Halifax on May 28, 1917 and would be taken on strength by the 58th Battalion on November 9, 1917. He was hospitalized with trench fever in March, 1918 but returned to the front in August, 1918. He was wounded on October 13, 1918 while serving with the 20th Battalion. He was hospitalized until December 23, 1918. He returned home to Canada and was demobilized on February 28, 1919.

He relocated to Humboldt, Saskatchewan. He married Ella Sigvardson and had three children. He worked as a fireman in Humboldt. He died on March 5, 1975 in Vancouver but is buried in Humboldt.

CHARLES BARTHOLOMEW KINSELLA

He was born on August 1, 1898 in England. He arrived in Canada with the Barnardo Home program on May 27, 1907. He lived with the Duncan Stewart family in Corbetton.

Charles enlisted on January 26, 1917 in Owen Sound but was determined to be underweight and undersized, thus medically unfit but that did not stop him from re-enlisting in August, 1918. He enlisted with the Canadian Railway Troops. He arrived in England on October 12, 1918 but was immediately hospitalized with influenza through until December 6, 1918. He returned to Canada and was demobilized on July 11, 1919.

He married Mary Gertrude Wood on November 5, 1925. They had five children before her death in 1935. Charles died on April 12, 1970 in Toronto.

WILLIAM MARTELL

William was born on November 7, 1895 in Waterloo to his parents James and Emma Martell. He had two sisters and four brothers. The family lived in the Corbetton area prior to 1901.

He enlisted to serve on April 4, 1917 with the 248th Battalion, Grey County. He arrived in England on June 9, 1917. He was attached to the 102nd Battalion as of November 16, 1917 and to a Tank battalion on August 5, 1918. He was on leave in England when the Armistice was declared on November 11, 1918. He rejoined his Unit in France on November 15 and returned to England in May, 1919. He then returned to Canada and was demobilized on June 8, 1919.

After the war he worked as a farm labourer in the greater Dundalk area. He is buried in the Maple Grove Cemetery in Dundalk.

ROBERT VICTOR KENNEDY

He was born May 24, 1896 in Grand Valley to John and Jean (Tait) Kennedy. He was the brother of James Hill Kennedy (see his story).

Robert enlisted on May 19, 1917 with the Canadian Field Artillery. He arrived in England on February 16, 1918. He was assigned to the 33rd battery on May 23, 1918 as a Gunner. He would ultimately return to Canada in March, 1919, demobilized on March 30, 1919.

He married Terreda Koch on July 8, 1925. He moved to Wayne, Michigan and would work in the automobile industry. He died on November 25, 1967 in Wayne, Michigan.

DUNCAN MCAULAY

Duncan was one of eight children born to Angus and Margaret McAulay. He was born December 11, 1889 (or 1887) and he was the brother of Angus (see his story).

He enlisted to serve on October 15, 1917. He arrived in England on December 31, 1917. He served with the 2nd Canadian Forestry Battalion, 48th Company, joining his Unit in France on January 26, 1918. He was demobilized in Canada on March 21, 1919.

He married Elizabeth hair on October 27, 1921 in Carleton. They would live in Toronto where he worked as a 'wireworker'. He died in Toronto in 1955.

JOHN (JACK) WOODS

Jack was born May 19, 1892 in Mildmay, Bruce County, the son of Robert and Theresa (Rivers) Woods. They would relocate to Melancthon in 1895. He would later work at the Union Bank in Shelburne.

His online military personnel record is very limited. He trained as an aviator with the Royal Flying Corps as of November, 1917. He received his commission and remained in Canada conducting flight training as an instructor.

He married Jetrude Irene Carrick on August 3, 1921 in Lambton, Ontario. He died in Toronto on July 14, 1974

LEONARD MAY

He was born August 15, 1899 in England, one of seven children. He arrived in Canada on July 24, 1909 with the Barnardo Home program, the group including two of his sisters and one brother. He lived with the Thomas McNabb family in Melancthon. He would attend Section School #1 (the Silk School).

It is unclear as to when Leonard returned to England to enlist and serve with the Royal Air Force but it was in approximately September, 1918. He would be joined by at least two brothers for two were killed in the War after September, 1918.

On his return to Canada he married Annie Osborne on June 6, 1928. Ancestry records indicate he may have married while in England in 1919 and had a son who would later die in WW2. Leonard died in 1975 in Toronto.

By late, 1917 enlistments had significantly dropped but with no end to the war in sight recruitment was essential especially after the heavy losses sustained by the Canadian Corps through much of 1917. The Military Services Act provided for conscription and by the spring of 1918 exemptions from the military draft for farmers had ended. There were a good number of Melancthon men who were the subject of the draft but only nine would leave Canada for service and even fewer would reach the battlefield.

ROBERT J LYONS

Robert was born June 30, 1892 in Hornings Mills, the son of George and Sophia (McGhee) Lyons. He had relocated for work to Manitoba by 1916.

He was called up for military duty in January, 1918. He would embark for England on June 5, 1918. As of October 29, 1918 he was in France serving with the 16th and 15th Battalions in France, just two weeks before the end of the War. He would return to England in June, 1919 and to Canada on July 15, 1919.

He married and lived in Toronto. He died in Toronto on February 2, 1941.

ROBERT GORDON ANDERSON

He was born April 4, 1887 in Grand valley to parents William and Melvina Anderson. He was in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan at the time of the draft but would be back in Jessopville by January 18, 1918 with the call up notice.

He arrived in England on March 1, 1918. He was taken on strength by the 2nd Canadian Mounted Rifles on August 16, 1918 in France in the midst of the Battle of Arras and the commencement of the last 100 Day Offensive of the Allies. He served through until his return to Canada and his demobilization on March 23, 1919.

He married Christina Hudd on June 17, 1925. They would have six children. The family farmed land near Riverview that Robert, attained in part through the Soldiers Settlement Act, a government program designed to assist war veterans. Robert died on April 23, 1987 and is buried in the Shelburne Cemetery.

JAMES DEMMANS

James was born on May 27, 1897 in East Garafraxa to parents John and Nancy Demmans, one of ten children. The family relocated to live in Melancthon.

In November, 1917 James was working near Portage La Prairie, Manitoba. He received his draft notice and on January 21, 1918 he was called up for service. He arrived in England on April 3, 1918. He was taken on strength by the 19th Infantry battalion on August 12, 1918. He joined his Unit on the 18th and

he was wounded on August 27, 1918. He would rejoin his Unit on October 17, 1918 serving in Europe until April, 1919. He returned to Canada and was demobilized on May 24, 1919.

He married and lived in Melancthon for some years before relocating to Toronto. He died on April 1, 1977 in Toronto.

NORMAN LAUCLAN HUNTER

He was born December 19, 1884 in Hornings Mills to parents James and Jessica (Davidson) Hunter. By the fall, 1917 he and his mother were living in Brampton where Norman worked as a tinsmith.

He was drafted on October 18, 1917 and received his call up in early, 1918. He was in England by June 28, 1918. He landed in France to serve with the 20th Battalion on November 4, 1918, a week before the end of the war. Even then the Battalion and Canadian Corps were sustaining heavy casualties for on November 10, 1918 his Unit alone sustained 12 killed and 30 wounded. The Battalion received notice on November 11th at 8 am that effective 11 am the war was over. Norman continued to serve with his battalion through until April, 1919.

Following his return to Canada he would continue to live in Brampton and work as a tinsmith. He died in 1956 in Brampton.

CHARLES GILBERT WEBSTER

Charles was born on January 6, 1897 in Hornings Mills to parents Richard and Bertha (Gardiner) Webster.

Charles was in Islay, Alberta on May 5, 1918 when he received his call up for service. He arrived in England on August 25th, 1918. He would not serve in Europe. He returned to Canada and was demobilized on June 25, 1919.

On his return to Canada he would be back in Alberta until 1922 when he returned to Ontario. He worked as a painter. He died on September 25, 1954 in Shelburne and is buried in the Shelburne Cemetery.

EUGENE FRANKLIN CROSBY

He was born on February 29, 1896 in Dundalk to Walter and Annie (Currie) Crosby.

Eugene received his call up for duty on May 20, 1918. He embarked from Montreal on July 19, 1918. He was attached to the 19th battalion in France in late November but was then assigned to General headquarters as a Clerk. He returned to Canada in May, 1919 to be demobilized July 6, 1919.

He married Mary Adeline Stewart on December 20, 1921 in Creemore. Eugene died in 1985 in Waterloo.

EDWARD LIPPMAN

Edward was born on April 26, 1886 in Russia. He was farming near Riverview, Melancthon at the time of his call up for military service on May 10, 1918. He embarked from Halifax on August 3, 1918, arriving in England on August 16th.

He was taken on as a Sapper with the Canadian Machine Gun Brigade but did not serve in Europe.

He returned to Canada for demobilization on February 24, 1919.

EDMUND BLACK

He was born on May 27, 1896 (7) to Thomas and Mary Black in East Luther. The family farmed in the Riverview and Jessopville area of Melancthon.

Edmund received his call up effective May 10, 1918. He arrived in England on June 21, 1918. His time in England would be facing health issues as he suffered from the mumps and then influenza. He returned to Canada in May, 1919 and was demobilized June 28, 1919.

He married Elizabeth Magrath on November 30, 1921 in Toronto. He died in Hamilton in 1981.

ROY BOLEN

Roy was born on December 4, 1896 to Thomas and Matilda (Ferrier) Bolen, being one of nine children. The family lived in Corbetton. His father Thomas died in 1915.

He received his draft notice on October 24, 1917 with his official call up on May 10, 1918. He arrived in England on June 21, 1918. He was attached to the 75th Battalion and served in France from late October, 1918 until his return to England on May 2, 1919. He was demobilized back in Canada on June 8, 1919 as medically unfit.

He lived in Melancthon until after his marriage to Georgina Sproule on May 14, 1924. They had four children. They would live and work in Toronto until Roy's death on April 6, 1939.

