First World War Names

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Recording the Names: Local Commemoration of First World War Casualties

At the heart of many communities across Canada one will find monuments featuring the names of local men and women who lost their lives in the two world wars. Today, nearly a century after the Great War ended, relatively few people have any tangible memory or knowledge of the faces and personalities that went with those names. Likely fewer still pause to think about how a particular listing of names was assembled and recorded for posterity on the local war memorial tablet, or the roll of honour in a legion hall, church, or other public building. Often the task of recording the names of local men and women who sacrificed their lives in wartime has been an ongoing process. It is instructive to consider how local rolls of honour were developed in earlier decades as we contemplate augmenting or re-arranging them today.

A glance through this collection of biographical information - painstakingly compiled by the Great War Centenary Association of Brantford, Brant County, and Six Nations - reveals that many of the names appearing on two extant honour rolls in Paris, Ontario, were indeed local men and women through and through: born and raised in the community, and resident here upon the war's outbreak in 1914. Tellingly, the newspaper columns that reported on the deaths of these soldiers begin all too often with phrases along the lines of 'another Paris boy has given up his life…' It is no surprise then that the names of these casualties appear on the rolls of honour. They were known, and missed, by many people who called Paris or its outlying villages home.

Some on the Paris honour rolls were not born here, but had come to the area as children or young adults from neighbouring towns and communities, and also as immigrants from Britain. For example, Private Charles A. Franks was born in Port Dover, but had lived and worked in Paris before the war. Franks, who was killed in February 1917, left behind a wife, Clara Rowe.

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Her brother Walter had been killed just six months earlier at the Battle of Mount Sorrel. Although Walter Rowe was born in England, he immigrated to Canada, and the family was already well known in Paris by 1914. So while men like Franks or Rowe were not originally from Paris, they were well established here upon enlisting for overseas service, and there was no doubt that they, having died in battle, ought to be included on the local honour roll.

Like Franks or Rowe, most of the names that appear on the Paris honour rolls were local men; most died in battle or were victims of other war-related factors (death from wounds, illness, et cetera). But not all of the soldiers named meet each of these criteria. For example, English-born Sergeant Victor Alvus Arding had been in Canada for five years upon his 1915 enlistment in Toronto, and he was killed in action in November 1916. But he had never resided in Paris, and as far as the evidence suggests, may never have set foot in the community himself. And yet his name appears on the Paris honour rolls, because his wife was resident here while he was overseas. (Arding also appears on the Brant County War Memorial - again, because of his wife’s presence in the county - as well as the Town of New Toronto Memorial, where he actually lived before the war.) The fact that Arding’s name appears on the rolls in Paris, where he never lived, suggests that these memorials have served a larger purpose than honouring the war dead. They also recognized the sacrifices that survivors in the community had made.

In contrast with Arding, Lieutenant Brisbane J.H. Carnegie, who is listed on one of the Paris honour rolls, seems to have had a stronger Paris connection, as his name also appears on the memorial pillar at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. But Carnegie, who had apparently volunteered for the 129th Battalion, was not a battle casualty, did not die of wounds, service-related illness or accident, and seems never to have left Canada. He succumbed to an ulcer in
Paris in September 1916, after his battalion had embarked for England. Probably due to his very short time in service, and his death from an illness that was not related to service, Carnegie is not recognized by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission as a war casualty. Indeed, he does not even seem to have an official Canadian Expeditionary Force service record. Still, Carnegie’s name was included on one of the rolls, likely because someone in the community missed him, and he had intended to go overseas. As in Arding’s case, the honour roll was as much for survivors as it was for the dead.

The stories behind even these few names from the Paris honour rolls underscore the complexities of local memory and commemoration during and after the war. While the Imperial War Graves Commission was founded in 1917 (renamed the Commonwealth War Graves Commission in 1960) with a mandate to commemorate officially all British Empire war fatalities, no such organization controlled the placement of names on the local monuments that gradually appeared in communities across Canada (and throughout the Empire). Consequently, it is not at all unusual to find irregularities on these monuments: individuals with little or no obvious prewar connection to the community, individuals who did not reach overseas, or others who returned and died from war-related injuries, albeit after the official 1921 threshold that the Commission adopted for counting Empire war dead. Such examples can be found on the Paris rolls.

All of this matters today because the residents of Paris and the surrounding area must decide if certain names ought to be added to the existing roll of honour. As was true during the 1920s and 1930s, there is no official organization that will dictate the choices. It is a local matter,
one which ought to be settled using informed judgement of the circumstances in each case, even if hard and fast rules are elusive, as they were years ago.

Whatever choices are made, today’s residents would do well to remember that these names will mean very little for generations to come if the narratives that belong to them are not preserved likewise.

Sincerely,

Great War Centenary Association – Brantford, Brant County, Six Nations

Board of Directors
**Paris Honour Roll**

**Great War**

**1914 to 1918**

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"Their Name Liveth For Evermore"
ARDING, VICTOR ALVUS M.M. (139008) – 75TH BATTALION

NOVEMBER 18, 1916 (CWGC)

ADANAC MILITARY CEMETERY – SOMME, FRANCE

Circumstance of Casualty: Previously reported Missing, now reported Killed in Action.
Information received states this soldier was last seen dead in a shell hole in “No Man’s Land.”
Location of Unit at Time of Casualty: Somme.

BX April 17, 1917

Killed in Action

Mrs. Arding has received word that her husband, Sergt. V.A. Arding, who was reported missing,
was killed in action on Nov. 18th last. Sergt. Arding enlisted with the 75th Battalion in Toronto,
and went overseas in March 1916, and had seen considerable fighting. Deceased was in his 26th
year and was born in Reading Berkshire, Eng. He came to Canada about five years ago, and had
resided in Toronto. He leaves a widow and little daughter to mourn his loss. Mrs. Arding has
lived in Paris with her mother, Mrs. Slater, since her husband went overseas.

Toronto Star December 7, 1916

Corp. John Arding Killed

Corp. John Arding, one of three brothers who joined the colors for active service, has been killed
in action, according to official word received by his wife at New Toronto. As members of the
Mississauga Horse, John Arding and his brother, Victor joined the 75th Battalion. The two left
Toronto in March. In September John was reported as wounded in the thigh when a bomb
exploded. A month later his brother was awarded the Military Medal for conspicuous bravery in
the search for the bodies of Lieuts. Howard and Devlin. The third brother, Thomas, is now
serving with the Navy.

John Arding was a native of Berkshire, England, 31 years old and before enlistment had been
employed as a fireman in New Toronto.

Brant County War Memorial – Yes
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – Yes
Other War Memorials – Town of New Toronto War Memorial
Church Memorials etc. –
ASTLE, KENNETH MILAN (270411) – 38TH BATTALION
SEPTEMBER 1, 1918 (CWGC)
FAUBOURG D’AMIENS CEMETERY, VI.F.16. – PAS DE CALAIS, FRANCE

Circumstance of Casualty: Died of Wounds. This soldier, who was acting as a battalion runner, was standing outside headquarters in the vicinity of Vis-en-Artois, previous to an attack, when he was hit by a piece of shrapnel, which penetrated the right lung. His wound was immediately dressed and he was hurried to the advanced dressing station, but he succumbed to his wounds later at No. 3 Canadian Field Ambulance.

BX September 9, 1918

Official notification was received in town Saturday by his mother that Private Kenneth Milan Astle had died of wounds in No. 3 Field Ambulance on Sept. 1. Private Astle joined the 215th Battalion in June, 1916, and went overseas in April, 1917. Later he was transferred to the Machine Gun section of the 38th Battalion, and went to France with that battalion in March of this year. Deceased was born in Derby, England, on Jan. 17, 1898, and came to Paris with his mother and aunts eight years ago last August. He belonged to the Boy Scouts in the Old Country and on arrival here he immediately joined the Paris Scouts, in which he acted as bugler and drummer. He was an active member of the Y.M.C.A. and also of the 4 U. and I. Bible class, he being the fourth member of the class to be killed in action. Besides these he was a member of St. James’ Church choir, the A.Y.P.A. and men’s Bible class. At time of enlistment he was employed as a machinist in Penman’s No. 1 mill. To his bereaved mother and aunts, and also his fiancée, Miss Annie Billings, will be extended the sincere sympathy of the community, as Private Ken Astle was an exceptionally fine young man, and highly thought of by all who knew him.

Brant County War Memorial – Yes
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – Yes
Other War Memorials –
Church Memorials etc. – St. James Anglican Church
Baldwin, Dorothy Mary Yarwood (Nursing Sister) – 3rd Canadian Stationary Hospital
May 30, 1918 (CWGC)
Bagneux British Cemetery, III.A.24. – Somme, France

Circumstance of Casualty: “Died of Wounds” Nursing Sister Baldwin was on duty in the officer’s ward of No. 3 Canadian Stationary Hospital, Doullens, when hostile aircraft dropped bombs on the Hospital, completely destroying the north wing. Nursing Sister Baldwin received injuries from which she died shortly after.

BX June 3, 1918

Paris Nurse a Victim of Hun Bombardment – Nursing Sister Baldwin of Paris Died of Wounds Received – A Sad Loss

(From Our Own Correspondent)

PARIS, June 3. – The sad news came to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baldwin, Warwick Street, yesterday afternoon that their daughter, “Nursing Sister Mary Dorothy Yarwood Baldwin had died of wounds at No. 3 Canadian Stationary Hospital, Boulogne, on May 30.” Miss Baldwin came to Paris as a child with her parents and spent most of her life here. She was a graduate of Victoria Hospital, London, and enlisted for overseas in that city. She went overseas on May 28, 1917, was stationed at Orpington for a while and went over to France on July 25. It is surmised from the date of her death that she was in the hospital that was raided by the Huns and that she lived until the following day. Miss Baldwin was a bright and clever girl, in her early twenties, and her death has cast a gloom over the entire community. Deep sympathy goes out to the bereaved ones in their deep affliction.

Miss Baldwin had a brother with the C.M.R. in France. She was a member of the Anglican Church and is survived by her parents, one sister, Mrs. Powell of Galt, and two brothers, Robert E. in France and Herbert of Sparta. A letter was received in Paris last week by Mrs. Wickson, president of the Kith and Kin, thanking that society for their parcel and telling how much she and the other nurses enjoyed the contents. This was dated May 12. Miss Baldwin is the first Paris nurse to give her life in the great struggle for right.
BALL, CHARLES (109101) – 4TH CANADIAN MOUNTED RIFLES
JUNE 2, 1916 (CWGC)
MENIN GATE MEMORIAL, PANEL 30 AND 32 – YPRES, BELGIUM

Circumstance of Casualty: Previously reported Missing, believed Killed, now for official purposes presumed to have died. From information available, it is believed that this soldier, while on duty at a bombing post near Ypres, was killed by the explosion of an enemy mine. Location of Unit at Time of Casualty: Zillebeke Sector.

BX June 30, 1916

Pte. Chas. Ball is unofficially reported missing. He went overseas with the 4th C.M.R. and is a son of Mr. Charles Ball, of the junction. A brother is in the 215th.

Brantford Courier December 16, 1916

Corp. Chas Ball enlisted in the 4th Canadian Mounted Rifles in 1914 and left Paris with Capt. W. R. Patterson's party on Nov. 21st for winter camp at Toronto, and crossed over to England early the following year. In 1916 he saw considerable service in France, and after the battle of Ypres on June 2nd, Ball was reported among the missing. He was born in Oxfordshire, England, and is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Ball, Paris Station, and is well known around town. At time of enlistment he was employed by Mr. Isaac Stewart. No further word has been received since July last, when reported missing. He was a member of St. James' Men’s Club. A younger brother is with the 215th Battalion.

BX February 24, 1917

Thought Missing Reported Dead

PARIS, Feb. 24. – Pte. C. Ball, missing since June 2, is now officially reported killed in action. Such was the message received yesterday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Ball, who resided at the Junction. A brother William is now a member of the 215th Battalion.

Brant County War Memorial – Yes
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – Yes
Other War Memorials –
Church Memorials etc. – St. James Anglican Church
Barker, Earle Victor (141854) – 20th Battalion
May 12, 1917 (CWGC)
Vimy Memorial, 1915 – Pas de Calais, France

Circumstance of Casualty: Killed in Action.
Location of Unit at Time of Casualty: Fresnoy Sector.

BX May 25, 1917

Pte. E.V. Barker Killed in Action – Sergt. Clifford Barker of 215th Loses His Son at the Front

(From Our Own Correspondent)

PARIS, May 25. – Another Paris born boy to lay down his life for the Empire is Pte. Earle Victor Barker, eldest son of Sergt. Clifford B. Barker, of the 215th Battalion and Mrs. Barker of Paris, which sad message came to his mother yesterday morning that he had been killed in action on May 12th. Pte. Barker was born and had spent his entire life in Paris where he had gained the esteem and respect of the entire town. He was a high type of young manhood, being in his 20th year. He was assistant scout master and a very active member of the Y.M.C.A. He was also secretary of the Methodist Sunday school, of which church he was a member, and also sang in the choir. At the time of enlisting he was a student in the Paris high school and has just passed his matriculation and was looking forward to a successful life. He was a member of an infantry battalion when he left Canada and was drafted. He leaves to mourn his early death besides his parents, three brothers, Bert, Baden and Roy and one sister, Vera to whom the sympathy of the community goes out in their sorrow. His father is a member of the 215th Battalion, and is at Sandling Camp, England.

Brant County War Memorial – Yes
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – Yes
Other War Memorials –
Church Memorials etc. – Paris Methodist Church
BARLOW, CHARLES (690265) – 116TH BATTALION
AUGUST 25, 1917
AIX-NOULETTE COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION, I.N.7. – PAS DE CALAIS, FRANCE

Circumstance of Casualty: Died of Wounds at No. 9 Canadian Field Ambulance.

BX September 10, 1917

The Misses Barlow, St. George St., received the fateful message on Friday that their brother, Pte. Charles Barlow had died of wounds in a field ambulance on Aug. 29. Pte. Barlow enlisted with the 173rd Highlanders in Hamilton, and went overseas last October. On arrival in England he was transferred to the 116th and went to France on March 17th of this year, and has been in the trenches since that time. Deceased who was in his 28th year, was born in Liverpool, Eng., and came to Paris six years ago, where he had made many friends by his quiet and unassuming manner, and who will learn of his death with sincere regret. He was a devout member of the Church of the Sacred Heart. A brother William, of the Manchester Regiment, was killed in action a week previously. He leaves to mourn his loss two brothers, Thomas at Saloniki, and John in the North Sea fleet and four sisters, the Misses Mary, Charlotte and Margaret of Paris, and Anne of Montreal.
BECKER, WALTER FREDERICK (2334382) – 1ST BATTALION  
AUGUST 30, 1918 (CWGC)  
FAUBOURG D'AMIENS CEMETERY, VII.E.8. – PAS DE CALAIS, FRANCE

Circumstance of Casualty: Died of Wounds (Shrapnel wounds right chest and legs fractured). This soldier was severely wounded by enemy shell fire while taking part in the operations at Upton Wood. He was evacuated to No. 3 Canadian Field Ambulance where he succumbed to his wounds.

Brant County War Memorial – Yes  
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – Yes  
Other War Memorials – Church Memorials etc. –
BX September 19, 1916

Pte. Cecil Birley of Paris, who was wounded in Belgium early this month, died Sunday in Farnham Hospital, Sussex, England, according to a cable received yesterday by his parents Mr. and Mrs. Charles Birley. Pte. Birley was one of the Paris boys who went overseas with the 84th Battalion and was drafted upon arrival to the 75th Battalion and sent directly to the front.
BLACKMAN, ARTHUR WILFRED (772192) – 5TH CANADIAN MOUNTED RIFLES
OCTOBER 4, 1918
BOURLON WOOD CEMETERY, II.E.2. – PAS DE CALAIS, FRANCE

Circumstances of Casualty: Killed in Action. This soldier together with three comrades was killed by an enemy bomb during an air-raid on the Transport Lines near Bourlon.

Brant County War Memorial – Yes
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – Yes
Other War Memorials –
Church Memorials etc.–
BLANEY, JAMES (164037) – 14TH BATTALION
SEPTEMBER 2, 1918 (CWGC)
UPTON WOOD CEMETERY, F.20, – PAS DE CALAIS, FRANCE

Circumstances of Casualty: Previously reported Missing, now Killed in Action.
Location of Unit at Time of Casualty: Vicinity of Cagnicourt.

BX September 27, 1918 - (Mistake reporting Joseph)

Pte. Blaney Killed in Action – Paris Soldier Had Been Previously Reported as Missing

PARIS, Sept, 27. Word was received yesterday morning by Miss Maggie Blaney that her brother, Pte. Joseph Blaney, who was reported missing on Sept, 2, was now officially reported killed in action. Private Blaney joined the 84th Battalion in 1915, with which battalion he went overseas. Later he was transferred to the 14th Battalion, and had been in France for considerably over two years. He was wounded once before. Deceased, who was in his 24th year, was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, and came to Paris about six years ago, making his home with his sister. He was a member of St. James’ Church and also of Paris lodge, L.O.L. He leaves to mourn his loss his father, who resides in Ireland, and two sisters and three brothers, the Misses Maggie and Minnie, of Paris; William, who was wounded at the Dardanelles, and who is still in hospital; James, in France, and John in Ireland.

BX October 1, 1918

Miss Maggie Blaney received word from Ottawa yesterday to the effect that it was her brother, Private James Blaney, who had been killed in action, and not Private Joseph Blaney as previously reported. Both brothers belong to the same battalion, and that is likely how the mistake occurred.

Brant County War Memorial – Yes
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – Yes
Other War Memorials –
Church Memorials etc. – St. James Anglican Church
BRADBURY, WALTER (109234) – 3RD BATTALION CANADIAN MACHINE GUN CORPS
AUGUST 8, 1918 (CWGC)
CROUY BRITISH CEMETERY, V.D.25. – SOMME, FRANCE

Circumstances of Casualty: Died of Wounds. On the morning of August 8th this soldier, while asleep, was severely wounded in the leg, stomach and shoulder by an enemy shell. His wounds were dressed by a comrade and he was carried to an advance dressing station and from there to No. 5 Casualty Clearing Station, where he succumbed to his wounds.

BX August 17, 1918

Pte. Bradbury Died of Wounds – Word Received by Paris Mother

PARIS, Aug. 17. – “Deeply regret to inform you 109234, Private Walter Bradbury, machine gun corps, officially reported died of wounds, 53 Casualty Clearing Station, August 8. Nature of wounds not yet reported.” Such was the fateful message received yesterday morning from Ottawa by Mrs. Walter Bradbury, this being the first intimation she had received. Private Bradbury enlisted with fourth C.M.R. in November, 1914, and went overseas in June, 1915. He had been with the C.M.R. ever since until last March, when he was transferred to the machine gun corps. Deceased was born in Manchester, Eng., and was 34 years old. Sixteen years ago he came to Canada and had lived in Port Dover, Simcoe, St. Thomas, but for the past eight years had resided in Paris. “Curly,” as he was familiarly called, was pianist in the Gem Theatre at the time of his enlistment, and also worked in Penman’s No. 1 mill. In 1905 he was married in Simcoe to Miss Lillian M. Franks, who, with three children, Dorothy, Millicent and Joseph, are left to mourn his loss. He also leaves his mother, Mrs. Ruth Adams, of Port Dover, and two sisters, Mrs. E. Steele of Brantford, and Mrs. Bayes of Paris. Mrs. Bradbury also had a brother killed in action about a year ago.
BREVIS, JOSEPH (164035) – 14TH BATTALION
JUNE 12, 1916 (CWGC)
MENIN GATE MEMORIAL, PANEL 30 AND 32 – YPRES, BELGIUM

Circumstances of Casualty: Previously for official purposes presumed to have died, now Killed in Action. From Information available, it is believed that this soldier was killed in action while working in conjunction with the counter attack at Zillebeke, between June 12/13th, 1916.

Brant County War Memorial – Yes
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – Yes
Other War Memorials –
Church Memorials etc. – Paris Congregational Church
BRIER, GEORGE RAYMOND (55030) – ROYAL CANADIAN DRAGOONS
AUGUST 8, 1918 (CWGC)
VIMY MEMORIAL – PAS DE CALAIS, FRANCE

Circumstances of Casualty: Killed in Action.
Location of Unit at Time of Casualty: Attack from Vignacourt to Beaucourt.
Brown, George (690831) – 52nd Battalion
July 10, 1918 (CWGC)
St. Hilaire Cemetery Extension, G.20. – Pas de Calais, France

Circumstances of Casualty: Died (Pneumonia) at No. 6 Stationary Hospital, Frevent.

BX July 16, 1918

Pte. Geo. Brown Died in France

Paris, July 16. – The sad news was received in town Saturday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Brown, Alexander Street of the death of their youngest son, Pte. George Brown, which took place in France on July 4 from pneumonia. Deceased was born in St. George in 1894 and came to Paris with his parents as a boy 14 years ago, where he grew to manhood and gained the respect and confidence of everyone. He worked for some time for Mr. Charles McCausland, later at the I.H.C. and then at Port Huron and Toronto. He enlisted in the 173rd Highlanders in Hamilton in 1916, going overseas in November, and the following January he was sent over to France with a draft for the 52nd Battalion. He was in the trenches for some time and then for about a year he worked at his trade as a machinist in the workshop in France. On March 19 of this year, he rejoined his battalion. In the last letter received by his parents, he was in good health and the news of his death was indeed a shock to his family, although a few days before they had received word that he was ill. He was a member of the Y.M.C.A. and attended the Presbyterian Church. He was a hockeyist of some repute, having played goal in the intermediate O.H.A. team, as well as in the town league. He leaves besides his parents, four sisters: Mrs. Arthur Newell, Elora; Mrs. C. Swinton and Miss Nellie Brown, at Hamilton; and Miss Margaret at home and three brothers, John, Toronto, Robert, Brantford Township, and Thomas at home, to whom the sympathy of the community will be extended in their sad bereavement.
BROWN, THOMAS WILLIAM (164051) – 75TH BATTALION
APRIL 27, 1917 (CWGC)
BROOKWOOD MILITARY CEMETERY, IX.E.3. – SURREY, UK

Cause and Place of Death: Died of Wounds. GSW Face. Military Hospital, Bethnal Green.

BX May 4, 1917

The name of Pte. W. Brown of Paris is given in today’s list as having died of wounds.

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Pte. Thos. W. Brown is another hero from Paris who has made the supreme sacrifice in the heavy fighting around Vimy Ridge. Word was received by his parents Mr. And Mrs. Thos. Brown, of Race Street that their son had died from wounds in Bethnal Green Hospital England on April 11th. He enlisted in the 2nd Dragoons at Brantford, on July 27th 1915 and was drafted into the 84th Battalion, going overseas in June 1916. A few months later he went with a draft of the 75th Battalion over to France. He had been in several heavy engagements, and during the fighting at Vimy Ridge, was fatally wounded. Pte. Brown was born in Crook, County of Durham, England and was in his 26th year. He came to Paris upwards of four years ago and worked on the Corporation. He was adherent of St. James Church and a general favorite with all who knew him.

Brant County War Memorial – Yes
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – Yes
Other War Memorials –
Church Memorials etc. – St. James Anglican Church
BROWN, WILLIAM ALEXANDER (675579) – 21ST BATTALION
JULY 22, 1918 (CWGC)
LIGNY-ST. FLOCHEL BRITISH CEMETERY, I.F.14. – PAS DE CALAIS, FRANCE

Circumstances of Casualty: Died of (Bronchopneumonia) at No. 7 Casualty Clearing Station.
BURGESS, CLIFFORD OLIVER (163246) – 75TH BATTALION
JULY 16, 1919 (CWGC)
PARIS CEMETERY, LOT 244.3 – PARIS, ONTARIO

Circumstances of Casualty: Pulmonary tuberculosis.

BX July 18, 1919

Pte. C.O. Burgess:

Another bright young life to be sacrificed for the cause of right and liberty was that of Pte. Clifford Oliver Burgess, who passed away at the Mountain Sanatorium in Hamilton early yesterday morning in his 26th yr. Deceased, who was the son of Mrs. Margaret Burgess of Capron Street, was born in Princeton, coming to Paris as a lad of 12 years, where he grew to manhood and has gained the confidence and respect of the entire community. In August, 1915, he enlisted with the 84th Battalion, going overseas with that unit, where he was transferred into the 75th, with which he went to France. In November, 1916, at the battle of the Somme, he was very severely wounded, which resulted in the amputation of the right leg and the left arm, as well as two toes off the left foot. After being in different hospitals in England he was invalided home in November, 1917. He remained at home one month, when he was sent to the Davisville Orthopedic Military Hospital in Toronto for treatment, where he remained until January of this year, when he was removed to the sanatorium at Hamilton. Throughout his long-sufferings he was never heard to complain, and was always bright and cheerful even in his last month’s being concerned about a fellow sufferer in the San. In October, 1915 he was united in marriage to Miss Gladys Lefler, who survives, together with an infant daughter. Also his mother and two sisters, Mrs. Mackie of Paris Junction and Mrs. Paget of Magnetawan, to whom the sympathy of the town will be extended in their sorrow.

The funeral, which is in charge of the G.W.V.A., will be military in character, and will take place Friday afternoon to St. James church, of which deceased was a member, where service will be held at 2.30, interment being made in the soldiers’ plot in Paris cemetery.

In connection with the above funeral the G.W.V.A. request that all veterans parade at their rooms on Friday afternoon at 1.45. They also extend an invitation to the Brantford veterans to join them.

Brant County War Memorial – Yes
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – Yes
Other War Memorials –
Church Memorials etc. –
Cahill, James William (772527) – 54th Battalion
March 30, 1918
Roclaincourt Military Cemetery, V.B.23. – Pas de Calais, France

Circumstances of Casualty: Killed in Action.
Location of Unit at Time of Casualty: Vicinity of Oppy.

BX May 2, 1918
Cahill, James Joseph (270191)

James Cahill, Paris Soldier, Gives His Life

PARIS, May 2 – Another Paris boy has laid down his life for freedom in the great world struggle. Yesterday Mr. James Cahill, of the junction, received official notification from Ottawa informing him that his son, Private James Cahill, had died of wounds on April 24th, at a clearing station in France. Private Cahill, who was in his 29th year, was the youngest son of Mr. Cahill, and had spent nearly all his life here, where he was well and favorably known. In April, 1916, he enlisted with the 215th Battalion at Brantford, and went overseas in April of last year. Later he was transferred to the 125th Brant Battalion. He went over to France about the end of March, and had been on the firing line less than a month when he received his wounds. Besides his sorrowing parents he leaves two brothers and three sisters to mourn his loss, Frank, of Battle Creek, Mich., Elizabeth, of Hamilton, and Thomas, Belle and Mary at home.
C A I L E , G E O R G E A R T H U R (219233) – 7 3 R D B A T T A L I O N
O C T O B E R 3 1 , 1 9 1 6

Circumstances of Casualty: Died of Wounds. Whilst working behind the parados of a trench near Courcelette, he was hit in the stomach by a bullet from the rifle of an enemy sniper. He was evacuated to No. 13 Canadian Field Ambulance where he died shortly after.

B X N o v e m b e r 1 3 , 1 9 1 6

Another Paris Soldier Killed – Sergt. George A. Caile Had Taken a Deep Interest in Boy Scouts

P A R I S , N o v . 1 3 . – S t i l l a n o t h e r P a r i s b o y h a s g i v e n u p h i s l i f e f o r t h e c a u s e o f l i b e r t y . O n S a t u r d a y , o f f i c i a l n e w s w a s r e c e i v e d t h a t S e r g e a n t G e o r g e A . C a i l e h a d d i e d o f w o u n d s o n O c t . 1 3 a t N o . 1 3 F i e l d a m b u l a n c e . S e r g t C a i l e w a s t h e o n l y s o n o f M r . a n d M r s . R o b t . W . C a i l e , D u m f r i e s S t r e e t , a n d w a s 2 0 y e a r s o l d l a s t A u g u s t . D e c e a s e d w a s b o r n i n B a t t e r s e a , L o n d o n , E n g l a n d a n d c a m e t o C a n a d a w i t h h i s f a m i l y n i n e y e a r s a g o , s e t t l i n g i n K i n g s t o n . S e v e n y e a r s a g o t h e y c a m e t o P a r i s , w h e r e h e h a s s i n c e r e s i d e d . A t t h e o u t b r e a k o f t h e w a r h e e n l i s t e d f o r h o m e s e r v i c e a n d w a s s t a t i o n e d a t F o r t H e n r y . L a t e r o n h e e n l i s t e d w i t h t h e 8 0 t h B a t t a l i o n a t K i n g s t o n , a n d w e n t o v e r s e a s l a s t M a y . O n a r r i v a l i n E n g l a n d h e w a s d r a f t e d i n t o t h e 7 3 r d R o y a l H i g h l a n d e r s , a n d h a d b e e n i n t h e t r e n c h e s f o r s o m e t i m e . H e w a s a y o u n g m a n o f s t e r l i n g c h a r a c t e r , a n d t h e s y m p a t h y o f t h e c o m m u n i t y w i l l b e e x t e n d e d t h e f a m i l y . W h i l e i n P a r i s h e t o k a n a c t i v e i n t e r e s t i n t h e B o y S c o u t s a n d b e f o r e e n l i s t i n g w a s a s s i s t a n t s c o u t m a s t e r h e r e . B e s i d e s h i s p a r e n t s h e l e a v e s s i x s i s t e r s t o m o u r n h i s l o s s – M r s . C o l u m b u s , M r s . G o l d s m i t h a n d M s . S p e n c e r o f P a r i s ; M r s . C l a y t o n S y d n e y , A u s t r a l i a , a n d M r s . T r i g w o r t h a n d M r s . E d d y o f K i n g s t o n . I t m i g h t a l s o b e s t a t e d t h a t h i s s i x b r o t h e r s - i n - l a w a r e a l l i n k h a k i .
CAMPBELL, JOHN (164066) – 84TH BATTALION
NOVEMBER 25, 1916 (CWGC)
ETAPLES MILITARY CEMETERY, PAS DE CALAIS, FRANCE

Circumstances of Casualty: Died of Wounds. During the attack on Desire Trench, in the vicinity of Courcelette, about 6.10 a.m. on November 18th, 1916, Private Campbell was wounded in the neck and chest by an enemy rifle bullet. He was evacuated to a dressing station and subsequently to No. 1 Canadian General Hospital, Etaples, where he later succumbed to his wounds.

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Word was received in town last week by Mr. George Campbell of River Street, that his nephew, Pte. John Campbell had died from wounds, on Nov. 25th, received in the battle of the River Somme. He left Paris early in the summer with the 84th Battalion, but later was transferred to draft of the 75th Highlanders. When in Paris he was employed at Penman's Ltd, and with the Tate Bros., and boarded with his uncle in upper town. He was the eldest son of Mrs. John Campbell of Belfast, Ireland. He attended the Presbyterian Church while here, and was held in high esteem by his many friends.
CARNEGIE, BRISBANE J.H. (LIEUTENANT) – 129TH BATTALION – Not Recognized by CWGC
SEPTEMBER 3, 1916
SACRED HEART ROMAN CATHOLIC CEMETERY, PARIS, ONTARIO

Cause: Ulcer
Location: Paris, Ontario

Brant County War Memorial – Yes
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – Yes
Other War Memorials –
Church Memorials etc. – Sacred Heart Memorial Pillar
CARROLL, HARRY HUGH (164255) – 75TH BATTALION
SEPTEMBER 2, 1918 (CWGC)
DURY MILL BRITISH CEMETERY, 11.B.36. – PAS DE CALAIS, FRANCE

Circumstances of Casualty: Killed in Action. Killed during the attack and capture of the ridge and the sunken road beyond, between the town of Dury and the Arras-Cambrai Road, a few hundred yards north of the road.

BX September 19, 1918

Casualty List of Paris High – Pte. Harry Hugh Carroll is Reported Killed in Action

PARIS, Sept. 19 – Another well known and popular young man has made the supreme sacrifice, in the person of Private Harry Hugh (Red) Carroll, word to this effect being received yesterday morning by his sister, Mrs. William Kendrick, with whom he resided when he enlisted. The fateful message stated that he had been killed in action on September 2. Pte. Carroll joined the 84th Battalion in August, 1915 and went overseas in June of the following year. Shortly after arrival in the Old Country he was transferred to the 75th Battalion, and went to France with that unit in December, 1916. Deceased was born in Paris 34 years ago, and was the second son of the late Patrick Carroll, and resided here all his life, where he received his education. He was a member of the Congregational Church and Brotherhood, and also of Court Harmony, A.O.F. He was a valued employee of Penmans Ltd., and for the past 17 years had been engaged in the boarding room of No. 2 mill. “Red” as he was familiarly known, was a very popular young man, and his smiling face will be much missed by a large circle of acquaintances. He leaves four sisters and two brothers; Mrs. Wm. Kendrick and Mrs. Charles Nicks of Paris, Mrs. George Carey of Detroit Mich., Mrs. John Hymus of North Tonawanda N.Y.; Peter of Paris, and Roy of Pontiac Mich., to whom the sympathy of the community will be extended in their sorrow.

Brant County War Memorial – Yes
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – Yes
Other War Memorials –
Church Memorials etc. – Paris Congregational Church
CASSADY, THOMAS ARTHUR (270186) – 38TH BATTALION
MAY 28, 1918 (CWGC)
LAPUGNOY MILITARY CEMETERY, IX.E.2. – PAS DE CALAIS, FRANCE

Circumstances of Casualty: Killed in Action.
Location of Unit at Time of Casualty: Lozinghem.

Brant County War Memorial – Yes
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – Yes
Other War Memorials – Cross of Sacrifice, Ayr, Ontario
Church Memorials etc. – Paris Methodist Church (NP not plaque)
CHAPMAN, JAMES WILLIAM (141087) – 8TH CANADIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY
APRIL 9, 1917 (CWGC)
LA CHAUDIERE MILITARY CEMETERY, VII.C.10. – PAS DE CALAIS, FRANCE

Circumstances of Casualty: Killed in Action. He advanced with the second wave of infantry along with his gun crew, in the initial advance about 5:30 a.m. on April 9th 1917, in the capture of Vimy Ridge. He got safely past the line of craters in “No Man’s Land” but was not seen after. His body was found four days later in a shell hole and his injuries were such as to indicate that he had been hit by a shell and instantly killed.

BX April 27, 1917

Pte. J.W. Chapman Killed – Was Member of Dufferin Rifles Company in 76th Battalion

PARIS, April 27 – Another Paris boy has made the supreme sacrifice in the great struggle for freedom, Mrs. Chapman, West River Street, receiving word yesterday that her son, Pte. James William Chapman had been killed in action on April 9. Pte. Chapman enlisted with the Dufferin Rifles and went to Camp Niagara as a member of the 76th Battalion. In April, 1916 he went overseas, where he was transferred to a machine gun company, and had been in the trenches since last August. Deceased was born in Glasgow, Scotland, 26 years ago and came to Paris in 1907, and had since resided here, where he was held in high esteem by all who knew him, being a splendid type of young manhood. He was a member of the Baptist Church and also of Court Harmony, A.O.F. Besides his widowed mother, three sisters and one brother survive. Mrs. Clark, Brantford, Robert and the Misses Lily and Margaret at home, as well as his fiancée, Miss Eva Cousins, of Paris, to whom the sympathy of the community will be extended in their sorrow.

Brant County War Memorial – Yes
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – Yes
Other War Memorials –
Church Memorials etc. – Paris Baptist Church
CLEGG, LEWIS (126776) – 54TH BATTALION
AUGUST 8, 1918 (CWGC)
VIMY MEMORIAL – PAS DE CALAIS, FRANCE

Circumstances of Casualty: Killed in Action. While attached to the 11th Canadian Infantry Brigade, he with five others went forward to the village of Beaucourt-en-Santerre to establish a Brigade Signal office, during the advance East of Amiens. Finding the village still occupied by the enemy and encountering heavy machine gun fire, the party turned back for further instructions. On their return a shell fell right in the roadway, killing Private Clegg and wounding three others of the party.

BX August 23, 1918
Clegg, Lewis (126776)

Pte. L. Clegg of Paris Killed – Was Eldest Son of Mr. and Mrs. George Clegg of that Town

PARIS, Aug. 23. – Another Paris boy has paid the supreme price in the person of Pte. Lewis Clegg, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. George Clegg, official word being received yesterday morning from Ottawa that he had been killed in action on August 8. Pte. Clegg enlisted at Elora with the 71st Battalion, in September, 1915, and went overseas the following April. Later he was transferred to the 54th Battalion and afterwards drafted into the 11th Battalion. He had been in France for 25 months, and had been through some of the most severe engagements of the war, and was wounded at the Somme. Deceased, who was in his 26th year, was born and educated in Paris, and had lived all his life here, with the exception of seven years spent in Elora. He was a member of the Baptist Church and also of Court Brant, I.O.F. He was a young man of genial disposition and highly esteemed by all who knew him. Besides his parents, he leaves three brothers and two sisters; Murray, with the 54th Battalion in France, Fred and Thomas and the Misses Evelyn and Annie at home, to whom the sympathy of the community will be extended in their bereavement.
CONNOLLY, MICHAEL (270588) – 38TH BATTALION

AUGUST 10, 1918 (CWGC)

VIMY MEMORIAL – PAS DE CALAIS, FRANCE

Circumstances of Casualty: Killed in Action. Was with his Battalion holding the line, after an advance, at the railway embankment near the village of Hallu, about 10 a.m. on August 10th 1918, when he was hit in the forehead by an enemy bullet and instantly killed.

Brant County War Memorial – Yes
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – Yes
Other War Memorials –
Church Memorials etc. – Sacred Heart Memorial Pillar
Cox, Henry James (172396) – 4th Canadian Mounted Rifles

September 12, 1916 (CWGC)
Albert Communal Cemetery Extension, I.N.27. – Somme, France

Circumstances of Casualty: Died (Gas Poisoning) at No. 6 Canadian Field Ambulance.

BX October 14, 1916
Cox, Henry James (172396)

Died of Wounds

In a casualty list issued this morning, Pte. H. Cox, of Paris, at the front with the Mounted Rifles, is reported as having died of wounds.
CRACKNELL, GEORGE HENRY (270245) – 54TH BATTALION
NOVEMBER 7, 1919 (CWGC)
RICHWOOD CEMETERY – BLENHEIM, ONTARIO

Circumstances of Casualty: Instant Meningitis. Died Brant Hospital 8.15 p.m. 7th inst. 1919
Place: Brant Military Hospital, Burlington, Ontario.

Brant County War Memorial – Yes
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – Yes
Other War Memorials –
Church Memorials etc. – Paris Methodist Church (NP not plaque)
CRAWFORD, JAMES (2334381) – 10TH BATTALION
SEPTEMBER 2, 1918 (CWGC)
FAUBOURG-D'AMIENS CEMETERY, VI.F.28. - ARRAS, FRANCE

Circumstances of Casualty: Died of Wounds. While advancing with his Battalion West of Villers-les-Cagnicourt, he was hit in the head by shrapnel from an enemy shell. His wounds were dressed by a comrade and he was removed to No. 3 Canadian Field Ambulance where he died later in the day.
CRAWFORD, WILLIAM – PARIS WAR DEAD – UNKNOWN

Brant County War Memorial – Yes
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – Yes
Other War Memorials –
Church Memorials etc. –
CROOKS, HUGH DEWEY (410067) – 38TH BATTALION
NOVEMBER 18, 1916 (CWGC)
REGINA TRENCH CEMETERY, V.D.17. – SOMME, FRANCE

Circumstances of Casualty: Killed in Action. Killed during an attack on Desire Trench from Regina Trench.
Location of Unit at Time of Casualty: Courcelette.

BX December 7, 1916
Crooks, Hugh Dewey (410067)

Former Paris Man Killed in Action – Acting Corp. Dewey Crooks Was Former Employee of Penman’s – Paris News Notes

PARIS, Dec. 7 – In yesterday’s casualty list as being reported killed in action appeared the name of Acting-Corp. Dewey Crooks, who enlisted at Capital, Sask. Corp, Crooks was a former resident of Paris, and when here was employed in Penman’s No. 2, mill, and was well and favorably known. Mrs. C. Shaughnessy, Washington Street, is a sister of deceased.
CURL, SIDNEY CHARLES (164068) — 73RD BATTALION
SEPTEMBER 3, 1916 (CWGC)
LA LATURE MILITARY CEMETERY, VII.C.11. — YPRES, BELGIUM

Circumstances of Casualty: Killed in Action.
Location of Unit at Time of Casualty: Trenches near Kemmel.

BX September 16, 1916

Pte. Sidney Curl Killed in Action — Paris Man Who Was in 84th Battalion Gave Life for the Cause

PARIS, Sept. 15. — Still, another Paris man has given up his life in defence of the Empire, word having been received that Pte. Sidney C. Curl had been killed in action; “Sid” enlisted with the 84th Battalion, and on arrival in England was transferred to the 73rd Highlanders. He was a very popular young man and highly esteemed by all who knew him. He was also a well-known football player, having played with the Paris team for several years. Besides his wife, who is in the Old Country, and his parents, he leaves two sisters, Mrs. Nebins and Mrs. Shields, and one brother, Pte. George Curl now overseas.
DRAKE, LEWIS EDWARD (772421) – 50TH BATTALION
SEPTEMBER 27, 1918 (CWGC)
QUARRY WOOD CEMETERY, III.A.29. – PAS DE CALAIS, FRANCE

Circumstances of Casualty: Killed in Action. During the first stages of an attack in the vicinity of Bourlon, he was instantly killed by enemy shell fire.

Brant County War Memorial – Yes
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – Yes
Other War Memorials –
Church Memorials etc. –
DYE, ASA (772138) – 1ST BATTALION
MAY 3, 1917 (CWGC)
VIMY MEMORIAL – PAS DE CALAIS, FRANCE

Circumstances of Casualty: Previously reported Wounded and Missing, now for official purposes presumed to have died.
Location of Unit at Time of Casualty: Vicinity of Fresnoy.
ELLIOTT, GORDON SINCLAIR (270057) – 2ND BATTALION  
APRIL 22, 1918 (CWGC)  
AUBIGNY COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION, III.B.57. - PAS DE CALAIS, FRANCE

Circumstances of Casualty: Died of Wounds. (Shrapnel wound Right Arm and Right Thigh, Compound Fracture) at No. 42 Casualty Clearing Station.

BX May 6, 1918  
Elliott, Gordon Sinclair (270057)

Gordon Elliott Made Sacrifice of His Life – Popular Paris Boy Died of Wounds in Recent Fighting in France

PARIS, May 6. – “Deeply regret to inform you 270057, Pte. Gordon Sinclair Elliott, infantry, previously reported dangerously wounded, now officially reported died of wounds in No. 42 Casualty Clearing Station, April 22. Gunshot wound right arm, right thigh, and compound fracture.”

Such was the fateful message received yesterday morning by Mr. Thomas Elliott, St. Andrew Street. Pte. Elliott was one of the first Paris boys to enlist in the 215th Battalion and went overseas with that unit in April of last year. On arrival in England he was drafted into the 125th Battalion and later transferred to the 2nd Battalion, with which he went to France, and had been in the trenches only about three weeks. Deceased, who was in his 23rd year, was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Elliott. He was born in Paris and had spent all his life here, and was well and favorably known throughout the community. For some years he was employed as clerk in Jas. R. Inksater’s store, and previous to enlistment was engaged in a similar capacity with the E.B. Crompton Co. of Brantford. He was a member of the Baptist Church, and was liked by all who knew him. Besides his sorrowing parents he leaves to mourn his loss four sisters and one brother. Mrs. W. McLarty, of Orillia; Mrs. Charles Hickson, the Misses Lela and Thelma and Robert at home, who will have the sympathy of the county in their sorrow.

Brant County War Memorial – Yes  
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – Yes  
Other War Memorials –  
Church Memorials etc. – Paris Baptist Church
ENGLISH, WILLIAM (772140) – 4TH BATTALION
OCTOBER 18, 1918 (CWGC)
PECQUENCOURT COMMUNAL CEMETERY NORTH-WEST CORNER.

Circumstances of Casualty: Killed in Action. During military operations in the vicinity of the village of Pecquencourt, he was hit in the head by shrapnel from an enemy shell, which burst close to him, and instantly killed.

BX November 4, 1918

Paris Again Hit by Casualties – Privates William English and William H. Hinchcliffe Make Supreme Sacrifice

PARIS, Nov. 4. – Another Paris boy to give up his life in the great struggle for freedom is Private William English, his father, Mr. Thomas English, receiving official word from Ottawa Saturday that he had been killed in action on October 18. Deceased, enlisted in 1915 in the 125th Battalion, and on arrival overseas was transferred to the 4th Battalion, and had been in France for about two years. Just a year ago this month he was reported wounded and gassed. Private English, who was in his 22nd year, was born in Paris, and was the third eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas English. He was a member of the Methodist Church, and at time of enlistment was employed in Penman’s No. 9 mill. Besides his parents he leaves four brothers and two sisters, John, Edward, Pearson, Robert and Bessie and Daisy, all of Paris, who will have the sympathy of the community in their bereavement.

Mrs. Hinchcliffe received official word from Ottawa on Saturday that her husband, Private William H. Hinchcliffe had died of wounds in France on September 30th. Deceased enlisted in the 215th Battalion, and went over to France two years ago with a machine gun battalion. He was the eldest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hinchcliffe, and was born in Birmingham, Eng. He came to Canada with his parents 13 years ago. One year was spent in St. George, and for the past 12 years had resided in Paris. Previous to enlistment he was employed in Penman’s No. 1 mill. He was a member of St. James’ Church and choir, and also of the Men’s Society. In 1911 he was married to Miss Mabel Rune, who survives, also a little daughter. One brother, Leslie, of Woodstock, and one sister, Dorothy, of Paris, also survive to whom the sympathy of the community will be extended.

Brant County War Memorial – Yes
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – Yes
Other War Memorials –
Church Memorials etc. – Paris Methodist Church
EVANS, EDWARD (458639) – 60TH BATTALION  
MARCH 17, 1921 (CWGC)  
PARIS CEMETERY, SOLDIERS PLOT – PARIS, ONTARIO

Circumstances of Casualty: “Primary: Pulmonary T.B.” “Immediate; Hemoptysis.” Death due to Service. BPC per list 24-3-22.

Brant County War Memorial – Yes
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – Yes
Other War Memorials –
Church Memorials etc. –
Circumstances of Casualty: Killed in Action. During an enemy air raid on No. 1 General Hospital Etaples, on the night of May 19th 1918, he was killed by a bomb dropped from a hostile machine.

Bx May 27, 1918
Findlay, James Baker (164268)

Pte. J.B. Findlay, Paris Soldier Has Been Killed – Official Word Received of His Death in Action in France

PARIS, May 27 – Word was received on the evening of Friday, May 24, stating that Pte. James Baker Findlay had been killed in action on May 18th. Pte. Findlay left here three years ago with the 84th Battalion but on arrival in England was drafted into the 76th Battalion. Later he was wounded and upon again returning to the firing line he was put into the 13th Canadian Battalion, with which unit he had been since. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. F.B. Findlay, who survive, together with one brother in France and a sister who resides in Toronto. He was 24 years of age, and a faithful member of the Anglican Church. Pte. Findlay was a member of the I.O.O.F., and also the C.O.F., and was highly esteemed by all who knew him.
FRANKS, CHARLES ARTHUR (772380) — 60TH BATTALION
FEBRUARY 10, 1917 (CWGC)
ECOIVRES MILITARY CEMETERY — PAS DE CALAIS, FRANCE

Circumstances of Casualty: Killed in Action.
Location of Unit at Time of Casualty: Vicinity of Thelus.

BX February 19, 1917

Paris Soldier Killed in Action — Pte. Charles A. Franks of 125th Has Paid Supreme Price

The casualty lists this morning contain the names of two more Paris men, one of whom, Pte. Charles A. Franks is reported as having been killed in action. Franks, who has paid the supreme sacrifice of his life was born in Port Dover, but had been a resident of Paris for nearly seven years, being employed in No. 1 mill, Penman’s Limited. His wife was formerly Miss Clara Rowe, whose brother, Pte. Walter Rowe was killed about 6 months ago. Besides his sorrowing wife he leaves to mourn the loss of a brave and noble father, a seven-month old daughter, his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. William Franks, two brothers, William of Vancouver, and Edgar of the 125th Battalion, and one sister, Mrs. Walter Barberry, whose husband is also in France.
GIBBONS, ARTHUR (452432) – 20TH BATTALION
SEPTEMBER 15, 1916 (CWGC)
VIMY MEMORIAL – PAS DE CALAIS, FRANCE

Circumstances of Casualty: Killed in Action.
Location of Unit at Time of Casualty: Attack on Sugar Factory, Courcelette.

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On Monday word was received by Mr. J. Gibbons, West River Street, that his son, Pte. Arthur Gibbons had been killed in action on Sept. 15, 1916. He was born at Skendleby, England, and came to Paris five years ago. He first enlisted in the 58th Batt., and later was drafted into the 38th Batt., leaving for England upwards of a year ago. There he was transferred to the 20th Batt., and went over to France last Jan. as one of a machine gun section. His wife and one child, as also his mother, left for England last month, where the late Pte. Gibbons was to have met them later. His sister and second daughter left here for the old land later. Deceased was a member of the church of the Sacred Heart. His twin brother, Pte. Alfred Gibbons is at present with the 125th Batt., at Bramshott Camp, England. The bereaved ones will have the sympathy of the community in their trouble.

Brant County War Memorial – Yes
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – Yes
Other War Memorials –
Church Memorials etc. – Sacred Heart Memorial Pillar
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**GILHAM, CYRIL HERBERT (57112) – 20TH BATTALION**
**FEBRUARY 16, 1916 (CWGC)**
**BOULOGNE EASTERN CEMETERY, VIII. D. 58 – PAS DE CALAIS, FRANCE**

Circumstances of Casualty: Died of Wounds (Gunshot wound left Arm) at No. 13 General Hospital, Boulogne.

**BX February 19, 1916**

Sergt. Gilham Wounded

In this morning’s casualty list appears the name of Sergt. Cyril H. Gilham of the 20th Battalion, reported dangerously wounded. Word was received by his sister-in-law, Miss Pottruff, 226 Chatham Street late yesterday afternoon that he had been wounded in the left arm. Gilham enlisted about 18 months ago at Dundas. He is a married man and has a wife and daughter living near Paris. He formerly worked in Brantford and at one time was on a farm in this district.

**BX February 20, 1916**

Sergt. C.H. Gilham Died of Wounds – Word Received Here Today that he Succumbed to Shell Shock

Sergt. Cyril H. Gilham of the 20th Battalion, who was reported in yesterday’s casualty list as being dangerously wounded by shell shock, has since died, according to word his sister-in-law, Miss Pottruff, 226 Chatham Street, has received. Sergt. Gilham enlisted at Dundas about 18 months ago and is survived by a wife and daughter now living near Paris. At one time Gilham had a farm near Brantford and also worked in the city.
GROGGINS, JOHN (50728) – 4TH CANADIAN MOUNTED RIFLES
MAY 27, 1916 (CWGC)
BOULOGNE EASTERN CEMETERY, VIII.A.115. – PAS DE CALAIS, FRANCE

Circumstances of Casualty: Died of Wounds (Gunshot wound abdomen and fractured right arm) at No. 13 General Hospital, Boulogne.

BX June 15, 1916

Succumbed to Injuries

Word has been received here that Pte. John Groggin, reported wounded some three weeks ago, had succumbed to his wounds. He was a member of the 25th Brant Dragoons, and enlisted with the 2nd C.M.R., afterwards being transferred to the 4th C.M.R.

BX June 20, 1916

Pte. John Groggin of Paris, Ont., is reported dead from wounds, according to this afternoon’s casualty list. Groggin was at the front with the Canadian Mounted Rifles. Further particulars as to his death are lacking.

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Pte. John Groggin was born at Nelson, Lancashire, England, and came to Canada some four years ago. He enlisted in August, 1914, left Paris in Nov. with Mounted Rifles, but was later transferred. Was wounded on May 7th and died as a result of same on June 2nd, 1916. He leaves a widow and one child. The late Pte. Groggin was a member of St. James’ Men’s Society. Mrs. Groggin and little son have now returned to England.
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**GUYLEE, SYDNEY ARTHUR (164274) – 73RD BATTALION**

**NOVEMBER 24, 1916 (CWGC)**

**ST. SEVER CEMETERY EXTENSION, O.I.I.U.3. – ROUEN, FRANCE**

Circumstances of Casualty: Died of Wounds (Gunshot Wound Head) at No. 6 General Hospital, Rouen.

**BX NOVEMBER 28, 1916**

L.-Corp. A. Guylee Died of Wounds – Paris Man Left With 84th and Was Wounded In the Somme Fighting

(From Our Own Correspondent)

PARIS, Nov. 28. – Still, another Paris boy has made the supreme sacrifice. On Saturday, Mr. Joseph W. Guylee received notification that his son, Lance-Corp. Sydney A. Guylee, had been wounded on Nov. 22, and taken to No. 6 General hospital at Rouen, and yesterday he received official notification that he had succumbed to his wounds on Nov. 24. Corp. Guylee was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Guylee, and was only in his 18th year. He went overseas with the 84th Battalion, but was later transferred. He was born in Lincoln, England, and came to Paris with his parents seven years ago last April. At the time of his enlistment, he was employed as a knitter in Penman’s No. 1 mill. He was also a valued member of the Salvation Army band here. “Sid” was a young man of sterling character and was highly thought of by all who knew him. Besides his parents he leaves two brothers and one sister, Walter Richard and Evelyn to whom the sympathy of the community will be extended.

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Corp. Sydney A. Guylee is another Paris boy who has made the supreme sacrifice. He was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. W. Guylee, of Dundas Street, who received word on Monday that their son had succumbed to his wounds on Nov. 24th. He was only 18 years of age and went overseas with the 84th Batt., but was later transferred in a draft to France. He came here with his parents from Lincoln, England, seven years ago. While in town he was a valued member of the S. A. band, and was employed at No. 1 Mill. Penmans Ltd., at the time of his enlistment, and highly esteemed by his acquaintances. Besides his parents he leaves two brothers and one sister, Walter, Richard and Evelyn.

Brant County War Memorial – Yes
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – Yes
Other War Memorials –
Church Memorials etc. –
HARTLEY, HAROLD (141922) – 24TH BATTALION
JUNE 7, 1916 (CWGC)
MENIN GATE MEMORIAL, PANEL 24-26-28-30 – YPRES, BELGIUM

Circumstances of Casualty: Killed in Action.
Location of Unit at Time of Casualty: Trenches at Maple Copse.

BX June 19, 1916

Paris is Hit Hard by War Losses – Two Residents Killed in Action and One Reported Missing

(From Our Own Correspondent)

PARIS, June 19 – Mr. Wm. Hartley received word from Ottawa Saturday noon that his son, Pte. Harold Hartley had been killed in action on June 7 in the recent severe fighting. Pte. Hartley enlisted in the 76th Battalion and went to Camp Niagara last summer. He, with several other Paris boys, was drafted and left last September for the Old Country, and went into camp at Shorncliffe. Later on, he was drafted into the 24th Battalion and had been in the trenches for four months. Deceased was in his 20th year and leaves, besides his father, one brother and one sister, who have the sympathy of the community in their bereavement. Before enlisting Pte. Hartley was employed in No. 7 Penman mill. He was a popular young man and his death is deeply regretted by all. He was also a member of St. James’ church and of the Men’s Bible class.

Brant County War Memorial – Yes
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – Yes
Other War Memorials –
Church Memorials etc. – St. James Anglican Church
HENRY, Roy Ewart Gladstone (487345) – P.P.C.L.I.
SEPTEMBER 28, 1918 (CWGC)
CANADA CEMETERY, I.B.11. – CAMBRAI, FRANCE

Circumstances of Casualty: Previously reported Wounded and Missing, now Killed in Action. He was killed during an attack in the vicinity of Sailly but no details of the actual circumstances of his death are available.

BX October 28, 1918

Corp. Roy Ewart Gladstone Henry

On Sept. 28, Corp. Roy E.G. Henry, of the No. 5 McGill University Company, reinforcements Princess Pats Regiment, youngest son of Dr. and Mrs. S.M. Henry, 121 Howard Park Avenue, Toronto, formerly of Harriston, Ont., was killed in action. The young soldier was well known in Paris.
HERRIOT, JAMES ROBERT (772152) – 54TH BATTALION
SEPTEMBER 30, 1918 (CWGC)
CANTIMPRE CANADIAN CEMETERY, A.3. – NORD, FRANCE

Circumstances of Casualty: Killed in Action. While taking part with his battalion in the advance enemy positions near Tilloy, he was instantly killed by enemy shell fire.

BX October 17, 1918

Sgt. J.R. Herriot Killed in Action – Well Known Paris Man has Made the Supreme Sacrifice

PARIS, Oct. 17 – Another well known Paris man has made the supreme sacrifice in the person of Sergt. James Robert Herriot, whose wife received word yesterday that her husband had been killed in action on September 30. Sergt. Herriot joined the 125th Battalion in September, 1915 and went overseas the following year. Later he was transferred to the 54th Battalion, with which he went to France. He was reported wounded on August 9th, and had only been back in the firing line ten days when he received his death. Deceased was born in Galt 39 years ago, and was the son of Mr. David Herriot. He was an electrician, and before coming to Paris worked for the Hydro-electric Power Company in Hamilton for two years. For the past eight years he had been employed by the Hydro-electric commission here. He was a member of the Methodist Church and also of Oakville Lodge, I.O.O.F. In 1904 he was married to Miss Maud Godfrey of Galt, who survives, together with two children, a boy and girl. He also leaves his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. David Herriot of Galt, one sister, Mrs. Cronin of Galt, and three brothers, Otto of Fort William; Casey of Ayr, and Archie in France with the Canadian Machine Gun Company.

Brant County War Memorial – Yes
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – Yes
Other War Memorials –
Church Memorials etc. – Paris Methodist Church
HINSHELWOOD, JAMES (55865) – 19TH BATTALION
JUNE 6, 1916 (CWGC)
RENINGHELST NEW MILITARY CEMETERY, I.E.4. – YPRES, BELGIUM

Circumstances of Casualty: Killed in Action.
Location of Unit at Time of Casualty: Trenches at Ypres (The Bluff).

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Pte. James Hinshelwood reported killed in the early part of June, 1916, was a native of Scotland. He had resided in Paris about four years before the war broke out. Shortly after hostilities commenced, and the call came for men, he enlisted in the 19th Battalion at Hamilton. Hinshelwood went over to England with the first contingent and had seen considerable fighting. While here he attended the Presbyterian Church, his manly qualities making him many friends. A widowed mother and sister survive him in Scotland.
HINCHCLIFFE, WILLIAM HENRY (772382) – 3RD BATTALION, CANADIAN MACHINE GUN CORPS
SEPTEMBER 30, 1918 (CWGC)
RAILLENCOURT COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION, I.B.7. – NORD, FRANCE

Circumstances of Casualty: Died of Wounds in the Field, France.
Location of Unit at Time of Casualty: Vicinity of Tilloy.

BX November 4, 1918

Paris Again Hit by Casualties – Privates William English and William H. Hinchcliffe Make Supreme Sacrifice

PARIS, Nov. 4. – Another Paris boy to give up his life in the great struggle for freedom is Private William English, his father, Mr. Thomas English, receiving official word from Ottawa Saturday that he had been killed in action on October 18. Deceased, enlisted in 1915 in the 125th Battalion, and on arrival overseas was transferred to the 4th Battalion, and had been in France for about two years. Just a year ago this month he was reported wounded and gassed. Private English, who was in his 22nd year, was born in Paris, and was the third eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas English. He was a member of the Methodist Church, and at time of enlistment was employed in Penman's No. 9 mill. Besides his parents he leaves four brothers and two sisters, John, Edward, Pearson, Robert and Bessie and Daisy, all of Paris, who will have the sympathy of the community in their bereavement.

Mrs. Hinchcliffe received official word from Ottawa on Saturday that her husband, Private William H. Hinchcliffe had died of wounds in France on September 30th. Deceased enlisted in the 215th Battalion, and went over to France two years ago with a machine gun battalion. He was the eldest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hinchcliffe, and was born in Birmingham, Eng. He came to Canada with his parents 13 years ago. One year was spent in St. George, and for the past 12 years had resided in Paris. Previous to enlistment he was employed in Penman's No. 1 mill. He was a member of St. James' Church and choir, and also of the Men's Society. In 1911 he was married to Miss Mabel Rune, who survives, also a little daughter. One brother, Leslie, of Woodstock, and one sister, Dorothy, of Paris, also survive to whom the sympathy of the community will be extended.

Brant County War Memorial – Yes
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – Yes
Other War Memorials –
Church Memorials etc. – St. James Anglican Church
HITCHMAN, FRANK (164278) – 73RD BATTALION

NOVEMBER 28, 1916 (CWGC)

VIMY MEMORIAL – PAS DE CALAIS, FRANCE

Circumstances of Casualty: Killed in Action.
Location of Unit at Time of Casualty: Trenches at Courcelette.

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Who was reported "killed in action" on December 16th enlisted in the early part of the war in the 84th Battalion, and went across the water with the same. Later he was drafted into the 173rd Royal Highlanders, and went over to France in September. His brother, Albert was in the same battalion, and was assisting the machine gun when Frank was killed at his side. Both young men were natives of Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham, England, and boarded at Mrs. Arthur Barrowcliffe, in upper town at time of enlistment. Deceased was a member of the Congregation church and Men's Society, and played on the Y.M.C.A. basket-ball team. He was a general favorite among his acquaintances and highly esteemed.

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Pte. F. Hitchman Killed

Pte. Frank Hitchman, who is today reported killed in action, was living in Paris, Ontario, when he enlisted with the 84th Bn. He received his military training in Brantford and for a few weeks before leaving Canada was at the Exhibition Camp. He went to France with a draft after his unit was broken up in England. He had been in the trenches since September. His brother enlisted with the same platoon. Their kin are in England.

Brant County War Memorial – Yes
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – Yes
Other War Memorials –
Church Memorials etc. – Penmans Ltd.
HUTCHINGS, EDWARD (772591) – 124TH PIONEER BATTALION
JULY 29, 1917 (CWGC)
NOEUX-LES-MINES COMMUNAL CEMETERY, II.F.35. – PAS DE CALAIS, FRANCE

Circumstances of Casualty: Died of Wounds (Shrapnel wound, abdomen) at No. 7 Casualty Clearing Station.

BX August 13, 1917

Pte. Edward Hutchings of Paris, who went overseas with the first overseas battalion of the Dufferin Rifles, is reported to have died of wounds sustained on August 2. He was a widower employed at Penman’s Ltd., and leaves two daughters now in England.

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Pte. Edward Hutchings is another Paris man who has made the supreme sacrifice, he having died of wounds on Friday, August 3rd in No. 3 base hospital, France. Pte. “Teddy” Hutchings was a native of London, England and came to Paris seven years ago last Good Friday. At the time of his enlistment, he was employed in Penmans No. 1 mill. He left Paris with the 125th Battalion, and in April last went over to France with a draft for the 124th Battalion. The late Pte. Hutchings was an adherent of St. James Church, and a general favorite. His wife died about four years ago. Two daughters are left, both residing in England at present, Mrs. Albert J. Baker and Mrs. George Chibers.

Brant County War Memorial – Yes
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – Yes
Other War Memorials –
Church Memorials etc. – Paris Congregational Church
LONG, WALTER WABURN (174868) – BORDEN MOTOR MACHINE GUN BATTERY
NOVEMBER 1, 1917 (CWGC)
LIJSSENTHOEK MILITARY CEMETERY, XXI.CC.8 – POPERINGHE, BELGIUM

Circumstances of Casualty: Died of Wounds (Gunshot wounds shoulder penetrating chest) at No. 10 Casualty Clearing Station.

BX November 15, 1917

Pte. Walter Long Died of Wounds

PORT DOVER, Nov. 12 – Word has been received here that Walter Long, a former Port Dover boys, son of Mrs. H. Long, Paris, Ont., has died of wounds.

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Gnr. Walter Long is another Canadian who has made the supreme sacrifice in the Empire’s cause. On Saturday, Nov. 10th, Mr. H.P. Long received official word that his brother had died from wounds on Nov. 1st, in No. 10 General Hospital, at Rouen France. Deceased was born at Port Dover in 1895, being a son of the late Henry Long. In Sept., 1915 he enlisted in the 86th Machine Gun Battalion at Hamilton, and in April, 1916 went over to England. Later he was drafted into the Borden Motor Machine Gun Battery, going over to France about a year ago, since when he had taken part in much of the heavy fighting there. The late Gunner Walter W. Long was the youngest son of Mrs. H. Long, Banfield St., and known to a number here having visited Paris on several occasions. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and took an active interest in Y.M.C.A. athletic work. He leaves besides his widowed mother, one sister, Miss Kathleen, and three brothers Harmon, and Hubert, all at home and William at Port Dover.
MACDONALD, WILLIAM STANLEY (164315) – 75TH BATTALION
JUNE 8, 1917 (CWGC)
CANADIAN CEMETERY NO. 2, 6.C.24. – PAS DE CALAIS, FRANCE

Circumstances of Casualty: Killed in Action. While advancing with his Battalion towards the enemy trenches near La Coulotte, he was hit in the left side and right lung by shrapnel and killed.
MACDOWELL, WILLIAM ARTHUR HUBERT (772197) – 125TH BATTALION
MARCH 18, 1919 (CWGC)
PARIS CEMETERY, VETERANS, BLK. C.I. – PARIS, ONTARIO


BX March 9, 1919

Two Veterans of Paris Dead

PARIS, March 19 – Paris mourns today two veterans of the Great War. Last night at his home on Willow Street, William Mears passed away in his 41st year. He was born in London, England and had been married 21 years, coming to Canada with his wife in 1902, and settling in Montreal for a while and later coming to Stratford and finally to Paris nine years ago. He enlisted in August, 1914 and was sent home from Valcartier, later joining the Dragoons to be transferred to the 84th Battalion and still later becoming a member of the 215th Battalion from which he was sent to the base hospital. He became more of less of an invalid, and had been ill for about nine weeks at his home. Besides his widow, he leaves one son, Ernest, and five daughters, Florence, Clara, Mamie, Ethel and Dorothy. In London, England his is survived by his mother, two sisters, also one brother in the Imperials. One brother was killed in the war. A military funeral will be given the deceased, which will take place tomorrow afternoon at 1.30 from the late residence.

William MacDowell died last night at his home in South Dumfries. He was in his 20th year and had been suffering from leakage of the heart for seven weeks. He had resided in Paris since 1912, and enlisted with the 125th Battalion, drawing his discharge at Camp Borden. Besides his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George MacDowell, he is survived by three sisters, Mrs. James Scott, Hagersville; Mrs. H. Stubbins, Hamilton; Mrs. Bailey, Manitoba and three brothers, Malcolm, Manitoba; George and Donald at home. Military honors will be accorded the remains, the funeral taking place on Friday at 3.30 from the late residence. Paris veterans will have charge.

Brant County War Memorial – Yes
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – Yes
Other War Memorials –
Church Memorials etc.–
MARRIOTT, ARTHUR VERRANT (772368) – 4TH BATTALION CANADIAN MACHINE GUN CORPS
SEPTEMBER 28, 1918 (CWGC)
SUNKEN ROAD CEMETERY, III.A.14. – PAS DE CALAIS, FRANCE

Circumstances of Casualty: Died of Wounds. Whilst taking part in the attack at Bourlon Wood on 27th, September 1918, at about 4 p.m. after the objective was reached, he was wounded in the abdomen by shrapnel from an enemy shell. He was taken to No. 38 Casualty Clearing Station where he died the next day.

Brant County War Memorial – Yes
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – Yes
Other War Memorials –
Church Memorials etc. – St. James Anglican Church
MATTLINGLEY, HARRY (164139) – 24TH BATTALION
OCTOBER 14, 1916 (CWGC)
WITLEY (ALL SAINTS) CHURCHYARD, 301, NORTH OF CHURCH – SURREY, UK

Cause and Place of Death: Died of Wounds Duchess of Connaught Canadian Red Cross Hospital, Taplow. (SW Skull).

Note: Harry’s brother, Private Frank Mattingley (47108) was killed on July 31, 1917 whilst serving with 1st Battalion, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. He is buried in Artillery Wood Cemetery, Belgium.

Brant County War Memorial – Yes
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – Yes
Other War Memorials –
Church Memorials etc. – Witley All Saints Memorial Plaque, Surrey, England
MAUS, DANIEL SHOWERS (A/38358) – 8TH BATTALION
MARCH 20, 1919 (CWGC)
BROOKWOOD MILITARY CEMETERY, H.L.15. – SURREY, UK

Cause of Death: Influenza
Location: Woolwich, England.

BX March 24, 1919

Mrs. Orin Maus received the sad intelligence yesterday morning that her son, Pte. Daniel Showers Maus had succumbed on March 20 in the Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich, to throat trouble. Pte. Maus who was with the 8th Battalion, was on his way to Germany when he contracted influenza, which later developed into throat trouble, from which he passed away. He was on the firing line since June, 1915, without receiving a scratch. Deceased was an engineer on the C.P.R., and shortly after war was declared he enlisted with the 52nd Battalion at Port Arthur, and on arrival in England was drafted into the 8th Battalion, 1st Division, with which unit he had been ever since. Deceased was born at Paris Plains North, was in his 19th year and was the youngest son of the late Orin and Mrs. Maus. He grew to manhood on the farm and went west about 14 years ago, where he had since resided. Besides his widowed mother, he leaves one brother and two sisters: Jairus of Hamilton, Mrs. Laidlaw of Drombo, and Mrs. Slade of Toronto, who will have the sympathy of the community in their sorrow.

Brant County War Memorial – Yes
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – Yes
Other War Memorials –
Church Memorials etc. – Paris Methodist Church
MAUS, JAIRUS (51354) – 16th BATTALION
DECEMBER 5, 1915 (CWGC)
PLAINS CHURCH CEMETERY - PARIS, ONTARIO

Circumstances of Casualty: Died of Gunshot Wound # 4 General Hospital, Lincoln, England.

BX December 6, 1915

Pte. J. Maus Has Given up His Life for His Country, News of His Death Was Received Today – Paris Man Lingered Long After Wounds Received at Langemarck. Brother-in-Law Is Officer of 84th Battalion Now Stationed Here – Was an Only Son

Pte. Jairus Maus son of Mr. Maus of Paris is the latest Brant County man to give up his life for his country. He was wounded at the battle of Langemarck, and since that time has been hanging between life and death. Despite the best of care lavished on him, his vitality slipped away, and this morning his father was notified of his death.

Pte. Maus enlisted at Victoria, B.C., being a member of the 16th Battalion. He is the only son, four sisters surviving with his parents, one of the sisters being the wife of Lieut. Monteith of the 84th Battalion here.
McCOSH, WILLIAM GEOFFREY (231806) – 50TH BATTALION
AUGUST 21, 1917 (CWGC)
VIMY MEMORIAL – PAS DE CALAIS, FRANCE

Circumstances of Casualty: Killed in Action.
Location of Unit at Time of Casualty: Trenches at Lens.

BX September 10, 1917

PARIS, Sept. 10 – Another well-known Paris boy has made the supreme sacrifice, Mr. Thomas McCosh, our esteemed town clerk, receiving official notification from Ottawa on Saturday that his son, Pte. Wm. G. McCosh had been killed in action in the recent severe fighting. Pte. McCosh was born in Paris in 1884, and received his education here. Some years ago he went west, and early in 1916 enlisted with the 202nd Battalion at Edmonton. Last December he landed in Liverpool and to France in June with a draft for the 50th Battalion. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church. One brother, Lieut. Duncan McCosh is with the Imperial forces in France. The sympathy of the community will be extended Mr. and Mrs. McCosh and family in their bereavement.
MCCOY, A.H. – PARIS WAR DEAD – UNKNOWN

Brant County War Memorial – Yes
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – Yes
Other War Memorials –
Church Memorials etc. –
Circumstances of Casualty: Previously reported Died Whilst Prisoner of War, now for official purposes presumed to have died of wounds whilst prisoner of War. (Gunshot Wound Left Side).

BX February 26, 1917

Believed Killed

“Believed killed in action” is the report in today’s casualty list in regard to a Brant County boy, Pte. Urban McKinnon, of Burford. Pte. McKinnon was just 18 years of age when he enlisted with the 25th Brant Dragoons in July, 1915. After getting to England he was transferred to the infantry.
McKie, Charles Leonard (141958) – 18th Battalion
September 15, 1916 (CWGC)
Vimy Memorial – Pas de Calais, France

Circumstances of Casualty: Killed in Action. He was killed during the advance and capture of Courcelette. No further information as to the actual circumstances under which he met his death is available.

BX October 13, 1916

Pte. Chas. McKie (Upper Town), Paris, is reported to have been wounded September 15 in the fight for Comble.

BX November 2, 1916

Today’s casualty list also reports Pte. C.L. McKie previously reported wounded as killed in action. This was unofficially reported in the Expositor on Tuesday.

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Pte. Chas. McKie was killed in action during the severe fighting around Comble; on Sept. 18th, 1916. He was the youngest son of the late Peter and Mrs. McKie, being born in Paris years ago, and was employed in the Sweater Dept., of Penman Ltd., at the outbreak of hostilities. He enlisted in the 76th Batt., and went overseas with a draft in Sept., 1915, later crossing to France, being attached to a signalling corps. A widow and baby daughter are left to mourn his demise, as also three brothers and one sister Andrew and William of Hamilton and Robert and Margaret of Paris. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Brant County War Memorial – Yes
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – Yes
Other War Memorials –
Church Memorials etc. – Paris Presbyterian Church
McLAUGHLIN, FERGUS GEORGE (7813) – 8TH BATTALION
JULY 5, 1916 (CWGC)
MENIN GATE MEMORIAL, PANEL 24-26-28-30 – YPRES, BELGIUM

Circumstances of Casualty: Killed in Action.
Location of Unit at Time of Casualty: Trenches South East of Zillebeke.

BX July 17, 1916

Pte. F. McLaughlin Died of Shell Shock – Paris Mother Mourns Loss of Her Son, Member of Brant Dragoons

PARIS, July 17. – The sad news was received in town Saturday that Pte. Fergus McLaughlin had died from shell shock. On Friday his mother Mrs. David Murray, Walnut Street, received word that her son had been taken to a rest station suffering from shell shock. Pte. McLaughlin was about 18 years of age and enlisted with the 25th Dragoons, being later drafted and sent overseas. He had been in the trenches for some time, and some months ago had been reported suffering from shell shock. Besides his mother, he leaves four brothers and one sister to mourn his loss. One brother, Norman, is in the 215th Battalion.
MOORE, LAWRENCE BENEDICT (141955) – 1ST BATTALION
SEPTEMBER 21, 1916 (CWGC)
ALBERT COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION, I.O.23. – SOMME, FRANCE

Circumstances of Casualty: Died of Wounds at No. 1 Canadian Field Ambulance.

BX September 28, 1916

A Paris Soldier Killed in Action – Pte. Lawrence Moore Paid the Supreme Price for His Country

PARIS, Sept. 28. – Still, another Paris born boy has made the supreme sacrifice. Yesterday morning Mr. J.J. Moore received the sad intelligence that his son, Pte. Lawrence Moore had been killed in action on Sept. 21. Pte. Moore enlisted with the Dufferin Rifles and went to Camp Niagara as a member of the 76th Battalion. On arrival overseas, he was transferred to the 1st Battalion and had been in the trenches for some time. He was born and educated in Paris and had a host of friends, who will regret to hear of his death. Besides his sorrowing parents, he leaves three brothers, and five sisters: Frank, of the 215th Battalion, and John, Harold, Katie, Mary, Bessie, Helen and Madeline, all at home.
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MORRIS, JOSEPH (164141) – 84TH BATTALION
NOVEMBER 8, 1915 (CWGC)
GREENWOOD CEMETERY – BRANTFORD, ONTARIO

Cause: Drowned
Location: Brantford

BX November 10, 1915

Honored in Death – Military Funeral – Remains of Pte. J. Morris Laid to Rest in Greenwood –
Military Cortege and the Final Service were Most Impressive

With all the solemnity befitting a military funeral, the late Pte. Joseph Morris of Paris, member
of D. Company of the 84th Battalion, who died Monday evening following an attack of acute
indigestion, was laid to rest in Greenwood cemetery this morning.

Not in the history of Brantford has there ever been such a large military funeral, for the
procession was nearly a mile long and took over 15 minutes to pass a given point. The funeral
procession was in charge of Major Scobell, and the service was conducted by the regimental
chaplain, Capt. the Rev. G.M. Barrow. The pall-bearers were from the platoon of which the
deceased soldier had been a member, and the firing party was chosen from both C and D
companies.

About 10:30, a squad brought the body from the undertaking establishment to the armories.
Then at 11 o’clock the funeral procession was inaugurated from there. The 84th Battalion lined
up both sides of the road facing inwards. Leading the sad procession was the chaplain and
following him the firing party of 12 men and sergeant and corporal with reversed arms. They
were followed by the band and behind the band was the corpse, carried on a gun carriage, and the
pall-bearers.

The chief mourners, which included his own company, D, and his brother, Trooper William
Morris of the 25th Brant Dragoons, of Paris, came next. The rest of the company followed and
the local units all paraded out of respect to the deceased man. For the most of the way to the
cemetery, the band in solemn tones rendered the “Dead March from Saul” and the funeral
procession was of a slow and stately nature...

Brant County War Memorial – Yes
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – Yes
Other War Memorials –
Church Memorials etc. –

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MOYLE, WILLIAM ARTHUR (FLIGHT-LIEUTENANT) – 3RD SQUADRON, ROYAL NAVAL AIR SERVICE
MARCH 22, 1918 (CWGC)
ARRAS MEMORIAL - PAS DE CALAIS, FRANCE

UK, British Army and Navy Birth, Marriage and Death Records, Casualties – Naval Officers

Place of Death: During operations in France
Cause: Killed during offensive patrol. (Originally reported missing).

BX March 25, 1918

Missing – Flight Lieut. W. Moyle

Flight Lieut. William Moyle of Brantford is reported missing today in official despatches. Lieut. Moyle joined the Flying Corps before the 215th Battalion left here last year. He had been an officer of that battalion for some time previous and was not long in getting to England, where he completed his training. He is very well known throughout the district of Paris.

Brantford Courier March 25, 1918

Flight Lt. W.A. Moyle Missing – Paris Officer, Formerly of 215th Battalion, in casualty list

Mr. Joseph Moyle was reported missing. The cablegram read: "Beg to inform you Flight Sub-Lieut. Wm. A. Moyle, Royal Naval Aerial Service, reported missing from 22nd inst. Will communicate any further information," Admiralty, London, England. Lieut. Moyle is the eldest son, and was an officer in the 215th Battalion, Paris Company. A few months before the battalion left for England, he joined the Royal Naval Aerial Service, and after training in England, has been on active service in France and Belgium for the past eight months. During that time he had taken part in many raids over the German lines. Another son of Mr. Moyle’s is serving the Empire and doing duty at Folkstone, England. The family will have the sympathy of the community in their trouble.
Circumstances of Casualty: Killed in Action.
Location of Unit at Time of Casualty: Fresnoy.

BX May 23, 1917

Pte. P.J. Munn of Paris was Killed – Was Born in Paris, but of Late Years Had Resided in Galt

(From Our Own Correspondent)

PARIS, May 23. – Another Paris boy has paid the supreme sacrifice in the Great War in the person of Pte. Percy J. Munn. Deceased was born and educated in Paris and was a son of the late Thomas Munn, who was a prominent merchant here some years ago. Of late years he had resided in Galt, where he enlisted. He was married to Miss Mary Sheppard of Paris, who with one son survives, together with four brothers and four sisters – Thomas and Clarence of Paris, William of Pt. Dover; Harry of Wainwright, Sask. Mrs. J. Flanagan of Chicago; Mrs. Piper of Syracuse, N.Y.; Mrs. M. Chandler of Winnipeg and Mrs. Smith of San Francisco. Deceased was well known to the older residents who will extend sincere sympathy to the bereaved ones.
MURRAY, IVOR HARRINGTON (10729) – 4TH BATTALION
APRIL 23, 1915 (CWGC)
ESSEX FARM CEMETERY, I.L.2. – YPRES, BELGIUM

Circumstances of Casualty: Killed in Action.
Location of Unit at Time of Casualty: St. Julien.

BX May 18, 1915

Paris Volunteer Was Killed at Langemarck

PARIS, May 18 – Pte. Ivor H. Murray is the first man who enlisted from Paris to fall on the battlefield. News of his death was contained in a letter received by C.W. Lawton from his son, Pte. Claude Lawton, who was present at his burial. Pte. Murray was killed by the bursting of a shell while in the act of signalling during the Battle of Langemarck. At the time of his enlistment Pte. Murray was engaged as teller in the Bank of Montreal, and had resided here for about 18 months. He was highly thought of both by the officials of the bank and the general public for his unfailing courtesy and business ability. His home was at Shediac, N.B. He was a member of the 4th Battalion, and belonged to the Dufferin Rifles when war broke out.

BX May 31, 1915

Memorial Service

An impressive memorial service was held yesterday afternoon in King’s Ward Park in honor of the late Pte. Ivor Murray, who lost his life in the battle of Langemarck. The service was held under the auspices of the Citizens’ band, of which deceased was a member, and a large audience was present as a mark of respect to one who was so highly esteemed by all who knew him. Mayor Patterson presided, and the following was the order of service: Prayer, Rev. Mr. Nicholson; band selection, “Dead March in Saul”; address, Rev. Mr. Adamson; hymn, “Nearer, My God, to Thee,” massed choir and band; address, Rev. Mr. Nicholson; address, J.H. Fisher, M.P.; section, the band; address, Rev. Mr. Reid; hymn “Fight the Good Fight,” choir and band; address, T. Scott Davidson, M.L.A.; selection, the band; address, Rev. Mr. Brandon; chorus, Presbyterian male choir; selection, the band; hymn, “O God Our Help in Ages Past,” choir and band; hymn, “The Old Hundred,” choir and band.

Brant County War Memorial – Yes
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – Yes
Other War Memorials –
Church Memorials etc. – Paris Presbyterian Church
NELLOR/MELLOR, FRANK – PARIS WAR DEAD – UNKNOWN

Brant County War Memorial – Yes
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – Yes
Other War Memorials –
Church Memorials etc. –
Newbrooke, Ralph Drake (164317) – 75th Battalion
April 9, 1917 (CWGC)
Canadian Cemetery, No. 2, 1.A.42. – Pas de Calais, France

Circumstances of Casualty: Killed in Action.
Location of Unit at Time of Casualty: Attack South of Givenchy.

BX May 7, 1917

Pte. Newbrook of Paris Killed – Met His Fate in Canadians Attack on Vimy ridge on April 9

(From our own Correspondent)

Paris, May 7, - Another Paris man has made the supreme sacrifice in the person of Private Ralph Drake Newbrooke, his wife receiving the fateful message on Saturday that he had been killed in action at Vimy Ridge on April 9th. Private Newbrooke enlisted with a Toronto battalion in Brantford in August, 1915, and went overseas with that unit. On arrival in the old country he was transferred and had been in the trenches since December. Deceased, who was in his 29th year, was born in Whitchurch, Salop, England, and came to Paris five years ago. In 1913 he was united in marriage to Miss Dorothy Eleanor Knight, who with his father and four sisters in England survives. His only brother, who was in the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, was killed in action last April. Deceased was a member of St. James Church, and also of Court Charity, C.O.F., and prior to enlistment was employed in Penman’s No. 1 mill.

Brant County War Memorial – Yes
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – Yes
Other War Memorials –
Church Memorials etc. – St. James Anglican Church
NEWSTEAD, RALPH (164668) – 75TH BATTALION
JUNE 8, 1917 (CWGC)
CANADIAN CEMETERY NO. 2, 7.C.3. – PAS DE CALAIS, FRANCE

Circumstances of Casualty: Killed in Action. Whilst with his Company taking part in a raid, East of La Coulotte, he was killed by enemy shell fire.

Brantford Courier December 15, 1917

Pte. Ralph Newstead is another boy from around here who has made the supreme sacrifice, being killed in action on June 8th. He was the third son of Mr. And Mrs. Charles Newstead of South Dumfries, adjoining Paris Station. Born in December, 1896, he received his education in Silver Street School, and was of an unusually bright and sunny disposition. The late Pte. Newstead enlisted in the 125th and went overseas with the same, and later was drafted with a unit for France. He was in the severe fighting around the Somme for over three months, and on November 22nd he was taken to the hospital suffering from trench feet. He had been since that time convalescing in different hospitals in England and in a letter to his parents dated May 31, he said he had been back in France for two weeks, but had not then rejoined his battalion. So he could not have been with them long when he died a hero’s death. Deceased was an adherent of the Baptist Church. He leaves to mourn his early demise, besides his sorrowing parents, four sisters Mrs. M. Marlett, Paris Station, and the Misses Blanch, Eva and Marion, at home, and five brothers Earle, of Paris, and Charles, Percy, Lawrence and Alwin at home.

Brant County War Memorial – Yes
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – Yes
Other War Memorials –
Church Memorials etc. – Paris Baptist Church
PEEL, DAVID REID (270173) – P.P.C.L.I.  
AUGUST 26, 1918 (CWGC)  
VIMY MEMORIAL – PAS DE CALAIS, FRANCE

Circumstances of Casualty: Killed in Action. Whilst taking part in the attack North East of Monchy-le-Preux, he was hit in the head and instantly killed by an enemy rifle bullet.

BX September 9, 1918

Paris Again Hit by Casualty List

(From Our Own Correspondent)

PARIS, Sept. 9. – Another Paris born boy has made the supreme sacrifice in the person of Pte. David Reid Peel, youngest son of Mrs. Peel and the late William Peel. The fateful message came to his wife on Saturday morning informing her that her husband, David R. Peel, of the infantry had been officially reported killed in action on Aug. 26. Private Peel enlisted in 1916 with the 215th Battalion and went overseas in April of the following year. On arrival in England he was transferred to the 125th Battalion, and in March last he went to France with the Princess Pats, and was with that unit when he was killed. Pte. Peel was in his 30th year, and was born and educated here, where he was well and favorably known. At time of enlisting he was employed in Penman’s No. 1 mill. In 1912 he was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Shoetree, who survives, together with two little sons, besides his mother, and one brother and one sister, Brook Peel and Mrs. Nelson Hedley, both of Brantford.
PERRY, WALTER WILLIAM (164164) – 75TH BATTALION
NOVEMBER 18, 1917 (CWGC)
MENIN GATE MEMORIAL, PANEL 18-24-26-30 – YPRES, BELGIUM

Circumstances of Casualty: Killed in Action.
Location of Unit at Time of Casualty: Trenches South of Passchendaele.

Brant County War Memorial – Yes
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – Yes
Other War Memorials –
Church Memorials etc. – Paris Congregational Church
PETERS, JOHN MURDOCK (270088) – 38TH BATTALION
SEPTEMBER 2, 1918 (CWGC)
DURY MILL BRITISH CEMETERY, I.D.30. – PAS DE CALAIS, FRANCE

Circumstances of Casualty: Killed in Action. Whilst taking part in the attack from South of Visen-Artois to South of Dury, on the morning of the 2nd September, 1918 he was hit in the neck and instantly killed by an enemy bullet.

Brant County War Memorial – Yes
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – Yes
Other War Memorials –
Church Memorials etc. – Paris Presbyterian Church
Circumstances of Casualty: Died of Wounds. He was employed on Telephone Line Maintenance during the Somme offensive, and at about 10.20 o'clock on the night of October 12th, 1916, was mortally wounded while working with other comrades in a dugout which came under heavy shell fire. He was wounded in the left breast, leg, and arm, and rendered unconscious. His wounds were immediately dressed, and upon regaining consciousness he complained of his right side and stomach. He was carried out and placed in an ambulance and taken to No. 9 Casualty Clearing Station where he died the next morning.

BX November 2, 1916

Sapper Postill Dies of Wounds — Paris Young Man’s Name Added to List of Fallen Heroes — Was Lineman in City

(From Our Own Correspondent)

PARIS, Nov. 2. — Another Paris boy has made the supreme sacrifice in the great struggle now on in Europe. Yesterday morning Mrs. Postill received word that her son, Sapper V.F. Postill, had succumbed to his wounds. The telegram stated that he was wounded on October 13 and died October 14. Deceased enlisted with the 84th Battalion. On arrival in the Old Country he was drafted to the 37th Battalion, and had been in the trenches about five months. Sapper Postill was in his 21st year, and was born in Northfield Center. He had resided in Paris for about four years and for some time was in the employ of the Bell Telephone Company here. He was a young man of great promise and had a host of friends here who will learn of his death with sincere regret. His father was killed by lighting some four years ago. Besides his widowed mother, he leaves three sisters and two brothers: Maggie, Alma, Edna, Lloyd and Welby, to mourn his loss, who will have the sympathy of the community in their bereavement.
QUA, ARTHUR HARPER (5180) – 1ST FIELD COMPANY, CANADIAN ENGINEERS
JUNE 4, 1916 (CWGC)
RAILWAY DUGOUTS BURIAL GROUND, VI.D.38. – YPRES, BELGIUM

Circumstances of Casualty: Killed in Action.
Location of Unit at Time of Casualty: South East of Ypres.

BX June 19, 1916

Paris Soldier Falls in Battle – Corp. Arthur Harper Qua Killed in Action

PARIS, June 10 – Official word that Corp. Arthur Harper Qua had been killed in action was received in Paris this morning. Corp. Harper was killed on June 4. He was one of the first to enlist from Paris and belonged to the 3rd Field Engineers Corps of the 3rd Canadian Division. He was the eldest son of the late Arthur and Mrs. Qua and was born and educated in Paris. Some time before enlistment he graduated from the School of Practical Science in Toronto. He leaves to mourn his loss two sisters Miss Qua of Paris, and Mrs. Richard North, Riverside, California, and one brother, Norman at the front. His mother, who resides in Paris, also survives him.

Brant County War Memorial – Yes
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – Yes
Other War Memorials –
Church Memorials etc. – Paris Presbyterian Church
REHDER, LORNE HENRY (LIEUTENANT) – 54TH BATTALION
AUGUSTS 8, 1918 (CWGC)
BEAUCOURT BRITISH CEMETERY, C.5. – SOMME, FRANCE

Circumstances of Casualty: Killed in Action. Killed by an enemy shell during the advance to Beaucourt.

BX August 19, 1918

Paris Casualties

(From Our Own Correspondent)

PARIS, Aug. 19. – Lieut. Lawrence H. Rehder, only son of Mr. H. Rehder, has made the supreme sacrifice for his country, it is officially announced. The message received by his heartbroken parents stated that Lieut. Rehder had been killed in action on August eighth, the day the big Canadian offensive began.

Lieut. Rehder took out his commission with the 125th Brant Battalion in November, 1915, and went overseas with the battalion in August 1916. Later he was transferred to the 54th Battalion, with which he went over to France in April last.

Lieut. Rehder, who was in his 27th year, was born and educated in Paris and on completing his education here continued his studies at Toronto University, where he graduated two years ago, receiving his degree of B.A. Deceased was a fine type of young manhood, and was loved and esteemed by all who came in contact with him for his many excellent qualities. He always took a very active interest in the Y.M.C.A. and was an indefatigable worker in its behalf. He was also an active member of the Methodist Church and Sunday school.

Lieut. Rehder was highly esteemed by both officers and men at his battalion, and a returned veteran remarked on hearing of his death, that the army had lost one of its best and brightest officers, as he always had the welfare of the men under him close at heart.

To his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rehder, and sister, Miss Kathleen, the heartfelt sympathy of the community goes out in their sad bereavement.

Brant County War Memorial – Yes
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – Yes
Other War Memorials –
Church Memorials etc. – Paris Methodist Church
Richardson, Alfred Henry (225634) – 10th Battalion
April 12, 1918 (CWGC)
Prospect Cemetery, G.W.V.A. Grave 24 – Toronto, Ontario

Circumstances of Death: Cerebritis. Admitted to hospital on March 9th, 1918, diagnosis of Chancroids. Given treatment. Died at 4.45 p.m. April 12, 1918.

Place: Base Hospital, Toronto, Ontario.

BX April 15, 1918
Richardson, Alfred Henry (225634)

Military Funeral

A military funeral under the auspices of the G.W.V.A. will be accorded the remains of Pte. A.H. Richardson, second son of Mr. and Mrs. George R. Richardson of 187 Riverdale Avenue, Toronto, who died on Friday at the Base hospital. The deceased soldier was just in his 18th year, and death resulted from having been gassed. He enlisted at Brantford in 1915 with the 25th Brant Dragoons and transferred to the C.M.R. at Hamilton. He was overseas with the 10th Calgary Battalion. He went through the battle at Hill 70, but was wounded at Vimy Ridge and gassed at Lens. Rev. Mr. Nicholson of the Paris Presbyterian Church will conduct the service and interment will be made in the Prospect cemetery.
RICHLANDSON, GEORGE ALEXANDER (3040416) – 1ST DEPOT BATTALION
OCTOBER 4, 1918 (CWGC)
PROSPECT CEMETERY, G.W.V.A. SEC. 15, 1149 – TORONTO, ONTARIO

Cause: Bronchial Pneumonia. Admitted to hospital on September 27th, 1918, with influenza.
Developed Broncho-pneumonia. Died at 6.10 p.m. October 4th, 1918
Location: Camp Hospital, Niagara.

Brant County War Memorial – Yes
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – Yes
Other War Memorials –
Church Memorials etc. –
ROBINSON, ALBERT EDWARD FROST (476008) – P.P.C.L.I.
JUNE 4, 1916 (CWGC)
MENIN GATE MEMORIAL, PANEL 10 – YPRES, BELGIUM

Circumstances of Casualty: Previously reported Missing, now for official purposes presumed to have died.
Location of Unit at Time of Casualty: Attack at Sanctuary Wood.

Brantford Courier December 16, 1916

Albert Edward Frost Robinson was born at Montreal, July 7, 1894, and was therefore 22 years of age. His public school education was received at the Lachine Academy, and at the outbreak of the war he was a student at the University of Alberta, Edmonton, where his uncle Dr. Tory is principal. He enlisted at Montreal in August, 1915, with the Third University Company, being reinforcements for the Princess Patricia’s. He had been in the trenches since January, 1916, and was officially reported "Missing", after the battle of Sanctuary Wood early in June, 1916. His Platoon Commander, Lieut. Stanley Fife, a Rhodes scholarship man, and three other Alberta University students, were killed in this engagement, and five wounded. His younger brother, Kenneth, is with the 4th Battalion, and has been recommended for a commission. They are both sons of Mr. C. B. Robinson, Secretary-Treasurer of Penmans Ltd.
 Rowe, Walter (141978) – 24th Battalion
June 16, 1916 (CWGC)
MENIN GATE MEMORIAL, PANEL 24-26-28-30 – YPRES, BELGIUM

Circumstances of Casualty: Killed in Action.
Location of Unit at Time of Casualty: Trenches between Maple Copse and Armagh Wood.

BX June 28, 1916

Pte. Walter Rowe Killed in Action – Paris Man Left with Draft from 76th Battalion – Other Casualties

(From Our Own Correspondent)

PARIS, June 28 - Killed in action was the news received here this morning in regard to Pte. Walter Rowe who left Paris with the 76th Battalion, but went overseas before it left with a draft. His father is a well-known boot and shoe repairer here and the word was received by him this morning. Walter Rowe was only 19 years of age. His mother is at present in Fort William. He has a brother in the 215th Battalion and three brothers-in-law also in Khaki.
SASS, RUDOLPH HERBERT (164187) – 73RD BATTALION

NOVEMBER 22, 1916

ETRETAT CHURCHYARD, II.A.18. – SEINE-MARITIME, FRANCE

Circumstances of Casualty: Died of Wounds (Gunshot wound forehead) at No. 1 General Hospital, Etretat.

BX November 28, 1916

Pte. Rudolph H. Sass who was reported wounded a week ago has since died of his injuries. Sass had been in the trenches only a few months. As a native of St. George, Ont., he enlisted with the 84th Battalion and went overseas in June.

BX November 30, 1916

Pte. R. Sass 84th Battalion, Dies of Wounds

Word was received here on Thursday last that Pte. Rudolph H. Sass had been seriously wounded, and on Saturday came another message announcing that Pte. R.H. Sass had died of his wounds. So far as can be learned the wounds were in the lad’s head and face. Pte. R.H. Sass went overseas last June with the 84th Battalion. Before leaving Canada he had been raised to the rank of sergeant and on reaching England was transferred from the 84th to 73rd Royal Highlanders. A memorial service will be held in the Baptist Church on Sunday morning.

BX December 7, 1916

Pte. Rudolph Sass Honored in Death

A memorial service was held in the Baptist Church on Sunday morning in honor of the late Pte. Rudolph Sass, who died of wounds in France last week.

Brant County War Memorial – Yes
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – Yes
Other War Memorials – St. George War Memorial
Church Memorials etc. – Penmans Ltd.
SCOTT, A. – PARIS WAR DEAD – UNKNOWN

Brant County War Memorial – Yes
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – Yes
Other War Memorials –
Church Memorials etc. – Paris Baptist Church (Not reported killed)
SCOTT, JOHN SIMPSON (406189) – 1ST BATTALION
SEPTEMBER 10, 1916 (CWGC)
VIMY MEMORIAL – PAS DE CALAIS, FRANCE

Circumstances of Casualty: Killed in Action.
Location of Unit at Time of Casualty: Trenches at Courcelette.

BX September 25 1916

Sergt. Scott Was Formerly of Paris – Had Grown to Manhood in Town and Was Very Well Known

PARIS, Sept. 25 – Sergt. John Scott of Brantford, reported killed in action, was a former well-known Paris boy, and his many friends here will regret to hear of his death. He was born in Dundas, 27 years ago, his parents moving to Paris, when he was 16 months old where he grew to manhood. He was married to Miss Florence English of Brantford, who, with one child, survives him together with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Scott who reside near the toll gate, and three brothers and three sisters: Archibald, with the 215th; William, George, Jeannette, Isabel and Elizabeth. The family resided for many years on Dumfries Street, and his father is an esteemed employee of the Paris Wincey Mills.
SEWELL, ROY JAMES INKSATER (451304) – 4TH CANADIAN MOUNTED RIFLES
APRIL 9, 1917 (CWGC)
BOIS-CARRE BRITISH CEMETERY, VI.B.9. – PAS DE CALAIS, FRANCE

Circumstances of Casualty: Killed in Action. Wounded in the leg, above the knee, during the attack on Vimy Ridge on April 9th, 1917. He started to make his way to the Dressing Station but never reached there, and his body was found later near Durand Crater.

BX April 30, 1917

Sergt. Roy Sewell, Paris, is Killed – Was Splendid Type of Young Man, Paris Born and Bred

(From our own Correspondent)

PARIS, April 30. – Word was received in town on Saturday of the death in action of Sergt. Roy Sewell on April 9th at the battle of Vimy Ridge. Deceased enlisted in the 58th Battalion some two years ago at Hamilton. Later he was transferred and with this unit, he went overseas in the fall of 1915. He was then drafted into the C.M.R. with which he was connected when he met his death. Sergt. Sewell was in his 24th year, and was born and educated in Paris, where he had spent his life, and where he was well and favourably known. He was a member of the Y.M.C.A., and an adherent of the Presbyterian Church. He leaves one sister, Miss Iona, and one brother, Frank, to mourn his loss. His mother, Mrs. William Sewell, passed away quite suddenly only one short month ago. Prior to enlisting he was employed in the Alabastine Co.
SHANNON, JOSEPH (270246) – 215TH BATTALION
MARCH 16, 1917 (CWGC)
PARIS CEMETERY, FAMILY PLOT – PARIS, ONTARIO

Circumstances of Death: Pneumonia. Admitted to hospital on February 19th, 1917, suffering from Influenza. Developed Pneumonia on March 4th, died at 2.30 p.m. March 16th, 1917. Place: Base Hospital, Toronto.

BX March 19, 1917

Paris Soldier Dies in Toronto – Pte. Joseph Shannon of the 215th Took Ill During Signalling Course

(From Our Own Correspondent)

PARIS, March 19. – Pte. Joseph Shannon, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. George Shannon, Brantford Township, passed away at the base hospital in Toronto on Friday afternoon. Deceased was a member of the 215th Battalion and at the time was taking a signalling course in Toronto, where he contracted pneumonia, and despite the best of care passed away as above stated. Pte. Shannon, who was only in his 20th year, was born in Blenheim Township, near Richwood, the family moving to Brantford Township 12 years ago residing just outside the town limits. At the time of his enlistment, he was attending the high school here, preparing for his matriculation. He was a member of the Methodist Church, and also of the Y.M.C.A., in both of which he took an active interest. He was a young man of great promise and his many friends learned of his death with deep regret. Besides his sorrowing parents, he leaves to mourn his loss one bother and two sisters: Stanley, of Paris, and Eva and Hazel at home. The remains were laid to rest in Paris cemetery this afternoon with full military honors, the funeral taking place from the Methodist Church.

Brant County War Memorial – Yes
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – Yes
Other War Memorials –
Church Memorials etc. – Paris Methodist Church
SHAWCROSS, JAMES HUDSON (778626) – 2ND CANADIAN RAILWAY TROOPS
JUNE 24, 1917 (CWGC)
POPERINGHE NEW MILITARY CEMETERY, II.A.25. – POPERINGHE, BELGIUM

Circumstances of Casualty: Killed in Action. Instantly killed by hostile high explosive shell while working on a light railway grade in the vicinity of Ypres.

BX July 23, 1917

Another Paris Youth Gave Up Life at Front – Sapper James H. Shawcross is Reported Killed in Action

Paris News Notes

Another Paris boy had given up his life in the fight for freedom in the person of Sapper James H. Shawcross, his father Mr. T. Shawcross receiving word Saturday that he had been killed in action on June 25th. Sapper Shawcross was born in Paris 33 years ago and had lived here all his life, where he was held in high esteem by all who knew him. About two years ago he enlisted in a Toronto battalion, but after going overseas he was transferred to the Canadian Engineers, and had been engaged in France with the Railway Construction Corps. As the time of his enlistment he was in the jewelry business with his father. He was a member of St. James’ Church and A.Y.P.A. and also of Grand River Lodge, I.O.O.F. About seven years ago he was married to Miss Jessie Guffy of London, who with a little daughter survives. He also leaves to mourn his loss his father and three sisters, Mrs. J.R. Howard, of Toronto, Mrs. Chas. Howell of Chicago, and Mrs. Ronson, Walkerville, Ont.

Brant County War Memorial – Yes
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – Yes
Other War Memorials –
Church Memorials etc. – St. James Anglican Church
SOUTHERN, H – PARIS WAR DEAD – UNKNOWN

Brant County War Memorial – Yes
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – Yes
Other War Memorials –
Church Memorials etc. –
Circumstances of Casualty: Private Stevens was taking part with his Battalion in an attack on the enemy positions South West of Dury on September 2nd, 1918, and was severely wounded by enemy shell fire, when near the jumping off trench, that although he was immediately attended to by the Battalion Medical Officer and evacuated from the line, he died before reaching the Field ambulance.

BX September 27, 1918

Miss Helen Sewell, Walnut Street, received official notification that her nephew, Pte. William George Chapman Stevens had been officially reported killed in action, Sept. 2. Pte. Stevens was the only child of the late W.G. and Emma J.C. Stevens, and was born in Toronto, Aug. 9, 1899, where he lived until coming to Paris three years ago. At the death of his mother in 1899 he was adopted by his aunt, Miss Helen Sewell, from whose home he enlisted with the 125th Battalion in 1915, going overseas with that unit, where he was transferred to the 60th Battalion, with which he went to France. A year ago last June he was wounded and after recovery was drafted into the 87th Battalion, with which he was when he gave up his life. The fallen hero was a very popular young man, just starting out in life and the sympathy of the community goes out to the grief-stricken relatives. He was an adherent of the Baptist Church and Sunday school. He leaves to mourn his loss three aunts and one uncle, the Misses Helen and Kathleen Sewell of Paris, Mrs. Cooledge and Mr. E.J. Sewell of Toronto.
Submitted by the Great War Centenary Association – www.doingourbit.ca

STEVENSON, BENJAMIN (164182) – 75TH BATTALION
NOVEMBER 18, 1916 (CWGC)
VIMY MEMORIAL – PAS DE CALAIS, FRANCE

Cause and Place of Death: Killed in Action.

Brantford Courier December 15, 1917

The sad intelligence was received by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stevenson last December that their son, Pte. Benjamin Stevenson had been killed in action. He had enlisted in the 25th Brant Dragoons, but later joined the 84th Battalion and left for overseas in May last. He was born in Brantford, but came to Paris with his parents seven years ago, working principally in the country around this section. He was 19 years of age, unmarried and attended the Baptist Church.
STEVENSON, JAMES (135577) – 74TH BATTALION – Not Recognized by CWGC

NOVEMBER 23, 1918
PARIS CEMETERY, PARIS, ONTARIO

Cause of Death: Electrocuted, civilian employment

BX November 25, 1918

James Stevenson, Paris Killed by Electricity – Was Carrying a Ladder in Power house and Drew Great Current

PARIS, Nov. 25 – A distressing fatality occurred at the McFarlane Engineering Co.’s Plant on Saturday just before the noon hour, by which James Stevenson lost his life. Deceased was employed as assistant electrician at the plant, and was engaged in making a change and installing a new transformer in the power house. He was carrying a truss ladder, when he received a severe electric shock; which threw him on his back clear of the ladder, making a bad gash in the back of his head. It is not known whether the ladder came in contact with the high tension wire, or whether the power attracted the ladder which he was carrying. First aid was immediately given and doctors summoned but the spark of life had fled. The accident has cast a gloom over the entire works, as he was very popular among his fellow-workmen, being of a very genial and obliging nature. Dr. Logie, coroner, was summoned, but after investigating the circumstances decided that an inquest was now necessary.

Mr. Stevenson, who was in his 40th year was a Scotchman by birth, being born in Glasgow. He was living in Toronto when the war broke out, and joined up with the 48th Highlanders. Later he was transferred to the 74th Battalion, with which he served for two years. He contracted rheumatism in the trenches, and was invalided home. He had been a resident of Paris for about two years, and had been engaged with the McFarlane Engineering Co. He was a member of the Orange order and also of the Great War Veterans’ Association. He is survived by his widow, who was formerly Mrs. Mugsley, to whom the sympathy of the community will be extended in the loss of a devoted husband. The remains were laid to rest in Paris Cemetery this afternoon, the funeral being in charge of the War Veterans. The service at the house was conducted by Rev. Mr. Langton, and at the grave by the G.W.V.A. The pallbearers were two members of the G.W.V.A., two Gentlemen, two workmen, and two fellow workmen.

Brant County War Memorial – Yes
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – Yes
Other War Memorials –
Church Memorials etc. –
STEWART, MACKIE OGLE (225205) – 102ND BATTALION
NOVEMBER 1, 1917 (CWGC)
LIJSSENTHOEI MILITARY CEMETERY, XXI.CC.5A. – POPERINGHE, BELGIUM

Cause and Place of Death: Died of Wounds at No. 3 Canadian Casualty Clearing Station.

BX November 12, 1917

Another Paris boy has made the supreme sacrifice in the person of Private Mackie Stewart, word being received by his mother to that effect yesterday. Private Stewart was the youngest son of Mary J. and the late Thomas AJ. Stewart, and was only 21 years of age on the 28th of October. He was born in Oshawa and came to Paris with his family about 15 years ago. He was educated here and also at the Brantford Business College, and was an adherent of the Presbyterian Church. He was of a bright and cheerful character and will be missed by a wide circle of friends with whom he was very popular. Besides his mother, he leaves three sisters Mrs. C.C. Johnston of Forest, Ont., Misses Mabel and Grace at home and two brothers, George of Hickory Penn., and William J. of Hamilton. He enlisted with the 125th Battalion in Sept. 1915, later being transferred to the C.M.R. at Hamilton where he was promoted to sergeant and clerk of the orderly room. In April last he went overseas with Capt. Hall’s draft as supernumerary. He reverted to the ranks in England in order to get in France and went with a unit to the 102nd British Columbia infantry, reaching France in August, and had been some six weeks on the fighting line. At the time of his enlistment, the late Pte. Stewart was employed as the office staff of the Sanderson Harold Co.

Brant County War Memorial – Yes
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – Yes
Other War Memorials –
Church Memorials etc. – Paris Presbyterian Church
THOMSON, JAMES (772320) – 125TH BATTALION
NOVEMBER 5, 1916 (CWGC)
ALDERSHOT MILITARY CEMETERY, AF.2022 – HAMPSHIRE, UK

Cause and Place of Death: Died (N.Y.D.) (Primary Pulmonary Tuberculosis, Secondary, Heart Failure. Connaught Hospital, Aldershot) No. 25.
WALLACE, WALDRON WATSON (77218) - CANADIAN MACHINE GUN CORPS, 3RD BATTALION
SEPTEMBER 4, 1918 (CWGC)
BEAURAINS ROAD CEMETERY, A.19. - PAS DE CALAIS, FRANCE

Cause and Place of Death: Killed in Action.

BX September 18, 1918
Wallace, Waldron Watson (772181)

Paris Again is Hit by Recent Canuck Drive – Pte. Waldron Wallace Officially Reported Killed in Action

PARIS, Sept. 18 – Yesterday morning Mr. and Mrs. John Wallace, Jane Street, received from Ottawa by telegram the sad news that their only son, Private Waldron Wallace, had been killed in action on September 4th. Private Wallace joined the 125th Battalion in 1916, and later was transferred to the 215th Battalion. For some time he was in Hamilton employed as a sergeant instructor, and went over to England in February last. To get to the front he gave up his stripes and joined the machine gun section, and only went to France in August with No. 5 Canadian Machine Gun Company. Deceased, who was in his 29th year, was born and educated in Walkerton, Ont., and had resided in Paris with his parents for the past six years. He was a member of the Congregational Church and Young People’s Society and Y.M.C.A., and was much admired for his genial disposition and manly acts by his many friends. Besides his father and mother are left five sisters, Mrs. Vernon Eaton of Etonia; Mrs. James Creeden of Paris; Miss Nelda, of Toronto and the Misses Vera and Olivet at home.

Brant County War Memorial – Yes
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – Yes
Other War Memorials –
Church Memorials etc. – Paris Congregational Church
Submitted by the Great War Centenary Association – www.doingourbit.ca

WATSON, JOHN FRANCIS LEO (772178) – CANADIAN ENGINEERS, 11TH BATTALION
SEPTEMBER 8, 1918 (CWGC)
AUBIGNY COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION, IV.A.59. – PAS DE CALAIS, FRANCE

Cause and Place of Death: Died of Wounds. No. 42 Casualty Clearing Station.

BX September 17, 1918

Pte. L. Watson of Paris Killed – Went Overseas with the 125th

PARIS, Sept. 17. – Another Paris boy has made the supreme sacrifice in the person of Pte. Leo Watson, only son of the late Mr. J.J. Watson and Mrs. Watson. Pte. Watson enlisted in 1916 with the 125th Battalion, and went overseas with that unit, going to France in March last with the 54th Battalion. The official announcement says that he died of wounds on September 8. Deceased, who was about 30 years of age, was born in Paris and lived here all his life, where he was well and favorably known. He leaves to mourn his loss his mother and one sister, Miss Mellany, who are at present residing in Brantford.

Brant County War Memorial – Yes
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – Yes
Other War Memorials –
Church Memorials etc. – Sacred Heart Memorial Pillar
WILSON, RUSSELL MCKENZIE (2529450) – 116TH BATTALION
SEPTEMBER 30, 1918 (CWGC)
BUQUOY ROAD CEMETERY, IV.B.28. – PAS DE CALAIS, FRANCE

Cause and Place of Death: Died of Wounds. No. 30 Casualty Clearing Station.

Brant County War Memorial – Yes
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – Yes
Other War Memorials –
Church Memorials etc. – Paris Methodist Church
Submitted by the Great War Centenary Association – www.doingourbit.ca

MISSED NAMES

Mears, William (270399) – 215th Battalion
March 18, 1919 (CWGC)
Paris Cemetery, Veterans. Blk. C.2. – Paris, Ontario

Cause: Tubercular Kidney
Location: Paris, Ontario

BX March 9, 1919

Two Veterans of Paris Dead

PARIS, March 19 – Paris mourns today two veterans of the Great War. Last night at his home on Willow Street, William Mears passed away in his 41st year. He was born in London, England and had been married 21 years, coming to Canada with his wife in 1902, and settling in Montreal for a while and later coming to Stratford and finally to Paris nine years ago. He enlisted in August, 1914 and was sent home from Valcartier, later joining the Dragoons to be transferred to the 84th Battalion and still later becoming a member of the 215th Battalion from which he was sent to the base hospital. He became more of less of an invalid, and had been ill for about nine weeks at his home. Besides his widow, he leaves one son, Ernest, and five daughters, Florence, Clara, Mamie, Ethel and Dorothy. In London, England his is survived by his mother, two sisters, also one brother in the Imperials. One brother was killed in the war. A military funeral will be given the deceased, which will take place tomorrow afternoon at 1.30 from the late residence.

William MacDowell died last night at his home in South Dumfries. He was in his 20th year and had been suffering from leakage of the heart for seven weeks. He had resided in Paris since 1912, and enlisted with the 125th Battalion, drawing his discharge at Camp Borden. Besides his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George MacDowell, he is survived by three sisters, Mrs. James Scott, Hagersville; Mrs. H. Stubbins, Hamilton; Mrs. Bailey, Manitoba and three brothers, Malcolm, Manitoba; George and Donald at home. Military honors will be accorded the remains, the funeral taking place on Friday at 3.30 from the late residence. Paris veterans will have charge.

Brant County War Memorial – No
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – No
Other War Memorials –
Church Memorials etc. –

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OTHER MEMORIAL PLAQUES – PARIS, ONTARIO

FORD, CHARLES EDWARD (842) – 8TH BATTALION
MARCH 20, 1915 (CWGC)
WIMEREUX COMMUNAL CEMETERY, I.E.11. – PAS DE CALAIS, FRANCE

Circumstances of Casualty: Died of Wounds. While on duty in front line trenches near Fleurbaix he was hit in the head and severely wounded by a bullet from an enemy sniper’s rifle. He was given first aid and taken to a dressing station and evacuated to Rawalpindi British Hospital, Wimereux, where he succumbed to his wounds.

BX March 27, 1915

Paris Boys Wounded – Names of Two Former Residents of That Town Included in the Casualty List

PARIS, March 27. – The names of two former residents of this town appear in the casualty lists this week.

Ford, Charles Edward

Private C.E. Ford, of Heath, Alta., who died of wounds, lived here a number of years ago, when his father was head miller at the O’Neal Mill here.

Plaskett, Ivor Charlie

Corp. Ivor Plaskett, who fell in battle, was a member of B. Squadron, 25th Brant Dragoons, but was living in Stratford when war broke out. He came to Paris to enlist, but there was no place, and he went back to Stratford. He attended camp with B. Squadron for three years.
ECCLES, ALEXANDER (850527) – 176TH BATTALION AND WCF – Not Recognized by CWGC

OCTOBER 14, 1918

SACRED HEART CEMETERY, PARIS, ONTARIO

BX October 11, 1918

The death took place Monday night at his home on West River Street of Mr. Alexander Eccles, a highly esteemed resident of Paris for the past seven years, in the 53rd year of his age. Mr. Eccles was born at Preston, England, in 1866, and went as a child to Blackburn, Lancashire, England, where he grew to manhood, and was married to Miss Isabella Crook, in 1889, where he lived until he came to Canada in 1911. For six months he made his home in Ingersoll, and then came to Paris, where he resided since, and by his genial manner and upright life had gained the confidence of everyone. He was a tailor by trade and for two years was employed by Mr. D. MacTavish, since which time he was in business for himself as a merchant tailor. When war broke out Mr. Eccles was very anxious to do his bit, and after a number of unsuccessful attempts to join overseas forces, three years ago he enlisted for Home Defence, being stationed at the Welland Canal for seven months, where he contracted rheumatism, which weakened his heart, and for the past two years he has been practically an invalid. Last Wednesday night he was taken down with influenza, which in his weakened condition, he could not throw off and despite everything that could be done he passed peacefully away to the Great Beyond. Mr. Eccles was a member of the Church of the Sacred Heart and a strong temperance man, being a charter member of the I.O.G.T. He leaves to mourn his loss besides his sorrowing wife, one daughter, Mrs. Harry Tucker of Paris, and one son, Pte. John Eccles, who is lying very ill in the St. Bartholomew Hospital at London, England, after service in France, as well as three sisters, Mrs. Lister, Mrs. Keeler and Mrs. Strong in England, to whom the sympathy of the town goes out in their sorrow. Mr. Eccles has given his life for his country as truly as any man who has laid down his life on the battlefields of France. The burial took place from his late residence, West River Street, to the Church of the Sacred Heart and thence to the R.C. Cemetery.
KERRUISH, EVAN FRANCIS (SECOND LIEUTENANT) – NO. 1 TORPEDO SQUADRON
JULY 13, 1918 (CWGC)
CATTERICK CEMETERY, YORKSHIRE, UK.

Brant County War Memorial – No
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – No
Other War Memorials –
Church Memorials etc. – Paris District High School Plaque
O’NEILL, PERCY RAY (55676) – 19TH BATTALION
OCTOBER 30, 1915 (CWGC)
RIDGE WOOD CEMETERY, II.II – YPRES, BELGIUM

Circumstances of Casualty: Killed in Action.
Location of Unit at Time of Casualty: Trenches South West of St. Eloi.

BX November 18, 1915


Percy Ray O’Neill and Vernon Scott O’Neill, brothers, formerly of this city, have been killed in action. This was the sad news conveyed here through the medium of the official casualty list from Ottawa this morning.

The two young men were members of Major Newman’s company of the 19th Battalion, in which Pte. J.H. Lowes, reported killed yesterday, was also a member. Apparently the 19th has been in heavy fighting, but it is possible that the same shell which killed Lowes may have killed the other two, as it was reported yesterday from the front that at the time that Lowes was killed, three other members of the same company were also killed by the same shell, and in the official casualty list this morning these four names are given, with one other.

The better known of the two young men was Percy O’Neill. He was proprietor of The Senate barbershop on Colborne Street, was single and a member of Harmony Lodge, I.O.O.F. Vernon Scott O’Neill, his brother, was a foreman at the Harvey Knitting Mills, Woodstock. When he heard that his brother had enlisted, he gave up his position there, and came to this city, enlisting with the same group of men in which his brother was. They were bright young Canadians of the highest type of manhood, and their loss will be keenly felt.

Brant County War Memorial – Yes
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – No
Other War Memorials –
Church Memorials etc. – St. James Anglican Church
O'NEILL, VERNON SCOTT (55677) – 19TH BATTALION
OCTOBER 30, 1915 (CWGC)
RIDGE WOOD CEMETERY, II.L.10 – YPRES, BELGIUM

Circumstances of Casualty: Killed in Action. Whilst with his Company on duty in the trenches South West of St. Eloi, at about 5:00 p.m. on October 30th 1915, an enemy shell exploded close to the dugout he occupied, killing him instantly.

BX November 25, 1915


Further particulars of the death of four Brantford boys, Corp, Stephenson, Ptes. J.H. Lowes and Percy R, and Vernon S. O’Neill, are given in letter received here yesterday afternoon. The information given is that a German shell hit the group, as the five men Pte. John Knott of this city being the fifth as they were eating their supper on the firing step of the trench held by C. Company of the 19th Battalion.

Lieut. Ernest G. Mackay, officer commanding No. 9 platoon, in which the five men were members, writes to J. Lowes father of Pte. James Henry Lowes as follows:.....

Brant County War Memorial – Yes
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – No
Other War Memorials –
Church Memorials etc. – St. James Anglican Church
BORN IN PARIS, ONTARIO – MOVED AWAY

BARRY, WILLIAM HENRY (285287) - 220TH BATTALION
MAY 15, 1916 (CWGC)
TORONTO NECROPOLIS - TORONTO, ONTARIO - X.982

Cause: Acute Dilatation (Coroners' Diagnosis)
Location: 81 Scollard Street, Toronto, Ontario.
Circumstances of Casualty: "Died of Wounds" (Gun shot wounds penetrating) at about 3 p.m. on the 28th, August 1918, while effecting the disposition of the men of his Company after the capture of Jigsaw Wood, he was severely wounded by an enemy bullet. After receiving first aid from a Stretcher Bearer he was removed to No. 1 Casualty Clearing Station where he died five days later.
HEALD, HARRY (127210) - 71ST BATTALION
JUNE 14, 1917 (CWGC)
MOUNT PLEASANT CEMETERY - LONDON, ONTARIO - MILITARY PLOT R.1.G.11

Cause: Tubercular Meningitis
Location: Victoria Hospital, London, Ontario.

Brant County War Memorial – No
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – No
Other War Memorials –
Church Memorials etc.–
HEMING, ALFRED TOWNLEY (757080) - 120TH BATTALION
FEBRUARY 28, 1917 (CWGC)
PETERSFIELD CEMETERY - HAMPSHIRE, ENGLAND – 2857

Cause: Anthrax
Location: Canadian Military Hospital, Bramshott, England.
HILL, PERCY (820370) - 52ND BATTALION
OCTOBER 1, 1918 (CWGC)
BUCQUOY ROAD CEMETERY - PAS DE CALAIS, FRANCE - III.C.33

Circumstances of Casualty: "Died of Wounds." At No. 22 Casualty Clearing Station.

Brant County War Memorial – No
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – No
Other War Memorials –
Church Memorials etc. –
KITCHEN, LEONARD BURNLEY (186171) – 27TH BATTALION
SEPTEMBER 15, 1916 (CWGC)
VIMY MEMORIAL – PAS DE CALAIS, FRANCE

Circumstances of Casualty: Killed in Action.
Location of Unit at Time of Casualty: Attack at Sugar Refinery, Courcelette.

BX October 3, 1916

Brantford Casualties – More Reported

A telegram from Souris, Man., this morning brought the sad news to Mrs. Harry Newham, 75 Erie Avenue, Eagle Place, that her brother, Leonard B. Kitchen, had been killed in action on September 15., the word received by Mrs. Newham was from her sister, who lives in Souris. Leonard Kitchen was a son of Mr. Jonas Kitchen, of Souris, formerly of Paris. He enlisted with the 90th Winnipeg Rifles in November, 1915. He was a brother of Mrs. H. Newham and Mrs. Geo. Lane, both of this city.
MARKLE, NORMAN ALEXANDER (3106377) - 102ND BATTALION
SEPTEMBER 27, 1918 (CWGC)
BOURLON WOOD CEMETERY - PAS DE CALAIS, FRANCE - I.B.5

Circumstances of Casualty: “Killed in Action.” Was hit in the head by a shell splinter during an attack on Bourlon Wood.

Brant County War Memorial – No
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – No
Other War Memorials –
Church Memorials etc. –
McIntyre, Angus Lawrence (164156) – 8th Battalion
August 15, 1917 (CWGC)
Vimy Memorial – Pas de Calais, France

Circumstances of Casualty: Killed in Action.
Location of Unit at Time of Casualty: Attack at Hill 70, Lens.

BX September 4, 1917

Pte. A.L. McIntyre of St. George is reported killed.
PEARSON, THOMAS (183895) - 2ND BATTALION
SEPTEMBER 13, 1918 (CWGC)
LIGNY-ST. FLOCHEL BRITISH CEMETERY - PAS DE CALAIS, FRANCE - IV.D. 19

Circumstances of Casualty: “Died of Wounds.” Whilst on duty with his gun crew during operations south west of Buissy, he was wounded in the right leg by a fragment from an enemy shell. After having his wound dressed he walked to the nearest dressing station and from there was evacuated to No. 33 Casualty Clearing Station where he died.

BX September 21, 1918

Mrs. Postill has received word that her brother, Pte. Thomas Pearson of the 2nd Canadian Machine Gun Battalion has died of wounds. He enlisted in Alberta. Pte. Pearson was born in Paris but went west a number of years ago. He will be remembered by the older residents of the town.

Brant County War Memorial – No
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – No
Other War Memorials –
Church Memorials etc.–
SMITH, CLAUDE EARL (316981) – 48TH BATTERY
MARCH 7, 1916 (CWGC)
HAMILTON CEMETERY, FAMILY. M. 216. – HAMILTON, ONTARIO

Cause of Death: Pneumonia
Location: Toronto, Ontario (Exhibition Camp)

BX March 10, 1916

Died in Toronto

Gunner C.E. Smith of the 48th Battery, a native of Paris, Ontario, passed away yesterday in the camp hospital, Toronto. The deceased who was 25 years of age, although he had not reached the firing line, has the honour and glory of being one of those who died in defense of King and Country. His relatives live at 43 Nightingale Street, Hamilton.
STEWART, THOMAS MCKENZIE (246840) - 4TH BATTALION
OCTOBER 1, 1918 (CWGC)
SUCRERIE CEMETERY - PAS DE CALAIS, FRANCE - E.2

Wall, Bertram Arthur (1090396) – 15th Battalion
August 9, 1918 (CWGC)
Manitoba Cemetery, E.2. – Somme, France

Cause and Place of Death: Killed in Action

Brant County War Memorial – Yes
Paris War Memorial Honour Roll – No
Other War Memorials –
Church Memorials etc. –
MISCELLANEOUS

PLASKETT, IVOR CHARLIE (6162) – 1ST BATTALION
MARCH 10, 1915 (CWGC)
Y FARM MILITARY CEMETERY, BOIS-GRENIER; NORTHERN FRANCE

Circumstances of Casualty

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Other War Memorials –
Church Memorials etc. –