

# Remembering Port Credit's Fallen From the First World War

## “Our Boys”





1914 1918

WILLIAM KEE, M.M.  
C. NAIRNE LEE  
JOHN LEVISON  
WILLIAM MORRIS  
FRANK W. OTT, M.C.  
A. STANLEY PARKER  
GEORGE PEARSON  
W. DOUGLAS REED  
E. ROSSITER  
G. SCOTT, M.C.  
CHRISTOPHER SULLIVAN, M.M.  
ADRIAN STEWART  
FRED A. TAPP  
DOUGLAS C. THOMSON  
ALEXANDER T. THOMSON  
D.S.O.; M.C.  
HOWARD S. SHAYER

1914 1918

SOMME  
GIVENCHY  
ARRAS  
YPRES  
VIMY  
ST-ELOI  
PASSCHENDALE  
COURCELETTE  
MOUNT SORREL  
AMIENS  
MONS  
CAMBRAY  
LENS  
CANAL DU NORD

1914 1918

GEORGE ALEXANDER  
DAVID ANDERSON  
CYRIL R. BARBER  
CYRIL BOGG  
SYDNEY BUTLER  
JAMES J. CLARKE  
JOHN CROW  
G. GORDON DUNCAN  
ALAN B. DUNCAN, M.C.  
ARTHUR FRY  
A. DOUGLAS GRAY, M.C.  
WILLIAM GREEN  
GEORGE O. HALL  
WILLIAM HIBBERT  
EDWARD G. INNES  
REUBEN CRAWFORD

From the Port Credit Cenotaph



# Captain Alan Barrie Duncan

- Alan Barrie Duncan was born on April 15, 1897, to Kate and Reverend George Petrie Duncan
- He attended Parkdale Collegiate Institute, where he played rugby and was well-known in intercollegiate athletics
- He enlisted as a Lieutenant with the 75<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Force on October 20, 1915 at age 18
- He went overseas in October of 1916, and served through the battles of St. Eloi, The Somme, Passchendaele, Amiens, and Cambrai
- Promoted to Captain on March 14, 1918
- His father served as chaplain in France, and two brothers also saw service overseas
- Alan's older brother George was killed in action in 1915
- Alan was killed in action on September 29, 1918 at the age of 21 while acting as second in command of his Battalion during an attack North of Cambrai
- Captain Alan Duncan is buried at the Marcoing Line British Cemetery near Douai, France
- He is remembered on a family gravestone at Dixie Union Cemetery and on the Port Credit Cenotaph



# Captain Franklin Walter Ott

- Franklin Walter Ott was born August 1, 1893, to Emma and Lieutenant Charles Ott
- He attended Parkdale Collegiate Institute and went on to study law at the University of Toronto
- On March 17, 1915, while still a law student and living in Toronto, Franklin enlisted with the 25<sup>th</sup> Varsity Battery and went overseas in June of 1915
- At the time his stepfather, Charles Elliott, was the Reeve of Port Credit
- He served at the Battles of Vimy Ridge, St. Eloi, Lens, Hill 70 and Passchendaele
- Captain Ott was mentioned in dispatches by General Haig in April 1918 for gallant and distinguished services in the field and was awarded a Military Cross
- Captain Ott was killed in action on September 17, 1918, at the battle of Arras when he was struck by a shell in a trench
- He is buried at the Monchy British Cemetery in Pas de Calais, France and is honoured by an individual memorial at Trinity Anglican Church in Port Credit, and he is remembered on the Port Credit Cenotaph



# Captain George Gordon Duncan

- George Gordon Duncan on January 25, 1892, the eldest son of Kate and Reverend George Petrie Duncan
- He had attended University College at the University of Toronto and when he enlisted in 1914, he was working for the Consumer's Gas Company
- He was amongst the first wave of Canadian soldiers to go overseas, having enlisted with the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion in August of 1914
- His two younger brothers, Alan and Wallace, also served
- Captain Duncan was wounded in April at the Second Battle of Ypres
- He was killed in action on May 22, 1915, at the battle of Festubert. He is buried at Brown's Road Military Cemetery at Festubert and is remembered on the Port Credit Cenotaph



# Lance Corporal Frederick Tapp

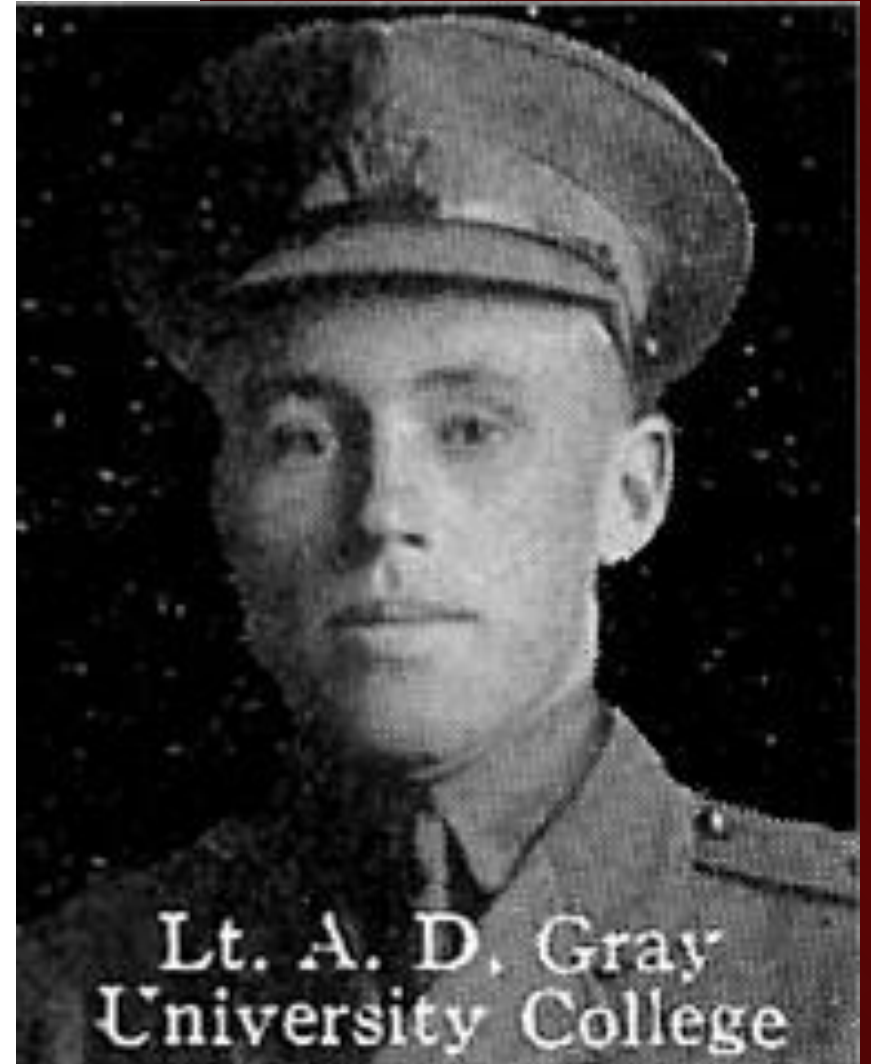
- Frederick Anthony Tapp was born in Sussex, England on September 1, 1872
- He immigrated to Port Credit, where he and his wife Flora raised five sons
- Frederick enlisted on June 10, 1915, and went overseas with the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion
- Lance Corporal Tapp passed away on April 2, 1916 at the No. 1 Canadian General Hospital at Etaples, France, due to shrapnel wounds sustained in battle
- His widow Flora was reported to have said “Never mind, there are five more to take his place,” referring to the fact that all five of her sons had also enlisted – all of them survived the war
- Lance Corporal Tapp is buried at the Etaples Military Cemetery in Pas de Calais, France and is remembered on the Port Credit Cenotaph





# Lieutenant Angus Gray

- Angus Douglas Gray was born on December 11, 1895, the youngest son of John and Jessie Gray of Port Credit
- His father, John Gray, was president of the St. Lawrence Starch Company
- Before enlisting in August 1915, Douglas attended University College at the University of Toronto and served for three years in the 36<sup>th</sup> Peel Active Militia
- Lieutenant Gray went overseas with the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion and was wounded in October 1916
- He received a Military Cross for his “conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty” at the battle of Vimy Ridge, where he continued to support the withdrawal and counter-attack of his battalion as a machine gunner, even after suffering a wound to his forearm and the loss of one eye
- Angus died at home in Port Credit from complications of the Spanish Flu on October 25, 1918, and is buried at Dixie Union Cemetery



# Lieutenant John Nairne Lee

- Charles John Nairne Lee was born on February 11, 1892, to Susan and Charles Nairne Lee
- Charles resided in Port Credit (Mineola West) with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Lee, and attended St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Port Credit
- Charles enlisted as a Lieutenant with the 169<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Force on January 8, 1916
- He had previous military experience and had served as a military instructor at Shorncliffe, England before coming to Canada
- Lieutenant Lee was killed in action by an enemy shell on September 27, 1918, while occupying a trench north of Bourlon Wood during the advance to the company's objective
- He is buried at the Bourlon Wood British Cemetery
- A flag and staff were presented to the Port Credit Chapter, I.O.D.E. on April 24, 1924, by Mrs. Fred W. Lee, in his memory, and he is remembered on the Port Credit Cenotaph





# Private Howard Shaver

- Howard Sutton Shaver was born on August 17, 1893, in Lorne Park, to Mary and Arthur
- He lived in Lorne Park and worked as a bricklayer
- He enlisted in Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry on September 13, 1915
- He saw action at several battles in Europe and was killed in action on September 15, 1916, at the age of 23
- He died while advancing to a second objective during an attack on Courcelette
- He has no known grave but is listed on the Vimy Memorial in Pas de Calais, France, and on the Port Credit Cenotaph



# Private John Leviston

- John Leviston was born on August 31, 1884, in Lancashire, England to Elizabeth and George Leviston
- In England he served for two years in the King's Own (Infantry) Regiment of Lancaster
- John later immigrated to Canada lived in Port Credit, where he lived on Front Street, worked as a grocer and served with the 36<sup>th</sup> Peel Active Militia
- He enlisted on September 22, 1914, and served overseas with the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion
- Private Leviston was killed in action on April 23, 1915, near St. Julien, at age 28
- He has no known grave and is remembered on the Ypres Menin Gate Memorial in Belgium and on the Port Credit Cenotaph





# Lt-Colonel Alexander Thomson

- Alexander Thomas Thomson enlisted as a Lieutenant with the Canadian Expeditionary Force on September 17, 1914
- He was wounded in April of 1915 but returned to the front and earned promotions based on his strong leadership abilities
- In 1916 he was promoted to Captain, was awarded a Military Cross and received a Distinguished Service Order
- At the Battle of Vimy Ridge, he was promoted to Major and acted as second in command of the 10<sup>th</sup> Battalion
- Later serving as an Acting Lieutenant Colonel, he was killed by a sniper at the Battle of Passchendaele on November 19, 1917
- It was written in the newspaper that “no braver soldier, no finer man, than Alex Thomson, crossed the ocean since war begun”
- Lt-Col. Thomson is buried at the Ecoivres Military Cemetery at Pas de Calais, France and is remembered on the Port Credit Cenotaph



# Lieutenant Douglas Thomson

- Douglas Cameron Thomson enlisted with the Canadian Expeditionary Force on May 15, 1916 with 126<sup>th</sup> Peel Battalion, following in the footsteps of his older brother Alexander
- Lieutenant Thomson served at the battles of Vimy Ridge and Arleux, after which he was noted for conspicuous gallantry
- On September 2, 1918, while serving with the 10<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Lieutenant Thomson was killed in action while leading his platoon in the switch-line battle near Drocourt-Quéant
- He is buried at the Wanquetin Communal Cemetery Extension in Pas de Calais, France and is remembered on the Port Credit Cenotaph





# Private Arthur Fry

- Arthur Fry was born in Surrey, England on July 6, 1892, and came to Canada in 1912
- Arthur lived and worked in Port Credit as a gardener, and later a farmer, for the Hobberlin family
- Arthur enlisted on August 13, 1915, with the 92<sup>nd</sup> Highlanders and was later transferred to the 42<sup>nd</sup> Battalion
- He was killed in action on his first trip to The Somme on October 5, 1916, during action near Courcelette
- Private Fry has no known grave but is honoured at the Vimy Memorial at Pas de Calais, France and on the Port Credit Cenotaph



# Private Cyril Bogg

- Cyril George Bogg was born in England in 1895 to Sarah and George Bogg, and the family immigrated to Port Credit in 1911
- Cyril enlisted with the 74<sup>th</sup> Battalion in July of 1915
- He served in France with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Mounted Rifles and sustained a wound prior to being demobilized in 1919
- Cyril suffered health complications from gas attacks in the trenches, and in his weakened state, he contracted tuberculosis
- Cyril died on December 23, 1921, and his death was ruled as a result of his service during the war
- He is remembered on the Port Credit Cenotaph





# Private Edward Innes

- Edward Cosmo Innes was born on February 27, 1893, in Derbyshire, England, the youngest son of Mary and Dr. John Innes
- He settled in Port Credit in the spring of 1915, and enlisted in September of 1915
- His brothers, Captain William Innes and Lieutenant James Innes, also served
- Private Innes went overseas with the 67<sup>th</sup> Western Scots and was killed in action on October 22, 1916
- Private Innes is buried at the Pozieres British Cemetery at The Somme, is honoured by an individual memorial at the Trinity Church of England in Port Credit, and is remembered on the Port Credit Cenotaph



# Private William Morris

- William Morris was born in England on December 16, 1893, and came to Canada in 1912
- He lived in Port Credit and worked with the St. Lawrence Starch Company, and was a member of the company's marching band
- William enlisted with the 126<sup>th</sup> Battalion on December 27, 1915
- Private Morris arrived in England aboard the S.S. *Empress of Ireland* on August 24, 1916, and served with the 116<sup>th</sup> Battalion and with the 18<sup>th</sup> Battalion overseas
- He was wounded in action on February 5, 1917, and was killed by an explosion on August 26, 1918, during operations at Tilloy-Les-Mofflaines
- He is buried in the Tilloy British Cemetery in Tilloy-Les-Mofflaines and is remembered on the Port Credit Cenotaph





# Private Eli Rossiter

- Eli Rossiter was born on February 22, 1885, in West Comforth County, Durham, England
- He came to Clarkson and married Hannah Godfrey of Port Credit
- Eli worked as a labourer and miner prior to enlisting in Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry in December of 1915
- Private Rossiter was killed in action on April 9, 1917; he died of wounds in the field during an attack south of Thelus, France
- He is buried at Givenchy Road Canadian Cemetery (Canadian Cemetery No.2) at Neuville-St. Vaast and is remembered on the Port Credit Cenotaph



# Private Christopher Sullivan

- Christopher Sullivan was born in Port Credit on November 11, 1895, the eldest son of Jane and James Sullivan
- Growing up he was active in St. Mary's Star of the Sea Roman Catholic Church and later found work in the village as a labourer
- Christopher enlisted in the 126<sup>th</sup> Peel Battalion in December of 1915
- He fought at the battle of Vimy Ridge, where he sustained minor injuries
- In the summer of 1918, he single-handedly captured a German dugout, for which he received a Military Medal
- Private Sullivan was killed in action on August 27, 1918
- He has no known grave, but is remembered at the Vimy Memorial at Pas de Calais, France and on the Port Credit Cenotaph





# Lieutenant George Hall

- George Osborne Hall was born on May 5, 1896, the only son of Sybil and John Edwin Hall
- George was very popular around Port Credit and attended Parkdale Collegiate Institute, where he was captain of the rugby team, president of the Literary Society, and captain of the Cadet Corps
- George enlisted with the 74<sup>th</sup> Battalion in July of 1915 at the age of 19, later transferring to the 95<sup>th</sup> and attaining the rank of Captain
- He went overseas in May 1916 and reverted to Lieutenant's rank in order to fight on the front lines in France
- Lieutenant Hall fought in the Battle of the Somme in 1916, and at Vimy Ridge in 1917, where he was wounded
- He sustained a gunshot wound to his left leg at Fresnoy, and was moved to the Duchess of Westminster's Hospital in France, where he died six weeks later on June 16, 1917
- George Hall is buried at the Etaples Military Cemetery in Pas de Calais, France and is remembered on the Port Credit Cenotaph



# Private Davie Anderson

- David “Davie” Anderson was born on March 5, 1897, in Alloa, Scotland
- He immigrated to Canada in 1912, settling in Port Credit, where he worked as a shoemaker at the Gutta Percha Rubber Company
- He enlisted in November of 1915, and went overseas in May of 1916 with the 3rd Battalion
- Private Anderson was killed in action on May 3, 1917
- He has no known grave, but is honoured on the Vimy Memorial and on the Port Credit Cenotaph
- David’s younger brother George also served during the war



# Private John Hibbert

- John William Hibbert was born on December 28, 1896, in Manchester, England
- He immigrated to Canada in 1914, where he worked as a farmer, first at Trenton and later near Port Credit
- John enlisted on August 3, 1915, at the age of 18
- Private Hibbert served in France for about a year with the Royal Canadian Regiment before he was wounded at The Somme
- He died of wounds at the Number 44 Casualty Clearing Station on October 12, 1916, at the age of 19
- He is buried at Puchevillers British Cemetery in France and is remembered on the Port Credit Cenotaph





# Private George Pearson

- George Arthur Pearson was born in London, England on January 1, 1892
- He served for three years in the Territorial Army before immigrating to Port Credit, where he worked at the St. Lawrence Starch Company and volunteered with the 36<sup>th</sup> Peel Active Militia
- He enlisted in September of 1914 with the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion
- Private Pearson was killed by a mine on July 6, 1916, while serving with the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Wiring Party
- He has no known grave but is remembered on the Menin Gate Memorial in Ypres and on the Port Credit Cenotaph



# Corporal Billy Green

- William George “Billy” Green was born in Norwich, England on June 2, 1890
- He came to Port Credit in 1912, where he worked as a fisherman
- He enlisted in September of 1914 with the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, and in 1915 served with the 47<sup>th</sup> Battalion, rising to the rank of Corporal
- Corporal Green was killed in action at Courcellette on November 7, 1916
- He has no known burial location, and is remembered on the Menin Gate Memorial, at Trinity Anglican Church in Port Credit, and on the Port Credit Cenotaph



# Captain Arthur Scott

- Arthur George Scott was born in Ireland on September 14, 1879
- Arthur had previous military experience, serving for 3 years in Africa during the South African War (2<sup>nd</sup> Boer War)
- Arthur was settled in Port Credit by 1911, where he worked as a machinist and volunteered with the 36<sup>th</sup> Peel Active Militia
- Arthur enlisted in September of 1914 with the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion
- On July 9, 1916, Captain Scott led a small group of soldiers in an attack on enemy trenches at the Battle of Mount Sorrel, which failed because the barbed wire protecting the trench had not been cut and Captain Scott was killed in the action
- He has no known grave, but he is remembered on the Menin Gate Memorial at Ypres and on the Port Credit Cenotaph

