

THEY WALKED THESE STREETS...WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.

They lived in Humbercrest, Bloor West, Swansea, the Junction, High Park and Roncesvalles. They lived on Durie Street, Dundas Street West, Windermere Avenue, Beresford Avenue, Medland Avenue, and Jane Street, to name but a few... They were students at Runnymede P.S., Humbercrest P.S., King George P.S., Runnymede Collegiate, Western Tech and Humberside C.I. and attended many churches in West Toronto.

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HUMBERCREST:

FLYING OFFICER ROBERT WALLACE MURRAY

Age 24. He was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. R.W. Murray who lived at 202 Jane Street.

Prior to enlistment he was a student at Runnymede P.S. and Humberside C.I. and worked at the head office of Famous Players Theatres. On April 11, 1944, the Avro Lancaster Bomber plane he was piloting disappeared 200 miles from Crete. He is remembered on the Alamein Memorial in Egypt for his service in the Middle East. The large cancel memorial window at Humbercrest United Church was dedicated in his name in June,1959.

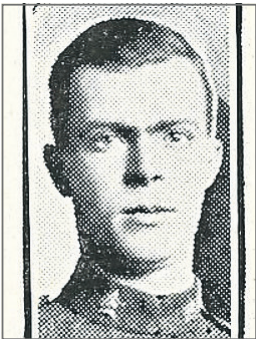


Robert Wallace Murray

HIGH PARK

SERGEANT JOHN JAMES COULTER

Age 24. He lived at 127 High Park Avenue. Prior to enlistment he was a member of the 12th York Rangers for 5 years and worked as a jeweller for Saunders and Lorie. This all-round athlete was married the day before he went off to train at Valcartier, Quebec before heading overseas to Europe. Coulter was part of the Central Ontario regiment of the Canadian infantry and died at Langemarck in the Battle of St. Julien in Belgium in April 1915. His family was informed of his death through a private letter from his cousin, Sergeant Alex Kennedy, who was serving in the same company. Kennedy wrote, “I saw him fall and tried to reach him, but was unable owing to the heavy fire.”Coulter is remembered on the Menin Gate in Ypres, Belgium.



John James Coulter

BLOOR WEST

PILOT OFFICER GEORGE “JOE” SYDNEY SMITH

Age 22. Son of Arthur B. and Zoe Smith, lived at 486 Beresford Avenue. His father was a veteran of the Great War as part of the 5th Canadian Field Ambulance. Prior to enlistment Joe attended Runnymede P.S. and Western High School of Commerce and worked as a general helper at the Ravina Gardens Skating Rink. His two brothers Corporal Art Smith was part of the RCAF Ground Crew and Flight Sergeant Stan Smith was a wireless air gunner on the West Coast of Canada. Joe died in a plane crash over Cornwall, England in April1945, as part of the 14th R.A.F. Squadron of the R.C.A.F. In a letter written to his mother after his death, Joe’s commanding officer described him as “a quiet boy, but was very popular... and his loss is keenly felt by the whole squadron.” Joe is buried in the Brookwood Cemetery in Surrey, England.



George “Joe” Sydney Smith

JUNCTION

PRIVATE THOMAS B. HARDACRE

He was 19. Thomas Served with the 48th Highlanders in Italy. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Hardacre, and the brother of 6 siblings who lived at 72 Hook Avenue. His brother Lead Aircraft Officer Earl was in the RCAF at Malton, Ontario and his brother Edward was a transport driver. Prior to enlistment, Thomas attended Indian Road Crescent School, was a member at Victoria Royce Presbyterian Church on Annette Street and he worked as a truck driver delivering vegetables for the Williamson Brothers. Thomas signed up for war right away in the fall of 1939 and served with the British Expeditionary Force at Dunkirk in 1940. He was killed in action in July 1943 in Sicily and is buried in the Agira Cemetery



Thomas B. Hardacre

BLOOR WEST

PRIVATE WILLIAM J. A. BOYD

He was 22, the son of Mr and Mrs. Alex Boyd of 894 Windermere Avenue. He had 1 brother and 4 sisters. Prior to enlistment he attended King George Public School and worked as a mill hand with Canadian Cycle and Motor Company in Weston. William joined Major Conn Smythe’s 30th Battery in November 1941. He did some advanced training with an artillery unit in Alaska before heading overseas in 1942. He was killed in action in the Netherlands on February 1st, 1945 and is buried in the Nimejen Canadian Military Cemetery in Holland.



William J. A. Boyd

RONCESVALLES

FLIGHT SERGEANT DONALD HERBERT WAUGH

Age 22. He lived at 36 Indian Road with his parents, 2 brothers, Christopher and William Jr. and sister Audrey. Prior to enlistment he attended Fern P.S., Parkdale C.I. and Western Technical School of Commerce schools. Donald was a strong athlete, the captain of the city championship-winning Parkdale C.I gymnastics team. He also worked for O’Keefe’s Beverage’s Limited as a Shipper. In June, 1941, Waugh enlisted and was stationed as Captain as part of a bomber command in a Lancaster Bomber aircraft. He was described by the RCAF as “a keen, intelligent chap, good appearance, alert, well educated, good material for the Air Crew.” He died April 27th, 1943 in a plane crash with members of the 156th R.A.F. squadron of the RCAF over Germany. His epitaph in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery in Germany reads, “ He had a kindly word for each, and died beloved by all for evermore.”



Donald Herbert Waugh

SWANSEA

PRIVATE JAMES ARTHUR BARKER

James was 21 and lived with his parents, three sisters and two brothers at 112 Durie Street in Swansea. Originally rejected by the medical authorities, Barker enlisted a second time and joined up with the 169th Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Force as a bandsman. Prior to enlistment he worked for Bailey Dixon, an umbrella manufacturers company in Toronto and was a member of St. Olave’s Anglican Church on Windermere Avenue. His brother, William was wounded twice at Passchendaele but was awarded the Military Medal at Passchendaele. At the time of his death, September 27, 1918, James had been serving as a stretcher-bearer with the 15th battalion of the Canadian Infantry, Central Ontario Regiment, C.E.F. in France. He is buried in the Sains-les-Marquion British Cemetery in Pas-de-Calais, France.



James Arthur Barker

JUNCTION

THEY WERE BROTHERS IN ARMS: SAPPER RALPH ANDERSON KINRADE AND SAPPER ORRY ANDERSON KINRADE

Ages 23 and 20. Sons of William and Jane Kinrade, and their 8 siblings, Ralph and Orry lived at 212 Medland Avenue. Prior to their enlistment with the 10th Field Company, Canadian Engineers, both men worked at the Heintzman Piano Factory and were members of High Park Methodist Church on Annette Street. Ralph was an usher in the church and Orry sang in the choir. Ralph died of his injuries after a skull fracture caused by a gunshot wound in September 1916 at the Number 15 clearing station in Nord, France and he is buried in the nearby Hazebrouck Communal Cemetery. His younger brother Orry was killed in action in May,1917 and is buried in Bruay Communal Extension Cemetery in Pas-de-Calais, France. The brothers died 25 miles apart from each other in the French countryside.



Ralph Anderson Kinrade

JUNCTION TRIANGLE

BROTHERS-IN-ARMS: FLIGHT SERGEANT ALBERT ARDAGH MITCHELL AND FLYING OFFICER THOMAS RIDLEY MITCHELL

These brothers lived at 227 Windermere Avenue, sons of Albert and Marguerite Mitchell. Albert, age 22, was a “well-known” multi-sport athlete at Howard Park P.S. and Humberside C.I. He was a member of the hockey, football, swimming and diving teams. Prior to enlistment he competed in an amateur diving competition at the Canadian National Exhibition and had been a camp staff at Taylor Statten Boy’s Camp as a swimming and diving instructor. Albert was a popular young man with a lot of friends and a member of Howard Park United Church. He also worked as a stock clerk for Ford Motor Co. in Toronto. He was described in his RCAF training report as being a “bright and go-lucky sort of guy and worries about nothing.” He died in a plane crash during a training exercise in a Bristol Blenheim bomber plane near Abington Pigotts, England on January 29, 1943.



Orry Anderson Kinrade



Albert Ardagh Mitchell

THOMAS MITCHELL

Thomas “Tommy”, age 23, prior to enlistment, worked for the Globe and Mail and MacDonald Manufacturing Co. He was a strong athlete at Humberside C.I. and was a member of the Rotakin Club at Howard Park United Church, like his brother. Tommy was also a camp counsellor at the Danforth Y Camp and at Taylor Statten Camp in Algonquin Park. He joined the RCAF in 1941 and taught many trainees to fly at Aylmer.Tommy died while on the Coastal Patrol at Goose Bay when his Hurricane fighter plane crashed during a blizzard off the coast of Labrador on March 13, 1944. He was buried with full military honours in the Goose Bay Joint Service cemetery in Labrador.



Thomas Ridley Mitchell