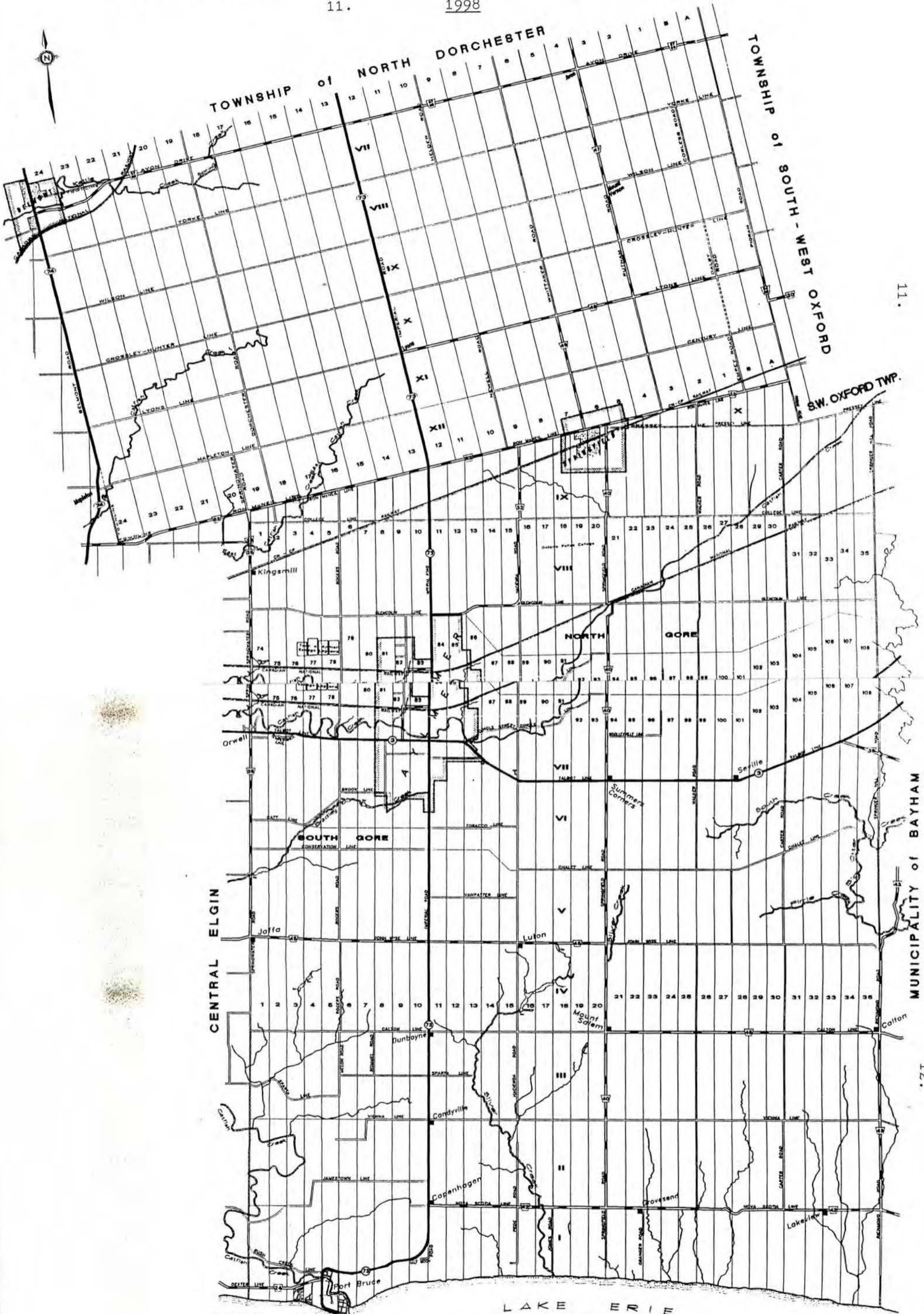


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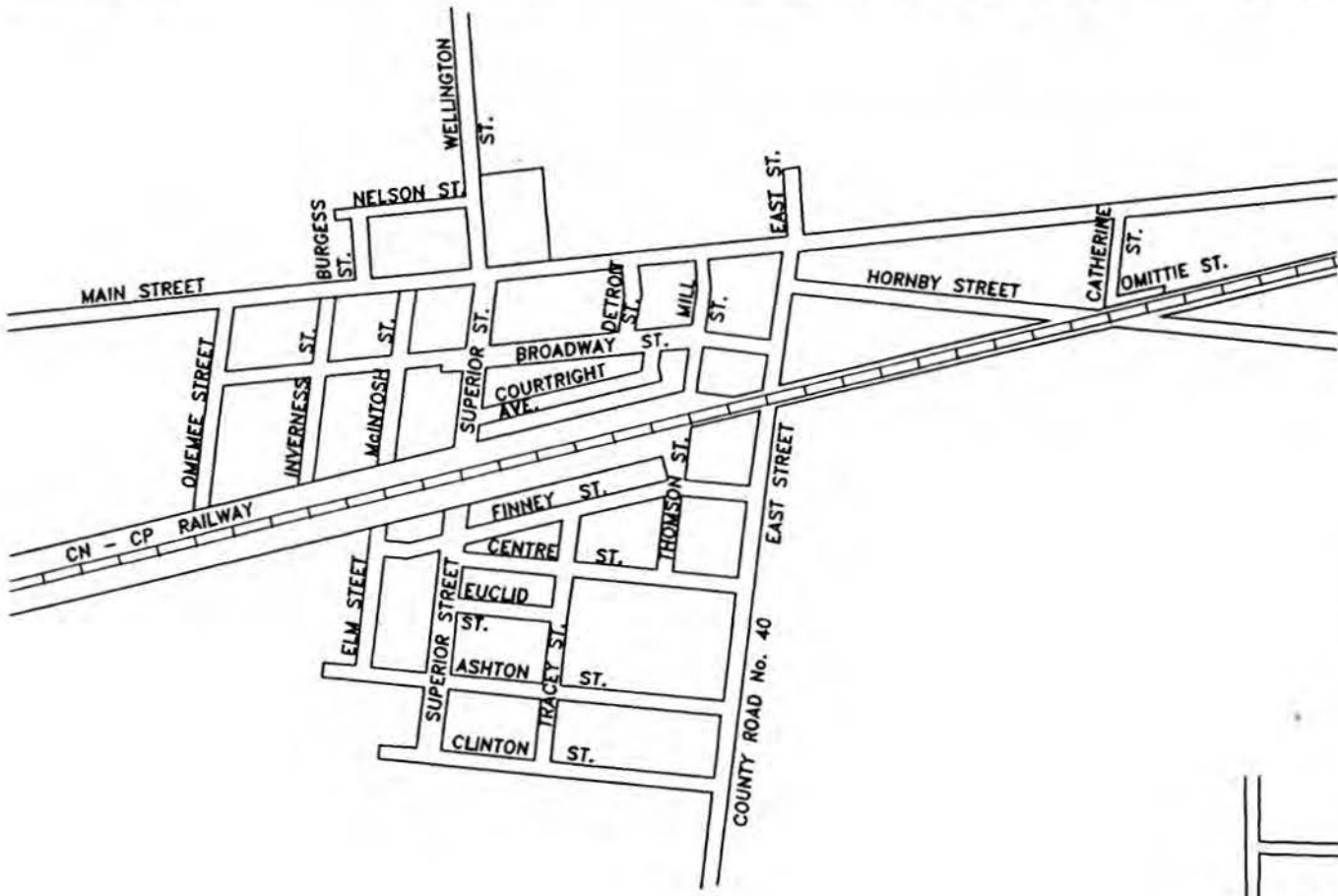


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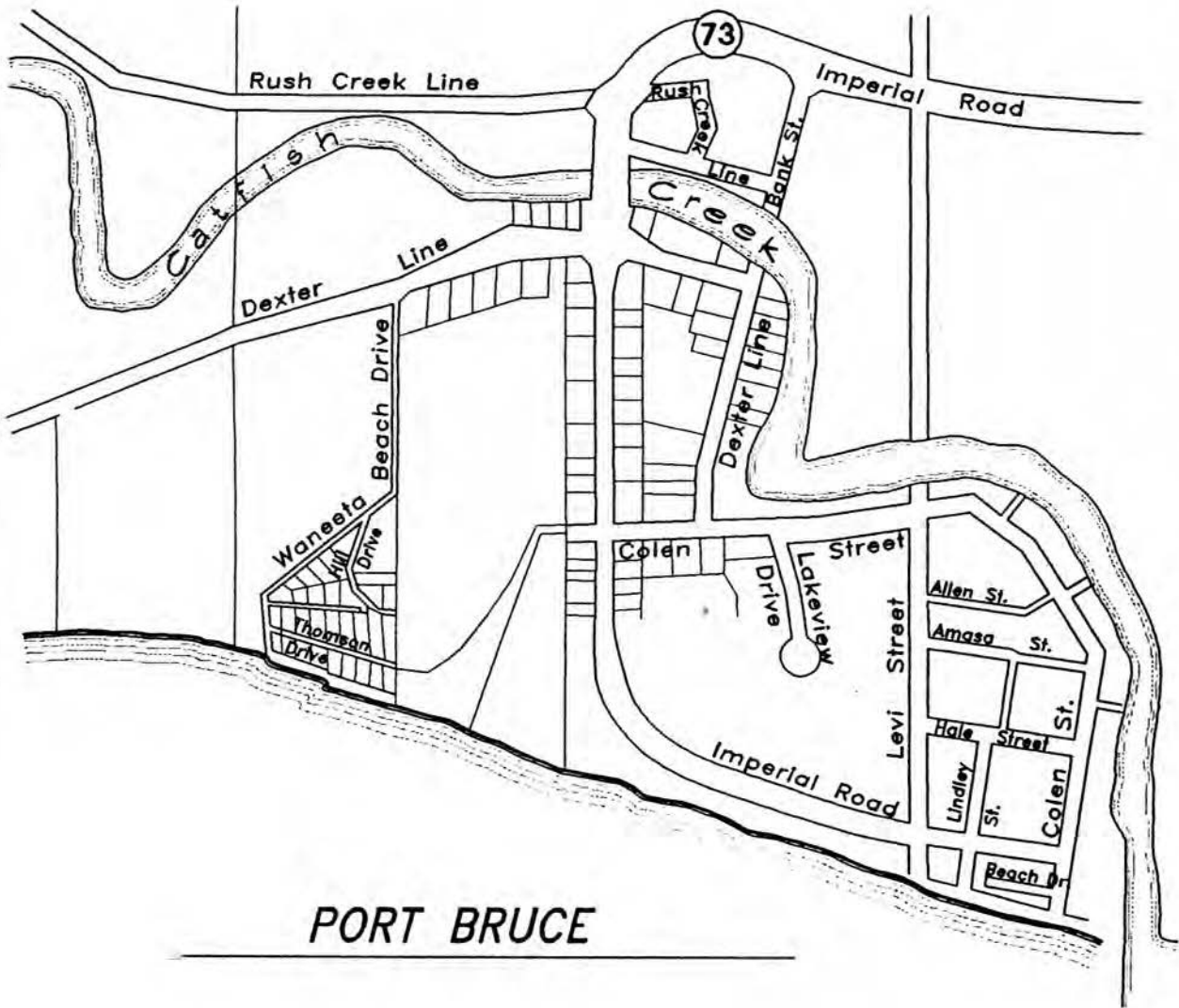
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Forget Them

HONOUR ROLL 1914-1918

W. Antill
O.G. Ballah
E. Barker
H. Blashill
H.E. Burnham
J.H. Branion
M.J. Benner
W. Barnes
D.G. Benson
F.L. Brooks
W.G. Claire
R.W.E. Christie
D.L. Doan
J.C. Dunning

C.E. Elworthy
M.D. Fluelling
C.A. Forbes
E. Freight
O. Garner
R. Gatward
C.L. Haight
W.J. Haight
D.K. Hamilton
J.A. Hare
H. Ingram
F. Kilmer
C.E. Kennington
I. McL. Lawrence

F. Learn
T. Light
A. Methuen
E.D. Mitchell
G. Moore
A.E. Mott
A.B. Mann
C. McEwen
C.E. Orton
W. O'Neil
O.I. Pound
C. Prowse
V. Prowse
W. Prosser

H.G. Purkiss
A.F. Roberts
A.T. Richardson
W.P. Richardson
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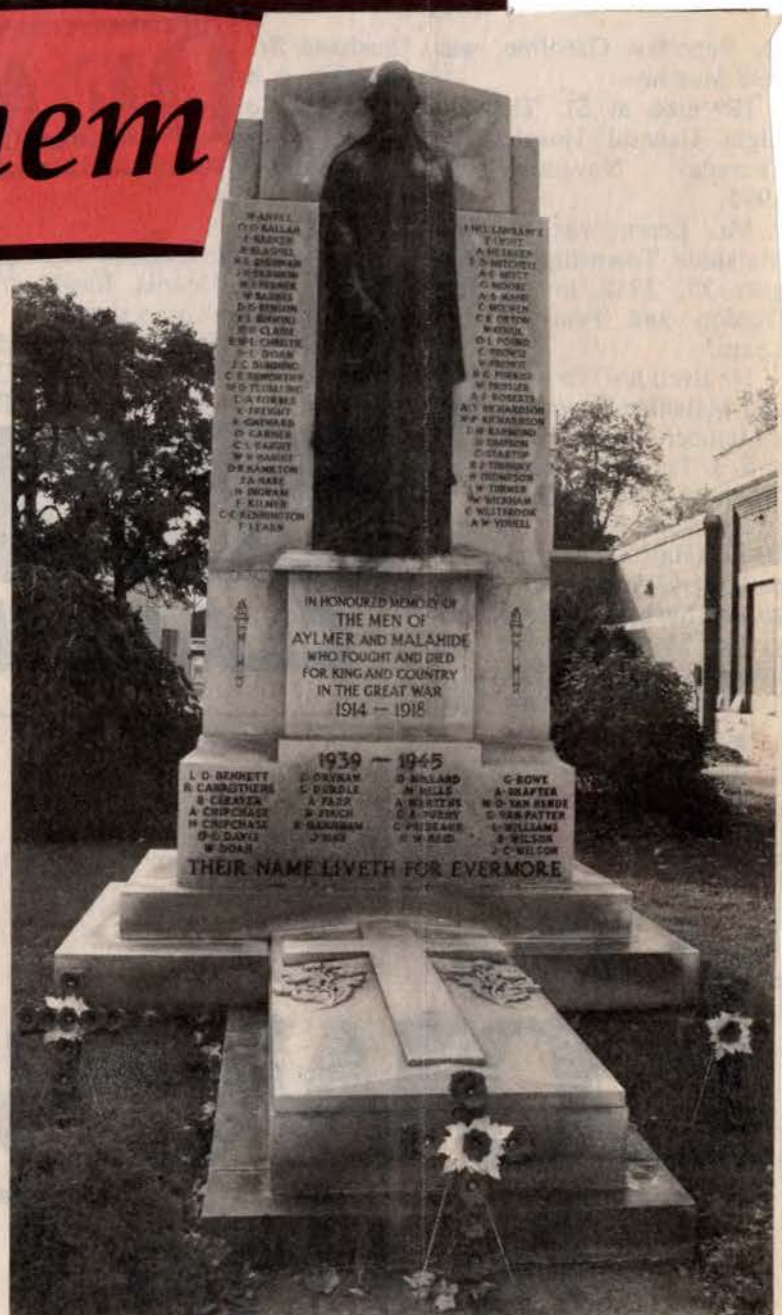
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A. Chipchase
H. Chipchase
B. Cleaver
O.L. Davis
W. Doan

C. Drynan
G. Durdle
A. Farr
D. Finch
R. Garnham
J. May
A. Martens

D. Millard
M. Mills
G. Prideaux
C.A. Purdy
H.W. Reid
G. Rowe
A. Shapter

M.O. Vanhende
G. VanPatter
L. Williams
B. Wilson
J.C. Wilson



East Elgin man remembered in English village memorial

1996

A dedication service honouring the crew of a Lancaster bomber that crashed near Aldborough in Yorkshire, England in 1944 held special significance for Robina Finch of South Dorchester Township. Her husband Donald was a member of that Second Great War flight crew.

He died at age 21 on February 2, 1944 less than six months after they were married.

A plaque, dedicated to the memory of the airmen, was mounted on the wall of Aldborough Old Courthouse, overlooking the village green, and unveiled in a

special ceremony December 11, 1994.

Mrs. Finch said her husband was born in Mapleton and grew up on the family farm there.

He joined the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1942 and trained in Fingal and Mont Joli, Quebec before being assigned to active duty in England. He held the rank of pilot officer, air gunner and was attached to 432 Squadron, RCAF based at Eastmoor.

The two were married August 12, 1943 just a month before he left for England. A bout of pneumonia during his training delayed his graduation.

On February 2, 1944 he and other members of his crew were on a post-maintenance check flight of the Lancaster bomber.

The plaque honouring the crew reads "Their aircraft, on a cross-country training flight, had caught fire and was losing height when the pilot, with great skill, managed to avoid the village and instead came down on Studforth Hill, a short distance to the south."

"I was really pleased to get information about what happened," Mrs. Finch said. "I never really heard details, only that they crashed." She was told of her husband's death by her father-in-law.

For several years after the war, she corresponded with the family of Flt. Sgt. R. Pratt Robinson, a British member of the crew. She learned the seven crewmen had an opportunity to parachute to safety but all remained with the aircraft as the pilot manoeuvred it away from the village.

Mr. Finch was buried in Stonefall Cemetery, Harrogate, England. His wife has never visited the site. The grave has been tended by an English family. "They have been putting flowers on it twice a year, on his birthday and our wedding anniversary."

She did not learn of the ceremony honouring her husband and his comrades until after it took place.

She lost contact with the Robinson family and heard nothing from England for several years. She learned through neighbours that offi-



Pilot officer Donald Finch

cials in England were looking for family members of Canadian airmen killed in the war as part of ceremonies marking the end of the conflict.

A newspaper advertisement in a Toronto newspaper was noticed by neighbours who brought it to the attention of Mrs. Finch.

"It (the ad) was looking for family members of the crew and when they saw the name Finch, they thought I might be a relative."

She replied to the ad and Mike Usherwood of Huntington wrote back and sent reports of the ceremony and photographs of the plaque, cemetery and other memorials.

"The people in the village (Aldborough) think they (the crew) were heroes. They sacrificed their lives by staying with the plane to keep it from crashing into the village," Mrs. Finch said.



1996

S. Finch

Heroes Honoured

After several years of thought, it was decided by the Kingsmill group of Kingsmill-Mapleton Women's Institute to donate a wheel chair, honouring the memory of five young men who gave their life in World War 11.

In a special ceremony, February 14, 1951, the Kingsmill group presented a modern wheel chair to Memorial Hospital, St. Thomas, at the home of Mrs. Ivan Warren. More than fifty women gathered to witness the service of dedication and presentation, in conjunction with a Valentine Tea. Taking part in the ceremony were:- Rev. William Fermer, Mrs. John Donald, president of the group and Mrs. Kenneth McNeil, who gave the presentation address.

Representing the Hospital Trust, was Nyal Cook, President. Miss Isobel Stewart, director of nursing, represented the hospital. The five young men, who died on active service and in whose name the chair was presented were:- Donald Finch, and J. Barry Cleaver, members of the Royal Canadian Air Force; Glen Durdle, Archie T. Fisher and Leon Williams, members of the Canadian Army. Affixed to the chair is a bronze plaque, bearing the names of thr five men and the name of the group through which it has been donated.

Following is the address read by Mrs. Kenneth McNeil:-

"The Kingsmill group of Kingsmill-Mapleton Women's Institute have been much concerned as to how best to honour the men of this district, who gave their lives in the cause of freedom. After much thought it was decided that a piece of equipment, that could be used, first in the present Memorial Hospital, and then transferred to the new Hospital, would not only keep their names honoured in remembrance, but be of service, as it is used in the sacred calling of ministering to the sick. On behalf of the Kingsmill group, we take pleasure in presenting to the Hospital Trust, this wheel chair, in memory of our honoured dead. Their work is done. They gave their all in service. It is our sincere wish that this chair may too, be of service in the great work that is being done by the Hospital". The address was signed by the president Mrs. John Donald and the secretary, Mrs. Lorne H. Orris.

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J.H.

Heroes Honoured

Mr. James C. Jenkins of Belmont, Warden of Elgin County 1948, attended the presentation ceremony. He expressed his personal commendation for the thoughtful act on the part of the ladies. In giving the Hospital such a gift, it will not only be a useful memorial to the five unreturned war heroes but it may help in saving the lives of others, or in alleviating their suffering. The gift was accepted in the sacred cause of humanity.

The chair, one of the newest in stainless steel design and fabrication, represents an outlay of \$125.00 on the part of the group. A bronze plate has been inscribed with the names of the five heroes.

A letter was sent to the Kingsmill group, expressing the thanks of the Trust and personal thanks of appreciation of the trustees for such a thoughtful and useful gesture.

Dr. J.W. Snell suggested the Kingsmill group be given credit in the records of donations and gifts for furnishing the St.Thomas Elgin General Hospital.

June 19, 1996, a donor reception called "Years In The Making" was hosted by St.Thomas Elgin General Hospital Foundation. Attending from Kingsmill-Mapleton Women's Institute were:- Mrs. Geraldine Jenken, Mrs. Leola Sadler, Mrs. Grace Manning, Mrs. Madeleine Jenkins and Mrs. Janet Hiepleh.

Heroes Honoured



Top:- Geraldine Jenken & Leola Sadler

Lower:- Grace Manning, Madeleine Jenkins & Janet Hiepleh



J.H.

Curator's Message2000

The official launching of the "Tweedsmuir Histories" for local communities began in 1940.

Lady Tweedsmuir, who was a Women's Institute member in England, took a great interest in the Women's Institutes of Canada, during Lord Tweedsmuir's term as Governor-General of Canada. It was at the Athens Women's Institute meeting in Leeds County, Ontario, in 1936, that she stressed the need for preserving the interesting history of our Canadian people, the places, customs and activities of our developing land. Four years later this tremendous project was undertaken in Ont.

Tweedsmuir History Volume 5 of Kingsmill-Mapleton Women's Institute, features the last decade of the 20th century.

The factual history of the community highlights the Women's Institute, news of the Community, Students, Births, Weddings, Anniversaries, Deaths, Agriculture, Business, Industry, Local Organizations, South Dorchester Firemen, 4-H, Aylmer Fair Ambassadors, Mapleton Church, Township of Dorchester and amalgamation with Malahide Township, and local War Heroes.

Initials appearing at the bottom of each page is that of the person submitting the article, and the other is the Curator's. The following Women's Institute members submitted information: GM - Grace Manning, MJ - Madeleine Jenkins, NB - Nell Bouthoorn, MJZ - Joyce Zavitz, GJ - Geraldine Jenken, HW - Helen Widner, SL - Shirley Lunn, AVR - Agnes VanRooijen, EJS - Eleanor Stover, JH - Janet Hiepleh, and JP - Joyce Pettit. The Coloured title pages were designed by TH - Trevor Hiepleh. Special thanks to my Assistants Agnes VanRooijen and Joyce Zavitz.

Volume 5 is a permanent record of this community.

For Home and Country

Janet Hiepleh

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Curator

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