

Norquay Banner Project

We are proud to announce the start of our Norquay Banner Project. The purpose of this project is to create a lasting legacy of remembrance and honour within our community that enables our community and visitors to pay tribute to our veterans.

Through the displaying of the banners, we hope to engage the community in honouring and remembering local veterans through an initiative that will ensure continued recognition and respect throughout future generations.

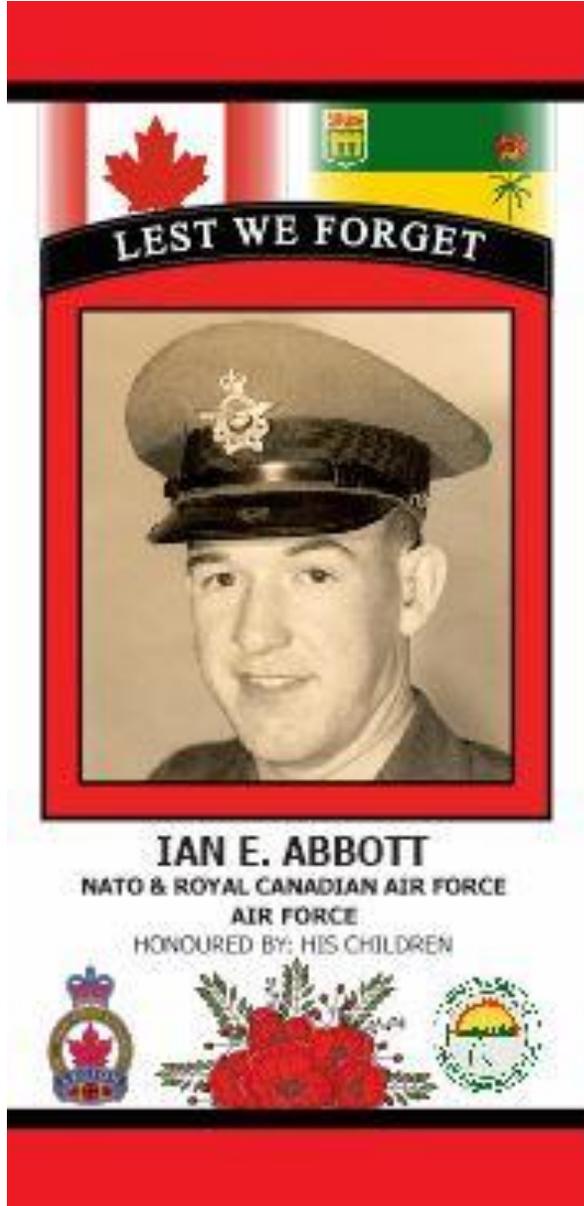
Each banner will be in honour of a specific service person with a connection to Norquay and district. The vinyl banners, in full colour, will be displayed on our main street light posts from late September until after Remembrance Day.

This commemorative project would not have been possible without the dedication of our committee members. The assistance from a lot of people made this project possible in such a short amount of time. We are very grateful to:

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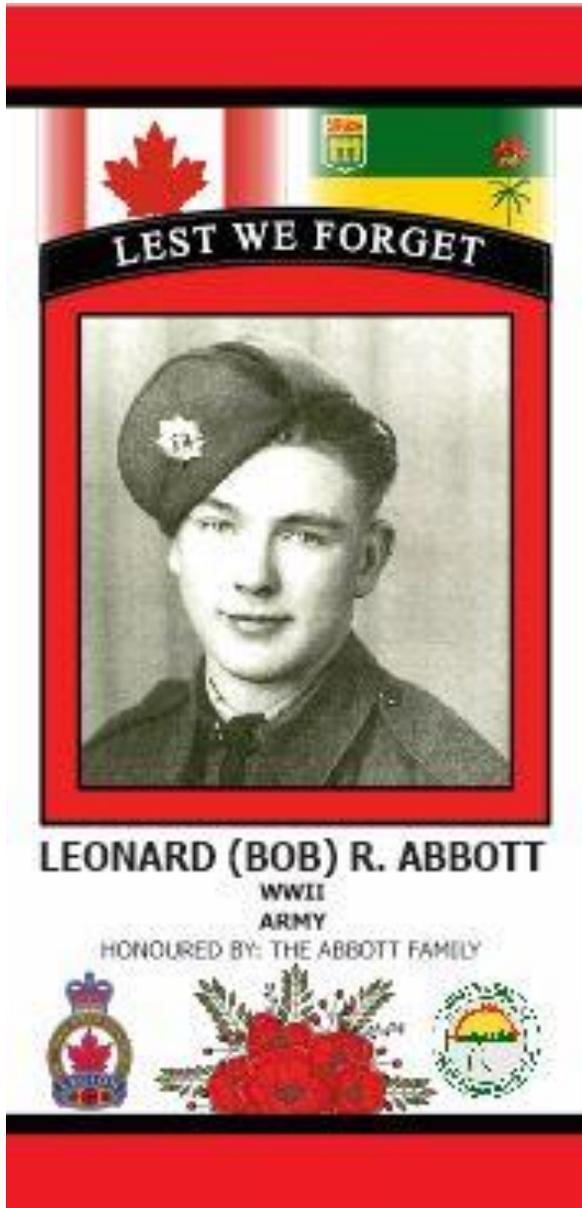


Ian E. Abbott

Ian Abbott joined the services on February 12, 1969, becoming a weapons technician in the Canadian Armed Forces. His job was to arm and disarm weaponry on armed service airplanes. He continued moving up in the ranks, making it all the way to Sergeant.

He was stationed in a number of places in Canada; CFB Cold Lake (three tours), CFB Gander NFLD, CFB Edmonton, CFB Bagotville, CFB Baden-Solligen (four years), Germany.

He served for a duration of 21 years with a wife and three kids. He retired in 1990 to his parent's farm in Norquay, Saskatchewan.



Leonard (Bob) R. Abbott

Bob Abbott was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba on Feb. 12, 1925. He passed away on May 5, 2019.

He grew up in the Weekes, SK District.

Bob enlisted in the army on Aug. 19, 1943 in Regina. He took army training in Calgary, Woodstock, Hamilton, and England, and landed on Dieppe Beach on Sept. 23, 1944. He fought in Belgium, Holland and in Germany under the Occupation Forces for a year. He was discharged on Jun 13, 1946 in Regina. His Service was with the Regina Rifle Regiment and South Saskatchewan Regiment.

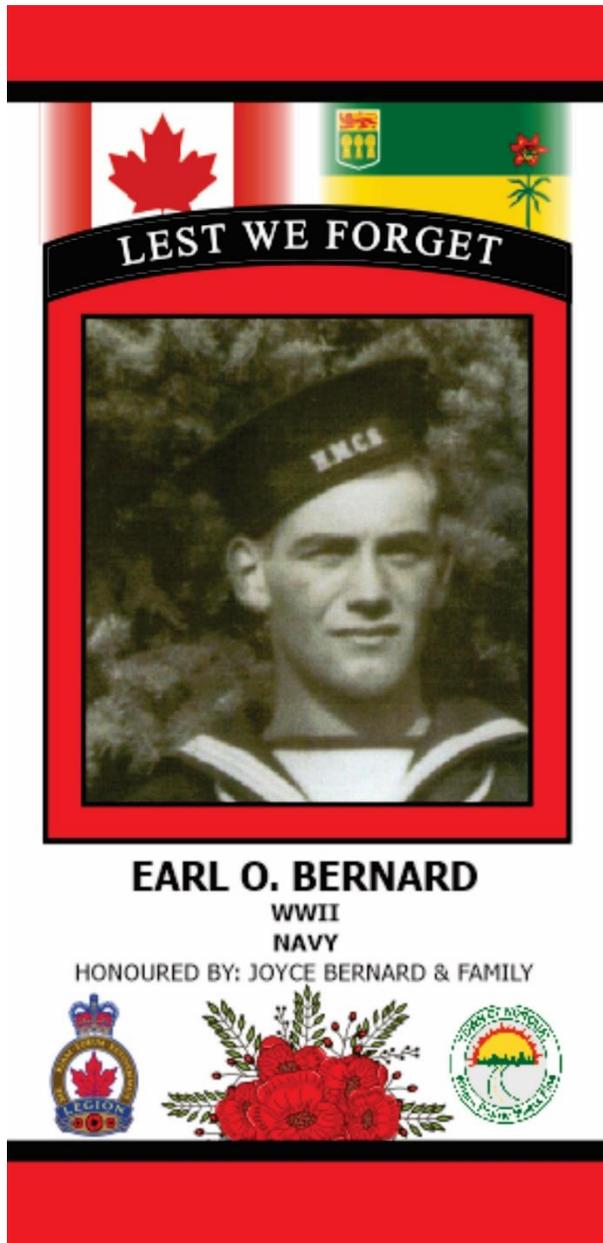
Bob worked at several communities as a grain buyer for the Sask Wheat Pool and finally settled in Norquay in 1966. Bob was a Life Member of the Royal Canadian Legion.



Daniel E. Anderson

Daniel E. Anderson was born August 14, 1918. When war was declared in 1939, Daniel was 21 years old. Being of military age in wartime, Daniel volunteered on August 28, 1941. He spent the first two years training in Regina, Saskatoon, and Dundurn. He was trained as a driver operator and wireless radio operator, and was posted to the South Alberta Reconnaissance Regiment.

He fought in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany until the war ended in 1945. He returned to Canada on December 31, 1945 and received his discharge February 14, 1946. Daniel E. Anderson died on January 31, 2010.



Earl O. Bernard

Earl Oscar Bernard was born March 1, 1925. He went to school in Norquay, Saskatchewan.

Earl enlisted in the Royal Canadian Navy in 1943 He received his basic training in Winnipeg, Manitoba and then was sent to Annapolis Valley, Nova Scotia where he trained as a signalman and was stationed there until the end of the war.

In 1952, he married Joyce Dahlin and they had three children, Deb, Doug and Rod. Earl was very active in his community and enjoyed watching and playing sports especially curling, hockey and watching the Riders. He farmed as well as ran various businesses and ran Bernard homes from 1972 until his retirement. He remained in Norquay from the end of the war until his passing in March of 2021.



Raymond G. Brass

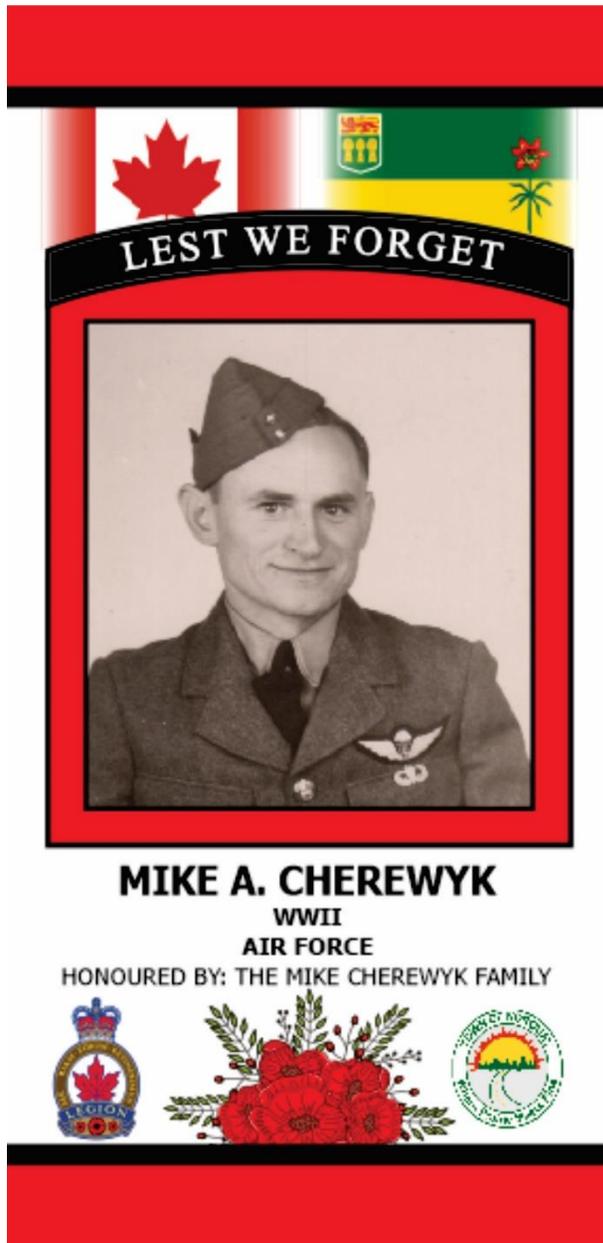
May 5, 2020 - October 18, 2007

Raymond George Brass was born May 5, 1920 and was a member of The Key First Nation. Raymond enlisted in the army September 23, 1941 and was assigned to the 64th Field Battery, Royal Canadian Artillery. He was stationed in England where he served until the end of World War II. After the war, he returned to The Key First Nation and farmed there until Raymond and his wife Clarice and three younger children moved to Yorkton in 1972. In 1977, they moved to Fort McMurray, Alberta until the 1980's at which time Raymond and his wife Clarice returned to Saskatchewan and settled in Mikado where he resided until his passing.

Raymond had five sons - Percy (died in infancy); Gifford; Duane (deceased); Blair; and Tyrone; and two daughters - Mavis and Melody. He has 20 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

In 1989, Raymond and Clarice travelled to England where they revisited some of the areas where Raymond had frequented while stationed in England. On this trip, they also got to visit parts of Scotland and France as well.

Raymond was proud of his military service and was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Norquay Branch for many years.

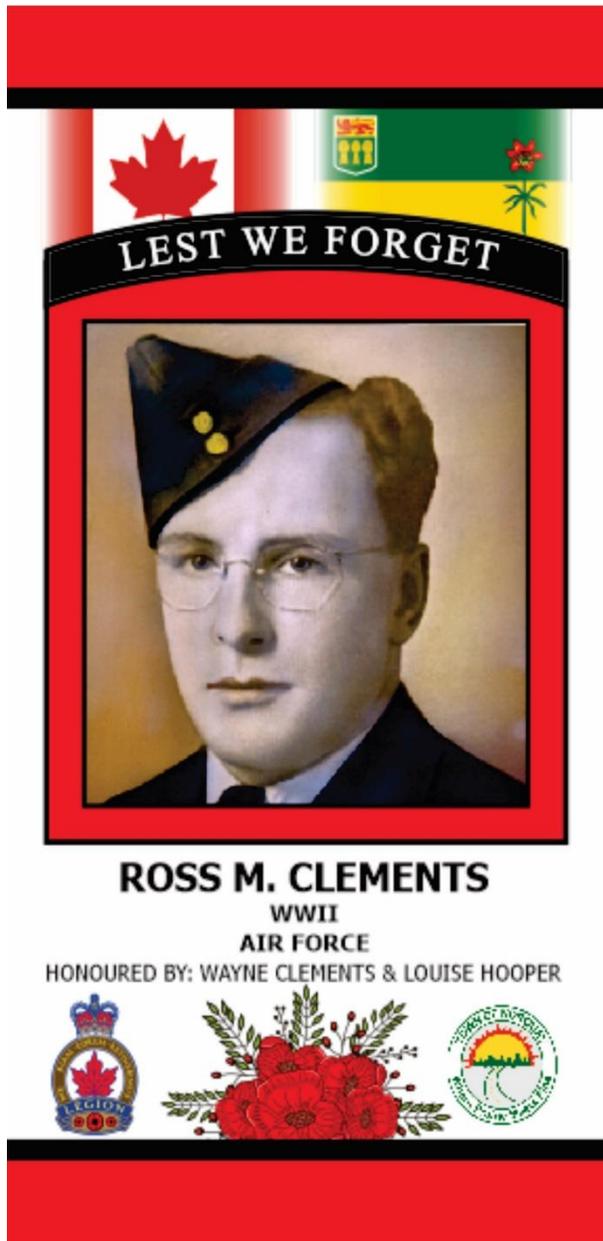


Mike A. Cherewyk

1919 -1999

Mike was born in the Fort Pelly district of Saskatchewan and was raised in Norquay, Saskatchewan. He began farming in 1949 after taking over the family farm (nine miles south of Norquay) from his father and mother, Wasyl and Mary Cherewyk. Also in 1949, Mike married Olga (nee Markewich, also born and raised in the Norquay area), together they farmed from 1949 to 1981. Upon retiring in 1981, the family farm was left to his son Donald Cherewyk and his wife Marguerite (nee Johnson).

Corporal, Mike A Cherewyk served in the military between 1942-1943, with the King's Own Rifles at Regina and Terrace, BC. He was transferred to the 1st Canadian Parachute Battalion and trained at Fort Benning, Georgia, where he received his wings in November 1942.



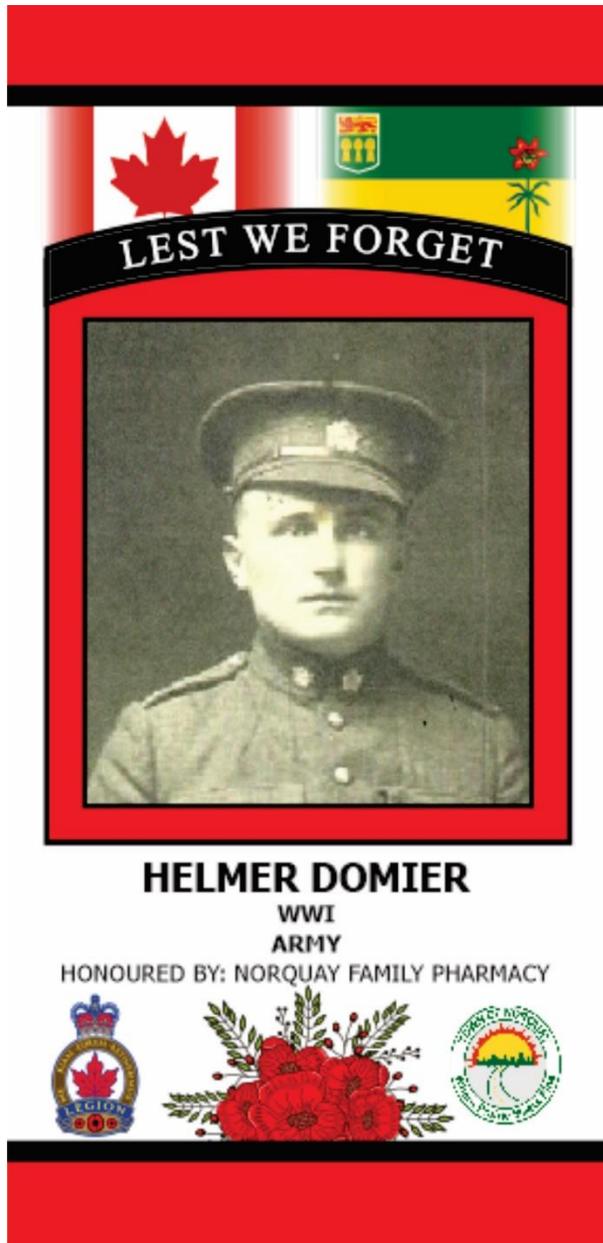
Ross M. Clements

Ross Clements grew up and graduated from high school in Saltcoats, SK. During the 1930's he apprenticed at the Saltcoats Observer newspaper.

In 1940, he joined the Royal Canadian Air Force and served in England as an aircraft technician. Following the war, he purchased the Norquay North Star (1946) and was editor and publisher until his retirement in 1975.

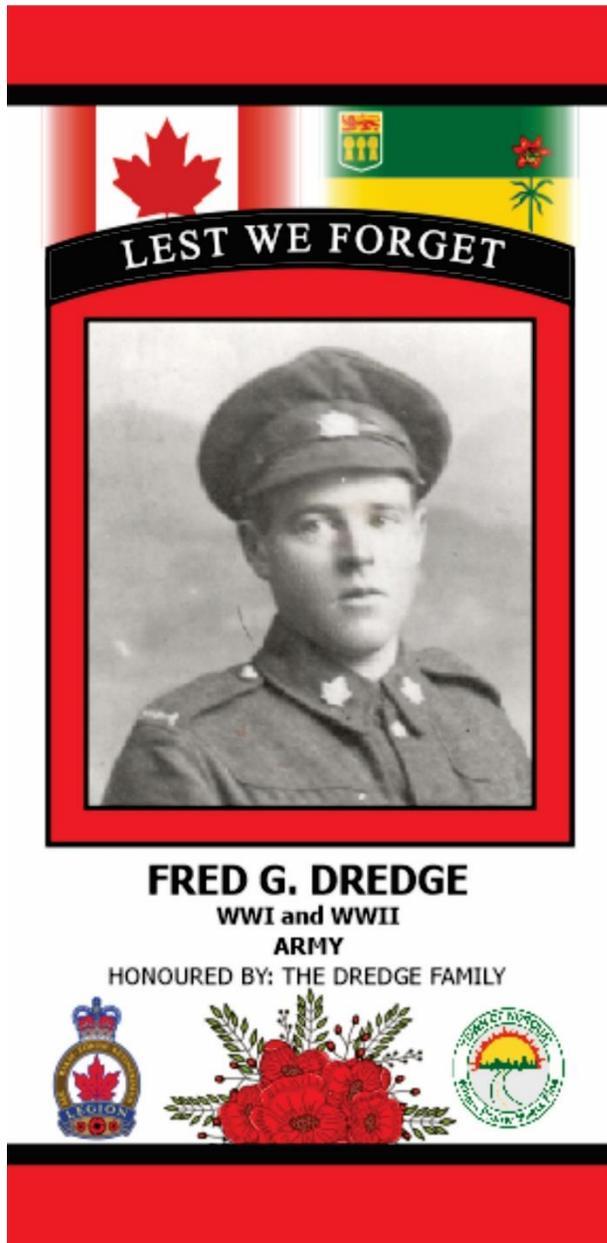
He married Priscilla (Nystrom) in 1950 and together they raised two children, Louise and Wayne.

He was a member of the Norquay Legion, Town Council and several community and recreational boards. He was instrumental in the successful lobby for the new Norquay Hospital in the 1960's.



Helmer Domier

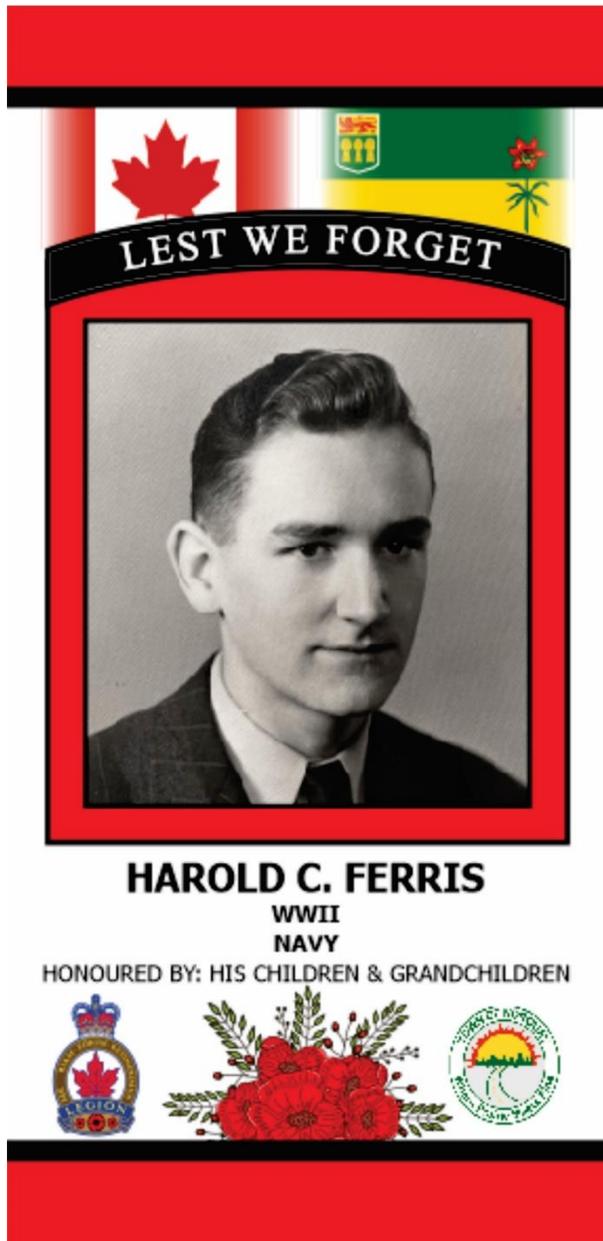
Helmer Domier was born on December 23, 1896 in Portland Trail County, North Dakota. He was the son of John Domier. Helmer was a farm laborer. He enlisted May 3, 1918 and served in the Sask. Regt. in England. Helmer was discharged in June 26, 1919.



Fred G. Dredge

Fred Dredge was born in the Milton, Ontario area on January 10, 1884. He died on Remembrance Day in 1971. Fred moved with his parents to Regina when he was a young man, and they farmed just north of the city. He was there only a year when he enlisted in the Army as the Great War had started. He was sent overseas for the duration of WW1. Fred was finally able to leave the English shores for home on June 22, 1919. Fred returned to work in the Regina area, and eventually he married Elizabeth Klein. On August 4, 1930 Harry was born. The Depression hit about this time so Fred filed for a homestead in the Parr View District, 23 miles north of Norquay. The Dredge's and McRae's made the trip north together. It was a difficult journey.

It was hard back breaking work clearing the land and building a farm, and dwellings from nothing for his young family. Fred and Elizabeth had 4 children when WW2 broke out. Their young daughter Corrine had Type 1 diabetes which put extra stressors on the family. At the start of WW2 Fred enlisted again, and joined the Home Guard of the Canadian Army. He was based in Alberta at a prisoner of war camp for German soldiers. While he was gone, his young family continued to work the farm. He was discharged in 1945, and returned to the homestead. In his later years, he retired to live in Norquay.



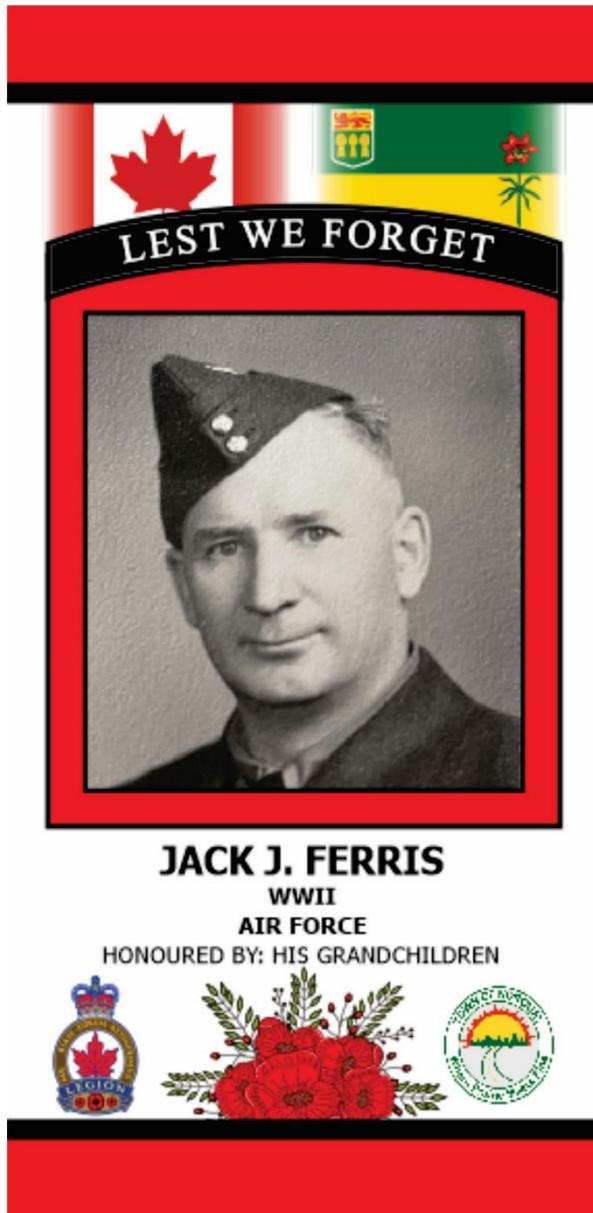
Harold C. Ferris

February 19, 1926 – November 17, 2000

Harold was born at Yellow Grass, Saskatchewan and joined the Royal Canadian Navy in the fall of 1944 after graduation.

He served on the RMCS Prince Robert in the Pacific Theatre until his discharge in 1946. He then moved north of Norquay to start his farming career alongside his dad in the Murray Hills. He met and married Adeline Haugen on March 9, 1951 and they raised their family of six children.

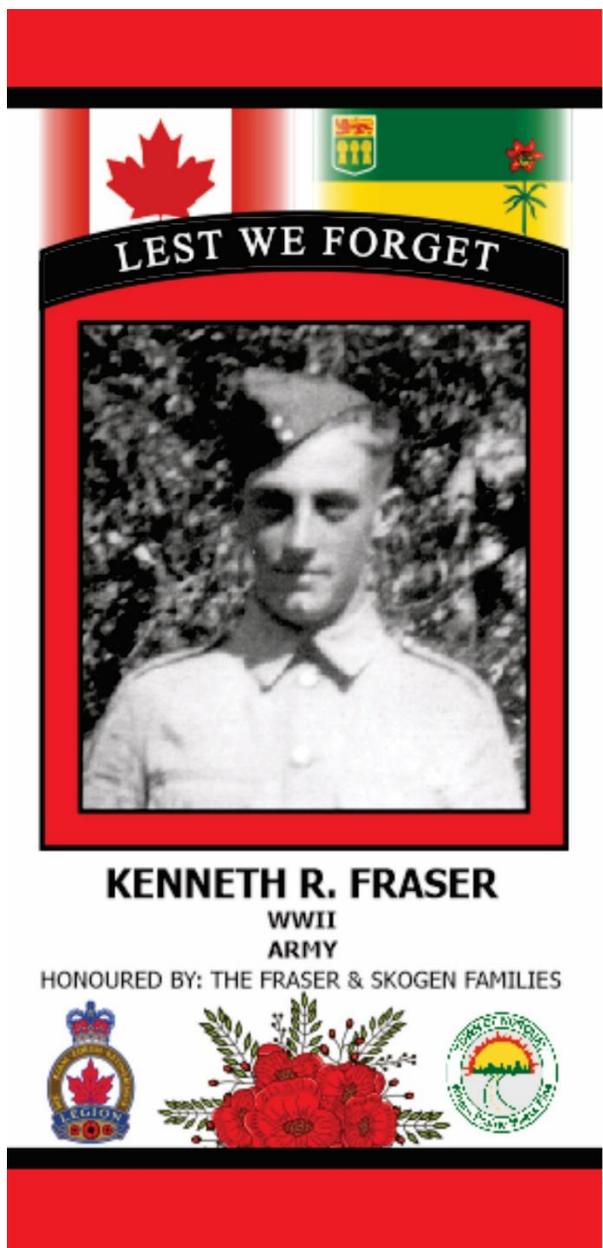
Following Adeline's death in 1980, he married Doris Danielson and retired to Penticton, BC. Prior to his death, he returned home to Norquay to be close to family and friends. Harold had a great sense of humor and loved the outdoors.



Jack J. Ferris

October 14, 1892 – October 30, 1981

John was born in Perm, Ontario. He moved with his family to Yellow Grass, Saskatchewan to farm. He married Hazel Winder on October 15, 1919. They raised their four children; Alice, Don, Harold and Frances and farmed in southern Saskatchewan. John enlisted in the air force at the start of WW2, John and his family was relocated to Yorkton. After the war, he started farming north of Norquay with his son Harold. John “Jack” and Hazel retired in Penticton, BC in the early 70’s. He is remembered for his sense of humor and his love for a game of cribbage as well as smoking his cigar on the back porch.



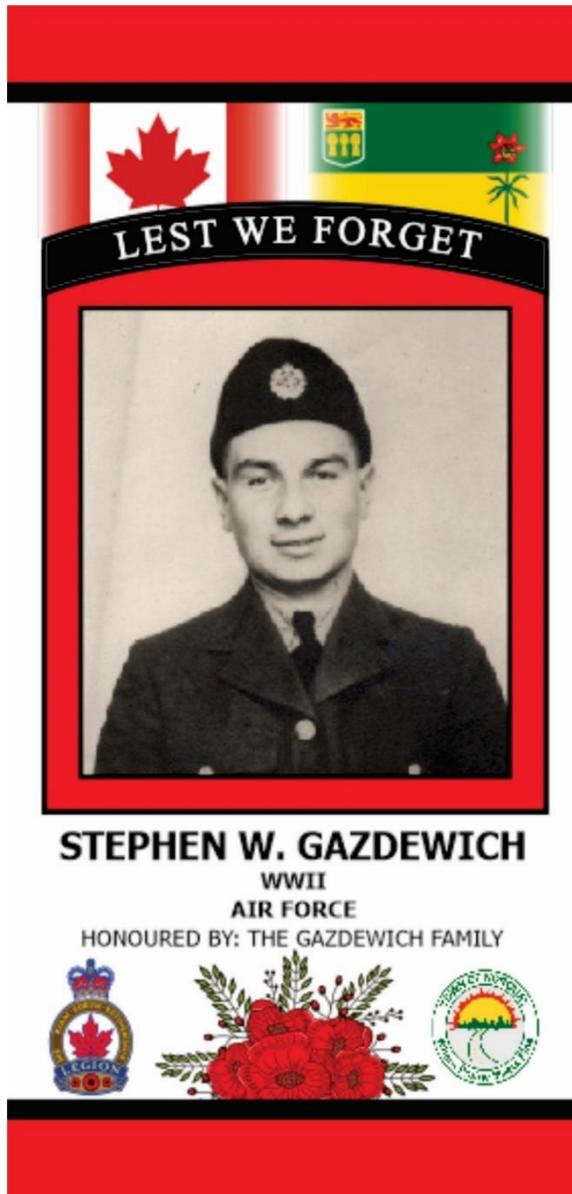
Kenneth R. Fraser

Kenneth was born near Tadmore, Sask. He enlisted and trained at Dundurn, Sask. Kenneth went overseas. He served on the front lines as a Bren gun carries driver until he was wounded.

Kenneth served with the Saskatoon Light Infantry from 1941-1945 serving in England, Italy, and Holland.

Kenneth was wounded in action on April 17, 1945 in Holland. He returned to Winnipeg, Manitoba on the medical train. He held the rank of Lt. Corporal.

Kenneth farmed at Tadmore, married to Gladys Ronneberg. They raised 6 children. Kenneth lived at the Norquay Health Centre for 14 years. He died Dec. 27, 2012



Stephen W. Gazdewich

Stephen W Gazdewich was born September 22, 1918. He was drafted/enlisted into the Royal Air Force as an aircraft mechanic. He trained in eastern Canada. Stephen contracted tuberculosis while in training and was medically discharged. After spending time in a sanatorium, Stephen recovered and returned home to Hyas to farm and raise a family. Stephen passed away December 14, 1994.



Melvin J. Griffith

Melvin James Griffith was born on July 7, 1926 in Central Butte, Sk. His family moved from Tugaske to the Parr View District to homestead in 1931.

Melvin enlisted in Regina on November 3, 1944. Basic training was in Shiloh, Manitoba. Melvin trained as a Gunner in Halifax and was stationed at St George's Island and then Vernon, BC. Melvin was discharged on April 30, 1946 to return to the family farm.

Melvin married his childhood sweetheart, Dorothy Evans on July 10, 1953. Together they raised and showed Purebred Polled Herefords. They were blessed with two daughters and one son.

Melvin passed away on November 29, 2014 and is buried in Parr View Cemetery.



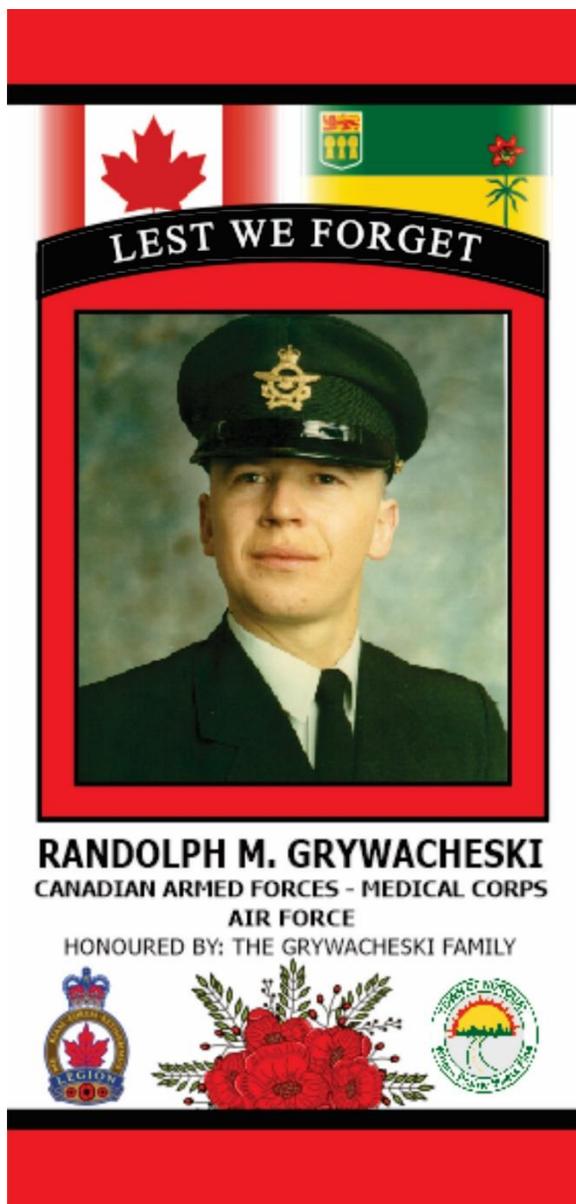
Russell W. Griffith

Russell Watson Griffith was born in London, Ontario on August 19, 1897. He joined the Cameron Highlanders of Canada's 43rd Battalion in Winnipeg, Mb in 1915.

Russell was gassed in one of the first Mustard Gas attacks of the war in Ypres, Belgium and wounded at Passchendaele, France. While in hospital in England he met Victoria May Gadd. They were married in Epsom, England. Russell was discharged in 1919.

He came back to Tugaske, Sask to farm under the Soldier Settlement Board.

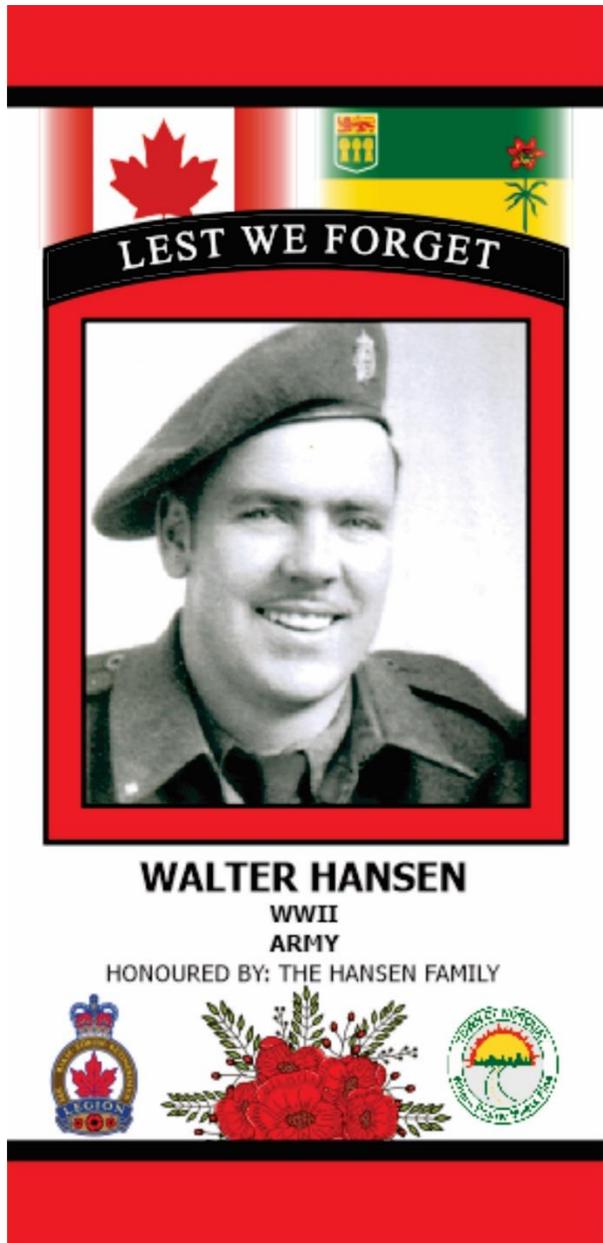
In 1931, due to drought, they moved to homestead in the Parr View District. They raised 2 daughters and 3 sons. Russell and his sons raised and showed Purebred Polled Herefords. Russell passed away March 14, 1982.



Randolph M. Grywacheski

Randolph Michael Grywacheski was born in Norquay, Sask. on Jan. 27th, 1952 to Frank and Frances Grywacheski. He attended Willow Grove and Norquay Schools completing his Grade 12 education in 1970. He joined the Canadian Armed Forces in 1972. He was stationed at Cornwallis, N.S., Camp Borden, Ont., Churchill, Man., Calgary, Alta., Winnipeg, Man., and Gagetown, N.B. He served as a member of the Medical Corps.

Randolph passed away on December 16th, 1976 in a tragic car accident. He lies to rest at the soldier's plot in Oromacto, N.B



Walter Hansen

Walter Hansen along with brothers, Astrip & Morris, joined the Royal Canadian Army Service Corp April 8, 1942.

Walter was sent via ship to southern England & Scotland for training. Walter was given the duty of driving the ambulance to the front lines. Many close calls occurred while keeping as low to the ground as possible in order to put the injured onto stretchers, race back to the waiting ambulance, with orders to “drive at top speed!”

Walter served in France, Holland, Belgium and while in Berlin saw homes papered with local currency which was worthless at the time. He and his two brothers were released and returned to Norquay on March 27th, 1946.

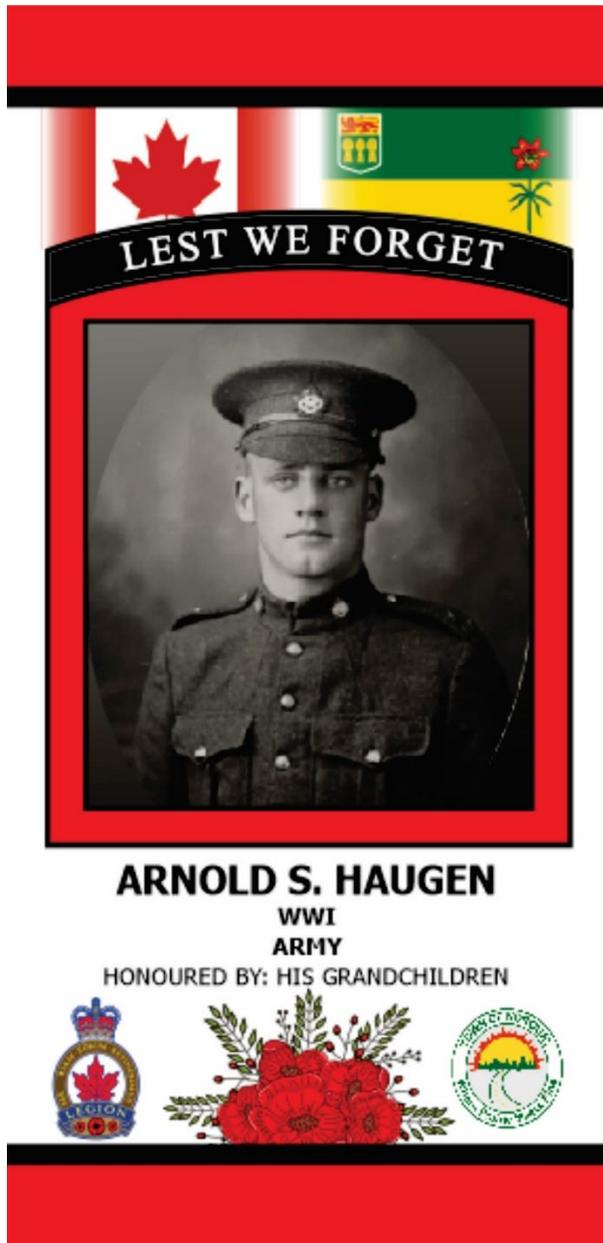
His famous quote to family, “As long as men rule the world, there will always be wars!”



Adeline D. Ferris (Haugen)

October 2, 1923 – May 6, 1980

Adeline was born and raised in the Norquay area. She enlisted with the RCAF and served in Winnipeg and Halifax as a wireless operator. Following her discharge, she returned to Norquay where she met and married Harold Ferris. Together, they raised their family of six children on their farm north of Norquay in the Murray Hills. Adeline loved fishing, hunting, and travelling. Adeline and Harold were both very active in the Norquay Legion. Adeline loved to entertain and had a way of making anyone who stopped in feel welcome!

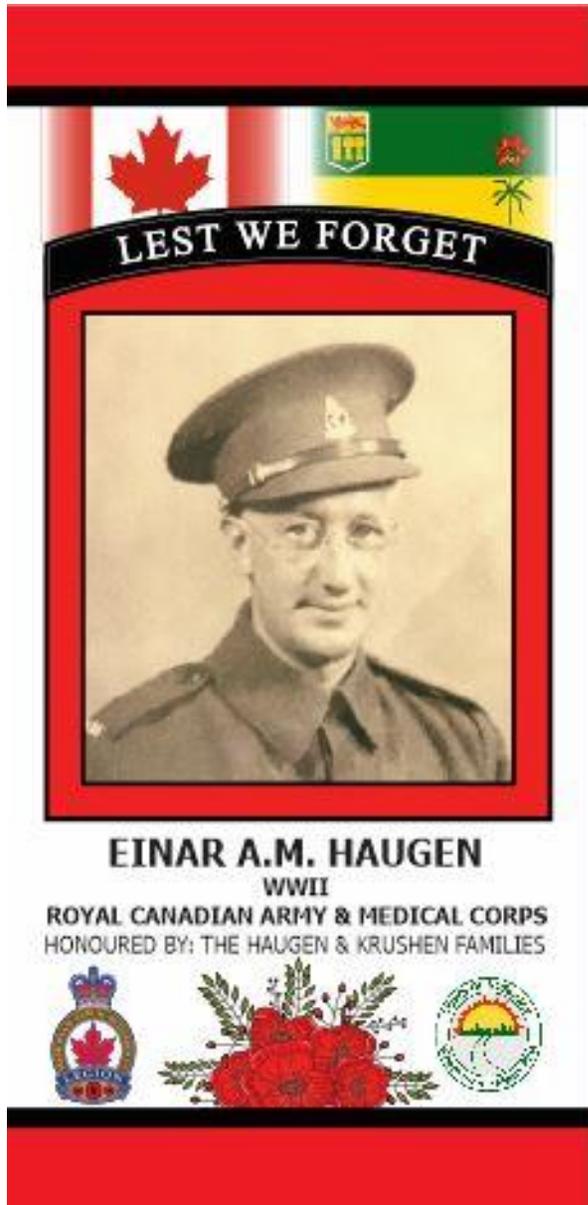


Arnold S. Haugen

April 27, 1897 – May 2, 1976

Arnold was born in Grantsburg Wisconsin to Mathias and Barbara Haugen. He came to the Norquay area with his father and brother in 1904. He enlisted in the 1st Depot Battalion, Manitoba Regiment on April 15, 1918. Arnold served in England with C.R.C.R until April 28, 1919.

He married Dora Hanson in 1923. They raised their four children, Adeline, Emil, Harold and Denton. He was a man of many traits; he worked in a saw mill and was the foreman of the elevator repair crew. Arnold and Dora loved to spend time with family fishing and hunting. He is remembered as a gentle and caring person who never had a bad thing to say about anybody.



Einar A.M. Haugen

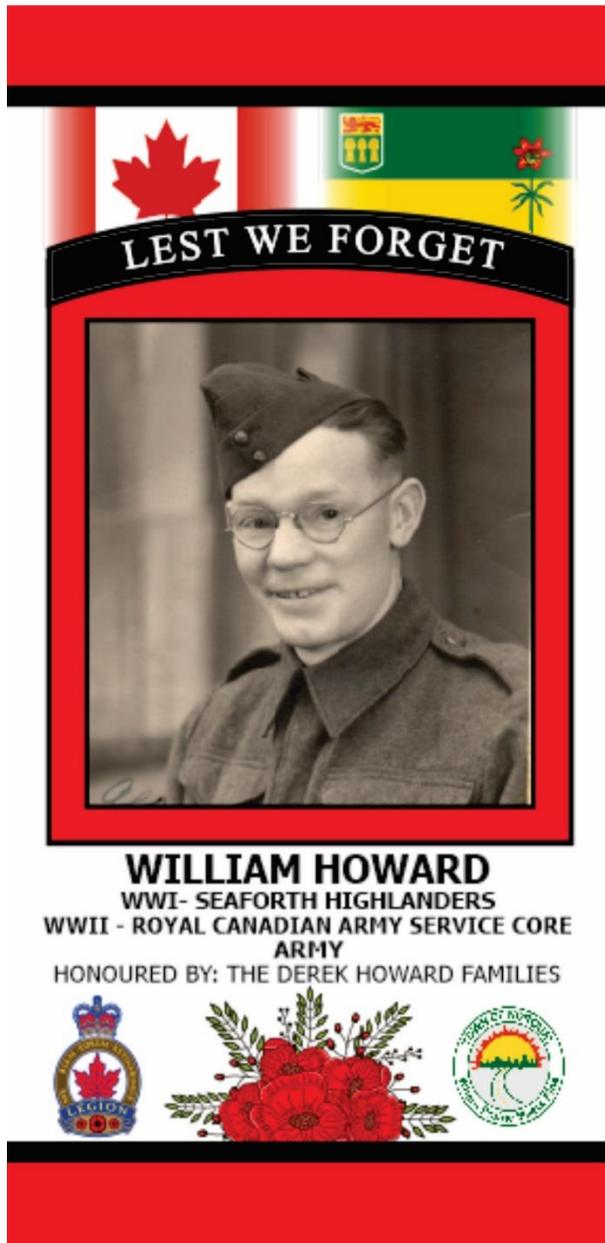
Einar A. M. Haugen was born September 15, 1914 and passed away July 31, 1991.

He received many service Medals through his service in Canada, The United Kingdom, Continental Europe, and Central Mediterranean. He served in WWII (1939-1945) and received the Campaign Star, The Italy Star, The France/German Star, United Kingdom & Commonwealth War Medal, The Voluntary Active Duty Medal & Clasp, and The King George VI Commonwealth War Medal.

Private Haugen enlisted #12 District, Norquay on July 4th, 1941 and trained in Regina with the Princess Patricia and Regina Rifles Regiments, then in Ottawa before embarking overseas. His First Post was Farnham, England. During his initial post, he fell out of a 'deuce' (or Army cargo truck) and spent some time in the Regiment Convalescent Hospital and recovery before being deployed with the unit to France. From there, he went on to serve through parts of Holland, Germany, and in the later stages of war, across the Mediterranean Sea through Sicily and Italy. Private Haugen was in Italy when the war ended on September 2, 1945.

Private Einar A.M. Haugen, son of the late, Mathew J. & Caroline D. (Anderson) Haugen of Norquay, Saskatchewan was honourably discharged in Regina, Sask #12 DD on December 5th, 1945.

Our kind and gentle father married Christine Olivia Arneson, October 22, 1950. We, the family are very proud of his collective history.



William Howard

William Howard was born in Liverpool, England October 5th, 1901. He was educated in Liverpool and worked in the postal services for a time, however he could not wait to join his father and brother in the armed forces, so with a small misrepresentation of his age, he managed to join at the age of 15 joining his father in the Seaforth Highlanders 2nd Division. He served in the medical services and became a nurse stationed in India.

After this, he returned to England and the post office looking for adventure and a better life, he moved to Canada eventually homesteading in Parr View, Sask. Farming was hard in the 30's. When World War 11 broke out, he volunteered in Regina and joined the RCASC serving in the REME as a mechanic. He was shipped to England and from there to France to invasion day and eventually to the front line where he was wounded in a bomb blast. He had a broken back and severe ear damage so was shipped back to England to the hospital and then back to Canada where he took up farming again. He retired to Norquay where he passed away May 5th, 1974.



Otto N. Jacquemart

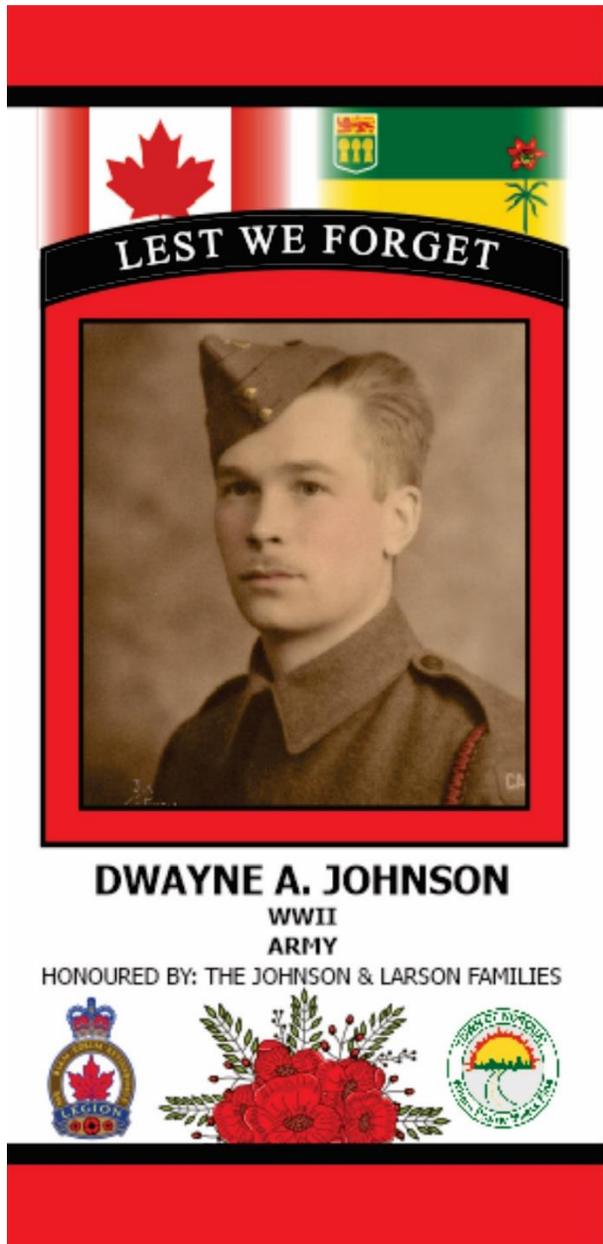
Otto Jacquemart was born in 1891 in St Cloud, Minnesota. Otto along with his family moved to the Forget District in the late 1800 when Otto was still a small boy.

After his brother and father both passed away in 1910 and the rest of his family was moving to BC, Otto chose to join the Army in 1915. He enlisted in Brandon in the 79th battalion of the Canadian Army. He served on the front line Engineers in France and Germany and fought in Ypres and Vimy Ridge.

He was discharged in 1919 when the war ended.

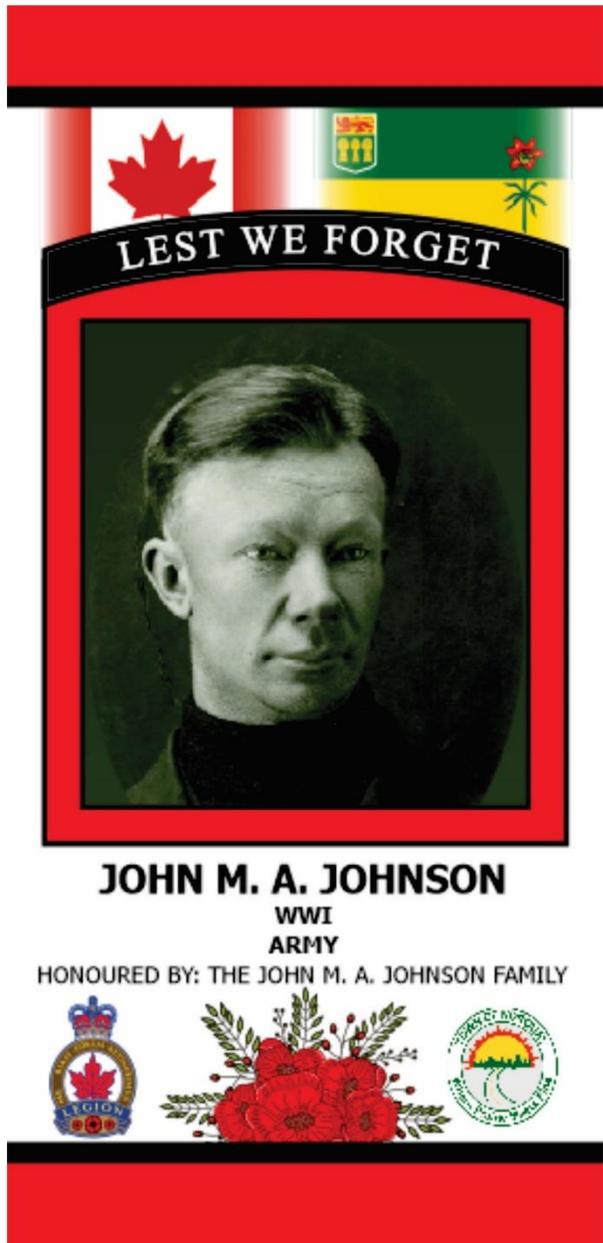
He then moved north to Prince Albert and got land with help of the VLA. He farmed there until 1946 and then purchased land in the Norquay area.

Otto passed away at the age of 88 in 1979.



Dwayne A. Johnson

Dwayne A. Johnson was born at his home SW of Norquay on March 19, 1918. He grew up in the Moss Lake area where he attended Moss Lake School from Grade 1 - Grade 10. He farmed with his father until Fred retired. He married Marjorie Roe in 1940 and they built a house on their land across the road from his folks. They had two daughters Darleen and Wendy. He was enlisted in 1942. Following discharge, he continued to farm well into his senior years. They moved their home into Norquay in 1998 where they lived out their days.



John M.A. Johnson

John Maurice August Johnson was born in Granstburg County, Wisconsin to Norwegian immigrant parents.

John was a Private 1st class soldier in WW1 as part of the U.S. Infantry and served overseas from May 1918 to the end of WW1. He saw active duty in France and received an honorable discharge May 1919.

After the war, John married Margaret Faleide in 1920 and came to Canada in 1925 with his wife and first son, Alton. The children of John and Margaret Johnson include Alton, Ronald and Margot. John and Margaret raised their family in Norquay. Alton (Ida) and Ronald (Polly) also lived their lives and raised families north of Norquay.



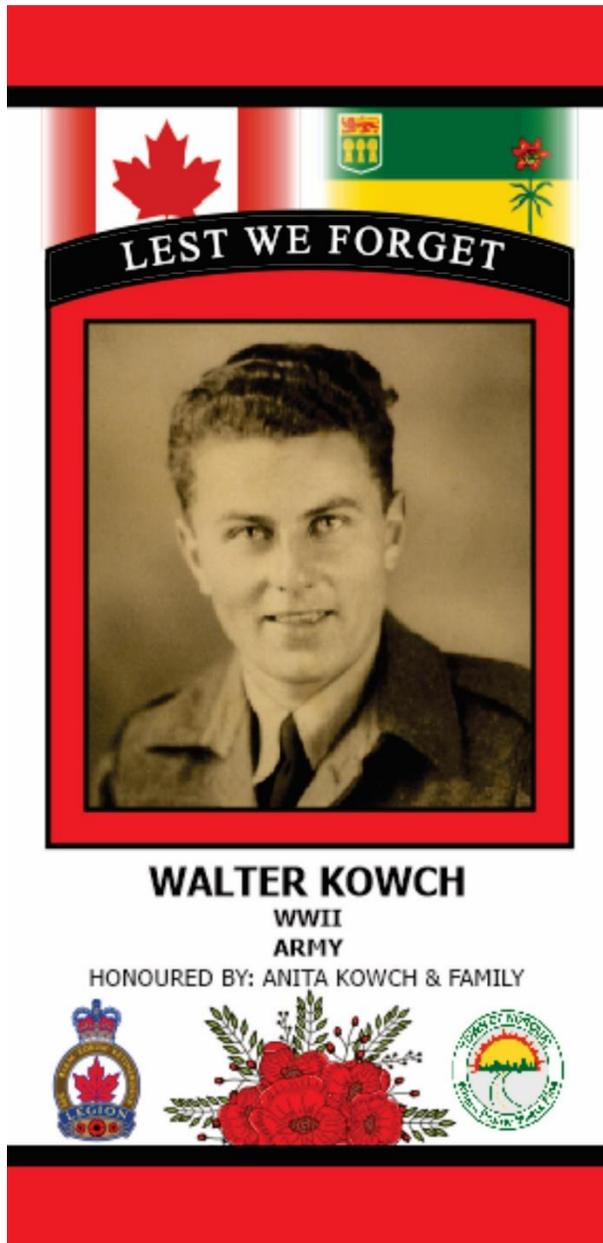
Lester W. Knutson

Lester was born on February 9, 1921 in Norquay and died January 23, 2004.

He enlisted in the RCAF in February 1942. He trained in Moose Jaw as a fitter and upon completion was sworn in at Regina. He received basic training in Brandon then technical training in air engine mechanics at St. Thomas, Ont. He was posted to Halifax, Dartmouth, Scouduc, N.B. and Gander Bay, NFLD. He serviced aircraft used in convoy escort over the Atlantic and the Gulf of St. Lawrence. His last posting was Comox, B.C.

He was discharged on Nov. 7, 1945 and returned to farm in the Norquay district.

He was a life member of the Legion.



Walter Kowch

Walter Kowch was born June 8th, 1925 and grew up in Swan Plain, SK.

In 1943, Walter volunteered to join the army. He was in the Toronto Scottish Regiment – 2nd Division. Walter took basic training in Cornwall, Ontario and then in Camp Borden, Ontario. He completed his training as an advanced machine gunner.

Upon completion of his training, he was sent to Liverpool, England. He went by U-Boat Submarine and landed in Belgium, where he began fighting.

At the end of the war, he was transferred to the 3rd Division, Cameron Highlands of Ottawa.

Walter received an honourable discharge and started farming in 1946.

Walter passed away on June 14, 2009.



Robert Kush

Robert (Bob) Kush joined the Canadian Armed Forces in 1944. He spent six months training as an artillery gunner in Shilo, Manitoba and later Nanaimo, BC.

Later that year, Bob was sent to Petworth England for further training. His regiment (Lake Superior) was sent to Belgium and later into Holland. He spent time in Hengelow, Holland, where soldiers were billeted out in private homes.

In 1945, many Canadian soldiers were given the choice of staying in Germany as part of the occupation force, or to be shipped for the war effort in Japan. Bob returned to Canada in July 1, 1945. When he was at home, the war ended and he was discharged.

Later he joined the Norquay Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion and was a member for many years.



K.D. Matt Mac Naughton

Matt was born in Duval, Sk. On October 2, 1919 to Kenneth and May Mac Naughton. He was an only child. His family farmed there.

Matts Dad died in 1929. In 1932 Matt and his Mom and Step-Dad Walter Brodie decided to move to the Arabella District. There was no water for the cattle and the crops were terrible in Duval.

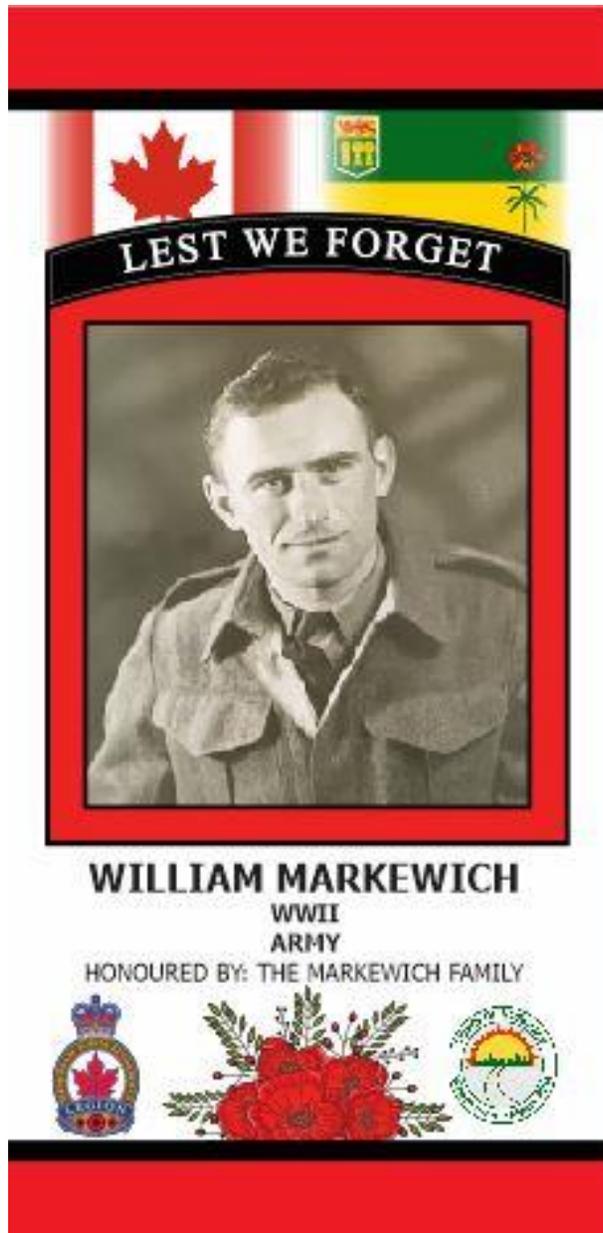
Matt joined the Army and travelled most of Canada. He spent time in Val Cartier, Quebec and Victoria, BC. He stayed in Canada to defend our home front. He thought he should go overseas but he hurt his hip in training exercises. His job most of the time was to drive the Generals around and look after the vehicles.

Matt took over the farm at Arabella, Sask in 1945 after he left the Army. Matt and Elsie were married in June of 1947 and they had 5 children Ken, Keith, Karmen, Karen and Neil. They farmed for many years until their son Ken Mac Naughton and wife Shirley decided to take over the farm.

Matt and Elsie moved to Norquay in 1975. They loved living in town but Matt still made the run out to the farm almost every day to help however he could. Matt and Elsie were proud members of the Legion and they quickly adapted to life in town.

In 2004 Matt and Elsie decided to move to Yorkton and lived at Queen Elizabeth Court. They joined the Yorkton Legion shortly after arriving there. Matt and Elsie enjoyed the many activities at Queen Elizabeth Court. Due to his declining health, Matt moved into Yorkton & District Nursing Home where he loved joining in on the activities and exercises. Matt loved to read and in his time there read over 1800 books. He was always happy to have visitors and his wife Elsie went to see him at least twice a day!

He lived there until his passing September 15 of 2014!



William Markewich

William was born on Dec. 11, 1920. He was the eldest son of a family of 14 children.

He enlisted on Nov. 1, 1943 in Winnipeg, Manitoba as a Private. On Nov. 27, 1943, he was assigned to Fort Garry and on Dec. 7, 1943 he was transferred to Esquimalt, BC. He attended the Canadian Coast and Anti-Aircraft School to train as a Gunner. He trained in Prince George, BC and then at Wainwright, Alberta. On Jan.1, 1945 he boarded the ship called Ile de France and sailed to Glasgow, Scotland. He was stationed in England, France, Holland, and Germany. In Germany he belonged to the Lake Superior Regiment then the Royal Winnipeg Rifles as a Rifleman. He was awarded the France and Germany Star and was discharged on June 3, 1946.



J. Stanley Mutch

James Stanley Mutch was born on Dec. 3, 1921 in Balworth, SK.

He was stationed on Volkel Air Field, Holland. He served from June 21, 1942 to Feb. 8, 1945.

Upon his return on Oct. 17, 1947, he married Doreen Anderson. They farmed in Norquay, Sask until his death in 2004.



Pauline Nahachewsky

Pauline was born on July 25th, 1925 on the family farm to Wasyl and Catherine (Kewaluk) Cybak. As a young girl, she attended the Big Horn School while helping on the farm.

After her schooling, Pauline enlisted in the Army and was based in Ontario. Upon her discharge from the Army, she moved to Windsor, ON for two years. She then moved back to Swan Plain and was united in marriage to Steve Nahachewsky where they farmed together for 63 years.

She enjoyed family visits, gardening, flowers, reading, crossword puzzles and her grandchildren.



Steve Nahachewsky

Steve was born on October 23, 1921 to Mike and Paska (Polowich) Nahachewsky. He attended Swan Plain School and helped on the family farm.

In 1942, he became a member of the Edmonton Fusiliers in Prince George, BC.

On June 21, 1946 he married Pauline Cybak where they farmed together for 63 years.

He enjoyed his family, farming, hunting, fishing, curling and slo-pitch.



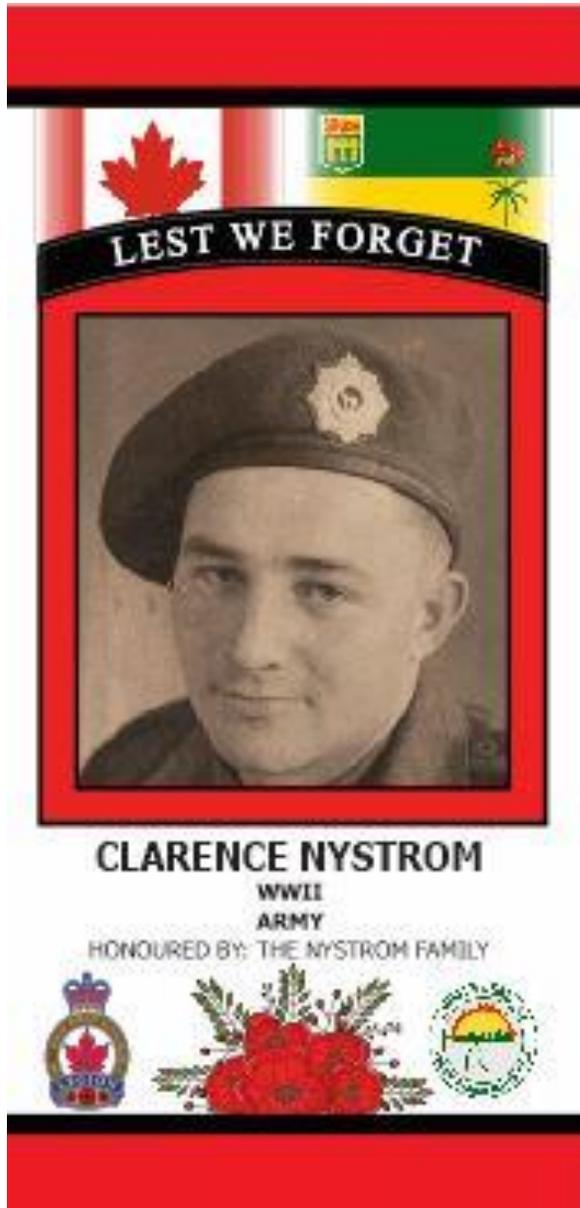
Birtle B. Nystrom

Birtle Nystrom was born Sept.17, 1915 in the Norquay District. He passed away on March 1, 2006.

He enlisted on July 4, 1941 with the 73rd Battery, 5th Field Regiment as a gunner. Birtle took training at Brandon and Camp Shelo in Motor Mechanics. In 1943, he was sent to New York, USA by train to be loaded on a ship with 10 000 other soldiers with the destination of England.

He fought in France, Belgium and Holland. Birtle was wounded in 1944 and discharged on Nov. 26, 1945.

Birtle was a Legion Member of the Norquay Branch #351. He farmed with his wife, Madeline, North of Pelly. He retired in 1979 and moved into Pelly in 1983.



Clarence Nystrom

Clarence was born Nov. 23, 1921 on a family farm in the Norquay District. He passed away on March 4, 2007.

On July 1, 1943, he enlisted in the South Saskatchewan Regiment. He took Training in Regina and Petawawa, Ont. He fought in Belgium, Holland, and Germany. He was discharged on March 23, 1946.

Clarence returned home and attended school in Prince Albert where he took a welding course and opened a welding shop in Norquay from 1949 to 1980. He retired to his farm and later moved into Norquay in 2000 with his wife Ivy.

Clarence was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch Life.



Adolph (Penny) Panagabko

Adolph (Penny) Panagabko was born March 15, 1921 in Arran, SK to Nick and Mary Panagabko. They moved to Norquay in 1924, where the family settled and Adolph grew up, attended school and helped with the family business, “Norquay Harness and Shoe Repair Shop”.

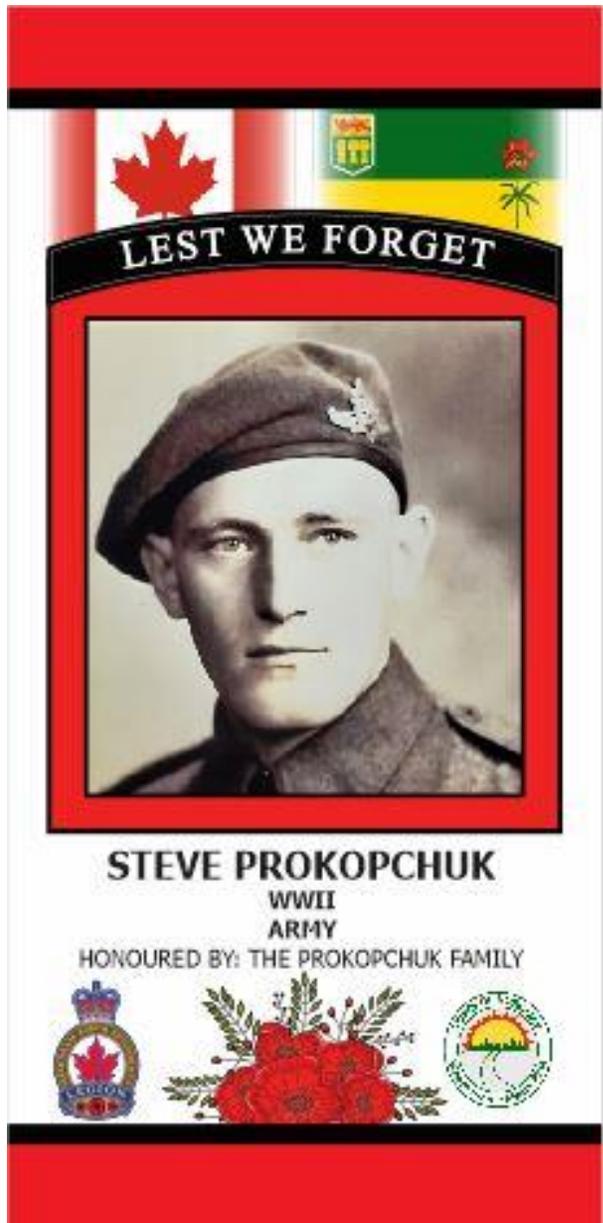
Shortly after school, Adolph enlisted in the Army and spent close to 5 years overseas as a tank gunner fighting in several countries and a few historic battles including D-Day. This was a subject he never talked about with us.

After the war, he returned to Norquay and married Albina (Blondie) Kurtnik of Norquay. They opened a restaurant in Norquay called “Penny’s Inn”, a nickname Adolph got in the war because of his name and size. The restaurant business didn’t work out and Penny worked different jobs in the area until getting a position at the Norquay Post Office, where he worked until his retirement in 1986.

At the same time Penny started at the Post Office, he and his wife had two children, Pattie (McKaeff) and Mark, who they raised in Norquay.

Penny was active in his younger years with jockey, curling, church, and the Legion, where he was Sargent at Arms for many years and a life member.

He was a kind and loving man who was always willing to help a friend and he is missed very much.

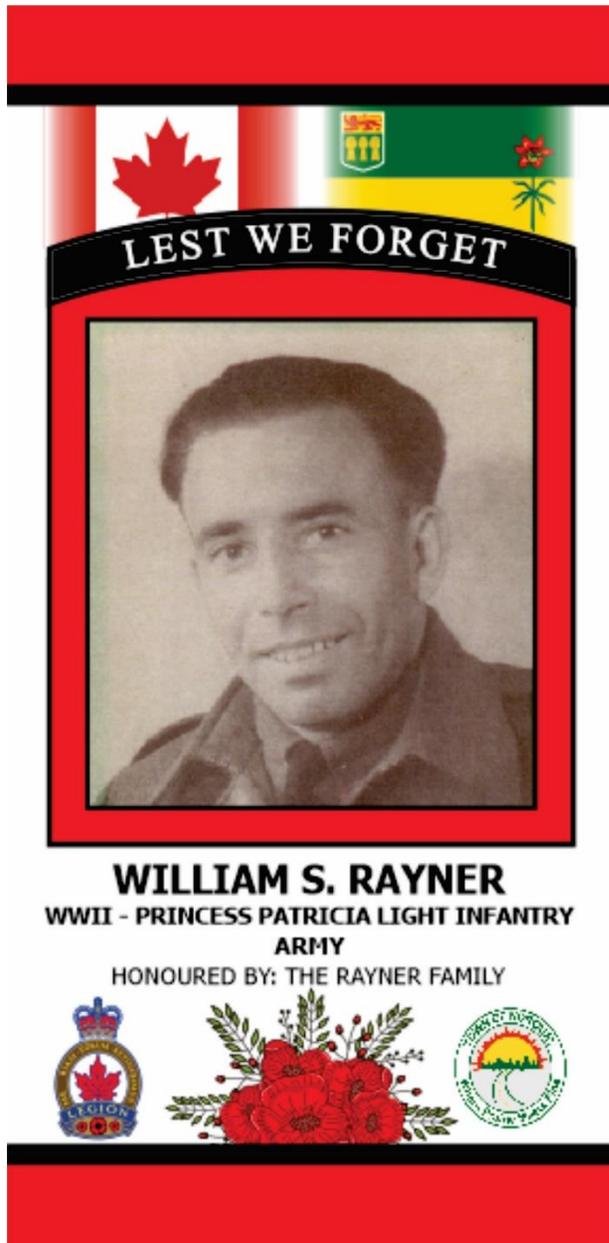


Steve Prokopchuk

Steve Prokopchuk was born on September 22, 1919 in the Swan Plain District.

He joined the Royal Canadian Army in 1940 and trained for two years in Regina, Manitoba, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia before furthering his training in England and Wales. He was then deployed with the 110th Battery of the 15th Field Regiment in September of 1942, serving both as a brigadier and a physical instructor. During his service Steve was part of the allied push from France through Belgium and The Netherlands and eventually into Germany. Steve suffered an injury during battle in October of 1944, but continued to serve his country until he was discharged in July 1946.

Steve returned to Canada that year and married Anna Cybak in 1948. The couple continued to reside in the Swan Plain area where they farmed and raised their five children and two foster children. Steve passed away on February 11, 1995.

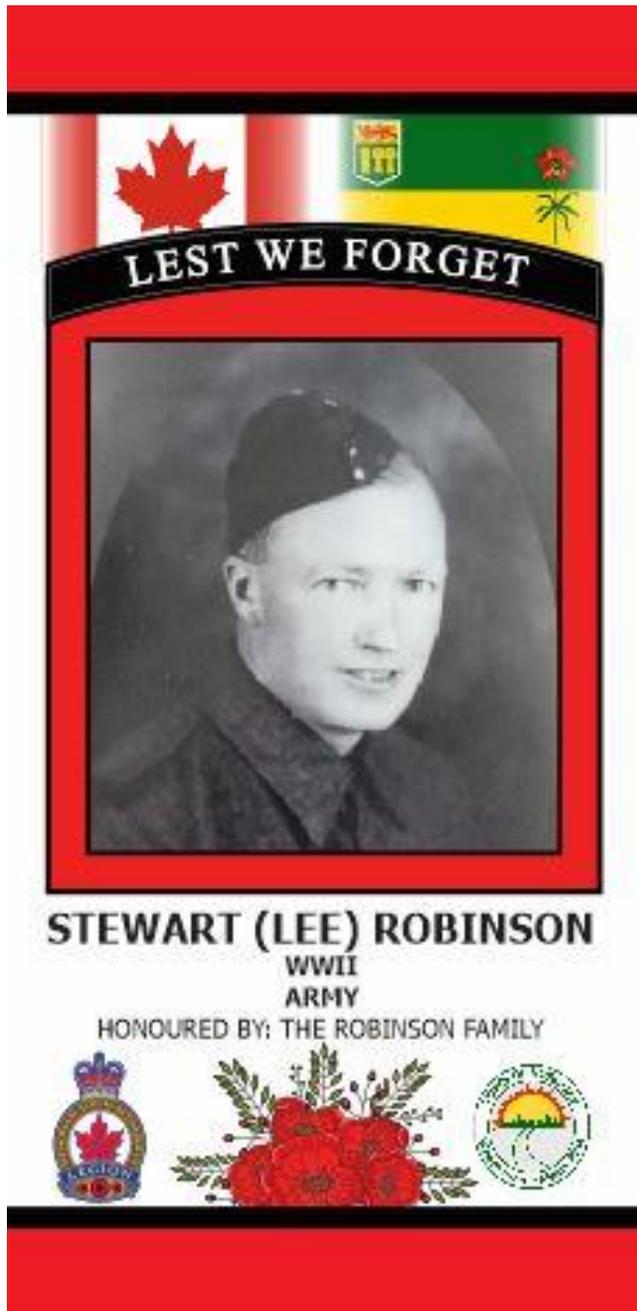


William S. Rayner

William (Bill) Silas Rayner served our country proudly as a member of the Princess Patricia Light Infantry as a Private in World War II. William served as a gunner through this war, where he mainly operated a bofors anti-aircraft auto cannon in his regiment. Bill served his country from Jan. 21, 1943 to Feb. 27, 1946, which included service in the United Kingdom, France and other parts of Western Europe.

Bill was a kind and gentle man, who rarely spoke about his time in the war. When he did, he usually got emotional. William received many awards during his service, which included the 1939-45 Star. The France and Germany Star, the Defense Medal, the CVSM and Clasp and the War Medal (1939-45).

William moved home to live with his parents after World War II, where he started farming north of Stenen, Sask. Bill became a respected seed grower and married Lily (Frederickson). They lived happily on their farm and raised four adopted children whom they loved and cared for greatly. William is lovingly remembered for helping our country with freedom and prosperity to this day.



Stewart (Lee) Robinson

Stewart (Lee) Robinson was born in 1902. Lee grew up in the Manor area and married Agnes Robinson (Rose). They had three sons, Donald, Norman and Larry. In 1934, because of extremely dry conditions around Manor, SK Lee and Agnes (Aggie) along with their sons moved their herd of one hundred cattle to the land north of Norquay. They made a sod house near the Swan River Bridge. In 1936, the cattle could not tolerate the change in feed and had dwindled down to about a dozen head. Lee and Aggie moved to the village of Norquay. Lee and a neighbor, Jim Scott, purchased the Butcher Shop in Norquay for a while, but he soon left for Ontario where he found work in the war munitions factory.

Lee served from July 31, 1940 to Dec. 18, 1945. When Lee returned after the war, he was a farm instructor on the Key Reserve. He was an active member of the Norquay legion as served as President. He was awarded the 1939 – 1945 Star, The Italy Star, and Canadian Volunteer Service Medals. In 1948, Lee and Aggie once more returned to Norquay to operate a Butcher shop and Locker Plant.

Lee and Aggie moved to Victoria BC where he worked as a cook for Seaspan on a tug for about ten years before he retired. He enjoyed fishing, and spending time with his family.

Even though Lee never talked about the war, he would always attend Memorial services. He enjoyed spending time at the legion and was member of the Esquimalt Legion, Branch No. 172.

Lee passed away on November 26, 1977.

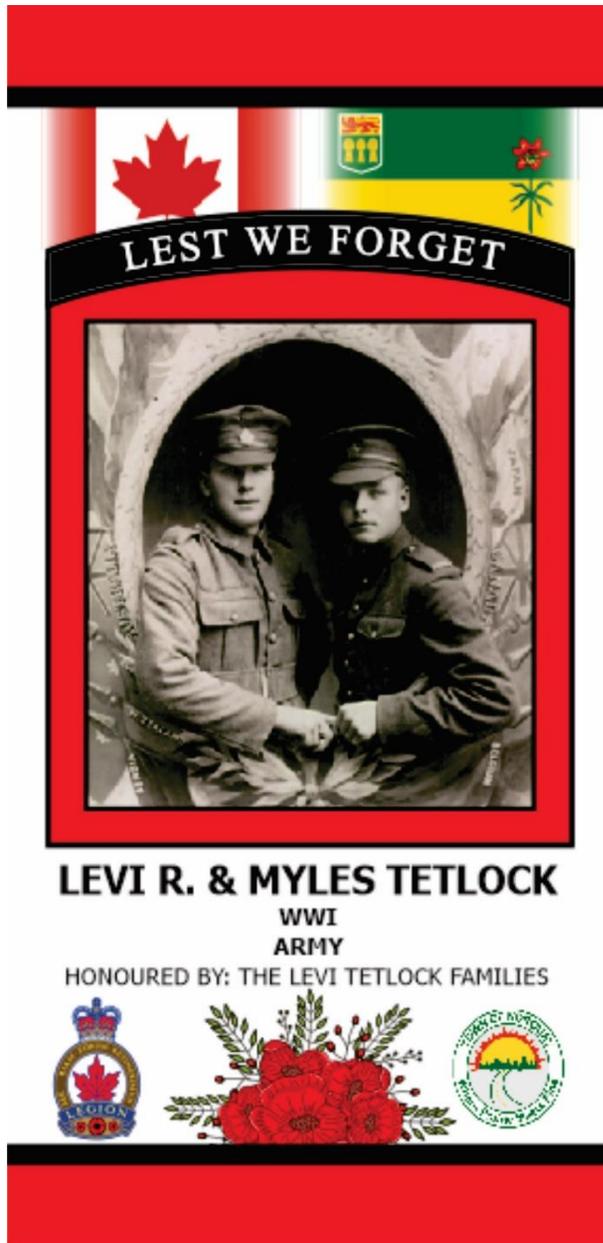


Ommund Ronneberg

Ommund Ronneberg was born 1900 in Stefanger, Norway. He immigrated to Canada to Norquay with his sister Mary and her husband John Ronneberg.

Ommund served with the Royal Canadian Engineers whose headquarters was in Gage Town, New Brunswick. Ommund served overseas. The battalions' focus was to build bridges where needed for the troops. He was wounded when he was blown off a bridge and received a severe concussion. The battalion's role was to "Permit friendly forces to live, move and fight on the battlefields and to deny the same to the enemy."

Ommund died in 1955 and is survived by his daughter, Gladys Fraser.



Levi R.Tetlock

PTE Lance Corporal Levi Tetlock enlisted in the 214th Battalion at Canora April 1917. He was transferred to the 15th Reserve and was attached to the famous Fighting 5th as a sniper in the trenches in France. In August, 1918 in the second day of the Battle of Amiens, he was recommended for the Military Medal for bravery (for valiant and courageous conduct on the Battlefields) for putting out of action 3 machine guns.

Myles Tetlock

PTE Infantry Myles Tetlock also enlisted in the 214th Battalion lying about his age at only 16 yrs 2 mos. In England he was S.O.S'ed to help the Boys Battalion (for under age boys). When he aged in, he was also in the trenches in France with his older brother Levi. It is said Levi took care of an enemy soldier when Myles was about to take a bayonet in the back. Both came home, Levi to live in the Norquay/Canora area. Myles came home and was diagnosed with TB and was posted to Earl Grey Sanatorium and later moved to live with his sister Elizabeth's family on a cattle ranch in Alberta.