

**Malvern CI  
1914-1918 Memorial  
Rededication  
November 4, 2011**

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## **Message from the Honourable Steven Blaney Minister of Veterans Affairs**

I am honoured, as Minister of Veterans Affairs, to extend my personal greetings on this special occasion of the Rededication of the Malvern Collegiate Institute World War I Memorial in Toronto.


Generations of Canadians have sacrificed a great deal so that we may live in peace. We will be forever grateful for what our Veterans have accomplished and for what our military personnel do every day for our country.

Today you are honouring those men and women who left their families and homes to do what they had to do. Let us never forget those who made the ultimate sacrifice so that we—our children and our children's children—might live in freedom and in peace. Our greatest gift to them is the gift of Remembrance.

I wish to thank the Toronto District School Board for their leadership in this endeavour—and to all of you who have worked so hard to make this project a reality—our Government commends you.

Your efforts to rebuild and rededicate this beautiful Veterans' Memorial is a reflection of your commitment to honour our Veterans .

Congratulations on this important achievement.



Steven Blaney, P.C., M.P.

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Dear Friends of Malvern,

This is truly an exciting day for all of us here in the Malvern Community. Finally after years of effort on the part of so many all across the country our beautiful war memorial sculpted by Emanuel Hahn has been restored to its former glory in front of our school.

The journey to arrive to this point had not been easy. Initially small amounts of funds were raised by the community and forgotten. Letters were written and groups were organized but little progress was made. No one was quite sure who was actually responsible for our eroded limestone monument sadly missing his hand and sword. It is a dedicated Malvern parent Arnie Williamson who got things rolling gain with his Boys of Malvern project and tireless efforts with all levels of government as well as the TDSB and the Ministry of Veterans' Affairs. He did not give up and finally when our monument's story and sad state made the front pages of the Toronto Sun in April of 2010 we knew the corner had been turned. The TDSB under the direction of Bruce Davis worked hard to bring in specialists and get proper assessment and estimates for the repairs. Our trustee Sheila Carey-Meagher was an avid supporter from day one. Donations from alumni and community members around the globe began to pour in. A grant from Veterans Affairs and large donations from PACE Credit Union and the Maintenance and Construction Skilled Trades Council finally helped us attain our fundraising goal. An enthusiastic Malvern War Memorial Committee headed by our effervescent Malvern Red and Black President Vandra Masemann was formed and worked tirelessly with Greg McKinnon from our Archives Department to plan the restoration and the dedication ceremony. David Fuller also researched the biographies of the soldiers and created the programme booklet for November 4.

I would like to sincerely thank every individual who has worked in some capacity to make this special day happen. Thank you to our dedicated Malvern War Memorial Restoration Committee members: our leader Vandra Masemann who was often e-mailing us from around the globe at all hours, Nickie Lewis, Fran Perkins, David Fuller, Mike Izzo, Erich Lehrer, Laura Mcleod, Sheila Carey-Meagher, Greg McKinnon, Irene Hubel, Leslie Rose, Sue Maltby and Cindy Fuller.

I sincerely hope that our beautifully restored War Memorial will allow all of us to reflect on the positive work that can be accomplished when all elements of a community work together to make wonderful things happen. Onward Malvern!

Yours truly,

Line Pinard  
Principal



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**From the Malvern Red and Black Society**

**c/o Malvern Collegiate Institute, 55 Malvern Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M4E 3E4**

November 4, 2011

Dear Supporters of Malvern and Malvernites,

It gives us all great pleasure to welcome you today to the re-dedication of the restored Malvern Cenotaph. It is the culmination of the efforts of a great many people in the Beach community and across Canada and even beyond, among the alumni, in the Toronto District School Board and in the school itself as well as Veterans Affairs Canada.

Our interest in restoring this historic statue stemmed from the 2003 Malvern Centennial Reunion, but there were people whose efforts went back beyond that date. Various alumni and Beach residents had contacted the school and written to the *Beach Metro News* to see if there was any way that the statue could be restored. When the alumni came to the school in thousands to attend the Centennial Reunion, they were very sad to see the state of the statue, and the pressure to repair it has increased since that time. A Malvern parent, Arnie Williamson, established the Boys of Malvern project in support of the statue, and tried to get the process going to restore it by getting it officially registered as a Cenotaph and contacting Maria Minna, the then Liberal MP for the riding, for her assistance in regard to sources of federal funding. But the time was not favorable, the broken hand remained in the vault of the TDSB and the funding was not available.

Then in early 2010, the Onward Malvern Foundation started to make inquiries about where the money was that had already been collected for the statue – less than \$2000 in 2010. Word got around and, in April 2010, the *Toronto Sun* published a photo of the **statue on its front page with a large headline saying “It’s a Disgrace”**. **That publicity resulted in quick action by Bruce Davis, then Chair of the TDSB, to have the state** of the statue assessed and estimates made of the final cost of repairs. In June he brought about our first major donation, from PACE Credit Union, represented by Mr. Dan Coldwell. By the end of the school year, donations were starting to come into the school. The TDSB also appointed Greg McKinnon, its Archives Manager, to head up the project and to research the process for getting a grant from Veterans Affairs Canada. The Onward Malvern Foundation agreed that the Malvern Red and Black Society would form the Malvern CI War Memorial Restoration Committee, with representatives from every constituency in the school. In September 2010, the donations were coming in regularly and the campaign was well underway. As a result of national and local media exposure in early November 2010, the donations gathered speed. A large donation from the Maintenance and Construction Skilled Trades Council boosted our total and we met our target of \$30,000 by the Winter Holidays in 2010. In January of 2011, the then Minister of Veterans Affairs informed us that our grant of \$14,000 was approved and there was great joy expressed over the Internet that day. Now we had enough money to restore the base, clean the surface and the letters with the **soldiers’ names, and re-attach the hand and re-carved sword**.

In summer and fall of this year, the repair crew, headed by Susan Maltby, worked on these aspects of the **statue’s restoration**. **In October, again there** was rejoicing when the hand and sword were attached at last to the statue. And so today, we are gathered, all those many people who helped to bring about this historic event in the life of the school and of the Beach community. We thank you all most warmly for your support, both financial and moral.

Yours sincerely,

Vandra Masemann,  
President, Malvern Red and Black Society

# Malvern Collegiate Institute 1914-1918 Memorial Rededication Ceremony

November 4, 2011, 2.00 pm

## Order of Events

Arrival of Colour Guard, led by Piper Dennis Sim, 32nd Service Battalion Pipes & Drums, and First World War re-enactors Kevin Hebib and Chris Laverton followed by the Official Party.

Malvern Band, Conductor Michael Falla - O Canada

Trustee Sheila Carey-Meagher – Welcome and Greetings from the Toronto District School Board

The Ceremonial Rededication of the Cenotaph

Line Pinard, Principal of Malvern Collegiate Institute – Welcome and Greetings from Malvern CI

Matthew Kellway, MP, Beaches-East York, on behalf of Veterans Affairs Canada

Dan Coldwell, Vice-President of Business Development, PACE Credit Union, to represent the donors

Malvern Choir, Conductor Laura Norris - The Song for Peace by Allister MacGillivray of Cape Breton. Names of the Malvern soldiers, The Boys of Malvern, on the Cenotaph are read by Chris Commins, nephew of Capt. William Commins, MC, and Shirley Jones, niece of Pvt. Wilfred Jones.

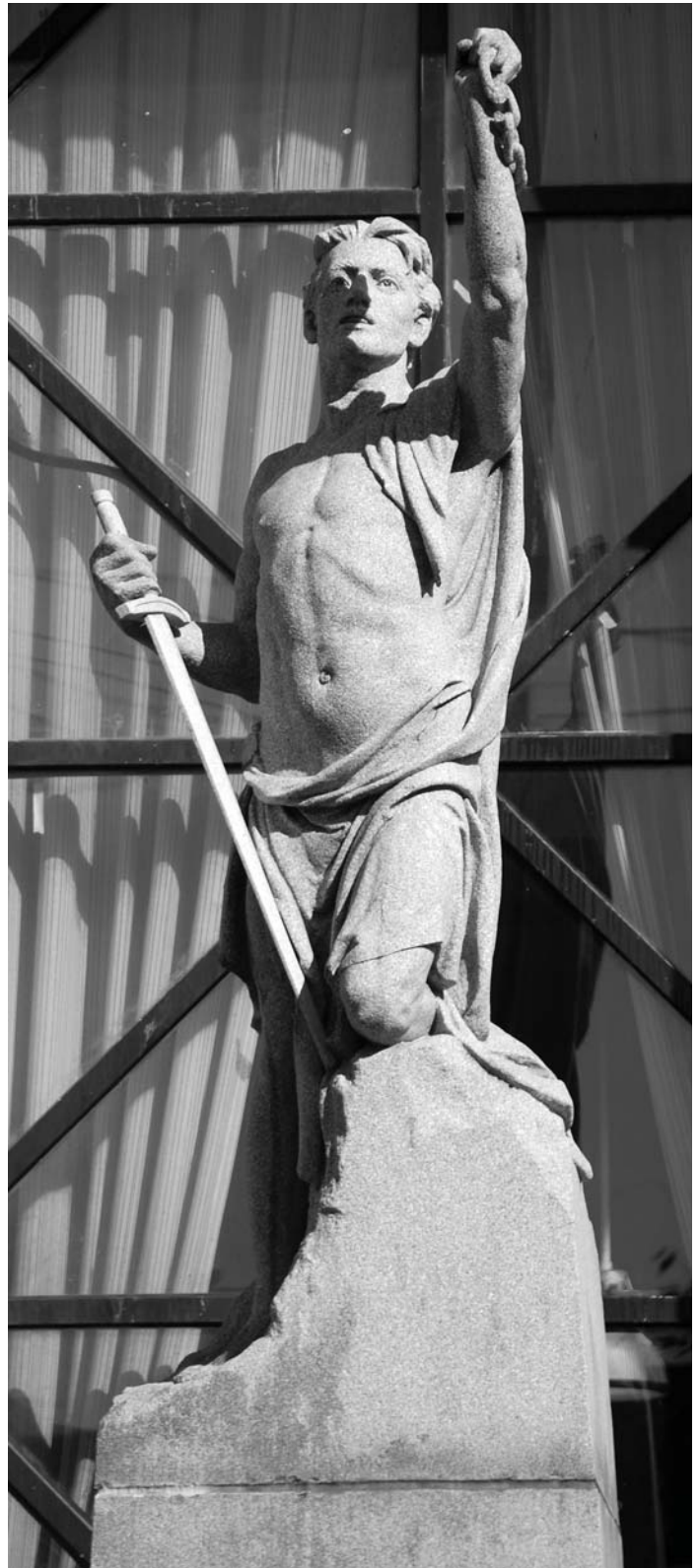
Major J. J. Stocker, Queens York Rangers, and Col. (Ret.) James Hubel, former CO, 7th Toronto Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery, representing the Royal Regiment Canadian Artillery and the Canadian Forces

Chris Commins - Presentation of letters from the front by his uncle, Capt. William Commins

Line Pinard, Principal, Malvern CI – Speech of Thanks

Malvern Band, Choir and all assembled - Onward Malvern

Dismissal of students to class. Official photographs of honoured guests are taken



*The Memorial restored*

*photo by Susan L. Maltby*



# Malvern Memorial is restored after 89 years on guard

After years of looking skyward with one hand and no sword, the heroic figure on the Malvern memorial can once again stand vigil over the names of the fallen from the First World War with pride.

A successful fund-raising effort led by the Malvern Red and Black Society enabled the statue to be renovated in October 2011. The Toronto District School Board committed to cover the cost of repairs to the base, while donations from the community and a grant from Veterans Affairs Canada allowed the hiring of a professional conservator that would ensure a careful and historically accurate restoration.

Over the 89 years since it was first dedicated on Friday, May 19, 1922, the memorial suffered from the effects of weather and youthful exuberance. The lead letters fixed to it were falling off, the base was crumbling and the right hand and sword were missing. The surface was also stained with rust from an exposed iron pin, paint and egg splatter.

The hand was found on the ground and deposited for safekeeping in the school vault and for years, members of the community tried to draw attention to the sad state of their monument. After several false starts, the fund-raising drive was finally successful and conservator Susan L. Maltby of Maltby & Associates was brought in to begin the work.



National Gallery of Canada

Research revealed that the statue, created for the Thomson Monument Company by sculptor **Emanuel Hahn (left)**, had a twin in Alvinston, Ont., which could be used as a reference to create a copy of the missing sword. Brett Davis and sculptor Frank Anjo were brought in to the project to replicate it and Neil Sanderson of

Sanderson Monument Company assisted with the refitting. The iron pin that originally held the hand was removed – it had been staining the stone for a number of years – and a new one in stainless steel was inserted.

Originally adorned with hand-carved lead letters, the memorial had been restored at some point using cast white metal letters attached using a variety of silicone sealants, which smeared onto the stone. Some letters were put on upside down and the original spacing was not respected. A number were now missing or bent.



*Rearming a warrior: the Styrofoam sword template is checked for fit on the Malvern statue. Right, the original brochure.*



*Lost art: replacement letters in lead were pinned in place and carved one at a time by hand. Below, the memorial's base was repaired to make it stable.*



*The statue's twin in Alvinston is measured for the missing sword so a template can be made.*

All restoration photos by Susan L. Maltby

“Lead lettering is a skill few still possess,” said Maltby in her report to the committee. “Sanderson Monument is one of the few companies I know of who offer this service.” The decision was made to retain all of the cast letters that were securely fastened to the stone. Those in danger of falling off were removed and retained for the archive. Carver Eric Schop drilled holes to receive the lead, which was then pounded in to place and the letters cut by hand.

“I consider it an honour to have been part of the team restoring Malvern's War Memorial,” Maltby said. “Emanuel Hahn was a gifted Canadian artist and his legacy lives on.”





## DEDICATION DAY 1922

*Colonel Henry Cockshutt, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario (centre, holding hat, and inset), speaks during the original dedication of the Malvern memorial on Friday, May 19, 1922, while a crowd of Beach residents, cadets and war veterans listen. Not seen in the photo is a raised platform decked with flags from which Lieut.-Col. the Rev. Canon William L. Baynes-Reed, DSO, uttered the prayer of dedication.*





**Lance Corporal Cecil Pugh Annis (1894-1918)**  
RR#1 Highland Creek

Son of Levi and Sarah Annis of Highland Creek, Annis was among the first Malvern students to volunteer for the Canadian Expeditionary Force, signing up in April 1915. He served with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion and was wounded in action twice, first in June 1916 at Mount Sorrel, Ypres, during the Battle of the Somme. After returning to the front lines, he was again wounded in October 1916 and spent many months convalescing before returning to Toronto to be discharged, no longer fit for service having lost an eye and suffering head wounds. Although he hoped to return to Malvern and finish his studies, his health deteriorated and he died on Sept. 20, 1918, just weeks before the armistice. He is buried in the cemetery at Washington United Church, Scarborough.

**Capt. William Kennedy Commins, MC, DSO (1892-1918)**  
90 Beech Ave.



The son of William J. and Margaret Commins joined the Canadian Expeditionary Force in August 1915 as a Lieutenant with the 75<sup>th</sup> Battalion (Central Ontario Regiment). He was awarded the Military Cross on Oct. 6, 1916, for his actions in a raid at Passchendaele and promoted to Captain. He was wounded during the Canadian action near Vimy Ridge on April 20, 1917, but returned to duty. During an advance into the town of Le Quesnel, Picardie, on Aug. 19, 1918, Commins was killed by an artillery shell just 20 yards from

his company headquarters. He is buried in Beaucourt British Cemetery, Beaucourt-en-Santerre, Somme. Brother of Capt. Chester Commins, MC and bar, who was also killed in action, and Cadet Maurice Commins, RAF.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Gordon Parsons Davidson (1892-1917)**  
2162 Gerrard St. E.



Son of George and Martha Davidson, he joined the CEF in October 1915, serving with the 95<sup>th</sup> Battalion. He went overseas with a draft of Canadian Officers Training Corps candidates for Imperial commissions in March 1916 and, after training at Oxford, was appointed to the Royal Scots Fusiliers in November and joined the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion in France in December 1916. He was with his regiment near Monchy-le-Preux during the Battle of Arras, when he went missing in the disastrous attack of May 3, 1917, and was later

reported killed on that day. He is remembered on the Arras Memorial in the Faubourg-d'Amiens Cemetery.

**Private John Patrick Davidson (1897-1917)**  
44 Wineva Ave.

Son of John Patrick and Jessie Russell Davidson, he joined the CEF in November 1915, and arrived in England with the 95<sup>th</sup> Battalion before joining the 60<sup>th</sup> Battalion (Victoria Rifles) in September 1916. In January, his regiment went into the line near Thelus, France, and he was killed when a trench mortar exploded near him on Jan. 24, 1917. He is buried in Ecoivres Military Cemetery, Mont St. Eloi, Pas de Calais.

**Flight Sub-Lieutenant Gordon Ezra Duke (1896-1916)**  
255 Glebeholme Blvd.



Son of Mary Duke and the late Robert Duke, he signed up for pilot training at the Curtiss Flying School on Toronto Island in the late summer of 1915 in preparation for service with the Royal Naval Air Service. When the course was ended before completion in November, the navy agreed to pay his passage to England to complete his course at their flight training centre in Eastbourne, Sussex. On Jan. 10, 1916, during his first training flight with instructor Warrant Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Percival Fraser of Australia, a control cable broke loose and the plane crashed near Hampden Park, killing both men instantly. They were buried in the cemetery at Eastbourne after a funeral with full military honours.

**Private Martin James Flood (1894-1916)**  
14 Swanwick Ave.

Son of Martin and Margaret Flood, he joined the CEF in June 1915 at Camp Niagara. He arrived in France in December with reinforcements for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion (Eastern Ontario Regiment). After nine months at the front, he was wounded by shrapnel during the Battle of the Somme on Sept. 24, 1916, and was taken to No. 3 Casualty Clearing Station northeast of Amiens, where he died of his injuries. He is buried in Puchvillers British Cemetery.

**Lieutenant Cecil John French, MC (1893-1918)**  
Ridgtown, Ont.



Son of Frederick and Mauanna Lydia (Taylor) French, he was a medical student at the University of Chicago when he enlisted at Minnedosa, Manitoba, in October 1915 and joined the Canadian Machine Gun Corps. He rose quickly through the ranks and was promoted to sergeant with the 16<sup>th</sup> Machine Gun Company by September 1916. French transferred to cadet school in February 1917 and received his commission as a lieutenant in April 1917, again with the 16<sup>th</sup> Company. He was awarded the Military Cross for conspicu-

ous bravery in reorganizing his crews after an attack and saving the guns during the Battle of Passchendaele in October 1917. In December, he was injured when struck by a car and spent time in hospital. After spending time at field gunnery school, he returned to the front with the 4<sup>th</sup> Canadian Machine Gun Battalion and was killed on Sept. 28, 1918, near the Douai-Cambrai Road in the battle for Bournon Wood. He is buried in Anneux British Cemetery, Nord, France.

**Gunner Arthur Patrick Gorman (1889-1917)**  
West Hill

Son of Patrick and Ellen Gorman, he signed up with the CEF in June 1916 at Belleville and served in the artillery, eventually joining the 6<sup>th</sup> Brigade, Canadian Field Artillery, in France in April 1917. He was wounded in the face in December when the brigade was at Mericourt and was diagnosed with tuberculosis during his stay in No. 16 Canadian Hospital, Orpington, England. He was invalided back to Canada in May 1918 and discharged in September. Gorman died from his illness on March 29, 1920, and is buried in Highland Creek (St. Joseph's) Cemetery.

**Private William Albert Heal (1891-1918)**  
23 Kimberly Ave.

Son of John and Amelia Heal of Scarborough Junction, he volunteered for duty in November 1915 and sailed for England in May 1916. After training, he embarked for France in May 1917 and joined the 20<sup>th</sup> Battalion (Central Ontario Regiment). At Third Ypres in the Battle of Passchendaele, while taking part in an attack on enemy positions northwest of Guémappe in the early morning of Aug. 26, 1918, he was killed instantly by shell fire shortly after leaving the "jumping off" trench at about 3am. Heal is buried in Tilloy British Cemetery, Tilloy-les-Mofflaine, near Arras.

**Gunner William John Hird (1897-1921)**  
34 Edgewood Ave.

Son of James and Annie Hird, he served with the Queen's Own Rifles militia while a student at Malvern, volunteered for the CEF in December 1915 and embarked for England in September 1916. He served with the 13<sup>th</sup> Brigade, Canadian Field Artillery, until August 1917 when he joined the 53<sup>rd</sup> Brigade. During the spring of 1917, Hird spent many months being treated for a persistent cold which was eventually diagnosed as tuberculosis. He was sent back to Canada in February 1918 and discharged in August. He was sent to the Soldiers Civil Re-establishment Sanatorium in what is now Baker's Park, Calgary, Alberta, where he died on Feb. 23, 1921. Hird is buried in the nearby Calgary Union Cemetery.

**Gunner Walter Thomas Hutchinson (1893-1916)**  
58 Lyall Ave.

Son of Thomas and Mary Hutchinson, he joined the CEF in November 1916 and became a member of the Canadian Field Artillery, arriving in England in April 1917. In June he was sent to France to reinforce the 4<sup>th</sup> Division, Canadian Divisional Ammunition Column and by November, he was helping feed the guns at Passchendaele during the Third Battle of Ypres and was one of a party detailed to deliver ammunition to the 19th Battery. While carrying out his duties on Nov. 9, 1917, Hutchinson was killed near Vlamertinghe, Belgium, in a bombing raid by hostile aircraft. He is buried in Vlamertinghe New Military Cemetery, West Flanders.

**Private Wilfred John Jones (1896-1917)**  
20 Sprucehill Rd.



Son of Walter and Mary Jones, he served for a year with the 4<sup>th</sup> Company, Canadian Officers Training Corps, at the University of Toronto and joined the CEF in October 1915. He arrived in France in June 1916 and was transferred to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade, Canadian Machine Gun Corps. After serving for almost a year at the front, Jones was evacuated to hospital in May 1917, but returned to the front near Vimy in June. He was killed by a shell just past midnight on July 1 and is buried in Orchard Dump Cemetery, Arleux-en-Gohelle, Arras, France.

**Lieutenant Roy Wesley Kerr, (1895-1918)**  
18 Cedar Ave.

Kerr joined the Royal Flying Corps in June 1917 and trained at Forth Worth, Texas, and Long Branch, Toronto. The son of James and Ella Kerr, he arrived in England in April 1918 to continue his

training as a pilot in what was now the Royal Air Force and was promoted to 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in July. When the new squadron he was assigned to was not formed as planned, he was sent to No. 2 Fighting School at Marske-in-Cleveland to practice gunnery. While flying a single-seater Sopwith Dolphin on Aug. 12, 1918, he went into a spin and crashed. He is buried in Marske-in-Cleveland (St. Germain) Churchyard.

**Lieutenant Charles Simpson Lennox (1898-1917)**  
35 Patricia Dr.



Son of Charles and Sarah (Simpson) Lennox and a cousin to Col. Sam Sharpe, MP, commander of the 116<sup>th</sup> Battalion, CEF, he joined that regiment in November 1915 and embarked for England in July 1916. By November he had risen through the ranks and was promoted to Lieutenant, sailing for France in February 1917. During the Battle of Lens, Lennox and several men of 'B' Company were defending an outpost near Avion that was overrun in a counterattack on July 23 and he was reported missing. It was later learned that

he died of a head wound on July 24, 1917, while a prisoner at Hénin-Liétard (now Hénin-Beaumont). He is buried in Cabaret-Rouge Cemetery, Souchez, Pas-de-Calais. The family donated the central stained glass window in St. John the Baptist Norway Anglican Church and dedicated it to their son and the 54 members of the parish who were killed in 1914-1918.

**Private Charles William Mabbot (1899-1918)**  
288 Main St.

The son of William and Martha Mabbot, he joined the CEF in March 1916 while a student at Malvern, just 12 days after turning 18. He embarked for England in April 1917, and was assigned to the Eaton Motor Machine Gun Battery, which became part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Machine Gun Brigade. He was wounded on Oct. 18, 1918, after the Battle of Cambrai, and sent to the military hospital in Napsbury, St. Albans, England, where he died from an infection on Oct. 23. He is buried in the Hatfield Road Cemetery in St. Albans, Hertfordshire.

**Private Harvey George Mansfield (1895-1916)**  
195 Seaton St.

Son of Margaret and the late Charles Mansfield of Scarborough, he enlisted in August 1915 and embarked for England in May 1916, arriving in France a month later. He joined the 4<sup>th</sup> Canadian Mounted Rifles and by October his regiment went into the line on the Somme to take part in the Battle of Ancre Heights. During the first attack on Regina Trench on Oct. 1, 1916, he was killed in action. He is buried in Stump Road Cemetery, Grandcourt, France. His brother, Fred (3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, CEF), was killed on Aug. 30, 1918.

**Private Charles Percy May (1895-1918)**  
2189 Gerrard St.

Son of Joseph and Margaret May, he enlisted in March 1916 and left for overseas in April 1917. During training in England, he was promoted to the acting ranks of lance corporal and sergeant, but reverted to private when he sailed for France in March 1918 to join the 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Mounted Rifles Battalion. On the night of July 5, 1918, while in the front line south of Mercatel near Arras, he was killed instantly by a high-explosive shell which burst on the wall of

the trench immediately behind his post. He is buried in Wailly Orchard Cemetery, Pas-de-Calais.

**Private Robert Fountain McLuckie** (1895-1916)  
50 Harvard Ave.

Son of Bathia McLuckie and the late Peter McLuckie, he enlisted in July 1915 as a member of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Company, Canadian Officers Training Corps, and arrived in England in September 1915. He was assigned to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Company, Canadian Machine Gun Corps, in February and joined his unit in France the following month. Just eight weeks later, while his unit was billeted near Ypres in the town of Dickebush, their barracks were shelled by the enemy on the night of May 21 and he was reported killed the following day. Pvt. McLuckie is buried in Railway Dugouts Burial Ground, in Ypres, West Flanders.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Arthur Jackson Smith Sisley** (1893-1917)  
2 Main St.



Son of Dr. Opie Sisley, Scarborough's medical officer of health, and Sarah 'Sadie' (McMillan) Sisley, 'Bud' as he was known, first enlisted with the Canadian Expeditionary Force in January 1915 and served with the 14<sup>th</sup> Battery, Canadian Field Artillery, for two years until he was wounded. While on leave, he volunteered for the Royal Flying Corps in January 1916 and received his commission in May. He returned to the front as a pilot in 1917 and joined 70 Squadron, based in Poperinghe, Belgium, in September, just as they received their new

Sopwith Camel fighters. On the afternoon of Sept. 10, Sisley was on patrol with 'B' flight over Langemarck, Belgium, when he was attacked by German ace Lieutenant Werner Voss and shot down. For a time, the family believed reports that he might be a prisoner, but eye-witnesses later confirmed he was seen going down in flames. His plane was never found and he is remembered on the Arras Flying Service Memorial. His brothers Malcolm Millard 'Max' Sisley, AFC (1891-1957) and Donovan Laurier Sisley (see below) also served with the air force. Max survived the war and went on to have a long career in the RCAF, serving as a Group Captain with the Provost Branch, RCAF, during the Second World War. He later founded a car dealership in Toronto that is still in business.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Donovan Laurier Sisley** (1898-1918)  
2 Main St.



Youngest brother of 'Bud' and 'Max' Sisley, he joined the Royal Flying Corps in Toronto as a cadet in March 1917 and received his commission in August. He joined 82 Squadron and was engaged in artillery spotting and photo-reconnaissance over the Western Front. On March 6, 1918, while on a reconnaissance in their two-seater Armstrong Whitworth FK8 aircraft, somewhere between Itancourt and Séry-lès-Mézières, Sisley and his observer, Lt. Arthur Clair Gilmour, 11<sup>th</sup> Canadian Railway Troops, were attacked by five enemy Fokker

aircraft. They were eventually shot down by Lieutenant Kurt Küppers of Jasta 48. Both men are remembered on the Arras Flying Memorial.

**Lance Corporal Harold Wilson Spence** MM (1895-1917)  
West Hill

Son of George and Lillian Spence, he joined the CEF in July 1915 and left for England in March 1916. On arrival, he contracted scarlet fever and was hospitalized for many months to convalesce. He finally joined the 44<sup>th</sup> Battalion in France in December 1916 and served at the front, winning the Military Medal for bravery in the field in July 1917. In September, Spence was promoted to Lance Corporal and given 10 days leave in Paris. He returned to the front and was killed at Passchendaele six weeks later, on Oct. 28, 1917, in the Battle for Decline Copse. He is remembered on the Menin Gate, Ypres.

**Private Joseph Rollit Taylor** (1897-1917)  
70 Balsam Ave.

Son of Joseph and Katie Taylor, he left Malvern in November 1915 to join the 3<sup>rd</sup> Divisional Cyclist Company and arrived in England in January 1916. Because of the static nature of trench warfare, the cyclists were broken up to reinforce infantry battalions and Spence was transferred to the 44<sup>th</sup> Battalion (New Brunswick Regiment), CEF, in July 1916. He arrived in France in August and served in the field through many battles until he was killed on Jan. 31, 1917, near Carency, just west of Vimy. He is buried in Villers Station Cemetery, Villers-au-Bois, Pas-de-Calais.

**Lieutenant Alsey Joseph Trebilcock** (1889-1917)  
24 Lyall Ave.

Son of Joseph and Esther Trebilcock, he joined the CEF in January 1916 and immediately received a commission due to his service in the militia with the 120<sup>th</sup> (City of Hamilton) Overseas Battalion (13<sup>th</sup> Royal Regiment of Hamilton). He arrived in England in August 1916 and began training for service in the Canadian Machine Gun Corps. By September, he was in France and on his way to join the 1<sup>st</sup> Company, CMGC. On Nov. 6, he was leading his gun crews to their forward positions on the highest ground of the Bellevue-Meetcheele Spur, when he was wounded in the left leg and died later that day at No. 3 Canadian Field Ambulance. Trebilcock is buried in Vlamertinghe New Military Cemetery, West Flanders. His brother, Joseph Archibald Trebilcock, was also killed in the war (see below).

**Major John Archibald Trebilcock, MC** (1893-1918)  
24 Lyall Ave.



Trebilcock entered the CEF shortly after the war began, enlisting in the Canadian Field Artillery in December 1914. He sailed for England in May 1915 and trained until September, when he was discharged to take a commission with the Royal Field Artillery, first with the 79<sup>th</sup> Brigade and then the 81<sup>st</sup>. During this time he was promoted to Lieutenant, Captain and Major, serving on the Armentières front and at the Somme. During 1917 he fought at Vimy, Messines and Passchendaele. He was awarded the Military

Cross for his actions at Passchendaele in September, when he kept his guns working under heavy enemy fire, and put out, at great personal risk, blazing ammunition that had caught fire in one of the gunpits. He served in Italy during the winter of 1917-1918 and returned to the Western Front in April. After only a few weeks, he was wounded near Arras on May 21, 1918, when ammunition in one of his gun pits caught fire during enemy shelling and exploded

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while he was trying to help his men. He died at 91 Field Ambulance Station and is buried in Bac-du-Sud British Cemetery, Bailleulval, Pas-de-Calais.

**Private Thomas Murray Watson (1897-1917)**  
82 Dixon Rd.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Watson, he enlisted in the CEF in March 1916 and sailed for England in July. By November he was in

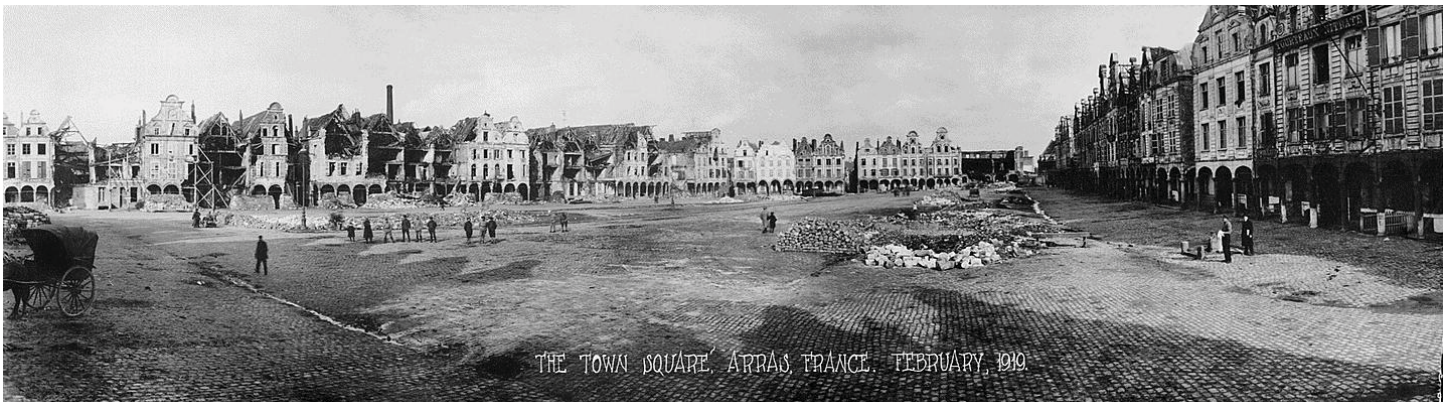
France and joined the 20<sup>th</sup> Battalion (Central Ontario Regiment) near Le Havre. After spending the winter months at the front and taking part in preparations for the Canadian assault on Vimy Ridge, he was killed by an exploding shell on April 8, the day before the battle while a member of a carrying party assisting the 4th Trench Mortar Battalion. He is remembered on the Vimy Memorial, but regimental records show he may have been buried in La Targette British Cemetery at Aux Reitz.



*Lt. Arthur 'Bud' Sisley (left) flew with LXX Sqn, Royal Flying Corps, in a Sopwith Camel single-seat fighter like the one above. His brother 2nd Lt. Donovan Sisley flew in a two-seater observation aircraft, the Armstrong Whitworth FK8 (below), also known as a "Big Ack".*



*The Short Type 38, above, is similar to the training aircraft flown by Sub-Flt. Lt. Gordon Duke (right) and his instructor, when they were killed in January 1915. The Sopwith Dolphin, below, is similar to the one flown by Lt. Roy Kerr. The town of Arras (bottom) is west of Vimy Ridge and was a centre of activity for CEF troops that was shelled many times.*



THE TOWN SQUARE, ARRAS, FRANCE. FEBRUARY, 1919

# SPIRIT OF WARRIOR CANADA FOREVER LOOKS HEAVENWARD FROM MALVERN'S WAR STATUE

*The Globe and Mail, May 20, 1922*

**"Not in Boastful Triumph,  
but in Grateful Victory,  
Reverently Is His Face  
Raised in Thankfulness,"  
Says Principal Lehmann  
at Collegiate Institute  
Unveiling**

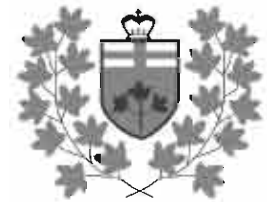
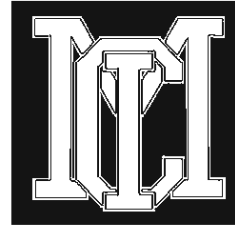
## IT BEARS NAMES OF HEROIC DEAD

The realization of a long-cherished ideal came to Malvern Collegiate Institute yesterday afternoon when the war memorial erected by the pupils, ex-pupils and staff was formally unveiled by his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor. The memorial takes the form of a statue which stands in front of the building, the base bearing the words of dedication, together with the names of 25 pupils of the school who gave their lives for civilization.

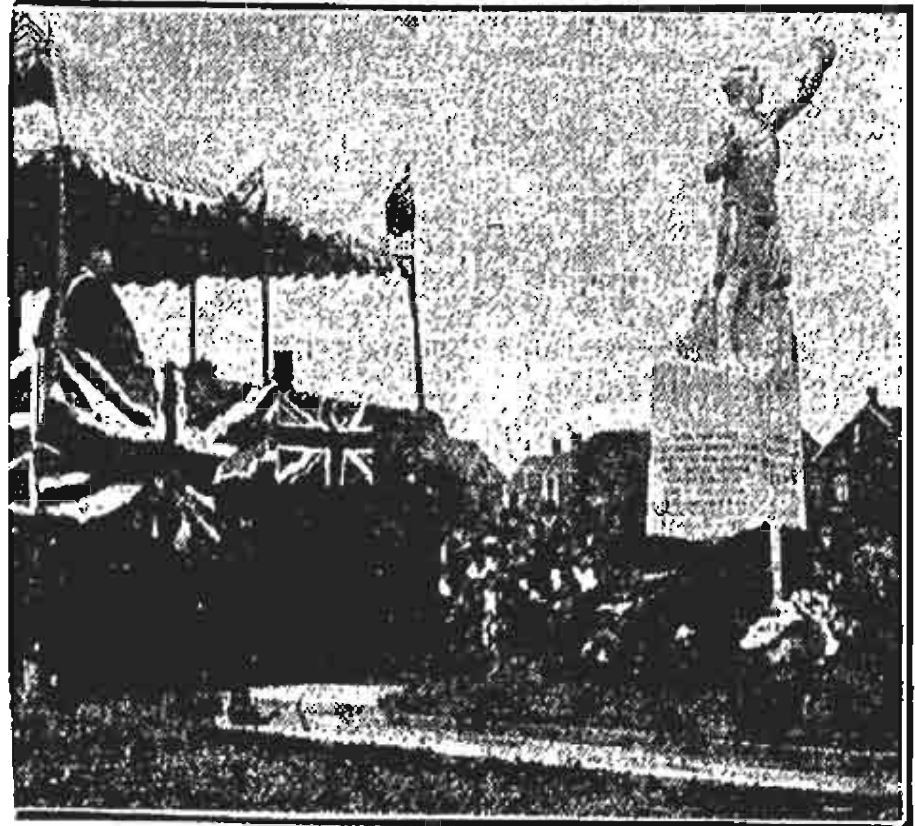
Prior to the ceremony the Cadet Corps was inspected by the Lieutenant-Governor, who complimented the boys upon their smart appearance and military bearing. From a specially erected pavilion Lieut.-Col. the Rev. Canon Baynes-Reed, D.S.O., uttered the prayer of dedication, voicing the sentiments of those who had worked for this noble object and in most beautiful language paying tribute to the men who had gone. Tribute was paid to the memory of those who had written another page in the brilliant history of the school by the Lieutenant-Governor and by Captain E. C. Beer, C.M.C., and Hon. George S. Henry, M.L.A.

Tendering the gift on behalf of Malvern Collegiate, Principal Lehmann described the symbolism which the memorial represented. "It expresses," he declared, "the spirit of Canadians in the war. Carved in imperishable granite the statue represents a stalwart youth whose right hand grasps a Crusader's sword, while the left holds aloft a broken chain, symbol of the struggle to which our young men gave their lives. Freedom has been won after a tremendous effort, which has left its trace on the boy's countenance. The attitude is not that of boastful triumph, but of grateful victory; reverently is his face raised to Heaven in thankfulness. Firmly planted on the rock this virile figure well exhibits the confident, determined spirit of young Canadian manhood, eager not to spare itself in resisting the attempt to impose the shackles of militarism."

The memorial was gratefully received by Percy Douglas, Esq., and Captain B. J. Miller, representing the Board of Education.



*Toronto Star, May 20, 1922*



### HONOR FALLEN HEROES OF MALVERN.

Lieut.-Governor Harry Cockshutt yesterday unveiled the above statue to the memory of the ex-pupils of Malvern Collegiate Institute who fell in the great war. A thousand persons witnessed the ceremony. The platform from which his honor spoke was bedecked with flags and a guard of honor, composed of cadets, under command of Capt. Miller, was formed up in front of the monument and inspected by the Lieut.-Governor. Above *The Star* photographer shows the principal delivering his address. The names of the twenty-five former Malvern boys who gave their lives for their country are: Cecil Pugh Annis, William Kennedy Commins, D.S.O., M.C., Gordon Parsons Davidson, John Patrick Davidson, Gordon Ezra Duke, Martin James Flood, Cecil John French, M.C., Arthur Patrick Gorman, William Albert Heal, William John Hird, Walter Thomas Hutchinson, Wilfred John Jones, Roy Wesley Kerr, Charles Simpson Lennox, Charles William Mabbott, Harvey George Mansfield, Charles Percy May, Robert Fountain MacLackie, Arthur Jackson, Smith Sisley, Donovan Laurier Sisley, Harold Wilson Spence, M.M., Joseph Rollit Taylor, John Archibald Trebilcock, M.C., Alsey Joseph Trebilcock, Murray Watson.

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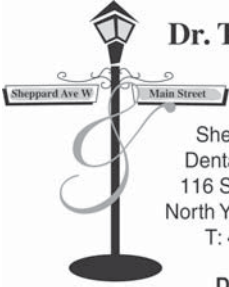
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We have been providing banking services to Canadians for generations and we are proud and honoured to be partners in this generation's effort to restore the Malvern Memorial. We congratulate the members of the Malvern Red & Black Society for their work in preserving the memory of these special times, when the community came together for a common goal – to honour those who served and did not return.

Future generations can now continue to look on the Malvern Memorial and see in it a symbol of what people can accomplish when they work together for the benefit of all.



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