



Prescott Museum &  
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# Prescott's Fallen Heroes of WWI and WWII



# The Prescott War Memorial

Prescott has a rich military presence dating back to the town's founding. From the War of 1812 to the present day the city has been the birthplace of many soldiers who have fought for Canada's freedom. Like many municipalities across Canada, some of Prescott's own made the ultimate sacrifice to protect Canada's freedom. Since 1950, Prescott has honoured those who paid the supreme sacrifice of protecting Canada's freedoms with a war memorial.

For the first time, this booklet takes a deep dive into the lives and military careers of the 52 men from Prescott who lost their lives while serving our country in World War I and World War II. Information in this booklet was provided by the Canadian Virtual War Memorial's online database, The Canadian Virtual Library and Archives of Canada, and The Government of Canada 'Hometown Heroes' Parks Canada Campaign. All information was obtained through the public Government of Canada domains and databases. Citations to each resource used throughout the creation of this booklet can be found on each page.

It must be noted that these profiles briefly summarize dozens of military documents that are available to the public. As some documents are over a century old, missing, or differentiated between different sources, our research team reported on the most common information found in multiple sources, so some information may be incorrect.

The Prescott Museum and Visitor Center strives to tell the story of Prescott and the citizens who have had a part in creating said history. If you know of any additional information that may continue to develop the storied legacy of these gentlemen discussed in this booklet or have any corrections affirming the research collected from our online resources, your feedback is always greatly appreciated as we continue to develop and grow the collection here at the Prescott Museum and Visitor Center.

# World War I

## Arthur E. Baker

May 17th, 1897 - April 23rd, 1917

Arthur Elmer Baker was born on May 17th, 1897. He served for the Canadian Infantry for the Quebec Regiment, in Division 73rd Bn. Before enlisting into the military, he worked as a fireman for the Prescott Fire Department. At the age of nineteen, Private Baker was killed on the battlefield in Boulogne-Sur-Mer, France on April 23rd, 1917, and was laid to rest at Boulogne Eastern Cemetery in St. Martin Boulogne, France.

The Government of Canada: Canadian Virtual War Memorial - Arthur Elmer Baker / <https://www.veterans.gc.ca/en/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/167823?Arthur%20Elmer%20Baker>

The Government of Canada: Libraries and Archives - Aurthur Elmer Baker / <http://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.redirect?app=pffww&id=20803&lang=eng>

## Howard Baker

December 12th, 1895 - June 26th, 1917

Howard Hugh Baker was born on December 12th, 1895, in Prescott, Ontario. Before his enlistment Mr. Baker worked as an engineer and was an active member of the 56th Casual Guard. He enlisted on October 11th, 1915, in Prescott, Ontario. Private Baker served for the Canadian Machine Guns Corps of the 12th Coy. During his deployment Private Baker was removed from the force temporarily in early 1917 after suffering from influenza. He returned to the force by the end of April of that year. He was killed in action on June 26th, 1917, and laid to rest at Cabaret-Rouge British Cemetery in Souchez, France.

The Government of Canada: Canadian Virtual War Memorial - Howard Hugh Baker / <https://www.veterans.gc.ca/en/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/584829?Howard%20Hugh%20Baker>

The Government of Canada: Libraries and Archives - Howard Huge Baker / <http://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.redirect?app=pffww&id=21261&lang=eng>

# World War I

## Phillip V. Blacklock

April 25th, 1893 - September 28th, 1918

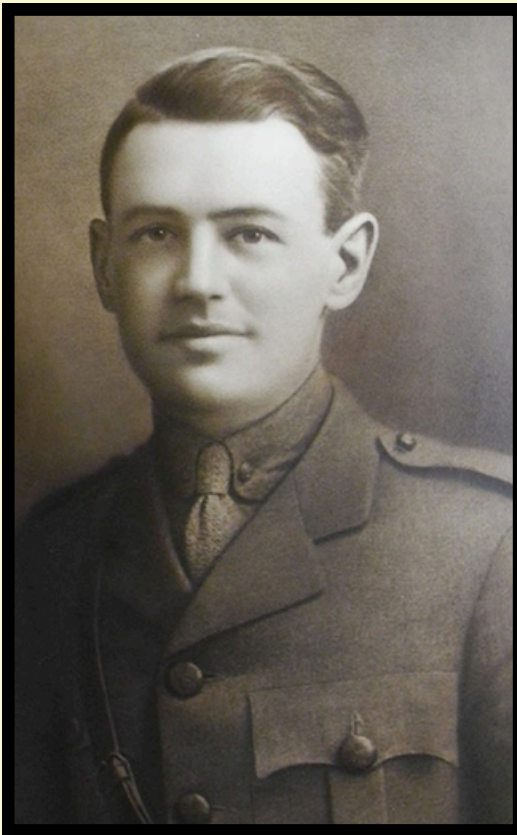
Phillip Underwood Blacklock was born on April 25th, 1893, in Prescott, Ontario. Private Blacklock was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Blacklock. He worked as a clerk prior to his enlistment. Mr. Blacklock enlisted to the Canadian Infantry of the Eastern Ontario Regiment on June 2nd, 1916, in Ottawa, Ontario. Private Blacklock was deployed overseas on September 6th, 1916, and served most of his time in France. He was killed while in action during the battle at Saily Commune in Yvelines, France, on September 28th, 1918, and was laid to rest at Drumond Cemetery in Nord, France.

The Government of Canada: Canadian Virtual War Memorial - Phillip Underwood Blacklock /

<https://www.veterans.gc.ca/en/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/551183?Philip%20Underwood%20Blacklock>

The Government of Canada: Libraries and Archives - Philip Blacklock /

<http://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.redirect?app=pffww&id=46765&lang=eng>



The Government of Canada: Canadian Virtual War Memorial - Cecil Bovaird /

<https://www.veterans.gc.ca/en/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/51409?Cecil%20Johnstone%20Bovaird>

The Government of Canada: Libraries and Archives - Cecil Bovaird / <http://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.redirect?app=pffww&id=56913&lang=eng>

## Cecil Bovaird

February 9th, 1894 - May 3rd, 1918

Cecil Johnstone Bovaird was born on February 9th, 1894, in Prescott, Ontario. He was the son of William James and Laura Ellnora Bovaird.

He grew up in Brockville, Ontario, graduating from Brockville College Institute in 1911. Often mentioned as a top student in his field he went on to study Law at Osgoode Hall from 1911-1915. During his post-secondary years, he was an active member of the Toronto Canoeing Club and played a few seasons for the Toronto Argonauts football team of the CFL. Being a part of the 1914 Grey Cup Championship team. After graduating university, he became an assistant solicitor for the Succession Duties Department, and was a member of the Toronto Law Firm Johnson, McKay, Dods & Grant. He entered the military in 1916, operating as a Gunner for the 67th Battery. He was later transferred to 82nd Howitzer Reserve Battery in England and to the 48th Howitzer Battery in France, where he was promoted to Corporal. During his time as a Corporal, he was in the Battery's wagon line at Vimy Ridge, and Fresnoy, and on the Howitzer 4.5 guns at Arleux-en-Gohelle. His time in France only lasted six-weeks, when he was wounded in action on May 1st, 1917, at Arleux, succumbing to his injuries on May 3rd, 1917. He was laid to rest at Aubigny Communal Cemetery Extension in Aubigny-en-Artois, in France. While his gravestone at Sandy Hill Cemetery in Prescott names La Targette British Cemetery (formerly known as Aux Rietz Military Cemetery) as his final resting place.

# World War I

## Ward W. Burke

March 10th, 1897 - March 29th, 1918

Ward W. Burke was born on March 10th, 1897, in North Augusta. Private Burke was the son of Joseph and Mary Burke of Prescott. Prior to enlisting in the military, he worked as a clerk and was an active member of the local cadet's branch. He enlisted on March 18th, 1916, in Brockville, Ontario, and served in the Canadian Infantry as a member of the Eastern Ontario Regiment of the 2nd Bn and was a member of the 156 Bn for a short time. He was deployed overseas on October 28th, 1916, in England where he remained through 1916-1917. In 1918 he was transferred to France. He was killed at the age of 21 on March 29th, 1918, and was laid to rest at Faubourg-D'Amiens Cemetery in Arras, France.

The Government of Canada: Canadian Virtual War Memorial - Ward W. Burke /  
<https://www.veterans.gc.ca/en/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/283646?Ward%20Burke>

The Government of Canada: Libraries and Archives- Ward Burke  
<http://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.redirect?app=pffww&id=76444&lang=eng>



## John H. Davy

January 6th, 1889 - August 8th, 1918

John Harper Davy was born on January 6th, 1889, in Prescott, Ontario. He was the son of Mr. F.J. Davy. A Montreal resident at the time of his enlistment, he was an accountant at Chartrand Law Firm in Montreal. He previously served in the military in 155 Bn, prior to WWI. Lieutenant Davy served in the Canadian Infantry of the Quebec Regiment and was a member of the 14 Bn. division. He was killed during action at an attack of Morgemont Wood in The Battle of Amiens, on August 8th, 1918. He was around 30-years old at the time of his death. Lieutenant Davy was laid to rest at Crucifix-Corner Cemetery in Somme, France.

The Government of Canada: Canadian Virtual War Memorial - John Harper Davy /  
<https://www.veterans.gc.ca/en/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/252995?John%20Harper%20Davy>

The Government of Canada: Libraries and Archives - John Harper Davy  
<http://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.redirect?app=pffww&id=342604&lang=eng>

# World War I

## Jacob S. Doyle

April 29th, 1884 - February 2nd, 1919

Jacob Doyle was born on April 29th, 1884, in Johnstown, Ontario. He was the brother to Miss. Blanche Doyle and the son to the late James and Mary Ann Doyle. Prior to his enlistment Mr. Doyle worked as a coachman in Prescott, Ontario. He enlisted in the Army on March 29th, 1916, in Prescott, Ontario, serving for the Canadian Railway Troops. He was deployed overseas in October 1916, serving most of his enlistment in Witley and Liverpool, United Kingdom. He was removed from service in the winter of 1918 due to a bad case of Influenza, he later contract Pneumonia while staying at Liverpool Hospital and passed away due to his illness on February 2nd, 1919. His body was returned to Canada and laid to rest at St. Michaels Cemetery in Augusta Township.

The Government of Canada: Canadian Virtual War Memorial - Jacob Doyle /

<https://www.veterans.gc.ca/en/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/2756710?Jacob%20Doyle>

The Government of Canada: Libraires and Archives - Jacob Doyle /

<http://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.redirect?app=pffwww&id=363052&lang=eng>

## G. Harvey Ewart

March 17th, 1897 - August 17th, 1917

Harvey Gerald Ewart was born on March 17th, 1897, in Augusta Township, Ontario. He was the son of Joeseph and Eliza Jane Ewart and brother to Mrs. Stephanie Polite of Domville. Mr. Ewart worked as a farmer prior to joining the military. He enlisted on January 17th, 1916, in Prescott, Ontario. Private Ewart served under the Canadian Infantry under the Eastern Ontario Regiment, in Division 38th Bn. Private Ewart was deployed in October 1916 in England, where he served most of his enlistment in Witley, United Kingdom. Private Ewart was then transferred to France in the summer of 1917 when the war effort was heightened in the country. He was killed while in action in France on August 17th, 1917. Private Ewart was laid to rest at the Vimy Ridge Memorial, in Vimy, France.

The Government of Canada: Canadian Virtual War Memorial - G. Harvey Ewart /

<https://www.veterans.gc.ca/en/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/1567696?Harvey%20Gerald%20Ewart>

The Government of Canada: Libraries and Archives - Harvey Gerald Ewart /

<http://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.redirect?app=pffwww&id=380808&lang=eng>

# World War I

## Ira H. Glasgow

1882 - April 9th, 1917

Ira Hyde Glasgow was born in 1881, in the neighboring town of Smith Falls, Glasgow was the son of Prescott residents James E. and Mary Glasgow. He was a resident of Winnipeg in his adult years while working for the mail service. In Winnipeg he enlisted alongside his brother in the Canadian Expeditionary Force. Later becoming Lieutenant of the 78th Battalion of the 4th Division of the Canadian Corps. During the battle of Vimy Ridge he was stationed at the B. Company alongside Major Linell, and Lieutenants Ross, Benson, and Caruthers. After the capture of Vimy Ridge by the Canadian Forces, Lieutenant Glasgow was reported missing by the Canadian Government. He was later found deceased on April 9th, 1917, and was laid to rest at Givenchy-en-Gohelle Canadian Cemetery at Vimy Ridge. He was around 36-37 years old at the time of his death.



The Government of Canada: Canadian Virtual War Memorial - Ira Hyde Glasgow / <https://www.veterans.gc.ca/en/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/561725?Ira%20Hyde%20Glasgow>  
The Government of Canada: Libraries and Archives - Ira Hyde Glasgow / <http://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.redirect?app=pffww&id=414158&lang=eng>

## Royal W. Kingston

July 25th, 1916

Born William Roy Kingston, Sergeant Kingston served for the Canadian Expeditionary Force's 56th Rn. He passed away while on duty on July 25th, 1916, in Cardinal, Ontario. He was laid to rest at Spencerville Union Cemetery in Spencerville, Ontario.

The Government of Canada: Canadian Virtual War Memorial - William Roy Kingston / <https://www.veterans.gc.ca/en/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/7519146?William%20Roy%20Kingston>

# World War I

## E. William Lane

September 9th, 1893 - March 1st, 1917

William Ellis Lane was born on September 9th, 1893, in Prescott, Ontario. Private Lane was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stewart Lane. He worked as a farmer and was an active member of the 56th Canal Patrol Corps for 2 Camps. Private Lane enlisted on October 4th, 1915, in Prescott, Ontario. He served for the Canadian Infantry under the Central Ontario Regiment, in Division 54th Bn. He was deployed to the United Kingdom in May 1916, before being transferred to France serving the Normandy area. Private Lane was wounded while in action in February 1917, later succumbing to his injuries on March 1st, 1917, and was laid to rest at Bruay Communal Cemetery Extension in Bruay, France.



The Government of Canada: Canadian Virtual War Memorial - William Lane / <https://www.veterans.gc.ca/en/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/492599?William%20Ellis%20Lane>

The Government of Canada: Libraries and Archives - William Lane / <http://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.redirect?app=pffww&id=511832&lang=eng>

## Roy Lindsay

March 9th, 1892 - January 6th, 1919

Roy Lindsay was born on March 9th, 1892, in Domville, Ontario. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lindsay, husband of Mary E. H. Lindsay (nee. Ellingson), and father to Roy Lindsey Jr. Cadet Lindsay was a dairyman prior to his enlistment and served as a member 151Bn for a short period of time prior to the WWI. He was a member of the Royal Canadian Air Force and was stationed at the 3rd Training Reserve Depot Station, enlisting on January 22nd, 1915. He was deployed overseas in October 1916, and served most of his enlistment in Hampshire, United Kingdom prior to his death. After WWI ended Mr. Lindsey remained in Europe helping with relief efforts in United Kingdom, however his records state that Cadet Lindsay passed on January 6th, 1919, and was laid to rest at Andover Cemetery in Hampshire, United Kingdom. The cause of his death is unknown.

The Government of Canada: Canadian Virtual War Memorial - Roy Lindsay / <https://www.veterans.gc.ca/en/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/2758097?Roy%20Lindsay>

The Government of Canada: Libraries and Archives - Roy Lindsey / <http://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.redirect?app=pffww&id=533602&lang=eng>

# World War I

## Harold P. MacGregor

February 9th, 1895 - March 1st, 1917

Harold Phillip MacGregor, was born on February 9th, 1895. Son of Prescott residents J.A. and Juile Estella MacGregor, Lieutenant MacGregor grew up in Dundas Country, Ontario. Working as a clerk prior to his enlistment he also was a longtime member of 56th Lisgar Rifles as in his youth. Enlisting in the Army on August 1st, 1915, in Ottawa, he served the Canadian Infantry, under the Quebec Regiment of the 73rd Bn, and the Canadian Highlanders. He was deployed overseas in July 1916, while working on the S.S. Missannable. Arriving in Liverpool by mid-summer of 1916, he briefly was stationed in London, England, and La Havre, France. In November 1916 during his time in La Harve he was wounded while in action, spending the early portions of winter out of action. After returning to service in late December military records list Lieutenant MacGregor as missing around late February 1917. He was officially found and pronounced deceased, likely killed while in action on March 1st, 1917. Lieutenant MacGregor was laid to rest at the Vimy Ridge Memorial in Vimy, France. For his work as a Lieutenant, Mr. MacGregor received a military cross in his honour from the Canadian Government.

The Government of Canada: Canadian Virtual War Memorial - Harold P. MacGregor /

<https://www.veterans.gc.ca/en/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/1571135?Harold%20Phillip%20MacGregor>

The Government of Canada: Libraries and Archives - Harold Phillip MacGregor /

<http://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.redirect?app=pfwww&id=149276&lang=eng>

## Charles H. O'Leary

November 4th, 1881 - November 18th, 1916

Charles H. O'Leary was born on November 4th, 1881, in Prescott, Ontario. He was the son of John O'Leary of Prescott, Ontario. Mr. Leary worked as a bartender in Prescott prior to his military enlistment. Enlisting on November 4th, 1914, he served the Canadian Infantry under the Eastern Ontario Regiment. Corporal O'Leary was a member of Division 21st Bn.

Heading overseas in the spring of 1915, he was a part of the first Eastern Ontario Regiment to land in Europe. Station in Havre and Boulogne through most of his military enlistment, Corporal O'Leary had a couple of short inactive periods due to illness between his calls to the field. Corporal O'Leary along with his unit were called into action in for the last time in Harve in October 1916. He along with other members of his unit were killed while in action on November 18th, 1916, after an advancement from military forces. He was laid to rest at Maroc British Cemetery in Maroc, France.

The Government of Canada: Canadian Virtual War Memorial - Charles H. O'Leary /

<https://www.veterans.gc.ca/en/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/523471?Charles%20Herbert%20O%27Leary>

The Government of Canada: Libraries and Archives - Charles H. O'Leary /

<http://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.redirect?app=pfwww&id=551768&lang=eng>

# World War I

## Guy C. O'Shea

March 18th, 1895 - August 8th, 1918

Guy Charles O'Shea was born on March 18th, 1895, in Prescott, Ontario. Prior to his enlistment Mr. O'Shea worked as a Bank Clerk in Prescott and was a member of a local military camp. Corporal O'Shea was the son of Joseph Eugene and Catherine Theresa Bradly O'Shea. Enlisting on November 30th, 1915, he served the Canadian Infantry under the Eastern Ontario Regiment and was a member of the 21st Bn.

After his enlistment he served a year in Halifax, Nova Scotia, prior to being deployed overseas. Arriving in England in October 1916, he served most of his deployment in Witley, United Kingdom. Later being transferred to the battlefield in June of 1918. Corporal O'Shea was killed while in action on August 8th, 1918, at the age of 23 and was laid to rest at Crucifix Corner Cemetery in Somme, France.

The Government of Canada: Canadian Virtual War Memorial - Guy C. O'Shea /

<https://www.veterans.gc.ca/en/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/253219?Guy%20Charles%20O%27Shea>

The Government of Canada: Libraries and Archives - Guy Charles Oshea /

<http://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.redirect?app=pffww&id=552244&lang=eng>

## George Patterson

January 29th, 1897 - September 2nd, 1918

George Patterson was born on January 29th, 1897, in Prescott, Ontario. Mr. Patterson was the son of James and Brittie Patterson. Through his teenage years he worked as a teamster in the Leeds Grenville area. Enlisting on January 29th, 1916, he served in the Canadian Infantry's Eastern Ontario Regiment in their 38th Bn. Deployed overseas in October 1916, he spent his enlistment stationed in Witley, United Kingdom. In 1917 he was temporarily removed from service due to illness and granted a two-week leave of absence in February 1918. After his return from absence, he was once again transferred to the battlefields, serving on the coast of Pas de Calais, France. He remained in France through the summer of 1918, serving on the front lines of the battlefield. He was killed while in action on September 2nd, 1918, and was laid to rest at Dury Mill British Cemetery in Pas de Calais, France.

The Government of Canada: Canadian Virtual War Memorial - George Patterson /

<https://www.veterans.gc.ca/en/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/253927?George%20Patterson>

The Government of Canada: Libraries and Archives - George Patterson /

<http://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.redirect?app=pffww&id=571870&lang=eng>

# World War I

## Edward Patterson

September 15th, 1893 - August 1st, 1917

Edward Harvey Patterson was born on September 15th, 1893, in Prescott, Ontario. He was the son of James and Brittie Patterson and brother to Private George Patterson. Working as a carpenter and farmhand prior to his enlistment he also served the Lisgar Rifles alongside his brother in their youth. Enlisting on October 11th, 1916, he served for the Canadian Infantry's Eastern Ontario Regiment in their 38th Bn, like his brother George did a year prior. Private Patterson was deployed overseas in late October 1916, weeks after his enlistment. He spent most of his deployment serving in Witley, United Kingdom before being called to the field in May of 1917. He was temporarily removed from service the following month due to illness but returned to the field days later. Private Patterson remained working diligently on the front lines throughout the summer of 1917. On August 1st, 1917, he was killed on the field while in action and was laid to rest at Villers Station Cemetery in Pas de Calis, France.

The Government of Canada: Canadian Virtual War Memorial - Edward Patterson /

<https://www.veterans.gc.ca/en/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/60152?Edwin%20Harvey%20Patterson>

The Government of Canada: Libraries and Archives - Edward Patterson /

<http://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.redirect?app=pffwww&id=565489&lang=eng>

## James Peterson

July 15th, 1895 - October 24th, 1918

James Peterson was born on July 15th, 1895, in Prescott, Ontario. Private Peterson was the son of Samuel and Margret Peterson, and husband to Mrs. Emily Pearl Peterson. Working as a shipping clerk in Prescott, he was drafted to the military on May 23rd, 1918, serving for the Canadian Infantry under the Canadian Expeditionary Force and was a member of the 6th Reserve Bn. He was deployed overseas in July 1918, spending most of his military service in England. Shortly after his arrival overseas he contracted influenza and pneumonia. Private Peterson passed away from these illnesses on October 24th, 1918, at the age of 23. Private Peterson was laid to rest at Seaford Cemetery in Sussex, United Kingdom.

The Government of Canada: Canadian Virtual War Memorial - James Peterson /

<https://www.veterans.gc.ca/en/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/660319?James%20Peterson>

The Government of Canada: Libraries and Archives - James Peterson /

<http://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.redirect?app=pffwww&id=576651&lang=eng>

# World War I

## William Robinson

July 9th, 1892 - August 8th, 1918

William Neil Robinson was born on July 9th, 1892, in Prescott, Ontario. The son of Mrs. Margret Robinson, he worked as a carpenter prior to his military service and was a member of the 2nd Command Guard. Enlisting on March 16th, 1916, he served for the Canadian Infantry's Eastern Ontario Regiment in their 21st Bn. Private Robinson traveled overseas in October 1916, serving in Witley, United Kingdom. Transferred to the field in August 1918, he was killed while in action on August 8th, 1918, after a surge of combat from enemy forces in the Somme region of France. He was laid to rest at Villers Bretonneux Military Cemetery in Somme, France.

The Government of Canada: Canadian Virtual War Memorial - William Neil Robinson /

<https://www.veterans.gc.ca/en/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/576645?William%20Neil%20Robinson>

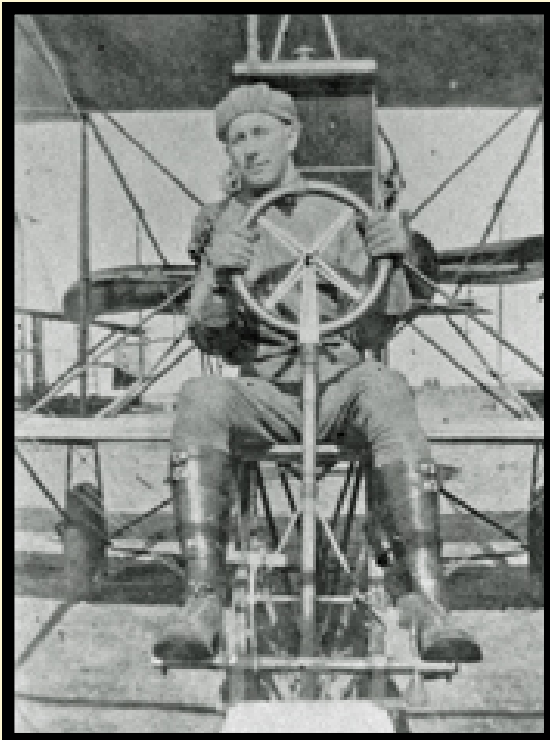
The Government of Canada: Libraries and Archives - William Neil Robinson /

<http://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.redirect?app=pffww&id=608524&lang=eng>

## William F. Sharpe

February 4th, 1915

Born William Frederick Sharpe in Prescott, Ontario. He was the son of Frederick Charles and Ida (nee. Bell) Sharpe, and husband to Alma K. Sharpe. A well-traveled-man, Lieutenant Sharpe studied at the Ottawa College Institute, before migrating to the United States to study under the tutelage of The Curtis Brothers Aviation Company in San Diego, California, later becoming a demonstrator for the Curtis Firm. He was named one of three personnel appointed to the Canadian Aviation Corps in September 1914, Canada's earliest attempt on organizing an air force to serve Canada. He later served for the Royal Flying Corps unit in Division 1st Battalion, Canadian Contingent, as a fighter pilot operating in the United Kingdom and France. On February 4th, 1915, Lieutenant Sharpe's Maurice Farman Biplane was involved in an accident outside of Shoreham, United Kingdom. He was pronounced deceased on scene and was laid to rest on March 22nd, 1915, in his hometown of Prescott, Ontario, at Sandy Hill Cemetery. Lieutenant Sharpe's death made national newspaper headlines as he was the first Canadian Military Aviator to lose his life during the great war.



The Government of Canada: Canadian Virtual War Memorial - William Sharpe /

<https://www.veterans.gc.ca/en/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/4041148?William%20Frederick%20Nelson%20Sharpe>

<http://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.redirect?app=pffww&id=223581&lang=eng>

The Government of Canada: Libraries and Archives - The Inquiry into

William Sharpe's Death / <http://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.redirect?app=pffww&id=223581&lang=eng>

<http://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.redirect?app=pffww&id=223581&lang=eng>

# World War I

## Harry J. Smith

January 6th, 1889 - April 9th, 1917

Harry J. Smith was born on January 6th, 1889. Often referred to as 'Pete', Private Smith was the son of Prescott residents John H. and Catherine Smith. He worked as a laborer. Private Smith enlisted in the 80th Bn on September 11th, 1915, which was the unit he was stationed with while on transit to the United Kingdom. Once arriving overseas, he was transferred to the Canadian Infantry of the Manitoba Regiment and the 78th Bn. By August of 1916 he was stationed on the frontlines of Canadian war efforts in France, mostly serving the Harve and Vimy areas. He was killed while in action during the battle of Vimy Ridge on April 9th, 1917, and was laid to rest at Vimy Memorial in France.

The Government of Canada: Canadian Virtual War Memorial - Harry J. Smith /

<https://www.veterans.gc.ca/en/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/1575897?Harry%20John%20Smith>

The Government of Canada: Libraries and Archives - Harry J. Smith /

<http://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.redirect?app=pffww&id=237751&lang=eng>

## John R.W. Tyner

August 8th, 1915

Born John R.W. Tyner, Private Tyner was the son of John Tyner. Mr. Tyner worked as an engineer in Prescott. Enlisting on September 17th, 1914, he served for the Canadian Infantry. Most of his military history remains unknown. All that is known about Private Tyner's time overseas was that he was previously injured once while working on the field prior to his disappearance. On August 8th, 1915, he reported to base for the final time before returning to the battlefield in France. Private Tyner was never seen or spoken to again after leaving the base. His death was presumed by the Canadian Government in 1916.

The Government of Canada: Canadian Virtual War Memorial - John R.W. Tyner /

<https://www.veterans.gc.ca/en/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/1576811?John%20Wallace%20Tyner>

The Government of Canada: Libraries and Archives - John R.W. Tyner /

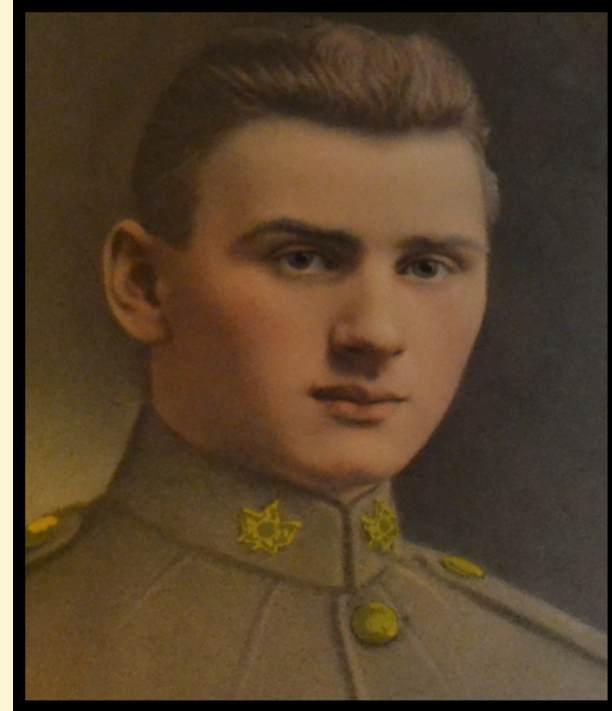
<http://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.redirect?app=pffww&id=284420&lang=eng>

# World War I

## Stanley W. Ward

March 5th, 1898 - April 18th, 1919

Stanley William Ward was born on March 5th, 1898. Son of Prescott natives William J. and Elizabeth Ward, Gunner Ward was a resident of Augusta Township. Before enlisting into the army, he worked as a clerk for the Royal Bank of Canada in Prescott, Ontario. He enlisted in the Canadian Field Artillery on March 5th, 1917, in Kingston, Ontario. On route to England, he caught a severe respiratory infection and was admitted to Shorncliffe Hospital where he remained for many months. He remained in England until the war had ended, although he was never cleared to see action. Gunner Ward returned to Prescott after WWI ended, however he would pass away on April 18th, 1919, due to complications from his lung infection at the age of 21. He was laid to rest at Blue Church Cemetery.



The Government of Canada: Canadian Virtual War Memorial – Stanley William Ward /

<https://www.veterans.gc.ca/en/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/2756696?Stanley%20William%20Ward>

The Government of Canada: Libraries and Archives – Stanley William Ward / <http://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.redirect?app=pfww&id=300673&lang=eng>

## Wilfred L. White

May 15th, 1896 - April 9th, 1917

Wilfred Lloyd White was born on May 15th, 1896, in Prescott, Ontario. He was the son of Sarah A. White. Working as a Sailor prior to a military career, Private White served one year for The Canadian Home Guard in Morrisburg before being transferred to the Central Ontario Regiment's 80th Bn. Upon his arrival to England in May 1916, he was then transferred to the 75th Bn in France by August of that year. Stationed in Havre and Vimy during his time overseas Private White was previously wounded twice during his station in France, also having one stint in Force Protections Unit for violating the Infantry's code of conduct. After serving his 3-day sentence Private White alongside other members of the 80th Bn were sent to Vimy to participate in the Battle of Vimy Ridge. Private White would be one of the thousands of souls lost at Vimy Ridge on April 9th, 1917. He was laid to rest at Canadian Cemetery #2 in Vimy, France.

The Government of Canada: Canadian Virtual War Memorial – Wilfred Lloyd White /

<https://www.veterans.gc.ca/en/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/2955106?Wilfred%20Lloyd%20White>

The Government of Canada: Libraries and Archives – Wilfred Lloyd White / <http://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.redirect?app=pfww&id=311775&lang=eng>

# World War II

## Kenneth N. Arthurs

November 13th, 1913 - February 24th, 1941

Kenneth Norman Arthurs was born on November 13th, 1913, in Toronto, Ontario. He was the son of Prescott natives James and Edith Arthurs, and brother of Lieutenant Ralph Bernard Arthurs. Officer Arthurs served for the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve of the 115 Sqdn. He was killed in action on February 24th, 1941, at the age of 27. He was laid to rest at Pihen-Les Guines War Cemetery in Pihen-Les Guines, France.

The Government of Canada: Canadian Virtual War Memorial - Kenneth Norman Arthurs /

<https://www.veterans.gc.ca/en/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/80003692?Kenneth%20Norman%20Arthurs>

## Ralph Arthurs

August 25th, 1917 - July 11th, 1944

Ralph Bernard Arthurs was born on August 25th, 1917, in Ottawa, Ontario. He was the son of Prescott natives James and Edith Arthurs and brother of Officer Kenneth Norman Arthurs. In Mr. Arthurs early life, he attended school in Perry Sound, Ontario, before moving to Toronto to study Chemical Engineering, while working on his studies he became a miner working for International Nickel Co. until his time of enlistment. Mr. Arthurs also was a member of the Algonquin Rifles prior to joining the army and was stated to be a huge fan of poetry and literature in his public war documents. Mr. Arthurs enlisted in Army's RCF on February 20, 1940, where he participated in the Battle of Britain in Dover, United Kingdom. After the Battle of Britain, he was transferred to Gibraltar where he was raised to the rank of Sergeant. After a short station in Gibraltar Mr. Arthurs returned to Canada in 1943, training to become a member of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry where he then rose to the rank of Lieutenant, later receiving a letter of recommendation by the Department of National Defense to be ranked Officer for the Canadian Infantry. Sadly, this never came to be. Lieutenant Arthurs final deployment to France was in March of 1944. Working on the battlefield throughout the spring and early summer of 1944 he was killed in action on July 11th, 1944, and laid to rest at Bretteville-Sur-Laize Canadian War Cemetery in Calvados, France. For his contributions to the war effort his family received the 1939 - 1945 France and Germany Star Medal, a Defense Wartime Medal and a CVSM & clasp in his honour.

The Government of Canada: Canadian Virtual War Memorial -Ralph Bernard Arthurs /

<https://www.veterans.gc.ca/en/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/2331480?Ralph%20Bernard%20Arthurs>

[Ralph%20Bernard%20Arthurs](https://www.veterans.gc.ca/en/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/2331480?Ralph%20Bernard%20Arthurs)

The Government of Canada: Libraries and Archives - Ralph Bernard Arthurs /

<http://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.redirect?app=kia&id=41505&lang=eng>

# World War II

## Carl Dietschweiler

July 10th, 1910 - August 12th, 1943

Charles Henry Dietschweiler was born on July 10th, 1910, in Illinois, USA. He immigrated to Prescott along with his parents Charles Henry and Isabella Dietschweiler at the age of two. Although a resident of Prescott, Gunner Dietschweiler along with his siblings John, Dorothy, and Ida all attended school in Brockville and were active members of both communities. Dietschweiler married Prescott native Rita May Dietschweiler (nee. Perrin), and had four children named Betty, Robert, Donald, and Marjorie. At the time of his enlistment on March 11th, 1940, Gunnar Dietschweiler worked as a truck driver and laborer for Standard Dairy Company's Leeds and Grenville branch. He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Artillery's 2nd Field Regiment and was a part of the first group of Canadian Soldiers deployed to Europe. Through his three years serving he was stationed in England, France, Italy, and Malta. He was killed in action during his deployment in Malta on August 12th, 1943, after previously being wounded during his stay in Scilly months prior. He was laid to rest at Pembroke Military Cemetery in Malta. After his death Lieutenant Dietschweiler was awarded the 1939-45 Star, Italy Star, Defense Medal, War Medal 1939-1945, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp.



The Government of Canada: Canadian Virtual War Memorial - Carl Dietschweiler / <https://www.veterans.gc.ca/en/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/1705093?Charles%20Henry%20Dietschweiler>  
The Government of Canada: Libraries and Archives - Carl Dietschweiler / <http://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.redirect?app=kia&id=9115&lang=eng>

## Gerald R. Egan

January 28th, 1924 - December 12th, 1942

Gerald Reginald Egan was born on January 28th, 1924, he was the son of Prescott resident Evelyn Egan. After leaving high school Mr. Egan traveled to Windsor, Ontario to work as a sailor apprentice prior to his enlistment. Seaman Egan served in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve under the H.M.C.S Avalon, and various other low grade military vessels during his time in the Navy. Stationed through parts of Quebec, Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland during his enlistment, continuing his training to be a sailor. Seaman Egan was tragically one of the 99 people killed in the fire of Knights of Columbus Hostel on December 12th, 1942, in Nova Scotia. He was laid to rest at St. John's Cemetery in Newfoundland, alongside his other lost Navy soldiers. Mr. Egan was the youngest person from Prescott to be killed while serving our country. For his work as a member of the Royal Navy, his family received a CVSM clasp, and a War Medal in his honour.

The Government of Canada: Canadian Virtual War Memorial - Gerald Reginald Egan / <https://www.veterans.gc.ca/en/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/2954123?Gerald%20Reginald%20Egan>  
The Government of Canada: Libraries and Archives - Gerald Reginald Egan  
<http://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.redirect?app=kia&id=10400&lang=eng>

# World War II

## Frederick W. Fisher

May 1st, 1913 - April 17th, 1945

Born Frederick William Fisher on May 1st, 1913, in Prescott, Ontario. He was the son of James Francis and Mary Catherine Fisher, and husband to Beatrice M. Fisher. A dedicated family man, Mr. Fisher left school at a young age to provide for his family. Working as a laborer and deck hand in his youth, during his adulthood he found longtime employment at the Superior Silk Mill in Prescott, working as the lead weaver for the plant. He married Mrs. Beatrice M. Fisher of Prescott in 1938, having a daughter named Helena together in 1942. Enlisting in Kingston, Ontario, on June 30th, 1944, he served as a member of the Algonquin Regiment R.C.I.C. Private Fisher was deployed to Europe in December 1944. After arriving in the United Kingdom his unit served a short stint in Belgium before being transferred to the Netherlands. From February 1945 until the summer of 1945 this is where the Algonquin Rifles R.C.I.C. remained. Transitioning to a front-line soldier in March 1945. While stationed on the field he was wounded while in action on April 17th, 1945, he passed away a couple of days later from his injuries on April 18th, 1945. He was laid to rest at Holten Canadian War Cemetery in the Netherlands. For his efforts during the war his family received the 1939-1945 France and Germany Star and a War Medel C.V.S.M. clasp.

The Government of Canada: Canadian Virtual War Memorial - Frederick W. Fisher /

<https://www.veterans.gc.ca/en/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/2227218?Frederick%20William%20Fisher>

The Government of Canada: Libraries and Archives - Frederick W. Fisher /

<http://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.redirect?app=kia&id=11376&lang=eng>

## Maurice P. Halpin

March 30th, 1912 - September 27th, 1943

Born Maurice Patrick Halpin, on March 30th, 1912, in Prescott, Ontario. He was the son of Patrick Kernan Halpin and Clara May Halpin. After leaving school Mr. Halpin lived in Ottawa and Brockville, working for a range of Trust Corporations. Prior to his enlistment he worked for The Brockville Trust and Co. as the lead general trust clerk. He was also a notable member of the bowling and golfing community in the Brockville area and was a friend of the Dubrule family of Prescott. Enlisting on December 2nd, 1941,

Officer Halpin served the Royal Canadian Air Force's 434 Sqdn. Mainly working as a navigator on R.C.A.F. fighter planes he served in Canada from 1941-1942, before being deployed overseas in early 1943 working on the front lines of the war effort mainly in enemy territory. On the morning of September 27th, 1943, the aircraft he was navigating alongside his 434 Squadron members never returned to base after a mission in Germany.

He, along with the other 6 airmen on board were presumed killed after enemy warfare took place. His death was confirmed in 1949, when he along with his 6 other comrades were moved to a British controlled cemetery and laid to rest at Handover War Ceremony in Germany. Officer Halpin is also commemorated on the Bomber Command Memorial in Nanton, Alberta, for his work as a member of the Air Force.



The Government of Canada: Canadian Virtual War Memorial - Maurice Patrick Halpin /

<https://www.veterans.gc.ca/en/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/2074314?Maurice%20Patrick%20Halpin>

The Government of Canada: Libraries and Archives - Maurice Halpin / <http://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.redirect?app=kia&id=14556&lang=eng>

# World War II

## Frank C. Miller

June 22nd, 1921 - May 31st, 1944

Frank Charles Miller was born on June 22nd, 1921, in Prescott, Ontario. He was the son of William and Florence Miller, husband to Winnifred Miller, and father to William and Douglas Miller. Leaving school at a young age, Mr. Miller worked odd jobs around Prescott such as a cattle hand and a truck driver, before finding his calling as a fireman for C.P.R. Co. He also was a mechanic hobbyist, working part-time for many garages in Prescott. When WWII broke out, he enlisted as a member of the #3 NRMA Clg. Depot, serving in Canada from 1942-1943 in North Bay, Ontario. Enlisting in the army on March 29th, 1943, he served most of his enlistment for the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada. Deployed overseas in December 1943, he served in the United Kingdom, before transferring to the fields of Italy in May 1944. He was killed while in action on while serving in Frosinone, Italy, on May 31st, 1944, and laid to rest at Casino War Cemetery in Italy. For his service during the war his family received a 1939-1945 Italy Star, 1939 -1945 War Mettle, and a C.V.S.M clasp in his honour.

The Government of Canada: Canadian Virtual War Memorial - Frank Charles Miller /

<https://www.veterans.gc.ca/en/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/2609455?Frank%20Charles%20Miller>

The Government of Canada: Libraries and Archives - Frank Charles Miller / <http://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.redirect?app=kia&id=24934&lang=eng>



The Government of Canada: Canadian Virtual War Memorial - George William Miller /

<https://www.veterans.gc.ca/en/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/2647834?George%20William%20Miller>

The Government of Canada: Libraries and Archives - George Miller / <http://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.redirect?app=kia&id=39622&lang=eng>

## George Miller

September 1st, 1919 - March 12th, 1943

George William Miller, on September 1st, 1919, in Augusta Township. He was the son of George Samuel and Bernice Maud Miller. He worked as a clerk for J.E. Knapp of Prescott prior to his enlistment. Enlisting on July 23rd, 1941, Officer Miller served the Royal Canadian Air Force's 149 (R.A.F.) Sqdn. Prior to his deployment overseas Officer Miller was a student of Signal Air School in Toronto and was a member of the 1942 graduating class. Mostly serving as a Air Gunner, he served in the United Kingdom, and the Netherlands. Officer Miller was reported missing on March 12th, 1943, after not returning to base after an air mission, later presumed dead by the Canadian government in the following days. After the war a marker was laid for him at Bergh Roman Catholic Graveyard in the Netherlands. He was around 23 years old at the time of his death. Officer Miller is also commemorated on the Bomber Command Memorial in Nanton, Alberta, for his work as a member of the Air Force. In his honour his family received a 1939-1945 War Medal for his efforts during the war.

# World War II

## John H. Morris

February 9th, 1917 - September 20th, 1944

John Henry Morris was born on February 9th, 1917, in Prescott, Ontario. He was the son of James Henry and Estella Morris. Working as a merchant prior to his enlistment, Mr. Morris was also an active member of local Rifle groups, and a trainer at Camp Borden in Cornwall. He enlisted in the military in 1940, and went overseas the following year as a member of the P.L.D.G. In Europe he rose through the ranks under the 12th Manitoba Dragoons R.C.A.C. under 18th Armd, Car Regiment, becoming Captain of the Regiment in June of 1944. Deployed overseas in early 1941, he served on the fields of the United Kingdom from August 1942 - November 1943, before disembarking on a tour of the fields of France and Belgium in January 1944. Captain Morris and his 12th Manitoba Dragoons were on the forefront of the Liberation of Brussels in September 1944. He was wounded while in battle in Belgium and passed away from his injury's days later on September 20th, 1944. He was laid to rest at Adegem Canadian War Cemetery in Belgium.



The Government of Canada: Canadian Virtual War Memorial - John H. Morris / <https://www.veterans.gc.ca/en/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/2083378?John%20Henry%20Morris>  
The Government of Canada: Libraries and Archives - John Henry Morris / <http://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/redirect?app=kia&id=41975&lang=eng>

## A. Barclay Newsome

April 19th, 1917 - October 7th, 1944

Albert Barclay Newsome was born on April 19th, 1917, in Prescott, Ontario. He was the son of James Harvey and Edith Isabella Newsome. A graduate of Prescott High School, he went on to graduate from Queen's University's Commerce program in 1941. Receiving a letter of recommendation from the Dean of Queens University, he was selected to serve as a pilot for the Royal Canadian Air Force on May 5th, 1941, in Ottawa, Ontario. Serving in the 438th Sqdn, he spent most of his military career stationed in Alaska, operating his Curtiss Kittyhawk fighter plane. By the height of the war efforts he was transferred to Europe, fighting mostly on the front lines of Germany, and Italy. At the age of 27 Officer Newsome was reported missing after not returning to base after the attacks on Borken Germany. Presumed killed in action on October 7th, 1944, his death was confirmed in 1947, where he was then laid to rest at British ran Reichswald Forest Ward Cemetery in Germany.



The Government of Canada: Canadian Virtual War Memorial - John H. Morris / <https://www.veterans.gc.ca/en/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/2083378?John%20Henry%20Morris>  
The Government of Canada: Libraries and Archives - John Henry Morris / <http://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/redirect?app=kia&id=41975&lang=eng>

# World War II

## Elwood Pomeroy

May 8th, 1924 - July 29th, 1944

Elwood Cameron Pomeroy was born on May 8th, 1924, in Maine. He was the son of Cecil Benjamin and Hazel Alice Pomeroy (nee, Strout). Moving to Canada at a young age, prior to his enlistment Mr. Pomeroy had worked odd jobs as an electrician while attending Prescott High School and was a hobbyist skater. After graduating he enlisted as a member of the Royal Canadian Air Force on July 23rd, 1943, and served under 405 Sqdn, following in his father's footsteps of working in the military. On his first voyage to Europe, his aircraft Lancaster J.P 707 crashed at sea. All seven men on were killed, with only the polit of the aircraft ever being found. The Royal Canadian Air Force was informed of the crash on July 29th, 1944, after the craft had been reported missing, and all 7 men aboard were given the day of death of July 29th, 1944. A memorial for Officer Pomeroy was erected at Runnymede Memorial in Surrey, United Kingdom. Officer Pomeroy is also commemorated on the Bomber Command Memorial in Nanton, Alberta, for his work as a member of the Air Force.



The Government of Canada: Canadian Virtual War Memorial - Elwood Cameron Pomeroy / <https://www.veterans.gc.ca/en/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/1804486?Elwood%20Cameron%20Pomeroy>  
The Government of Canada: Libraries and Archives - Elwood Cameron Pomeroy / <http://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.redirect?app=kia&id=28738&lang=eng>

## Thomas P. Quinn

April 1st, 1924 - January 29th, 1945

Thomas Phillip Quinn was born on April 1st, 1924, in Ottawa, Ontario. He was the son of William P. and Helena H. Quinn. Moving to Prescott at a young age, Mr. Quinn worked as a tool maker for the Dominion Lighthouse Depot after graduating school. He was also a member of the local men's hockey and baseball teams playing as hobbies after a successful run as a high school athlete. Mr. Quinn was a student at Cornwall Collegiate prior to his enlistment. Enlisting on November 16th, 1942, Officer Quinn served the Royal Canadian Air Force in their 408 Sqdn. Mostly working as an air gunner, Officer Quinn worked on Halifax fighter planes in Canada, the United Kingdom, and Germany. On the night of January 28th, 1945, the Halifax fighter Officer Quinn was on was involved in an accident with enemy forces, crashing in the town of Vaihingen, Germany. Officer Quinn and 5 of his fellow soldiers were killed in the crash, while one soldier survived the accident. Officer Quinn was officially reported missing on January 29th, 1945, which matches that of his official death record on the Canadian Virtual War Memorial. This plane crash opened an inquest involving the Canadian and American Royal Air Forces to find the remains of all 6 missing men. With the help of Captain E.E. Murray of the United States Air Force, and local civilians the remains of Officer Quinn and his fellow comrades were laid to rest in a British ran cemetery located at Durnbach War Cemetery in Germany, in August of 1945. For his efforts as a member of the Royal Canadian Air Force Officer Quinn was also commemorated at Bomber Command Memorial in Nanton, Alberta.



The Government of Canada: Canadian Virtual War Memorial - Thomas Phillip Quinn / <https://www.veterans.gc.ca/en/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/2102881?Thomas%20Phillip%20Quinn>  
The Government of Canada: Libraries and Archives - Thomas Phillip Quinn / <http://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.redirect?app=kia&id=29327&lang=eng>

# World War II

## Arnold Running

1915 - Nov 5<sup>th</sup>, 1944

Gilmer Arnold Running was the son of Samuel Running of Prescott, Ontario. He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force on April 16th, 1942, serving for the 424 Sqdr. After not returning from air operations on November 5th, 1944, he was reported as missing. Officer Running was never found, with the date of November 5th, 1944, serving as his presumed date of death. His life was honored at the Runnymede Memorial in Surrey, United Kingdom, and the Bomber Command Memorial in Nanton, Alberta, for his efforts as a member of the R.C.A.F.

The Government of Canada: Canadian Virtual War Memorial - Gilmer Arnold Running / <https://www.veterans.gc.ca/en/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/2940724?Gilmer%20Arnold%20Running>



## Guy Shaver

April 2nd, 1920 - December 17th, 1945

Guy Joseph Shaver was born on April 2nd, 1920, in Prescott, Ontario. He was the son of John Henry and Madeline G. Shaver. Working as a butcher for W.D. Armstrong prior to his enlistment, Mr. Shaver also was a volunteer firefighter and an active member of the R.C.A.C.S. volunteer force in Borden, working mainly as a cook for the camp. Enlisting on June 19th, 1940, in Ottawa, Ontario, he served in the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps. After working as a cook at Camp Borden, Private Shaver was later transferred to Camp Sussex in the fall of 1941, where he then trained to become a soldier. He was deployed overseas the following fall, spending the Fall and Winter of 1942 serving in the United Kingdom, with small station periods of service in Northern France. Mostly working as a cook and cleaner for a variety of camps. However, through 1943-1945 he did take part in short deployments to the field. After the war ended Private Shaver remained in Europe helping with relief efforts in affected countries. While serving his last station in the United Kingdom Private Shaver was involved in a workplace accident, later passing away in hospital at the age of 25 on December 17th, 1945. He was laid to rest at Brookwood Military Cemetery in Surrey, United Kingdom.

The Government of Canada: Canadian Virtual War Memorial - Guy Joseph Shaver / <https://www.veterans.gc.ca/en/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/2928891?Guy%20Joseph%20Shaver>

The Government of Canada: Libraries and Archives - Guy Joseph Shaver / <http://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.redirect?app=kia&id=32176&lang=eng>

# World War II

## Bowman Spero

**October 1918 - September 14th, 1941**

John Bowman Spero was born on October 1918, in Domville, Ontario. He was the son of Wilfred and Bernice Spero, and husband to Jean Irma Spero (nee Henry). Prior to his enlistment Mr. Spero was working towards his accounting degree in Ottawa and was a member of the local cadet corps in his youth. He married Mrs. Spero in March of 1941. Enlisting on May 2nd, 1940, serving in the Royal Canadian Air Force. Sergeant Spero mostly served as a flying observer during his military enlistment. Receiving his flying license from Fignal Flying School in March of 1941. Upon his deployment overseas the plane Sergeant Spero was observing on went missing after air operations. Failing to report to base on September 14th, 1941. A memorial to honour Sergeant Spero was erected at Runnymede Memorial in Surrey, United Kingdom following his passing.

The Government of Canada: Canadian Virtual War Memorial - John Bowman Spero / <https://www.veterans.gc.ca/en/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/1807752?John%20Bowman%20Spero>

The Government of Canada: Libraries and Archives - John Bowman Spero / <http://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.redirect?app=kia&id=33637&lang=eng>



## Grenville Swan

**January 21st, 1921 - June 6th, 1944**

Elmer Grenville Swan was born on January 21st, 1921, in North Augusta, Ontario. He was the son of John Swan, husband to Helene Swan and father to Gary Swan. Prior to his military service Mr. Swan worked as a mechanic and glove cutter for Gold Glove Co. in Prescott, Ontario. He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals on March 16th, 1942. Prior to his deployment overseas Corporal Swan served in Ottawa and Kingston, Ontario. Disembarking overseas in November of 1942, working mainly on the fields of the United Kingdom and France. Rising the ranks in the army, he reached the rank of Lance Corporal in March of 1944, while earning a Canadian Volunteer services medal for his part during the relief efforts overseas. He was killed while in action on June 6th, 1944, and was laid to rest at Beny-Sur-Mer Canadian War Cemetery in Calvados, France. For his efforts during the war his family received a 1939-1945 France and Germany Star, a Defense Medal, a War Medal 1939-1945, and a C.V.S.M clasp.

The Government of Canada: Canadian Virtual War Memorial - Elmer Grenville Swan / <https://www.veterans.gc.ca/en/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/2060331?Elmer%20Grenville%20Swan>  
The Government of Canada: Libraries and Archives - Elmer Grenville Swan / <http://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.redirect?app=kia&id=34682&lang=eng>

# World War II

## Arthur Tindal

**November 5th, 1922 - April 11th, 1945**

Arthur Fredrick Tindal on November 5th, 1922, in Morrisburg, Ontario. He was the son of Howard and Fannie Tindal. Prior to his enlistment he worked as a horse wrangler and a mechanic during his teenage years. Mr. Tindal enlisted into the military on May 24th, 1941, in Kingston, Ontario. Serving in the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps in their 4th Armed Division Troops Coy. During his time stationed in the United Kingdom, Private Tindal married Mrs. Mary Tindal (nee Goldsmith) of Surrey, England, on November 1st, 1943. At the age of 23 on April 11th, 1945, Private Tindal was killed in a motor vehicle accident while on active duty in Holland. He was laid to rest at Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery in the Netherlands. After his death he was honored with a Star Medal, and a Defense War Medal. Although a lifelong resident of Morrisburg his legacy in Canada is honored in Prescott, where his mother Mrs. Fannie Tindal lived from the 1940s until her death.



The Government of Canada: Canadian Virtual War Memorial – Arthur Fredrick Tindal  
<https://www.veterans.gc.ca/en/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/2232878?Arthur%20Frederick%20Tindal>  
The Government of Canada: Libraries and Archives – Arthur Fredrick Tindal  
<https://recherche-collection-search.bac.lac.gc.ca/eng/Home/Search?q=Arthur+Tindal&num=25&start=0&enviro=prod&DataSource=Genealogy>

## Clarence Vickery

**July 29th, 1916 - October 16th, 1944**

Born Clarence Norman Vickery, on July 29th, 1916, in Prescott, Ontario. He was the son of Norman and Honor Vickery, brother to Private William Vickery and Agatha Vickery, husband to Violetta Lucy Vickery and father to Bobby Vickery.

Before his enlistment he worked as a butcher for Knapp's Butcher Shop and Grocery in Prescott from the age of 14, and often was a part-time farm hand for many farms in the area.

Enlisting on May 12th, 1943, in Kingston, Ontario. Private Vickery served the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment. During his time serving in Italy, he was mortally wounded in action, passing away on October 16th, 1944, and was laid to rest at Coriano Ridge War Cemetery in Italy. After his death his family received a Star Medal in his honour.



The Government of Canada: Canadian Virtual War Memorial – Clarence Norman Vickery /  
<https://www.veterans.gc.ca/en/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/2636481?Clarence%20Norman%20Vickery>  
The Government of Canada: Libraries and Archives – Clarence Norman Vickery / [https://recherche-collection-search.bac.lac.gc.ca/eng/Home/Record?app=kia&IdNumber=36549&q=clarence%20vickery&copy=44485\\_83024005506\\_0899-00478](https://recherche-collection-search.bac.lac.gc.ca/eng/Home/Record?app=kia&IdNumber=36549&q=clarence%20vickery&copy=44485_83024005506_0899-00478)

# World War II

## William G. Vickery

**January 4th, 1920 - October 13th, 1943**

William George Vickery was born on January 4th, 1920, in South Crosby, Ontario. He was the son of Norman and Honor Vickery, brother to Private Clarence Vickery and Agatha Vickery, husband to Pearl Vickery, and father to Shirley, William, and Richard. A long-time resident of Prescott, he worked for the C.N.R. prior to his enlistment. Private Vickery enlisted in Ottawa on May 22nd, 1942, later serving for the Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry. He served most of his enlistment in Canada before being sent overseas in mid-1943. Private Vickery passed away on October 13th, 1943, while in action and was laid to rest at Bari War Cemetery in Italy. He family received a Star Medal and Italy War Medal to commemorate him memory after his death.



The Government of Canada: Canadian Virtual War Memorial - William George Vickery / <https://www.veterans.gc.ca/en/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/2077151?William%20George%20Vickery>

The Government of Canada: Libraries and Archives - William George Vickery / [https://recherche-collection-search.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/Home/Record?app=kia&IdNumber=36555&q=william%20vickery&ecopy=44485\\_83024005549\\_0461-00045](https://recherche-collection-search.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/Home/Record?app=kia&IdNumber=36555&q=william%20vickery&ecopy=44485_83024005549_0461-00045)

## Robert Webb

**September 25th, 1920 - May 22nd, 1945**

Robert Charles Ernest Webb was born on September 25th, 1920, in Prescott, Ontario. He was the son of Walter George Webb and Ruby Marguerite Webb, brother to Franklyn and Clifford and husband to Mrs. Marion Doreen Webb. Prior to his enlistment he was a reporter for the Recorder and Times Newspaper Company and was a writer for the Ottawa Journal and Cornwall Standard. He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force on March 10th, 1942, specializing in radio mechanics. During his deployment he was stationed in Canada and the United States before going overseas in mid-1943. During his time in England he met Mrs. Marion Doreen Webb, a native of Wales, United Kingdom. The two married on April 12th, 1945. Officer Webb passed away on May 22nd, 1945, after an accident and was laid to rest at Brookwood Military Cemetery in Surrey, United Kingdom.

The Government of Canada: Canadian Virtual War Memorial - Robert Charles Webb /

<https://www.veterans.gc.ca/en/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/2929373?Robert%20Charles%20Ernest%20Webb>

The Government of Canada: Libraries and Archives - Robert Charles Ernest Webb /

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# World War II

## Carl Whitney

October 22nd, 1922 - February 3rd, 1945

Winston Carl Whitney was born on October 22nd, 1922, in Prescott, Ontario. He was the son of Winston Carl and Ida Eva Whitney (nee. McMillian), and brother to George, Donald, Keith, and Katherine. A graduate of Prescott High School, Mr. Whitney, worked as a bookkeeper for R.M. Wallace Hardware store on King Street. He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force in Ottawa on May 6th, 1941. Serving as a pilot in the air force he rose to the rank of Warrant Officer, serving all through the United Kingdom during his four years of service. On the day of February 3rd, 1945, the plane in command of Officer Whitney did not return from air operations, last reported being spotted along the coast of Northern Ireland. His memory was commemorated at the Runnymede Memorial in Surrey, United Kingdom.



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## Alton J. O'Neil

March 16th, 1915 - April 27th, 1942

Alton James O'Neil, on March 16th, 1915, in Cumberland, Ontario. He was the son of James and Kathleen O'Neil. During his youth Mr. O'Neil grew up in Montreal, Quebec, and Washington D.C. After high school he studied Chemistry at Montreal Technical College before taking over his father's Dry-Cleaning business. He then moved to the Prescott area in the early 1940s, marrying Prescott native Mrs. Mary Catherine O'Neil. While living in Brockville he worked with W.D. Wright in Wright's Dry Cleaning, and was an active member of the community, and was friends with the Fulford family. He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force in Ottawa on April 27th, 1942. Rising to the ranks of Sergeant, Mr. O'Neil served as an Air Gunner, stationed at New York and the United Kingdom often a member of crews operating Wellington Aircrafts. On the night of November 9th, 1943, a routine flight the Wellington X 3932 Aircraft his crew was operating experienced technical failure crashing in the United Kingdom, killing all 5 men on board. After the incident, Sergeant O'Neil was laid to rest at Pershore Cemetery in Worcester, England. His legacy was commemorated in Prescott, (the hometown of his wife Mary), and at Bomber Command Memorial in Nanton, Alberta, for his work as a member of the Air Force.

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# We Remember

We also remember those who paid the supreme sacrifice to protect our country, who's memory continues to remain a missing piece to the puzzle that is Prescott's history. Those named marked on Prescott's War Memorial that we remember are:

## World War I

Albert Hurlburt  
John A. Macdonald

## World War II

John Brytan  
Lawrence G. Miller  
Robert L. Scott  
Gordon Sutton

**"At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them."**

**By Laurence Binyon's 'For the Fallen' (1914)**

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