

The Merritton Cenotaph

Lest We Forget

By William John Stevens - January, 2022

The Merritton Cenotaph was dedicated on July 31, 1921. It was one of the first memorials built in Canada to honour those who died in the 1914-1918 War. Planning for the monument began in June of 1919 with the local Red Cross Society starting a fund-raising Campaign in November 1919 for a Memorial and for Medals for Merritton returning servicemen. The Merritton Fire Department was also involved in the fund-raising. The Thompson Monument Company of Toronto was the builder and Emmanuel Hahn of that firm did the design and the sculpturing work. At the unveiling the Merritton Band was in attendance conducted by W. J. Holden. Major the Reverend Canon Porter carried out the dedication. Mayor Stuart, the Chairman of the Memorial Committee, gave a short speech. The Second World War and Korean War names were added later.

1914 - 1918 Background Data

There were two Niagara Peninsula Battalions in 1914 in addition to the 7th Field Battery (now the 10th). These two Infantry Battalions , the 19th Lincoln Regiment of St Catharines and the 44th Lincoln and Welland Regiment of Niagara Falls, Welland and Lincoln and Welland Counties were amalgamated in 1936 to form the the present Lincoln and Welland Regiment.

Large numbers of reinforcements were sent overseas from the 19th and the 44th; the 19th sent 1409 Officers and Men; the 44th sent 3072 Officers and Men. Most of these went to the three Canadian Expeditionary Force Battalions that were raised in this area; the 81st, the 98th and the 176th. These units went overseas. Although not going to France, they supplied men to other battalions. The 98th Battalion sailed from Halifax on July 16, 1916 on the SS Lapland.

Inscribed on the monument: Erected by the Town of Merritton In Remembrance of Her Honoured Dead and those who carried on in the Great War 1914-1918 and World War II 1939-1945 Korean Conflict 1950-1953

<p><u>1914 – 1918</u></p> <p>Louis O Neill George J Doyle Edward McGrath Arthur Hogan Joseph Gilroy Frank Pullar Michael Hopkins Adam Gray John Hanley John Stewart Roland J Pickworth Alexander McKay Thomas McCullough</p>	<p>Charles Florence Richard Spavin Robert McCann Michael Newcombe William Mitchell Morgan Andrews</p> <p><u>1939 - 1945</u> Robert Ednie William Brown Leonard Boardman Clifford Augerman Adolph J Ricci George Pew John Boyuk</p>	<p>James Davidson Jack Alexander Arnold Mills Kenneth Boucock Evan Nelson Donald Hammond Harvey R Lafferty Joseph Popiluk Archie Gray William Nixon George Downes</p> <p><u>KOREA 1950 - 1953</u> John F Gill</p>
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Private (Louis) Lewis O'NEILL

Who was killed in action on Saturday, November 18, 1916

Born August 12, 1895 - Merritton

Parents: John F. and Minnie O'NEILL

Service number: 164463 - enlisted in Hamilton on September 28, 1915

Enlisted 84th Battalion – served with 75th Battalion Can. Infantry (Central Ont. Rgnt.)

Commemorated on Page 143 of the First World War Book of Remembrance

Cemetery: Serre Road #2 - Somme, France, Beaumont-Hamel - grave F 1890

Lance Corporal George Joseph DOYLE

Who was killed in action on Friday, September 29, 1916
Born January 3, 1887 - Merritton
Parents: Charles and Mary DOYLE of Merritton
Service number: 15115 - enlisted in Valcartier on September 24, 1914
Enlisted 6th Bn. – serving with 2nd Cdn Mounted Rifles
Commemorated on Page 79 of the First World War Book of Remembrance
Name inscribed on Vimy Memorial - Pas de Calais, France

Private Edward McGRATH

Who died from sickness on January 29, 1918
Born May 4, 1895 - Preston [now Cambridge], Ontario
Parents: Edward McGRATH (Next of Kin - friend Miss. Beatrice HOGAN of Merritton)
Service number: 412134 - enlisted in Belleville on February 26, 1915
Regiment: 39th Bn. "A" Co. Canadian Infantry; 14th Bn.
Commemorated on Page 458 of the First World War Book of Remembrance
Cemetery: Longuenesse (St. Omer) Souvenir - Pas de Calais, France - grave IV.F.49

Gunner Arthur Joseph HOGAN

Who was killed in action on Saturday, August 10, 1918
Born April 5, 1897 - Grantham Township
Parents: John and Mary (ne McCANN) HOGAN of Merritton
Service number: 341811 - enlisted in St. Catharines on May 11, 1916
Served with 4th Bde Canadian Field Artillery
Commemorated on Page 430 of the First World War Book of Remembrance
Cemetery: Rosieres Commonwealth Extension - France - grave F 649

Private Joseph Alysious GILROY

Who was killed in action in battle of Ancre Heights on the Somme on Sunday, October 8, 1916
Born: April 29, 1887 - Portobello, Scotland

Wife: Lily J. GILROY, 4 Beech St., Merritton
Service number: 210347 - enlisted in St. Catharines on December 18, 1915
Enlisted 98th Bn. – served 58th Bn of 9th Bde 3rd Div.
Commemorated on Page 92 of the First World War Book of Remembrance
Cemetery: Adanac Military - Miraumont et Pys, Somme, France - grave I.D. 36

Private Francis “Frank” PULLAR

Who was killed in action on Tuesday, 13 June 1916
Born January 5, 1892 - Edinburgh, Scotland
Wife: Katherine Pullar - res: Thorold; % Port Dalhousie; Aberlady, Scotland
Service number: 404917 - enlisted in Niagara on July 20, 1915
Enlisted 35th Bn. – served 58th Bn of 9th Bde. 3rd Div.
Commemorated on Page 151 of the First World War Book of Remembrance
Name inscribed on Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial - West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

Gunner Michael HOPKINS

Who died of wounds on Wednesday, September 19, 1917
Born November 1, 1894 - Mayo, Ireland
Brother Tom Hopkins of Merritton
Service number: 158598 - enlisted in St. Catharines on August 16, 1915
Enlisted 81st Bn. – served 1st Div Amm Col, Cdn Field Artillery
Commemorated on Page 258 of the First World War Book of Remembrance
Cemetery: Bruay Communal Extension - Pas de Calais, France

Private Adam GRAY

Who was killed in action during Pursuit to Mons at the Canal du Nord on Friday, August 30, 1918
Born: December 26, 1895 - Edinburgh, Scotland

Mother: Agnes GRAY of Edinburgh, Scotland; Wife Sarah Elizabeth GRAY of Niagara Falls
Service number: 850165 - enlisted in St. Catharines on March 13, 1916 (residence Merritton)
Enlisted 176th Bn – served 3rd Bn 1 Bde 1 Div
Commemorated on Page 418 of the First World War Book of Remembrance
Cemetery: Valley - Vis-En-Artois Pas de Calais, France – grave A10

Lance Corporal **John HANLEY**

Who was killed in action on Tuesday, September 26, 1916
Born May 2, 1883 - Leeds, Yorkshire, England
Parents: Patrick and Catherine HANLEY
Service number: 47997 - enlisted at Camp Niagara on May 27, 1915
Enlisted 37 Btn RD – served 15th Bn. Can. Infantry (Central Ont. Regt.)
Commemorated on Page 98 of the First World War Book of Remembrance
Name inscribed on Vimy Memorial - Pas de Calais, France

Private **John STEWART**

Who died of wounds on April 13, 1916 in Belgium
Born June 25, 1879 - Edinburgh, Scotland
Parents: John and Margaret STEWART
Wife: Isabella Frew White STEWART - lived in Merritton and then Port Dalhousie
Service number: 406941 - enlisted in Hamilton on April 19, 1915
Enlisted 1st Bn. Canadian Infantry (Western Ontario Regiment)
Commemorated on Page 168 of the First World War Book of Remembrance
Cemetery: Lijssenthoek Military - West-Vlaanderen, Belgium - grave VI.B.16

Private (Roland) **Rowland John PICKWORTH**

Who was killed in action on Sun., October 8, 1916
Born June 16, 1888 - London, England
Wife: Gladys Maud PICKWORTH of 42 St. Peter St., Merritton

Service number: 210737 - enlisted in St. Catharines on December 27, 1915

Enlisted 98th Bn – served 58th Bn

Commemorated on Page 148 of the First World War Book of Remembrance

Name inscribed on Vimy Memorial - Pas de Calais, France

Private Alexander “Buller” McKAY

Who was killed in action in France on Friday, August 17, 1917

Born February 15, 1897 - Newhaven, Scotland

Parents: Alec and Mary McKay, 21 Maple St., Merritton – formerly of Thorold

Service number: 210647 - enlisted in St. Catharines on January 3, 1916

Enlisted 98th Bn. – served 2nd Bn. 1 Div

Commemorated on Page 284 of the First World War Book of Remembrance

Name inscribed on Vimy Memorial - Pas de Calais, France

Lance Corporal Thomas McCULLOUGH

Who died of wounds on Sunday, November 12, 1916

Born March 20, 1895 - Tullyallen, Armagh, Ireland

Parents: Thomas J. McCULLOUGH of County Armagh, Ireland

Service number: 65683 - enlisted in Montreal on October 23, 1914

Enlisted and served 24th Bn.

Commemorated on Page 123 of the First World War Book of Remembrance

Cemetery: Mount Norris Presbyterian Churchyard - County Armagh, Ireland

Private Louis GERALDI

Who killed in action at Battle of Flers Courcellette on Friday, September 15, 1916

Born: January 7, 1884 - Gananoque, Ontario

Parents: Oliver and Margaret (nee GALLIPO) GERALDI

Wife: Lillian (nee WHITE) GERALDI of Merritton

Service number: 158587 - enlisted in St. Catharines on August 31, 1915
Enlisted 81 Bn. – served 18th Bn
Commemorated on Page 91 of the First World War Book of
Remembrance
Cemetery: Pozieres British Military - Ovillers-la-Boisselle, France -
grave III.R.12

Private **Charles FLORENCE**

Who died of wounds on Thursday, April 26, 1917
Born April 23, 1884 - Dundee, Forfarshire, Scotland
Parents: William and Janet “Jessie” (nee MALCOLM) FLORENCE of
Merritton
Service number:210314 - enlisted in Welland on November 26, 1915
Enlisted 98th Bn. Served 3rd Bn 1 Div
Commemorated on Page 238 of the First World War Book of
Remembrance
Cemetery: Aubigny Community Extension - Aubigny-enArtois, France -
grave II.D.79

Gunner **Richard SPAVEN** (note: spelling of Spavin on cenotaph is
incorrect)

Who was killed in action on November 4, 1917
Born August 20, 1891 in Thornton le Clay, North Yorkshire, England
Parents: Richard & Margaret SPAVEN
Service number: 317980 - enlisted in St. Catharines on February 7,
1916
Regiment: enlisted 2 Bde Canadian Field Artillery
Commemorated on Page 330 of the First World War Book of
Remembrance
Cemetery: Brandhoek New Military Number 3 - Vlamertinghe, Belgium
- grave 1.M.20

Private **Robert Pollock McCANN**Who was killed in action on
Saturday, November 10, 1917

Born August 14, 1894 - Paisley, Scotland

Parents: Nicholas and Margaret McCANN of Merritton
Service number: 158635 - enlisted in St. Catharines on August 16, 1915

Regiment: enlisted 81st Bn. 4bde 2 Div – served 18th Bn
Commemorated on Page 279 of the First World War Book of Remembrance

Name inscribed on Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial - West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

Private Michael Joseph NEWCOMBE

Who was killed in action on November 1, 1918

Born March 2, 1889 - Merritton

Parents: Michael and Ann NEWCOMBE - Next of kin: sister Mary DAVIS (living in Merritton)

Service number: 3314377 - enlisted in Niagara Falls on January 23, 1918

Regiment: served 50th Bn

Commemorated on Page 477 of the First World War Book of Remembrance

Cemetery: Famars Commonwealth - Nord Region, France - grave F1254

Private William MITCHELL

Who was killed in action on Thursday, April 12, 1917

Born March 2, 1879 - Petworth, Sussex, England

Parents: Thomas and Mary MITCHELL - of Petworth, Sussex, England

Wife: Ellen S. MITCHELL – residence: Hartzell Road, Merritton

Service number: 406357 - enlisted in Hamilton on April 15, 1915

Regiment: Canadian Infantry (Central Ontario Regiment) “D” Coy, 58th Bn.

Commemorated on Page 295 of the First World War Book of Remembrance

Cemetery: La Chaudiere Military - Vimy, Pas de Calais, France - grave VII.C.8

Private Morgan ANDREWS

Who died of wounds on Monday, May 29, 1916

Born May 4, 1894 - Ascot under Wychwood, Oxfordshire, England
Parents: Gertrude E. ANDREWS of Swinbrook, West Burford,
Oxfordshire, England
Next of kin: sister Mrs. W. Tuckwell of Canal St., Merritton
Service number: 451173 - enlisted in Niagara on June 30, 1915
Enlisted 4th Bn Canadian Infantry (Central Ontario Regt.) – served 58th
Bn; 56th Bty in France
Commemorated on Page 47 of the First World War Book of
Remembrance
Cemetery: Chester Farm - Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium - grave
F360

Driver Owen John MITCHELL

Who died from broncho pneumonia on Thursday, March 27, 1919
Born September 13, 1892 - Bromley, Kent, England
Parents: William George and Ada Ann (nee BAYES) MITCHELL of
Bromley, Kent, England
Wife: May Caroline (nee WILLARD) MITCHELL (married February
17, 1915 in Merritton)
Service number: 83128 - enlisted in Toronto on January 9, 1915
Regiment: 4th Bde., Canadian Field Artillery – 1st Bde. C.F.A.
Commemorated on Page 540 of the First World War Book of
Remembrance
Cemetery: Belgrade Namur - Namur, Belgium - grave V.B.II

Private (Gustion) Olaf Gustav OLSEN

Who died of wounds on Friday, September 27, 1918
Born August 24, 1887 - Burgen, Norway
Parents: (Gurrenar) OLSEN of Burgen, Norway
Service number: 3314114 - enlisted in Niagara Falls on January 10,
1918
Enlisted: 78th Bn. Can. Infantry (Manitoba Regt.); served in Canadian
Field Artillery, 2nd Brigade
Commemorated on Page 480 of the First World War Book of
Remembrance
Cemetery: Etaples Military – Pas de Calais, France - grave LXV.G.10

Gunner George Hooker SNYDER

Who was killed in action on Tuesday, August 20, 1918

Born February 29, 1888 - Welland

Parents: Charles L. and Susie L. (nee HOOKER) SNYDER

Wife: Alberta (nee DAWDY) SNYDER of Merritton (married March 3, 1909)

Service number: 342151 - enlisted in Toronto on May 21, 1917

Regiment: enlisted 2nd Bde Canadian Field Artillery

Commemorated on Page 504 of the First World War Book of Remembrance

Cemetery: Bouchoir New British - Somme, France - grave F360

Sapper John McKECKNIE

Who was killed in action on September 27, 1918

Born July 4, 1889 - Nairn, Scotland

Parents: John and Jane McKECKNIE of Nairn, Scotland

Service number: 406366 - enlisted in Hamilton on April 16, 1915

Regiment: served 1st Bn Canadian Engineers

Commemorated on Page 460 of the First World War Book of Remembrance

Cemetery: Dominion - Hendecourt-Les-Garnicourt, France - grave F687

Private Robert EDNIE

Who was killed in action on Thursday, September 28, 1944

Born April 12, 1922 in Niagara On-The-Lake

Parents: Alexander and Sarah (nee PEWS) EDNIE of Merritton

Service number: B/98078 - enlisted in Hamilton on January 19, 1942

Regiment: Royal Regiment of Canada, R.C.I.C.

Commemorated on Page 299 of the Second World War Book of Remembrance

Cemetery: Schoonselhof - Antwerpen, Belgium - grave III.L.18

Flight Sergeant (AG) - William BROWN

Who died during flight over Germany on May 24, 1943

Born August 23, 1919 - Allanburg, Thorold Township

Parents: James and Martha (nee ARMSTRONG) BROWN of Merritton
Service number: R111993 - enlisted at RCAF R/C Ottawa on July 31,
1941

Served in Royal Canadian Air Force - 51 (R.A.F.) Squadron
Commemorated on Page 141 of the Second World War Book of
Remembrance

Cemetery: Reichswald Forest Military - Kleve, Germany - coll. grave
5.C.13-17

Flight Sergeant (AG) **Leonard BOARDMAN**

Who died when plane crashed due to enemy fire over Bgafferton,
Yorkshire, Eng. on March 4, 1945

Born August 17, 1917 - St. Catharines

Parents: Leonard Joseph and Hughina Ina (nee SIMPSON)

BOARDMAN of Almond St., Merritton

Wife: Mavis (nee KAY) BOARDMAN (married October 23, 1939 in St.
Catharines)

Service number: R89500 - enlisted in Hamilton on February 28,
1941

Served in Royal Canadian Air Force - 1664 Heavy Conversion Unit
Commemorated on Page 496 of the Second World War Book of
Remembrance

Cemetery: Stonefall - Wetherby Road, Harrowgate, Yorkshire, England -
section H -row G - grave 9

Private **Clifford Gerald AUGERMAN**

Who died of wounds on April 21, 1945

Born November 9, 1923 - Merritton

Parents: William and Laura Violet AUGERMAN of Merritton

Service number: B117350 - enlisted in Toronto on September 29,
1943

Regiment: Loyal Edmonton Regiment

Commemorated on Page 492 of the Second World War Book of
Remembrance

Cemetery: Holten Canadian Military - Holland - grave V.A.4

Warrant Officer Class II Adolphe Joseph RICCI

Who died during air operations over France on Tuesday, June 13, 1944

Born September 10, 1917 - Thorold

Parents: Nicola and Domenica (nee LePORE) RICCI

Service number: R156946 - enlisted in Hamilton on March 9, 1942

Force: 158 (R.A.F.) Sqdn. Royal Canadian Air Force

Commemorated on Page 426 of the Second World War Book of Remembrance

Cemetery: Marissel French National - Oise, France - coll., grave 251-256

Guardsman George Edward PEW

Who was killed in action on February 26, 1945

Born August 6, 1914 - Niagara Falls, Ontario

Parents: George Arthur and Jennie Victoria (nee ALLAN) PEW, Niagara Falls

Wife: Grace Evelyn (nee ATKINSON) PEW of Merritton

Service number: B117643 - enlisted in Toronto on October 4, 1943

Regiment: served 21st Armoured Regiment (Governor General's Foot Guard)

Commemorated on Page 554 of the Second World War Book of Remembrance

Cemetery: Groesbeek Canadian Military - Nijmegen, Holland - grave VIII B5

Corporal John BOYUK

Who died of wounds October 7, 1944

Born January 26, 1913 - Copper Cliff, Ontario

Parents: Wasyl and Pauline BOYUK

Wife: Norma Grace BOYUK of Merritton

Service number: B130377 - enlisted in Hamilton on July 29, 1942

Regiment: served Royal Regiment of Canada, R.C.I.C.

Commemorated on Page 256 of the Second World War Book of Remembrance

Cemetery: Bergen op Zoom Canadian Military - Holland - grave 4, row D, plot 9

Private James Mathie DAVIDSON

Who was killed in action at Kapelsche Veer on Friday, January 26, 1945

Born April 26, 1925 - Espanola, Ontario

Parents: James M. and Margaret Davidson, of Merritton

Service number: B115385 - enlisted in Toronto on August 16, 1943

Regiment: served Lincoln and Welland Regiment, R.C.I.C.

Commemorated on Page 508 of the Second World War Book of Remembrance

Cemetery: Bergen op Zoom Canadian Military - Noord-Brabant, Holland - grave 7. F. 11.

Sergeant John 'Jack' ALEXANDER

Who from accidental fracture of the skull in India on Wednesday, June 23, 1943

Born December 16, 1915 - Porto Bello, Scotland

Parents: John and Jennie (nee LAUDER) ALEXANDER of Merritton

Service number: R52619 - enlisted in Niagara Falls on March 26, 1940

Served in Royal Canadian Air Force - 413 Squadron

Commemorated on Page 130 of the Second World War Book of Remembrance

Cemetery: Colombo (Liveramentu) - Sri Lanka - grave 3.AB.1

Lieutenant Wilfrid Arnold MILLS

Who died of wounds on Monday, April 16, 1945

Born April 27, 1914 - Merritton

Parents: Son of Wilfrid and Lily MILLS, of Merritton, Ontario

Husband of Mildred Luella MILLS, of Merritton

Enlisted in Hamilton on July 23, 1942

Regiment: Royal Hamilton Light Infantry, R.C.I.C

Commemorated on Page 546 of the Second World War Book of Remembrance

Cemetery: Canadian Military - Overijssel, Netherlands - grave Holten V.A.5.

Pilot Officer Kenneth George BOUCCOCK

Who died when plane crashed in sea after mission over Germany on
Thursday, August 17, 1944

Born June 3, 1925 - Merritton

Parents: Fuller Brock and Mary BOUCCOCK of Merritton

Service number: J92616 - enlisted in Hamilton on September 14,
1943

Served in 420 Squadron Royal Canadian Air Force

Commemorated on Page 254 of the Second World War Book of
Remembrance

Name inscribed on Air Force Memorial - Runnymede Memorial -
Surrey, England - Panel 249

Flight Sergeant Evan Ellis NELSON

Who died when plane shot down by flak over target during raid on
Benina Airfield near Benghazi, Libya on Saturday, December 20, 1941

Born June 13, 1918 - St. Catharines

Parents: Harry Ellis and Nellie Maud (nee McQUADE) NELSON of
Merritton

Service number: R52648 - enlisted in Niagara Falls on May 13, 1940

Served as wireless operator and air gunner - 70 (R.A.F.) Sqdn. Royal
Canadian Air Force

Commemorated on Page 40 of the Second World War Book of
Remembrance

Cemetery: Benghazi Military - Benghazi (Mediterranean seaport), Libya
- coll. - grave 8.A.4-5

Private Donald Jesse HAMMOND

Who was killed in action on September 14, 1944

Born October 13, 1917 - Merritton

Parents: Aldoph Vernon and Emma Ellen (nee SOPER) HAMMOND of
Merritton

Service number: B42076 - enlisted in Hamilton on July 16, 1942

Regiment: served Algonquin Regiment, R.C.I.C.

Commemorated on Page 327 of the Second World War Book of Remembrance

Cemetery: Adegem Canadian Military - Belgium - grave II.A.7

Rifleman **Harvey Reginald LAFFERTY**

Who was killed in action in Hong Kong on Thursday 25 December 1941

Born January 1, 1920 - St. Catharines

Mother Ethel LAFFERTY and step-father Jacob JOHNSON of Thorold

Service number: B41445 - enlisted at Camp Niagara on January 14, 1941

Regiment: Royal Rifles of Canada, R.C.I.C.

Commemorated on Page 35 of the Second World War Book of Remembrance

Cemetery: Sai Wan Military - Hong Kong - grave VIII. C. 20

Private **Joseph Allard POPILUK**

Who died of wounds Monday 30 October 1944

Born March 28, 1925 - Hamilton

Parents: Karl POPILUK and Emily E. (nee GODDEN who died April 5, 1927) ; step mother Jane Ann (Jean) (nee ROBERTS) POPILUK of Merritton

Service number: B115929 - enlisted in Toronto on August 30, 1943

Regiment: Irish Regiment of Canada, R.C.I.C.

Commemorated on Page 419 of the Second World War Book of Remembrance

Cemetery: Caserta Military - Provincia di Caserta, Campania, Italy - grave V.A.11

Private **Archibald Jenkins GRAY**

Who was killed in action in France on Saturday, August 12, 1944

Born March 27, 1909 - Glasgow, Lanarkshire, Scotland

Parents: Hugh and Margaret GRAY

Wife: Betty Aseneth Margaret (nee WILLS) GRAY; 9 yr. old daughter: Norma

Service number: B79827 - enlisted in Hamilton on April 17, 1943

Regiment: served Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa (MG) of 3rd Inf. Div., R.C.I.C.

Commemorated on Page 321 of the Second World War Book of Remembrance

Cemetery: Bretteville-sur-Laize, Canadian Military - Calvados, France - grave XVI C12

Aircraftman 2nd class **William Manley NIXON**

Who died from gunshot wound to head at R.C.A.F. Station, Patricia Bay, British Columbia on Thursday, March 12, 1942

Born March 31, 1917 - St. Catharines

Parents: William Joseph and Eva Florence (nee CUNNINGHAM) NIXON

Service number: R114339 - enlisted in Hamilton on July 18, 1941

Force: Royal Canadian Air Force - 14339 Squadron

Commemorated on Page 103 of the Second World War Book of Remembrance

Cemetery: Victoria Lawn - St. Catharines - grave section C - plot 238 - grave 3

Trooper **George Robert DOWNES**

Who was killed in action in Italy on Thursday 4 November 1943

Born September 27, 1918 - St. Catharines

Parents: Robert George & Jean Christie (nee GILROY) DOWNES

Wife: Helen Marion (nee STEVENS) DOWNES of Thorold

Service number: B58656 - enlisted in Brantford on March 9, 1942

Regiment: 4th Recce. Regt., 4th Princess Louise Dragoon Guards, R.C.A.C.

Commemorated on Page 154 of the Second World War Book of Remembrance

Cemetery: Moro River Canadian - Italy - grave IV.F.7

KOREAN WAR

Lance Corporal **John Francis GILL**

Who died in action on patrol Thursday, January 1, 1953 - Age 26 years

Born December 19, 1926 - Hamilton (came to Merritton at age 10 years)

Wife: Jean (nee CAPES) GILL of Brockville; son: Wayne Douglas GILL

Parents: Victor & Gladys GILL of Merritton

Brothers: Richard, Sidney, Ronald

Service number: SB158933 - enlisted in London, Ontario on January 4, 1948

Regiment: served First Battalion Royal Canadian Regiment

Commemorated on Page 26 of the Korean Book of Remembrance

Cemetery: Commonwealth War (U.N. Memorial) - Puson, South Korea - grave (30-10-9) 1377