

WORLD WAR II 1939-1945

HONOUR ROLL

Those who gave their lives:

SGT. J. BOWMAN SPERO	September 14, 1941
P. O. IRWIN E. S. ROBINSON	November 28, 1942
SGT. ROBERT J. M. ATTRIDGE	December 2, 1942
PTE. GORDON S. FOX	December 26, 1943
PTE. JAMES S. HALL	March 16, 1944
GNR. LAWRENCE WILLIAMS	May 15, 1944
L/CPL ELMER GRENVILLE SWAN	June 6, 1944
L/CPL CARL N. THROOP	July 30, 1944
PTE. KENNETH L. BAKER	August 30, 1944
PTE. SYDNEY SHOBBROOK	July 25, 1944
PTE. WILLIAM R. VANDUSEN	October 14, 1944
PTE. CLARENCE N. VICKERY	October 16, 1944
TPR. DONALD W. COVILLE	April 13, 1945
PTE. CLIFFORD G. YOUNG	April 26, 1945

ROLL OF THOSE WHO SERVED

Overseas ..

William L. Fretwell

Robert E. Byers

Willis A. Perrin

Ivan Gilchrist

Donald Fretwell

Thomas L. Walker

Charles M. Ball

Edgar A. Barton

Kenneth Barton

Douglas S. Conklin

Lorne Buker

Carl Throop

Ralph Newans

Irwin Robinson

George A. Perrin

Hazel A. Perrin

Lloyd Shannon

Cecil Moore

Wilfrid Robinson

James Early

Harold Wing

Clarence Vickery

Hilton Kirkby

Alvin Saunders

William Wylie

Joe Scott

Alton Baynahm

William Woodward

Sydney Shobbbrook

In Canada....

Morley Ball

Floyd Fretwell

James Gilchrist

Wilbert Barton

Bruce Connell

Howard Johnston

Richard Johnston

Lloyd Durant

John Myers

Cecil Robinson

C-75648 L/CPL ELMER GRENVILLE SWAN

Elmer Grenville "Gren" Swan was born February 21, 1921, at Garretton, in Augusta township, son of Carrie May Kyle and John Swan. He received his education in Augusta schools.

On March 27, 1941, he married Helen Irene Scott at St. John's Anglican Church, Prescott, by Rev. H. R. Pettem. L.T.H.R.D.

He went overseas May 29, 1942, and was killed June 6, 1944, "D" day.

Gren is buried at Beny-Sur-Mer, Canadian Cemetery,

His unit was the Royal Canadian Signals, Kingston.

Before enlistment he was employed as a glove cutter with the Gold Glove Company, Prescott.

L/Cpl Swan was survived by a 20-months old son whom he had never seen.



Grenville Swan

-courtesy of his son, Gary Swan

PTE. SYDNEY SHOBROOK came to Canada from Britain, and was employed on the farm of Mr. William Stephenson, Algonquin at the time of his enlistment in the Canadian Active Army. Prior to that, he had worked on the farm of Mr. Amos Ball, Maynard, for a few months. He was engaged to marry Pearl Stephenson, daughter of William, at the time he went overseas.

Pte. Shobrook was killed in action, July 25, 1944.

TROOPER DONALD COVILLE, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Coville, was killed in action overseas, April 13, 1945. His home was near Algonquin.

GUNNER LAWRENCE WILLIAMS, reported lost in action, May 15, 1944.



PTE. WILLIAM RALPH VANDUSEN

William Ralph, son of Mr. and Mrs. William W. Vandusen, R. R. 1, Brockville, was born June 12, 1924. He attended public and high school, then went to work in Maitland in Mr. J. Tarbett's meat store. He also spent 2 years as clerk for Clifford Dumbrille in the General Store there.

October 11, 1942 he enlisted at Ottawa with the Royal Canadian Ordinance Corps, and was storeman for nearly a year there. Following a course in Montreal, and training in Cornwall, he left in August 1943 for Windsor, Nova Scotia, from which place he was sent to England, September 14, 1943. That Fall and Winter he spent training, and on July 7, 1944, he crossed to France, attached to a mobile unit doing field duty behind the lines.

Ralph had advanced as far as Antwerp in Belgium, when, on the morning of October 14, 1944, he was instantly killed by a flying bomb which exploded near his unit and killed most of the men in it. He is buried in The Canadian Cemetery Schoonselhof, near Antwerp, Belgium.

-thanks to Mrs. W. W. VanDusen,
his mother.



PTE. CLARENCE NORMAN VICKERY

Clarence Vickery enlisted in Canada's Active Army at Kingston, May 10, 1943, and trained at Peterborough and Camp Borden. At first he was in heavy artillery, then medium artillery, and finally switched to infantry. His father lived at Forfar, and he was married to the former Violetta Spicer, the father of two sons. He had been in the employ of Joseph E. Knapp for several years, first on the farm, then in the grocery and meat store which Mr. Knapp established in Prescott.

On November 22, 1943 he left for overseas with the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment, requiring only 8 days to reach England from Camp Borden. After 2 months further training, he was sent to Italy, a voyage which took 3 weeks, owing to unsettled conditions at sea. In Italy headquarters was at Benevento, where Clarence took a special course and was moved into the office. There he was busy for 6½ months, earning two stripes of a corporal for reliability and good behaviour.

Clarence fought in the battle for Reminni, a 5 day struggle, then 18 days at headquarters was followed by another front line engagement. On October 14, the 4th day of this battle, Clarence was wounded, and his death followed 2 days later, October 16, 1944. He was buried in the hospital cemetery then, but later removed to the Coriano Ridge, British Empire Cemetery, 2 miles north of Coriano, Italy.

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WILLIAM G. VICKERY, Private, brother of Clarence, was killed in action on October 15, 1943, just a year before Clarence.

- from Mrs. Violetta Vickery



PTE. JAMES S. HALL

James Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Hall, Algonquin, was born there on July 25, 1925. He was educated at Algonquin Public School.

He enlisted in the Canadian Army at Kingston, and trained there, and at Ottawa, Camp Borden and Aldershot, Nova Scotia. He was posted overseas to Britain, and then went to Italy with the Irish Regiment of Toronto in January 1944. He was in the front lines in Italy from January 1, 1944 until March 6, when he was given 10 days leave. On his return to action, he was taking special river-crossing training, when the boat in which he was training tipped over and he was drowned in the Morrow River, near Ortona, Italy.

Jim Hall was buried in the Morrow River Cemetery, Ortona, Italy.
Grave 11, Row F, Plot 2
C120811 Private Samuel James Hall

-thanks to his parents
Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Hall
Algonquin



L/CPL. CARL NEWMAN THROOP

Carl Throop, twin son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Throop (nee Adelia Newman) Charleville, was born there March 19, 1925, along with twin brother Earl Newman Throop. He attended Charleville Public School (S. S. 9), and at age 17 enlisted in the Brockville Rifles on May 5, 1942.

Carl trained with that unit in Ottawa; and in British Columbia at Prince George, Vernon, Victoria and Nanaimo; Wainwright, Alberta, Sidney, Windsor and Debert in Nova Scotia. He then transferred to the Royal Regiment of Canada in June 1944 in order to go overseas.

Early in July 1944 Carl went to France, and was killed in action at the famed battle of Caen, July 30, 1944. He is buried in Beny sur mer, Canadian Cemetery, Plot xvi, Row D. Grave 4.

Reg. No. C 80121

- thanks to his mother,
Mrs. Adelia Throop.



PTE. KENNETH BAKER (TROOPER)

KENNETH BAKER, elder son of Ray Baker and his wife, Minnie Lawrence, of Domville, enlisted at age 24 years, March 1941. He had been employed locally and in Valleyfield, Quebec following schooling in Domville Public School and Prescott High School.

His training was given in Cornwall and Camp Borden with the Princess Louise Dragoon Guards Regiment. On July 17, 1942, he left for overseas, and after 2 months in England, was sent to Sicily, and on to Italy, where he served for a year. He was killed there, August 30, 1944, during the fighting in the Gothic Lines.

Ken is buried in the British Empire Cemetery, Montecchio, 8 miles southwest of Pesaro, Italy. Grave 15, Row J, Plot 3. c - 34977.

He was survived by his parents, 4 sisters -Thelma, Wanda, Mona and Beverley, and brother Bud.

-from his parents,
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Baker



SGT. ROBERT JOHN McLEAN ATTRIDGE

Robert Attridge, first son of Mr. John W. Attridge, and his wife, Addie Luella McLean, was born in Erie, Pennsylvania, August 25, 1918. In December of that same year he moved with his parents to Roebuck. He received his education at Roebuck Public School and Spencerville Continuation School, and graduated from Prescott High School.

Bob was employed by the Bell Telephone Company until he enlisted for service in the Royal Canadian Air Force, May 1942. With the rank of sergeant, he served in Newfoundland as supervisor of Air Force Communications between Botwood and Gander. There, at Gander airfield, the fatal injury was received in December 1942, in a motorcycle accident.

He is buried in the family plot, #131, Maynard Cemetery.

-thanks to Mrs. J. Attridge
his mother.



PTE. GORDON STANLEY FOX

Gordon Fox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fox, Maitland, was born at Haley's Corners, 3 miles east of Maitland in October 1921. He attended school there, S. S. #2, Augusta, and St. James Anglican Church, Maitland.

June 25, 1940 he enlisted with the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Highlanders in Brockville, and trained there until August, when he went to Kingston for advanced training. He remained there until November, when he was transferred to Ottawa. He trained in Debert, Nova Scotia January 1941 to July 1941, when he was shipped overseas, arriving at Aldershot in late July. November 1941 stationed at Sharpthorne, then to Heathfield, May 15, 1942, and to Knepp Castle, August 11. For a time he was hospitalized, due to a knee injury received during training, then to Reinforcement Unit, and in August 1943, joined the Reinforcement Pool. After months of intensive training, he became batman for Lt.-Col. D. C. Cameron, who speaks of him as "a quiet and unassuming lad, a good soldier, who always saw a bit of humour in any situation."

Gordon was in North Africa for 2 months while waiting for passage to Italy, and on December 17, 1943, the draft arrived at Avellino, Italy, motoring the next day up the West Coast, staging one night enroute to the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment which was heavily engaged before Ortona.

At dawn on December 25, 1943, they started clearing high ground immediately west of Ortona, the nature of the country being olive trees and vineyards. During the consolidation period and mopping-up operations, Gordon was hit at 0900 hours, while digging a slit trench for himself. He received fatal head wounds from a rifle bullet fired by a German sniper paratrooper. Death was instantaneous.

He is buried at the Morro River Cemetery at Ortona, situated $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles south of the town, on a promontory overlooking the Adriatic Sea.

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- from his parents



SGT. JOHN BOWMAN SPERO

Bowman Spero, younger son of Mr. Wilfred Spero and his wife, Pearl Wright, was born in Augusta, October 31, 19 , was educated in local schools and graduated from Prescott High School.

At the time he enlisted, Bow was employed by the E. B. Eddy Co., Ottawa, on the office staff, August 1940. He received his training at various schools under the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan, and received his "wings" as an Observer from #4 Bombing and Gunnery School, Fingal, Ontario.

He went overseas, June 1941, first to Scotland for advanced training. It was while serving as a navigator of a Blenheim Bomber during a navigational training exercise over the North Sea from an English base that he was reported missing. No word was ever received from any member of the crew of the bomber after it disappeared.

Bow had attained the rank of Sgt. Observer at the time of his disappearance. Just before leaving for overseas, he married Jean Henry, of Prescott.

- from his mother,
Mrs. Pearl Spero



P. O. IRWIN EDWARD STILLWELL ROBINSON

Irwin Robinson, second son of Mr. and Mrs. George Robinson (nee Mary Melissa Stillwell) was born February 23, 1918 in Augusta, where his parents farmed Lot 9 Concession 2. He received his education at S. S. #7, Brundage's School, and Prescott High School.

Prior to enlistment in the Royal Canadian Air Force in July, 1940, he was employed by Crane Co., in Ottawa for 4 years. He was accepted for training on December 26, 1940, and went first to Jarvis, Ontario, from which station he graduated on March 30, 1941, receiving his "wings" and commission as an air gunner. He also trained at a wireless course in Montreal.

At different times, he was stationed at Picton, Quebec City and Sydney, N.S. Then he became attached to the R.A.F., Ferry Command, operating from Dorval. He had made one successful trip overseas with this Ferry Command, when on his second crossing, he was reported missing somewhere in the North Atlantic, November 29, 1942.

Irwin Robinson was declared officially presumed dead, August 30, 1943. As a Memorial tribute to this young man, the congregation of Victoria United Church, Maynard, combined with his parents and family members to present to that church an electric Minshall organ.



PTE. CLIFFORD GARFIELD YOUNG

Clifford Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Young, was born near Prescott, April 23, 1923.

He volunteered for service with the Army of United States at Ogdensburg, and left March 2, 1943, for training in Camp Wheeler, Georgia. On September 2, 1943, he went to England for further training as a motorcycle rider in the 33rd Armored Regiment for 9 months.

June 14, 1944, 8 days after D-Day he went with his regiment to France, and through that country and Belgium into Germany. There at Thurland, just south of Berlin, he was seriously wounded and flown out to an American Military Hospital in England on April 21. On April 26, 1945, he died as a result of wounds, and is buried in the American Military Cemetery at Cambridge, England.

Former Augusta Boy Died. — Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Young, 2nd Concession of Augusta, have received word of the death in England of their only son, Pte. Clifford Garfield Young. He had been wounded in action in Germany while serving with the U.S. army. No details were disclosed. Born April 23, 1923, Pte. Young had lived the past 10 years with his aunt, Mrs. George R. Houston, 818 Greene street, Ogdensburg, N.Y. He was a graduate of the Ogdensburg Free Academy in 1941 and had been employed by the New York Central Railway prior to his enlistment in the U.S. army in 1943. Besides his parents and aunt, he leaves a sister, Helen, at home and two uncles, Wallace M. Byers, Elizabethtown, and Alan E. Byers, Watson, Sask.

— thanks to his father
Mr. Ezra Young.

THESE SERVED OVERSEAS, AND RETURNED TO CANADA

HAZEL ARLENE PERRIN

WILLIS ARTHUR PERRIN

GEORGE ALEXANDER PERRIN

EDGAR ALLAN BARTON

KENNETH WILLIAM BARTON

DONALD BRUCE FRETWELL

WILLIAM LYMAN FRETWELL

CHARLES MASON BALL

ROBERT ELIHUE BYERS

DOUGLAS STARR CONKLIN

ALVIN E. SAUNDERS

THOMAS LOWE WALKER

ALTON KENNETH BAYNMAM

HILTON KIRKBy

IVAN GILCHRIST

LORNE BUKER

ALBERT GUILBAULT

LLOYD SHANNON

WILFRED ROBINSON

JAMES EARLY

HAROLD WING



LIEUT/N. S. HAZEL ARLENE PERRIN

As in World War I, Maynard was proud to have a Nursing Sister in the person of Maysel (Lane) Parry-Evans, so in World War II, Hazel Perrin, youngest daughter of Ebin D. Perrin and his wife, Elma Ball, enlisted in the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps, February 14, 1944, in Kingston. She began her service at Rideau Military Hospital, Ottawa, and after 6 weeks there, and an equal time in Kingston Military Hospital, she was posted overseas. With a party of Nursing Sisters, she made the crossing on a small Danish ship, the S. S. Erria, landing at Glasgow.

Hazel served at #18 Canadian General Hospital, near Colchester, England, until it closed following V-E Day. Then she was posted at #22 Canadian General Hospital at Bramshott until January 1946, when she went to #7 C. G. H. in Germany, at Sande, near Wilhelmshaven. On May 17 this hospital closed, the last C.A.O.F. to do so, and the staff returned to England. She returned to Canada on the Lady Rodney, reaching Prescott on June 22. After a month leave, she was posted to Montreal to the Military Hospital (Queen Mary Road) where she worked until discharged, October 8, 1946.

She remained on staff at this hospital as a civilian nurse, a Veterans' Hospital, operated by Dept. of Veterans Affairs. She took an advanced course at University of Toronto School of Nursing, and remained at the Queen Mary Road Hospital, until 1958 when she went to Winnipeg to the Deer Lodge Veterans' Hospital. In June of that year, she married Tudor Pennal Jones, and resides in that city.

- thanks to Hazel Perrin Jones

Hazel died Sept. 14, 1990
St. Boniface Hospital, Winnipeg
of cancer.
interred, Maynard Cemetery #18



WILLIS ARTHUR PERRIN

Willis, younger son of Ebin D. Perrin and his wife, Elma Ball, was employed at Crane Ltd., Montreal, at the time of his enlistment in the Royal Canadian Air Force. He began training at Manning Depot, Toronto, May 21, 1942, and was stationed at Mountain View, Ontario and Jarvis, Ontario, graduating as an armourer.

Posted overseas in December of the same year, he travelled to Britain on the Queen Elizabeth. After serving at more than a dozen different airports in Britain, and undergoing advanced training, he went to France June 18, 1944, shortly after D-Day, landing at Bene-sur-mer, attached to the Second British Army. The squadron with which he served was #401, known as Canada's leading air squadron, and included several well-known fliers...e.g. Buzz Buerling, Doug Morrison and others. This group advanced through France, Belgium, Holland and into Germany. When V-E Day came, Willis was at a station near Hamburg.

With the squadron he returned to Canada on the Samaria in August 1945. After undergoing hospital treatment for wounds received to his hand and arm, he was discharged December 19, 1945.

Willis was married before going overseas to Ivy Margaret Royle, Montreal, and he returned to the employ of Crane Ltd., in that city. He became the father of 2 sons, Alec Willis and Allan Royle.

On September 13, 1956, Willis died of nephritis at the Queen Mary Road Veterans Hospital, Montreal, and is buried in the family lot #18, in Maynard Cemetery.

-from Goldie Perrin Connell,
a sister

Now in Germany.—Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Perrin, Maynard, have been advised that their younger son, LAC. Willis Perrin, has moved into Germany with the R.C.A.F. Two other members of the family, Pte. George Perrin and Lieut. (N.S.) Hazel Perrin, are in England.