

Did You Know...

Prescott has a rich military history dating back to the town's founding. From the War of 1812 to present day, the town has been the birthplace of many soldiers who have fought for Canada's freedom. Like many municipalities across Canada, some of Prescott's own paid the ultimate sacrifice in protecting Canada's freedom. These fifty-two individuals have been honoured with a war memorial, now located at Fort Wellington.

The current Prescott War Memorial dates to the year 1950, honoring the names of fifty-two men from Prescott who paid the supreme sacrifice during WWI and WWII. The engraving at the top portion of the cenotaph features an image of a sword, The middle portion of the cenotaph is inscribed with the dates of WWI and is accompanied by a list of twenty-six men who lost their lives during the conflict of 1914-1918. Below the names of those lost is a passage from Laurence Binyon's 'For the Fallen' (1914) saying, "At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them. The passage was adopted by the Royal British Legion later by the Prescott Legion when creating the memorial to celebrate the town's connection to the British Monarchy.

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The Prescott War Memorial was originally erected on the south side of King Street between the old Town Hall and the market building, The memorial was the focal point of a 1950s garden upgrade project, accompanied by luscious gardens and a stone path connecting King Street to Water Street. This initiative was taken to replace the original Prescott War Memorial, which featured the names of WWI soldiers, and had fallen into disrepair. The first memorial was located at the front of old Town Hall. It was a multi-use water fountain, which featured a drinking fountain and water trough for horses. This fountain was dismantled in 1950, when restoration of the Town Hall gardens started, and was moved into storage.

When the old Town Hall was torn down in 1962, the war memorial was erected on the west lawn of the new town hall on Dibble Street West. It was at this time when the date of the Korean War was added to the bottom portion of its face. Sitting on the corner of Dibble and West streets, the war monument remained the focal point of the town hall gardens until 2001. In a joint effort of Royal Canadian Legion Branch #97 and Parks Canada, the monument was moved to the grounds of Fort Wellington, where it has been maintained by Parks Canada till present day.

We Remember Those We Lost

World War I 1914-1918

- ARTHUR E. BAKER
- HOWARD BAKER
- PHILIP V.
BLACKLOCK
- CECIL BOVAIRD
- WARD W. BURKE
- JOHN H, DAVY
- JACOB S. DOYLE
- G. HARVEY EWART
- IRA H. GLASGOW
- ALBERT HURLBERT
- ROYAL W. KINGSTON
- E. WILLIAM LANE
- ROY LINDSAY
- JOHN A. MacDONALD
- HAROLD P.
MacGREGOR
- CHARLES H. O'LEARY
- GUY C. O'SHEA
- GEORGE PATTERSON
- EDWARD PATTERSON
- JAMES PETERSON
- WILLIAM ROBINSON
- WILLIAM F. SHARPE
- HARRY J. SMITH
- JOHN R.W. TYNER
- STANLEY W. WARD
- WILFRED L. WHITE

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World War II 1939 - 1945

- KENNETH N. ARTHURS
- RALPH ARTHURS
- JOHN BRYTAN
- CARL DIETSCHWEILER
- GERALD R. EGAN
- FREDERICK W. FISHER
- MAURICE P. HALPIN
- FRANK C. MILLER
- GEORGE MILLER
- LAWRENCE G. MILLER
- JOHN H. MORRIS
- A. BARCLAY NEWSOME
- ELWOOD POMEROY
- THOMAS P. QUINN
- ARNOLD RUNNING
- ROBERT L. SCOTT
- GUY SHAVER
- BOWMAN SPERO
- GORDON SUTTON
- GRENVILLE SWAN
- AUTHUR TINDAL
- CLARENCE VICKERY
- WILLIAM G. VICKERY
- ROBERT WEBB
- CARL WHITNEY
- ALTON J. O'NEIL