



Royal Canadian Legion  **Port Elgin Branch 340**

Branch Line

November 2020

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Inside this issue you will find.... what is happening this month... Committee Reports.... general information and a wee bit of humor too. We welcome your articles and will be more than glad to insert them in future issues. Thanks to those who have submitted in the past. Anyone wishing to contribute to the Branch Line, please submit your articles to branch340newsletter@gmail.com.

Remembrance Day will be observed in a more scaled back version as in past years due to the COVID-19 virus pandemic. Please see inside this issue for more details.

Please adhere to the safety protocols being issued and stay safe and be well. Remember to practice social distancing.

Please see inside for the upcoming Meat Draw. All other events and meetings happening at the Branch have been cancelled until further notice.

If you no longer wish to receive the Branch Line newsletter, please leave a message at Branch340newsletter@gmail.com

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President's Report



The leaves are falling and so is the temperature. Time to get outside and complete any yard work before the inevitable white stuff.

Unfortunately, a lot of our members who would normally be packing up for their winter destinations will have to stay home this year due to the COVID pandemic here and across the border. However, it will be nice to see them here for Christmas for a change.

The Branch is running quite smoothly and your Executive is keeping up and ensuring that all business is being taken care of. We will be doing the Remembrance Day Church Service and Cenotaph Service virtually so you can watch from the comforts of your own home. Please see additional information further in this bulletin for all the details.

We are slowly getting more members into the Club Room to enjoy some comradeship. Everyone is social distancing and all chairs and tables are cleaned as they are vacated. There will only be 50 patrons allowed in the Club Room at one time as guidelines are adhered to.

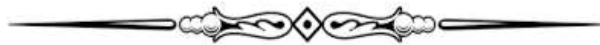
The Nevada Tickets and Meat Draws are our only means of fundraising, at present, so please support these two projects. We are also having our annual Christmas Raffle to try to help the cause. Your support is needed to purchase and sell tickets. Please let Rhonda or me know if you can sell tickets.

The Poppy Campaign preparations are underway. Cde Alex Taylor, Poppy Chairman, has been busy with making sure our campaign is successful even under these stressful times. He has outlined his program in his report as you read further in the bulletin. I do know he has been requesting canvassers for the various locations in town. Please help if you can spare a couple of hours for this program and the sign-up sheet is located in the Club Room. One new feature is that Poppy donations can be sent via the **Interac-E-Transfers** process with auto-deposit.

We are truly saddened by the loss of Cde Mike Atkinson. Mike was instrumental in helping our Branch and the Legion in its entirety for many, many years. He was truly dedicated to helping us in any way he could. A virtual funeral service was aired and viewed in the Clubroom to say goodbye. He will be missed.

As the COVID cases rise again please stay safe, maintain social distancing and wear your mask. I hope you can drop by the Branch for a social visit and enjoy a few laughs with your fellow Comrades.

President Robert (Bob) Harrison
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Bursary



Bursary season is well underway yet I have had only one student from our area apply. We are offering \$750.00 to each approved student and you can apply up to 5 years as long as you are in the same course of study.

Total family income must be under \$150,000. The person that the student is applying under must be a Legion member in good standing.

Visit www.on.legion.ca/remembrance/youth-programs for eligibility and more information or contact myself as noted below.

Please stay safe by social distancing and wearing a mask.

Cde Robert Harrison
Bursary Chairman
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Hall Rental



NOTE: Hall rentals have been suspended until further notice.

Once this COVID-19 pandemic is over we look forward to you booking our facility for your future social events.

Special consideration is given to the fee schedule when renting to non-profit organizations.

Please contact Norma Dudgeon at the Legion phone number (519) 389-9917 or email: Branch340@eastlink.ca



Honours and Awards



Recognizing valued members for their contributions at our Legion is an important part of the Honours & Awards Chair.

When you nominate volunteer members, based on their efforts of ensuring our Branch functions continue, we build strong and continuous relationships, and we build a stronger Branch.

If you know anyone whom you feel should be shown appreciation, please contact me with this members particulars and confidentially the H&A Committee will evaluate the nomination.

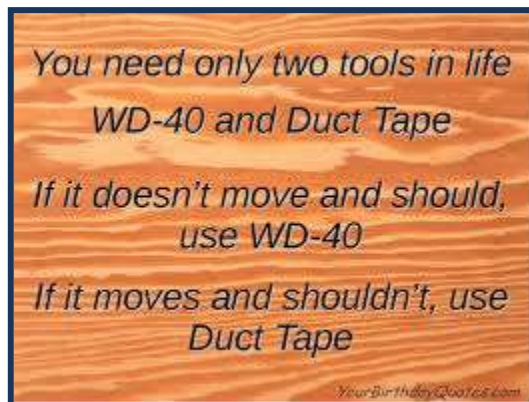
On Friday, October 9, 2020 the H & A Committee presented 3 fellow Legion members with their Certificates of Merit and 1 member with a Life Membership to honour their dedication and service to Branch 340.

Cdes Paul Dennison, Marshall Dolbeck and Jim Mahon were awarded their Certificates of Merit and Cde Jack Chapman was honour with his Life Membership Plaque and Lapel Pin.



L – R Past President Dan Kelly, Cde Marshall Dolbeck, Cde Paul Dennison, Cde Jack Chapman, Cde Jim Mahon, Cde Tom Jacques, H & A Chairman

Cde Tom Jacques
Honours & Awards Chairman
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They're Back! Those wonderful Church Bulletins! Thank God for the church ladies with typewriters. These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services:

- ❖ Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.
- ❖ The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'
- ❖ Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.
- ❖ Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
- ❖ For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- ❖ Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Article courtesy of Terry Mills



Membership



Comrades, I have mailed out a membership letter to all our members not in good standing. The letter identifies that the Branch is now open again and all are welcome to come in and enjoy our hospitality. I also identified that they have still not paid their 2020 membership and identified that they can pay it at the Bar or they can pay it on-line at legion.ca. All members that have paid their membership dues have been processed to date.

Cde Dan Kelly
Membership Chairman
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Last Post

November 11, 2019 – November 11, 2020



Veteran Bryan LeBlanc
Hank Toby
Terry Hill

Dean Bousquet WW II
Stan Barton WW II

Associate Howard Chappell
Murray Thede
Larry Carr
Len Holley

Paul Czuczman
George Foster
Michael Atkinson (Life)

Ladies Auxiliary Marg Esplen (Life)

***THEY SHALL GROW NOT OLD AS WE THAT ARE LEFT GROW OLD,
AGE SHALL NOT WEARY THEM NOR THE YEARS CONDEMN,
AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN AND IN THE MORNING,
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM,
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.***



“

In life, we loved
you dearly, in death
we love you still.
In our hearts you
hold a place, no one
else will ever fill.





Poppy



Our 2020 Poppy Campaign begins October 30th through to November 11th. Wreath Orders have started to come in and some generous donations have been received and promised.

“POPPY CANVASSERS URGENTLY NEEDED TO FILL TIME SLOTS AT WALMART WHO DO NOT HAVE IN-STORE POPPY BOXES”

While we have the signup sheets in the Clubroom downstairs in the Legion, I have started an email Canvasser Tracker that is more up to date showing open canvassing spots.

If you are not currently receiving the up to date Canvasser Tracker, then send me your email address and I will add you to the email list and you can see where we need more canvasser support especially at Walmart.

Please consider giving a couple of canvassing hours towards this critical fund-raising event for our Veterans.

This year, due to COVID-19, we are undertaking a Poppy Fundraising AD Mail campaign that will be sent to 4,600 homes, apartments and businesses in Port Elgin on Oct. 30th. I wish to thank all the AD Mail volunteers who helped to put together the AD Mail Packages in record time and those who filled Poppy Bags and distributed Poppy Boxes to over 100 businesses and organizations around town.

We have set up a Poppy Fund email address” poppybranch340@eastlink.ca” so that Poppy Donations can be sent via the **Interac-E-Transfers** process with auto-deposit thus no question and answer is required!

Again, thank you to all who are giving their time and volunteering in this very challenging year of the COVID-19 pandemic to help make this year’s Poppy Campaign as successful as possible!

Lest We Forget!

Cde Alex Taylor
Poppy Chairman
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REMEMBRANCE DAY ITINERARY

On Wednesday, 11 November, 2020, The Royal Canadian Legion, Port Elgin Branch 340, will be holding a PRIVATE SERVICE at Cenotaph Park.

This year, in accordance with Provincial guidelines due to COVID-19 restrictions, we cannot invite the community to share this meaningful occasion of honouring our Veterans; we are only allowed 25 people and this will be enforced as the Legion could be liable under Reg. 364/21 for organizing an outdoor event.

We invite you to watch the private service on one of the following live streaming websites: www.youtube.com/southportchurch or on Facebook @southport.church or www.myfamily.church or by calling 833-299-0202.

We will pre-lay the wreaths and the public is invited to come and pay their respects at the cenotaph and look at the display between 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm.

The Port Elgin Legion will be open at 11:30 am on 11 November to Veterans and Legion members only with their spouse / caregiver as we are restricted to only 50 people.

We thank our community and all the businesses for their continued support throughout the years and we will meet again in 2021.

Lest we forget

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Norma Dudgeon
Remembrance Day Chairman

Legion Office: 519-832-2903
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Pinning of the First Poppy – 2020 Chris Kemp



L-R President Robert Harrison, Cde Chris Kemp and Cde Alex Taylor, Poppy Chairman

Chris joined the British Army on October 19, 1950. After Infantry training in Germany with the Royal Fusiliers, Chris transferred to the Royal Norfolk Regiment and was sent to the front lines in Korea.

He was part of the front-line infantry unit facing 1,000's of North Korean and Chinese infantry forces as well as artillery units who were regularly on the attack with bugles blowing, screaming loudly, many without rifles, until they were able to pick up those of their fallen infantry men.

On January 31st, 1952, he was wounded and transferred to a MASH Unit of the Norwegian Hospital. The MASH medical unit removed a bullet that had ricocheted from his hip to his intestines. He was then evacuated to the British Convalesces Hospital in Kure, in the Hiroshima Prefecture, Japan.

He was discharged in November, 1952.

A True Veteran!

Chris, please come forward to be presented with Port Elgin Legion Branch #340's ceremonial first Poppy of 2020!

Cde Alex Taylor
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Renew your membership today!

The Legion's Early Bird Campaign is on until November 30th — don't miss your opportunity to maintain the many benefits of your Legion membership.

When you renew your membership by the early bird deadline, you:

- Keep your account in good standing
- Maintain years of continuous service
- Support the Branch and its programs
- Ensure delivery of LEGION Magazine

To renew your membership, visit our Branch before November 30th or mail your membership dues in the amount of \$50.00 directly to our address below.

For your convenience, you can also renew online at portal.legion.ca. Once registered online, you have the option to set your membership to auto-renew to be billed automatically each year.

Encourage a friend or family member to join, too! Every member makes a difference.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

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Renew today!



“I used to jog but the ice cubes kept falling out of my glass.”

David Lee Roth



Veteran Services



Port Elgin Legion Branch 340

IMPORTANT NOTICE

During this time of crisis any veteran that requires assistance including financial aid may contact the Port Elgin Legion Veterans Service Officer for assistance and we will do our best to accommodate your needs.

Contact: Port Elgin Legion Branch 340
 Veteran Service Officer
 branch340@eastlink.ca
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Ways & Means

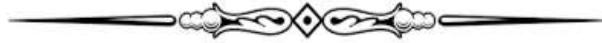


Branch 340 will be hosting a Meat Draw on Saturday, November 14th. Safety protocols will be observed and a maximum 50 persons in the venue.

Branch 340 appreciates your continued support.

Please stay safe.

Cde Tom Jacques
 Ways & Means Chair
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You know you're over 50

When you get up from the sofa to get your reading glasses, do six other things, forget your glasses and sit down on the sofa again.





Youth Education



The Remembrance Poster & Literary Competitions are currently underway. Information packages were e-distributed to all the schools in Port Elgin followed up by a telephone call.

This school year the teachers and students are experiencing different challenges. So I am asking for each of you to "champion" the Remembrance Competitions by encouraging the students you know to participate. We want to be assured that each student including the new virtual learners are informed about the R.C.L. Remembrance Competitions. Share with teachers and parents of students the importance of Remembrance through the Poster and Literary Competition.

The last day for students to submit their entries accompanied by a separate Registration Form with signed parental/guardian consent is November 20th.

Comrades, I am going to thank you in advance for your help.

Another annual youth education event is the Public Speaking Competition. Due to the pandemic of COVID-19 a decision was reached by the Executive Committee after much consideration to cancel the Public Speaking Competition for 2021.

I trust that in 2022 Branch 340 will once again be hosting a Public Speaking Competition event for the children and youth in our community.

We will Remember Them

Cde Patty Kelly
Youth Education Chairman
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Youth Remembrance Contests



Poster and Literary Contests

The contests are divided into four categories:

- Senior: Grades 10, 11, 12
- Intermediate: Grades 7, 8, 9
- Junior: Grades 4, 5, 6
- Primary: Grades 1, 2, 3 (Poster contest only)

The Poster contest is divided into two categories: Colour or Black & White. The Literary Contest is divided into two categories: Essay or Poem. Entries are submitted at the Branch level and winning entries will proceed to the provincial and then national levels.

Students can enter as many contests as they wish, but can submit only one entry per category. Prizes are available for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place at local Legion level. There are also prizes for Provincial and National levels.

Judging

First round of judging is at the Branch level with overall First Place winners moving on to next level of competition.

Contact your school or local Legion Branch now for details on how to enter the Legion's Posters, poems, and essay contests.

IMPORTANT
Application/Entry Form with
Parent/Guardian signature is
required with each entry.

All entries are to be submitted to the school by November 20, 2020. A Branch representative will pick up the entries at the school.

For more information contact:
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Please click the following link for contest rules and Application/Entry Form which must be attached to the back of your entry.

Download Application/Entry Form at legion.ca/contests

For Rules & Regulations (Note: No Canvas Accepted in Ontario) Download Youth Education Brochure at legion.ca/contests



Images courtesy of ON Command Poppy Committee



Chaplain's Corner "The 75th"



Remembrance Day is soon upon us and for the first time in our history the Legion Colour Party will march to the Cenotaph without an invitation for the public to participate. The COVID virus lockdown has disrupted many things. Not being there unsettles us.

It is an important year for us, as we mark the 75th Anniversary of the end of the Second World. Victory in Europe, (VE Day) was celebrated on May 8, 1945 and Victory in Japan (VJ Day) in the middle of the summer on August 17. It is a shame that we cannot properly honour those dates this year.

But we can remember the significance of the end of the war for Canada. Knowlton Nash, CBC Broadcaster, wrote an excellent piece as an introduction to Ted Barris' book, "Days of Victory". Here is a quote from it:

"Canada came of age during the Second World War. We stumbled out of the Dirty Thirties into the most momentous experience that has ever befallen this country. On the war front Canadians strode courageously across the battlefields of Hong Kong, Dieppe, Sicily and Normandy. On the home front hard-working Canadians fashioned an economic miracle....

By mid-1945 the boys were coming home. But they were not the same boys who had gone off to fight. They had grown up, matured and become wiser....

Nor were the people at home the same. They too had grown up, transformed by the crucible of war. We had gone from Great Depression to war, and to the brink of one of the greatest booms in history. Canada had moved from being a backwater rural nation to become an economically vibrant urban society and one of the world's industrial giants. That transformation was brought about by twelve million Canadians striving to change their world into a strong, caring society. They did it by millions of individual acts of heroism on the war front and on the home front."

There was dancing on the streets on VE Day and VJ Day. But our victory came at a tremendous cost. Canada lost 45,000 young men and women. Our allies, Britain and the USA, lost three times that number. Our enemies lost undetermined millions of lives. Remembrance Day is here for reason.

We cannot Forget!

Rev. Chuck Beaton, Legion Chaplain



Branch 340 Ladies Auxiliary



Greetings from Branch 340 Ladies Auxiliary.

A meeting was held this morning with our Zone Commander, Marg Smith, in attendance were Diana Tripp, Diane Mills and myself. Command has given permission to Auxiliaries with 50 members to begin holding monthly meetings with Legion approval.

We will now resume holding our meetings. Our upcoming November meeting is November 10th at 7:30PM. Social Distance protocols will be in effect. Hope to see you there and catch up with everyone. There is much information to share with you all. Other monthly meetings will be called as needed.

We want to send out congratulations to Aline Bellan, who is being awarded her 40 year pin.



Photo courtesy of Norma Dudgeon

Zone C-4 Ladies Auxiliary Deputy Zone Commander, Diane Mills; President to Branch 340 Ladies Auxiliary, Diana Tripp and Ladies Auxiliary member, Betty Fraser present Aline Bellan with her 40 year service pin - Congratulations Aline and thank you for your years of service.

Cde Vicky Taylor
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Five year old Little Johnny was lost, so he went up to a policeman and said, "I've lost my dad!"
The policeman said, "What's he like?"
Little Johnny replied, "Beer and women!"



NEW
Opening
Hours

Branch 340 New Hours

Monday to Thursday 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Friday 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Sunday- 4:00 – 7:00 pm

Until further Notice



November is Woman Abuse Prevention Month

Half of all Canadian women have experienced at least one incident of physical or sexual abuse.

- On average every six days a woman in Canada is killed by her intimate partner
 - Cited from “the facts about violence against women” by the Canadian Women's Foundation.
- On average 20-30 women are murdered in Ontario every year
 - Cited OAITH website
- The Stolen Sisters (MMIWG) missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls in Canada is a human rights crisis.
 - www.mmiwg-ffada.ca



The United Nations General Assembly designated November 25th as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.

This day is also recognized as the first day of 16 days of Action/Activism to eliminate Violence Against Women worldwide.

In Ontario you are encouraged to wear PURPLE from November 25th to December 10th which is the Human Rights Day. You will be

demonstrating your support to end the violence against women. A purple scarf is symbolic of the courage it takes women to leave the abuse known as Wrapped in Courage.

Many folks wear the colour orange during the days of Activism as participation in Orange the World to end gender based violence worldwide.

Knowingly it will take the strength of a community to end the violence against women.



Branch 340 Gives Back



Legion Branch 340 in Port Elgin is showing their support of student nutrition programs Port Elgin schools by donating \$100 to each nutrition program - \$400.00 in total.

Port Elgin Saugeen Central, St Joseph's, Northport Elementary and Saugeen District Secondary schools are working hard to offer healthy food choices to 1000 students collectively on a daily basis with enhanced food safety requirements due to COVID-19.

Each school follows safety protocols and has altered their menu to meet these new guidelines. They are able to offer whole fruit, yogurt cups or tubes, cheese strings and breakfast bars or granola bars. Some schools are offering apple sauce cups or fruit cups in juice. These items must arrive prepackaged at a much higher cost.

Because of donations like this one from Legion Branch 340 we are able to purchase the food we need so no child spends the day at school hungry. THANK YOU so much for thinking of the kids! OSNP Grey Bruce challenges you to make an investment in our future by investing in our student's health and wellbeing. All schools in Grey Bruce offer a student nutrition program so no child attends school hungry.

Check us out at www.osnp.ca

Bev Gateman
Community Program Manager
Ontario Student Nutrition Program Grey Bruce
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A big thank you to the Port Elgin Legion, Branch 340 for your generous donation to Huron Shores Hospice. Your donation will help us with unforeseen expenses that we are experiencing due to COVID-19. Our wonderful and dedicated comfort care volunteers help us care for our residents during the day from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

However, due to the current restrictions, our volunteers are not able to be in the hospice suite at this time. In order to provide quality end-of-life care to our residents and their family members, the hospice must now cover the costs for PSW/Comfort Care services during these hours. Your donation will help us offset these expenses. We are so thankful for you thinking of the hospice in these difficult times. Our hospice would not be the caring, compassionate place that it is without your kind support.

Huron Shores Hospice is a charitable not-for-profit, volunteer-led, community-funded residential hospice, providing free quality end-of-life care, at no cost, to residents of Saugeen Shores, Kincardine and Huron-Kinloss and surrounding areas. Huron Shores Hospice also provides free programs for Grief Recovery, End of Life Doula services, Death Cafes and End-of-Life Planning workshops.

Carol Rencheck
Co-Chair
Huron Shores Hospice
519-386-3115



MILLER'S MEDAL MOUNTING

SANDY MILLER
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“Wine is constant proof that God loves us and loves to see us happy.”
Benjamin Franklin



We Remember Them
Private Arthur Robinson



Arthur was born in North Bruce in 1890. He had spent time in Hamilton before the war and had been a member of the local 91st Militia Regiment of Hamilton where he enlisted in August 1914. He had been in Port Elgin at the time and his parents had settled in Southampton after moving to North Bruce.

When Arthur's group from Hamilton arrived at Val Cartier they were assigned to the 4th Battalion. Like those in the 1st Battalion they trained on Salisbury Plain and arrived in mainland Europe in February 1915. They also participated in the Battle at Ypres in Belgium that April. On April 24th he got a gunshot wound to his left arm. He was taken to hospital and had a full recovery and returned to his group on May 6.

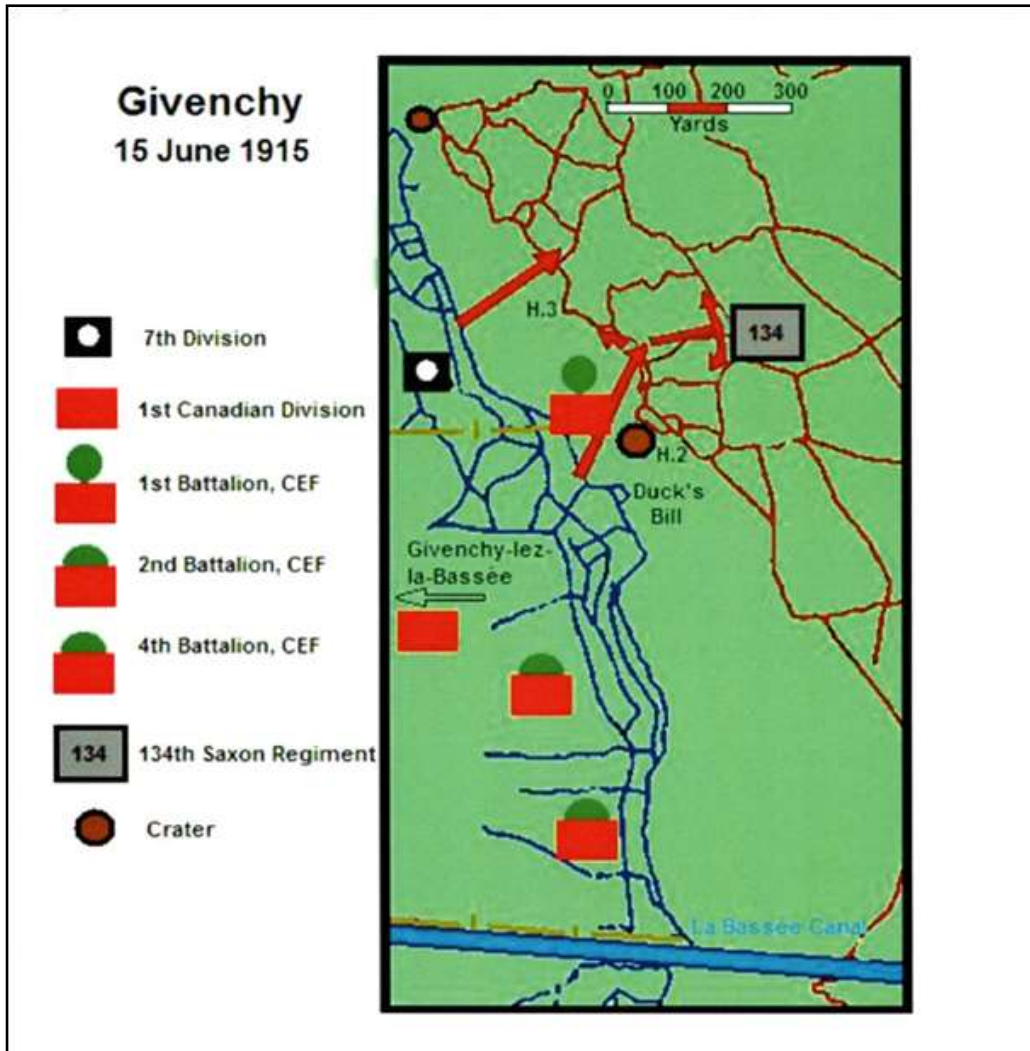
The 4th Battalion crossed the border into France and fought at Festubert where Canadian casualties totaled 2,468 killed or wounded with only about 200 metres of land gained. The battle then shifted a short distance south to Givenchy-en-Gobeele. The Canadians joined two British divisions who had built underground tunnels and loaded them with explosives beneath the German strong points. On June 15th the Canadians led the attack following days of bombardment that left the Canadians advance area exposed to German strong machine gun armament points. Poorly placed land mines had also led to loss of lives and injuries to the Canadians when they attacked.

Arthur received a serious shrapnel wound during the attack while he was going for rations. He was hit in his right thigh and the inner part of his right buttock.

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BATT <i>4th 15th Res C.I.D.</i>			
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NAME IN FULL <i>Robinson, G. W.</i>			
RELATIONSHIP TO SOLDIER <i>Not stated</i>			
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PLACE OF ATTESTATION <i>Valcartier, P.Q.</i>		DATE <i>Sept 2</i>	
<i>8/10/14</i>		<i>11/16</i>	
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He was removed to a large hospital in Rouen France and had two operations to remove a 6-inch piece of shrapnel and had a long 5-month recovery in France and in England. He returned to Canada in January 1916 and remained at his original 91st Regiment base in Hamilton until his discharge on June 15, 1916.

He was granted a \$70 per month pension and his last address in his military record was 167 Pape Avenue in Toronto.



We will remember them.

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A Time to Remember

Thursday, November 5th at 3 p.m.

On Facebook Live from the Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre:

Bill Streeter, local historian, will be guiding us through his presentation, featuring Bruce County soldiers who were the first to arrive in mainland Europe with the 1st Contingent of the Canadian Expeditionary Force. The presentation will feature the events of June 15th, 1915 at The Battle of Givenchy and the stories of the Bruce County men who fought in the battle will be told.

There will be time for Q and A following the presentation.



Port Elgin Commemorative Banners 2020 Locations - Total 24



Goderich St. West Side Location	Name of Veteran	Goderich St. East Side Location	Name of Veteran
Elgin St. N. Corner	Ray Vaupel	TD Bank	Charles Gilbert
700 Rosina	Wm. Willoughby	Wismer House	John Amer Howe
Corner of Mill St.	James Jones	No. 685	Oliver Christie
670 Sunset Blinds	Don McGillivray	675 Books/Strings	John Sturgeon
652 Blackboard	Harvey McArthur	661 Cabana	John Geddes
Mensh	Fred Vaupel	625 Bowevil	Lloyd Ernst
616 Mink	Irvin Reinhart	591 Tabho	Rob. Gowanlock
Beachin	Roy Atkinson	573 Med Bldg.	George Eaton
Nicol Insurance	Norman Hettrick	Visitors Centre	James Stoddart
		Service Ontario	Gord Cummings
		Keepsakes	John Muir
Green St. outh side	Name of Veteran	Green St. North Side Location	Name of Veteran
By the CIBC	Charles Crosswell	Allan's Parking	Richard Reany
By Kid Street	Herb Leeder	Maple Dental	James Miller

Our Commemorative Banners have been installed by the Town Public Works Department led by Peter Knechtel. We thank them for a job well done.

If we receive any requests to have banners installed at a particular location we will do our best to accommodate them.

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In Flanders' Fields

*In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders' fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch, be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders' fields.*

Major John McCrae, 1915



**THE BIG SECRET IN LIFE
IS THAT THERE IS NO BIG
SECRET. WHATEVER
YOUR GOAL, YOU CAN
GET THERE IF YOU'RE
WILLING TO WORK.**

OPRAH WINFREY



**Ladies Auxiliary of Tara Br. 383
Christmas Pudding Fundraiser for \$25.00**



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Meat Draw

Saturday, Nov 14



4:00 pm



So much fun, please join us

Everyone is Welcome



WARNING: Consumption of alcohol may lead you to believe that people are laughing with you.

WARNING: Consumption of alcohol may make you think you are whispering when you are not.

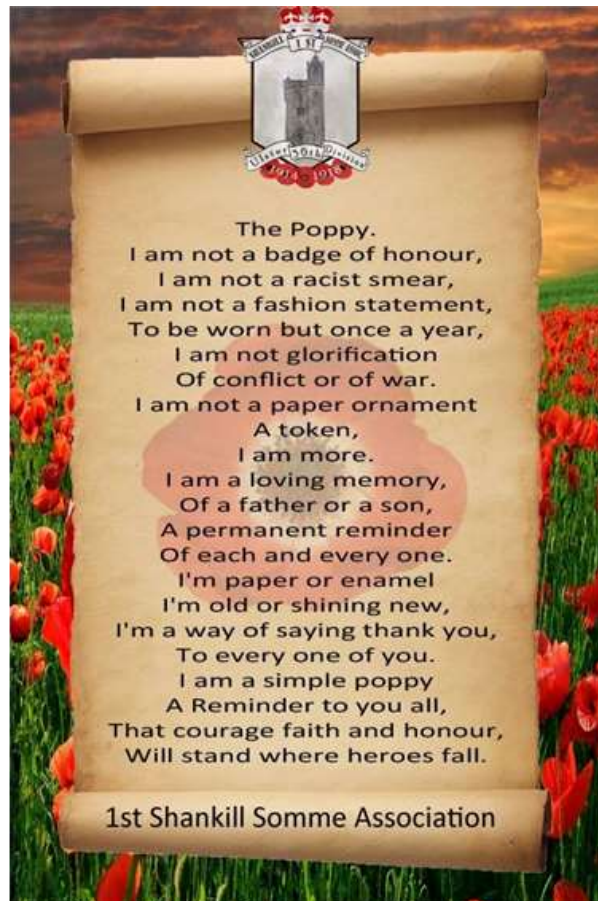
THIS IS HALLOWED GROUND

Between these flags that proudly fly, let no man dare to stand,
For here our fallen comrades lie, we call it Hallowed Ground.
A symbol, yes, but mark it well; here let us ever humble pause,
In memory of the lad who fell, in fighting for our sacred cause.

On Sea or Land these buddies died, some lie beneath a foreign sod,
In graves caressed by winds and tide, in spots unknown to all but God.
And so, this place is Hallowed Ground, and it shall forever blessed,
As tho it were a grassy mound, beneath which gallant heroes rest.

Be ever watchful, Legionnaire, of those two flags which signify,
That we should guard this spot with care, where our departed comrades lie.
And, if a man should dare to tread this spot where lie our gallant brave,
He desecrates those noble dead as tho he walked upon their grave.

Author Unknown.





RCL Port Elgin Branch 340



Tis the Season

Christmas Raffle

Wine Themed Basket (\$150)

**Draw Date on
Saturday, December
19th at 6:00 pm -
Branch Clubroom**



**Tickets: \$2.00 each or
3 for \$5.00**

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