Sgt. Glen Sweetman was the son of Mrs.Laura Sweetman,living east of the Mapleton church:He served with the army.On December 5th,1944,his mother received the message'Seriously wounded and reported missing in Italy'.After five months,she received word from a man in England,telling her that he had heard a message on a radio broadcast from Italy,telling that her son was safe and well,in a prison camp,giving his mother's address and asking any one, hearing the broadcast to send word to his mother.The message had been broad cast by an American Doctor,also a prisoner of war,who had attended to Glen. After the war,Glen returned,bringing a Scottish war bride and they,with their two small sons are living at Copenhagen on a small farm,which they bought.

J.W.Fisher was the son of Mr.and Mrs.William Fisher,living east of the Mapleton church.They were working for Mr.Herbert Brown.He served in the army.He didnt come back to this community after the war.

Archie Fisher ,a brother of J.W.Fisher served in the army.On February 5th, 1945,he was reported 'Missing in action'.

Gunner Donald Foster,son of Mr.and Mrs.Bert Foster enlisted in the army and was a wireless operator.After attending High School in Aylmer,he moved with his parents to a farm,east of the Kingsmill school.Don Foster and Don Finch both went to England on September 1st,on the Queen Mary.The Queen Mary carried troops and went without escort,except for planes part of the way. She depended upon her speed for protection.The trip was made in three and a half days.On board were 19,000 troops and 2,000 crew,in all,21,000 persons. This was the largest number to cross on a single boat,up until that time. Each day,the boat raised a foot and a half out of the water,due to the

food,water and fuel consumed. Meals were eaten in shifts and there was never an hour from 7 A.M. to 7 P.M. when food was not being served.The two Dons felt very fortunate to meet among so many thousands.They had been friends before enlisting and both had left a bride of less than a month.

Don was in the 3rd Division and went into Normandy on D Day and was in action with the I2th Field Regiment until V.J.Day. Following V.J.Day,he was in Hospital in Ghent for two months. On his return from overseas,Don bought the Harvey Martindale farm,east of the Kingsmill school and he and his wife(Norma Light) have made their home there.

Gunner Donald Foster.

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Miss Helen Wodham,daughter of Mr and Mrs.Clayton Wodham,living just west of the Mapleton Church,on the opposite side of the road.Helen enlisted in the army.When peace was declared and civilian life resumed she took up residence in London.

(Mrs.Bert Foster)

P/O Donald Davies Finch.

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P/O Donald Davies Finch, son of Mr and Mrs.Eardley Finch of Mapleton,enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force at London,Ontario in August,1942,taking his basic training at Lachine Que.Then an Air Gunners course at Mt.Joli,Que., and Fingal,He graduated in August,1943.

Before going overseas,he was married to the former Robina Mc.Neil,

Donald made nine trips over enemy territory before he and his crew were killed in a flying accident,on February 2nd, 1944,while training for a special assignment.He and the six other members of his crew were laid to rest in the Stonefall cemetery,Harrogate,Yorkshire,England.

On his grave,is a stone flower holder,placed there by the Crossley-Hunter Group of the Kingsmill-Mapleton Institute.

(Robina(Mc.Neil) Finch)

Sgt. Keith Drake.

Sgt.Keith Drake joined the R.C.O.C. at Woolsey Barracks, in London,as a motor mechanic and placed in the fourth army Field Work Shop,Montreal.He volunteered for the First Canadian Army Base Work Shop Overseas and was sent to Barriefield, Kingston,Ontario,until June I9th I94I,when he went overseas to Aldershot.

In September,he was attached to the Essex Scottish Regiment,as a motor mechanic.

He saw service in Holland and was transferred to an artillery L.A.D.He sailed for home on V.J.Day(I945) and was discharged October 28th,I945.

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Stanley W.Williams,son of Mr.and Mrs.George Williams,formerly of Mapleton and later of Kingsmill,received his early education in the Mapleton school.Later he was employed in Detroit.During Worls War II,he served with the American Army,returning home with health impaired.After months of convalescing,he expired on the street of a heart attack,in his fortieth year.

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Ansel Martindale.

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Ross Neville.

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S/Sgt.Ross Abell.

Harvey Willsey

S/Sgt.Fred Booker.

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Sgt. Francis Cline

Franklin Bray, son of Mr.and Mrs.John Bray,Mapleton,enlisted in London,in the army,on Jan.8th,1945,at the age of eighteen.He took training at Chatham and Ipperwash.He had his embarkation leave the following summer and went to Barriefield camp at Kingston to await going overseas.The European war ending,he volunteered for Japan and took some further training.

Bob Eggleton was employed by Henry Legg when he enlisted in the Royal Canadian Ordinance Corp,in 1942.He took basic training in Chatham,Camp Bordon andFt.Knox, Kentucky.He was posted overseas and served in Sicily,then Italy,where he was wounded and lost the sight of one eye.He repatriated to England in hospital for treatment.He was married while in England.On his return to Canada,he settled in Toronto.

Donald Matthews,son of Mr.and Mrs. George Matthews,formerly of Crossley Hunter enlisted in London,in the fall of 1942 in the Royal Canadian Artillery.He took his basic training in Chatham with further training at Petawawa and Woodstock. He was promoted to Corporal and assigned to Instructional work in Canada. In 1944,in the course of his work,he was serverely injured.For the next three years,he spent most of the time in hospitals and died in 1947.He left a wife the former Margaret Boyle,whom he had married in 1942 and two small children.

Leslie Lake,Son of Mr.and Mrs.Herbert Lake,formerly of the ninth concession, South Dorchester(J.C.Jenkins farm),attended Crossley-Hunter school,later going to London where he was employed in the Empire Brass Factory.He enlisted and went overseas with the Perth Regiment.He was severely wounded in Italy,dying there in 1944,aged 25 years.

Cpl. Elmer Legg.

Cpl Elmer LeggSon of Mr.and Mrs. S.W.Legg,Crossly-Hunter(8th Concession)enlisted in London March,1941, He trained as a clerk,administrative at Toronto,Trenton,Mountain View,Ont. Penfield Ridge,N.B.

In July 1942,was posted to Eastern Air Command Headquarters,Halifax,later was posted to Cap de la Madeline,Que. Then to #5 I.T.S.Belleville and from there to Calgary.

Later was flown up the Alaska Highway route to Dawson Creek,500 miles North west of Edmonton and was posted to Ft.St.John,Peace River District and Whitehorse in the Yukon.Received his discharge in Dec.1945.

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S/Sgt.Ross Abell,son of MR.And Mrs.George Abell Crossley Hunter,joined the R.C.E.M.E.in March,1941.After training at Chatham and the army trade school at Hamilton,sailed for England in October,where for two years,he tookextensive training on tanks.He left England for Italy in November, 1943,where he saw active service,attaining the rank of S/Sgt. with the armoured corp.In Feb.1945,he left Italy and landed at Marsailles,Going through France to Belgium,Holland and Germany.He volunteered for service in the Pacific and was sent home on leave before V.J.Day.He received his discharge in November 1945,later marrying ex.C.W.A.C.Willa Jean Gilbert

of London,who had served with the Canadian Paratroop Corp as a parachute rigger They now live on the Abell farm just north of the Church.

F/O. John Sweet

F/O.John Sweet Son of Eugene and Aleta(Dance)Sweet,great grandson of Zedekiah Dance and John Sweet of the Kingsmill district. Born July 1917;Married Irene King June 1940.Enlisted in R.C.A.F.in August 1941; Took basic training in Toronto,Elementery Flying at Oshawa,Service Flying at #14, Aylmer; Graduated in August 1943 with distinguished pass,receiving his commission with the rank of Pilot Officer at the same time. Six months later he became a Flying Officer.From August to November,he took special training at Trenton.In November was posted to #14,Aylmer as an Instructor in flying for the first class of Fleet Air Arm.On Jan 4th 1944,he was severely injured in a plane crash during a training flight and was hospitalized exactly a year at T.T.S.Hospital,south of St.Thomas,Christie St. Hospital,Toronto and Divadale Convalescent Hospital,Toronto.On Jan.10th,1945 he was posted to Gananoque as Adjutant,which posting he held until the station closed in June,when he received his discharge.He bought a farm on the eighth Concession South Dorchester.

S/Sgt.Fred Booker, a descendent of Bognor Regis, founder of Bognor and credited with its growth from a small fishing village to one of Englands chief resorts. Born Dec. 1903; Came to Canada in 1921; Married Sarah Grawburg in 1924; Has three children - Arthur, Jean and Gardiner; Enlisted at London in Feb. 1941 receiving his training at London, Chatham, and Barriefield(Kingston) in the R.C.E.M.E. He sailed for England in September, 1941 with the 14th Calgary Tank Reg. Six months later he was transferred to the 1st Canadian Tank Troup Workshop and was moved to Scotland to prepare for the invasion of Sicily. Left England June 28th, 1943, landed with the invasion forces in Sicily in July, invading Italy with the Eighth army. He served in Sicily and Italy twenty one months. He was at Casino when it fell. He left Italy in March 1945 and went through France, Belgium and the Netherlands, stationed at Arnum and Stynwick. He arrived back in Canada in September, 1945 and received his discharge October 25th.

Harvey Willsey Son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Willsey Crossley Hunter enlisted in the navy in 1943. He trained at H.M.C.S. Provost in London and at Cornwallis, Toronto.

Arthur Farr, Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Farr, who lived east of Crossley Hunter employed for years by E.L. Sweet and Russell Moore. Arthur was killed in action in Italy.

Ft. Lieut. Stuart Moore, M.B.E. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Moore of the tenth consession, South Dorchester.

IN REMEMBRANCE

You who follow after,shall see the gleam of morning
rise,
Because of those who lie with the last darkness in their
eyes.
And you shall find a world of Justice,Peace and Brother
hood,
Because,rather than be slaves,they perished where they
stood.
And you shall never know the iron heel,the hand of hate,
Because of those who went with songs upon their lips.
These are the fallen ones,their days of love and youth
are done-
They leave to you the rising light and the glory of
the sun.

War II

Sgt.Clarence Leslie

Sgt.Clarence Leslie Son of Mr.and Mrs. Joe Leslie,Crossley Hunter, joined the R.C.A.F.in October,1939,as an instrument maker.While in training in Ottawa, Lord Tweedsmuir died and Clarence was one in attendence at the funeral.His line stood at attention for four hours. He received further training at Calgary, Patricia Bay on Vancouver Island.and took commando training at Coal Harbour. His squadron was lent to the Americam army and they were sent to the Aleutian Islands for four months.Then he was returned to Patricia Bay and served as an instructor,until he received his discharge after six years of service. He now resides at Sidney on Vancouver Island and is in the jewellery business.

Great War I

Lloyd Ackert- Born in 1894, son of Llewellyn and Annie (Smith) Ackert, South Dorchester received his call for Active Service of World War 1, but due to ill health, death seized him in 1918 before responding to the call for training.

At the time of World War I, there were three English lads working for farmers in the community who enlisted :-

Percy Lowenthal from Ansel and W.G.Charltons and C.Finch

William Maddock - from Archie Thomsons

Fred Daniels.

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Also there are boys who were in World War II, who have lived in these communities and attended these schools but who were living elsewhere when they enlisted :-

Bob Buchanan

Alfred Johnson

Michael Johnson

George Rayner

Cyril Rayner

Don Overbaugh

Leslie Davies

D.R.Philp

H.J.Worsley.

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