THEY WALKED THESE STREETS...WE WILL REMEMBER THEM. FROM HUMBER BAY, MIMICO, AND NEW TORONTO

They lived along the Humber River, along Toronto's Waterfront, in the numbered streets of Mimico and as far west as Long Branch. Many attended John English and George Gauld Elementary Schools, Mimico High School and Long Branch Continuation School. They were part of scouting movements, played baseball and hockey on local teams, sang in church choirs and worked in many of the factories and nearby industries before joining all military forces in the Second World War in 1939. Their names are remembered on honour rolls in local churches and schools, as well as at Legion 101 Long Branch and Legion 643 on Jutland Street.

"They walked these streets... We will remember them."

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HUMBER BAY

FLIGHT SERGEANT HENRY ARTHUR CROUSE

Age 21. Son of Ralph and Helena Crouse. He lived on Berl Avenue in Humber Bay. Prior to enlistment Henry attended Grand Avenue Elementary School and Mimico High School and enjoyed playing baseball and rugby. He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force in January 1941 and trained at Camp Borden and at Mont Joli. Crouse was a wireless air gunner who flew with the 76th R.A.F. squadron and participated in many raids over enemy territory. At the time of his death, Crouse was flying a Halifax Bomber en route to Dortmund, Germany when his plane was shot down over Holland. He is buried alongside flying officer John Wallace Coleman in the Raalte General Cemetery in the Netherlands. He left behind his parents and sister Marguerite.



Henry Arthur Crouse

HUMBER BAY

LIEUTENANT GORDON MAGOWAN BROWN

Age 23. Son of Staff-Sergeant Alexander and Margaret Ann Brown. He lived at 25 Aldgate Avenue, Humber Bay. Prior to enlistment Gordon was part of the Royal Regiment of Canada since he was 14. He is an alumnus of Mimico High School. His brothers Corporal Cameron served in the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps and Able Seaman Franklin served in the Royal Canadian Navy. Gordon originally enlisted in the R.C.A.F. for 9 months and then transferred to the 1st Battalion of the Queen's York Rangers. In early 1944, Gordon headed overseas and served at the Battle of Normandy with the King's Regiment (Liverpool)/Lancashire Fusiliers as a CANLOAN Officer. He died of his wounds on July 30, 1944 and is buried in the Ryes cemetery in Normandy.



Gordon Magowan Brown

HUMBER BAY

WARRANT OFFICER CLASS II ROY BERNARD BEACH

Age 29. Son of Nathaniel and Florence Beach. He lived on Beaty Avenue. While he was born in England, Roy's family settled near Humber Bay and he attended Humber Bay Public School and Mimico High School. Roy enlisted with the Royal Canadian Air Force, 427th Squadron and earned his wings in Mossbank, Saskatchewan in January 1943. Beach was part of coastal command off the coast of Debert, Nova Scotia before heading overseas. He died on March 31, 1914 during an air raid attack over Nuremberg. His plane was reported missing shortly after take off on a mission over Luxemburg on April 3rd. He and his seven crewmates are buried in the Hanover War Cemetery in Germany. Three of Roy's brothers also served during the war, Captain N.A. Beach with the Y.M.C.A. in Italy, Leading Aircraftman Donald Beach in England and Flying Officer, Kenneth Beach with the R.C.A. F. in Vancouver, B.C.



Roy Bernard Beach

MIMICO

FLIGHT SERGEANT NAVIGATOR (BOMBER) JOHN DUNCAN BOYD

Age 17. Son of Samuel and Annie Maude Boyd. He lived at 36 Robert Street, Mimico. Prior to enlistment John attended both Mimico Public School and Mimico High School and the Mimico Presbyterian Church. He was employed at the Anaconda Brass Company in New Toronto. John enlisted in May 1942 in the R.C.A.F. and trained in Ontario, New Brunswick and P.E.I. before serving on operational duty in Nassau, Bahamas. Flight Sergeant Boyd was part of the 547 R.A.F. squadron and died while flying a Liberator on coastal patrol when his plane crashed in Wales on September 19, 1944.



John Duncan Boyd

MIMICO

FLYING OFFICER DOUGLAS HAIG DISNEY

Age 25. Son of Norman and Ethel Disney. He was born on November 11, 1918, the day of the armistice of the First World War. He lived on Queen's Avenue in Mimico. Prior to enlistment he attended Mimico High School and was a student athlete in rugby and swimming. He also held a job at Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. in New Toronto. Douglas enlisted in the R.C.A.F. in September 1941 and trained in Toronto, Goderich and Aylmer as well as in Charlottetown, P.E.I. It was reported in the Toronto Star that Disney was a "very popular member of his crew" who died November 2, 1943 when the Sunderland flying boat he was flying was reported in air operations while on coastal duty off the coast of Northern Ireland. Disney is remembered on the Runnymede Memorial.



Douglas Haig Disney

MIMICO

RIFLEMAN ALBERT WILSON KENNEDY

Age 21. Son of William Kennedy and the late Margaret Craig. He lived at 452 Lakeshore Road, Mimico. Prior to enlistment he attended Mimico High School and enlisted in 1942 with the Queen's Own Rifles. Kennedy headed overseas in January 1943. He died on the beaches of Normandy at Bernieres-sur-Mer on June 21st, 1944. He is buried in the Beny-sur-Mer Canadian War Cemetery. He left behind 4 brothers and 1 sister all living in New Toronto.



Albert Wilson Kennedy

MIMICO

CAPTAIN DONALD KEITH "MICKEY" DAWSON

Age 24. Son of Mr. and Mrs. William Dawson. He lived at 24 Victor Avenue, Mimico. Prior to enlistment he attended Mimico High School where he played in the dance orchestra, part of the Varsity Band and played on the championship Mimico Junior rugby team. He graduated with an arts degree from the University of Toronto and had intended to continue studying medicine at the university. However, he enlisted with the University of Toronto Canadian Overseas Training Corps in February 1941. Mickey was one of the first Canadians to enter Cassino in Italy with the Canadian tanks after having fought through the Sicilian Campaign. He died June 24, 1944, as a Captain of the Three Rivers Regiment, R.C.A.C and is buried in the Assisi War Cemetery in Italy.



Donald Keith "Mickey" Dawson

MIMICO

LIEUTENANT PHILIP HERBERT MORGAN

Age. He was the only son of Mrs and Mrs. J.P. Morgan who lived at 671 Lakeshore Road Mimico. Prior to enlistment in spring, 1942 in the Sherbrooke Fusiliers Regiment, 27th Armoured Regiment, he attended both Mimico Public and Mimico High Schools and the University of Toronto. He worked as a sales engineer with the Kearns Corporation of Toronto and was married to Ada Lunn. Lieutenant Morgan died on the beaches at Normandy as part of the D-Day invasion, June 9, 1944. He is buried in the Bretteville-Sur-Laize Canadian War Cemetery in France.



Philip Herbert Morgan

NEW TORONTO

SERGEANT OFFICER IRENE WATSON

Age 26. Daughter of Jeremiah and Margaret Watson, who lived at 33, Eighth Street, New Toronto. Prior to enlistment, she attended New Toronto Public School and Mimico High School. Watson was a New Toronto correspondent for the Globe and Mail and wrote for the New Toronto Adverstiser newspaper and volunteer for the YWCA and young people's societies. Irene enlisted in March 1941, in the Women's Division of the Royal Canadian Air Force, 116th Squadron and trained at Toronto, Aylmer and in Halifax. She was reported missing and believed to have been killed in an aircraft accident on November 8, 1943, when the flying boat she was travelling in crashed off the coast of Newfoundland and Labrador. 7 of the 12 passengers died in the crash. Sergeant Officer Watson left behind her parents and 4 siblings, one of whom was Sergeant-Major David Watson in the Tank Corps. The Toronto Telegram reported that "she is the first airwoman from the district to be reported missing, believed killed, while on active service and is one of the first in Canada."



Irene Watson

NEW TORONTO

CAPTAIN HARTLEY ROBERT CONN

Age 57. Raised in Meaford Ontario, Conn graduated from the University of Toronto with a degree in medicine in 1914. Hartley was an avid tennis and soccer player who was a well-respected teammate. In the Second World War, ranked as Army Captain for the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps. Hartley was the medical officer at the New Toronto internment camp from its opening in 1940. He was also a well-regarded physician and surgeon. Dr. Conn July 22, 1943 at Chorley Park Hospital in Toronto of a heart attack. He is buried in Toronto's Parklawn Cemetery.



Hartley Robert Conn

NEW TORONTO

TROOPER RICHARD "DICK" ARTHUR BURRY

Age 27. Son of Joseph and Ida Burry, husband of Audry Burry and father of an 11 month old he has never met. He lived at 90, Twelfth Street, New Toronto. Richard enlisted as a Trooper in the Ontario Regiment, R.C.A.C. 11th Army Tank Regiment in December 1941. His brother Serjeant John (Jack) Kenneth Burry died in November 22, 1914 while serving with the Royal Horse Artillery in Tobruk, Libya and he has a second brother also serving overseas. Burry died during a bomb explosion in Sicily in August, 1943 during the Italian campaign and is buried in the Agira Canadian War Cemetery.



Richard "Dick" Arthur Burry