

# Frontenac District Remembers

## World War I

### **The Ancient St. John's Lodge No.3, Kingston**

Hew Ramsay Duff Surgeon Lieutenant-Colonel February 8<sup>th</sup>, 1916  
John McDonald Mowat Major October 8<sup>th</sup>, 1918  
William George Hazlett M.C. Lieutenant October 24<sup>th</sup>, 1918  
Roswell Murray MacTavish M.C. Major February 1919

### **Union Lodge No.9, Napanee**

Herbert Shorey Baker Captain April 5<sup>th</sup>, 1916  
Edward Fair Corkill Acting Bombardier November 9<sup>th</sup>, 1916

### **Royal Edward of Cataraqui Lodge No.92, Kingston**

Archibald G. Sinclair Private April 23, 1915  
Percy Joseph Barnett Air Mechanic 1<sup>st</sup> Class October 12, 1918  
Frederick O'Brian Warrant Officer November 1<sup>st</sup>, 1918  
Clarence Victor Lawrence Lieutenant November 1<sup>st</sup>, 1918

### **Rideau Minden Lodge No.253, Seeley's Bay**

Charles Milton Corporal November 19<sup>th</sup>, 1916  
Benjamin Clifford Pierce Lieutenant April 9<sup>th</sup>, 1917  
Thomas William MacKenzie Sergeant November 7<sup>th</sup>, 1919  
Lorne William Saunders Sergeant April 27<sup>th</sup>, 1921  
Claude Rogers Gunner July 15<sup>th</sup>, 1921

### **Lorne Lodge No.404, Tamworth closed**

Dr. Thomas William F. MacKnight Lieutenant September 4<sup>th</sup>, 1916

### **St. Andrew's Lodge No.497, Arden**

Ernest Monck Stoker June 4<sup>th</sup>, 1915  
John George Monds Private April 11<sup>th</sup>, 1917



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World War II

**The Ancient St. John's Lodge No.3, Kingston**

Ronald Cairns Flight Sergeant R.A.F. May 6<sup>th</sup>, 1944  
Arnott James Minnes Major December 4<sup>th</sup>, 1942  
Albert Moulder Stroud Major December 4<sup>th</sup>, 1939  
William Oswald Vrooman Captain April 29<sup>th</sup>, 1942

**Royal Edward of Cataraqui Lodge No.92, Kingston**

Gilbert Wyatt Boss Major June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1945  
Joseph Reginald Potts Pilot September 12<sup>th</sup>, 1944

**Albion Lodge No.109, Harrowsmith**

George Edward Purcell Major June 6<sup>th</sup>, 1944

**Leeds Lodge No.201, Gananoque**

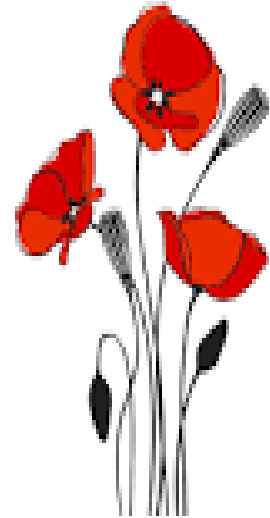
Waldo Howard Smith Sapper November 19<sup>th</sup>, 1945

**Lorne Lodge No.404, Tamworth**

Lorne Herbert York Flying Officer March 12<sup>th</sup>, 1943

**Rideau Minden Lodge No.253, Seeley's Bay**

William Gray Captain May 24<sup>th</sup>, 1945



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The Korean War

**Albion Lodge No.109, Harrowsmith**

Dr. William Robert Ian Slack Lieutenant-Colonel February 4, 1956



## **Background Information**

### **Captain Herbert Shorey Baker**

Born: October 21<sup>st</sup>, 1889

Parents: Robert H. And Mercy Baker, Napanee

Attended: Napanee District Collegiate and Vocational Institute

Graduated: Queen's University 1912 B.A.

University of Toronto 1914 B.S.

Initiated: February 6<sup>th</sup>, 1914 Union Lodge No.9

Occupation: Mining Engineer

Enlisted: September 25<sup>th</sup>, 1914 Val Cartier, Quebec in Canadian Field Engineers

Died: April 5<sup>th</sup>, 1916 First Battle of Kut-Al-Amara, Mesopotamia

Burial:Almara War Cemetery, Iraq

### **Air Mechanic 1<sup>st</sup> Class Percy Joseph Barnett**

Born: November 7<sup>th</sup>, 1888

Parents: Henry and Sarah Barnett, Tottenham, London, England

Husband of: Amelia Barnett, Canning Town, London, England

Initiated: St. Luke's Lodge FreeMasons Hall, London, England

Enlisted: Royal Air Force stationed at Deseronto Air Station

Died: October 12<sup>th</sup>, 1918 Kingston from Pneumonia brought on by Spanish Flu

Burial: Catarauqui Lodge Plot, Catarauqui Cemetery, Kingston, Ontario

### **Major Gilbert Wyatt Boss**

Born: December 30<sup>th</sup>, 1889, Burton, Staffordshire, England

Parents: Mr. And Mrs. William Boss, Montreal, Quebec

Husband of Helen Boss, Kingston

Initiated: Cataraqui Lodge No.92

Enlisted: June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1918 Victoria, British Columbia  
in Canadian Army Corps of Military Clerks

Served in Siberia; Sergeant-Major Boss discharged April 30<sup>th</sup>, 1920; immediately  
enlisted in Permanent Army

Died: June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1945

Burial: Cataraqui Cemetery, Kingston

### **Flight Sergeant Ronald Cairns**

Born: circa 1918

Parents: Samuel and Frances A. Cairns, Kingston

Initiated: February 5<sup>th</sup>, 1942

Enlisted: Royal Air Force, 37 Squadron stationed in Tortorella, Italy from December  
1943; flew Vickers Wellington X; Squadron Motto: "wise without eyes"

Died: May 6<sup>th</sup>, 1944; 37 Squadron flying operations against a railway bridge in Filiasi,  
Rumania and the industrial area of Bucharest bombing from 9500-12000 feet against  
heavy Flak and searchlights.

Burial: Commonwealth Airmen Memorial Floriana, Malta *"commerates 2,300 airmen who lost  
their lives during the Second World War whilst serving with the Commonwealth Air Forces from a variety of  
bases and have no known grave."*

### **Acting Bombardier Edward Fair Corkill**

Born: February 16<sup>th</sup>, 1893 Sarnia, Ontario

Father: Edward J. Corkill, Principal Napanee District Collegiate 1916

Occupation: Queen's Theological Student

Initiated: December 15<sup>th</sup>, 1915 Union Lodge No.9

Enlisted: November 1<sup>st</sup>, 1915 Canadian Forces Artillery

Died: November 9<sup>th</sup>, 1916

Burial: Adanac Military Cemetery, Somme France

### **Surgeon Lieutenant-Colonel Hew Ramsay Duff**

Born: September 20<sup>th</sup>, 1857, Kingston, Ontario

Father: Lt-Col. John Duff

Queen's University Medical Doctor Degree 1884

Affiliated: February 4<sup>th</sup>, 1894 The Ancient St. John's No.3

Fought in South African War 1899-1901 Royal Canadian Dragoons,  
Canadian Mounted Rifles 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion

Wife: Amelia Eliza Duff, 468 Princess St. Kingston

1904 Major Permanent Army

1904 Kingston Medical Officer

Enlisted: WWI July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1915 age 57 years

Died: February 8<sup>th</sup>, 1916 Pneumonia, Cairo Egypt

Military Honours: 1902 Volunteer Decoration with four clasps

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### **Captain William Gray**

Born: 1889

Enlisted in Royal Canadian Artillery

Roll Number: 758 Minden Lodge No.253

Married: Marguerite Constance Gray

Died: May 24<sup>th</sup>, 1945 in Kingston

Burial: Cataraqui Cemetery, Section 1, Plot 188

### **Lieutenant William George Hazlett M.C.**

Born: April 1<sup>st</sup>, 1889

Parents: William and Olivia Hazlett

Attended Queen's University 1907-1909 Science

Occupation: Civil Servant

Initiated: The Ancient St. John's Lodge No.3 January 14<sup>th</sup>, 1915

Enlisted: November 17<sup>th</sup>, 1914 Sergeant Signaller 21<sup>st</sup> Battalion

Overseas May 1915

Commission for Bravery on the Field

Wounded at Vimy Ridge April 9<sup>th</sup>, 1917 in head and arms, continued to lead men,  
captured machine gun and crew.

Military Honours: 1917 07 18 Military Cross

1920 05 20 British War Medal

1914-1915 Star

Died: October 24<sup>th</sup>, 1918

Burial: Cataraqui Cemetery, Kingston

**Lieutenant Clarence Victor Lawrence**

Born: April 15, 1892 St. Thomas, Ontario  
Parents: Calvin and Margaret Lawrence  
Occupation: Civil Engineer  
Initiated: Cataraqui Lodge No.92  
Enlisted: October 9<sup>th</sup>, 1916  
Died: November 1<sup>st</sup>, 1918  
Burial: St. Thomas Cemetery, St. Thomas, Ontario

**Dr. Lieutenant Thomas William Fingland MacKnight**

Born: 1887, Tamworth  
Parents: John Fingland and Elizabeth MacKnight  
Initiated: Lorne Lodge No.404, Tamworth  
Graduated: Queen's University Arts 1910, Medicine 1912  
Practised Medicine at Everett, Ontario  
Enlisted: April 1915  
June 1915 assigned to duty in Bombay India Medical Hospital  
Died: September 4<sup>th</sup>, 1916 from Pyrexia  
Burial: Kirkee 1914-1918 Memorial, India

*Kirkee is a Military Cantonment adjoining the large university town of Poona on the plateau above Bombay. The Memorial commemorates nearly two thousand soldiers who served and died in India during the 1914-1918 War.*

**Sergeant Thomas William MacKenzie**

Born: April 6<sup>th</sup>, 1888 Kingston  
Initiated: Roll Number: 297 Minden Lodge No.253  
Occupation: Plumber  
Enlisted: January 24<sup>th</sup>, 1916 in Canadian Field Artillery  
Military Honours: 1918 08 06 Military Medal for Bravery in the Field  
1919 07 23 Bar to Military Medal  
Died: November 7<sup>th</sup>, 1918 in France  
Burial: Plot 9, Row D, Grave 9 Terlincthun British Cemetery, WiMille, France

**Staff Major Roswell “Ross” Murray MacTavish B.A., B.D., MC**

Born: September 22, 1888, St. George, Ontario

Parents: Rev. Dr. W.S. And Margaret MacTavish, Belleville, Presbyterian Minister in Deseronto

Attended Deseronto Public School and Deseronto High School

Graduated Queen's University B.A. 1907, B.D. 1913

Initiated: The Ancient St. John's Lodge No.3 March 13<sup>th</sup>, 1913

Enlisted: August 20<sup>th</sup>, 1914, London, England in 2<sup>nd</sup> King Edward's Horse

Military Honours: 1919 01 01 Military Cross “for displaying military intuition of a very high order and has shown himself to be a born leader.”

Died: February 6<sup>th</sup>, 1919

Burial: Longuenesse (St. Omer) Souvenir Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France

**Lance Corporal Charles Milton**

Born: November 28<sup>th</sup>, 1877 in Tunbridge Wells, England

Initiated: Roll Number: 393 Minden Lodge No.253

Occupation: Officer Salvation Army

Enlisted: May 9<sup>th</sup>, 1916 at Belleville in Canadian Infantry

Died: November 19<sup>th</sup>, 1916 at Vimy Ridge

**Major Arnott James Minnes**

Born: October 30<sup>th</sup>, 1891 Kingston

Parents: James Arnott and Isabel D. Minnes

Initiated: The Ancient St. John's Lodge No.3

Occupation: Wholesale Dry Goods Merchant

Enlisted: World War I January 10<sup>th</sup>, 1916 in Canadian Field Artillery, Lieutenant

Gassed September 7<sup>th</sup>, 1918; Discharged: January 4<sup>th</sup>, 1919

Husband of Jessie Minnes

Enlisted: February 25<sup>th</sup>, 1942 in Royal Canadian Artillery

Died: December 4<sup>th</sup>, 1942

Burial: Cataraqui Cemetery, Kingston

**Stoker Ernest Monck**

Born: December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1883

Initiated: St. Andrew's Lodge No.497

Enlisted: Royal Navy

Died: Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 1915 Third Battle of Krithia



**Private John George Monds**

Born: February 8, 1896 Arden, Ontario

Parents: Glenoire and Mehala Monds

Occupation: Labourer

Initiated: St. Andrew's Lodge No.497

Enlisted: December 8<sup>th</sup>, 1915 at Arden in Canadian Mounted Rifles

Died: April 11<sup>th</sup>, 1917 at Vimy Ridge

Burial: Vimy Memorial

**Major John McDonald Mowat**

Born: February 17<sup>th</sup>, 1872 in Kingston, Ontario

Parents: John Bower and Emma Mowat

Occupation: Lawyer in Kingston and Vancouver from 1898; Mayor of Kingston 1906-07

Initiated: The Ancient St. John's Lodge No.3 February 16<sup>th</sup>, 1900

Enlisted: October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1915 at Vancouver

Died: October 8<sup>th</sup>, 1916; wounded in leg October 7, continued to command, killed during a counter attack at Courcellette, France. Body never recovered.

Burial: Vimy Memorial

**Lieutenant Benjamin Clifford Pierce**

Born: November 5<sup>th</sup>, 1890 Cape Ozo, Gaspé, Quebec

Initiated: Roll Number: 332 Minden Lodge No.253

Occupation: Dominion Land Surveyor

Enlisted: December 30<sup>th</sup>, 1915 at Kingston in Canadian Mounted Rifles

Died: April 9<sup>th</sup>, 1917 in France

**Flying Officer Joseph Reginald Potts**

Born: January 12<sup>th</sup>, 1915 Kingston

Parents: Joseph C. And May Potts

Initiated: Royal Edward Lodge No.585

Enlisted: Royal Canadian Air Force

Died: September 12<sup>th</sup>, 1944

Burial: Durnbach War Cemetery, Germany

**Major George Edward Purcell**

Born: June 26<sup>th</sup>, 1911; Edmonton, Alberta

Son of Edward Francis and Edith Patience Purcell

Initiated: Albion Lodge No.109, Harrowsmith October 19<sup>th</sup>, 1938

Occupation: Public School Teacher

Enlisted: June 4<sup>th</sup>, 1940, Colebrook in Royal Canadian Artillery

Died: June 6<sup>th</sup>, 1944 on the beaches of Normandy

Burial: Canadian War Cemetery in Beny-Sur-Mer

Military Honours: Memorial Cross, Star of France and Germany, Defence Medal, War Medal, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp

**Claude Rogers**

Born: October 16th, 1891 in Bath, Somerset, England

Initiated: Roll Number: 514 Minden Lodge No.253

Occupation: Clothing Salesman

Enlisted: November 14<sup>th</sup>, 1917 in Canadian Field Artillery

Died: July 15<sup>th</sup>, 1921 in Kingston, Ontario as a result of wound received in France.

**Sergeant Lorne Webber Sanders**

Born: May 10<sup>th</sup>, 1894; Tyrone, Durham, Ontario

Initiated: Roll Number: 471 Minden Lodge No.253

Occupation: Clerk Clothing Store

Enlisted: May 30<sup>th</sup>, 1916 at Bowmanville in Army Service Corps.

Died: July 15<sup>th</sup>, 1921 in Bowmanville, Ontario as a result of wounds received in France.

**Private Archibald G. Sinclair**

Born: January 15<sup>th</sup>, 1885, Glasgow, Scotland

Parents: John and Margaret Sinclair, Kingston

Occupation: Butcher

Initiated: Catarauqui Lodge No.92

Enlisted: September 25, 1914 Prince of Wales Rifles, Val Cartier, Quebec

Died: April 22, 1915

Burial: Menin Gate Ypres Memorial, Belgium

**Dr. Lieutenant-Colonel William Robert Ian Slack**

Born: March 25<sup>th</sup>, 1910; Smith Falls, Ontario

Son of William Leonard and Margaret Aletha Slack

Affiliated: Albion Lodge No.109, Harrowsmith November 27<sup>th</sup>, 1936

Mother Lodge: St. Francis Lodge No.24, Smith Falls

Enlisted: August 31, 1939 Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps.

Military Honours: 1943 07 12 Commendation for Gallantry

1939-1945 Star of France and Germany, Defence Medal,

War Medal, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with clasp,

Canadian Forces Decoration

1951 11 05 CD Canadian Forces Decoration

Died: February 4<sup>th</sup>, 1956

Burial: United Nations Cemetery, Busan, South Korea

*1 of 376 Canadian buried there*

**Sapper Waldo Howard Smith**

Born: March 5<sup>th</sup>, 1922; Scotsburn, Nova Scotia

Parents: Aubrey Fraser and Dorothy Smith, Scotsburn Nova Scotia

Initiated Leeds Lodge No.201

Enlisted: Royal Canadian Engineers

Died: November 19<sup>th</sup>, 1945

Burial: Four Mile Brook (Gladstone) Cemetery, Pictou, Nova Scotia

**Major Albert Moulder Stroud**

Born: March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1889 Kingston

Occupation: Advertisement Composer

Married: Anna Alberta Guild July 30<sup>th</sup>, 1913

Enlisted: November 9<sup>th</sup>, 1914

Initiated: The Ancient St. John's Lodge No.3 January 7<sup>th</sup>, 1915

Brought to the notice of the Secretary of State for War "for valuable services rendered in connection with the war." 1917

Commandant Canadian Signalling Service School

PWOR Kingston

Died: December 4<sup>th</sup>, 1939

**Dr. Captain William Oswald Vrooman**

Born: April 6<sup>th</sup>, 1899; Odessa, Ontario

Parents: William Henry and Letitia Vrooman

Enlisted: February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1916 Kingston, Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Highlanders

Discharged: June 12, 1917

Graduated University of Toronto 1923 Doctor of Dental Surgery

Initiated: The Ancient St. John's Lodge No.3 February 5<sup>th</sup>, 1931 Worshipful Master 1936  
husband of Betty Jane Vrooman

Rejoined at outbreak of World War II with Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Highlanders

Deployed overseas 1941 in Canadian Army Dental Corps

Died: April 29<sup>th</sup>, 1942

Burial: Brookwood Cemetery, Surrey, U.K

Flying Officer Lorne Herbert York

Born: January 25<sup>th</sup>, 1921; Tamworth, Ontario

Parents: Herbert and Myrtle York

Died: March 12<sup>th</sup>, 1943

Burial: Malta Memorial, Floriana, Malta

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