

Honouring Our Military Families

Notes/Links

Nancy Vaillancourt's Presentation

Greater Sudbury Public Library

Heritage Database

<https://cdm22003.contentdm.oclc.org/>

Greater Sudbury Historical Database

<http://webcat.sudbury.library.on.ca:81/search/>

INCO Triangle

<http://www.sudburymuseums.ca/triangle/index.cfm?pg=search&lang=en&goSearch=1&searchStr=war&startMonth=9&startYear=1945&endMonth=10&endYear=1945>

Greater Sudbury Archives

Book of Remembrance Royal Canadian Legion Dr Fred Sheridan Starr Branch 76

<https://www.archeion.ca/book-of-remembrance>

Library and Archives Canada

World War I

<https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/military-heritage/first-world-war/personnel-records/Pages/search.aspx>

World War II

<https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/military-heritage/second-world-war/second-world-war-dead-1939-1947/Pages/files-second-war-dead.aspx>

Canadian Letters & Images Project

<https://www.canadianletters.ca/>

Royal Canadian Legion

Virtual Wall of Honour

<https://www.legion.ca/remembrance/promoting-remembrance/virtual-wall-of-honour>

Canadian War Museum

<https://www.warmuseum.ca/firstworldwar/history/life-at-the-front/military-structure/the-canadian-expeditionary-force/>

Canadian Armed Forces

Holiday Cards

Mail to:

Any Canadian Armed Forces Member

P O Box 5004, Stn Forces

Belleville, ON K8N 5W6

Art Taylor's Presentation

Sources for Laverne Bell WISMER

<https://generations.regionofwaterloo.ca/getperson.php?personID=I42287&tree=generations>

{This site has a lot of information about current and past residents of Waterloo County/Region of Waterloo, including photos and memories. It should be referred to by anybody with family connections to that area}

<https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/2613481>

<https://www.myheritage.com/research/record-10909-1373676/laverne-wismer-in-commonwealth-war-graves>

Sources for Dr. A. Ross TILLEY & The Guinea Pig Club

<http://www.qlhs.org.uk/oracle/2011-guinea-pig/index.htm>

<https://www.uoftplasticsurgery.ca/about/division/hall-of-fame/ross-tilley/>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Albert_Ross_Tilley

<https://web.archive.org/web/20060927114242/http://www.sunnybrook.ca/programs/trauma/rtbc>

https://web.archive.org/web/20061229120036/http://www.pulsus.com/Plastics/05_01/founded.htm

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/East_Grinstead

<https://www.rafbf.org/guinea-pig-club/gallery>

<https://www.iwm.org.uk/collections/item/object/30076751>

<https://www.hastingsobserver.co.uk/news/opinion/guinea-pigs-roamed-town-didnt-stare-1197461>

<https://www.thepmfajournal.com/features/post/sir-archibald-mcindoe-and-the-guinea-pig-club>

<https://www.smh.com.au/national/harold-stannus-last-member-of-guinea-pig-club-for-wwii-air-crew-burns-victims-20171115-gzlwco.html>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m-Hrrp0ktlY>

Art offers this additional story which he didn't have time to include in his presentation.

Howard (Blackie) Lesley Taylor

Mom's brother, Howard (Blackie) Lesley Taylor, was born and lived in Galt, except for his WW 2 service with RCAF, until he moved his family to Sudbury circa 1956 and shortly after to Capreol. He finished his career as Chief Electrician at Moose Mountain Mine, north of Capreol, when he took early retirement for medical reasons.

As a life-long "ham" radio operator (call letters VE3ABZ), his interest in radio in general got him into doing research into military radio and the development of RADAR, at least from what I remember Mom telling me over the years.

About 1969, he visited my family in Galt for a weekend. As C/O of the Signals group in Royal Canadian Army Cadets, #21 Galt Collegiate Institute & Vocational School Cadet Corps, I arranged with Mr. John Duke, the Cadet Corps Chief Instructor, to hold a special meeting in his classroom on Saturday morning for Uncle Howard to talk about his experiences.

The story I best remember involved some vanishing wheelbarrows from the RCAF base he was stationed at in Holland. The local civilians were allowed to borrow wheelbarrows each day to help in their farming of food crops. The procedure was for each wheelbarrow to be signed out in the morning and signed in each afternoon. The sign out was apparently done correctly, but with one sentry on duty in the morning, and a different one on shift in the afternoon, the

records apparently were not checked routinely so fewer wheelbarrows were returned than had been signed out. At some point, the QuarterMaster in charge of wheelbarrows noticed the discrepancy between the inventory quantity of wheelbarrows and the actual quantity on hand. An investigation showed what had been happening and no more wheelbarrows disappeared.

I have a funeral note from Uncle Howard's second wife, Wilma, informing me of his death and funeral in June 1986. He was cremated but his ashes are buried in the Capreol Cemetery. I've since been able to find his grave and have digital photos of both his stone, showing only his name and birth and death years. There's also a metal disk with an RCAF logo, which I understand was placed by the Capreol Branch, Royal Canadian Legion.