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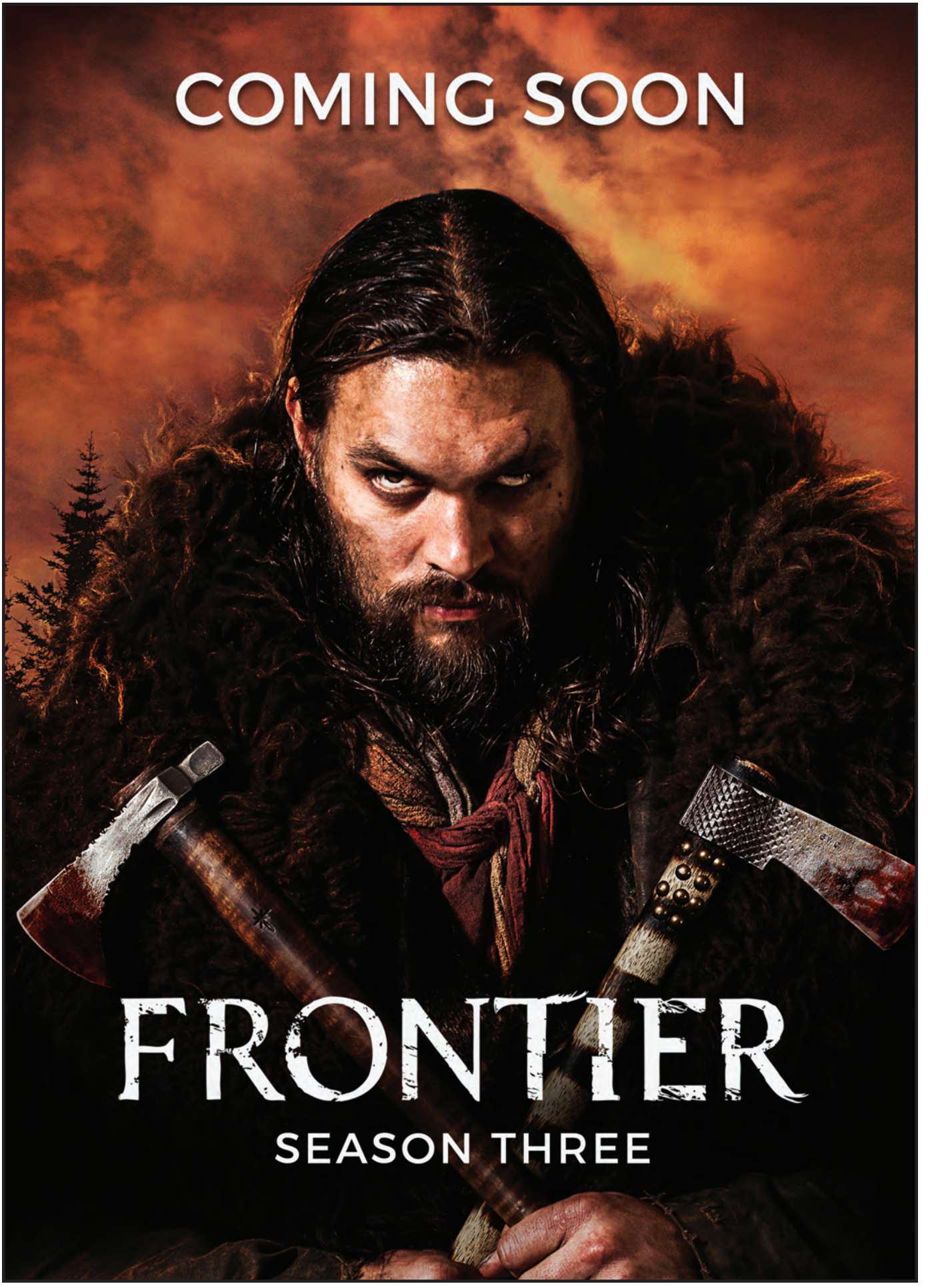
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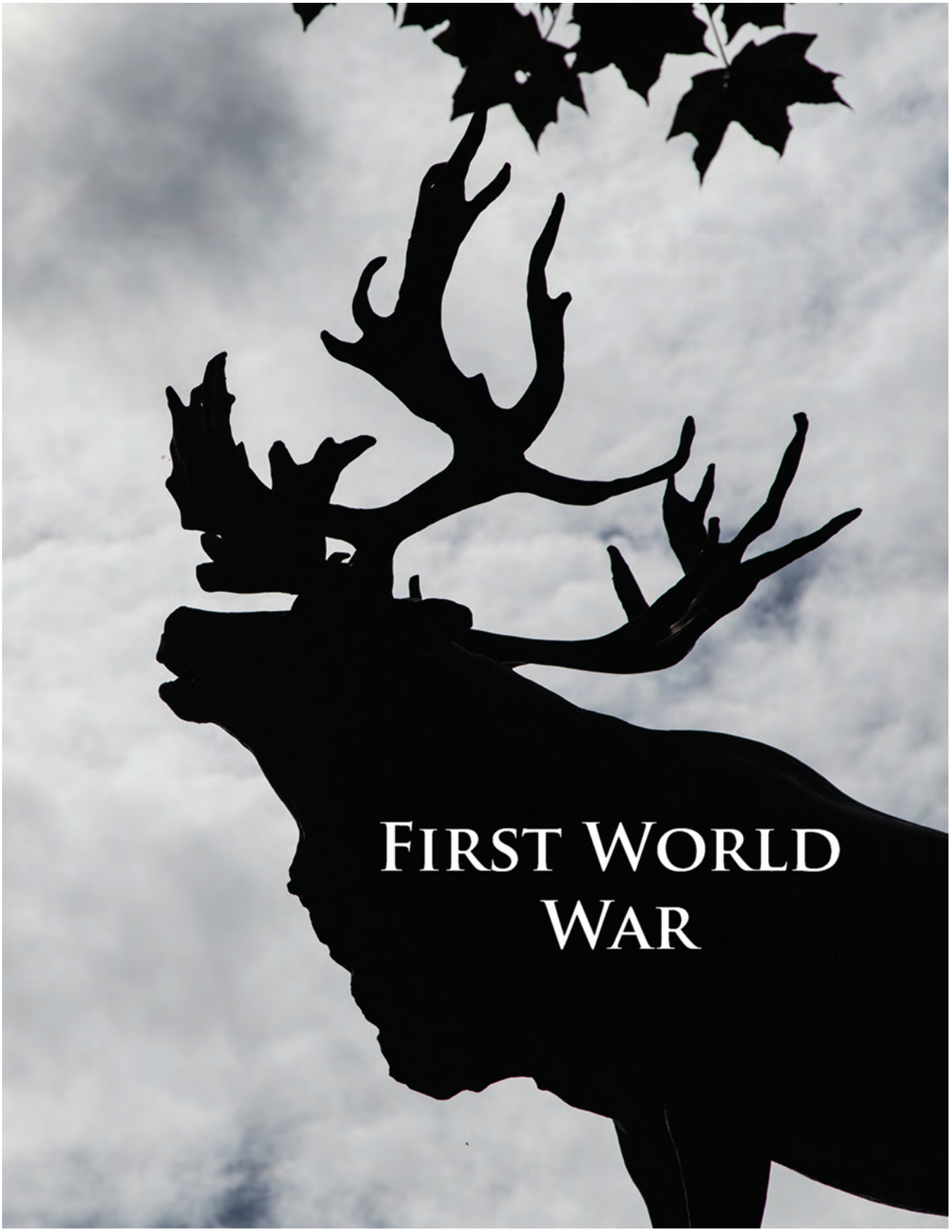
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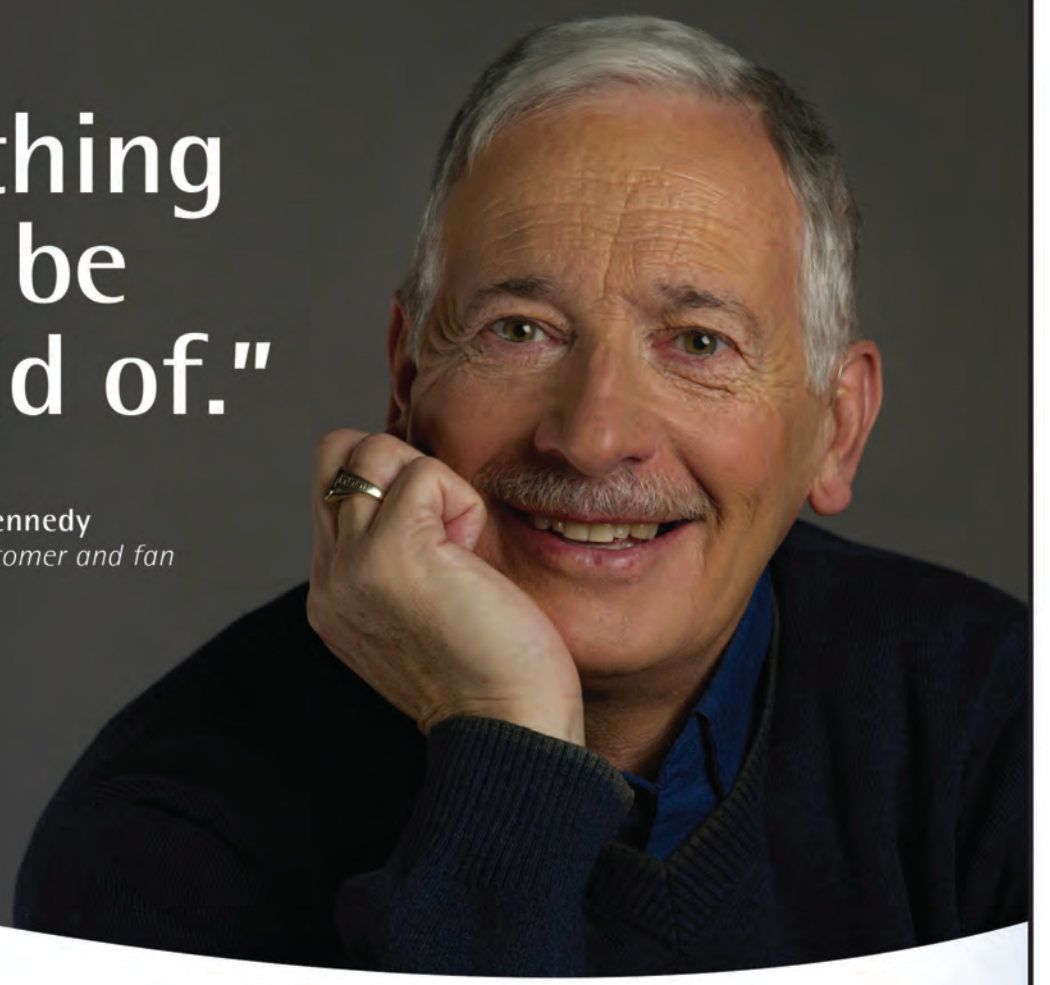

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and in the morning,

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3507

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Born in Gooseberry Cove, NL.

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DECEASED

and in the morning,

L/Cpl. BROWN, James G.
1984

Served with the Royal Newfoundland Regiment. Born in Rock Harbour, NL.

DECEASED: December 9th, 1917

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BUGDEN, Baxter
3459

Served with the Royal Newfoundland Regiment. Enlisted February 3rd, 1917, 11th Draft, at age 18. Born in English Harbour, NL.

DECEASED

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DECEASED: November 30th, 1917 of wounds received in France.

and in the morning,

CHURCHILL, Abel
5411

Served with the Royal Newfoundland Regiment. Enlisted May 24th, 1918, 21st Draft, age 20. Born on November 15th, 1897 in Ivany's Cove, NL.

DECEASED

We Will Remember Them"

CHURCHILL, Eldred
4857

Served with the Royal Newfoundland Regiment. Enlisted May 1st, 1918, age 20. Born on October 22nd, 1898 in South West Arm, Trinity Bay, NL.

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DECEASED

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1051X

Served with the Royal Navy Reserve.
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DECEASED: May 13th, 1985

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1663

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KILLED IN ACTION: July 1st, 1916

and in the morning,

CRANFORD, Moses
1579

Served with the Royal Newfoundland Regiment. Born in 1891 in New Harbour, NL.

DECEASED: 1980

We Will Remember Them"

Dr. CROSS, George Bond

Served with the Canadian Expeditionary Forces and Canadian Army Medical Corp. Enlisted April, 1918. Following end of war he practiced medicine in Clarenville, where GB Cross Memorial Hospital is named in his honour. Born in Bonavista Bay, NL. Was a charter member of Branch 27, Clarenville.

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DECEASED

and in the morning,

DAY, James
5430

Served with the Royal Newfoundland Regiment. Born in 1898 in Old Shop, NL.

DECEASED

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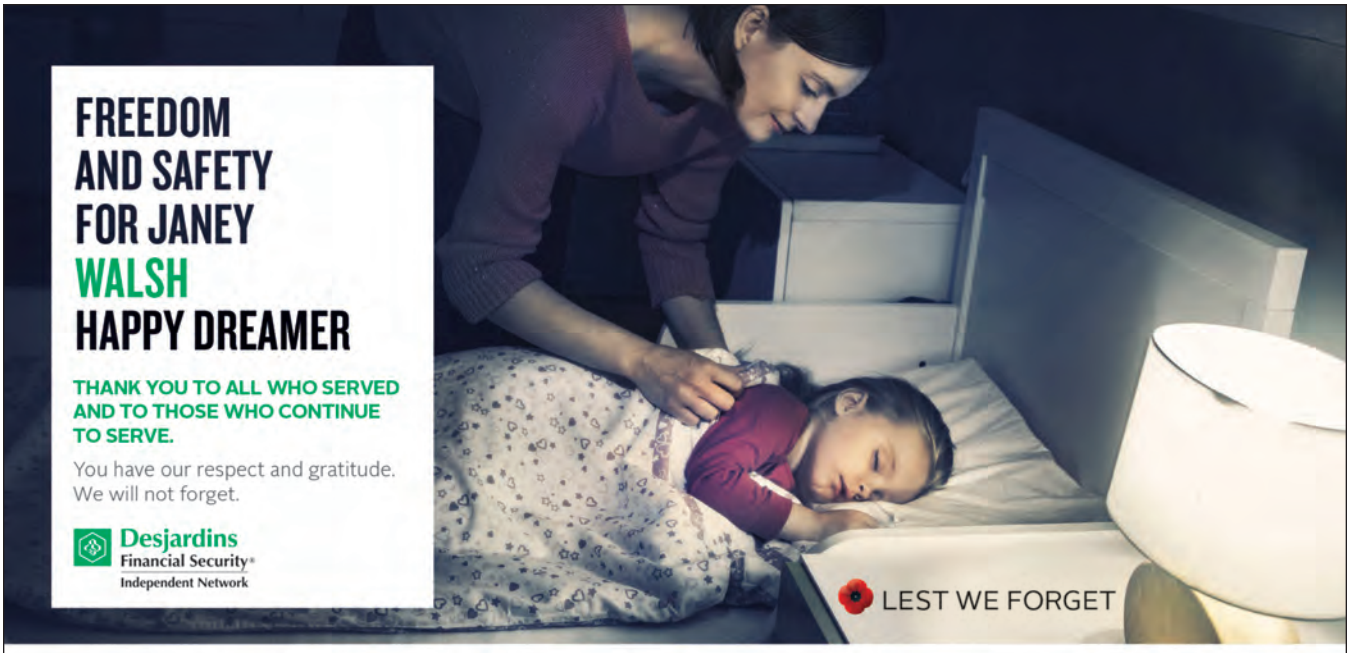
DAY, John
2157

Served with the Royal Newfoundland Regiment. Born in Old Shop, NL.

DECEASED



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2380

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KILLED IN ACTION: November 21st, 1917 at the Battle of Passchendaele, Third Battle of Ypres, Belgium.

and in the morning,

DROVER, George
871X

Served with the Nfld Royal Naval Reserve.
Born in Random, NL.

DECEASED

We Will Remember Them"

Pte. FRAMPTON, John
626

Served with the Royal Newfoundland Regiment. Born in Bay Bulls, NL. He is buried in Knightsbridge Cemetery, France.

KILLED IN ACTION: July 1st, 1916 at the Battle of Beaumont Hamel.

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Pte. FRAMPTON, William
3336

Served with the Royal Newfoundland Regiment. Born on July 25th, 1890 in Bay Bulls, NL. He is buried in Holy Trinity Anglican Cemetery in Bay Bulls, NL.

DECEASED: February 22nd, 1973

and in the morning,

Sgt. GEORGE, Richard H.
1790

Served with the Royal Newfoundland Regiment.
Born in New Harbour, NL.

DECEASED

We Will Remember Them"

GOSSE, John
2447

Served with the Royal Newfoundland Regiment.
Born in Whitbourne, NL.

DECEASED

The Royal Canadian Legion mission to preserve the legacy and memory of our military men and women, and support the needs of veterans and their families. This years edition of Lest We Forget furthers this cause and serves to remind all Canadians of the tremendous courage and bravery of those who have served. Since Confederation, more than 2.3 million Canadians have served in Canada's armed forces to defend freedom and democracy—with more than 118,000 having given their lives.

The Government of Canada continues to pay tribute to the milestone anniversaries of Canada's accomplishments and sacrifices during the First and Second World Wars (2014–2020). This year, Canada will mark the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge, the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Passchendaele and the 75th anniversary of the Dieppe Raid.

I will continue to stand strong in support of veterans and for the respect and dignity they deserve. I am proud to be part of a government that has committed to re-open 9 veterans affairs office to serve the needs of veterans and to ensure; veterans receive the skills, training, and education they need to succeed, better support the families of ill and injured veterans; investing in mental health support for veterans at risk including the creation of a Centre of Excellence for PTSD and related mental health conditions that disproportionately affect veterans and their families.

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1752

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DECEASED

and in the morning,

GREEN, Bartlett
5363

Served with the Royal Newfoundland Regiment. Enlisted May 23rd, 1918, 21st Draft, age 21. Born on November 28th, 1896 in St. Jone's Without, NL.

DECEASED

We Will Remember Them"

GREEN, Hubert Martin
3128

Served with the Royal Newfoundland Regiment. Born in Green's Harbour, NL.

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2323X

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and in the morning,

HIGDON, George
1574X

Served with the Royal Navy. Born in New Harbour, NL.

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5086

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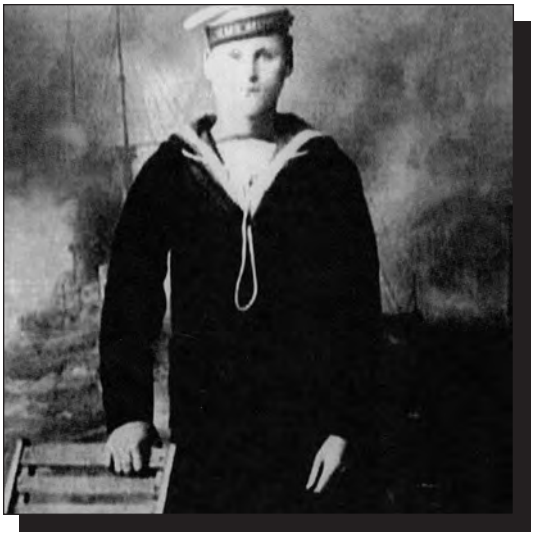
HILLIER, Charles
5317

Served with the Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

DECEASED



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1539

Served with the Royal Newfoundland Regiment. Promoted to L/Cpl on December 6th, 1915, Cpl on January 17th, 1917. Promoted to A/Sgt on February 23rd, 1918. Wounded at Beaumont Hamel. Born in 1893 in New Harbour, NL. A founding member of Branch 39 in Dildo, NL. Branch is now named in his honour.

DECEASED: 1961

and in the morning,

HOOPER, Samuel
2322

Served with the Royal Newfoundland Regiment. Captured on April 4th, 1917, POW for 2 years. Born in Rock Harbour, NL.

DECEASED

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Served with the Canadian Expeditionary Force.
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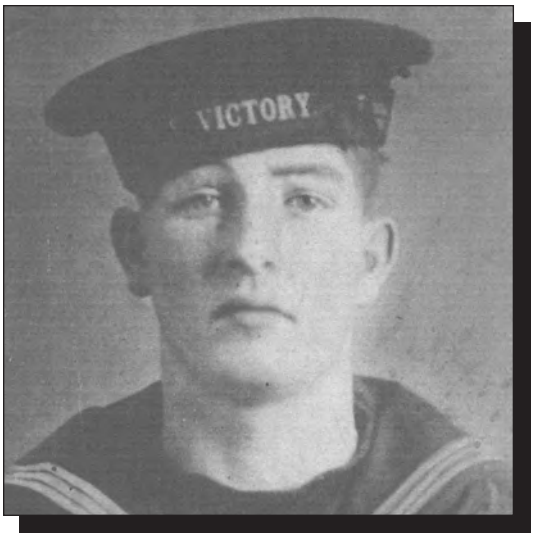

"At the going down of the sun,

HUTCHINGS, Albert
2207X
Served with the Nfld Royal Naval Reserve.
Born in Bay Bulls Arm, NL.
DECEASED

and in the morning,

HUTCHINGS, Cyril
2251
Served with the Royal Newfoundland Regiment.
Born in Whitbourne, NL.
DECEASED

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JACOBS, Arthur
4996
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Enlisted May 9th, 1918, 20th Draft, age 21. Born in Little Heart's Ease, NL.

DECEASED

and in the morning,

LAMBERT, John
1744

Served with the Royal Newfoundland Regiment.
Enlisted July 27th, 1915, age 20. Born in Southport, NL.
Died in Scotland of Scarlet fever.

DECEASED: April 7th, 1916

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LAMBERT, Thomas
779X

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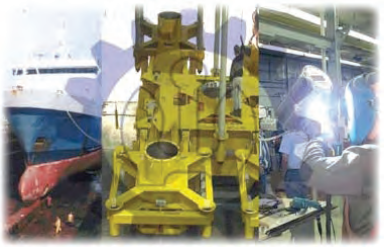

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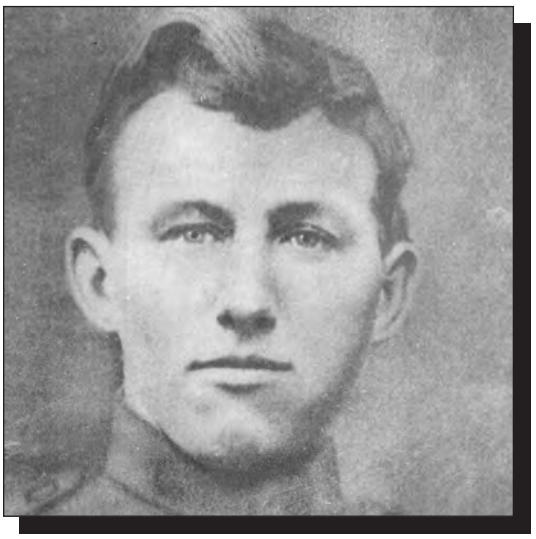
DECEASED: November 8th, 1981



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DECEASED

and in the morning,

Sgt. OSBOURNE, Moses J.
2441

Served with the Royal Newfoundland Regiment from April 4th, 1916 to July 5th, 1919. Born in 1897 in Blaketown, NL.

DECEASED: January 13th, 1973

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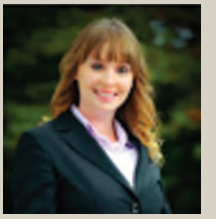

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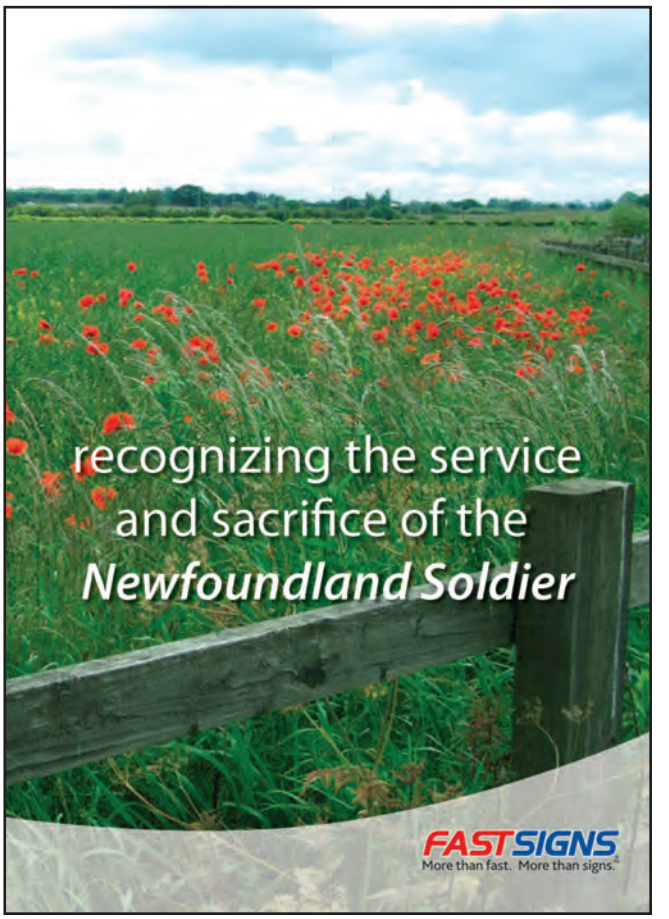

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1961

Served with the Royal Newfoundland Regiment.
Born in New Harbour, NL.

KILLED IN ACTION: December 1st, 1917, Cambrai

and in the morning,

PITTMAN, William
8043

Served with the Royal Newfoundland Regiment Forestry Corp. Born in Shoal Harbour, NL.

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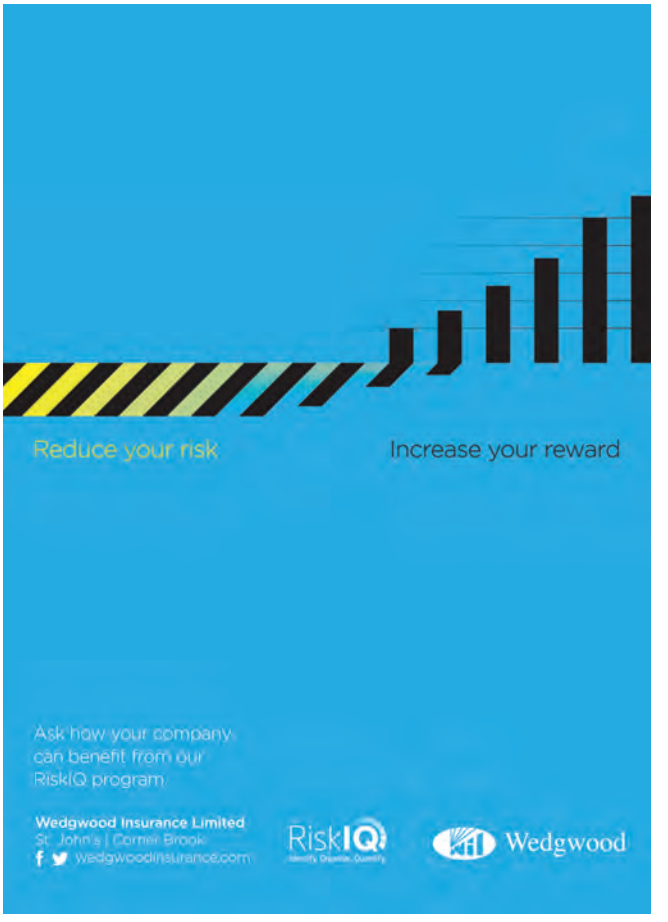

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PRETTY, Edward
8116

Served with the Newfoundland Forestry Companies.
Discharged on April 29th, 1919.
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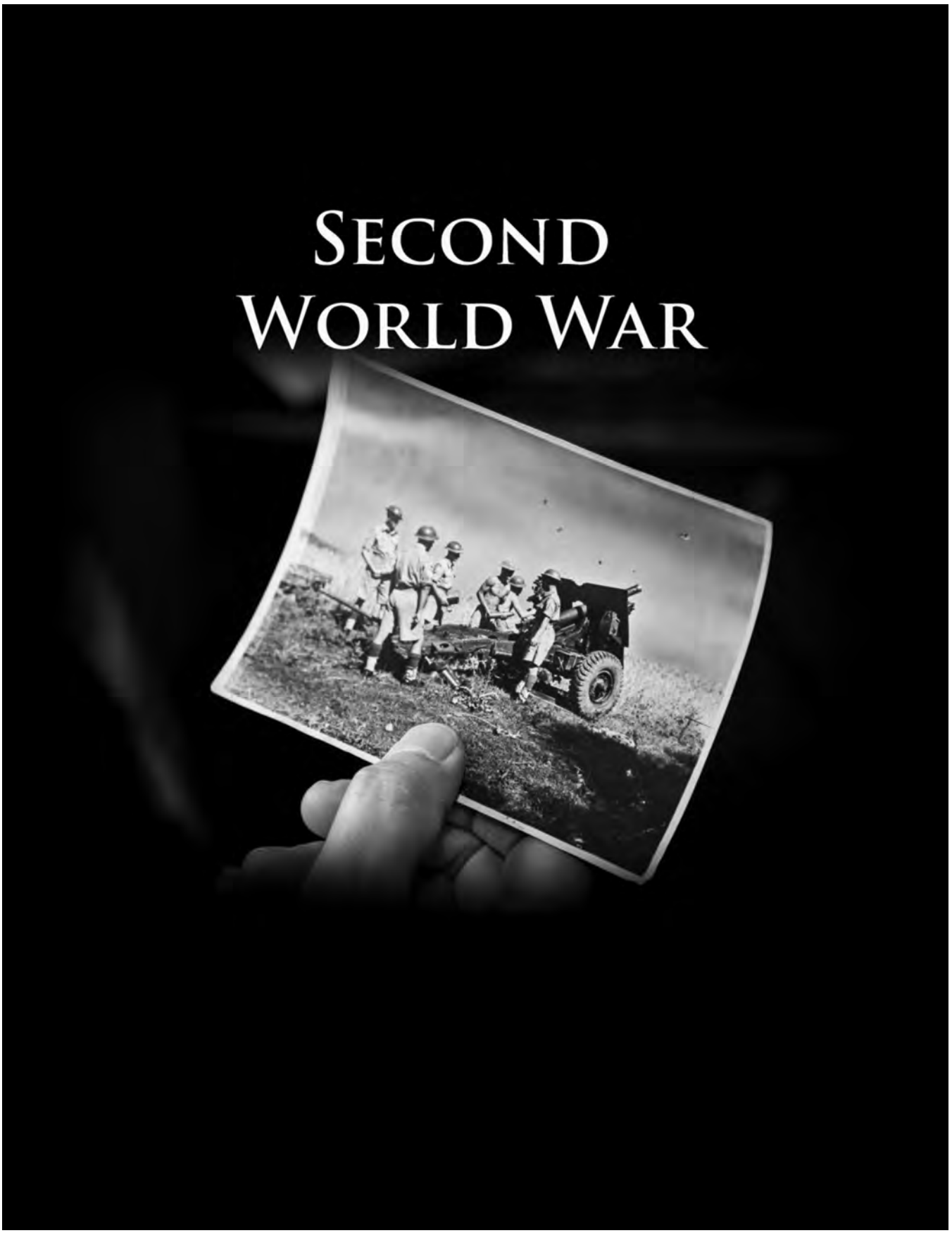
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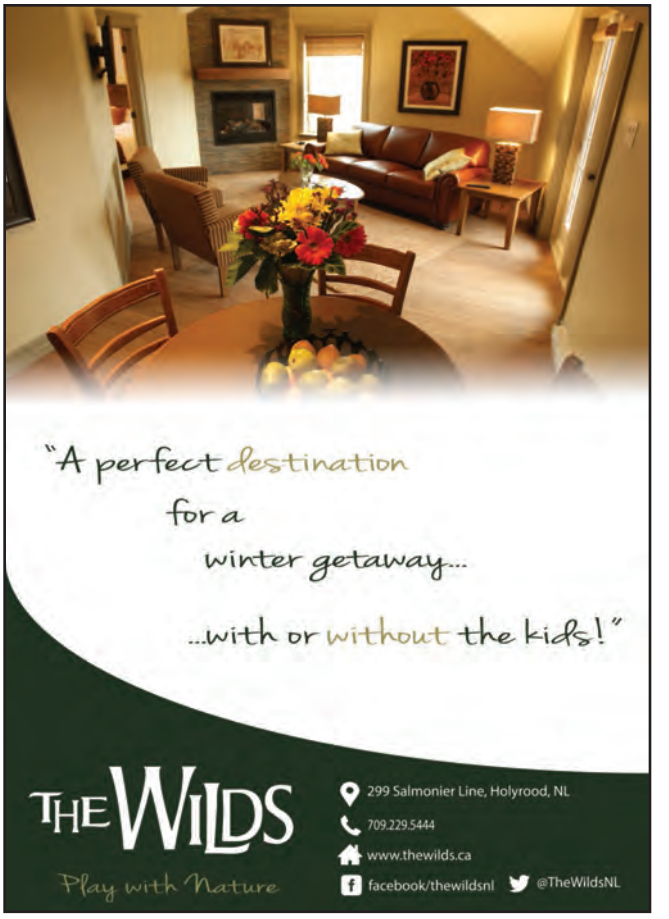

ATTWOOD, John Edgar
1437

Served in the Nfld Regiment from January 1944 to September 1945.

DECEASED

BAILEY, Francis (Frank)
1073 & 1158007

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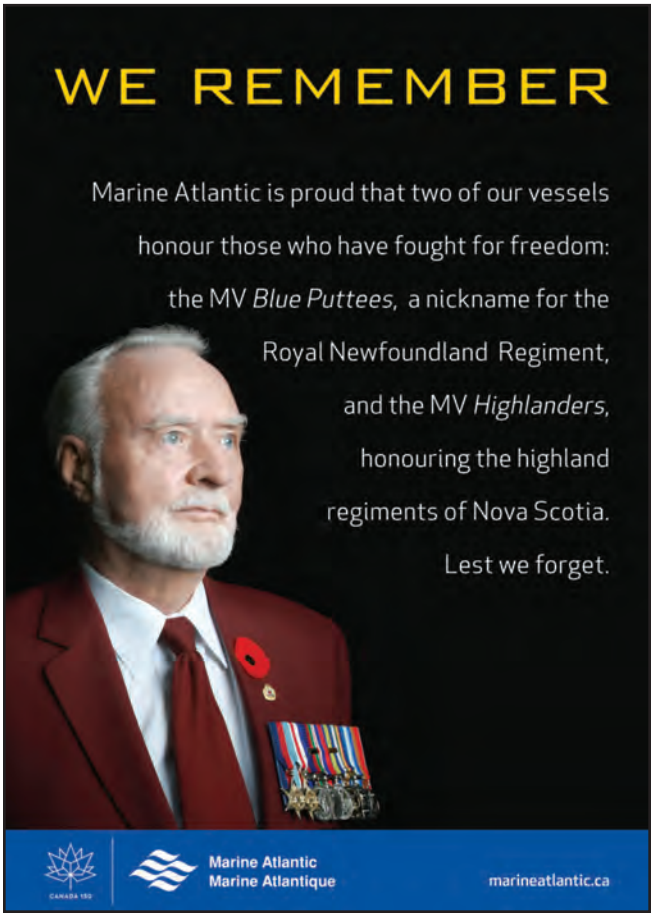

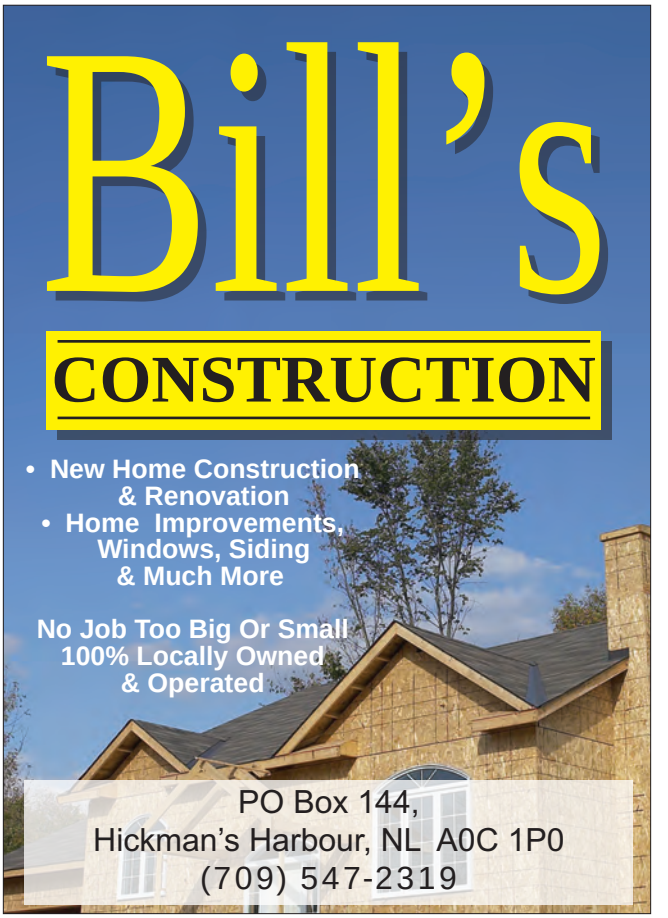

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019351

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JX315667

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COOPER, Daniel
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Served in the Royal Navy.

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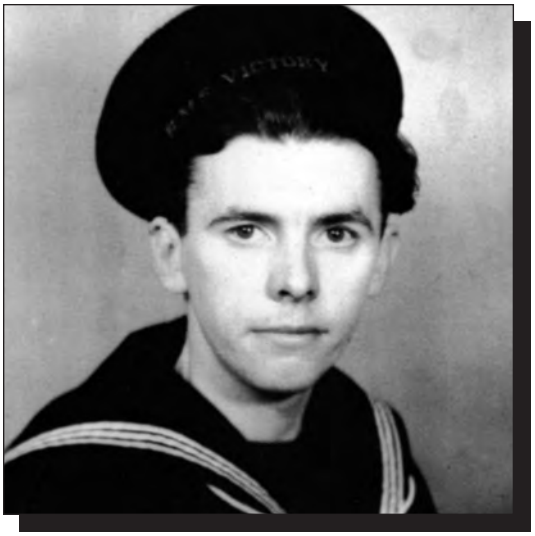

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DECEASED: January, 2002

CRANFORD, Harold George
221

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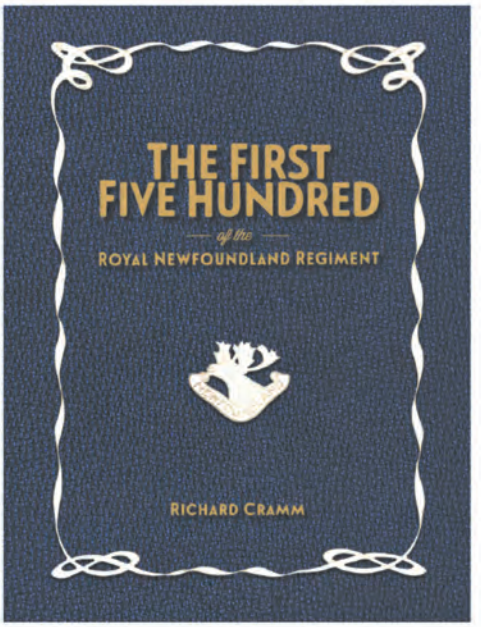

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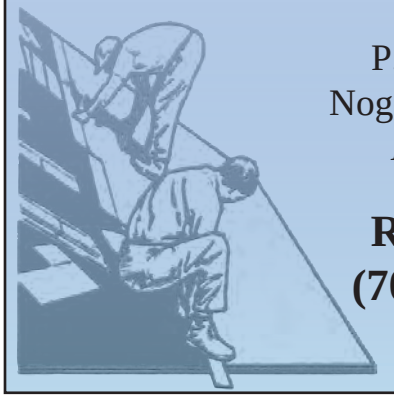

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A/B GOSSE, Kenneth G.
1563 & JX180627

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HARNUM, George Nelson
DJX173630

Served with the 1st Contingent in the Royal Navy in WWII. Born in 1918 in Green's Harbour, NL. Was a member of Branch 13, Corner Brook and Sgt. Levi Hollett Memorial, Branch 39, Dildo, NL.

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DECEASED: May 16th, 2011

HEFFORD, Simeon
771

Served with the Newfoundland Regiment from June 29th, 1942 to September 10th, 1945. Born on February 28th, 1922 in New Harbour, NL.

DECEASED: November 14th, 2012

HICKS, Harry Lawrence
JX299585

Served as a Master Seaman Instructor in the Royal Navy, also served in the Mind Sweeper Command. Served from 1939 to 1946. Born on July 18th, 1920 in Musgrave Harbour, NL. Was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion.

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HIGDON, Isaac Stanley
670

Served with the NOFU. Died in Scotland, buried at Laggan Parish Churchyard, Inverness-shire, U.K. Born on June 13th, 1914 in New Harbour, NL.

DECEASED: April 26th, 1941

HIGDON, John Samuel (Jack)
971740

Enlisted R.A. 59th (Newfoundland) Heavy Regiment, Royal Artillery from June 10th, 1942 to November 30th, 1942. Past President of Branch 39, Dildo, NL.

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HIGDON, Stephen
1570

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652

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HIGDON, William Philip George

Served with the Royal Newfoundland Regiment in WWII. Born on March 25th, 1921 in New Harbour, NL. Died in West Lothian, Scotland.

DECEASED: April 23rd, 1986

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1656

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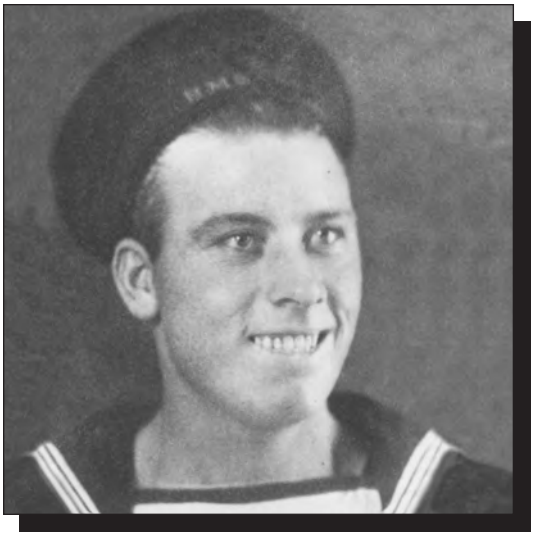

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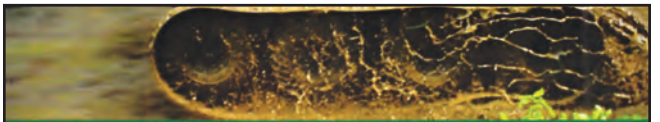

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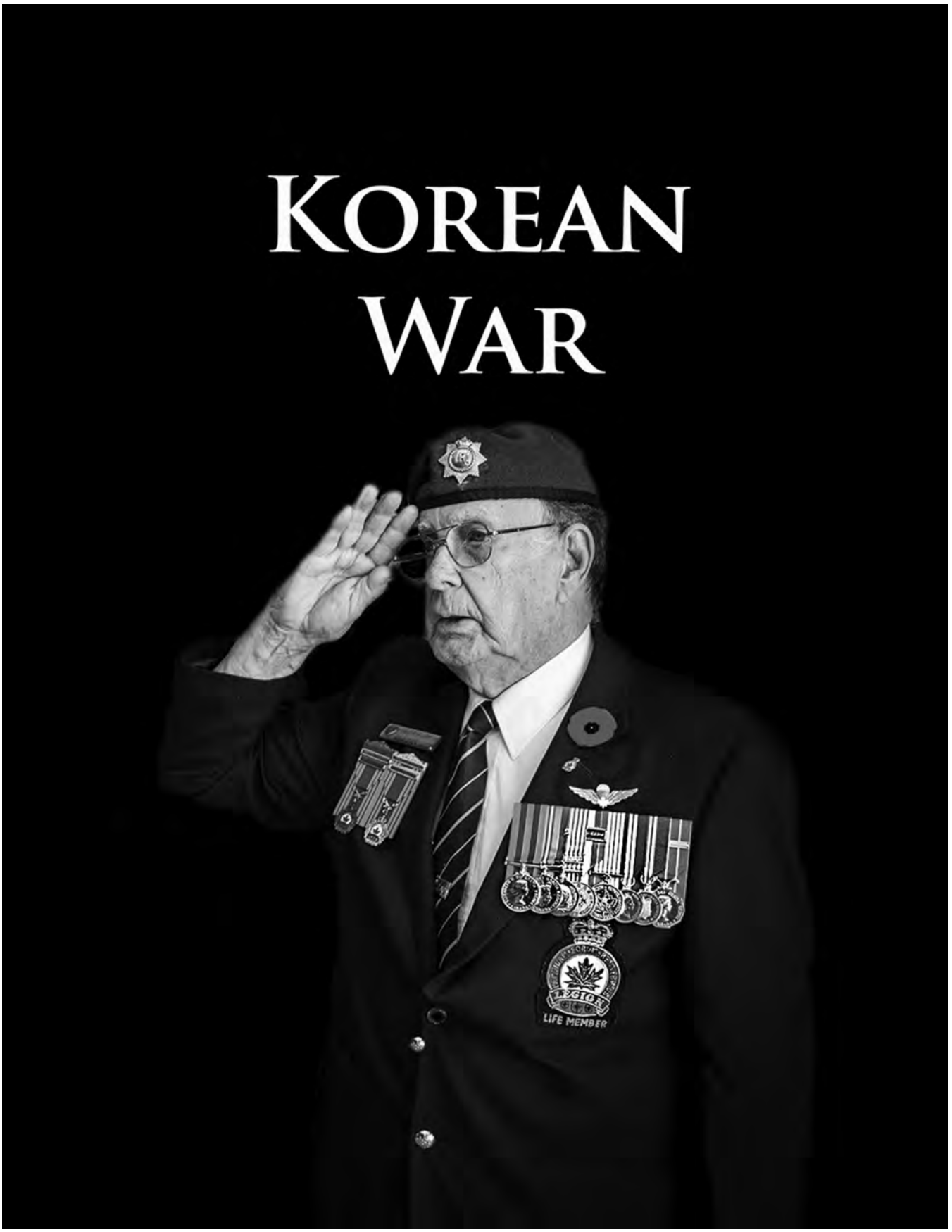

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When the Korean War broke out in June 1950, instead of being transferred to Canada's East Coast as was originally planned, he was posted to HMCS Cayuga. On July 7th, 1950, Canadian destroyers, HMCS Cayuga, HMCS Athabaskan and HMCS Sioux left Canada for Sasebo Harbour, where they took part in escort and patrol duties and later in the bombardment of enemy positions. In January 1951, the HMCS Cayuga came under enemy fire at various times. After a 9 month tour, HMCS Cayuga left Korea for Canada.

Upon his return to Canada, he joined the HMCS Iroquois 217 when she was commissioned into the Royal Canadian Navy. He completed gunner training on the HMCS Iroquois while it was in Norfolk, Virginia, US, and obtained the rank of Leading Seaman/Gunner. It was his second tour of duty when HMCS Iroquois left Canada on April 21st, 1952, for the Korean War.

He witnessed the only causalities the Royal Canadian Navy suffered on October 2nd, 1952, when the ship responded to a signal from the USS Marsh for assistance. The HMCS Iroquois took a direct hit from a shell fired from a shore battery directly below the bridge just aft of "B" gun. Three of his fellow sailors were killed and ten others were wounded. The Captain reminded the crew of the ship's moto, "Relentless in Chase". The next day following a memorial service for their fallen sailors, the HMCS Iroquois steamed back towards the shore batteries with guns blazing, and did not cease bombardment until the spotter plane reported that no further targets were visible. HMCS Iroquois headed home to Canada in November 1952.

Leading Seaman/Gunner Douglas Ivany received the Korean Medal, The United Nations Medal, and the Volunteer Service Medal. He returned to civilian life on September 1st, 1954, with an Honorable Release. In 2003, when the Korean War Monument was dedicated in Ottawa, he received a medal marking 50 years since the war ended. In November 2013, he was presented the Ambassador for Peace Medal by the Consulate General of the Republic of Korea.

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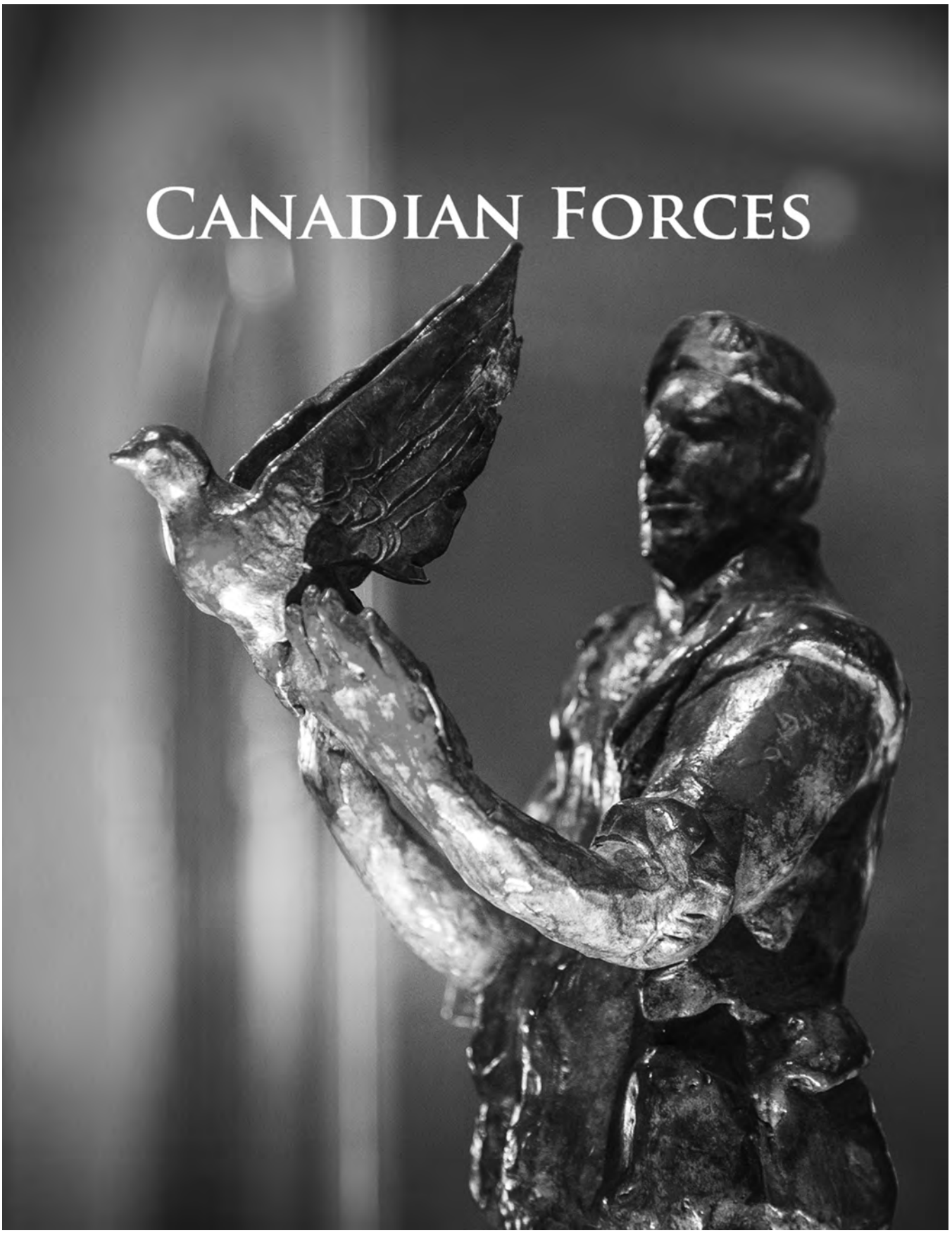
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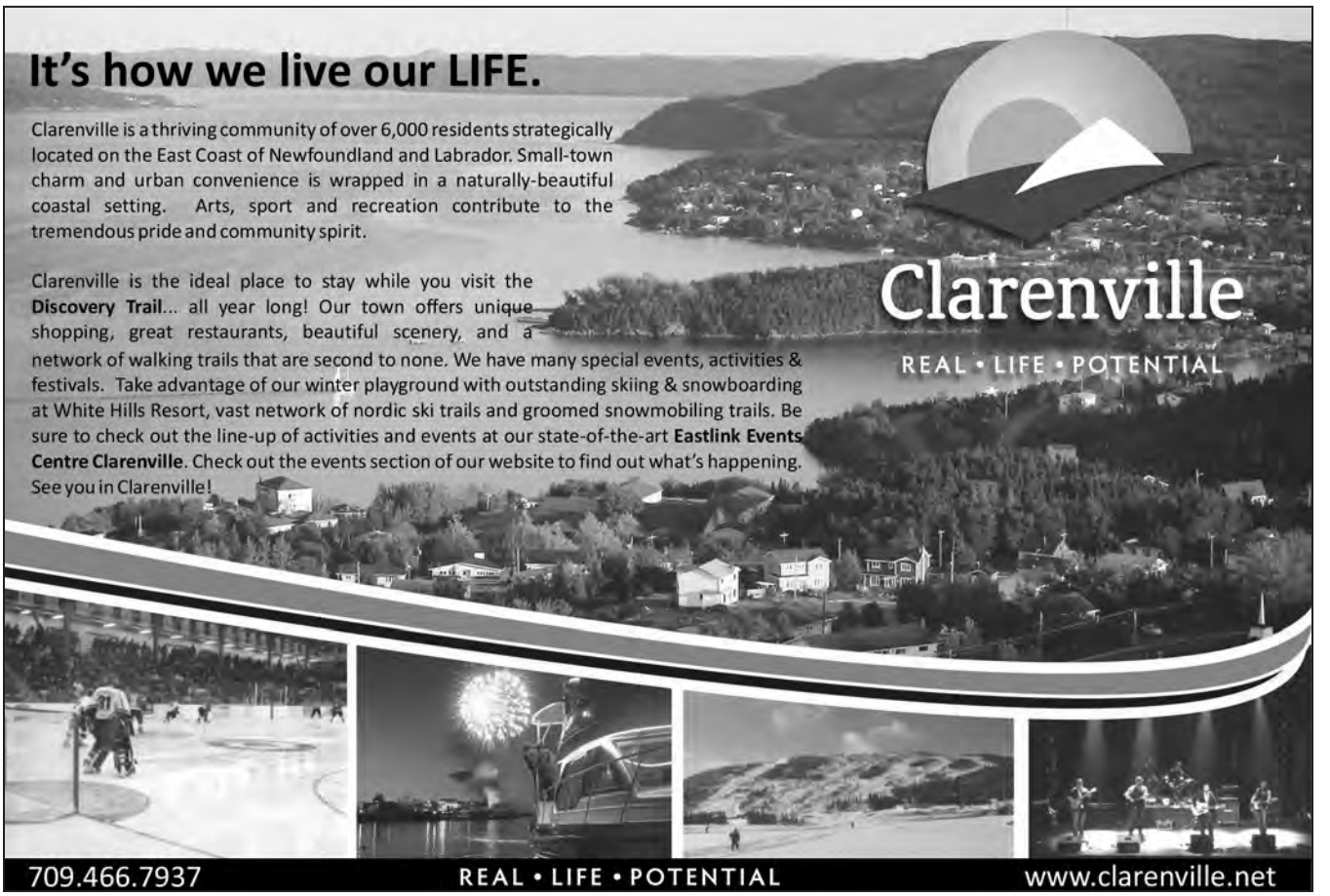

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49711-H

Served in the Navy from May 1969 to February 1991. Born on August 31st, 1936 in Little Ridge, T.B., NL. Was a member of Branch 8, Gander.

DECEASED: February 16th, 2013

M/Cpl. DROVER, Gerald C.

Served in the Royal Canadian Air Force from 1954 to 1968. Also served in the CAF from 1968 to 1985. Born in Whitbourne, NL. Past President of Sgt. Levi Hollett Memorial, Branch 39, Dildo, NL.

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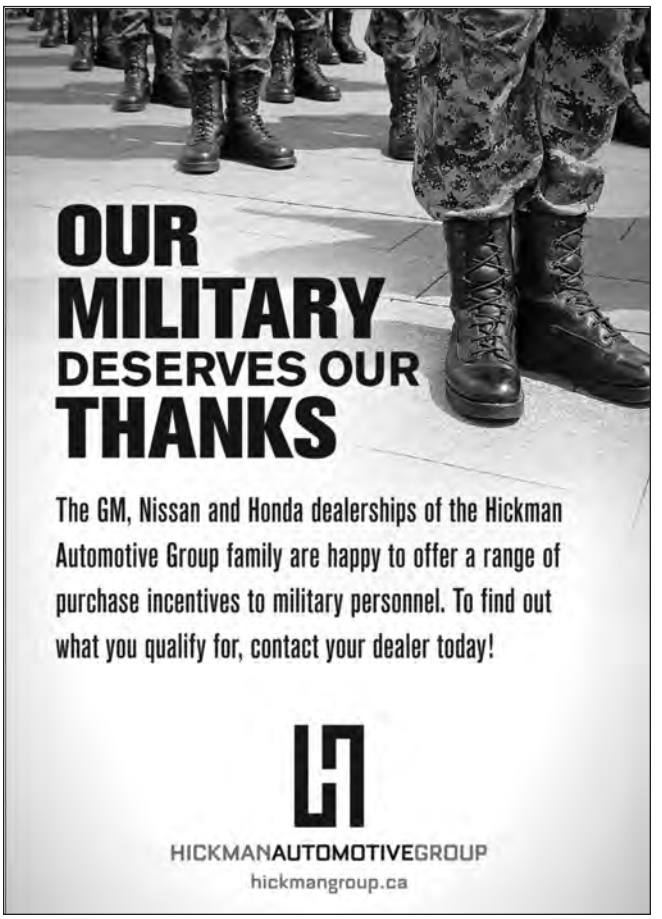

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Born in South West Arm, NL.

CP02 HIGDON, Stephen G.

Served in Submarine Unit in Royal Canadian Navy/CAF from September 1966 to October 1996. Member of Sgt. Levi Hollett Memorial, Branch 39, Dildo, NL.

MWO HIGDON, Walter John

Served in CAF from 1963-1995. Born on June 5th, 1943 in New Harbour, NL. Was member and Past President of Sgt. Levi Hollett Memorial, Branch 39, Dildo. Canadian Peacekeeping Veterans Association and the NATO Veterans Organization. Canadian Forces Decoration, Two Bars 125th Canadian Anniversary Medal. NATO Medal for the former Yugoslavia, Non article 5 NATO Medal Balkans Operation. Canadian Peacekeeping Service Medal. Special Service Medal NATO Germany. General Service Medal Afghanistan War. Also a member of the Queen's Own Rifles, the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corp and the Logistic Branch of the Canadian Forces. He served with NATO in Germany, as well as numerous postings in Canada and after retiring went on to serve with the military in Bosnia Herzegovina and Afghanistan.
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DECEASED: March 30th, 2015

MERCER, Lee

Served as Petty Officer 1st Class in the CAF/RCN. Born in Blaketown, NL.

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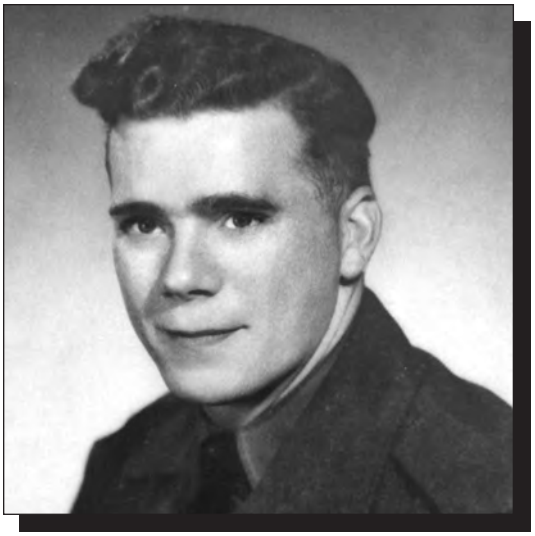
L/Bdr. POWER, Arthur M.
SN 3970

Served with the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery. Born in Chapel Arm, NL. Member of Sgt. Levi Hollett Memorial, Branch 39, Dildo.



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223946

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TILLEY, Stanley Gordon
29391

Served with the Royal Canadian Air Force from 1949 to 1974. He was born in Clarenville, NL and is a member of Branch 27 in Clarenville.

TWEED, Gordon
SN SH-4446

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1904

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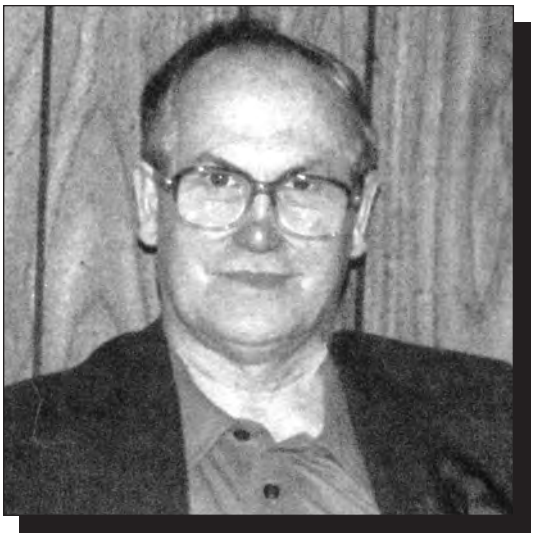

PITTMAN, Edmund Kenneth
1919

Served with the Newfoundland Overseas Forestry Unit.
Born in Shoal Harbour, NL.

REID, Leslie H.
1590

Served with the Newfoundland Overseas Forestry Unit from January 1940 to July 1946. Born in 1919 in Dildo, NL.

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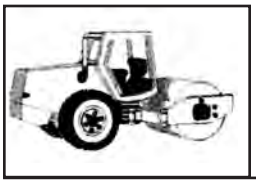

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1881

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705

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MARCH, Rita N.
W87288

Served in the Army Auxiliary Territorial Services (UK) WWII. Born on November 29th, 1921 in Green's Harbour, NL. Wife of Harold W. March, Royal Navy.

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As I got older I became interested in writing about dad's World War II involvement. I had a fair amount of information given to me by Dad, his mother and other wartime participants. Most Veterans were very reluctant to talk about the war, so it took me months of research to gather additional facts about my father's peril of horror. I retrieved some information from documented accounts by his fellow shipmates and some data I obtained from historical writings around that specific date. I chronicled my father's life from when he enlisted in November 1939 to the time of his sorrowful and heart-breaking passing in 2001, at the age of 79.

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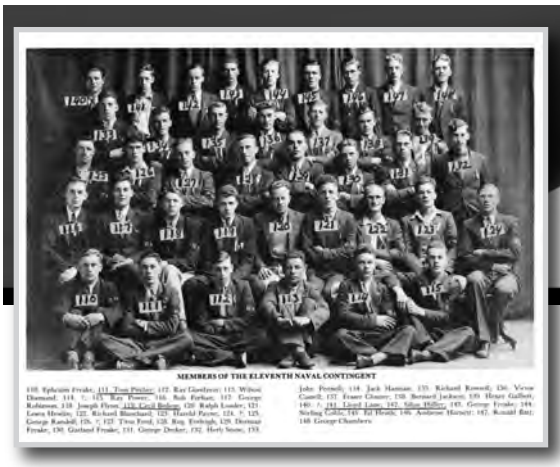

A Shattered Soul – War takes its toll

"Tom Pitcher and Lloyd Lane and myself are on this picture.
I hope this will reach you okay.
We will be leaving soon but I don't know when.
I hope you will hear me on the radio, tonight.
Myself and Cecil Bishop are speaking on behalf of all the Grand Falls boys.
I'll be seeing you soon. So cheerio, Love Silas."

"There's a ship lies rigged and waiting in the harbour,
tomorrow for old England she sails.
Far away from your land of endless sunshine,
to my land full of rainy skies and gales.
And I shall be aboard that ship tomorrow,
though my heart is full of tears at this farewell." (3)

On November 27th, 1939 we boarded the S.S. Newfoundland,
with heavy thoughts and spirited hearts, we set our sights on jolly ol' England.
We set sail in a foggy, misty morning through "the narrows" out to the vast Atlantic blue.
We navigated in calm, cold, crisp waters with a vibrant and hardy Royal Newfoundland crew.

"Where it's wave over wave, sea over bow
I'm as happy a man as the sea will allow
There's no other life for a sailor like me
But to sail the salt sea, boys, sail the sea
There's no other life but to sail the salt sea." (4)

We coasted on, so eager and carefree, to England's Isle; United Kingdom's Royal Crown.
We eventually hit stormy waters, and arrived there; bewildered, safe and sound.
We dropped anchor in Portsmouth, England where one and all, gladly disembarked.
We stood and stared, in awe of ships, and its massive, bustling dockyard.

Between the jigs and reels, I was posted to "The Pepperpot", the H.M.S. Penelope.
Along with my friend, Lloyd Lane, and later, my Bishop Falls comrade, Wallace Green.
I was commissioned as a gunner and many dangers and conflicts I endured.
How our light cruiser ship stayed afloat, 'twas miraculous, for sure.

She was battered and broken, from many bombs; a shambles fore and aft.
She was blasted and peppered full of holes, by many an enemy aircraft.
She was even called "The Porcupine"; as she was cinched with wooden plugs like quills.
Though she showed her wear and tear, to sail her was quite a thrill.

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A Shattered Soul – War takes its toll

Then over the airways, for all allies to hear,
was a great speech, by Britain's Prime Minister.
Everything went silent and everything went still,
as everyone listened to our noble leader, Sir Winston Churchill:

"You ask, what is our aim? I can answer in one word: victory, victory at all costs-
Victory in spite of terror-victory,
however long and hard the road may be,
For without victory there is no survival.
We shall go on to the end. We shall fight in France, we shall fight on the seas and oceans,
We shall fight with growing confidence and growing strength in the air.
We shall defend our island, whatever the cost may be;
We shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds,
We shall fight in the fields and in the streets,
We shall fight in the hills; we shall never surrender."

In September/43 we joined "Force Q" as part of Operation Avalanche.
We augmented the bombardment of Salerno, Italy to aid in the allied advance.
On October 7/43 we transferred off Stampalia to patrol her war torn shores.
We aligned with several allied ships and a major victory we scored.

We sank an ammunition ship, armed trawler and six enemy landing craft.
The morale on board was flying high, it was a relief to joke and laugh.
Eventually, we left the Mediterranean convoy, for Gibraltar in December/43,
to hunt the blockade runners, in the Bay of Biscay, south of the Celtic Sea.

We returned to support, Operation Shingle, the Anzio Landings, in January '44.
While enroute to Naples, we tried to dodge the enemy's submarine corridor.
But at 0700, Friday, February 18, 1944, two German torpedoes, split the ship, and us, in two.
Tragically, Davy Jones' Locker, claimed 416 of our young and gallant crew.

The Captain, George Belben, went down with the ship and probably better off to die.
206 stricken souls survived, lucky to be alive; Were we? Was I?
I tried to swim from the severed vessel but my sea boots were dragging me down.
I eventually kicked them off with my coveralls to save me from being drowned.

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HMS Penelope

HMS Penelope sunk in Operation 'Shingle'

The Royal Navy Cruiser HMS *Penelope* affectionately known as the 'Pepperpot', as during a period of intensive bombing she was hit so many times by bomb splinters and shells from holes and rips in her superstructure she earned that name.

The *Penelope* under Command of Skipper G.D. Belben D.S.C. was engaged in Operation Shingle, code name for the Landings on the beaches of Anzio, Italy on January 18, 1944. To the date of her loss which was exactly one month later. The actual landing of the Fifth American Army under General Mark Clark took place in the early morning of January 22, 1944 after naval forces had heavily bombardment off the coast near Anzio for four days. The supporting force, consisting of British, American, French, Dutch and Greek warships was under command of Rear-Admiral Lowry, U.S.N., with Rear-Admiral Troubridge, R.N., in command of the British Squadron. Despite the heavy shelling by the ships the German High Command was uncertain about the landing and events proved that the enemy was taken by surprise, as the troops met with no serious opposition until two hours afterwards.

The *Penelope* was torpedoed and sunk on February 10, 1944 by U-boat 410 under Command of Skipper Horst Arno Fenski. 416 crew members lost their lives that day, including Skipper Belben and Wallace Green of Bishop's Falls, a member of the 11th contingent. U-boat 410 was sunk by the United States Aircraft March 11, 1944.

A Shattered Soul –
War takes its toll

In no time the bow was towering above me standing vertical in the sea.
It slowly slipped beneath the waves, taking many trapped sailors, to a perishing destiny.
The masts that were stored on the upper deck came shooting from the smoke-filled air.
They crashed down into the water spreading fuel and flames and awful screams of despair.

The faces of corpses, I remember, and their scattered, mangled body parts.
This atrocious sight, has always haunted, my crumbled mind and my grieving heart.
I heaved and rolled and flopped and slopped in an oily fiery hell.
While hanging on, so shell shocked, to a piece of burned metal.

I screamed and yelled and cried and wailed just like my comrades near.
The rest, was left in my hypothermic, lifeless body; fears, scars and tears.

"Eternal father, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
who bids the mighty ocean deep; its own appointed limits keep.
Oh, hear us when we cry to thee, for those in peril on the sea!" (5)

Two American tank landing ships were despatched to rescue who survived.
I knew then as I know now, that part of me had died.
I was drifting in and drifting out, giving in to my watery grave.
I couldn't feel my body, and I started slipping beneath the waves.

It was long after before I realized I had been pulled out of the frigid remains.
They grabbed the lifebelt on my naked body; a blue trembling soul that was half insane.

"We got you mate, you're safe mate, you're safe,
you've been floatin' for two days, mate, now you're safe.
Here's three tots of rum, and some blankets, to keep you warm and calm.
We'll be on land soon, when we're finished, with our recovery mission."

"They collected the wounded, the crippled, the maimed, and took us to a safe shelter in harbour,
The armless, the legless, the blind and the insane, all broken beaten heroes in trauma." (6)

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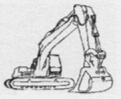

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A Shattered Soul –

War takes its toll

They carted us to the hospital ship, "Winchester Castle" in Naples Harbour, Italy.
We were fed and confined to bunks, enroute to Malta and their health care facility.
Now it's still February, 1944 and I was trying to recuperate in my semi-conscious state.
There were voices echoing and visions flashing from the corpses of my mates.

What bothered me, so deeply, was the loss of hundreds of teenage boys and numerous fathers to be.
Bobbing face down, like broken and bloated stuffed toys, on a dark and deathly sea.
An ocean of future lawyers, doctors, teachers, mill workers and also, fishermen.
Now just memories, by loved ones, so bitter and distraught forever, for what they could have been.

Able seaman Henry Silas Hillier, the war for you is over,
You're sailing back to England, early in the morning.

"Though death and darkness gather all about me,
my ship was torn apart upon the sea,
I shall smell again the fragrance of England,
and the heaving waves that brought me once to thee
And should I return safe again to England,
I shall watch the English mist roll through the dale." (3)

Now you're back in England, ol' topper, you have to rest awhile, before you sail again.
You're still not well and stable, it will take time, for you, to heal and mend.
We have to arrange safe passage, for medical care in St. John's, Newfoundland.
The ocean conflicts are still rampant, and, continually, raging out of hand.

"I am sailing, I am sailing, home again across the sea,
I am sailing troubled waters, to be near you, to be free.
Mom, can you hear me! Mom, can you hear me! Through the dark night, far away.
I am sailing, I am sailing, home again, that I pray" (7)

Welcome back, my son, thanks for serving our country, young lad,
all the good jobs are gone, but be thankful and be glad.
You're hired, in the machine room, ask Charlie, your father, where to go,
please pay attention, we don't like accidents, in here, you know.
You start tomorrow, at eight A.M., you have to bring a lunch,
it's shiftwork, and don't be late, there's a timeclock you have to punch.

"Broadcast news! London, House of Commons; Germans surrender, May 7/45,
our thanks and gratitude to the British Empire and all our allies.
Lest not forget those who died for freedom,
Rejoice fellow comrades, long live the King!"

"Pack up your troubles in your old kit bag and smile, smile, smile.
Don't let your joy and laughter hear the snag, smile boys, that's the style.
What's the use in worrying? It never was worthwhile,
So pack up your troubles in your old kit bag and smile, smile, smile." (8)

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A Shattered Soul –

War takes its toll

Between the medical treatment in Grand Falls and St. John's, my health slowly improved.
I started dating my queen of Springdale; Jennie Clarke, a real looker and outgoing charmer, too.
She worked at the local royal stores and could tickle the ivories and sing.
I compared her to an opera soprano; when she imitated Vera Lynne.

"There'll be bluebirds over the White Cliffs of Dover,
tomorrow just you wait and see.
There'll be love and laughter and peace ever after,
tomorrow when the world is free." (9)

So we courted, danced and sang until August, 1946.
Then we got married and united as each other's lifelong pick.

"For you are beautiful and I have loved you dearly,
more dearly than the spoken word can tell.
For you are beautiful and I have loved you dearly,
more dearly than the spoken word can tell." (3)

We were a vibrant couple, who built on Crescent Heights Hill,
we had so many children, our home was always filled.
We were so very potent, birth became a regular scene.
We gave up the rhythm method when we finally conceived thirteen.

Lloyd let's go to the Legion, to consume a couple of beers.
We can sit and relax, and war time tales, we will mutually share.
Remember Si, you shot that spitfire down, that actually belonged to us.
That was you, Lloyd, you numbskull, you always screw that up.

Let's go to our naval reunion, have a few, tell lies and have a little fun.
It helps me to forget and to sleep, when we toast a treat, of that tasteful, old black rum.

"What shall we do with a drunken sailor?
What shall we do with a drunken sailor?
What shall we do with a drunken sailor? Ear-lye in the morning.
Way, hey, an' up she rises, way hey, an' up she rises,
Way hey, an' up she rises, Ear-lye in the morning." (10)

Help! Help! I can't feel my legs! Wallace over here!
Is that you Lloyd? Wallace is over there! Oh my God!
Dad is here! Help me Dad! I'm glad you're here!
Lloyd is there! Wallace is there! Over here! Don't you fear!
Dad will help us, just swim over here! They're gone!
Where! Where! Where!

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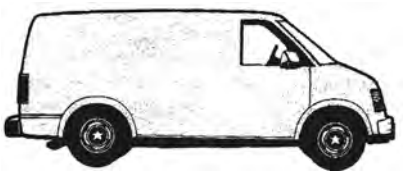

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A Shattered Soul –

War takes its toll

"I was drifting in a burning ocean with much terror in my eyes,
There was a silver cruiser gliding, lit up by the flashing sky.
I saw Wallace Greene, standing, on the bridge, riding by,
There were sailors crying and sailors dying, as he waved his hand, good-bye.
All in a dream, all in a dream, the nightmares have begun,
Nagging painful sights etched in my brain,
All I hear are those blasted guns.
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All I hear are those blasted guns" (11)

Si! Wake up! Wake up! Si! It's me, I'm here, it's you and me,
Why are you moaning, waving and screaming.
You're home in your bed, it's another bad dream,
Shhh! Shhh! You're okay, you're here with me; Jennie.
Settle now, be still, you'll wake the family,
Go back to sleep, try to think about pleasant deeds.
The war is over; you've got to forget,
Those terrible memories and all its side effects.

"How many more shifts have I got to work in the God forsaken mill?
It's a wonder I'm not a toothpick from climbing Crescent Heights Hill!"

The tour of duty that bothered him, that he really came to hate,
Was that commonly dreaded, graveyard shift that went from twelve to eight.
He would sit and ponder in his Lazyboy chair, then tilt his head and calmly stare.
Then stick his finger straight up by his ear and twirl his sparse and light grey hairs.

He would mumble, mutter and sputter, then utter some rousing funny lines.
Like "what odds about it, even if you are the baglady; poor 'ol Winnie Hynes."
Talking to himself really became a popular family event,
As he would, more often than not, answer himself and usually give consent.

Well, Si b'y, the time has come, the wise man said,
To do some other things, even if it is, staying in bed.
It was a pleasure to work with you, for almost forty years,
To look back at your anecdotes, punny jokes and even sad filled tears.
You will be missed, Si b'y, you're a fine gentleman, a wonderful, kind soul,
We wish you much happiness and hope you live to be quite old.

"I pondered on those days gone by, as I sat beside the mill,
And gazed upon the setting sun, as it sank beneath the hill.
I gazed on it once more, me boys, 'twas the very sight I seen,
It's just the same, now as it 'twas, when we were sweet sixteen.
Oh, how I long for those bright days to come again once more,
But come again they never will for now I'm sixty-four." (12)

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Amazing, at age 65, Jennie got her license and we bought a truck camper.
We travelled at our leisure, our times were never better.
We spent our days sightseeing and took in all the naval conventions.
We also enjoyed Rattling Brook and our cozy hillside cabin.

"Those were the days, my friends, we thought they'd never end.
We'd sing and dance forever and a day, we lived the life we choose,
We'd fight and never lose, those were the days, oh yes, those were the days." (13)

"Good day, I'm the neurologist, I take it you're Mr. Hillier's children,
Well the news is not good, though your father can still function.
Ya' know, his falling down, has not helped his situation,
He has memory loss, and there's goin' to be, long-term ramifications.
I see he has a large family and his wife is still alive and healthy,
plenty of support to care for him, his condition will advance so quickly.
There's no nice way of saying this, but your dad will die two times,
the first he will not know you, the second from physical decline."

"Have you seen my old man hanging with his Legion buddies?
His memory fading, with the medal ribbons he wears.
Now in our little town, the sun casts another frown,
For one more forgotten Joe in a world that he doesn't know." (14)

To tell the truth, we pretty well knew, what the doctor said, made perfect sense.
We just wanted dad, to live out his life, with his wife, at their residence.
He was only 79; too young to part, from the best years of his life.
Our family never had the where-with-all to look after this couple ladened with strife.

But thank God for local health care and the Botwood Veterans' Pavilion.
Dad was treated with the greatest respect and upmost admiration.

"I stopped by the Hugh Twomey Centre to visit for a while.
His eyes lit up as I walked in the room, he looked at me and smiled.
I pulled up a chair, sat down and he gently shook my hand.
He called me by another name, I did not fully understand.
My father didn't know me, my father wasn't there.
He was living in a child's world, and he didn't have a care.
Soon I said good-bye, and sadly walked away.
I knew things would be different, it was a very crushing day." (15)

"I will remember you, will you remember me?
Don't let your love, pass you by,
Weep not for the memories.
I'm so tired but I can't sleep,
Standing on the edge of something much too deep.
Funny how we feel so much, but cannot say a word.
We are screaming inside, oh, we can't be heard." (16)

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A Shattered Soul –
War takes its toll

A month or so, later, on August 10, 2001, my father passed away.
Sad but bitter sweet, as he was struggling, more and more, each day.

"I thought he'd live forever, he seemed so big and strong,
but the minutes fly, the years roll by, for a father and his son.
Then suddenly when it happened there was so much unsaid,
No second chance to tell him thanks for everything he's done." (17)

"With days of uncertainty over,
And the long nights of doubt behind,
The sailor has reached a safe haven,
Where sorrow and pain he'll not find.
The shore leave has all been cancelled,
No more 'tots' to be drank or poured;
The captain has called 'halt' to his crewmen,
To pipe the sailor aboard." (18)

"They went with songs to the battle, they were young,
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted,
They fell with their faces to the foe.
They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them.
They mingle not with their laughing comrades again;
They sit no more at familiar tables of home;
They have no lot in our labour of the day-time;
They sleep beyond England's foam." (19)

He put his life on the line, to earn a gift for his family.
To live in peace and harmony, free from war, so maddening.
Our greatest tribute, should be, to always remember him,
for he shattered his soul in youth, to protect our life and limb.

"As I walk down the street and look all around,
I can see all the good things we have in our town;
I can hear children singing and laughing at play,
Thanks for the good life we're living today.
Please, God, don't ever let time take away,
The memory of those who fell by the way;
Keep that flag flying, the red, white and blue,
on Remembrance Day, Dad, we'll be thinking of you." (20)

Lest we forget, war so drastic.
Lest we forget, war so tragic.
Let us remember, the bravery of our vets.
Let us remember, what my dad could not forget.

"I never will forget him, for he made me what I am,
I was glad, he was my dad, my hero… my old man…" (17)

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War takes its toll

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Terrence Gerald Hillier, alias "Cass", was born in Grand Falls-Windsor, NL. He graduated from high school in 1969 at Grand Falls Academy. In 1970, he completed a clerk accounting course at the local district vocational school. He went on to Memorial University in St. John's, NL and was conferred a Bachelor of Commerce degree in 1975. In 1981, he received his Certified General Accountants Designation (I.E.C.G.A., now C.P.A.). He was employed three years with H.R. Doane, Chartered Accountants; eight years with the former Federal Business Development Bank; and twenty-four years with the Nova Consolidated School District. For the majority of his career he held senior management positions in finance and accounting. He retired in 2014 at the age of sixty-one. His father, Silas Hillier, was a World War II Veteran and was employed by the local paper mill for approximately forty years. In 1946, Silas married Jennie Clarke of Springdale and together they raised a family of thirteen; eight boys and five girls. No easy task on only one modest income. Suffice to say, Cass never grew up with a silver spoon in his mouth. In 1978, Cass married the love of his life, Lillian Mae Ash, of Carbonear and they had two wonderful children; Brian in 1981(granddaughter, Abigail in 2016) and Nancy in 1983. During the past two decades he has written a multitude of poems, tributes and songs, etc. This is his first book and it is primarily an autobiography describing the life and times he experienced with his family, colleagues, friends and others. It makes for an interesting read, as Cass is known to possess sharp wit and a keen sense of humour.

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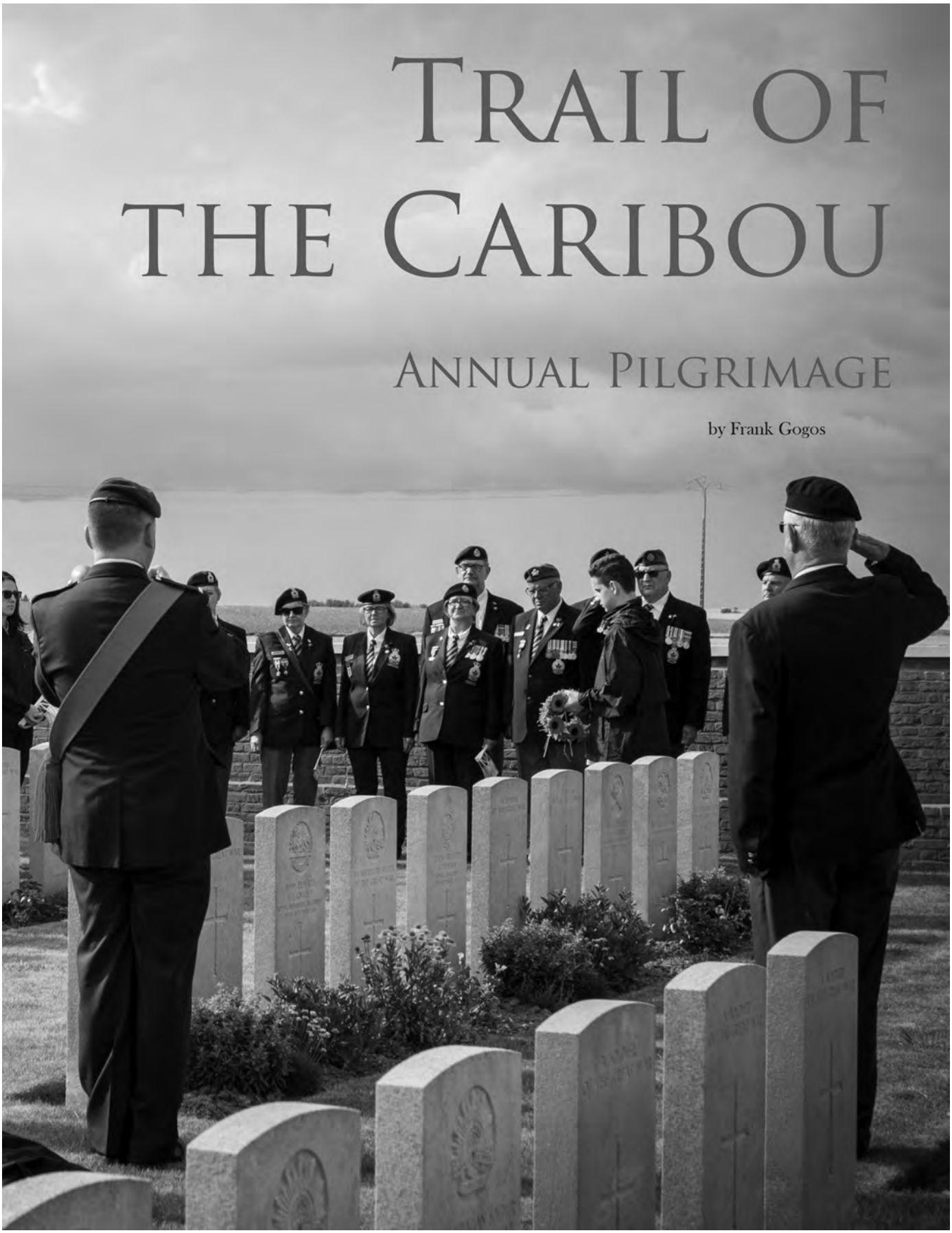

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Premier Kathy Dunderdale with Legion youth in 2013.

funding to increase the student participation from four to sixteen. This came after she participated in the Trail of Caribou tour the previous year. Dunderdale understood the importance to keep this program alive and expanded.

In 2015, the Government of Newfoundland Labrador, continuing to support the pilgrimage, and because of Dunderdale's directive, though she was no longer premier, added 19 more students, separately funded and administered through the Historic Sites Association of Newfoundland and Labrador.

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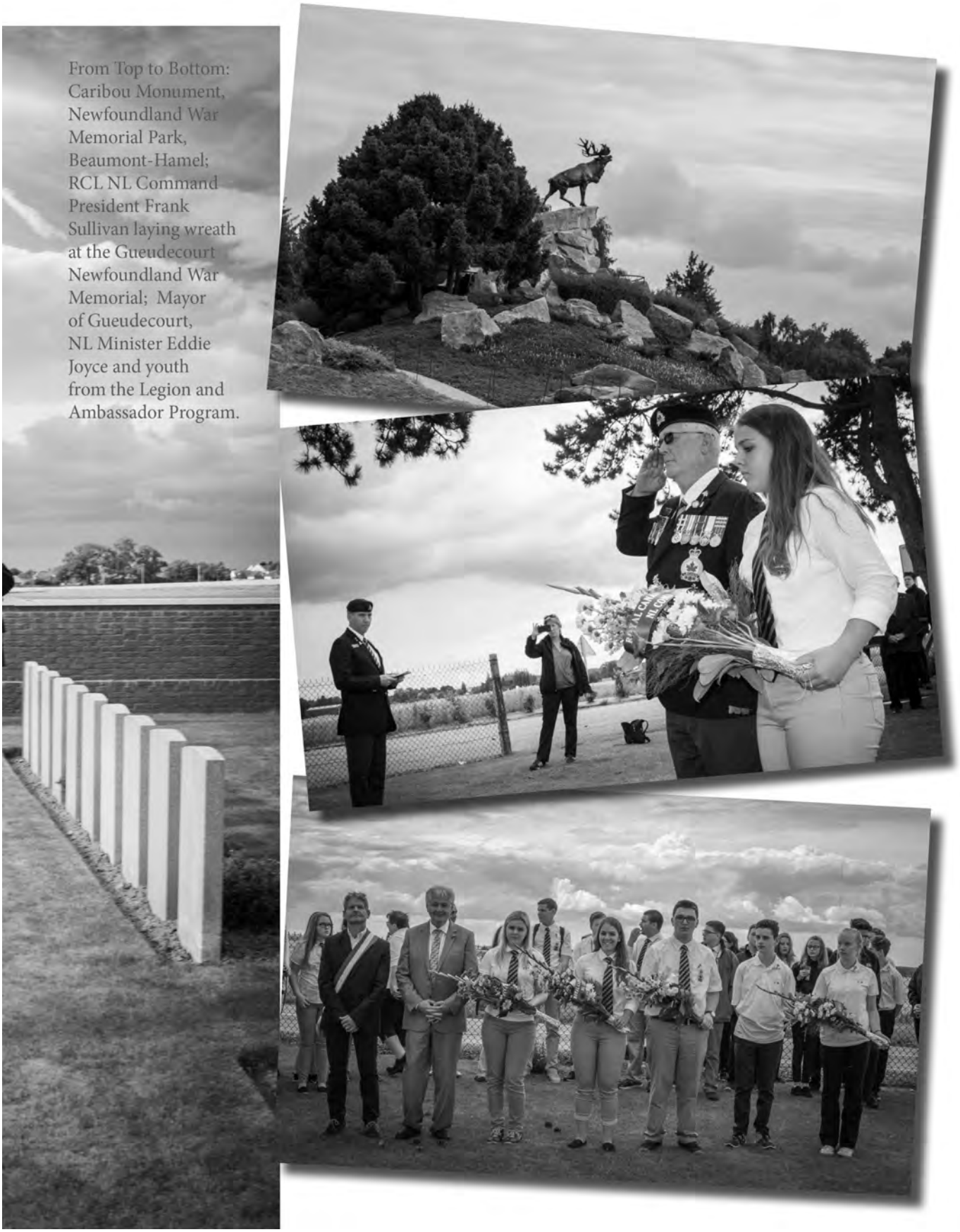

From Top to Bottom: Caribou Monument, Newfoundland War Memorial Park, Beaumont-Hamel; RCL NL Command President Frank Sullivan laying wreath at the Gueudecourt Newfoundland War Memorial; Mayor of Gueudecourt, NL Minister Eddie Joyce and youth from the Legion and Ambassador Program.

On behalf of the Council and citizens of Grand Falls-Windsor, we express our heartfelt gratitude to all Veterans for the sacrifices they made to ensure our freedom. As the Provincial Command releases the Military Service Recognition Book entitled Lest We Forget, it will give us a chance to reflect back on the heroes who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom, as well as the Veterans who showed us what true bravery is all about.

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Newfoundland led by Sir Richard Squires, who embarked on an ambitious building program under the leadership of Lt. Col. Rev Thomas Nangle to raise five national monuments on or near the battlefields of The Royal Newfoundland Regiment in France and Belgium. Squires and Nangle wanted to make sure the world knew about the sacrifice made by the soldiers from the tiny nation of Newfoundland in the First World War.

One Newfoundland monument stands out above all others, that is the one located near Beaumont-Hamel. The bronze caribou overlooks hectares of trenches in a park like setting which belies the terrible tragedy that happened to Newfoundland's beloved regiment.

As the trip begins, many of the participants have no concept of the presence that Nangle, Squires and others worked so hard so the world would remember the selfless act of sacrifice of *ours* in a foreign land.

When the tour landed at Gatwick Airport in London two buses picked up the participants and within two hours, 55 people were standing in St. James Cemetery in Dover with NL flags and forget-me-nots to pay respects to three Newfoundland Royal Naval Reservists who died in service while serving on vessels of the Royal Navy. Frederick Butt died when the HMT Othello II sank on October 31, 1915, Ronald Chaulk was serving on the HM Minesweeper Duchess of Fife when she collided with another ship in the English Channel and James Clarke died serving on the same ship two days after the war ended.

Minesweeper *Duchess of Fife*

The special Naval ceremony, the first to be performed on the annual pilgrimage, started with WO James Prowse of The Royal Newfoundland Regiment playing the Heart of Oak on the trumpet. This was followed by the Seaman's Prayer read by President Frank Sullivan of the NL Command of

St. James Cemetery Dover, England Remembrance Ceremony for fallen sailors of the Newfoundland Royal Naval Reserve.

the Royal Canadian Legion, a 42 year Veteran of the Royal Canadian Navy.

The group stood in silent respect as the melancholy notes of the Last Post reverberated throughout the sprawling cemetery. The simple ceremony of remembrance ended with the memorable harmonies of the Ode to Newfoundland led by the beautiful voice of Melanie Martin.

The pilgrimage continued the next day with a quiet tour of the Newfoundland War Memorial Park in Beaumont-Hamel. This quiet time gave the tour participants time to absorb the enormity of loss to the Dominion of Newfoundland on a sunny morning 101 years ago. In the afternoon the pilgrimage made its way to the city of Amiens on the Somme River to lay a wreath in one of the tallest cathedrals in France.

In August, 1922 Sir Richard Squires, Prime

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WO James Prowse, The Royal Newfoundland Regiment Remembrance Ceremony, Newfoundland Contingent Somme Memorial, Amiens Cathedral

Minister of Newfoundland officially unveiled a plaque with a sculpted caribou head by Basil Gotto with words written by Rudyard Kipling at the request of Newfoundland's Director of Graves, Enquiries and Registration, Thomas Nangle. The plaque stood vigil over the students, chaperones and Veterans as the haunting notes of remembrance, played with reverence by Prowse, echoed throughout the cathedral. By the time the ceremony had ended it had captured the interest of most tourists within the cathedral curious to know about this strange place – Newfoundland.

Later in the day the tour continued to the most tranquil of all Newfoundland war memorials, Gueudecourt, the first of six official Legion led ceremonies to take place during the trip. The entourage would go on to lead ceremonies in Masnières, Monchy-le-Preux, Kortrijk and the Sgt. Thomas Ricketts monument in Belgium.

The jewel in the crown of all the Newfoundland war memorials overseas is unquestionably the magnificent park at Beaumont-Hamel. The land for this park was purchased by Nangle in 1919 from 250 landowners. Today the park is home to the Caribou Monument, Newfoundland's Memorial to the Missing, three Commonwealth War Graves Commission cemeteries, the 29th Division Memorial, the 51st Highland Division Memorial, the caretaker's

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Trench, Newfoundland War Memorial Park, Beaumont-Hamel.

home and an interpretation centre.

The park is one of the most visited on the Western Front; a must stop for thousands of pilgrims, not just those from Newfoundland and Labrador, to see the battlefield outlines that are preserved as a part of the park. Elsewhere in France, the trenches are largely reclaimed by necessity for the broken country to heal after the Great War had ended.

This pilgrimage is a journey of enlightenment for many. Few who undertake this journey ever walk away the same person after completing it. Many only truly begin to comprehend the magnitude of such a destructive war when they have had a chance to witness the scarred countryside and the loss of life, represented by so many cemeteries often with thousands of burials within marked by monolithic headstones. The eight day pilgrimage has a way of slowly assailing your senses and emotions.

Newfoundland and her people were devastated by the war. But so too was Britain, Canada, France, Belgium, Australia, New Zealand, Russia and even Germany and her allies, Austro-Hungary and the Ottoman Empire. Only when you look upon massive cemeteries with neat rows of headstones in meticulously manicured lots, infinite rows of names on massive walls of those with no known graves, or standing over a massive pit with 44,000 Germans buried beneath, can you even

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begin to imagine the endless slaughter of innocence and the effects the war had on families on both sides of the conflict.

The current program, supported by the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador is slated to end in 1918. It is hoped that the government will be able to extend the program to continue to remember those who laid down their lives in service to the people of Newfoundland and their country.

These trips are very important to our youth whose responsibility to carry the torch of Remembrance must be passed on so we never forget the sacrifice of so many, and maybe then, when they become our next leaders, that war in general, will only be a distant memory

Left: Newfoundland Ensign flies over the park at Beaumont-Hamel, July 1, 2017 first time in many years Above: WO James Prowse.

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Newfoundland Regiment in Gallipoli

By Frank Gogos

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For Newfoundland this marked the first time that the country had become involved in an international military affair as a self-governing dominion of the British Empire. The Newfoundland Regiment, a ragtag volunteer bunch of *colonials* in the eyes of the seasoned British veterans appeared on the doorsteps of the 'incomparable' 29th Division made up of eleven professional battalions brought together from around the Empire. The 29th Division had fought heroically at Cape Helles from the first day of the

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campaign on April 25, 1915. The 88th Brigade of the 29th Division which the Newfoundlanders were to join had also been pressed into service for the landing at Suvla Bay in early August. By the time the Newfoundland Regiment had arrived on the scene the entire Gallipoli Campaign had ground down to a murderous stalemate.

From the beginning the Newfoundland Regiment's biggest obstacle was sickness brought on by the heat and flies that flourished amongst the rotting flesh of hundreds if not thousands of corpses left in no-man's-land from previous battles. The flies were so thick that by the time the soldier spread jam on his biscuit and got it to his mouth the entire biscuit was covered in flies. These flies carried a host of germs that promulgated into a variety of nasty intestinal diseases. Compounded with the flies, the primitive sanitation, abundance of lice and the scarce availability of clean drinking water added to their misery. Many men of all nations succumbed to dysentery and enteric fever. Some would die from sickness while many others carried Gallipoli torments for decades if indeed they survived that long.

It was a weakened battalion that was awarded its first decorations for valour in the field. On November 4, 1915 a small action was planned and executed by nine men of C Company to take a small knoll in no-man's-land. Turkish snipers occupied this knoll every night harassing the British trenches, particularly that of the Newfoundland Regiment. During the day a section led by Lt. James Donnelly was able to approach the hill and occupy it before the Turks. Later in the evening three Turkish snipers appeared carelessly approaching the hill in the waning light with their guns casually slung over their shoulders. Cpl William Snow issued a challenge which resulted in an agitated response from the approaching Turks. Having clearly determined that they were Turkish, Snow ordered the men to fire. Snow was wounded in the neck and chest. Donnelly sent him back with a request for reinforcements and another eight men were sent out to bolster Donnelly's defenses. En route to the knoll these men led by Lt. Hector Ross ran into a patrol of Turkish infantrymen attempting to encircle Donnelly's recently captured post and another close quarter firefight erupted. The Turk's took heavy casualties as two of our men barraged the enemy with rapid-fire and the Turk's were driven off. Four Newfoundlander's were wounded (Joachim Murphy would die the next day) and Private James Ellsworth was killed. Donnelly and his men retained control of the hill for the rest of the night. The knoll became known as Caribou Hill in deference to the gallant lads from Newfoundland. Caribou Hill was reinforced and the British front line was expanded in the area from a number of outposts ending the sniper threat to this portion of the British front line. It was the only successful operation in Suvla Bay during this period.

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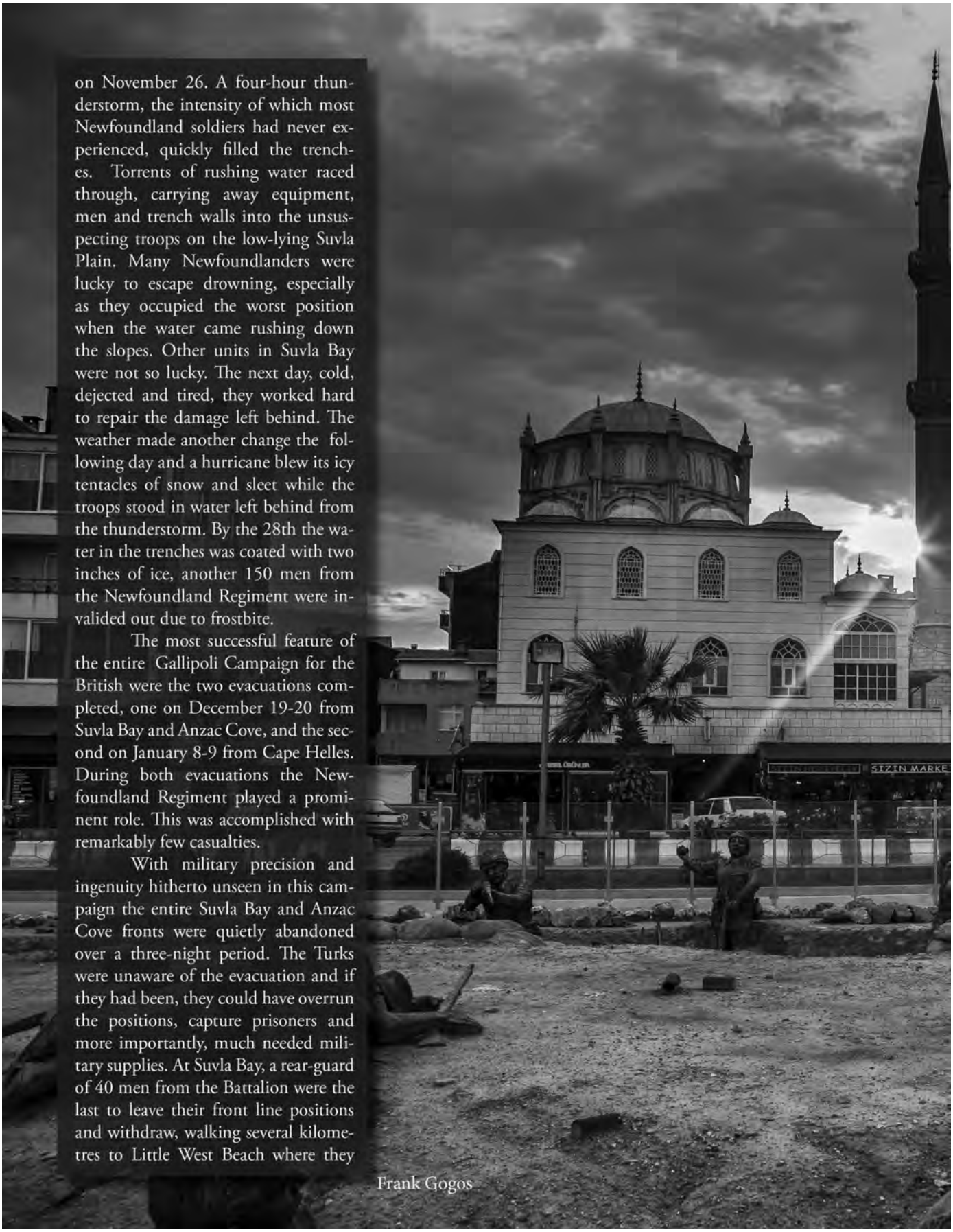

on November 26. A four-hour thunderstorm, the intensity of which most Newfoundland soldiers had never experienced, quickly filled the trenches. Torrents of rushing water raced through, carrying away equipment, men and trench walls into the unsuspecting troops on the low-lying Suvla Plain. Many Newfoundlanders were lucky to escape drowning, especially as they occupied the worst position when the water came rushing down the slopes. Other units in Suvla Bay were not so lucky. The next day, cold, dejected and tired, they worked hard to repair the damage left behind. The weather made another change the following day and a hurricane blew its icy tentacles of snow and sleet while the troops stood in water left behind from the thunderstorm. By the 28th the water in the trenches was coated with two inches of ice, another 150 men from the Newfoundland Regiment were invalided out due to frostbite.

The most successful feature of the entire Gallipoli Campaign for the British were the two evacuations completed, one on December 19-20 from Suvla Bay and Anzac Cove, and the second on January 8-9 from Cape Helles. During both evacuations the Newfoundland Regiment played a prominent role. This was accomplished with remarkably few casualties.

With military precision and ingenuity hitherto unseen in this campaign the entire Suvla Bay and Anzac Cove fronts were quietly abandoned over a three-night period. The Turks were unaware of the evacuation and if they had been, they could have overrun the positions, capture prisoners and more importantly, much needed military supplies. At Suvla Bay, a rear-guard of 40 men from the Battalion were the last to leave their front line positions and withdraw, walking several kilometres to Little West Beach where they

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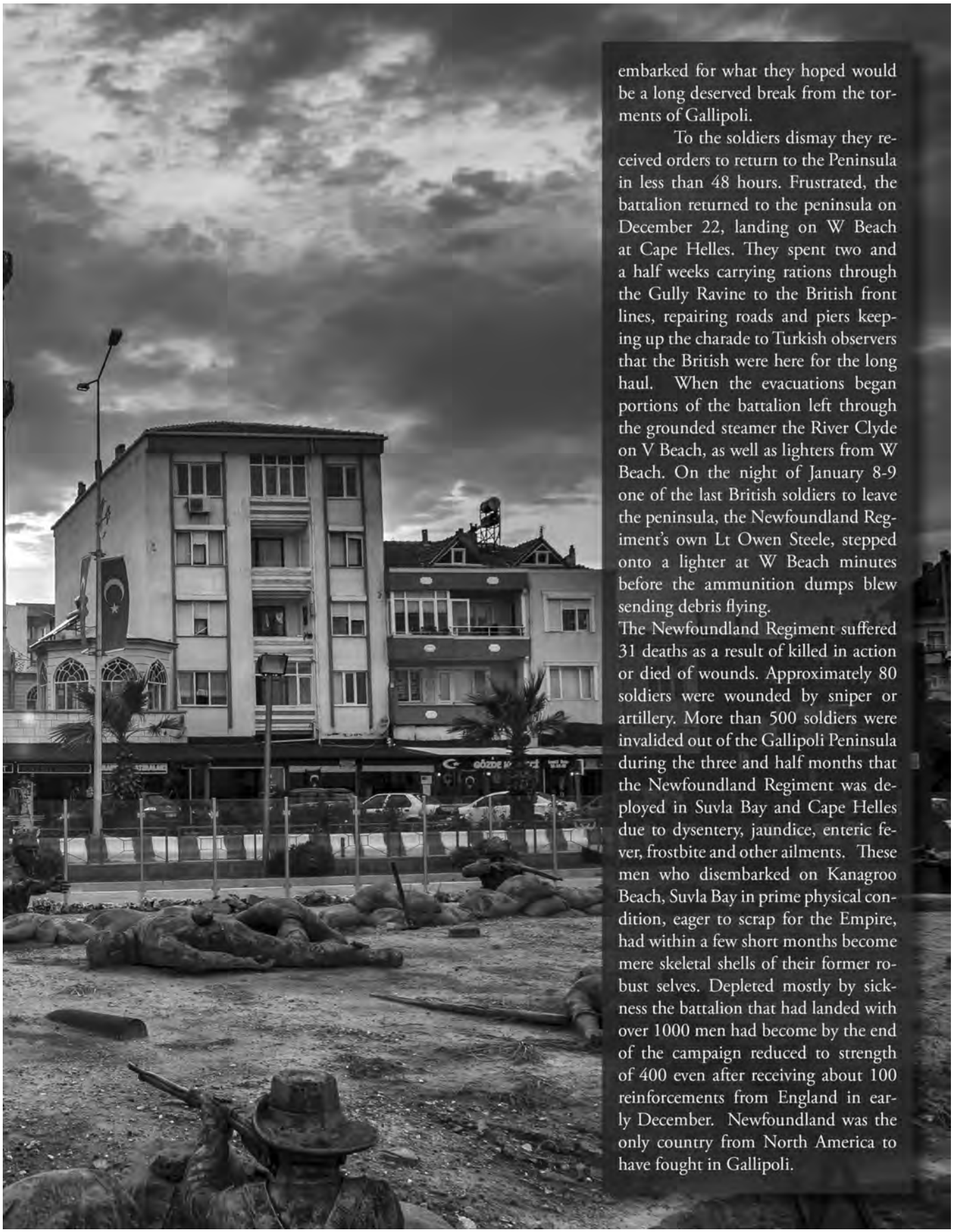

embarked for what they hoped would be a long deserved break from the torments of Gallipoli.

To the soldiers dismay they received orders to return to the Peninsula in less than 48 hours. Frustrated, the battalion returned to the peninsula on December 22, landing on W Beach at Cape Helles. They spent two and a half weeks carrying rations through the Gully Ravine to the British front lines, repairing roads and piers keeping up the charade to Turkish observers that the British were here for the long haul. When the evacuations began portions of the battalion left through the grounded steamer the River Clyde on V Beach, as well as lighters from W Beach. On the night of January 8-9 one of the last British soldiers to leave the peninsula, the Newfoundland Regiment's own Lt Owen Steele, stepped onto a lighter at W Beach minutes before the ammunition dumps blew sending debris flying.

The Newfoundland Regiment suffered 31 deaths as a result of killed in action or died of wounds. Approximately 80 soldiers were wounded by sniper or artillery. More than 500 soldiers were invalided out of the Gallipoli Peninsula during the three and half months that the Newfoundland Regiment was deployed in Suvla Bay and Cape Helles due to dysentery, jaundice, enteric fever, frostbite and other ailments. These men who disembarked on Kanagroo Beach, Suvla Bay in prime physical condition, eager to scrap for the Empire, had within a few short months become mere skeletal shells of their former robust selves. Depleted mostly by sickness the battalion that had landed with over 1000 men had become by the end of the campaign reduced to strength of 400 even after receiving about 100 reinforcements from England in early December. Newfoundland was the only country from North America to have fought in Gallipoli.

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FORGET ME NOT

Newfoundland's Remembrance Flower

by Frank Gogos

The Forget Me Not flower as a symbol of remembrance to fallen soldiers and sailors in Newfoundland dates back to the Great War. The words Forget Me Not, and the flower, were common motifs used in souvenirs, appearing on special silk postcards, as well as portraits commissioned by servicemen. These were sold to soldiers of many nations who sent them home to loved ones. Samples of these souvenirs can be found in private, government and Legion collections throughout Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Forget Me Not has been embraced as a special remembrance flower dear to most Newfoundland and Labradorians as a way to commemorate their family members who served and those who died.

The flower was officially adopted by the Great War Veteran's Association of Newfoundland (GWVA) in June, 1924 when the Executive Committee led by Padre Thomas Nangle used it as a token of remembrance and as a fundraising initiative to help pay for Field Marshal Douglas Haig's visit to unveil the National War Memorial in St. John's.

Every year after the GWVA kept the Forget Me Not Flower as a unique symbol of remembrance during Memorial Day, July 1, raising money for veterans in need.

Newfoundland, and more specifically the forerunner of today's Royal Canadian Legion in Newfoundland, has used the flower for decades as our symbol of remembrance on July 1. When the GWVA amalgamated with the Royal Canadian Legion shortly after Newfoundland joined Canada in 1949, the Royal Canadian Legion in Newfoundland continued the long tradition of using the Forget Me Not flower as a commemorative icon during Memorial Day services. The Royal Canadian Legion supported commemorative flower stayed in use until the late 1960's, early 1970's. The Provincial Command at that time could not find suppliers of the flower and interest in all Memorial Day services was waning amongst the public.

The Forget Me Not flower continued to be used by the public as a show of remembrance to Newfoundland and Labrador's glorious dead, but on a much smaller scale. The flower's resurgence in more modern times was a direct result of the public's interest in remembrance

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spurred on by the Royal Canadian Legion, Canada's involvement in Afghanistan, and the first Newfoundland soldiers lost in active service in recent times.

Ownership of the Forget Me Not Flower as a symbol of remembrance is much larger than the Royal Canadian Legion in Newfoundland and Labrador. It is symbolically owned by the people. The Royal Canadian Legion stands with the people and continue to use the symbol in our Memorial Day Services. As a consequence the wearing of the Forget Me Not Flower for July 1 Ceremonies is supported by various organizations and individuals including, but not limited to, Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, Memorial University of Newfoundland (founded as a living memorial after WWI), the Rooms Museum, Archives and Art gallery, and organizations whose purpose is to promote remembrance of our fallen during the last 100 years. The Royal Newfoundland Regiment were granted special privilege by the Department of National Defence to wear the Forget Me Not flower on their uniforms, as a sign of reverence and remembrance to their fallen comrades who fell at the Battle of the Somme on July 1, and to recognize the special Memorial Day services that take place in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Wear a Forget-Me-Not on July 1st.

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JULY 1st is the day set apart by Act of Parliament as Commemoration Day. The day when Church and State unite to pay tribute to the memories of Newfoundland's brave and glorious Dead. This year

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The Poppy In Newfoundland

by Frank Gogos

The history of the poppy as a flower of remembrance begins with Canadian Doctor John McRae's famous poem In Flanders Fields written in the spring of 1915. In early May of that year, shortly after losing a close friend in the conflict, he was inspired by the sight of these vibrant, yet delicate flowers finding a solid foothold in the destruction of the battle scarred landscape.

During the fall of 1918, the poppy's emergence as a modern day flower of remembrance began with a simple jester by an American woman moved by the solemnity of McCrae's poem. Moina Michael began wearing and distributing poppies to a conference of Overseas YMCA War Secretaries delegates after being spiritually moved by the poem and pledging to keep the faith. So it was that the first wearing of the Poppy as a flower of remembrance occurred two days before the war had actually ended.

Buoyed by the support she received, Michael began a campaign to have the United States adopt the flower as a symbol of remembrance. Two years would pass before the National American Legion adopted the symbol on September 29th, 1920 at a convention in Cleveland. Attending this convention was Anna Guérin, who envisioned that artificial poppies could be sold to benefit orphaned children in France. The French Poppy Lady as she would become known, founded the American and French Children's League launching a campaign that saw her, or her representatives, approach veteran's organizations in Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Britain to purchase hand – made French poppies to raise funds to rebuild war-torn France.

On July 5, 1921, after a personal appeal by Guérin, the Great War Veterans Association of Canada adopted the poppy as there national symbol. Later that year it was also adopted by the British Legion. By October, the Great War Veterans Association (GWVA) of Newfoundland announced planning was under way for the first National Poppy Day to raise funds for the National War Memorial in St. John's and in aid of soldiers in need. They ordered 12,000 French made poppies from Guérin's organization. In 1921, Newfoundland joined the United Kingdom, United States and Canada as one of four countries to have adopted the Poppy as a symbol of remembrance.

The French-made poppies arrived in St. John's on the S.S. Sachem just in time for Armistice Day. The Ladies Auxiliary of the GWVA fanned out across the city to distribute the poppies on November 11 while raising funds. More than a $1000 was raised in a single day in St. John's alone. The money was evenly split between the National War Memorial Committee and the GWVA fund for veterans. It was deemed successful and the annual tradition of the Poppy as the symbol of Armistice Day had begun.

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

John McCrae, May 1915

John Thomas White

Born Sept. 12, 1916, son of Peter and Matilda (Dobbin) White, Point La Haye, St. Mary's, NL. He died Aug. 26, 1976. He met and married Agnes Mulholland, from the Tedding , Falkirk, Scotland 1942, shortly after he was sent to India and Burma.

He answered the call for Newfoundland Overseas Forestry Unit, and was in Inverness, Scotland. Later he joined RAF, 1942 - 1945. After WWII, like so many other veterans, returned bringing their overseas brides and children back to NL, and settled in the community of Cormack.

A TRIBUTE

The Eleventh Hour, on the Eleventh Day,
Of the Eleventh Month, so History say,
The war of wars came to an end,
And the endless stories then were penned.
For just four years how much was said,
Of the raging battles, and the fallen dead,
Of heroism of the fallen men,
And the courage shown again and again.

Where the trenches reeked of mud and filth,
So detrimental to the health,
Where the bullets whizzed, and the shells went by,
And the living did wonder, who next would die.
But onward they went, those khaki clad boys,
As the wounded fell, and the dying died,
The living screamed, they cursed, they prayed,
The price was high, but it was paid.

For every yard on each plain and hill,
They stood they fought, they fought they fell,
That righteousness might, forever shine,
On the land of theirs, of yours, of mine.
How much braver can any one man be,
Than to lay down his life, for you and me,
Like Christ on his cross, and good will to all.

So just for a moment, let us stand still,
And gaze at the trench, that plain, that hill,
There we can visualize the bravest of the brave,
Where the monument was erected,
On that unknown soldier's grave.
They lie in the soil, it's theirs by right,
Won by their courage, and their might,
A place of freedom is ours, by yet,
IT'S THEIRS BY RIGHT; LEST WE FORGET

John Thomas White

EVERY DAY IS REMEMBRANCE DAY

'Twas the night before Christmas, he lived all alone,
In a one bedroom house of plaster and stone.
I had come down the chimney with presents to give,
And to see just who in this home did live.
I looked all about, a strange sight to see,
No tinsel, no presents, not even a tree.

No stocking by mantle, just boots filled with sand,
On the wall hung pictures of far distant lands.
With Medals and Badges, awards of all kinds,
A sober thought came through my mind.
For this house was different, it was dark and dreary,
I found the home of a soldier, once I could see clearly.

The soldier lay sleeping, silent, alone,
Curled up on the floor in this one bedroom home.
The face was so gentle, the room in disorder,
Not how I pictured a Canadian Soldier.
Who was this hero of whom I'd just read,
Curled up on a poncho, the floor for a bed?

I realized the families that I saw this night,
Owed their lives to these soldiers who were willing to fight.
Soon 'round the world, the children would play,
And grownups would celebrate a bright Christmas Day.
They all enjoyed freedom each month of the year,
Because of the soldiers, like the one lying here.

I couldn't help wonder how many lay alone,
On a cold Christmas Eve, in a land far from home.
The very thought brought a tear to my eye,
I dropped to my knees and started to cry.
The soldier awakened and I heard a rough voice,
"Santa, don't cry, this life is my choice".

I fight for my freedom, I don't ask for more,
My life is my God, my Country, My Corps.
The soldier rolled over and drifted to sleep
I couldn't control it, I continued to weep.
I kept watch for hours, so silent and still,
And we both shivered from the cold night's chill.

I didn't want to leave on that cold, dark night,
This Guardian of Honour, so willing to fight.
Then the soldier rolled over, with a voice soft and pure,
Whispered, "Carry on Santa, It's Christmas Day, All is Secure".
One look at my watch, and I knew he was right,
"Merry Christmas my friend, and to all a Good Night".

Written by a Peacekeeping Soldier stationed overseas.

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