



Jack Clements having a bath in a "rare luxury spa" somewhere in Germany, May 1945.



Sergeant Jean (Walker) Williams, Women's Auxiliary Corps. (India), British Army Intelligence staff (left) near the Punjab-Kashmir border.



Terry Byron, WW2 veteran (left), with son Darrel Byron, veteran peace time: Sgt.-at-arms, Chemainus Legion. (Submitted by Vicki Byron)



Private Jesse Bond at age 21, 48th (Victoria) Battalion, 3rd Canadian Pioneers Division at training camp in southwest England, 1915. "Like so many others he volunteered for King and Country," writes his son Malcolm Bond. "His first night in action in France in the spring of 1916 saw his 30-man platoon wiped out almost to a man. He and one other survived. His best friend was cut in half by a machine gun while hung up in barbed wire not 30 feet from him. Jesse's ordeal prompted him not to make close friendships until near the war's end and it left him with nightmares of artillery pounding for eight or nine years after his return to Salt Spring in 1919.

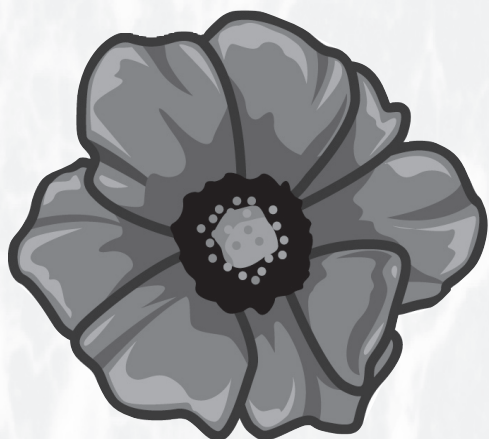


Unloading one of the ambulances of a convoy in WWII. (Submitted by Muriel Osburn)

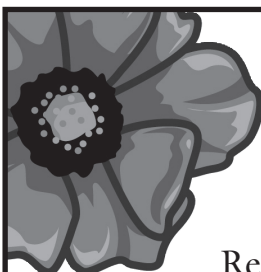
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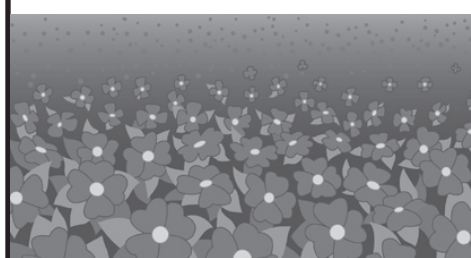
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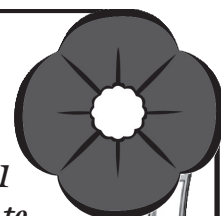
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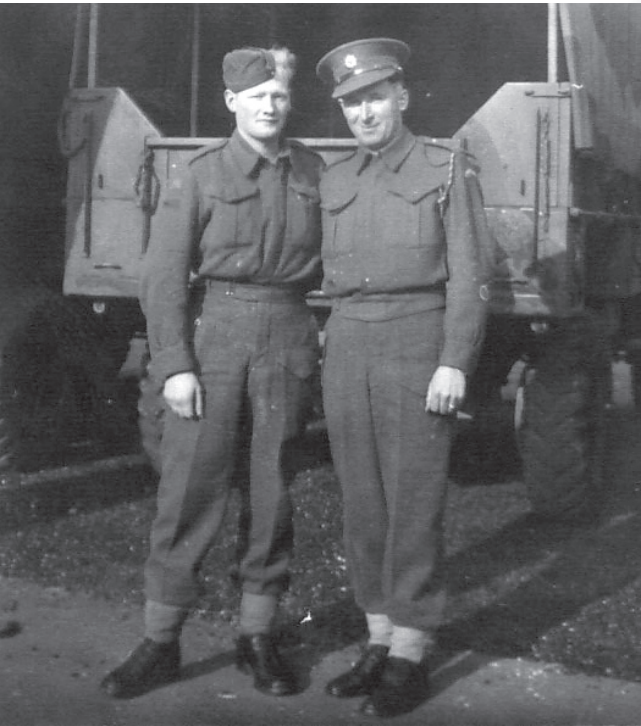


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Ronald Lee from Fulford Harbour joined the army in 1940. This photo was taken of the 13th Light Field Ambulance Transport Section he was part of at the Camp Borden training camp on Sept. 16, 1941. After training in Camp Borden and England, Ronnie served in the Italian campaign.
(Submitted by Patrick Lee)



Arthur Lee (left) and Ronnie Lee were cousins. Arthur was killed in action in WW2, location unknown. Ronnie was in the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps. Both are members of the Lee family that Lee's Hill is named for.
(Submitted by Carol Simpson)



From left, back row: B. Melnick, T. Burnett, G. Farndale, J. Heggie; from left, front row: D. Flanertl, A. Tunnock, H. Stone (front row far right). Outside control tower at Tholtorpe, Yorks, April 1945. Hal Stone, now of Salt Spring, enlisted November 1943. Served as a gunner with RCAF #6 Bomber Command, Squadron 420, Snowy Owl Halifaxes, then Lancasters.



F/O Tony Smith, France 1960. Served with 430 Fighter Squadron 2, Fighter Wing, RCAF, France, NATO.



Ronnie Lee (see above).



Bert McCann, 1940. After training at gunnery school he reported to the 14th Fighter Squadron posted to the Aleutian Isles chain (1943). Along with U.S.-Canadian army and air force, they forced the Japanese off Attu and Kiska and stopped their drive to Alaska. Posted overseas January 1944, renamed 442 Squadron. First squadron in France, June 10, 1944 at Juno. Covered the Canadian 1st Army through Belgium and the Netherlands to last posting 12 miles from Arnhem.

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Women's Auxiliary Air Force II group in Oxbridge, England, 1944.



Major Fred Tilston, V.C., and Col. Ken MacIntyre, D.S., outside Buckingham Palace on June 22, 1945.
(Submitted by Muriel Osburn)



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Leister Square on Victory Day looking towards Picadilly Circus. *(Submitted by Muriel Osburn)*

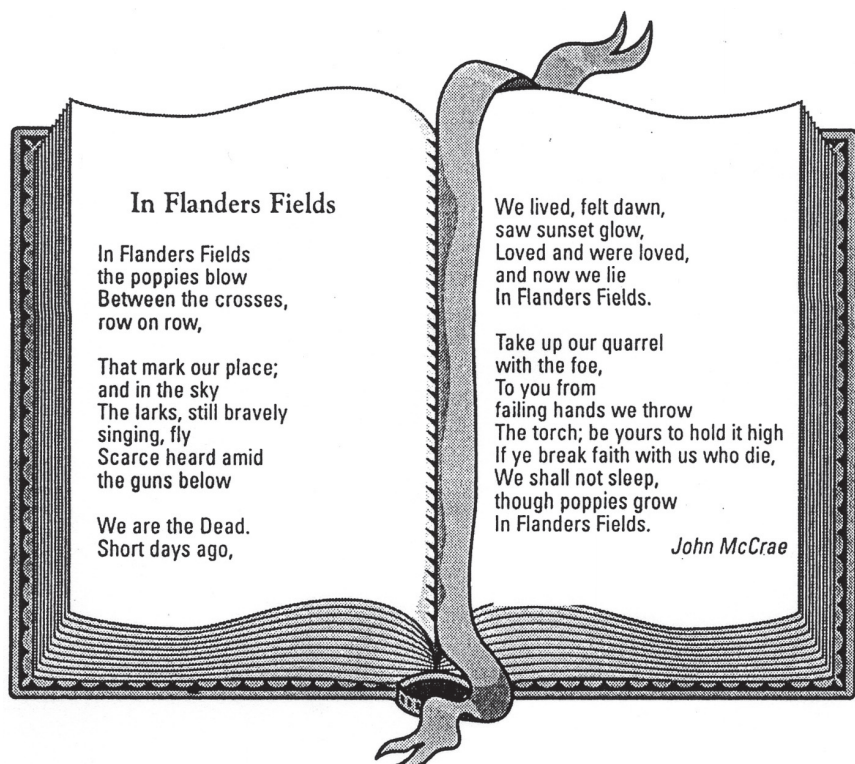


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Funeral service of a family's only son, who died in Muriel Osburn's hospital ward after spending a long time in an iron lung. *(Submitted by Muriel Osburn)*

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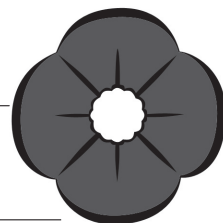
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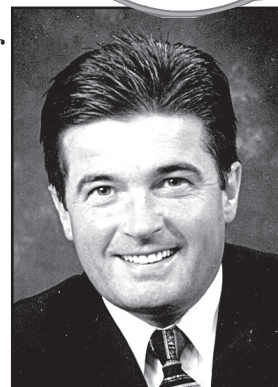
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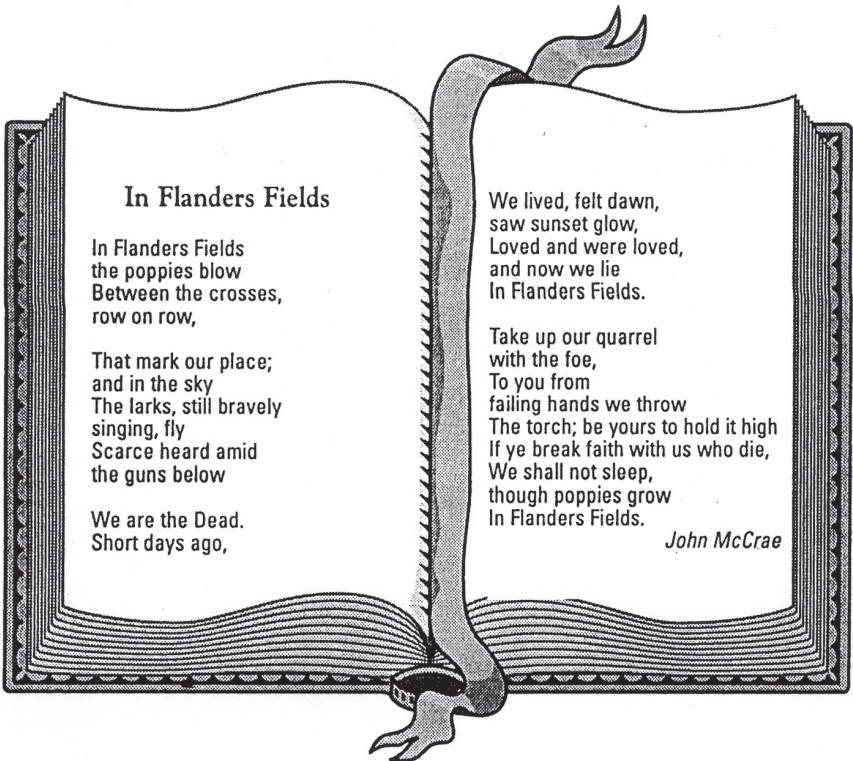


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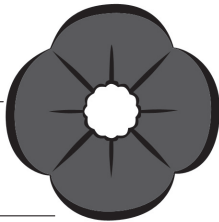
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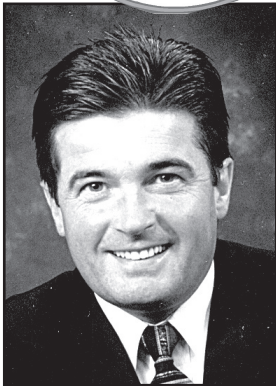
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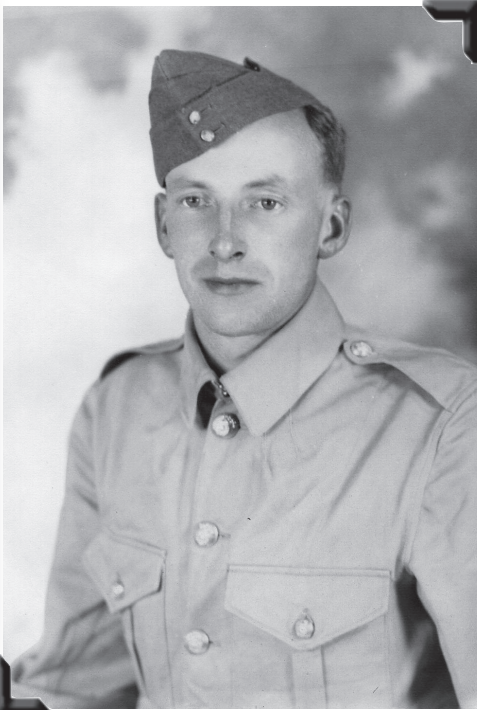




Norwegian Commandos resting after training exercises in Achnecharie, Scotland 1943. Knut Flakstad (right) served with the Norwegian Commandos, who were trained in Orkney Islands and Hebrides. Assisted political prisoners to escape from occupied Norway via Scotland. *(Submitted by Ragnhild Flakstad)*



LAC Kenneth Dods, born July 8, 1923; passed away January 30, 1999. Ken was well known on the island for the work he did with young people's athletics. *(Submitted by Rita Dods)*



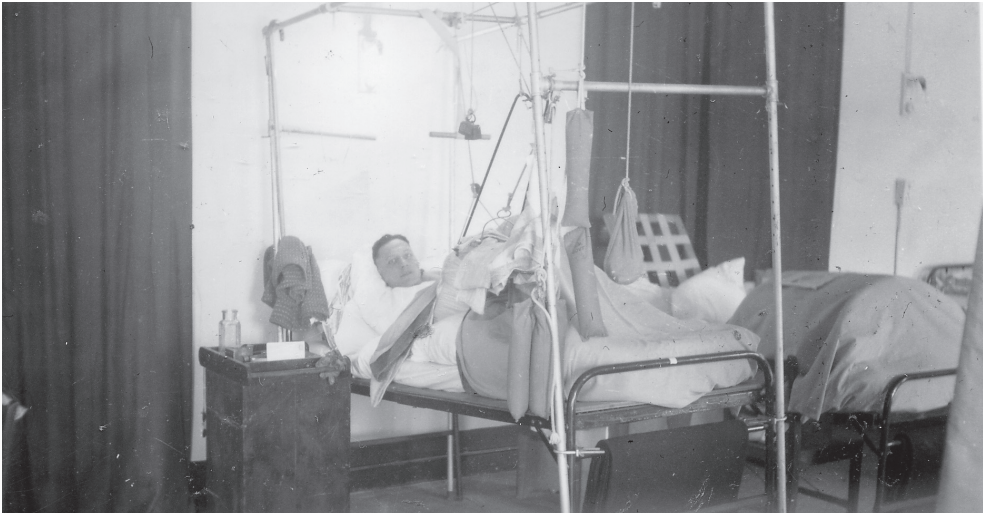
Les Mollet became a Lance Corporal in WWII and was in a mechanics unit. *(Submitted by Carol Simpson)*



Howard Byron, C.I.C., WWII. *(Submitted by Vicki Byron)*



Muriel Osburn was in the Victorian Order of Nurses during WWII. Here she's in front of a 1080 Leyland in 1952 doing house calls as a public health nurse in West Vancouver.



A Canadian soldier from Montreal in a "Balkan frame" in Canadian General Hospital #24 outside of London, England in 1944 where Muriel Osburn, now of Salt Spring, was a nurse in the Victorian Order of Nurses. The man had Muriel take this photo and send it home to his wife.

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Alan & Agnes Hedger in Sidney, B.C., 1942. "Dad had an enlarged heart so he was posted in Sidney to help build the Pat Bay Airport," writes daughter Winsome White. "I was born while we were there. He wanted to go overseas, but because of his heart was not permitted to go. He said they put in 16-hour days, seven days a week on that job."



Harry Andrews Roberts served in the 1st Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's), along with many others from Salt Spring, 1940-45. Landed on D-Day. Three wounds. Awarded Knight of the National Order of Merit by France. Nominated by his battalion to represent them in April this year at the 60th anniversary of the liberation of the town of Hattem, Holland. He and his daughter Val attended. They were hosted by the town and unveiled a plaque on Hattem's 1,000-year-old town hall. (Submitted by Bob Rush)



Clarence Albert "Jock" Goodrich and John Edward "Jack" Bennett joined the Seaforth Highlanders together in Smithers. They were blended into the Canadian Scottish 16th Battalion under the command of Col. Cy Peck at the Willows Training Camp in Victoria before they were sent overseas for WWI. Both men settled on Salt Spring Island after the war. Jock Goodrich was the father of Iris Pattinson and Ruth Heinekey. (Submitted by Carol Simpson)



Major Kenneth Williams, aged 24, on New Year's Day, 1945, Diest, Belgium. Served in the 2nd Army of Britain, Royal Engineers. Rapid Airfield construction. Photo taken just prior to 8 Corps "Putsch" and V.E. Armistice, Luneberg, N.W. Germany. D-Day veteran and Belsen Camp liberator.



Ken Byron, Sr., Sgt. Major Black Watch, WWII, with mother Elizabeth Byron, Women's Army Core Sgt. Major in WWI. (Submitted by Vicki Byron)



Terence Byron, Can. Scottish Regiment, Provost Sgt. WWII. (Submitted by Vicki Byron)



Jack Bennett's family still lives on Salt Spring — his children are Johnny Bennett, Mary Mollet, Evelyn Lee and the late June Stevens. Five of his grandchildren, three of his great grandchildren and six of his great great grandchildren are living on Salt Spring. (Submitted by Carol Simpson)



First Cenotaph on Salt Spring Island, which was located in front of the present Ganges fire hall. It commemorated the WWI veterans from Salt Spring and Galiano islands. (Submitted by Patrick Lee)



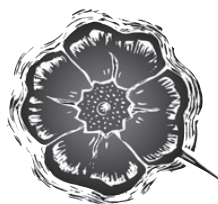
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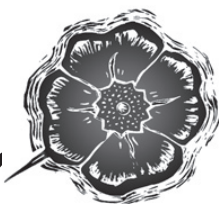


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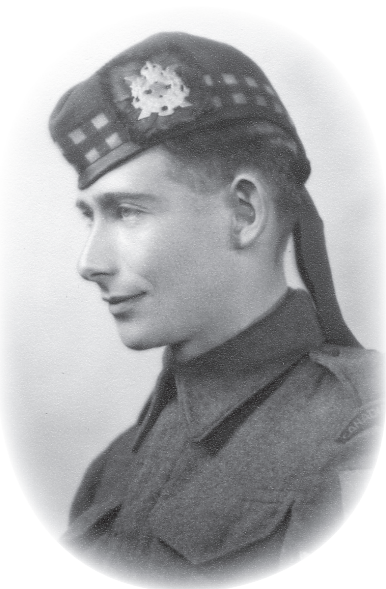
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In 1900, Captain James Mitchell, aged 17, left his home in Scotland for Africa and the Boer War. He served in the “Imperial Light Horse” regiment under the command of Lord Roberts. He saw action in one Zulu rebellion; an awesome sight indeed. Awarded Queen Victoria’s medal for five campaigns: South Africa 1901, South Africa 1902, Transvaal Orange Free State Cape Colony. Awarded King Edwards medal 1906. In WWI he fought in the trenches and later in the Royal Flying Corp. in balloons observing for the French lines. Awarded three 1914-1918 medals and the Military Cross. *(Submitted by his daughter June Mitchell)*



Ronald Stewart Walter Hoole served in the 1st Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary’s), 1940-44, along with many others from Salt Spring. Killed in action October 27, 1944. *(Submitted by Bob Rush)*




Ken Byron Sr., Sgt. in C. Scottish Regiment, WWII. *(Submitted by Vicki Byron)*



Arthur Lee was killed in action in WWII. *(Submitted by Carol Simpson)*



Lt.-Col. Desmond G. Crofton of the 2nd Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment Militia, prior to WWII. Was B-company commander when severely wounded during the advance on Germany. He was awarded several decorations. *(Submitted by Terry Byron)*




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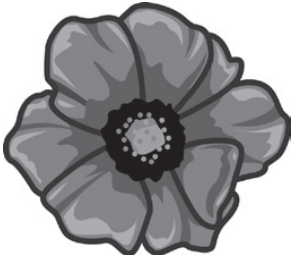
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Lyda Smith, now of Salt Spring, with her step-father Chief Petty Officer Edward G. Burke, 1941, when he was stationed in Key West, Florida with the U.S. Navy.

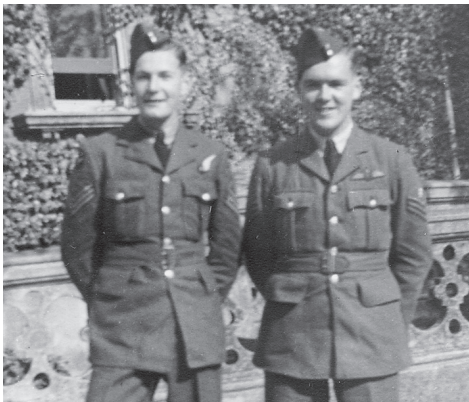
“By the summer of 1942, my mother, who was seriously ill, and I took the train north to live with my grandparents in Sydney Mines, Nova Scotia. By 1943, my grandparents had lost my mother to cancer, their son-in-law Edward had been killed in the Pacific and a nephew, Wilfred Bonner was lost in the Gulf of St. Lawrence when his ship was torpedoed.

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Joshua Johnson in Plymouth, England, 1942. Father of Pauline Spencer of Salt Spring Island and Dr. Alan L. Johnson, Saanichton.



Two Ganges boys meet up in England, both in the RCAF, in 1942. Bruce Drake (left) in Bomber Command and his cousin Ivan Mouat in Fighter Command. Bruce went missing in action in March of 1943. Ivan died in 2005. (Submitted by Sue Mouat)



Ronald Milton, in Florence, Jan. 1945. Ronald was called up in May of 1942. He served in Algeria, Tunisia, Sicily, Italy and Austria. Medals include 1939-1945 Star - Africa Star (1st Army), Italy Star - Defence Medal, C.D. Queens Own Royal West Kent Regiment (signals platoon) 78 Division.

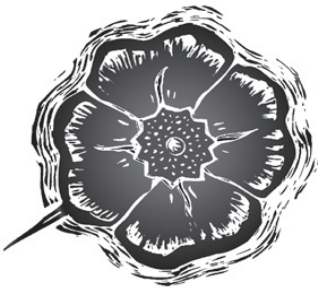


Edward Lee (left) and Charlie Hope, in France while on leave in WWI in 1917. Edward Lee was the son of Salt Spring pioneer Tom Lee. (Submitted by Patrick Lee)



Damage done by bombing right beside St. Paul's Cathedral, London, England. (Submitted by Muriel Osburn)

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