

Clifford Stories

Crawford William Newton was a private in the 46th Battalion Canadian Infantry (Saskatchewan Regiment). He was born on 29th March 1895 in Clifford, Wellington, Ontario. He was the son of William and Rebecca Newton (Weishuhn)

In 1916 Crawford was living with his parents, brother Roy and sister Pauline and his uncles Richard and George in Maple Creek, Saskatchewan. He was working as a carpenter.

He was farming in Saskatchewan when he enlisted with the 210th Battalion in May 1916.

Crawford was killed in action near the trenches of Abraham Heights, southwest of Passchendaele, Belgium on 23rd October 1917 remembered on the Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres.



Douglas Bates was a private in the 78th Battalion Canadian Infantry (Manitoba Regiment). He was born in London, England on 11th November 1894, the son of Marian Bates.

He enlisted in Harriston, Ontario on 29th November 1915. He was a farm labourer at the time.

On 2nd September 1918, the 78th Battalion (Winnipeg Grenadiers), Canadian Infantry took part in the massive assault on the Drocourt-Quéant Line during the 100 Days Offensive of the First World War. Douglas was killed in action on 2nd September 1918 and is buried in Dury Mill British Cemetery, France.



James Fransie Welton was a Sapper in the Canadian Railway Troops. James was born on 29th April 1894 in Harriston, Ontario. He was the son of Charles and Francis Welton.

In 1901 James was living with his parents and brothers Robert and Roy in Wellington, Ontario.

In 1911 James was working as a servant in the home of Isaac and Eveline Bayliss on their farm in Huron, Ontario.

He enlisted on 24th September 1915 in London, Ontario. He was a railway stationman at the time.

James died of influenza on 2nd February 1919 in the American Military Hospital, Knotty Ash and is buried in Kirkdale Cemetery, Liverpool. He was waiting to be returned to Canada.



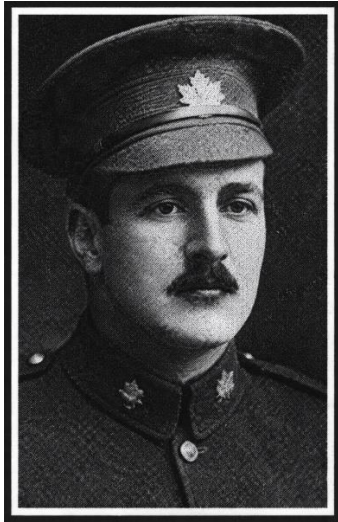
John Egmond Dettman was a private in the 13th Battalion Canadian Infantry. He was born on 23rd May 1892 in Howick, Ontario. He was the son of Heinrich (Henry) and Mary Dettman (Roever). His father was born in Germany, and his mother was born in Canada.

In 1911 John was living in Huron, Ontario with his parents in his grandfather Frederick Dettman's house. His father died on 29th September 1911.

He enlisted on 5th April 1915 in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan and at the time he was a farmer.

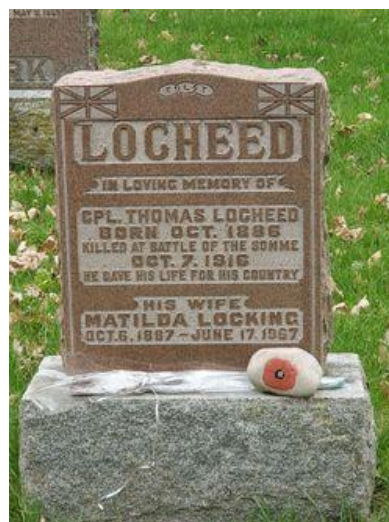
John was gassed in February 1918 and died on 25th November 1920 having contracted tuberculosis in Wellington, Ontario and is buried in Clifford Cemetery.

Thomas Lockheed was a corporal in D Company 58th Battalion Canadian Infantry (Central Ontario Regiment).



Thomas was born on 14th November 1881 in Chesley, Ontario. He was the son of Henry and Martha. Prior to enlisting on 19th July 1915, he was employed as a contractor. On 19th November 1915 he married Matilda Locking in York, Ontario.

Thomas was killed on 7th October 1916 north-east of Courcelette, Somme, France. He was wounded in the leg during an attack on Regina Trench and was seen by several comrades in a bad condition in a shell hole in no man's land near the German lines from which it was impossible to move him. He was initially presumed missing before officially being announced dead. He is buried in Cerisy-Gailly Military Cemetery.



William Allan Hood was a private in the 43rd Battalion Canadian Infantry (Manitoba Regiment).



On left, William A Hood (right) with George Brewster (left).
On right, William A Hood (left) with Art Porterfield (right) taken 2/9/18 at Bramshott Camp, Hampshire, England

William was born on 12th May 1887 in Huron, Ontario. He was the son of William and Jane Hood (Ross).

He enlisted on 31st May 1916 in Harriston, Ontario.

On 28th August 1918, the 43rd Battalion (Cameron Highlanders of Canada), CEF was actively engaged in the The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada_operational area in France during the Second Battle of Arras (part of the Hundred Days Offensive). William was killed in action on 28th August 1918 and is buried in Vis-En-Artois British Cemetery, Haucourt.

John Binkley was a private in the 78th Battalion Canadian Infantry (Manitoba Regiment).



John was born on 10th March 1893 in Huron, Ontario. He was the son of Jacob and Sophia Binkley (Werner).

In 1911 John was living with his parents, brothers Henry, Walter and Martin and sister Matilda in Clifford, Ontario. Both John and his father were farmers.

He enlisted in Clifford, Ontario

John was last seen wounded and trying to make his way to the dressing station during the attack near Douai-Cambrai Road. His body was later found on the battlefield near Sancourt and was buried. John died on 29th September 1918 and is buried Cantimpre Canadian Cemetery, France.