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Quinte West residents pay respect on Remembrance Day



8 Wing Pipe Major Sergeant Josh McFarlane plays the bag pipes as and a young cadet stands in reverse arms on the Trenton Cenotaph on Remembrance Day. *INSIDE:* 8 Wing Commander Colonel Ryan Deming (right) and Wing Chief Warrant Officer Dan Baulne (left) prepare to lay a wreath on the Trenton Cenotaph on Nov. 11.



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By Makala Chapman

The cost of freedom has not been lost on the residents of the Quinte West region as they continue to honour the sacrifices of Canada's veterans. Their commitment to remembering was evidenced as hundreds lined the streets of downtown Trenton for the annual Remembrance Day ceremony on Nov. 11.

As the sound of the bugle cracked the crisp and cold winter air, reciting the infamous notes of 'Last Post', a hush fell over the crowd. It was a sight to behold, as both the young and old, paused in unison in stoic silence. As if being cued, a light sprinkle of snow then began to fall. Royal Canadian Legion Branch 110 president Master Corporal (retired) Douglas Duff, event emcee, gently broke the silence and thanked all those in attendance. "Across Canada and many other countries people gather on November 11 to honour the courage and devotion of

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Local cadets hold annual candlelight service

By Makala Chapman

As they have for over 25 years, the local cadets are doing their part to honour Canada's veterans. On Nov. 10, cadets from 173 Royal Canadian Tiger Squadron, Royal Canadian Sea Cadets 79 Trent and 704 Air Force

City Squadron took turns standing guard at the Trenton Cenotaph during the annual candlelight service.

Despite the winter temperatures, the cadets watched over the cenotaph all night. Members of the public joined the cadets earlier in the evening as

they lined the steps of the monument with red memorial candles. Hosted by Royal Canadian Legion Branch 110, a small ceremony was also held, where President Master Corporal (retired) Douglas Duff shared a few words with the crowd. He reminded those in attendance the importance of remembering and carrying on the legacy of Canada's fallen.

Preparing for her first shift of the night was 17-year-old Warrant Officer Second Class (WO2) Gabri-

elle Watts from 704 Air Force City Squadron. Now in her final year of cadets, she noted that this would be her last candlelight service and was looking forward to making it count. "It's a good experience," she said. "It's an opportunity to take a moment and reflect on all those amazing people that gave more than we could ever imagine and just taking the time honour them." When asked what advice she could give to her fellow cadets who were taking part in their

first service she said to take advantage of the quiet time and to feel a sense of pride. "It's such an amazing way to remember because you're doing an active act of remembrance," she said. "Remember why you're doing it. This is about something so much bigger than yourself and appreciate having the opportunity to stand on that cenotaph."

Speaking to how proud he was of the cadets was training officer Lieutenant (Lt.) Derrick Woodbeck

with 173 Royal Canadian Tiger Squadron. "It's not an easy job to stand reverse at arms with a rifle on the cenotaph," he said. "For a lot of people who don't know what the military is all about, or why we are here for our veterans, this event is an opportunity to show them." As for his hopes for the cadets, he said he was optimistic that the candlelight service would have a lasting impact on them and be a reminder to always remember the cost of freedom.

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A young cadet stands at reverse arms on the Trenton Cenotaph during the annual candlelight ceremony on Nov. 10.

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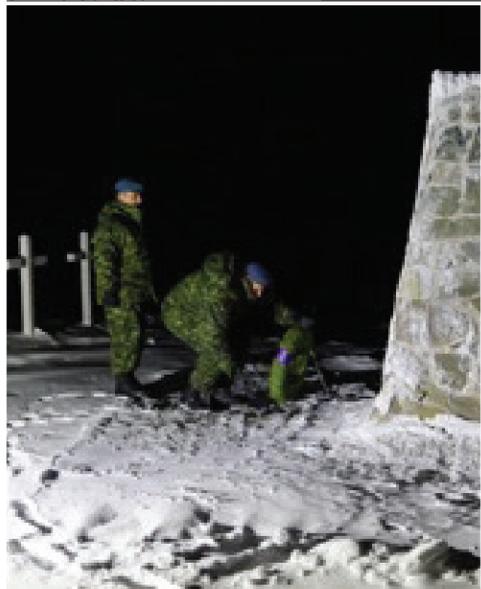

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CFS Alert: Remembrance Day Ceremony

By Second Lieutenant Sheila Tham

Canadian Forces Station Alert held their Remembrance Day ceremony in the gym this week. Padre Captain Lutz flew in for the ceremony from CFB Borden in order to deliver the benediction. During the parade, four

wreaths were laid on behalf of the Canadian Armed Forces, CFS Alert, Nasittuq, and Environment and Climate Change Canada. Following the initial ceremony, a small group gathered outside at the end of the runway for a second memorial service. Despite the -30 degrees Celsius

temperature, darkness, and bitter wind, Major Loay El-Beltagy and Master Warrant Officer Dwayne Fox laid wreaths in memory of the Lancaster Crash and Box-top 22 crash victims. reach out to 8 Wing Environment so that it can be documented for future conservation measures.



Photo by Cpl Julien Godbout

Mission Support Squadron: Flashback

By Corporal Julien Godbout

On Dec. 2, 2018, 8 Wing Trenton's Aerospace and Telecommunications Engineering Support Squadron (ATESS) asked 8 Mission Support Squadron's Transportation and Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Flight (TÈME Flt) for assistance with the movement of a Sabre aircraft that had been donated by the graduating class of 1968 to

the Royal Military College (RMC).

Before the move, this aircraft had been a monumental piece at RMC for nearly 50 years. This aircraft was in poor condition and was in need of refurbishing. It was required to be transported to CFB Trenton in order for ATESS to complete a refurbishing on the aircraft. Due to the size of the Sabre, it had to be separated into two parts: the main body with tail section and

the wing.

As you can see in the photo, special supports were required to stabilize the wing section on the trailer before it could be securely strapped down. Now with the wing secured, this load extended three feet beyond either sides of the trailer. It took a lot of coordination between two OPP detachments and the Military Police within CFB Kingston and Trenton to escort the oversized loads back to CFB Trenton.

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Your company's guidelines may be similar to these:

- A permit in writing from the operator or other person in charge should be obtained before entry is permitted into a confined space. Such permits should specify the conditions for safe entry. Work permits should be obtained separately for each specific job, location and time. A permit should never be carried from one shift to the next. A copy of the permit should be given to the worker in the confined space.
- Special signs to indicate work is being carried out inside a confined space are helpful. They serve to keep away bystand-

ers, to prevent start-up of dangerous equipment nearby and to guide rescuers, if necessary.

- A confined space should be well ventilated by mechanical means where there is liable to be dangerous vapors, mists, fumes, dusts or extreme temperature. Hot confined spaces should always be allowed to cool before entry. Inert gas used in purging should be completely removed before entry. Ventilation should continue while work is being carried out within the enclosure. This will provide extra protection in case of a change in the atmosphere. To ensure thorough ventilation, the points of air supply and exhaust should be separated as far as possible. Replacement air should be clean and pure (outside air). Oxygen should never be used to ventilate any confined space.

- Before entry into confined spaces in which dangerous vapors, mists, fumes, dusts or extreme temperatures are liable to be present, air testing by a trained professional should be carried out.

- If there is any possibility of fire or explosion, all sources of ignition in the area should be eliminated.

- Cylinders of oxygen or other gases should never be taken into confined spaces. This does not apply to breathing equipment. Welding and cutting torches should be removed immediately after their use.

- Valves which are closed may leak; therefore, merely shutting off the valve is not considered adequate. Confined spaces should be physically disconnected from all lines and systems which may introduce hazards, and these should be blanked off. The blanks should be sufficiently strong to withstand the line pressure and not susceptible to corrosion by materials within the lines.

- Electrical switches supplying power to any mechanical apparatus in the confined space should be tagged and locked out by every department involved. The workers within the enclosed space should retain the key.

- Electrical tools and equipment should be grounded. Welding

electrodes should be well insulated. This is a special problem when welding is carried out inside tanks containing liquid or moisture.

- Proper personal protective equipment depends upon the nature of the exposure. This may range from chemical goggles, hard hats, gloves and safety shoes to complete body-covering. If there is liable to be harmful exposure to a toxic substance or lack of oxygen, suitable breathing apparatus must be provided. Personal protective equipment should never be a substitute for proper ventilation.

- A safety harness with an attached lifeline should be worn by persons entering confined spaces where; (a) dangerous vapors, mists, fumes, dusts or extremes of temperature are liable to be present, (b) respiratory protection is necessary, or (c) rescue may be difficult.

- The free end of the lifeline attached to the harness should be secured outside the enclosed space. It should be under the control of a worker stationed outside, who



will keep the worker inside under observation at all times. The observer should be trained in rescue, first aid and in the administration of artificial resuscitation. For rescue purposes, it is preferable

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8 Wing members spread awareness during National Veterans' Week

By Makala Chapman

Several members from 8 Wing Trenton recently travelled across the region to speak at different venues in honour of National Veterans' Week. Each year, starting on Nov. 5, the week-long initiative aims at educating the public on the importance of remembering the sacrifices made by Canada's veterans. In addition, it is an opportunity for active members to share a bit about the country's rich history. Members visited everywhere from schools to senior's homes in order to share the message of what it took to ensure the nation's freedom and the importance of remembering.

Included in this year's presentations were events such as the 75th anniversary of

D-Day and the Battle of Normandy, as well as the 70th anniversary of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). Within the presentation, speakers also took the time to reflect on the 5th anniversary of the end of the Canadian mission in Afghanistan, as it was the largest deployment of Canadian troops since the Second World War.

Noting how much he enjoyed being a Veterans' Week speaker was 8 Wing Trenton's Corporal (Cpl) Spencer Holleran. He made the journey to Immaculate Conception Catholic Elementary School in Peterborough, Ont. where he got the chance to speak to students ages 4 to 14 years old. While he admitted to having been a little nervous prior to the presentation, ultimately, Cpl Holleran said it was a

great experience and something he was honoured to do. "I believe it is important for all generations to hear the stories of the Wars and our history because these were all very real events that, in the grand scheme of things, happened not so long ago," he said. "Those who fought for us during these battles deserve to have their legacies passed on and the lessons we learned need to be passed on lest we forget and history repeat itself." He went on to add that he felt that the National Veterans' Week Speaker Program was a great way to engage the public, especially younger generations, and is hopeful he helped make a difference. "We live every day in the fruits of the labour of the brave men and women who fought so we could be here," he

said. "Wearing a poppy and attending a ceremony helps us honour their sacrifice and is such a small price to pay for what we have today."

When asked what Remembrance Day means to him personally, Cpl Holleran reiterated it was an opportunity to reflect on all those that served before him, including members of his own family. "Both my father and step-mother were serving members in Trenton and I am currently following in my father's footsteps as

an Aircraft Structures Technician," he explained. "Growing up with my parents in the forces was definitely a large influence on my decision to join, but more than just that was hearing the pride in my father's voice when he talked about what being in the military stood for to him. I always wanted to do something great in the world and it felt like I could do it through the Forces as a part of something bigger than myself."

As for the highlight of his time

in Peterborough, Cpl Holleran said it was the impact the trip ended up having on him. He shared that after his presentation, a long line of students formed, all wanting to thank him for his service and shake his hand. "It was humbling to get that sort of appreciation from the next generation," he said. Cpl Holleran then noted that before he left, the students invited him to participate in their lunchtime volleyball game, which he jokingly noted, he was unable to resist.



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Nov. 23 - Christmas Craft and Bake Sale at St. James Fellowship Church at 15 South St Trenton from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free admission and lunch available for \$5.

Nov. 28 - CP Holiday Train will visit Trenton this November. Join them at RCAF Road & County Road 21, south side of railway at 10:35 a.m. The charity holiday train will be collecting donations for the Trenton Care and Share Food Bank. Performing will be Canadian artists Scott Helman and Madeline Merlo.

Nov. 30 - This year's Quinte Train Show will once again be hosted by the Belleville Model Railroad Club and the Brighton and Presqu'île Railway Association. It will be held on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. The event will be held at Centennial Secondary School at 160 Palmer Road, Belleville.

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the brave men and women who have made the supreme sacrifice of dying for their country (during the First World War)," he said. "Canadians have fought in other conflicts since and many have given their lives so that we may enjoy our freedom today. They too shall be remembered." MCpl (ret'd) Duff then reminded the crowd to never take the gift of freedom lightly and to continue remem-

bering its cost each and every day. A wreath laying ceremony was also held as members from the public, local dignitaries and organizations paid their respects at the foot of the Trenton Cenotaph. Amongst those to lay a wreath, representing 8 Wing Trenton, was 8 Wing Commander Colonel Ryan Deming and Wing Chief Warrant Officer Dan Baulne. Quinte West Mayor Jim Harrison, the

National Air Force Museum's executive director Kevin Windsor and the Trenton Military Family Resource Centre's Tamara Kleinschmidt and board chair Linda Blanchette also laid wreathes. Noting how pleased she was to have attended the ceremony in Quinte West for her first year as retired Ordinary Seaman (OS) Heidi Duttie. "Every single one of my grandparents

were in the wars and there's a long history of military service in my family," she said. "It's important to stand here for the couple of minutes that it takes to do to show support to them and for the members who gave so much." Being a part of a military family, OS (ret'd) Duttie said she's spent many Remembrance Day ceremonies at various cenotaphs across the country. But she noted Quinte

West's ceremony has been one of her favourites to date. "I was very impressed by the number of people here," she said. "It's also important to come out so we can teach the younger generation. They are the ones who can stop the perpetuation of war." As for her final message, OS (ret'd) Duttie reminded the public that thanking veterans and those currently serving always goes a long way

and is greatly appreciated. "There's lots of people, such as my husband who has been in (the military) for 31 years, that need to be thanked" she said. "That's a lot of years in and a lifetime full of sacrifices." Following the ceremony, members of the public were invited back to the Legion for a reception and the opportunity to thank both the veterans and the current members for their service.



TOP: Quinte West's first responders line up to lay a wreath in honour of Canada's fallen, Hundreds descended upon downtown Trenton for this year's Remembrance Day ceremony at the local cenotaph. BOTTOM: Members of the public lay wreathes in honour of Canada's veterans on Nov. 11, Members of 8 Wing Trenton stand on parade at the Remembrance Day ceremony in Quinte West.

Local veteran celebrates 100th birthday

By Makala Chapman

A lot can happen in a century – just ask retired Warrant Officer First Class (WO1) Edgar Clark. In fact, while most people turn to books or relatives to learn about Canada’s rich history, 8 Wing Trenton’s former right-hand man can boast he has lived it. To help celebrate the momentous milestone and relive some of his greatest achievements, a modest gathering of friends and family joined at Royal Canadian Legion Branch 160 in Wellington, Ont., on Nov. 5. In addition, members of 8 Wing Trenton stopped in to honour the veteran

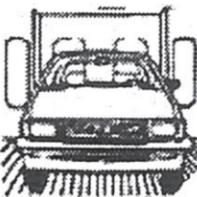
for his dedication to his country. Taking the time to personally thank WO1 (ret’d) Clark for his 36 years of service was 8 Wing Commander Colonel (Col.) Ryan Deming and Acting Wing Chief Warrant Officer Scott Creamer. During the festivities, they presented WO1 (ret’d) Clark with a myriad of certificates and letters of appreciation. Of notoriety were letters from the Queen, the Governor General and the Commander of the Royal Canadian Air Force. “I didn’t know I was going to get that,” said WO1 (ret’d) Clark in surprise upon hearing the Queen’s congratulatory wishes. “I just didn’t ex-

pect all of this, but I really appreciate it now.” Col. Deming then presented him with one of the very first veteran’s service cards to be issued in Canada. The card is a tangible symbol of recognition for former members and encourages an enduring affiliation with the Canadian Armed Forces. It has no expiry date and it is not intended for use as an ID card. “I’m honoured to be here to celebrate your 100th birthday with you,” said Col. Deming. “I hope you get a lot of good use out this (card) over the years and it brings me great pleasure to hand it over to you.” As a final gift, he offered WO1 (ret’d) Clark a Wing Commander

and Wing Chief Warrant Officer’s coin – a physical token of appreciation only given out on special occasions. Speaking to how honoured he was to have helped organize the festivities and celebrate WO1 (ret’d) Clark’s accomplishments was Master Warrant Officer (MWO) Bill Chisholm. “He’s a very inspiring gentleman,” he said. “We tried to get everything possible to recognize his service.” As a member of the RCAF history and heritage department, MWO Chisholm noted it had been exciting learning about 8 Wing Trenton’s former Base chief. He added that he had

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(Above) 8 Wing Commander Colonel Ryan Deming (right) and Acting Wing Chief Warrant Officer Scott Creamer (middle) discuss retired Warrant Officer First Class Edgar Clark's (left) extensive military history.



(Right) 8 Wing Commander Col. Deming marvels at WO1 (ret'd) Clark's extensive medal collection on Nov. 5.

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 learned that WO1 (ret'd) Clark had actually first started his military career in Trenton in 1938. Quickly ascending the ranks, he went onto serve as a station warrant officer, now known as Wing Chief Warrant Officer, at three different bases – something that is unheard of nowadays. One of these postings was to RCAF Station Baden-Soellingen, a former Canadian Forces base in Germany, where he served for eight years. It was from 1972 to 1974 that WO1 (ret'd) Clark returned to RCAF Station Trenton, as it was originally named, to serve his final years as the Base's station warrant officer. "He has a long RCAF history and his set of medals and his career would not be attainable today," said MWO Chisholm. "His life and career have spanned several wars and peacekeeping years and is something worth recognizing."

Also speaking to how pleased she was to be celebrating WO1 (ret'd) Clark's milestone birthday was his daughter, Captain (ret'd) Lynnda Biggin, who served in the military for 28 years. She noted she was most grateful for the fact that he was in good health, both mentally and physically, and even added he still drives and takes care of himself. She went onto share that growing up, he had always been a role model to she and her siblings, and, as a result, was one of the

reasons that they all had joined the military. When asked if there was anything else that could have made the day more special, pausing, she smiled and pointed to a photo of her late mother, Isabel Clark, who passed away two years ago. "He met her around Mother's Day in 1940, proposed to her on the same day and married her three months later. They were married almost 77 years," she said. "She would have loved this and thought my father was very well-deserving. My mother would have lit up the room and I know she's here in spirit."

When WO1 (ret'd) Clark was asked what his fondest memories of his time at RCAF Station Trenton was, he smiled, and noted it was getting permission to have barbecues on the rooftop patio of the Warrant Officers and Sergeants Mess – a tradition that still remains to this day. As for if he had any advice for Canada's current members of the RCAF and Wing Chief Warrant Officers, he shook his head, and noted that since things have changed so much since his time in command, he would leave the advice giving up to those currently in charge. But he did mention that Trenton will always have a special place in his heart, since that's the place where it all began and the place where it all ended. As for what's next for WO1 (ret'd) Clark, he will be moving to Ottawa, Ont. to live closer to family.



Photo courtesy of the Clark family

A family photo of WO1 (ret'd) Edgar Clark and his wife, Isabel Clark, on display at his 100th birthday party, on Nov. 5.



Photos by Makala Chapman

WO1 (ret'd) Edgar Clark cuts into his birthday cake with his daughter, Captain (ret'd) Lynnda Biggin



8 Wing Commander Col. Deming presents WO1 (ret'd) Clark with a letter from the Queen.



WO1 (ret'd) Clark is presented a birthday cake by the Wellington Legion on Nov. 5.



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Christmas Marketplace returns for sixth year

By Makala Chapman

Kickoff the holiday spirit with the Trenton Military Family Resource Centre (MFRC) as they gear up to host their 6th annual Christmas Marketplace on November 23. This year's vendor show will boast a selection of new and returning merchants says event coordinator Rabia Stobbart.

The Christmas Marketplace was first created as a way to showcase the products and services of small-business owners in the military community. "We get about 25 vendors every year," she explained. "It's great because you get everything from household names, like Scentsy, to those niche businesses that do things such as handmade products. We've been really lucky

to have such a huge response from businesses." When asked what other kinds of products and services would be available, she said to expect things such as jewelry, skincare products, woodturning pieces and maple from a local sugar bush. In addition, a vendor selling homemade holiday wreaths and boughs will be on site. The Holiday Wreath Raffle will also be returning this year. This initiative is as a fundraiser for the childcare programs. Participants will have the opportunity to win a wreath adorned with gift cards donated by local businesses. The Christmas Marketplace is the first day the fundraiser will run, and it will end on Dec. 13. Tickets for the raffle can be purchased in person at the MFRC.

Stobbart noted that both members

from the military and civilian community were welcome to visit the marketplace, as there was bound to be something for everyone. As well as supporting local business owners, patrons can also stop by the MFRC's Youth Centre to wander the bake sale. All proceeds raised from the sweet treats will help support the children's programs and maintain the facility. If people need a break from shopping, they are welcomed to enjoy a hot lunch available for purchase from the canteen. Whilst enjoying a savoury chilli or, perhaps, a lasagna, listen in as a quartet from the 8 Wing Band plays familiar Christmas carols. When asked why people should attend the Christmas Marketplace, Stobbart said it came down for the need to support small business

owners in the military community. "Events like this are a really good opportunity for those business owners to get out, build their cliental, make new friends and really get to know their community," she said. "It's also a great opportunity to get some Christmas shopping done. There is bound to be a little something for everyone." The event opens on Nov. 23 and will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will be held at the Trenton MFRC, which is located at 50 Rivers Drive, Trenton. Admission is by donation to the Military Police Fund for Blind Children.



Photo by Devon Taylor



Photo by Makala Chapman

Rabia Stobbart (left) and Devon Taylor (right) say there's bound to be a little something for everyone at this year's Christmas Marketplace.

Every year crowds swarm to the Trenton Military Family Resource Centre to enjoy the products offered by local vendors at the Christmas Marketplace.

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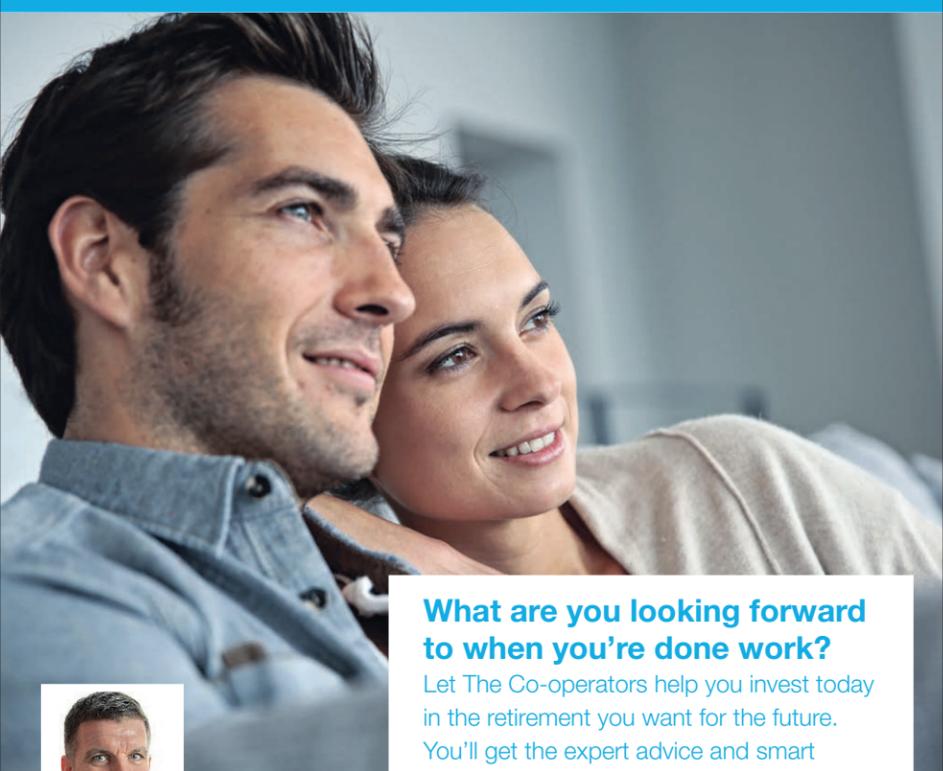
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Profile of Courage: Jack Watts passes away at age of 98

By Dominique Boily

Approximately 50,000 Canadians served with the Royal Canadian Air Force and Royal Air Force in Bomber Command operations over occupied Europe during the Second World War. One of those brave Canadians was a courageous and highly skilled navigator, Jack Vincent Watts. Brigadier-General Watts was born in 1920, in Hamilton, Ontario, and enlisted in the RCAF on July 2, 1940. He met his wife, Corporal Norma Tilley, in England in the spring of 1944 while she was serving with the Women's Auxiliary Air Force (WAAF) with the Bomber Command. They married in the fall of the same year. He flew over 100 sorties with Bomber Command, serving in several units.

During his outstanding war time service, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Order (DSO) and the Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC) and Bar. He left the RCAF after the war with the rank of squadron leader, but later returned, retiring as a brigadier-general in 1975. He commanded the RCAF contingent to Queen Elizabeth II's coronation in 1953 and was decorated by the Queen with the coronation medal.

Brigadier-General Watts had a front row seat to the famed raids on the German battleship Tirpitz, sister ship of the more famous Bismarck, while serving with the Royal Air Force's 10 Squadron. For most of her wartime career, the Tirpitz sat in Norwegian fjords at Trondheim. It was an ongoing threat to the Royal Navy and a constant target for British attacks, but the fjords made it difficult for airmen to attack the vessel.

On the night of April 27, 1942, Flight Lieutenant Watts expertly and calmly guided the pilot of their Halifax bomber through an intense ambush of fighter attacks, bringing them down to an astonishing 250 feet [76 metres] to deliver their load on the ship. "I think [the Tirpitz raid] was the most challenging one of all," he said. "It was night time and we were carrying mines instead of bombs. The mines were to drop down below the stern and explode to try and damage the rear of the Tirpitz. We attacked at 250 feet, which was just over mast height. It was as low as you could be and make it. We did it two nights running." On the first night, the ship was shrouded in protective smoke and remained undamaged. "You couldn't see anything," he said. The second night saw success and Flight Lieutenant Watts was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his actions on the two nights.

His level-headedness and courage were again put to the test on November 11, 1942, when his aircraft was shot down in the Mediterranean near Tobruk, Libya. He survived, but was injured by his parachute. He was shot down close to midnight and the stars were his only reference in the dark. Even in this extreme situation, he had the courage and strength of character to keep his cool and ignore the fear, the pain caused by his injury and the grief for the apparent loss of his crew. He used his expert navigational skills to save his own life and swim toward shore—an ordeal that lasted more than five hours.

When he came to, he realized he had landed on the shore of an occupied



Photo by Holly Bridge

Brigadier-General Jack Watts, a veteran of Bomber Command, and his wife Corporal Norma Zelia (Tilley) Watts, a veteran of the Battle of Britain, attend the Battle of Britain parade held at the Canada Aviation and Space Museum in Ottawa on September 15, 2013.

German army camp. He noticed activity as well as a watch tower nearby, and opted to stay still for two or three days, not moving an inch by fear of being spotted. After being exposed to the elements, without food, water or shelter, he decided to move once night had fallen. Flight Lieutenant Watts found clothes, food and supplies, including a bayonet and an automatic pistol. He couldn't find any water that he trust-

and asked him if he was hungry. They brewed tea, wrapped him in a British Army coat and drove him to an RAF base.

He said that having good morale and a positive attitude were essential to survival. The sense of duty and loyalty was also key. "A lot of people had been killed, I had not," he said. "I had a job still to do, a responsibility I still had to face. I wasn't in fear and trembling,

I felt I was trained, equipped and capable, and that's what I was there for. [There were] many people to who I owed that kind of loyalty."

*The length of this story has been reduced to fit this paper. For the full article on Brigadier-General Watts, visit the RCAF online at www.rcaf-arc.forces.gc.ca.



Photo courtesy of DND Archives

Pilot Officer Jack Watts climbs out of a four-engine bomber at an RAF station in England on December 17, 1941.

ed, but he had a quick drink of Chianti and, due to extreme exhaustion, fell asleep. He awoke to the sound of a vehicle engine and, as the door was kicked open, he recognised the outline of a British helmet. He hit the floor and asked, "Are you British?" The startled British military policeman reached for his side arm, which was secured in its holster. Flight Lieutenant Watts then blurted out: "I'm Canadian! I was shot down! I'm an RCAF airman!" After a brief scuffle and an intense exchange, the military police determined that this was in fact a stranded Canadian in German's clothing. They sat him down



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