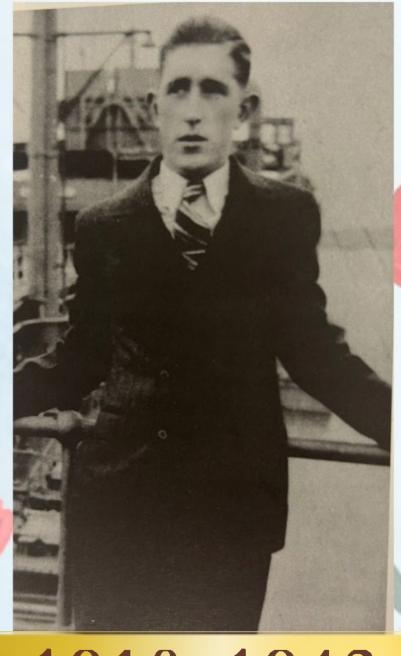
Fred C. Raymond

Fred was Wallaceburg's second casualty of the Second World War. He had taken an interest in working on ships well before the war had broken out. In 1940 he began making transatlantic trips in increasingly dangerous waters. On February 11th 1942, the Imperial oil Tanker "Victolite" on which Fred was serving was torpedoed.

There were no survivors.





Norman Boyce

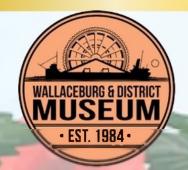
Norman was one of Wallaceburg's earliest arrivals overseas wearing a Royal Canadian Airforce Uniform. Before joining the forces in 1940 he had a very active social life; attending church, playing sports and acting in plays at the Hydro Hall. On March 26th 1942, Norman Boyce and three other crewmen lost their lives when their aircraft crashed during training exercises in England.



NORMAN GEORGE WOOD BOYCE

Lost his life on Active Service Overseas

26th 1942



Beresford K. Horan

Was born in England in 1892. He always had an active life in the military, having served two years in the British Army then two more years with the British Navy before coming to Wallaceburg in 1909. He was employed at Colwell's Bookstore as a clerk and boarded with the Purser family. After joining the army in 1915, illness took Beresford in Detroit, making him Wallaceburg's first official casualty of the Great War.

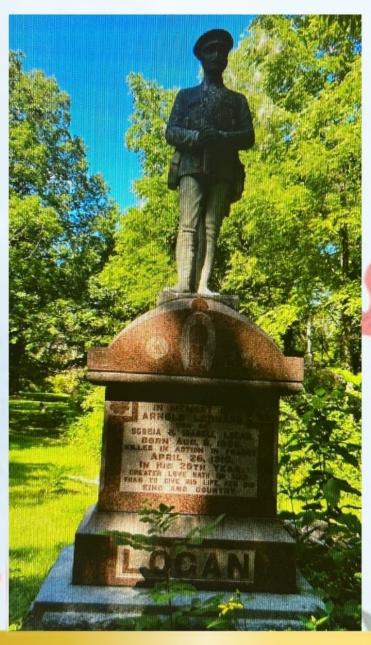




Arnold Logan

Before the war, Arnold worked as a railroad fireman which took him all over Southwestern Ontario. When war broke out in 1914 he signed up to join the forces almost immediately. He was killed in action on April 26th 1916 while fighting in Passchendaele, France.

He was 19 years old.





William Horlock

Came to Canada from England at the age of 17 seeking a new adventure. He eventually landed in Wallaceburg and ended up boarding with the Kinnelly family for nearly ten years. He enlisted with the Canadian Infantry in 1915. On April 28th 1916 he was killed in action at Rouen, France. He was 27 years old.





John R. Little

Was born in Wallaceburg and has roots back to the original settlers of Baldoon. Early in his adult life he was employed at the Dominion Sugar Factory. Later he operated a machine shop in town. He decided to join the army in 1915, signing his recruitment papers right in Wallaceburg. He was assigned as a chauffeur for officers overseas. On July 31st 1916 he died from burns suffered from accidental injuries near Somme, France.





John Peters

Was born in Chatham and raised on Walpole Island. In his early life he would help his father work and enjoyed attending the Methodist Church. He enlisted in 1916 with many of his friends, as part of enlistment drives happening locally at the time. Shortly after training at Camp Borden, he suffered a severe attack of appendicitis and died. He was given full military honours and buried at the Anglican Cemetery, Walpole Island.





George H. Snowden

Was born in London, Ontario and lived there until his entire family relocated to Wallaceburg. He started as a polisher at the Wallaceburg Brass Company, and was quickly promoted to foreman. He went overseas in 1915, and a rumour that he had jumped overboard on the way somehow reached his parents- who later received mail from George stating that he was alright and in England. On August 20th 1916 while eating supper in his trench in Belgium, George Snowden was killed instantly by enemy mortar fire.





Gilbert Altiman

Was born on Walpole Island in 1896. Like many, he felt the call to action in 1916. He had listed his career on his recruitment papers as a trapper. He was known to have a thorough enjoyment and respect for the natural world. However, shortly after donning the uniform, Gilbert unfortunately fell ill. He died shortly after due to complications associated with pneumonia. He was 20 years old.





Clifford C. Stokes

Was born in Sombra in 1892. As a child him and his brother would chop and pile wood for the local steamers in the waterways. Clifford's father ended up working at the Dominion Sugar Factory and Clifford was lucky enough to obtain high school and even post secondary education. Clifford was still enrolled in college when he signed up for the Canadian Expeditionary Force in 1916. He was quickly sent to the fighting front. On February 18th 1917 while leading his battalion in the Battle of Flanders, Clifford Stokes was killed in action.

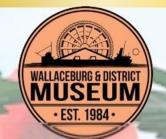




Arthur J. Ronson

Was a very intelligent young man, having completed his high school entrance exams at the age of ten. He then completed three years of high school and was able to enjoy an early career. He ended up working as a stenographer at the Dominion Sugar Company. He had just begun a new career at the Wallaceburg Hydro in 1916, when he answered the call to war. He also had interests in music, and became a bugler in the army. He later turned down a position as an orderly to see the fighting front. On March 1st 1917 while fighting in Vimy Ridge, Arthur was killed in action. He was 18 years old.





James B. Standish

Was born in Palmerston in 1893. He was described as a popular young man who had an interest in sports. When he was finished school he took up a job at the Sydenham Glass Factory. This was until the events of the Great War had escalated to a point where he felt a call to action. He arrived in France on June 1st, 1916. On April 9th 1917 James Standish was killed in action during the Battle of Vimy Ridge. He was 24 years old.





John C. Grant

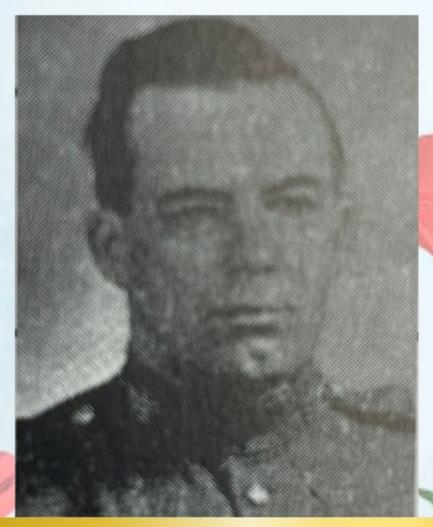
Grew up on the family farm in the Becher area just north of Wallaceburg. In 1913 his family moved to Winnipeg seeking more opportunities. However they kept close ties to Wallaceburg, even taking out a subscription to the Wallaceburg News in Manitoba. In 1915, John felt a need to fight for the freedoms of the world and joined the Canadian Expeditionary Force. On April 12th 1917 John was gravely wounded at Vimy Ridge and subsequently died of his injuries. He was 28 years old.





John B. Seward

Was born in Chatham in 1879. He was raised in the Wallaceburg area. After his schooling, like many young single people, he moved out to Saskatchewan for farming employment opportunity. While living in Medicine Hat in 1916, John signed up for military service. On May 3rd 1917 he was killed in action at the Battle of Vimy Ridge. A memorial service was held at the Methodist Church in Wallaceburg.





Richard P. Saunders

Was born and educated in England. He emigrated to Canada as a young man, settling in Wallaceburg. He was employed as a printer with the Wallaceburg Herald Newspaper (predecessor to the Wallaceburg News). It was actually Saskatchewan where he signed his attestation papers in 1915. On June 8th 1917 Richard was killed in action in France.





William J. Laidlaw

Was born in Leamington in 1896. After his childhood he moved to Wallaceburg with his widowed mother. He took up a job with the Port Alma Union Gas Works on Lake Erie and moved to Merlin. He visited his mother in Wallaceburg frequently. On June 25th 1918, William was killed in action while fighting in Belgium. He was 22 years old.





Albert Warner

Was born on Walpole Island in December of 1889. He lost is parents quite early in his life, and spent a lot of time with family friends. He was married and was the father of three children. He decided to join the fighting forces in 1916, and was overseas by 1917. On October 15th 1917 he was crossing the road near his camp in England and was struck by a bus. He died of his injuries and was buried with military honours.





Carson F. Crothers

Was born in Wallaceburg in 1893. His family operated the popular Crothers Greenhouse, but Carson was never interested in the family business. Instead he took up work at the Dominion Sugar Factory. When war broke out, him and his friends were known to keep a close eye on any news from the front. He joined up for himself in Chatham in 1917. He was quickly overseas. On November 2nd 1917 Carson was gravely wounded in Belgium in a field engagement. He later died of his injuries in a military hospital at the age of 24.





Byron G. Budzine

Was a member of a well known family in town. He was also very active in the local Methodist Church and community activities. After his elementary school training, Byron went to work at the Dominion Sugar Company for their fall beet run. He also was a member of multiple community service groups. He was struck by patriotism in 1916 watching many of his school friends answer the call to war. He also signed up. He arrived overseas in March of 1917. On November 6th 1917 he was struck in the neck by

artillery while fighting at Passchendaele, France.





Hubert Sharpe

Was born in Deseronto, Ontario. He was a fisherman by trade and moved to Mitchell's Bay later in life. He spent a lot of time working the waterways here as they were premier fishing grounds. He never married. He enlisted in the army in Chatham in 1916. On November 9th 1917 he was killed in action fighting in Belgium. He was 19 years old.

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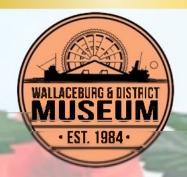
Arthur Mitchell

Was born in England in 1901 and emigrated to Wallaceburg when he was only a year old. He was regularly in attendance at St. James Anglican Church.

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Arthur got work in the dairy industry, as well as seasonal work with the Dominion Sugar Factory. When the Great War broke out, Arthur's father actually served as well. He would make it back, but Arthur would not. On November 19th 1917 Arthur was killed in action at Mons, France during an engagement near Passchendaele. He was 16 years old despite his records reading 18 years.





Alfred Steggles

Was born in England in 1885, and emigrated to Canada "for the challenge of a new world." He ended up boarding with the McVittie family in Wallaceburg. He was very close with the McVitties and saw them as a second family. His English and Canadian families would end up writing to each other for decades to come. Alfred was employed as a general labourer in town, and regularly attended service at St. James Anglican Church. On November 11th 1917 Alfred was killed in action during fighting in Passchendaele, France. During his service, a photo of Mrs. McVittie

was found in his chest pocket





Alfred Summerfield

Was born in England in 1888. He lived most of his life in England where he was educated, employed, and married his wife Emma. They had two children. The entire family moved to Wallaceburg in 1911. Alfred worked as a labourer and he and Emma were known to be very active members of St. James Anglican Church. In 1916 he joined the Canadian Expeditionary Force, landing overseas a year later. On November 11th 1917 Alfred was buried in a trench following enemy shell attack during the Battle of Passchendaele. He was 29 years old.





Philip H. Rodgers

Was born in Madoc, Ontario in 1885. He came to Wallaceburg as a young man seeking employment at the Wallaceburg Brass Factory. He got involved in his new community, joining multiple lodge groups and regularly attending service at The Methodist Church in Wallaceburg. In his spare time he also worked a farm in the area. He was single when he enlisted in the army in 1916. On April 29th 1917 Philip died of wounds suffered during an engagement at Camiers during the battle of Vimy Ridge. He was 32 years old.

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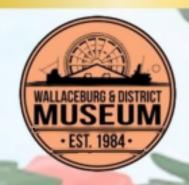
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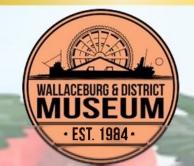
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Ewart W. Bateman

Was born in Wallaceburg in 1885. He lived in a rural area and attended Oldfield Rural School. When he finished, one of his first jobs was a travelling salesman which took him all over Canada. In 1916 Ewart settled in Edmonton, Alberta and around the same time decided to enlist in the army. While overseas he quickly moved up the ranks to sergeant. He was also awarded the Military Medal for Bravery. On December 7th 1917 Ewart died of wounds to his head, arms and legs during action in France. He had been in hospital about a month. He was 34 years old.





Hugh C. Allen

Was born in Sombra in 1890. His family moved to Wallaceburg when he was seven years old. When he was finished school he went to work at the Sydenham Glass Company. Later in life he took up 320 acres of land for himself to farm in Saskatchewan. He would regularly travel home to visit his family in Wallaceburg. He enlisted with the army in Moose Jaw in 1916, and arrived overseas in April of 1917. On January 17th 1918 Hugh suffered mortal combat wounds- multiple fractures and an amputation. He died enroute to hospital. He was 27 years old.





Albert E. Berry

Was born in 1883 in England. He came to Canada as a young man seeking employment. He found it as a labourer at the Sydenham Glass Company. He married Edna May in 1914, and they had one daughter who was born after he was sent overseas, He joined the army at a recruiting office set up in Wallaceburg in 1916. On November 11th 1917 while fighting the Battle of Passchendaele, Albert was killed by the bursting of an enemy shell in his trench. He was 34 years old.





Morgan Thomas

Was born on Walpole Island in 1888. He was a skilled hunter and enjoyed the abundance of Walpole. He also was a farmer. He married Esther James and they had three children. Although he found it difficult to leave his wife and children, Morgan felt the need to serve when other members of the band were enlisting. He enlisted in 1917 and arrived overseas in 1917. He contracted pneumonia and on March 6th 1918 passed away after nearly a month in hospital.

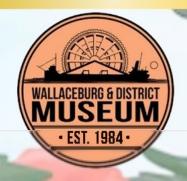




Harriet Newkirk

Always wanted to be a nurse. She trained in Michigan before returning to her home of Wallaceburg to work. In 1914, at the outbreak of the Great War, she decided to volunteer with the Canadian Red Cross. As the war progressed, she felt a strong call to the fighting front. She also had a brother volunteering at the front as a doctor. By 1918, Harriet was on her way overseas. However, she succumbed to the Spanish Flu before she could reach her destination. At the conclusion of the war the IODE Chapter in Wallaceburg was named





Samuel J. Tulloch

Was born in Sombra in 1894. His father passed away when he was young, his mother left to raise him and nine siblings. He farmed locally starting from a young age and was also known to have a flair for mechanics. He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Army in Becher in 1916. However while heading overseas in 1917, he took ill. He passed away shortly after arrival in Liverpool, England on May 9th, 1918.



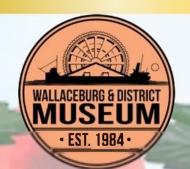


Alexander Dodge

Was born on Walpole Island in 1894. He completed his early education on Walpole Island, and secondary school courses at North Side School in Wallaceburg. He was fluent in French, Spanish, English and possibly Potawatomi. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy during the first year of the Great War. He transferred to a Canadian division three years later and was sent to France in 1917. On May 19th 1918 Alexander was killed in action during an engagement in France, He was buried in France, but two years later his body was reburied on Walpole Island.

Body of St. Clair Hero Home Today; Killed In Action

Algonac, Sept. 16—The body of Alexander Dodge, a Canadian Indian from Walpole Island, but who enlisted in the American Army, and was among the very first men from St. Clair county to be killed in action in France will arrive in New York today. The body will be brought to Algonac and taken to Walpole Island for burial.



Robert F. Baker

Was born in England in 1894. He decided to emigrate to Canada alone to seek out adventure in the New World. He eventually gained employment at the Sydenham Glass Factory. He regularly attended service at St. James Anglican Church. He had two brothers in England who joined the fighting forces which inspired him to do so as well. He joined the army in 1915. He had a short reunion with his family in England before being sent to the front in France. He spent 11 months in the trenches. On August 8th 1918 Robert was killed in action during the battle at Amiens, France. He was 24 years old.





Bernard G. Miller

Was born in Kingsville in 1892. He came to
Wallaceburg in 1909 with his father who operated a
drug store. Bernard hoped to be a pharmacist like his
father one day and took on an active role in fraternal
organizations as well as St. James Anglican Church.
He signed up in 1916, arriving overseas in 1917. On
August 8th 1918 Bernard was killed in action at
Amiens, France. He was 26 years old.





John A. Gordon

Was born in Wallaceburg in 1896. He enjoyed an above average lifestyle as his father was a member of parliament for Kent and was also a mayor of Wallaceburg. He participated in multiple sports, and had access to higher level education than most did. His sister was Ruby (Jeanne) Gordon the Broadway star. He decided to serve his country in 1915. Originally enlisting with the army, he transferred to the air force in 1918. On August 12th 1918 his aircraft was shot down over German territory and he was declared missing, confirmed dead the next day. He was 22 years old.

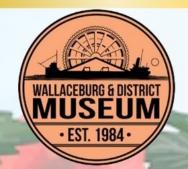




Dan K. White

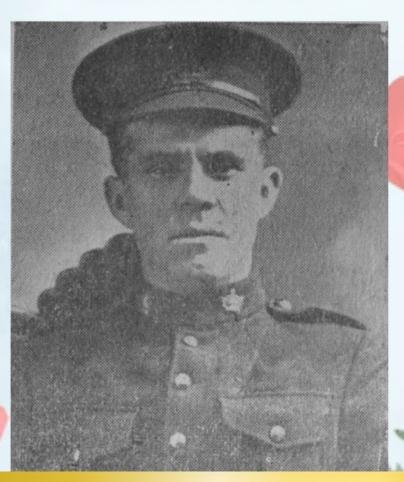
Was born on Walpole Island in 1888. He was known to be a skilled trapper, fisherman and farmer. He regularly attended service at the Methodist Church on Walpole Island. He felt the call to service in 1916, and was overseas by 1917. On August 12th 1918 Dan was killed in action during a battlefield engagement in France. In 2002 Paris was planning to build a third city airport in the place where Dan and others are resting. This was challenged by distant relatives of Dan White and others, and the graves were left alone.





Walter R. Browning

Was born in Port Lambton in 1886. He spent his young years working the family farm. As a young man he gained interest in retail, working first in a drug store and then a general provisions store. He played a strong role in the Charlemont Free Methodist Church. In 1918 he felt the need to join the Canadian forces and journeyed to Sarnia to do so. He met a Scottish girl while overseas he unfortunately never got to marry. On September 2nd, 1918, Walter was killed in action in France.





Robert R. Toles

Was born in Wyoming, Ontario in 1896. He moved to Wallaceburg at a young age. After completing schooling he gained employment at the Dominion Sugar Company. He was an active member of the First Baptist Church in Wallaceburg. He enlisted at the same time as two of his best friends in 1918. He arrived overseas just months after signing up. On September 18th 1918. Robert was killed in action during fighting in France. He was 22 years old.

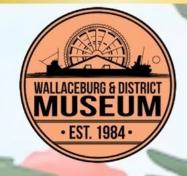




James C. McDougall

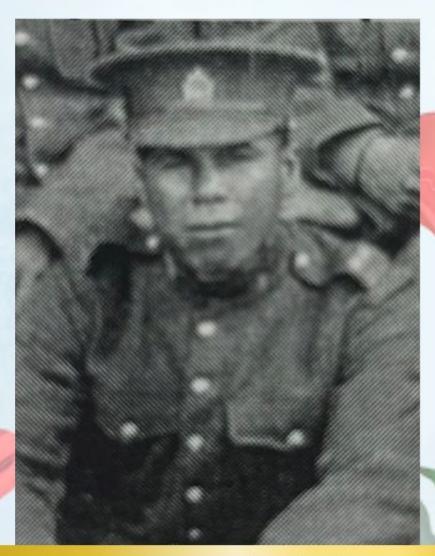
Was born in Wallaceburg in 1883. His family was well known in Wallaceburg and his brother owned a confectionary store. In 1910 he went west seeking work during the wheat harvest. He settled in Saskatchewan where many other Wallaceburg boys were as well. He enlisted with the Canadian Forces in 1916, arriving overseas in 1917. On September 27th 1918 James was killed in action just 18 days after arriving in France. He was 35 years old.





Judson Pinnance

Was born on Walpole Island in 1893. He spent his teen years farming his family land. There is not a lot of personal information known about him other than he was a member of the Anglican Church. He also had a daughter, Violet. He enlisted in the army in 1916, arriving overseas on April 7th 1917. On September 28th 1918 Judson was killed in action during fighting in France. A memorial cross was sent to his mother, Martha.





Harold V. McDougall

Was born in Wallaceburg in 1898. He attended North Side School and had six siblings. He was an active member of the Methodist Church. He also was a strong field lacrosse player along with his brothers. After his schooling he worked at Wallaceburg Brass Company and was known to be mechanically inclined. He made the decision to join the service in 1918, and was immediately sent to France within months. He contracted an illness while overseas, and died from complications with pneumonia on October 6th 1918.

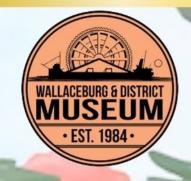




Joseph Kiyoshk

Was born on Walpole Island in 1894. Not much is known about his personal life prior to the war. He spent his teen years working the family farm, and he never married. He volunteered for service at a recruitment center set up on Walpole Island in 1916. He was overseas by March 25th 1917, and fighting in France in 1918. On October 7th 1918, Joseph died from wounds sustained during fighting near Bouldgne, France. He was 24 years old.





Samuel H. "Pat" Allen

Was born in Port Huron in 1892. He attended elementary and high school in Wallaceburg before attending The University of Toronto studying languages. His family described him as being "clever, attractive and personable." In his third year of university he decided to join the service. Before long, he transferred to the Royal Flying Corps. In 1917 he was sent on a bombing mission that would be his last. On October 12th 1917 during the third battle of Ypres, Pat's bomber was shot down. Confirmation of his death was received via a dropped message from a German Aircraft.

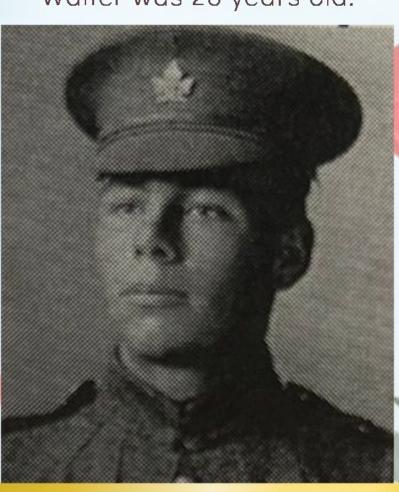


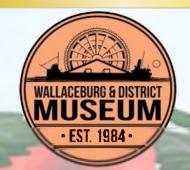


Walter Harris

Was born in Wallaceburg in 1892. He grew up on Wallace Street, near a saw mill. Later in life he and a brother moved to Saskatchewan to homestead with their grandfather. He and his brother both answered the call to war from Saskatchewan near its outbreak. In 1918, Walter was promoted to the rank of corporal. On November 1st 1918 Walter died of pneumonia in a French military hospital. Meanwhile, his brother was returning to active duty after a hospitalization and was left unaware for sometime of his brother's death.

Walter was 26 years old.





Gerald L. Brander

Was born in Wallaceburg in 1896 to the well known Brander family. The Branders would own a drug store in town for three generations before selling in 1967. Gerald had plans to work in the family business and was also active in the scout troop, even being chosen to meet Lord Baden Powell himself. His brother Alan, a future mayor of Wallaceburg was wounded in the service, which may have inspired Gerald to join as well. He enlisted in 1918 and was sent overseas immediately. While en route, he took ill. On November 10th 1918 Gerald died of the Spanish Flu. He passed away in Edmonton and was buried in Wallaceburg.





Frank Armstrong

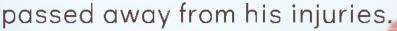
Was born in 1893 in Walpole Island. Frank spent his early life farming with his father and being educated at the Walpole Island School. He married Viola Sands and they had one daughter, Rena. Frank signed up for the army in 1916. He was trained in Canada and then sent overseas by 1917 to undergo more training. Like many others, the damp air of England affected Frank. He contracted pneumonia in August of 1917. In 1918 it was decided his condition would be better treated in Canada. On May 3rd 1920 after 27 months in hospital, Frank passed away. Even though war had ended, he was an official casualty. He was buried on Walpole Island.





Robert G. Mills

Was born in Michigan in 1894. His family later settled in the Wallaceburg area where Robert was educated and attended church at the Methodist Church on Nelson Street. In 1911 Robert was a detective, which he later traded to be in a bottle making apprenticeship at the Sydenham Glass Works. In 1914, at the outbreak of the war, Robert was one of the first boys locally to sign up. He saw multiple battles in France before both suffering a wound and a mustard gas attack. He was anticipated to recover but did not, contracting tuberculosis. He spent over two years in hospital in London, Ontario. On June 28th 1920 Rabert







Allen Sands

Was born on Walpole Island in 1889. There is not much known about Allen's early life. Before the war he was a trapper and a farmer on the island. He enlisted with the Canadian Expeditionary Force in 1916. He arrived overseas in 1917. He was hospitalized in England in 1918 with pleurisy, which is an inflammation of the lungs. He remained in hospital until 1919 when he was transferred to a Canadian hospital. On February 16th 1921 Allen died on pulmonary tuberculosis in hospital. He was the last of Wallaceburg's casualties from the Great War.









Alexander G. Smith

Was born in B.C. in 1914. He moved to the Sarnia area as a young man when his father found an employment opportunity at Imperial Oil. When it was time for Alexander to join the workforce, he found the opportunity at Greenmelk in Wallaceburg. Greenmelk was just starting as a company in 1939, but Alexander and many of it's employees felt the important call to war. Even though his stay in Wallaceburg was short he made strong connections and his manager Jack Appleton insisted that his name be added to the Wallaceburg Cenotaph. On December 17th 1941, Alexander's bomber crashed in Egypt. There were no survivors.





Daniel E. Franklin

Was born June 20th 1920 in Wallaceburg. Daniel had eleven siblings and the family lived on the south side of town. Like many others during the height of the depression, Daniel decided to leave school in 1938 and begin working at the Dominion Glass Factory. Four days after the outbreak of war in 1939, Daniel was signed up for active service. On July 3rd, 1942 while training for the Dieppe raid, a fellow soldier dropped a live grenade. Daniel tried to toss it to safety, but received fatal wounds. He saved the lives of his nearby fellow soldiers.





John T. Anderson

Was born in Chatham in 1917. He spent all of his young life living in Chatham. When it came for him to join the workforce John started working at the Bank of Montreal in Wallaceburg. He was always interested in the military and joined the Kent Regiment during peacetime, quickly earning his way to the rank of Captain. However, John had a desire to have more "action" and reverted his rank to Lieutenant. He signed up for active service at the outbreak of the war in 1939, and was in England by 1940. On July 31st 1942, John was killed in a motorcycle accident in England.





William Courteaux

Was born in 1919 in Wallaceburg. As a baby he was sent to live in an orphanage in London, Ontario. He was adopted by a family in Windsor, but as he aged grew curious of his biological family. He ended up being accepted back with open arms and spent the next few summers farming with his biological family. William was known as being a talented musician and athlete. In 1940, he made the decision to serve with the Kent Regiment. Later in the year he switched to the Royal Canadian Airforce. He was married in 1942. His job as a wireless gunner was a dangerous one though. On May 6th 1942, while returning from a bombing mission over Germany, William's aircraft was struck by flak, leaving no survivors.





Victor G. Errey

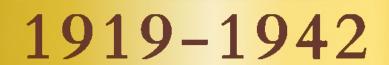
Was born in 1920 in Manitoba, but knew Wallaceburg as his hometown where he was raised playing around town and along the river with the other boys in town. in 1936, Victor left school to work at the Dominion Glass Factory like his father. At the outbreak of the War in 1939, Victor was among a group of local boys who signed up for immediate service. He was overseas by 1940. He was able to spend many of his days in England training alongside his brother, Donovan. August 19th 1942 saw the Allied raid on Dieppe. Victor landed on shore under heavy fire and managed to mount a landing assault before being killed by mortar fire. He was 23 years old.





Joseph A. Foster

Was born in 1919 in Wallaceburg. He grew up playing in the south side of Wallaceburg with the other neighbourhood kids. After his schooling he worked at the Dominion Glass Factory like many of his friends. Days after the outbreak of World War Two, Joseph was signed up for active service with the Essex-Scottish Regiment. He was overseas by 1940. In 1941 he married Patricia Goddard. They would have a daughter on November 21st, 1942. August 19th 1942 saw the Allied raid on Dieppe. Joseph was part of this attack. He was killed while attempting to access the beach through defense wires. He was 22 years old.





Vendel Riedl

Was born in 1919 in Hungary. The opportunity came for the family to emigrate to Wallaceburg in 1928.

Vendel took to his new home quickly. He was enrolled in Wallaceburg school, was active in sports, and made close friendships with other families in town. He lived near the Canada and Dominion Sugar Factory and grew up playing on mountains of beets during the fall run. As he got older he started apprenticing for his uncle, a shoemaker. He gained many skills doing this and eventually started working at the Dominion Glass Factory. He married Norma Brown and they had a daughter. He signed up for active service when he came of age in 1940. He was involved in the Dieppe raid of August 19th 1942. He was killed by enemy fire before hitting the French shores.





William E. Shova

Was born in 1918 in Wilkesport. He and his rural schoolmates spent their childhood farming, hiking, hunting and fishing. Warm weather brought rafting and swimming in the Sydenham River. His family owned a commercial trucking business which he helped out with. He also had interests in carpentry and blacksmithing which gained him some pursuits. He was among the first from the area to sign up at the outbreak of war in September 1939. He was overseas by 1940. August 19th, 1942 saw the Allied raid on Dieppe, of which William took part. He was killed in action taking fire on the shores. He was 24 years old.

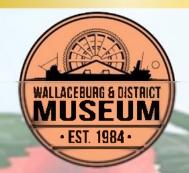




Charles E. Stuart

Was born in 1918 in Wallaceburg. He grew up playing with other neighbourhood kids on the south side of town. He was also an avid athlete, taking part in lacrosse and baseball as well as many other local games. He regularly attended service at the First Baptist Church. The outbreak of World War Two disrupted the comfortable teenage lifestyle of Charles and many others. He joined the Royal Canadian Airforce in 1940, and was in England by 1941. His brother later joined as well and they enjoyed leave in England together, the last time they would see each other. On September 17th 1942, Charles was returning from a night attack on Holland when the aircraft was lost. There were no survivors.

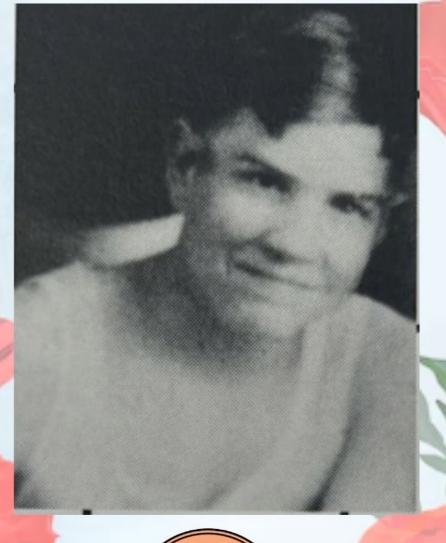




T. Franklin (Bud) Ewing

Was born in the United States, coming to Wallaceburg when his father gained a position at the sugar factory in town. Bud attended high school in Wallaceburg and was involved in athletics. He also attended service at the Knox Presbyterian Church. After high school, Bud returned to the U.S. to continue his education. He also enrolled in the U.S. Navy at this time. In 1938 he married. His time in the military left him with an impressive service record with multiple decorations.

On February 9th 1943, while flight testing secret equipment, Bud's bomber exploded mid-air. There were no survivors.





Ernest A. Norman

Was born in 1920 in London, Ontario. The family later moved to Wallaceburg, where Ernest was raised on Elgin Street. He attended Central public School and Wallaceburg High School, as well as Knox Presbyterian Church. Ernest loved sports and was known to be quite athletic. He ran track and loved basketball as well. After high school, Ernest started work at the Dominion Glass Factory. In January of 1940 he decided to enlist in the Royal Canadian Airforce along with many of his friends. He arrived overseas in November of 1942. On April 5th 1943, Ernest was a navigator in a plane attacking in France. His plane was hit with flak and crashed, leaving no

survivors.





Gordon B. Booth

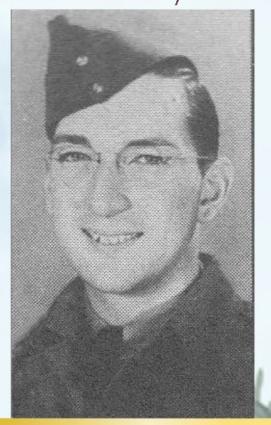
Was born in 1912 in Colorado. His father was involved in the sugar processing industry, which brought the family to Wallaceburg. Gordon attended South Side school for his early education before transitioning to Wallaceburg High School. Gordon and his pals pooled their money in their teen years to purchase a bright red 1914 Model T Ford to impress the girls- which some say was successful. After high school he was employed at the local sugar factory. Gordon married Helen Decker in 1936. The couple had three children together. In August of 1941, Gordon answered the call for service. He joined the air force and was overseas by January 1943. On June 16th 1943, Gordon's aircraft experienced difficulty, took fire and subsequently rashed. Gordon did not survive the impact.

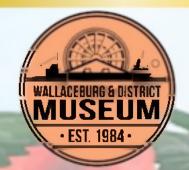




Armand J. Nadeau

Was born in 1913 in New Hampshire. His family came to Wallaceburg when his father gained an employment opportunity at the Dominion Glass Company. Armand would attend Our Lady of Help School, made good friends in his new country, played multiple sports, and regularly attended church. After schooling he began working at the Dominion Glass Factory. Many men from the factory signed upu for service at the start of WWII. Likely inspired by their service, Armand signed up in 1940 as well. He was overseas by February 1943. He was serving in Sicily on July 25th 1943, when he was shot while scaling a wall. He was 30 years old.





Manley I. Fraleigh

Was born in 1920 in Wallaceburg. Manley grew up in an area surrounded by farms and orchards. His spent his childhood fishing and generally enjoying the outdoors with siblings and friends. Manley was very smart, skipping a couple elementary grades, and having the determination to continue his education after high school. However, that would have to wait as Manley answered the call to service in 1940, joining the Royal Canadian Air Force. He gained his wings in 1941 and was overseas by early 1942. On August 13th, 1943, while flying over occupied France, Manley's plane crashed causing serious injury. He was pulled from the wreckage by German guard and later passed away in a church.

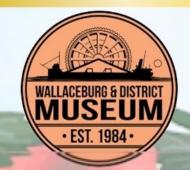




Brian V. Crist

Was born in 1919 in Wallaceburg. He lived near the river and spent much of his childhood in the water either exploring or fishing. He attended school at Our Lady of Help Catholic School. Brian and many members of the Crist family were also musically talented. After attending high school in town, Brian started working at the Dominion Glass Factory. During this point in his life he also attended dances at Primrose Gardens and was known to be very light on his feet. Brian signed up for active duty in the military just days after the outbreak of war in 1939. In 1941, he was transferred to the air force. He was overseas by 1942. On September 24th 1943, Brian was engaged in Italy when his spitfire was downed, crashing into Mt. Cervino. Brian was 24 years old.





John (Jack) H. Yorke

Was born in 1921 in London, Ontario. His father was a Customs and Immigration officer, which brought the family to Sombra. Growing up, Jack had a constant view of the river from home, and spent most of his time enjoying the activities the water had to offer. Jack was attending school in Sarnia at the outbreak of WWII. In February 1942, he decided to enlist with the Royal Canadian Air Force after completing his schooling. He was overseas by June of 1943. On December 13th 1943 while returning from an anti-submarine sweep in foggy conditions, Jack's plane overshot the runway- crashing

into nearby mountains. There were no survivors.





Floyd M. Bowers

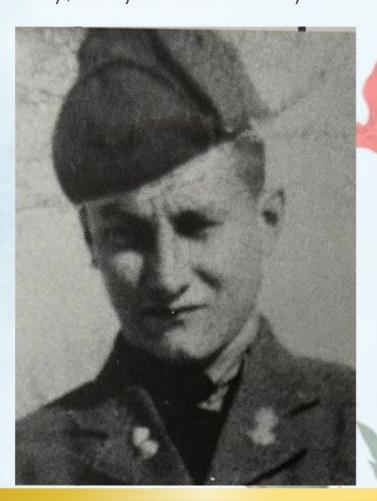
Was born in 1918 in Wallaceburg. He grew up on Wallace Street, and spent a lot of his time playing in the river with the other neighbourhood kids and playing sports. Floyd was especially skilled at baseball. While attending high school he also worked odd jobs to make cash. After that he gained full time employment at the Dominion Glass Factory. At the outbreak of the war, Floyd signed up for the air force but was denied for health reasons. Floyd was persistent however, and was accepted to the army by 1942. He married Kathleen Cowley in the same year, and was overseas months later. On December 19th 1943 was killed by sniper fire in Italy. He was 24 years old.





Henry J. Dubuque

Was born in 1923 in Grande Pointe to a family of nine siblings. Henry spent his young life in Wallaceburg on Albert Street. On his daily walk to school he earned a keen interest in trucks, a passion he would feed more as life went on. He worked delivering bulk loads of sand and gravel and coal. When WWII broke out Henry knew he had to serve in Europe, but was too young. In 1941, he was able to sign up, enlisting with the Royal Canadian Regiment. He arrived in England in 1943. On December 24th 1943 Henry was killed during a bombing campaign near Sicily, Italy. He was 20 years old.

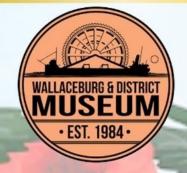




Albert Lauwereys

Was born in Holland in 1922. He had nine siblings. The family later settled in Wallaceburg. Albert grew up enjoying the outdoors and getting used to a new country. As a teenager he was very social- attending dances, and participating in sports. When it was time for him to work he began apprenticing at a local butcher shop. In 1940 Schultz Die Casting was taking on employees and Albert worked there. He married Dorothy Wilson. Albert would become one of four brothers to serve in the Canadian military in WWII. He enlisted in 1942 and was overseas later the same year. On December 9th 1943, Albert suffered injuries from mortar fire in Italy. He died days later.





Wilfred B. McAllister

Was born in Becher in 1915. Wilfred grew up in this area and the family was well known until 1925 when employment opportunities took them to Detroit. Wilfred was actually enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Force prior to the U.S. entering WWII. He had two brothers who were also enlisted in the U.S. Forces. Tragically, all three brothers would be killed in action during this service. On April 4th 1944, during a bombing raid over the Ploesti Oil Fields, Wilfred's bomber was shot down over Romania with all crew lost. Wilfred was 29 years old.





George B. Daniel

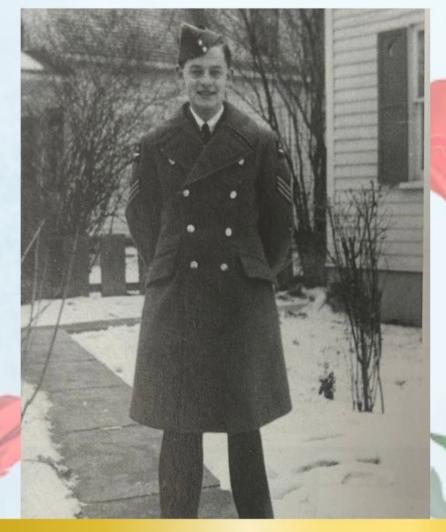
Was born in 1912 in Arnpior. His family came to
Wallaceburg in 1932 when his father was manager of the
Bank of Toronto. George was known to play sports in town
and was a good boxer. He also played bridge, making
many friends in town. After two years of high school in
Wallaceburg, George got into banking briefly as well
before becoming a miner. In 1939, George enlisted in the
service two days before Canada officially declared war.
By December of the same year he was in England. in 1943
he married Margaret Giddings of Glasgow. In 1944, he
had to see action in Italy. On April 16th 1944, George was
killed by artillery fire in Ortona.





Frederick P. Cammaart

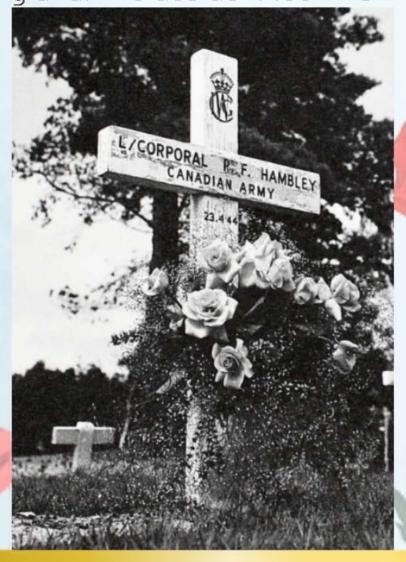
Was born in 1923 in Wallaceburg. He grew up on Lisgar Street, walking distance from his school and church. He made lots of good buddies on his walks to school that he kept for life. He was musically talented and enjoyed doing vocal work with his church. After school he was employed at the Dominion Glass Factory. This was very close to the outbreak of WWII. In January of 1942 Frederick decided to join the Royal Canadian Air Force. He arrived overseas in Scotland in January 1943. On April 23rd 1943, Frederick's aircraft was shot down returning from a mission in Germany. Frederick was 20 years old.





Reginald F. Hambley

Was born in 1909 in Toronto. He had already signed up for the service before the outbreak of war, being assigned to the Canadian Guard Detachment. He married Lela Hardy, and the young couple lived with her parents in Wallaceburg for a time. After WWII was declared, Reginald was transferred to the Irish Regiment of Canada and later the Royal Canadian Infantry Corps. He was overseas by July 1st 1941. On April 23rd 1944, Reginald's motorcycle was in a collision with an army truck in England. The accident took his life.



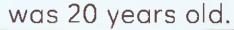


William C. Irwin

Was born in 1924 in Chatham Township. His family were direct descendants from original settlers to Baldoon in 1804. William's uncle operated the popular destination in Wallaceburg "Mirwin Park" where William spent a lot of time. He was very successful in school both in academics and popularity. When he became of age for military duty, WWII was already raging. He enlisted in the Royal

WWII was already raging. He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Navy in 1943, no doubt influenced by his love of the water at home. He was assigned to the H.M.C.S.

Valleyfield. On May 7th, 1944 the ship was torpedoed by German U-Boat with 125 casualties, including William. He







Elwin S. Quantrill

Was born in Elizabethville (Durham County) Ontario in 1923. He lived his young life here, but after schooling became involved with the RBC. This job eventually brought him to the bank branch in Wallaceburg. He immediately dove into life in his new community, making many friends through attending church at Trinity United. He was active in sports and an avid golfer at the Baldoon Golf and Country Club. In 1941 he felt a growing need to participate in WWII overseas. He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force by 1942. He was overseas by 1943. On May 16th 1944 while training another officer Elwin's aircraft had a mid air collision with another, taking his life.





Albert J. Morgan

Was born in 1911 in Toronto. He spent most of his young life living in Ridgeway, Ontario. After high school he attended Guelph University where he met good friend Jock Appleton. The two would eventually end up working together at Greenmelk Co. in Wallaceburg. Though he was just getting started in his career, he felt an urge to serve his country and enlisted with the Royal Canadian Airforce in 1942. In 1943 he was married to Dorcas Langdon.

There was brief celebration for the couple as Albert was sent overseas in June of 1943. On June 13th 1944, during a night attack on Arras, Albert's bomber was hit with flak and crashed. There were no survivors.





Enrico Simonato

Was born in 1922 in Wallaceburg. His father had fought in the Great War in the Italian forces before emigrating to Canada. Enrico attended Our Lady of Help School, and high school at Merici. Enrico was musically talented, particularly with brass instruments. He was also very good at working with his hands. After high school, he became employed at the Wallaceburg Brass Company, although his employment there was short. In 1942 he faced conscription. He decided to instead voluntarily sign up for the air force. He was overseas by 1944. On June 13th 1944 while returning from a night mission in Arras, France, Enrico's plane was hit with flak. There were no





Cecil F. Reynolds

Was born in 1896 in Sarnia. His father was employed in Wallaceburg for many years as a tailor, which brought the family here. Cecil served in the Great War, serving overseas with the 4th Division Cycle Corps. Near the end of the Great War he transferred to the Royal Air Corps. In between WWI and WWII, Cecil served with the U.S. Army reserves. It was only natural that Cecil would intend to serve in WWII as well. He re-enlisted in 1941 and served with the 113th Observation Squadron. On June 16th 1944, Cecil was landing his plane at the Washington D.C. Airport when another aircraft cut off his path and struck

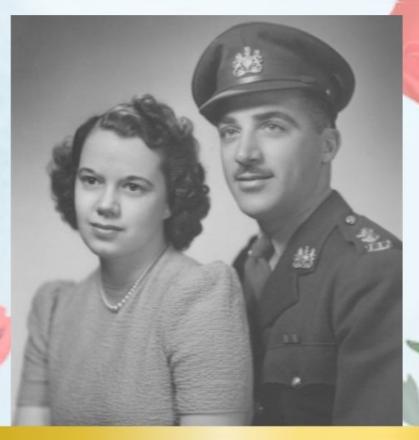
his. There were no survivors.





Henry E. Belanger

Was born in 1918 in Wallaceburg. He was born into a family of eight siblings, and they lived in multiple rented homes in Wallaceburg over the years. Henry loved growing up near the river and was often swimming, fishing or rafting. As a teenager, Henry enjoyed playing pool on James Street and quickly earned himself a title of expert. As the events of WWII were unfolding, Henry felt a strong need to serve his country, signing up for service in 1941. While training in Kitchener he met Kathleen Carty and they were married in 1942. In 1943 he was promoted to Lieutenant. On June 28th 1944, following initial D-Day landing, Henry was fatally wounded during invasion attempts on the beaches of Normandy.





William J. Nolan

Was born in 1925 in Wallaceburg. He was an only child, and was educated at Our Lady of Help School. Despite being an only child he made lots of friends with the boys in town and was known to take part in all activities the Sydenham River had to offer. At age 16 Billy left school to go work at Wallaceburg Brass Company. The year was 1940 and the factory was busy with essential war work. On November 11th 1943, William signed up for the army. He was sent overseas by April of 1944. On July 4th 1944, at the age of 19, William was killed in action by artillery fire in Caen, France.





Ronald B. Richards

Was born in 1923 in Wallaceburg. Ronald came from a large family, attended school at Central School on Lisgar Street, and regularly attended church as well. He saw the First Baptist Church as a home away from home. As a teenager he attended dances at the Primrose Gardens when he wasn't playing or watching sports. After school, he was employed at the Dominion Glass Factory. At the outbreak of WWII Ronald signed up despite being underage. He trained in Canada for a year before going overseas. While overseas he was promoted to Sergeant. On July 8th 1944, during the D-Day invasion of Normandy, Ronald was killed by a snipers bullet. he was 21 years old.





Willard H. Shipman

Was born in 1919 on Walpole Island. His father had a strong military affiliation, serving in the Great War. Fishing was always a passion of his from a young age, and he was able to earn an income from that later in life. He also worked at Chris Craft making boats in Detroit. In 1939 he was married to Geraldine White. The couple would have three children together, Early in 1943, Willard decided it was time for him to join the services. He was sent overseas within the same year as things were ramping up in Europe. On July 8th 1944, Willard's vehicle struck a landmine during the D-Day invasion of Normandy, resulting in his death. He was 25 years old.





Edwin Wright

Was the sons of a very well known resident of Walpole Island. His father had served with distinction in the Great War, and became the chief of police for the Island upon returning. Edwin usually avoided the public eye in contrast to his father, spending his young days hunting rabbits, muskrats and fishing. Apparently he could run at an amazing pace, and would deliver emergency messages for his father from time to time. As he grew in age woodworking became a great hobby of his, and he farmed. In 1943, Edwin joined the army. He spent the next years training in Canada, heading overseas in 1943. On July 11th 1944, during the D-Day invasion of Normandy, Edwin was gunned down leaving a landing barge. He was 19 years old.





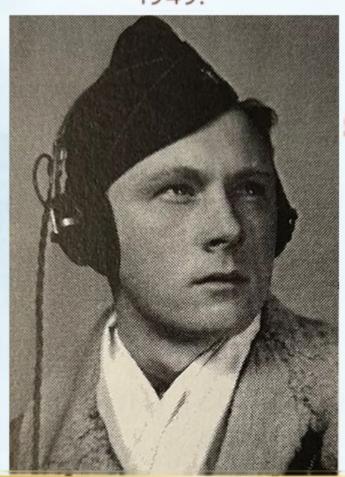
William J. Hewer

Was born in 1918 in Wallaceburg. He was an only child, and spent a lot of time on the south side of town enjoying life with his buddies. As a teenager he enjoyed watching sports and horse races in town. He also was often found fishing on the Sydenham River. Apparently he had quite an impressive hockey card collection. After two years of high school, he became employed at the Wallaceburg Brass Factory, where was remembered as soft spoken and a gentleman at all times. He would enlist in the army in 1940 with many of his south side friends. In 1943 he married Dorothy Robb. The couple had little time to celebrate as he was overseas the same year. On July 18th, 1944 William was killed in action in France defending the city of Caen.



John F. Forhan

Was born in 1922 in Iowa. He was part of the family that Forhan street is named for. Despite his father emigrating to the U.S. they kept close ties to their hometown of Wallaceburg. He enjoyed spending most of his summers in Port Lambton with his family. When John decided to join the forces he had been working for the Erie Railroad. He was trained with the U.S. Airforce as a bombardier and navigator. On July 29th 1944, John's plane was downed over China, leaving no survivors. He was originally buried in China, but his parents had his remains reinterred at the family plot in Port Lambton in 1949.





Peter Vande Velde

Was born in 1919 in Belgium. The family moved to Wallaceburg in 1925 to farm sugar beets. They lived in a part of town that many European families new to Canada lived in. This created a community in which neighbours were very supportive of each other. Peter would grow up playing with the neighbourhood kids and his siblings in between his turns working the beet field. When he left school, Peter worked at the Dominion Glass Factory. He answered the call to service in 1940, going with many of his fellow glassworkers. His brother, August, was also serving and the two would have a last chance to meet before Peter lost his life during the D-Day invasion. On August 12th 1944, while killed in action by mortar fire. He was 24 years old.



William Martin

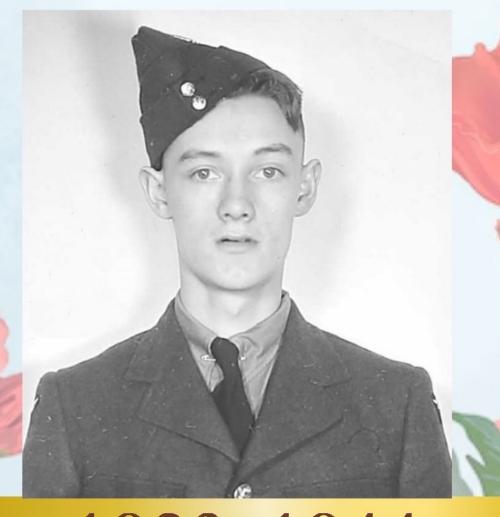
Was born in England in 1910. His life in Wallaceburg began in 1939 when an opportunity came to work at the new Greenmelk Corporation. This was also when the Second World War was ramping up, and William's life in Wallaceburg would be short. He was at Greenmelk just short of a year when William decided he would join the Canadian Forces. While training, William met Lillian Quibell and the two were married in Toronto in 1942. He was sent overseas in 1943. On August 13th 1944, while serving with the Essex-Scottish near Falaise France, William Martin was killed by enemy fire. He was 34 years





Alfred J. Dickinson

Was born in Windsor in 1923. His mother was originally from Wallaceburg, and when his father died in 1938, Alfred's family returned to town. While attending high school in Wallaceburg Alfred played basketball, rugby and hockey. After finishing his schooling, Alfred and his best friend joined the Royal Canadian Air Force together in 1942. He spent the next year training, receiving his "wings" in Manitoba. He was overseas by 1943. On August 13th 1944, Alfred was part of a night bombing operation over Germany. His plane was shot down by flak, leaving no survivors. Alfred was 21 years old.





Wallace C. Horley

Was born in Saskatchewan in 1921. The Horley's had nine children, and moved to the Sarnia area at the height of the Great Depression. When he came of employment age, Wallace first worked as a cement layer, then a pipefitter before getting a job at Imperial Oil. When Europe was consumed by war in 1939, Wallace signed up for active duty the same day that Canada declared war. Later he transferred to the Royal Canadian Navy. On January 14th 1944, he was assigned to the HMCS Alberni, a corvette. On August 21st 1944, the Alberni was torpedoed in the English Channel. It sunk in 20 seconds. Wallace lost his







William L. Fish

Was born in 1910 in Wallaceburg. The family had six sons and lived on Murray Street. He took great interest in his schooling, enjoying most of the projects he brought home.

His friends knew him to be quiet and reserved. He attended Wallaceburg High School for two years before gaining employment at the Canada and Dominion Sugar Factory. In the 1930s William was keenly aware of what was happening in Europe. At a surprise to many due to his nature, William signed up for active duty in 1940. He trained for the next couple years in multiple corners of Canada. He was overseas by 1943, keeping in constant contact with his mother. On August 27th 1944, William was fatally wounded by a sniper's bullet in France.





Douglas H. Smith

Was born in 1916 in Chatham Township. He had nine siblings, and together the family had a large farm. As he grew up, Douglas started to show an interest and skill in machinery. He took additional machine courses in Toronto, and also tried mining in Northern Ontario. He was still figuring things out for himself at the outbreak of WWII. He decided to join the action immediately. During his training he gained a reputation as a model soldier and was able to climb the ranks to Corporal. He was overseas by 1940. In 1943 he was wounded in Italy, but returned to battle after healing. On September 3rd 1944, his regiment was fighting for the village of Abissinia in Italy. Douglas was fatally wounded. He was 28 years old.





Donnel R. Walker

Was born in Sombra in 1918. Here the family was very well known and operated a farm. In 1927 the family moved to the United States. When the U.S. entered the war in 1941, Donnel joined the U.S. Airforce. Shortly after and during his training, his father passed away and his mother moved back to Canada. Donnel was assigned to a bombardment unit, and was able to complete over 40 successful bombing missions, even receiving awards from President Roosevelt. He spent most of his service in the Philippines. On September 21st 1944, while serving in New Guinea, Donnel was killed in action. His name does not appear on the Steinhoff Memorial Cenotaph. He was 26 years old.





Frank H. Sheff

Was born in 1924 in Wallaceburg. He was raised on the south side of town during the peak of the Great Depression. As he grew older he gained a love for hunting and the solitude he could find in the bush. After completing high school, he took a job at the Wallaceburg Brass Factory where he worked on a milling machine. He felt the compulsion to join active service in 1943, but was found medically unfit (he had lost a toe on one of his hunting trips.) He persisted however, and was allowed to join in 1944. He was trained relatively briefly and was overseas the same year, arriving in September. On October 6th 1944, Frank was seriously wounded fighting in the Netherlands, and passed away the following day.

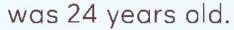




Howard Turner

Was born in Chatham Township in 1920. The family farmed sugar beets, and Howard and his brothers were expected to help out- especially come harvest time. The family was also musically talented, Howard playing the guitar. When he was of age he gained employment at the Wallaceburg Brass Factory. In 1942 Howard made the decision to join the army with some of his local buddies.

He trained in Canada over the next year and was overseas by 1943. On October 20th 1944, while following a tank escort, Howard jumped into an enemy trench and was seriously wounded. He passed away the next day. He

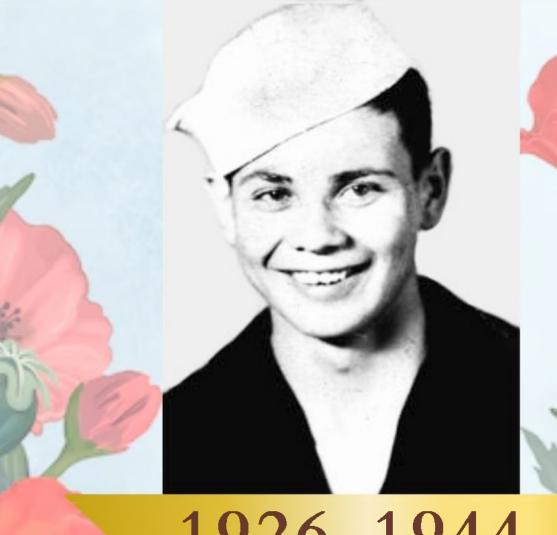






Charles M. Altiman

Was born on Walpole Island in 1926. A victim of the Canadian Residential School System, he was sent away from home to the Soo in 1934. He graduated from this at age 16, and moved to Detroit. On the day of his 18th birthday in 1944, Charles enlisted with the U.S. Navy. After basic training he was assigned to the U.S. Navy Escort Vessel "Gambier Bay." On October 25th 1944, the Gambier Bay was struck 26 times by Japanese forces, resulting in heavy loss of life including Charles. His mother would not be notified of his death until December of 1945. He was 18 years old.





Ernest E. Courtis

Was born in Chatham Township in 1922. After high school, he took a job delivering milk while he was figuring himself out. In the early 1940s, young men faced the decision to join the navy or air force voluntarily, or be drafted into the army. During the summer of 1942, Ernest chose the Royal Canadian Air Force. During his training he would fly over his family farm, "waving" at them below. In 1943 he married Jean Mowers and the couple had a son. In 1944 Ernest was sent overseas. On November 1st 1944, returning from a bombing raid over Germany, his plane was hit by flak, taking his life.





Charles E. Judson

Was born in 1922 in Wallaceburg. He grew up on Main Street and had quick access to the river, Steinhoff Park, and many other Wallaceburg amenities a young boy could enjoy. His father owned a popular ice cream shop where Charles spent a lot of time with his friends. His first job was at Dominion Glass Factory. He married Emma King on May 8th, 1942, and the couple would have one son. In the same year, Charles saw it was his obligation to join the service. He was overseas by 1943. On November 2nd 1944, Charles was killed in action during fighting in Belgium.





William A. Dehaw

Was born in Chatham in 1923. Attending Blessed Sacrament School, William was known as an exceptional athlete. He took part in hockey, track, football, baseball and particularly pole vaulting. As a teenager he also enjoyed hunting and fishing. His life in Wallaceburg began with employment at the Dominion Glass Factory. He only held this position for a year and a half before leaving to join the army- signing up in 1943. He was overseas by February of 1943. On December 12th 1944, William was on patrol in Italy when he was wounded by machine gun fire. He passed away the next day.





George H. Terryn

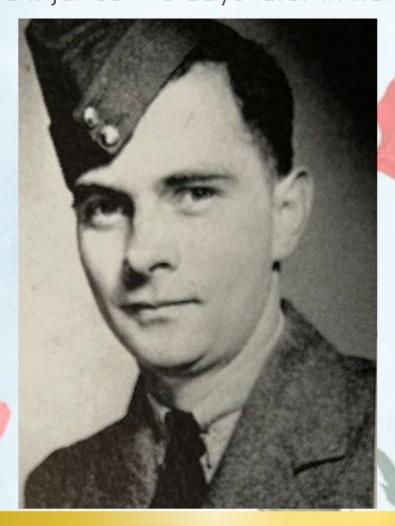
Was born in Wallaceburg in 1921. He gained his early education in Wallaceburg. At the age of ten George and his family moved to Detroit because his father had a new job. The family had several relatives in Wallaceburg and over the years contact was maintained. During the Second World War, George enlisted with the U.S. Army. On November 14th 1944, while serving in Southern Italy, George was killed by a mortar shell while he was manning an anti-tank gun emplacement. He was 23 years old.





Orval J. Turner

Was born in Dover Township in 1916. He had eleven siblings. The children of the family enjoyed their leisure time but were also expected to help support their family and their farm. Orval enjoyed sports, taking part in baseball with his friends in the summer and hockey in the winter. As he came of age he began working at Lindsay Tile Yard. In 1942 Orval travelled to the Chatham Armouries to enlist in the army. The summer of 1944 saw a tearful farewell as he was sent overseas. On December 17th 1944, Orval was wounded by enemy fire in Italy. He died from his injuries two days later in field hospital.

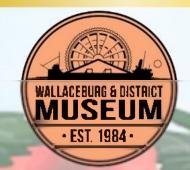




Gordon W. Sterling

Was born in Chatham Township in 1918. He spent his early years helping his father with the farm chores, and he enjoyed working with the livestock. As a teenager, one of his favourite activities was hunting for jackrabbits. During the 1930s he was selected to help construction on King's Highway 40. It was at this time in his life that he met his soon to be wife, Irma Szogi. In 1942, after working at the Ford Motor plant for a couple years, Gordon decided to join the military to help the cause in Europe. He was overseas the same year. On Christmas Eve, 1944, Gordon was wounded with shrapnel when his truck was hist with artillery. He subsequently died of his wounds.





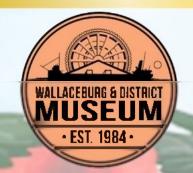
Kalmon K. King

Was born in Wallaceburg in 1925. He was known to be quite an outdoorsmen at a young age, always out playing in the river or forest somewhere. As he got older hunting rabbits along Baseline kept him busy. He loved listening to the radio in the evening, often listening to U.S. boxing matches. In 1941 Kalmon became employed at Schultz Die

Casting Co, which was busy at the time with war contracts. All around him his friends were signing up for service, but he was underage. He went for it in 1943 anyway, still six months underage. He was successful and became a gunner on the S.S. Dunlop in 1944. While his ship was travelling in the South Atlantic, Kalmon took ill







Douglas C. Thompson

Was born in Wallaceburg in 1911. He had strong relationships with Wallaceburg before his family had to move to Detroit in 1916. Despite the move, the family kept in touch with their Wallaceburg friends and relatives and visited regularly in the summer. His last visit to Wallaceburg was in 1939. After the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, The U.S. and Douglas Thompson entered the war. He arrived in the Pacific theatre of war in 1943. On January 30th 1945, while serving in the Philippines, Douglas was killed in action. He was 34 years old.





Alexander Fox

Was born in 1915 in Whitebread. The family farmed as much as they could during the hard life of the 1930s, and the sons of the family would all help out. Eventually the family moved to town, but Alexander kept working as a farm hand to earn his living. In 1933 He married Vera Hooktwith. The couple had two daughters which Alexander was a very active father to. Until 1943 he was exempt from military service being a husband and father. However there was an increased need for men overseas,

and Alexander was sent with the army by 1944. On March 2nd 1945, while serving in the Netherlands, Alexander was killed by a mortar explosion. He was 29 years old.





Gordon J. Gilhuly

Was born in 1913 in Wallaceburg. The Gilhuly family were very active at their church, Our Lady Help of Christians. Two of his sisters entered the convent. At school, Gordon was known to be an above average learner. He was also involved in multiple sports over the years. His prized possession was his bicycle he used to get all around town. After high school, he gained employment at the Wallaceburg Brass Factory, following in his fathers footsteps. But world conditions were deteriorating, and Gordon made the difficult decision to enter the service in 1940. He arrived overseas in 1944. On March 5th 1945, while serving near the German-French border, Gordon was fatally wounded by a snipers bullet.





Maurice J. Renaud

Was born in 1922 in Montreal. Tragically, his mother died in his childbirth and he was raised by his grandmother in Wallaceburg. As a youngster, Maurice practically lived in the Sydenham River, swimming fishing and playing as much as possible. He was also a prominent member of his softball team as a teenager. He started playing provincial level lacrosse in the late 1930s until his decision to enter the service in 1940. He joined the Royal Canadian Navy with some of his local friends. Maurice was assigned to the H.M.C.S. Guysborough. On March 18th 1945, the vessel was torpedoed in the English Channel with 51 casualties including Maurice who died awaiting rescue. The Guysborough was the last Canadian vessel lost to WWII.





John W. Hart

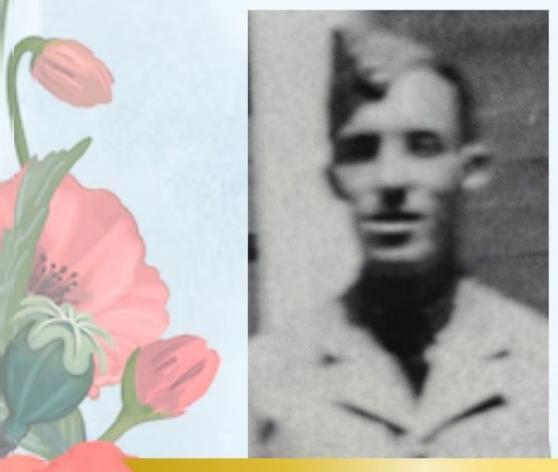
Was born in 1924 in Becher. He spent his early years helping around on the family farm, and as a teen he was employed as a farm hand. He did not want a future in farming, however. Determined to get a high school education, he boarded with his aunt in Wallaceburg to attain one. After this he gained employment at the Wallaceburg Brass Factory. In 1943 he made the decision to enlist with the Royal Canadian Air Force as war conditions were deteriorating. He was overseas by 1944, serving in Iceland. On April 3rd 1945, John left his base for a patrol. Following a check in 5 minutes after takeoff, nothing was heard from Jack again. Later two bodies of crew members were found, but no determination could be made. John is commemorated at Runnymede Memorial.





Charles H. Smith

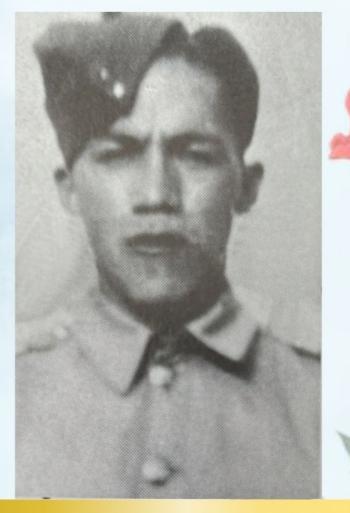
Was born in 1918 in Wallaceburg. He was raised on Water Street, close to the north branch of the Sydenham River. This area was a popular playground for neighbourhood boys and Charles made many friends. After his schooling he started to deliver packages for Murdock's Meat Market. He loved this, but it was not substantial enough so he also took up work at Wallaceburg Brass Factory. This employment was short because in 1943 he enlisted in the army. He was overseas just months later. On April 10th 1945, while serving in the Netherlands, Charles had sought shelter in an attic. While training to gain freedom he was killed by a snipers bullet. He was 27 years old.





Roslyn H. Sands

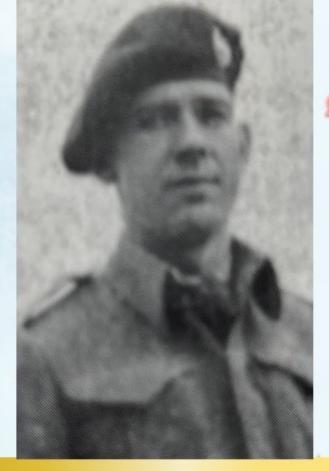
Was born in 1918 on Walpole Island. He was one of eight children. He spent his early years attending to tasks on the family farm with his siblings. His teenage years found him more freedom and he would often travel to Wallaceburg or Michigan with his friends. In 1941 Roslyn made the difficult choice to join the service as his older brothers already had. He was overseas by 1942, and assigned to the Netherlands by 1944. On April 4th 1945, during an assault in northern Holland, Roslyn was shot in the back while retreating from his machine gun position. He was 27 years old.





Laurence J. Hainer

Was born in 1916 in Wallaceburg. The family moved a lot, but often in a rural setting. Laurence and his brothers loved playing in the outdoors, often hiking fishing and camping. When he was old enough Laurence would meet steamers coming up the Sydenham and help them unload for a fee. This helped him get through the Great Depression. He married Marie Shaw and the couple had two children. As a father, Laurence did not join active service until 1943. He was prepared to do his part however, and was overseas by 1944. On June 21st 1945, 44 days after V-E Day, two railway mines in France were accidentally detonated, resulting in Laurence's death.





Anthony E. Scott

Was born in 1931 in England. He spent his young years in war torn England, even losing his father to the Blitz. Anthony, his mother and sister emigrated to Canada after, settling in Wallaceburg. Here Anthony worked at Wallaceburg Brass Factory. He was known as an avid bowler, often found at Wicken's Alleys in his spare time. When the Korean War was underway, Anthony felt a duty to serve. He enlisted in 1950. In 1951 he was promoted to Lance-Corporal and was sent to Korea shortly after. He was proud of his increased responsibility. On May 20th, 1951 Anthony died from complications with appendicitis in Tokyo, Japan. He was 19 years old.



