



**Lansdowne Home Guard Marching in Brockville, April 1915**

The theme of this Newsletter is to offer remembrance, and pay respect, to all who served in World War I, on this the 100th Anniversary of its beginning on June 18, 1914

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# HONOUR ROLL - WORLD WAR 1

## LANSDOWNE

Charles Matthews  
Ivan Landon  
William Deir  
William Frew  
Charles McNamee  
Joseph McNamee  
Harry Ferris  
Richard McGuighan

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Leonard J. McConnell  
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Seeley's Bay Legion



Left to Right  
Union Cemetery, Lillies Cemetery, Lyndhurst Legion.  
– All Photos by Bill Boulton



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### NEWSLETTERS

As our newsletter binder was growing large, we have decided to split it into two.

Back copies of our newsletters are available for \$2.50 each

Copies 1 through 20 are now available in a three ring binder. Cost \$62.00

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Due to the weight and high cost of postage, if these have to be mailed, postage will have to be added.

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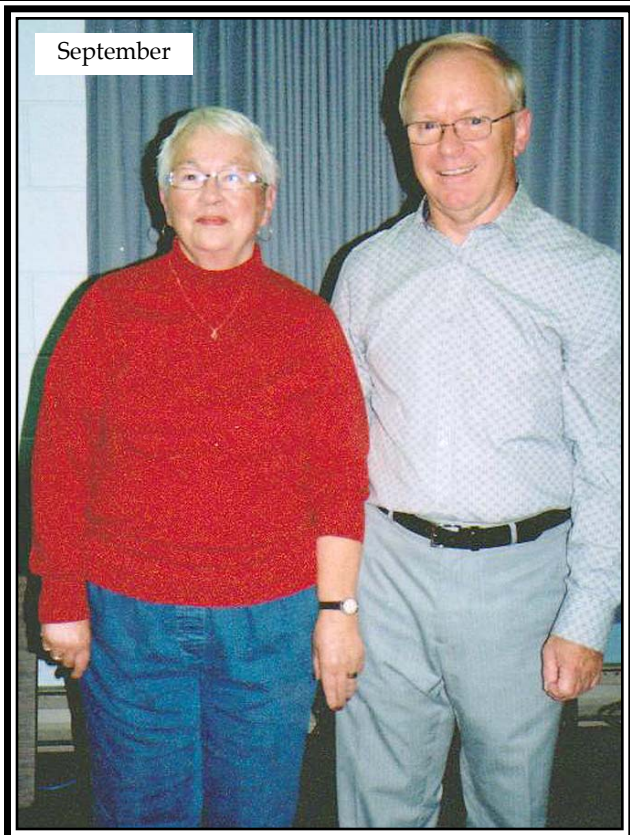
Ask the Executive for prices.



# YEAR IN REVIEW 2013-2014

## FROM THE SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT

September



October

October 21, 2013 – John McKenty told  
“The CCM Story 1899-1983”  
*Photo by Pierre Mercier.*

September 16, 2013 – Allan Lindsay  
spoke on “Cordwood and Tea –  
Darlingside Revisited”  
*Photo by Bill Boulton*

November



November 18, 2013 –Joyce Gunnewick brought us  
“The Importance of Pies in the Pioneer Diet”  
*Photo by Bill Boulton*



February

February 17, 2014 –  
Doug Matthew outlined  
“1000 Island Tour Boats and Builders  
before 1950”  
*Photo by Bill Boulton*



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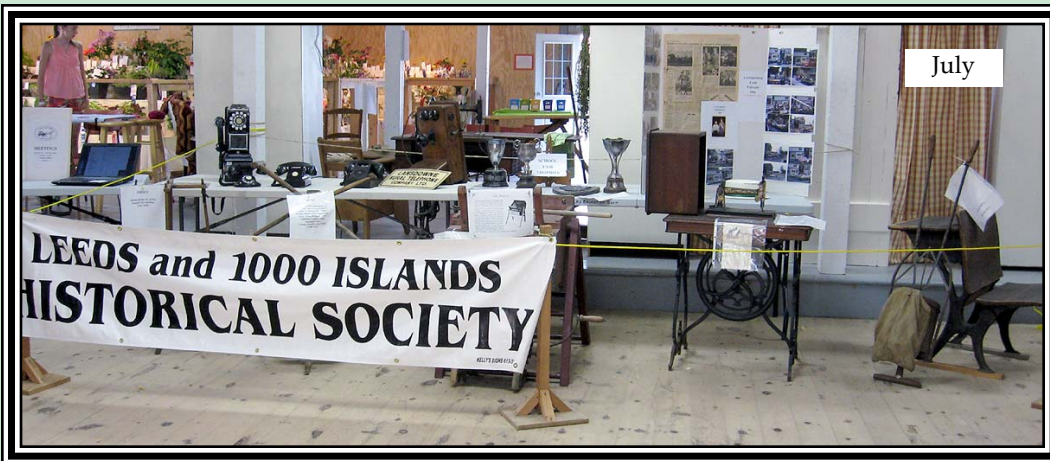
## FROM THE SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT



**March 17, 2014 – Audience Participation - Evening of Memories of Lansdowne Fair**  
*Photo by Bill Boulton*



**April 21, 2014 – Bill Boulton reviewed "150 Years of Lansdowne Fair"**  
*Photo by Pierre Mercier*



**July 19-24, 2014 – Display at Lansdowne Fair from our Artifacts and Lansdowne Tel.**  
*Photo by Bill Boulton*

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## NEWS ON THE HOME FRONT

From the Gananoque Reporter Archives

- May 29, 1915** Killed In Action. William Deir, a Lansdowne boy, gives life for country's cause. The announcement made yesterday that Private William Dier, of the Tenth Battalion, First Contingent, had been killed in action, is another chapter to be added to the horrors of war. The late Private Wm. Dier was born at Lansdowne 32 years ago. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dier, both of whom are dead.
- July 31, 1915** M. Walter Beatty, who has been taking officer training for overseas service at Ottawa, is visiting his uncle A. Beatty and the Misses Beatty.
- Oct. 16, 1916** Lance-Corp W.W. Frew, formerly of Lansdowne, was killed in action in France on September 30. The deceased was born in Scotland and his father was a soldier of the Crimean War.
- Dec. 4, 1915** About 250 soldiers stationed in Gananoque walked to Lansdowne, arriving in time for dinner and returned in the afternoon.
- Three squadrons of the 8th Canadian Mounted Rifles, on route from Brockville to Kingston, arrived here on Wednesday evening about 6 o'clock, and were met at Shepherd's corner by a band of Highland pipers, who preceded them to the Fair Ground, where they went into camp for the night. The Home Guard and the Women's Institute helped in their entertainment. At eight o'clock on Thursday morning the company proceeded on their way to Kingston, passing down the main street under waving flags.
- Mar. 18, 1916** Mr. Harold Foley has enlisted.
- April 8, 1916** On Monday, shortly after the first troop train had passed, a broken rail was discovered on G.T.R., which was fortunate, as there was not much time between trains.
- Thirty-eight men have enlisted from Lansdowne and district. Harry Ferris has sold his interest in the grist mill and has enlisted for overseas.
- April 22, 1916** Things to send to the front: chocolate, figs, nuts, dates, cake, sweet pickles, cookies, maple syrup or sugar, honey, a pair of socks, underwear, khaki handkerchiefs, home papers, snap shots of family.
- May 13, 1916** Rev. R.H. Steacy, well known locally and serving with First Canadian Division as chaplain, has been promoted to the rank of Colonel. He is now head of the Canadian Chaplain Service in London.
- A company of 250 soldiers of the 156th Battalion, of Brockville, will visit Lansdowne on Tuesday, May 15th, arriving in time for supper, and will remain overnight. A band concert will be an attraction in the evening at the Fair Grounds.

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## **NEWS ON THE HOME FRONT**

- May 13, 1916** Wednesday morning, amidst mud and rain, the brave boys continued their march. At Sand Bay they rested and had lunch in the Presbyterian Church and were served hot tea by the ladies of Sand Bay.
- May 16, 1916** Roy Foley B.A. has enlisted for service overseas and was a guest of his parents Mr. and Mrs Henry Foley.
- March 1917** Pte. Fred Barrett who was severely wounded while in France has been invalided to Canada, arriving on Wednesday.
- June 1917** A cable has been received at Ottawa announcing that Pte. A. Mallory Shaw of the PPCLI will return home on the Hospital Ship Letilia leaving Liverpool on the 13th.
- Word was received from Pte. A.M. Shaw that he arrived safely in Montreal and that he has to go direct to Toronto. He probably passed through Lansdowne.
- Nov. 16, 1918** Victory was celebrated here on Monday in various ways, but principally in hilarious street parades, ringing of church bells, blowing of whistles and a big bonfire at night when an effigy of the late Kaiser was burnt.
- Local Victory Loan objective \$170,000: \$171,350 raised.
- Dec. 14, 1918** Percy Latimer, son of Shanley, is home after serving at front.
- Dec. 21, 1918** Mrs. P. Truesdell received a letter this week from Priv. Andrew Truesdell stating he is doing fine. He was wounded in the back.
- Feb.1,1919** Pte. Roy Foley, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Foley returned home from overseas on Friday.
- Mar. 8, 1919** Mrs. Potter, Echo Lodge, Ivy Lea, has finished 400 pairs of socks for the Red Cross since the beginning of the war.
- April 1919** Pte. Joseph Kirk returned on Monday from overseas where he has spent the last three years.
- May 1, 1918** Nearly 20 young men from Lansdowne and vicinity reported in Kingston on Friday under the conscription act.
- May 1919** Pte. Robert Sheppard, who has been overseas for several years, returned home on Wednesday, and was given a rousing reception at the station. Bob is looking well although he had been gassed, besides suffering from gunshot wounds.
- Gunner J.C. Kaiser returned home on Saturday afternoon from overseas, also Harry Kirker and Albert Lear.
- June 28, 1918** Wesley Landon, who has been at the front for 3 years and 9 months, arrived home this week.
- July 12, 1918** Wesley Ferguson and Adrian Snider returned from overseas last week. Mr. Harold Foley of Tilley arrived home as well.
- July 19, 1918** Mr. Harold Beamish was fined \$250 and costs or 6 months in jail for desertion. He was to appear for military services on April 15th but failed to show up.
- All Lansdowne stores, with the exception of one, will be closed on Sat. July 19 in compliance with the Governor-General's proclamation for the observance of peace.....



## LETTERS HOME

Rouen, Oct 30, 1915

Dear Mother: We arrived at L'Havre from Southampton last night, about eleven thirty. The trip was eventful in as much as there were but four men on the draft – Sangster (Saskatoon), J Broser (Vancouver), Patterson and myself. We came over with some drafts from the Royal Engineers, the 3rd, 5th, and 7th, Kings and a few others.

Sangster and I slept on the deck near the ship's funnel and naturally we were warm. The Red Cross vessels, with their pretty red and green lights formed a scene not unlike Alexander Bay on a Saturday night. The night was clear and the moonlight transformed the waves a veritable mass of silver. We anchored at L'Havre for the night, remaining there until eleven this morning waiting for the rising tide.

The Seine is very scenic, being quite unlike the Hudson or the St. Lawrence. The villages are built on the very edge of water, the tendency being for the inhabitants to avoid the hills in the background, where the castles abound.

Speaking of castles, you should see them. All kinds may be found here, with their French gardens and methodical laid out grounds. The fir trees are so pretty at this time of the year, too. They possess just enough of the golden tint to make them doubly attractive.

The weather is fair and unusually warm for this time of year. The hills remind one of those surrounding Bradford, Pennsylvania, being rather of a cone shape and at times high. The country is not as rolling and rugged as England, still France is by no means of the prairie type. All along the river the inhabitants of the villages keep crying out, "Vivre l'Angleterre," (Long live England). They are certainly glad to see their allies from across the water.

The air is getting chilly, so I shall close for now.

Your loving son, Mallory (Shaw)

From The Gananoque Reporter, December 4, 1915



Shaw Family  
-Photo  
from  
FOLL Historical  
Society Files.

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## LETTERS HOME

France, Nov. 12, 1915

My Dear Sister: I received your very interesting letter safely and you have no idea how I enjoyed it. You must write often.

At present we are in very comfortable billets, and with the aid of a little money we can purchase decent food from the French. My knowledge of the language is proving an invaluable help. In fact I can understand practically everything they say and I have absolutely no trouble getting around. Some time ago, when Rouen, I found that the natives were more hospitable to anyone who could speak French than to those who could not.

The people drink coffee all the time. Tea is almost unheard of anywhere. In England tea was the drink. In fact a good cup of tea was impossible in Folkestone.

I wish you could be here, Anna, to see the wonderful old chateau, with their lovely grounds. Not long ago Corporal McPherson and I went through the grounds of a very large one not far from here. The duck pond, the bowling green, the French gardens all seemed like a scene from fairyland. The owner, of course, possessed a garage, a mark of the twentieth century. The dove cove was very pretty, situated as it was on a kind of watch tower. A small boat drifted idly on the inlet to the duck pond, while the silence of the scene was broken by the dripping of the water over a small rock from a natural spring. On the roof of the chateau could be seen two life sized male figures in armour. They bore the standards of medieval France. In the valley far beneath, was the town, quite modern in many ways.

Now, Anna, you people at home must never worry about me. I am having the time of my life, in spite of the war. I am coming home after the war, so be prepared to see me when the time comes. I was surprised to hear of so many "casualties" around home. People should be careful. By the way, I want you to send me some chocolate – milk chocolate. My permanent address is No. 2 Company P.P.C.L.I., France. Give my best regards to all the people at home, and tell them that I am not in the least down hearted .

Your loving brother MALLORY (Shaw)

From The Gananoque Reporter December 4, 1915

Mr. Fred McConnell.

Feb. 29th, 1916

Dear Fred: I received your letter on Feb. 27th, and was very glad to hear from you and to hear that you and all the people in Lansdowne were well. I am quite well at present. I've been in the trenches for over four months and it has been cold and wet. I saw where Billy Frew was buried. I saw George Harmor about a week ago. He is in the 18th Batt. The parcels that you sent before Christmas, I received about three weeks ago. I wrote Erastus Johnston about a week ago. He spoke about sending me another parcel and asked me if there was any choice of tobacco. Send me Napoleon. I get lots of smoking here. There is not much news for we cannot write much. When I go home I will be able to tell you more. Fritz is putting over quite a few shells now.

When you write again let me know the number of the Battery with which George Rich left Canada.

I guess this will be all for this time and hoping to hear from you soon. PTE. CHARLES MATTHEWS, No. 412139, 20th Batt., 2nd. C.E.F., No. 12 Platoon, C. Co., Army P.O., London, England

(A generous contribution was given by a number of residents towards buying tobacco for Pte. Charles Matthews, in France. The collection was taken one evening in Mr. E.E. Johnston's store.)

From The Gananoque Reporter April 8, 1916

Thulin, Belgium Nov. 19, 1918

Dear Mrs. Johnston: Yesterday I returned from leave in Blighty. Was there when the great news came of our victory. This place is near Mons. We are leaving tomorrow morning for our march into Germany. I write in acknowledgement of two parcels from the Service League. First, I wish to ask forgiveness of you and the ladies of the League for a privilege I took. Instead of dividing the contents of your parcels with the boys of the Battery, I gave them to our poor chaps struggling back from Fritzie's lines and to the poor, starved, and ill clothed civilians who have been herded like cattle from town to town as the rascal Hun made his retreat. The poor little kiddies! It was terrible to see them. Some of them with clothes in rags and no shoes. The main road is lined with them all the time.

I found four other parcels from home and I took the whole six out to the road and made them go as far as possible.

Kindly extend my thanks to the other ladies of the League and if they could have seen the good their parcels did, you would have seen some of the good of your society.

Yours Sincerely,  
BOB SHEPPARD



## MARY NUNN

**April 8, 1916** Miss Mary Nunn (nurse) left on Wednesday afternoon for service overseas, accompanied to the train by many friends, who wished her bon voyage.

**April 22, 1916** Mr. Harry Nunn received a cable message that Miss Nunn had arrived safely in England.

*The following is an account of some of her service written by Miss Nunn.*



Mary Nunn –  
Photo from LTI Archives

Early in the war I joined the Canadian forces. When the British Government asked for volunteers, I transferred and went over in the Imperial Service. We belonged to the Old Army Reserve and were known as the Queen Alexandria Imperial Nursing Service Reserve. Ours was the Florence Nightingale Uniform.

I was sent to a hospital in Wiltshire, mostly medical as there were large training camps nearby. The hospital was built of corrugated iron, one story, flat roof, a long corridor running 4 square, five huts 300 to 400 feet each way from each side of the corridor. Huts or wards were built running out 60 or 70 feet. Each hut had 32 beds, 16 on each side with a passage down the centre.

Shortly after coming here, we had word that we were to have the wounded men from the line to care for. We moved all medical cases to one side, leaving the other half for the wounded. My beat was on the surgical side, Ward 14.

We noticed men putting up a very high barbed wire fence enclosing our half. Word was passed along that we were to have the German wounded prisoners of war. We had heard all the stories of how badly they had treated our men, and the sisters who had been taken prisoners. All this made us feel very bitter to what we termed our enemies.

When the first ambulances arrived, it took only a few minutes Ward 15 then 14, and on down the line. There were 156 in that first convoy.

First they were given a bowl of hot broth, soiled uniforms changed for hospital pajamas, soiled dressings removed and fresh ones applied. Often before the dressing was finished, the patient was fast asleep. We worked until morning before the last patient was made comfortable. It took some time to gain the confidence of these men and have them know that we were working for their good. I want to say this for my German patients. While I was the only woman among these 72 men, I had two orderlies and two field ambulance men, I never heard a profane word or story. When my year was up, I transferred back to the Canadians and was sent to France, to No. 3 Canadian General, which was the McGill Unit.

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## MARY NUNN

While Miss Nunn was still with the Imperial Service, she was awarded a decoration, The Royal Red Cross. She received a telegram from Lord Chamberlin which said: "His Majesty King George requests your presence at Buckingham Palace. You will come in uniform".

Next morning I went by taxi to the palace. We were called one by one into the King's presence. He shook hands and asked about the work of the hospital, then pinned the medal on.

We were taken to Marlborough House, the home of Queen Alexandra. We were entertained by her Lady in Waiting, before being taken into the Queen's presence.

**Feb 5, 1919** Nursing Sister Mary Nunn, who has been overseas nearly three years, returned home on Saturday.

*Material and picture for this article from LTI Archives.*

## BERTHA JANE WILLOUGHBY

*By Keith Sly*



Bertha Willoughby  
Photo Courtesy Keith Sly

Bertha Jane Willoughby was born November 24, 1875 in Gananoque, Ontario, the first child of John Willoughby and his wife Harriett Bradley. That same year John Willoughby had been engaged as the cheesemaker at the Cold Glen cheese factory located on the Ellisville Road and the Willoughby family moved into a small house on what was known as the Factory farm adjacent to the cheese factory. Bertha, known to many as Bert, attended school at S.S. #13, Ellisville but it is unlikely that she received any secondary schooling which would have meant boarding in Gananoque.

According to family members Bertha was to marry John Somerville a local cheese maker but he died in May 1898 of consumption. Two years later Bertha's sister, Sarah Georgina "Georgie" died at the age of 22 years.

These deaths may have spurred Bertha to pursue a career in nursing. In April 1905 she was accepted into the nursing program at Kingston General Hospital where she was described as a "discreet, tactful and loyal" student.

Bertha Willoughby graduated from the KGH nursing program in the summer of 1908. Within a few months of her graduation she was appointed Superintendent of Nurses at KGH, a position she held until the spring of 1912 when she went to work at the new Protestant hospital in Smiths Falls.

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## BERTHA JANE WILLOUGHBY

### War Service

Following the declaration of war in August 1914 Dr. Frederick Etherington of the Queen's University Faculty of Medicine began to organize a hospital contingent to be sent to Europe. Queen's and KGH medical personnel including Bertha Willoughby rallied to the call and a 200 bed hospital was completely outfitted and staffed in a few short weeks. Led by Lt.-Col. F. Etherington and seven other doctors the staff included a Dental Surgeon, thirty-five nursing sisters and over eighty support personnel. On May 6, 1915 they embarked on from Montreal the RMS Franconia arriving at Plymouth, England on May 16. The unit's first assignment was to establish a 400 bed hospital at St. Martin's Plain in England. On July 24 new orders were received and on August 1, 1915 the unit sailed from Southampton on the hospital ship Asturias with a final destination of Alexandria, Egypt. There the unit now known as No. 5 Stationary Hospital established a 400 bed hospital in a former cavalry barracks in Abbassiah, a suburb of Cairo. Over the next seven months this hospital treated some 10,000 casualties from the Gallipoli Campaign.

In January 1916, the unit was reclassified and became No. 7 Canadian General Hospital with an establishment of 1,040 beds.

The end of the Gallipoli campaign resulted in a decreased demand for medical services on the eastern front. Thus, on April 10, 1916 the members of the unit packed up the hospital and sailed to Le Havre, France from whence they traveled to their final destination Le Treport where they set up a tent hospital. By the beginning of June the hospital was equipped with 750 beds and ready to receive patients.

The tents provided minimal protection from the weather and were often blown down; with winter approaching No. 7 CGH moved to Etaples taking over No. 23 British General Hospital which was housed in huts. The hospital was gradually expanded to accommodate the increase in casualties. Because of its proximity to the front the hospital was bombed a number of times although there were no serious injuries.

At the armistice in November 1918 the CSEF was withdrawn and all troops had returned to Canadian soil by April 1919. In recognition of her war service Bertha Willoughby was awarded the Royal Red Cross and made an officer of the order of the British Empire.

Upon her return to Canada Bertha resumed her nursing career working at Montreal Children's Hospital and Kingston General Hospital. In 1927 she was working at the Elyria Memorial Hospital in Elyria, Ohio.

***Bertha Jane Willoughby died November ??, 1956  
and is buried at Olivet Cemetery.***

### Heritage Organization Grant

The Historical Society made an application to the Provincial Ministry of Culture for a Heritage Organization Development Grant. Our application was approved, and we received \$1,545.00

This grant will be used to cover the cost of preparation and distribution of our Newsletters.

**We wish to thank the Ministry of Culture for this assistance.**



## SAMUEL MONTGOMERY



Samuel Montgomery

Photo Courtesy Dannie Chisamore

Samuel Gordon Montgomery, 3059L95, was born in Victoria county. He joined the Canadian Army Expeditionary Force at Kingston on May 15th, 1918.

He served on the Canadian Hospital Ship, the H.M.A.T. Araguaya, making six crossings from Liverpool, England, to Quebec City, Halifax, or later to Portland, Maine. They brought back to Canada wounded, shell-shocked and gassed soldiers. Each crossing required ten days. Many of the journeys were very rough. He later spoke about many meals being eaten "on the fly". The Araguaya made a total of fifteen sailings, bringing back a total of 11,500 patients.

He was discharged from service by reason of demobilization on August 20th, 1919. Although he

probably had a lot of sad stories of those voyages, he was not known to talk about the war at any length.

*This article was written by Alan Montgomery and appeared in the Hastings County Historical Society Newsletter "Outlook" It is used with permission.*

## PRIVATE HARRY W. BROWN V.C.

Pte. Harry Brown was born in Gananoque May 11, 1898. His parents appear to have lived on a farm in the area. At some time later they moved to western Canada. After his father's death, they moved back to the Peterborough area.

He enlisted in the 10th Battalion C.E.F. at London Ontario on August 18th, 1916, just after his 18th birthday. He arrived on the front lines on June 27th, 1917.



Harry Brown – Photo from  
Royal Canadian Legion –  
Harry Brown Branch,  
Omeme, Ontario

On August 15th the Canadians had captured Hill 70, but with heavy casualties. They were then ordered to take Chalk Quarry, which lay just east of the hill. The situation became very critical. All communications were down. Pte. Brown and another soldier were ordered, at all costs, to deliver a message about the German position to headquarters. The other soldier was killed. Pte. Brown, although being seriously wounded in the hip and having his arm mangled, made it to a front line trench. He retained consciousness long enough to hand over his message. He was sent back to a dressing station where he died a few hours later. His delivery of the message saved the loss of the position and many lives. He is buried in Noeux-Les-Mines Communal Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France.

For his bravery he was awarded the Victoria Cross.

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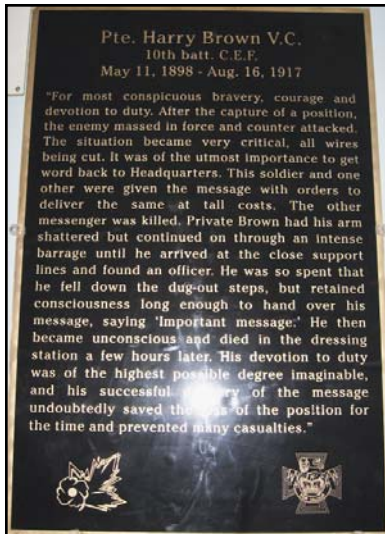
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## PRIVATE HARRY W. BROWN V.C.

He was honoured in 2007 by the Gananoque Legion, who placed a cairn near the War Memorial on the 90th anniversary of his winning of the Victoria Cross. He is also honoured at the Omeme Legion, which is named in his honour.

### The Citation on his Victoria Cross reads:

"For most conspicuous bravery, courage and devotion to duty. After the capture of a position, the enemy massed in force and counter-attacked. The situation became very critical, all wires being cut. It was of the utmost importance to get word back to Headquarters. This soldier and one other were given the message with orders to deliver the same at all costs. The other messenger was killed. Private Brown had his arm shattered but continued on through an intense barrage until he arrived at the close support lines and found an officer. He was so spent that he fell down the dug-out steps, but retained consciousness long enough to hand over his message, saying 'Important message.' He then became unconscious and died in the dressing station a few hours later. His devotion to duty was of the highest possible degree imaginable, and his successful delivery of the message undoubtedly saved the loss of many lives."



Brown Citation  
Photo from Royal Canadian  
Legion – Harry Brown Branch,  
Omeme, Ontario

*Information for this article from Voices From the Past –  
Bill Beswetherrick and Geraldine Chase, and Veterans Affairs Canada.*

## **1812 WAR GRAVESIDE PROJECT** BY Keith Sly

Although 2012 was the banner year for commemorating the bicentenary of the War of 1812 commemorative events continue to be held, an acknowledgement that the War did not end until early 1815. Among the ongoing events is the Graveside Project, a program to mark the graves of veterans of the War of 1812 wherever they are buried in Canada. Funded by the federal government and administered by the Historic Military Establishment of Upper Canada this program provides granite plaques to be placed on the veterans' graves.

Early in 2014 the Municipal Heritage Committee of the Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands compiled a list of 1812 veterans thought to be buried in the township. After some research the list was refined to twenty-one names and a short biography of each veteran along with documentation of service was submitted to the Graveside Project.

On August 16 at the Lillies Baptist Cemetery north of Seeleys Bay MP Gord Brown joined members of the municipal council, the MHC, local re-enactors and descendants of the veterans for an unveiling ceremony to honour these men who took part in this defining conflict.

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## THE EDITOR'S PAGE

### THEN and NOW

**Then and Now usually appears at the first of the Newsletter. Humour me this time and let me place it last. I think this is probably the first time I have used an Editor's Page. Humour me again.**

The Front of Leeds and Lansdowne Historical Society was formed in 1992. It held its first meeting in January 1993. The Newsletter appeared in January 1994, edited by Andrew Graham. Andrew continued through Issue #4, July 1994. His work moved him to Ottawa and he resigned. Bruce Foley is listed as editor of issues #5 and 6. Ted Hewitt began to do half toning of pictures and layout on #5, February 1996. I was doing some articles before issue #7, but I think I officially took over as editor on issue #7, June 1996.

With this issue, #42, that is 35 issues and 18 years. Now you can appreciate why I moved Then and Now to this location!

It has always been a time consuming task to find material, research, obtain pictures and shuffle the whole thing together. I have survived computer crashes, viruses and material that disappeared into space never to be seen again. Even after several computer courses, I still blunder around in unknown territory. To top that, I never learned to type! I know only the Columbus Method — discover a key and land on it.

All of this is saying that this is my last Newsletter as editor. I did not stand for re-election at the recent annual meeting. I will probably continue to contribute the odd article.

I would like to thank all the people who fed me ideas and material, wrote articles and did typing. I will not attempt to name them as I am sure I would leave someone off the list. I will, though, name Ted and Pat Hewitt, our publishers. Without their expertise and effort this newsletter would not look like it does. Thanks Ted and Pat, it has been a pleasure working with you.

So, to you all, I throw the torch . . . Good luck.

*Bill*



#### THEN AND NOW

*Photo from Boulton Collection*





**Paid up MEMBERSHIPS as of DECEMBER 13, 2014**

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