

aug. 7/1960 at Mrs (Ma) Galbraith. got left cupboard.  
 Father's home to  
 Mrs Earl Kemper in west home

Naffodil Auxiliary Tea  
 Sponsored by  
West Edgins Institute  
Schedule

- 1962 Mrs David Saunders Home Dutton
- \* 1964 Mrs <sup>Young</sup> Lashbrook Home Rodney
- 1965 Paynes Mills Women's Institute
- 1966 Blachan " "
- 1967 Middlemarch " "
- 1968 Bryan " "
- 1969 Sheddens " "
- 1970 Cowal " "
- 1971 Tyrconnell Ed Wallacetown "
- 1972 Bosall " "
- 1973 Jona " "
- 1974 River Road " "
- 1975 Jona Station " "
- 1976 Dutton " "
- 1977 Kensington Club
- 1978 Cowal " "
- 1979 Paynes Mills W.I. Sept 26<sup>th</sup>
- 1980 Blachan W.I. " "
- 1981 Middlemarch W.I.
- 1982 Bryan " " Aug 25
- 1983 Sheddens W.I. Sept 14
- 1984 Fungal W.I. Sept 12
- 1985 Tyrconnell W.I. Wallacetown Aug 21
- 1986 Bosall W.I. Fungal Sept 10
- 1987 Wallacetown W.I. at Wallacetown Sept 9
- 1988 Jona Sept 10
- 1989 Kensington Club at Lawrence Station Sept 7
- 1990 Jona Station Oct 4

1991	Cowal W 1	Oct 17/91
1992	Paynes Mills	Oct 8/92
1993	Clachan	Oct 6/93
1994	Middlemarch	Oct 4/94
1995	Crenan	Oct 5/95
1996	Shedden	Oct 26/96
1997	River Rd	Oct 4/97
1998	Borall	Oct 24/98
1999	Cowal. Crenan at Crenan	" 16/99
2000	Clachan	Oct 21/00
2001	West Lorne	Oct 13/01
2002	Shedden West Lorne at West Lorne	Oct 19/02
2003	Kensington Click	Oct 25/03

Written by Mrs Norma  
M'Millan

April 21<sup>st</sup> 2004

A tribute to a woman who has influenced my life. Mother's Day, June 9, 2004

This morning I would like to honour a lady who was an inspiration to all of us who knew her. I am speaking about Muriel Glanfield.

As some of you will know-when Carl and I were married, his mother was confined to the house, crippled with rheumatoid arthritis. The first time I met Mrs. Glanfield-as she was generally addressed-was that summer when she came to visit "Grandma". Even though her beloved husband had been killed in an accident in Florida that winter,she was out visiting the shut-ins.

She was a true lady in the best sense of the word. All the years I worked with her at the church, I don't think I ever heard her say an unkind word about anyone. She worked tirelessly, often behind the scenes, never one to bring attention to herself. Her opinion and ideas were always well thought out and were respected by all of us. Her yards--for those who don't know, she lived where Henry and Eva Dryfout live-were always beautiful, and she loved to share her flowers. As flower convenor for many years, she always had two bouquets in Church every Sunday from the time they started blooming in spring until the first killing frost in fall. For several years she hosted a garden tea when her tulips were blooming. Ladies came for several miles to see her gardens. She always supplied all the china cups and saucers--she must have had around 100--but one year the attendance was so large that we ran out! She apologized to the ladies who had to use her "everyday ones".

She always had to have everything "just so" for all the weddings and receptions in the Church. In those days, she, Grace Page and Grace McKillop supplied flowers and decorated both the sanctuary and the tables for weddings. Many were the brides whose head table was adorned with her beautiful crystal teardrop candelabra. She also kept the brass jardineers and the cross sparkling clean. I'm sure we never knew all the things she did around the Church. It was also Mrs. Glanfield who picked out the dishes which we still use. Many are the compliments we received through the years on that choice.

She could never be too helpful. As an example-when Joanne was crowned Fair Queen--I think she was the first one--In all the hustle of grooming and showing calves and sheep, a certain young man forgot that he needed a corsage for her to wear to the Fair dance that night. What to do?? About 7 p.m. I called Mrs. Glanfield, and she came through with a lovely creation which she was proud to be able to supply for the "Queen".

She had many talents. I remember her showing me her bathroom and the story that she had been so lonesome when she first came to Wallacetown as the Doctor's wife that she had passed the time by painting morning glories on the walls. They were there for many years.

Although she had no children of her own, she always took an interest in all the ones in Sunday School, and at that time there were over 100 most of the time. She was at the Christmas concerts to watch them perform, and decorated the gates for them to pass through on promotion Sunday. The Simpson kids related last weekend how they always sat in the back pew and every Sunday as she came in she always ran her hand across their backs as she walked past.

She taught us a lot of things even though we may not have realized it at the time. Most of all I remember her quiet faith which she lived in so many ways; the way she visited the sick and shut-ins, her generosity with her flowers, the way she was always ready to help others, the way she looked after her sister Jean, and the way she loved and cared for all of God's creation. She would never have a cat, because she had too many birds in her yards, and "cats eat birds!"

Although she was never a Mother in the true sense, she certainly MOTHERED a lot of us. I'm sure many of you have a lot of happy memories of Mrs. Glanfield.

Teresa Bobier

## CHRONICLING THE PAST



Girl Cadets of Dutton High School 1946-47. Back row left to right Alice McArthur, Mary Lou Taylor, Doris McFarlane, Eileen Beecroft, Marion McNeil, Jesse McCallum, Alice McKillop, Annie Cameron, Eileen Fowle, Dorothy Watson, Gwen Pugh, Kathleen McKellar, Marilyn MacMillan, Elva Scott, Lois Bobier, June Mistele, Ruby McGill, Janet McNeil, Kathryn McIntyre, Betty Ann McNell, Helen Cameron, Donna Davies, Marg McWilliam, Barbara Walters, Molly McMillan, Anne Lucas, Joan Lindenman, Rose Campbell, Marjorie Jewell, Annie Campbell, Janet McCallum, Anne Blue, Elsie Pollard, Marg McTavish, Evelyn McKellar, Marjorie Carroll, Betty McKillop, Kathryn Manheri, Ella Paton, Jean Peters, Jaqueline Young, Mary Hooley, Martha Lilley, Betty Ford, Marg Jo Taylor, Allison Pearce, Elva Leitch, Audrey Reid, Dorothy Paton, Dorothy Bennet, Phyllis Graham, Helen Hofele, Maxine Small, Tena Campbell, Marg Sinclair, Marg Joy Turner. photo submitted by Dorothy Watson-Staddon

Donald Page

### Donald Page

**Age:** 73

**Resides:** Coyne Road

**Family:** Wife Marion and children Donald, Gerald, Paul, Andrew, Elaine

**Work:** Retired; worked for 33 years in investment securities, including five years with securities at the Toronto Stock Exchange

**Hobbies:** Volunteer work, St. Thomas-Elgin General Hospital board, singing, gardening.

**Issues:** Expansion of the Dutton Medical Centre, exploring ways to increase water supply for Dutton/Dunwich and whether a large vacant lot in downtown Dutton could be developed into a seniors or long-term care facility.

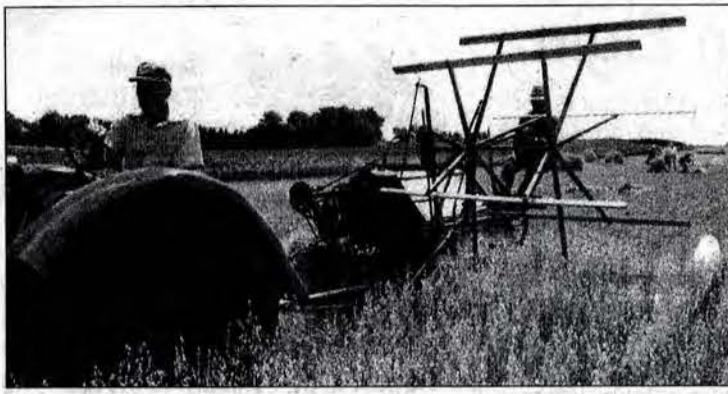


### Experience in Community:

- Councillor – Municipality Dutton-Dunwich – 2003-2006
- Renovation and funding of the Dutton Medical Centre and the recruitment of a Medical Doctor
- St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital Foundation – Past chair
- St. Thomas General Hospital – Member Finance Committee 2002-03
- Elgin and St. Thomas Housing Corporation – Vice Chair 2000-03
- Co Founder of the West Elgin Choral Society - 1998
- North York Kiwanis – Baseball Team Coach & President 1964-68
- Kiwanis Music Festival of Greater Toronto – Treasurer – 1966-67
- Boy Scouts Association – Don Mills – Scout Master – 1965-1968
- Cameron Masonic Lodge – Dutton – Past Master
- United Church – Governance, Renovation, Choir

### Experience in Corporate

- Exec. Vice President & Chief Financial Officer of a full service International Canadian Investment Dealer
- Chair and Board Member The Toronto Stock Exchange 1981-87
- Advisory Committee to Ontario Securities Commission on Commodity Trading – 1980-81
- International Accounting Standards Committee – 1980-83
- Canadian Advisory Board to the Auditor General of Canada 1987-90
- Ontario Securities Commission – Chief of Compliance 1992-93
- International Trade Confirmation Working Group – 1993-94
- Certified General Accountants Association of Canada, President 1979-80

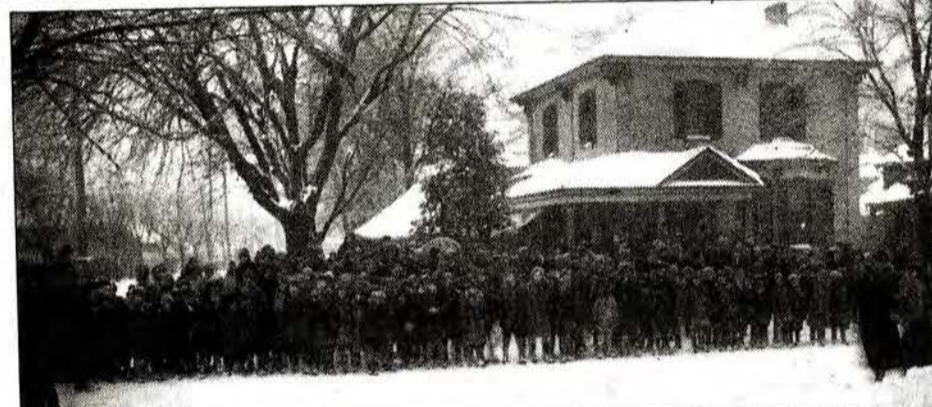


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### STOOKING

(left photo) Jim West pulls Hugh McFadden on a binder harvesting oats on West's farm. McFadden purchased the Massey Harris binder in 1930. (middle and right photos) Peter Hentz forks a sheaf of oats to Hugh McFadden on the wagon on Monday near Wallacetown. They were participating in a Tyrconnell Heritage Society demonstration on harvesting grains in the 1900s. Don Lumley helps put the sheaves on the wagon produced from oats grown by Jim West, on the tractor. They will be threshed at the Heritage Farm Show Sept. 4 and 5 at the Backus-Page House.

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**BYGONE DAYS**

A large gathering of children and adult stands in front of a decorated tree at the Sifton Funeral Home sometime in December in the late 1930s. (Photo from the Scott-Sefton Collection courtesy of the Elgin County Archives. Anyone with information, questions about the photo or seeking reprints, please call the archives at 519-631-1460, ext. 154.)

**Steve Peters, M.P.P.**  
542 Talbot St. St. Thomas, ON N5P 1C4



# Fingal-area dude ranch set to saddle up

By DAVID IRVINE  
FOR THE TIMES-JOURNAL

In 1972, Helen and Dick Steele and their five children moved from London to a 40-hectacre farm nestled into the picturesque landscape and unexpected winding-road gullies of Elgin county located near Fingal.

That dream country home was also a business, the Horseshoe J Dude Ranch, established 15 years earlier in 1957 by the Hauka family.

It was second nature for Dick, who came from a strong business background having taught the subject at community college, and his wife Helen's love for animals took care of the horses.

"You have to really know about horses and business," said daughter Sue Stiles, "and it's something that can keep you working 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and you'd still have things to do."

After 30 years, Helen and Dick have been looking forward to retirement and have been slowly downsizing the number of summer camps and horses over the



Sue Stiles entertains Jake with handfuls of hay at the Horseshoe J Dude Ranch. The ranch, situated on 100 acres of land just west of Fingal, is set apart from other camps like it due to the one-on-one experience camp-goers get with the horses, Stiles said. (T-J photo by David Irvine)

past 10 years, but instead of letting the Dude Ranch close, Sue and her partner Kevin picked up the torch and built a home on the property two years ago and entered into a business deal to acquire the ranch.

"Everything kind of came together at the same time," Sue said, "and I guess, too, that I was the only child that had an interest in the business."

In 2007 the



Children are led down one of the many trails by a camp counselor and instructor at the Dude Ranch — the picturesque farm located in Elgin County is 100 acres, 60 of which are wooded. (Contributed)

ranch will be celebrating its 50th anniversary, and aside from celebrating the landmark year, Sue and her family are looking at once again increasing the business.

"We just need to start building again," she said.

Sue said though they look to attract the horse-loving kids, they are also trying to attract schools, church and social groups, and business organizations to help the re-launch the business.

The week-long camps offer children five years and older many hours of riding western-style on the winding trails, along with hay rides, movies and parties in the barn, swimming in the camp pool, camp fires, and sleep-outs in covered Conestoga wagons.

The ranch also offers one- and two-night weekend camps, and hourly trail rides by reservation.

What makes the camp unique, Sue explained, aside from the setting, is that they run the camps with only 20 children at a time to ensure one-on-one time with the horses and to increase the amount of time on the trails.

"This is what really sets us apart from other horse camps where a lot of different kids share the same horse," Sue explained, "each kid gets their own horse,

they learn to saddle and bridle that horse, and they ride out on the trails at least three times a day."

For additional information on the ranch, log onto [www.duderanchontario.com](http://www.duderanchontario.com), or call 519-762-5402.

# Roll of Honour

Adlington, Allan K - Navy	Griffiths, Herbert - R.C.A.F.	McCallum, Wilfred Leroy - Army	Sutton, Andrew Robert - Army
Adlington, David - Army	Haines, Harold Wallace - Army	McColl, Hugh Fergus - Army	Sutton, Elgin Joel - Army
Adlington, Raymond - Army	Haines, Wilfred - Army	McDonald, Aubrey - Army	Sutton, Wesley Raymond - Army
Affleck, William Eldridge R.C.A.F.	Halpin, Earl - Army	McDonald, Carl Blake - Army	Tansley, Raymond Robert - Army
Aitkenhead, William Walter - Army	Hawkins, Alfred R.C.A.F.	MacEachren, John Norman - Army	Taylor, Norman - Army
Anderson, David J - Army	Henderson, Melvin Frank - Army	McFarlane, Archie - Army	Thompson, Alex - Army
Anderson, Kenneth Robert - Army	Hillman, John Arnold - R.C.A.F.	McFarlane, Gordon - Army	Tolman, George W. - Army
Anderson, Lloyd Russell - Army	Hillman, William Donald - Army	McGinnis, Hugh - Army	Treadgold, Donald Milner - Army
Anderson, Raymond G - Army	Hindle, Edna Lee - R.C.A.F.	McGregor, Douglas St. C. - RCAF	Trothen, R.F. - R.C.A.F.
Backus, John R. - Army	Hockin, Harold William - Army	McKay, Clifford Donald - Army	Vowel, Donald F. - R.C.A.F.
Bailey, Ralph - R.C.A.F.	Hockin, John Murray - Army	McKay, Kenneth - Army	Waite, E.C. Army
Bambridge, John - Army	Hockin, Thomas Donald - Navy	McKay, Robert James - Army	Walker, Howard Ralph - Army
Barker, Fred - Army	Hodder, John William - Army	McKay, Ross - Army	Webber, Arthur Melvin - Army
Beecroft, Almon Edwin - Army	Hoffman, Harry Louis - Army	McKay, Wellington - R.C.A.F.	Webber, Charles Douglas - Army
Beer, Harry R. - Army	Hoglund, David Melvin - Army	McKillop, Archie - Army	Welch, Norman Cogan - Army
Beer, W. S - Army	Holland, Clarence Piper - Army	McKillop, Robert Arnold - R.C.A.F.	Waucaush, Charles M. - Army
Bell, James T - Army	Holmes, Lloyd G. - R.C.A.F.	McKim, Edmond Willis - Navy	Waucaush, James D. - Army
Bennett, Edward James - Army	Horn, Charles Clifford - Army	McLeod, Norman William - Army	Waucaush, McKinley - Army
Bennett, James - R.C.A.F.	Howell, Allan Aylesworth - Army	McMillan, Bruce Grant - Army	Willis, Enos - Army
Blackburn, William - R.C.A.F.	Howell, Murray - Army	McPhail, Margaret Catherine - Army	Willson, Bartley Elmer - Army
Boonman, Irene - Army	Irwin, William - Army	McWilliam, John Stewart - R.C.A.F.	Willson, Hilliard - R.C.A.F.
Bradt, Leslie - Army	Jacques, John Allan - Army	Milligan, James A. - Army	Wilson, Clarence - Army
Brown, Glen L - Army	Johnston, Ian Robert - Army	Milton, Clarence - R.C.A.F.	Wilton, Charles Fred - Army
Brown, James Junior - Army	Johnston, William Carland - RCAF	Minnice, Egerton Preston - Army	Wrightman, Clara G. Army
Brown, John Dent - Army	Jones, William - Army	Minnice, Thomas K. - Army	
Brown, Joseph Rowland - Army	Jones, William Harry - Army	Minnice, Walter Gordon - Army	
Browning, Charles E - Army	Keates, Donald - Army	Moore, David Bennet - Army	
Burch, Archie - Army	Keates, Jack - R.C.A.F.	Moore, Irwin - R.C.A.F.	
Burns, Louis Robert - Army	Keck, Lester Milton - Army	Morant, Myron Elmer - Army	
Callahan, Marion - Army	Keck, Maurice William - Army	Morris, Norman - R.C.A.F.	
Campbell, Alfred Ezra - Army	Keck, Wilbert Roy - Army	Morrish, Phillip Arthur - R.C.A.F.	
Campbell, Clarence McPhail - Army	Keillor, James Alvin - Army	Morrish, Thomas Court - R.C.A.F.	
Campbell, David Robert - R.C.A.F.	Keillor, Ralph Lawrence - Navy	Martin, George Livingston - RCAF	
Campbell, Duncan Kenneth - RCAF	Keillor, Ronald Lee Kiefer - Navy	Martin, Murray - R.C.A.F.	
Campbell, Edgar St. Clair - Army	Kiefer, Donald H - Army	Moyer, Charles Theodore - RCAF	
Campbell, Norman Jacob - Army	Kiefer, Louis B - Army	Mulder, Ralph - Navy	
Carswell, John Homer - Army	Killins, George Stewart - Army	Nicholas, Lloyd Ernest - Army	
Clark, Robert Bruce - Navy	Kilmer, Charles Frederick - Army	Nichols, Murray Edward - Army	
Clark, Stanley D - R.C.A.F.	Knight, Harold L - Army	Nicholl, Walter - R.C.A.F.	
Collier, Chester Franklin Army	Kominar, Andrew - Navy	O'Connell, John W. - R.C.A.F.	
Cook, Albert Edward - Army	Kominar, George - Army	Oliver, William Harold - Army	
Cook, Jack F - R.C.A.F.	Kominar, Martin - Navy	Orchard, Arnold Alexander - Army	
Cook, William J. - Army	Koehler, Harry Elbert - Army	Page, William Morley - Army	
Crawford, Donald P. - Army	Lamb, Edward James - R.C.A.F.	Patton, John A. - Navy	
Crawford, James Arnold - Navy	Lamb, Eileen Jean - R.C.A.F.	Peters, Lawrence - Army	
Cross, Howard Nelson - Army	Lamb, John - R.C.A.F.	Percival, John Keith - Army	
Daniels, George N. - Army	Lamb, Norman Charles - Army	Perkins, Raymond Glenn - Army	
Dummer, Elmer A. - R.C.A.F.	Langford, H. George - R.C.A.F.	Pinner, Robert James - Navy	
Dummer, Raymond G. - R.C.A.F.	Law, Gordon F - R.C.A.F.	Porteous, David Samuel - Army	
Duncanson, Don Allister - R.C.A.F.	Leeming, Delbert Roy - Army	Porteous, Delbert Wesley - Army	
Duncanson, Margaret - R.C.A.F.	Leitch, Lloyd George - Army	Porteous, John - Army	
Duncanson, St. Clair - Army	Leslie, James - Navy	Poysor, Fred - Army	
Edwards, William George - Army	Littlejohn, Jean - Army	Poyser, Freda - Navy	
Evans, William Edward - Army	Littlejohn, Margaret - Army	Purdy, Walter Nelson - Army	
Fillmore, Leo - R.C.A.F.	Lucas, Earl - R.C.A.F.	Rapelje, Norman - Army	
Fillmore, Raymond - Navy	Lucas, Sidney - R.C.A.F.	Revell, James Henry - Army	
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Ford, George E - Army	Lyons, Harold - Army	Roberts, Alfred Edwin - Army	
Ford, John - Army	Lynch, Leo - Army	Roberts, William Dobie - Army	
Ford, Mac - Army	Lynch, Ted - R.C.A.F.	Ruston, Francis George - Army	
Ford, Murray - Army	Mackoske, Edward Allan - Army	Saunders, A. G. Guy - Army	
Foreman, Edward Mervyn - Army	Malcolm, John Archibald - Army	Schindler, George E - Army	
Fox, Frank William - Navy	Malone, Alfred - R.C.A.F.	Schindler, Wilfred - Army	
Fox, John Maurice - U.S.A.A.F.	McAlpine, Robert Alexander - Navy	Schollenberger, Robert H. - Navy	
Fox, Joseph N. - U.S. Army	McCaffery, Daniel B - R.C.A.F.	Scott, Alexander Campbell - Army	
Geer, Jack - Army.	McCaffery, Ernest A - R.C.A.F.	Scouler, Jack Franklin - R.C.A.F.	
Gervis, David - R.C.A.F.	McCaffery, James Cyril - R.C.A.F.	Scouler, Murray - Army	
Gilbert, George Russel - Army	McCallum, Angus - Army	Shiple, Vernon - Army	
Colder, Chester - Army	McCallum, Daniel - Army	Sinclair, Fraser A. - R.C.A.F.	
Graham, Alex. J. - R.C.A.F.	McCallum, Edward Z - Army	Smith, Charles J. - U.S.A.A.F.	
Graham, Arthur - Army	McCallum, Francis Owen - Army	Smith, Harold Armstrong - Navy	
Graham, Malcolm Grant - Army	McCallum, James Alexander - Army	Smith, Harold E. - R.C.A.F.	
Graham, Vernon Hamilton - Army	McCallum, John Cattanaach - RCAF	Smith, Peter M. - U.S.A.A.F.	
Green, Harvey - R.C.A.F.	McCallum, Lloyd - RCAF	Smith, Walter James - Navy	
Green, Reginald H - Army	McCallum, Margaret - Navy	Songhurst, Leslie George - Army	
Green, Russell - Army	McCallum, Norman - Army	Sowden, Willard Wm. - Army	

*This page is a tribute to "The Boys Who Paid the Supreme Sacrifice." Excerpts from "A Tribute To Valour - 1945"*

# A Tribute

**ALLAN MACKENZIE BURSLEM, M.C., B.A.**  
Lieutenant



LIEUT. Burslem was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Burslem, of Dutton, and was born on May 12th, 1916. He graduated

from Western University with his B.A. degree with honours in Geology in 1938. After post graduate work at Queen's he joined the Hollinger Gold Mines as Geologist, and in 1942 enlisted with the Canadian Armoured Corps, and the same year was gazetted a Lieutenant. He proceeded overseas in April, 1944, and as Signals Officer with the Algonquin Regiment saw action in Belgium, Holland and Germany, where he was killed on April 12th, 1945. Lieut. Burslem was awarded the Military Cross for gallantry in action when the Algonquin Regiment attacked enemy strong points on the outskirts of Veen, Germany. The citation follows:

"Lieut. Burslem, R.C.C.S., directed the intercommunication during the attack. Shelling was extremely heavy. It was impossible to prevent infiltration of enemy snipers. Drivers of supply vehicles and ambulance jeeps were continually being killed and wounded by sniper fire. In spite of this constant danger, Lieut. Burslem personally guided his line parties into the forward localities under fire and during a 36-hour period made no less than eight trips personally repairing line and carrying batteries to the posts. During this action Lieut. Burslem also acted as guide to ammunition and supply vehicles and on one of these occasions the ammunition carrier he was leading was halted by strong anti-tank fire. Disregarding the fire his actions drew, this officer quickly transferred some of the badly needed Piat ammunition into his jeep and attempted to run it through to the company where supplies had been exhausted. He was again held up by sniper fire but successfully dealt with this situation by employing his Bren gun and eventually reaching the beleaguered company." Lieut. Burslem is survived by his widow, the former Rita Marie Gillies, London, Ont.

**BRUCE IVAN HILLMAN**  
Flight Lieutenant  
— No. J11013



FLIGHT Lieutenant Hillman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hillman, was born at Caledonia, Ont.,

moving to Dutton with his parents several years ago where he attended Dutton High School. He enlisted in the R. C. A. F. in May, 1941, and after training at Belleville and Crumlin, graduated as a pilot at Aylmer in April, 1942. He instructed at Bunnville until proceeding overseas in March, 1943. In England F/L Hillman flew Spitfires and Mustangs, and crossed to the continent with the Tactical Air Force shortly after D-Day, following our armies through France, Belgium, Holland and into Germany. He was shot down and by bailing out qualified for membership in the Caterpillar Club. Following the completion of his tour of operations he ferried Mustangs to North Africa until May, 1945, when he returned to Canada. F/L Hillman was accidentally killed on July 14th, when struck by a train near Lawrence Station, Ont. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. B. I. Hillman, 20 Pelham Road, Gravesend, Kent, England. F/L Hillman was buried at Fairview Cemetery, Dutton, Ontario.

**DONALD DUNCAN GRAHAM**  
Flight Lieutenant  
— No. J5999



FLIGHT Lieutenant Graham, son of Dr. and Mrs. M. G. Graham of Dutton, was born in Exeter,

Ont., in May, 1922. He attended Exeter Public School and the Canadian Academy, Kobe, Japan, and enlisted in June, 1940, while attending Dutton High School. He trained at Brandon, Manitoba, at Sea Island, B. C., and graduated as a commissioned pilot at Saskatoon, Sask., in June, 1941. He studied general reconnaissance at Charlottetown, P. E. I., before proceeding overseas in November, 1941. In England he was attached to No. 280 R. A. F. Squadron, Coastal Command, engaged in air sea rescue duties from bases in Norfolk, Yorkshire, and in the Hebrides. He transferred to Wellington torpedo bombers, and was posted to North Africa where he joined No. 458 Squadron, Royal Australian Air Force. F/L Donald Graham was killed on the night of July 30th, 1943, in a crash landing after returning on a single engine from an operational flight with that squadron. He was buried on August 1st in grave K6, Borgel Cemetery at Tunis, North Africa.

**GEORGE COLE HEFFORD**  
Private — No. A3334



Private Hefford was the son of Mrs. Mary Hefford and the late George Hefford who was killed at Vimy Ridge

in the first World War. He was born and educated in Dutton. He enlisted in November, 1939, with the Royal Canadian Regiment at London and was stationed briefly at Valcartier, and arrived in Scotland in December. He trained at Aldershot and other points in England, and in May, 1940, went to and returned from France before Dunkirk. Following this operation his unit went through intensive invasion training in Scotland in 1942 and 1943, and on July 10th landed in Sicily. He was killed near Pachino on that day. He was buried in Plot C, Row D, Grave 305, Canadian Military Cemetery, Algira, Sicily. His wife, Mrs. Peggy Hefford, 4, The Chase, Wallington, Surrey, England, survives him.

**GEORGE HENRY BACKUS**  
Trooper — No. A1 04765



Trooper Backus was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Fred Backus, and was born in

Dunwich Township, south of Wallacetown, in 1907. He enlisted in October, 1942, at No. 1 District Depot, and trained at Listowel and Camp Borden. Early in 1943 he was transferred to Nova Scotia, and in the Fall of that year was stationed in the United Kingdom. He went to France in July, 1944, and later to Belgium and Holland. While serving with the 25th Armoured Delivery Regiment he was accidentally drowned on November 19th, 1944, in the Quid Williams Canal, Holland. Burial took place in a temporary grave at Os, Holland.

**HAROLD KENNETH HOFFMAN**  
Private — No. A102926



Private Hoffman, a son of Mrs. Pearl Hoffman, was born in Rondeau, Ont, on June

13th, 1922. He moved to and received his education in Dutton. He enlisted on September 1st, 1942, with the Essex Scottish, and later was transferred to A Co., Carlton and York Regiment. He trained in Canada until March 20th, 1943, when he went to England, and later was with his unit in the invasion of Sicily and Italy. On the night of September 7th, 1944, while engaged in severe action in Italy, Pte. Hoffman was severely wounded and died soon after on his way to the hospital. At the time of his death he was serving as a stretcher bearer evacuating wounded. He was buried in a temporary grave located at a point approximately 8 miles south-east of Rime, Italy.



**JOHN WILLIAM ROSS**  
Flight Sergeant — No. R197407



Flight Sergeant Ross was the son of John M. Ross and the late Catherine Bennett Ross, and was born in Dunwich on January 20th, 1926. He attended Dutton High School and from there enlisted in May, 1943. He was trained at Lachine, Quebec; Ottawa, Toronto and Belleville. He completed his training as an air gunner at Bombing and Gunnery School, Mount Joli, Quebec, in April, 1944. After further training at Valleyfield and Lachine, he was posted to England in June, 1944. F/S Ross carried out his operational training in Yorkshire and became mid-upper gunner of a Lancaster bomber of No. 428 (R. C. A. F.) Squadron. He had completed four operational flights when he was killed on January 28th, 1945, while on a cross country training flight in England. F/S Ross was buried at the Royal Air Force Regional Cemetery, Harrowgate, Yorkshire, England, on February 2nd, 1945.

**KENNETH DONALD DUNCANSON**  
Private — No. A88028



Private Duncanson was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan. Duncanson. Born in Wallacetown on June 7th, 1915, he

later resided in Dutton, where he received his education. He enlisted for active service on August 24th, 1942, and served with Headquarters Staff in Canada at Listowel and Ipperwash. After one year in Canada he trained for ten months in England. He was attached to the Algonquin Regiment and for six weeks participated in fighting at Caen, Falaise Gap and the Leopold Canal. On October 2nd, 1944, Pte. Duncanson was reported missing in action. On June 1st, 1945, definite news was received that he had been killed in action on September 14th, 1944, at the battle of the Leopold Canal. Private Duncanson is survived by his widow, the former Mabel Lillian Haggerty.

**JOHN BENJAMIN RUSTON**  
Pilot Officer — No. J15002



Pilot Officer Ruston, son of Elder and Mrs. George Ruston, of Dutton, was born in New York City on July 14th, 1915. He graduated from Dutton High School and the University of Western Ontario, before enlisting in the R. C. A. F. in June, 1940. P/O Ruston was trained as a navigator at Toronto, Edmonton, Alberta; Mossbank, Sask., and Rivers, Manitoba. At Edmonton he was presented with the award to the

highest standing student in the graduating class by the Lieut. Governor of Alberta. After arriving in England in January, 1941, he served on a Whitley Squadron of the R. A. F. Late in his operational tour his aircraft hit trees when attempting to land in fog at the Royal Air Force station at Monston, England, on September 21st, 1941. P/O Ruston was fatally injured and died on the way to the hospital.

**JAMES MURRAY PHILLIPS**  
Flying Officer — No. J42729



Flying Officer Phillips was the son of Mrs. Jean Phillips and the late Gordon Phillips. He was born at Iona Station and obtained his early education in Strathroy and London, later moving to Dunwich where he attended Dutton High School. He enlisted in the R. C. A. F. in November, 1942, and was posted to Brandon Manning Depot in February, 1943. He graduated as pilot officer at Dafoe, Sask., in March, 1944, obtaining the highest marks in his class as bombardier. He proceeded overseas and became a member of a Lancaster Bomber crew of No. 405 R. C. A. F. Squadron of the R. A. F. Pathfinder Force. On his second operational flight over the Ruhr Valley on December 29th, 1944, F/O Phillips failed to return. Due to a lapse of time and lack of further information the death of F/O Phillips was presumed for official purposes to have occurred on December 29th, 1944.



**LEO GARTH GIBSON - Flying Officer — No. J20374**



Flying Officer Gibson, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Gibson, was born at Dutton where he spent his early life. He was educated at Dutton Public and High Schools previous to his enlistment in the R. C. A. F. in August, 1941. He trained at Brantford, Toronto and St. Catharines before graduating as a pilot at Bunnville, Ontario. F/O Gibson went to the United Kingdom in August, 1942, where he became pilot of a Halifax bomber of No. 420 Squadron in No. 6 Group (R.C.A. F.) of R. A. F. Bomber Command. Early in his operational tour the aircraft of which he was captain failed to return from an operational flight over Germany on February 13th, 1943. The body of one member of the crew was later recovered and buried on the Continent. F/O Gibson was commissioned overseas in December, 1942, the date of his commission being July 17, the date of his graduation at Duttonville. He was promoted to the rank of Flying Officer on January 17th, 1943. No information has been received since he was reported missing, and his death has been presumed for official purposes to have occurred on February 13th, 1943.





# to Valour



In this "Tribute To Valour", the citizens of the Township of Dunwich and Town of Dutton desire to pay homage to those of our sons and daughters who in the years 1939 to 1945 fought for the freedom and the rights of humanity. The fifteen who paid for victory with their lives have bequeathed to us an immortal legacy — the inspiration to keep alive and glowing the principles which they defended, the cause for which they died.

Through out those six long years of conflict, when oftentimes it seemed that nothing could successfully halt the vast war machine of a desperate and ruthless enemy, we turned in faith to the Supreme Ruler of the Universe,

and besought Him to grant strength and guidance to our leaders and our forces that victory might attend them and that the world might once more learn the truth that might alone does not make right, and that in the world of nations as in the world of men, there is a power even greater than physical force.

Our prayers were answered, and at long last victory came. Miraculously the Battle of Britain was won; so, too, the Battle of the Atlantic; then followed El Alamein; Sicily; the sanguinary struggle up from the toe of Italy; then the battle of Normandy with the heroic days before Caen and Falaise, and, miraculously it seemed, the Rhine

was crossed, and the arch enemies of all that we counted best in the world, were overcome.

May we not with pardonable pride point to the heroic part our Canadian boys played in achieving that victory and bringing peace once again to a weary world.

These are the thoughts that have prompted the citizens of Dunwich and Dutton to bring together in book form the photographs and brief biographical sketches of the men and women from this community who answered the call of King and Country, and risked even life itself, that freedom and righteousness should not perish from the earth. May the record of their

service and sacrifice, with our humble acknowledgment of Him who was our shield and our shelter when the earth did tremble, provide inspiration and endurance for all men of goodwill in the work and service which the dearly bought peace makes paramount in our lives and in the lives of those who shall come after us.

The pictures and information on these pages were taken from "A Tribute To Valour" 1945. The above article is the "Foreward" in the book.

The information was compiled from records given to the award committee by the next of kin, relatives and friends.

## KEEPING THE PEACE

By: Amanda Marshand  
Veteran: Wayne Gaudon

On June 2, 2005, I had the opportunity to interview a peacekeeper named Wayne Gaudon. My partner Sarah and I asked him questions to get to know about who he was and what he did in the war. Wayne Gaudon enlisted in the military in 1969. He went to Cyprus to keep the peace between the Greeks and the Turks. During his time in the military, he would be rotated through a time period of six months. The countries that Wayne served in were Cyprus and the Middle East. During this time, he left his wife, son and daughter. The felt lonely, but his wife understood. They kept in touch by using a short wave radio and got only five minutes to speak to each other at a time. They also wrote back

and forth to each other. We asked him if he agreed with war and he replied that in some situations, yes, because sometimes it has to be done. When he was a peace keeper, it made him understand a lot such as what values are and how life was for the people. Being a peacekeeper, Wayne didn't fight in the wars, he was there to talk the soldiers out of fighting. He would unload their guns and some would get upset about it and put up a fight. We talked about conscription and basically he believes that people should be in the military if they are able to and are needed.

When Wayne was a peace observer, he was not able to get involved with the fighting. He could only make observations of what was going on. Wayne liked helping people but he disliked being away from his family, watching people suffer, seeing how poor and disadvantaged they

## WILLIAM J. SHAW Sergeant — No. 16186470



Sergeant Shaw was born in Detroit where his mother, Mrs. Wilfred Yapp, still resides. He spent some years of his childhood with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Clark, of Dunwich, returning to Detroit when twelve years of age. He enlisted in the U. S. A. A. F. at the end of 1942, and became an aerial gunner. In July of 1944 he was in New Guinea on A-20 medium bombers. Subsequently he was engaged in operations over New Guinea, Netherlands East Indies, and the Philippines. By the end of January, 1945, after sixty-eight hours of operations, Sgt. Shaw was given leave in Australia. The aircraft, a C47, on which he was returning from leave, was lost between Townsville, Australia, and Finschafer, New Guinea. An intensive search resulted in no trace of the missing aircraft.

## LESLIE HAROLD JOHNSTON Sapper — No. A104804



Sapper Johnston, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Johnston, was born in Dunwich. He joined the Royal Canadian Engineers in London, Ont., in July, 1942, enlisting for general service on October 28th, 1942. He served in Canada until February 28th, 1944, when he went to the United Kingdom, and was on duty in England until crossing to France on D-Day. On July 8th, 1944, Sapper Johnston was reported missing while serving in France with the 18th Field Company, Royal Canadian Engineers, and was presumed dead on March 27th, 1945. He was believed to have been killed in action on the 8th of July, 1944, in the vicinity of Villons Les Buissons, France.

## KENNETH A. MacLEAN Flight Engineer — No. 1207299



Flight Engineer MacLean was the son of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. J. A. MacLean of Duff Church, Largie, Ontario. He was born at West Minnesota, U. S. A., later moving to Canada with his parents, where he attended Kingston Collegiate and Queen's University. At the time of his enlistment in April, 1942, Flight Engineer MacLean resided in Niagara Falls, N.Y. He trained at several stations with the United States Army Air Force and received his commission at Las Vegas, Nevada, following advanced training on B-24 Liberators, proceeding to North Africa in December, 1943, where he joined the 736 Bomber Squadron, 454th Bomber Group, of the 15th Air Force. He almost completed his tour of fifty operations when his aircraft was reported missing February, 1944, after interception by enemy fighters in a raid on Grantz, Austria. Following an extensive inquiry and search his death for official purposes was recorded October, 1945.

were, and the fact that he couldn't do anything about it sometimes. In Cyprus, the Turks had soldiers as young as 13 and 14 years old. When Sarah and I were done asking Wayne questions, he told us a story about a little boy on the Turk's side. This boy was about five or six years of age. His parents were killed and he was left with his baby brother to take care of. Wayne and the other men would let the boy come in for every meal time and let him eat. He looked after his brother by bathing him, feeding him, and keeping the flies off him, until one day, the Turks found out that Wayne and the other men were feeding them their meals. The Turks took the boys away and sent them somewhere. They were never seen again. Taken with permission from "The Scars That Never Fade...The Veteran Project 2005 - W.E.S.S.

## GOD'S GRACE IS WAR WEARY

Can we not win without willing ourselves weary,

Does death not dawn the decision and determine our doom?

When we wake and walk upon the winding straight

We remember what was once a query,  
Now dastardly draped the drowned doctrine  
Like a flower forbidden to bloom.

Meandering mindlessly amongst mere mortals

Thinking thoughts that threaten those,  
Manipulations maintained by many a man.  
My eye makes out a meek vision of freedom  
through the portals,

Though then their thought overtakes the thicket,

And the thorn the rose.

Gracious and grateful glutens gloat gifts of God

Which push people to purpose to power

The great gloom of glory

Glazes groups with madness of shield and rod,  
Impatiently plowing peace to pieces, purity to pain,

And ash from a flower.

By: Kory Preston

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