

1914

At the outbreak of W W I, Miss Maud Row was president, and Mrs. John Halfpenny secretary-treasurer of the Maynard Women's Institute. At the September meeting, Mrs. Alex Robinson moved and Mrs. Joseph Barton seconded a motion to send \$10 to the Soldiers. It is not presently known just what this meant, but later donations were made to "The Soldiers' Aid", and we believe that this was a fund for general relief.

1915

This was a busy year, the beginning of much work by the members of the Women's Institute. Money was voted to buy wool for socks to be knitted, and donations were sent to the Red Cross and the Soldiers' Aid. Meetings were held in the Baptist Church, which was not being used as a church, where members cut and sewed, made bandages, knitted and packed boxes for local boys overseas.

In June, a social evening was held to raise money for the war effort. The menu consisted of ice cream, cake, sandwiches and green tea. A booth there featured homemade candy, peanuts, ice cream, bananas and lemonade. The Charleville Orchestra, Mr. and Mrs. Alison Stephenson, furnished music and Arnold Robinson sang several numbers. Table conveners were \*Mrs. Will Conklin

Mrs. Jim Simpson

Mrs. John Halfpenny

Net receipts were \$28.78.

Programs at meetings were usually patriotic songs and readings whilst the members worked. Often there were showers for gifts for boxes to be sent to service men.

That year at the Prescott Fair the Women's Institute booth exhibited war work being done. The booth was decorated with bunting and flags, and the ladies sold cookies, candy and fried cakes - Committee was Mrs. Joe Lane                      Miss Maud Row                      Mrs. Will Robinson

Mrs. Herb Throop

Mrs. Calvin Lane

There was a "guess Cake", and net receipts were \$19.99

Dr. Sterling Spicer, on a visit to his home here, addressed the ladies on First Aid at a meeting.

1916

Parcels were packed for Gordon Hall, Herbie Hall, Wallace Fraser and Sterling Spero, each containing a flannel shirt, 2 pairs home-knit socks, 2 handkerchiefs, bath towel, candy, cocoa, stationery, cookies, toilet soap and fruit cake. Each was valued at \$4. Cases of goods were sent regularly to Montreal, then to Kingston. A knitting machine was purchased to speed up that work. Several social evenings were held to raise funds to support the effort.

1917

Miss Row continued as president, but with Mrs. Oscar Carson, secretary-treasurer. Parcels were sent to -

Mason Scott	Jimmy Durant
Andrew Burns	Willie Gibbons
Elmer Bishop	Joe Bishop
John Jack	

Each of these, as well as the usual necessities and treats, contained insect powder.

Mr. George Wright, Brockville, gave a concert on his phonograph.

1918

Mrs. Walter Dulmage was named president of the Women's Institute, with Mrs. Percy Fretwell, sec.-treasurer.

The work went on, as before parcels were sent to service persons, and much knitting, sewing, rolling bandages, etc. carried on.

Maynard W. I. went to the Augusta Township Council, with 4 other branches of Women's Institute, to solicit funds to help them carry on with war effort.

A knitting contest was won by Mrs. Will Robinson,  
Miss Maggie Perrin  
Mrs. Joe Lane

Each of these ladies returned the prize money to pay for wool for knitting for the men.

There were booths at the School Fair and the Farmers' Picnic; waste paper was collected and sold; old silver and gold ornaments were sold to support the effort. A campaign called "Silver Thimble and Trinket" was given support.

1919

Mrs. George Robinson assumed the presidency of the branch, with Mrs. Percy Fretwell, sec.-treasurer.

June 26, 1919, a banquet was held in the Baptist Church to which each soldier and his family was invited. It was noted that there was no meat served, it was still expensive.

Convenors for this event were : Mrs. Joe Lane, Mrs. John Halfpenny  
Mrs. Calvin Lane and Mrs. Herb Throop  
program - Miss Maud Row, Miss Helen Joynt, Mrs. Percy Fretwell  
Mrs. Mildred Weir.

Each man was given a pen.

#### SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL MONUMENT

The W I spearheaded the movement to erect a memorial monument to the service men who had given their lives. The branch donated \$100, and canvassers were named to cover the township seeking support. When the monument had been erected, the W I arranged for a dedication service of unveiling. They purchased 2 urns at \$17 each to add to the beauty of the cemetery lot.

Mrs. Joseph S. Lane was presented with a cream and sugar set in recognition of her faithful work for the Red Cross during the war years.

A donation of \$50 was sent to The Destitute Children of Europe, a fund designated to provide some relief for such children.

ROLL OF THOSE WHO SERVED

GORDON HALL	ROY PERRIN
HERBERT HALL	JOHN HYNDE
MASON SCOTT	JOHN DUNBAR
ELMER BISHOP	THOMAS KINGSTON
JOSEPH BISHOP	BURTON HURLBURT
STERLING SPERO	ROY SPICER
WALLACE FRASER	GORDON SCOTT
JAMES DURANT	MAYSEL (LANE) PARRY-EVANS Reg. N.
WILLIE GIBBONS	JAMES F. HAMILL
JOHN JACK	WILFRED L. WHITE
ANDREW BURNS	EDWARD PATTERSON
WILLIE LANE	WILLIAM SCOTT
CECIL BOVAIRD	GEORGE PATTERSON
HARVEY EWART	ROY LINDSAY
WILLIAM K. WHITE	JOHN B. WHITE
FRANK M. SCOTT	JAMES IRWIN ROBINSON
EDWARD ROBINSON	FRED STERRETT
HARLOW JOHNSTON	WILFRED B. WEIR
WILLIAM P. SPERO	

These men and one lady offered their services freely. Some were sent to active service overseas, others remained on duty in Canada.

WORLD WAR 1     1914-1918

HONOUR ROLL

Those who gave their lives:

PTE. ROY SPICER	May 12, 1916
PTE. HERBERT W. HALL	June 6, 1916
PTE. WILLIAM K. WHITE	October 1, 1916
PTE. JAMES F. HAMILL	November 18, 1916
SGT. WILLIAM E. LANE	March 1, 1917
PTE. WILFRED L. WHITE	April 9, 1917
LIEUT. CECIL BOVAIRD	May 3, 1917
PTE. EDWARD PATTERSON	August 2, 1917
PTE. JOHN B. WHITE	July 27, 1917
PTE. HARVEY G. EWARD	August 17, 1917
PTE. ELMER W. BISHOP	August 18, 1917
PTE. JOSEPH N. BISHOP	November 6, 1917
PTE. JOHN HYNDE	November 6, 1917
CADET BURTON E. HURLBERT	March 7, 1918
PTE. THOMAS R. KINGSTON	September 2, 1918
L/CPL. GORDON H. SCOTT	August 17, 1918
PTE. GEORGE PATTERSON	September 2, 1918
SGT. ROY LINDSAY	January 6, 1919
PTE. STANLEY WARD	April 18, 1919
L/CPL. MASON F. SCOTT	September 23, 1919
PTE. WILLIAM SCOTT	August 27, 1917





PTE. ROY H. SPICER

-thanks to  
Mrs. C.D. Perrin

ROY HARTLEY SPICER was born at Smiths Falls, Ontario, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Spicer on December 25, 1892. Following the death of his father, Roy and his mother moved to Steveston, British Columbia where he completed his schooling.

Roy enlisted in the Canadian Army, 1914, at New Westminster, B. C., and was posted to Valcartier, Quebec for basic training. Overseas, he was wounded in the hip by shrapnel in 1915, and returned to England to convalesce. On rejoining his unit in France, he was again engaged in active battle, and on May 12, 1916, was killed by enemy action.

He is buried in Belgium, near the French border.

No. 17170 1st British Contingent, British Expeditionary Force

At one time Roy resided in Prescott, and had many relatives in town and vicinity.





SGT. HERBERT WESLEY HALL

HERBERT WESLEY HALL, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Hall, Concession 2, Augusta, enlisted in the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, August 4, 1914.

After training at Morrisburg, Ontario, he proceeded overseas, leaving Halifax on November 25, 1915, aboard the S. S. Lapland, and arrived in England on December 5th.

Herb served in the trenches in Belgium for about 6 weeks. At the Battle of Ypres, June 2 - 4, he was seriously wounded, and died June 6 of his wounds.

Sgt. Hall was buried in Belgium near Poperinghe, on the Boeschepe Road, Plot 7, Row B. No 37. Regimental No. 475305.

-photo and information from  
Mrs. James Hall, his mother



PTE. WILLIAM KENNETH WHITE

William Kenneth White was born at Roebuck, October 23, 1897, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel White (nee Mary Fraser).

He was educated at Roebuck Public School, Spencerville Continuation School, and had completed one year toward a degree at Victoria College, General Course, Toronto.

He enlisted in Kingston, November 1915, in the 59th Battalion, Machine Gun Section, and spent the winter 1915-16 training in Barriefield and Brockville.

Kenneth went overseas in April 1916, arriving in France in August, part of a unit reinforcing the 31st Battalion. At the Battle of the Somme he was wounded, September 25, 1916, and died of wounds October 1, 1916 at Boulogne, where he was buried.

-photo and information  
Mrs. Arnold Goodin,  
a sister.





SGT. WILLIAM E. LANE

William Ellis Lane, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Lane (Joed) of Maynard, was born 1893, and attended Dulmage's School, S. S. 5, Augusta. His mother was the former Adelia Perrin. Willie was a trained soloist, and gave freely of his talent to his church and community.

He enlisted at Prescott, October 4, 1915, in the 80th Battalion, and went to Cardinal, a guard at the canal there. On May 29, 1916, he arrived overseas and proceeded to France, where he served with the 54th Battalion from August 13, 1916 until his death by enemy action, March 1, 1917.

- thanks to Mrs. C. D. Perrin

In July 1936, with many other relatives and friends of those buried there, Mrs. Lane visited the grave of her son in France. She found a beautiful cemetery, and each grave marked with a white cross bearing the name of the one buried there.





LIEUT. CECIL J. BOVAIRD

Cecil Johnstone Bovaird, second son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bovaird, Toronto, was born in Prescott, 1894. His mother was the daughter of Henry Spicer and his wife, Maria Youker of Augusta township, well-known local families.

Cecil Graduated from Osgoode Hall in 1915, and joined the law firm of Johnston, McKay, Dodds and Grant. He was given a commission in the 109th Battalkon, but reverted in rank in order to get to the front and action.

He was killed in the battle for Arleux, in France, May 3, 1917.

--thanks to Mrs. C. D. Perrin  
Prescott

HARVEY GERALD EWART, youngest son of Joseph Ewart and his wife, Eliza Jane Reynolds, was born March 17, 1898, in Augusta, on the farm now occupied by his nephew, Gordon Ewart, Macadamized Road. He was educated in local schools, and a member of St. John's Anglican Church, Prescott.

Harvey enlisted with the 156th Regiment at age of 17 years, went overseas in May 1916. After training in England, he was transferred to the 38th Battalion, and sent to France. There he took part in the battles at Ypres, and at Vimy Ridge, where he was killed in action, August 17, 1917.

Surviving were three brothers and a sister, as well as his father.....

Edward Joseph Ewart, Ottawa

Ernest Robert Ewart, Prescott

George Reginald, Prescott

Ada Eleanor, Mrs. Stephen Polite, Augusta.

--thanks to Mrs. Polite

#### CADET BURTON E. HURLBURT

Son of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Hurlburt (Hurlbert), Ottawa, formerly of Prescott. Mrs. Hurlburt was daughter of Richard Birks and his wife, Dorcas Throop, well-known Augusta families.

Cadet Hurlburt was killed in a flying accident while on active service, training at Fort Worth, Texas. The body was returned to Ottawa, and a military funeral held, with a large attendance of service persons. The commanding officer of the Second Depot Battalion sent Lieut. A. C. Webb in charge of a firing party of 60 men. The Great War Veterans were represented by a detachment of 200 men in charge of Major H. J. Woodside. The coffin, draped in a Union Jack, was placed on a gun carriage, drawn by six horses supplied by the 74th Battery at Lansdowne Park. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. S. P. Rose, assisted by Rev. Dr. J. W. H. Milne.

The pallbearers were veterans, and there were 30 flower bearers, all members of the Veterans' Association. Last Post was sounded at King Edward Avenue. Interment took place in Beechwood Cemetery, Ottawa.

- thanks to Scrapbook of  
Marcella Connell Birks

March 1918



PTE JOSEPH N. BISHOP



PTE. ELMER U. BISHOP

These brothers were sons of Uriah Bishop of Augusta. Both were killed in action overseas.

Joseph, November 6, 1917

Elmer, August 18, 1917

Survivors in the family included a brother, Will, and sisters

May - Mrs. Oscar Carson

Lilian -

Norma - Mrs. Leonard Rooke

- photos from Mrs. May E. Carson





WALLACE ARTHUR FRASER, son of James Weir Fraser and Lucinda Snyder, was born in Spencerville, 1895. Later the family moved to Prescott.

Wallace enlisted in 1916 at Kingston, and served overseas as a Flying Navigator. His plane was shot down over France, and he landed in the mud, head first, it is said.

He was wounded, the bullet penetrating his left chest above the heart, and going out through his left shoulder. He spent six months in Military Hospital in Keighly, England, before being returned home to Canada.

In recognition of his war services, he received a pocket watch from the vicinity of Prescott in Grenville County.

The photo reproduction shows him in his flying uniform. Taken from a photo loaned by his brother, Kenneth Scott Fraser, Pointe Claire, Quebec.





photo kindness of  
Thomas L. Walker

MAYSEL AGNES (LANE) PARRY-EVANS

Maysel Lane was born on the family farm, Maynard, elder daughter of Joseph H. Lane and his wife, Alice Laidlaw. She attended local schools, and graduated a Registered Nurse from Kingston General Hospital.

When World war 1 came, she enlisted in the Canadian Army Nursing Corps, and went to England in 1915. While serving in France, she met Harold Parry-Evans, and they were married in England some time later. In the Spring of 1918, he was posted to the hospital ship, Llandovery, which was lost at sea with all hands.

The young widow carried on with her duties until the close of the conflict, then returned to the family home. She kept house for her bachelor brother, Ivan, until his marriage, when she moved to Prescott.

During her lifetime, Maysel gave freely of her nursing skills to the people of the community. She was called on many hundreds of times to nurse the sick, to assist in emergencies, and was known throughout the area for her ability as a nurse.

Maysel died in 1974, aged 81 years, and is buried in the family plot in Maynard Cemetery.

PTE. THOMAS R. KINGSTON, son of Benjamin Kingston and his wife, Jane Woodward, who resided on a farm on the MacAdamized Road near Roebuck.

He was reported captured by the enemy, taken prisoner with other comrades. He lost his life in a bomb explosion, but nothing is now known definitely as to place or cause of bombing. Death was reported as happening September 2, 1918.

He was a brother of Mrs. Moses Spicer, Hillbrook Road, Maynard.

-- from Mrs. Ernest Marshall  
a niece.

L/CPL MASON F. SCOTT, son of Frank M. Scott and his wife, Edna G. Hurlburt, was a teacher when he enlisted in Fort William in 1915, at the age of 17 years.

He saw active service with the 28th Battalion, 2nd Division, Canadian Expeditionary Force. While in France he was gassed, and returned to Canada in 1919. However, he died in September that year as a result of the gas poisoning, and was buried in the Scott family plot, #70, Maynard Cemetery.

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Grave maintained by Imperial War Graves Commission.

- from his father, F. M. Scott

PTE. WILLIAM SCOTT came as a boy from Scotland to work on a farm in Canada, with others, sponsored by the Bernardo Home System.

He was employed by Mr. Joseph Knapp, Maynard, for almost 4 years, and enlisted at age 17 years. He was killed on active service, August 27, 1917.



STERLING PETER SPERO

Sterling Peter Spero, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Spero, Domville, enlisted September 1915 with the Divisional Cycle Corps, and later transferred to the Trench Motor Battery.

He went overseas and saw active service in France from March 1916 until he was wounded at Passchendael, October 30, 1917.

In July 1918 he was invalided home to Canada, and demobilized as physically unfit for further service, September 1918.

Mr. Spero went to reside in San Fransisco, California.

- from his brother, Wilfred Spero.



CAPTAIN WILLIAM P. SPERO, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Spero, Donville, enlisted in London, Ontario, December 1915, with the 135th Battalion.

He went overseas September 1916 and there transferred to the Royal Flying Corps. He was on active service in France and in Egypt until the Armistice was signed, November 11, 1918.

Back in Canada, he was demobilized, Sept. 1919. He went into the banking business, and settled in Wallaceburg, western Ontario. He retired in 1952, amid acclaim for a lifetime of service to his community. He was active in Chamber of Commerce, Kinsmen Club, Rotary, as well as in lawn bowling and curling.

Before he joined the Royal Bank staff, he clerked in the Relyea Clothing Store in Prescott, and often visited relatives and friends in his home town.

-from Wilfred I. Spero,  
brother.





PTE. JAMES GORDON HALL

GORDON HALL, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Hall, Concession 2, Augusta, enlisted in the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry in Toronto.

He left Montreal, Sept. 4, 1915, on the Missanabie, and reached England about 10 days later. He served in Belgium for about six months, and was wounded at the Battle of Ypres, June 2-4, 1916. Taken prisoner in Belgium, he was held prisoner-of-war in Germany for 2 years and 7 months.

In April 1919, Pte. Hall returned to Canada. He took up residence and employment in the Toronto area. He died March 10, 1976, and was buried in Pine Hills Cemetery, Scarborough, Ontario.

- from his mother,  
Mrs. James Hall.  
R. R. 1, Prescott.

Reg. No. 475870



JAMES DURANT

Jimmy Durant, second oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Durant, Charleville, enlisted at the age of 17 in Brockville, 59th Battalion, December 1914.

He went overseas early the following year, and served as a machine gunner 19 months in the firing line. At the Battle of Ypres he was gassed, and sent to England for hospital treatment.

On the day that Armistice was signed, Jimmy was on draft to return to active duty in France.

The photo states on the reverse side that he had it taken before he went to France and carried it on his person all the time he was on the battle field.

Francis James Durant returned to Canada, and took up residence in Watertown, N. Y., where he was a successful barber.

- from Mrs. Wm. L. Durant  
Charleville





photo taken at a meeting  
at her home -  
Mrs. Frank Perrin, Mrs. D. Gray,  
MAYSEL, Mrs. Montgomery and  
Mrs. W. N. Barton

-photo courtesy Wilbert Barton



N/S MAYSEL A. LANE, with her  
husband, HAROLD PARRY-EVANS,  
R.A.M.C. Pharmasists mate.  
He died at sea on hospital  
ship as result of enemy action

photo - Thomas L. Walker





Roy Spiller





Wilfred B. Weir  
Reeve of Augusta



photo  
Mrs. Weir

#### WILFRID BERTRAND WEIR

A veteran of World War 1, Mr. Weir returned to Augusta where he farmed most of his life. He was adept at carpentry, and built or assisted with a number of homes and barns in the area. He married Mildred Throop, and has one daughter, Ruth, now Mrs. Harold Norton, Prescott.

Wilfrid entered local politics, one of few Liberals who were successful. He served as Reeve of Augusta, and later as Warden of the United Counties of Leeds & Grenville. He was active in all community endeavours, and served on Church Boards and the Maynard Cemetery Board for a number of years.

He died April 1, 1978 and is buried in Maynard Cemetery  
Born January 17, 1896.