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Wilmot Remembers World War II & Korea War Dead





Captain Nile Harold Bier

Death: 28 June 1944 Age: 26 years old

Military Service Number: A103172

Force: Canadian Armored Tank Corps

Unit: Three Rivers Regiment, R.C.A.C. 12th Armd. Regt.

Buried or Commemorated at: ASSISI WAR CEMETERY- Italy Grave Reference:
V, H, 7.

Additional Information:

Born: 22 April, 1918 at New Hamburg , Ontario

Enlisted: 5 June 1942

Family: Son of Elmer and Edna Bier, of New Hamburg, Ontario. Known as
"Maxie" to fellow soldiers.

Occupation: Student

He was killed in action in a tank ambush in Italy.



Flying Officer Robert Wayne Honderich

Death: 12 April 1944 Age: 22 years old

Military Service Number: J/14993

Force: Royal Canadian Air Force

Unit: 27 (R.A.F.) Squadron

Buried or Commemorated at: CAPE TOWN (PLUMSTEAD) CEMETERY-

South Africa Grave Reference:

Grave UL. 96.

Additional Information:

Born: 22 June 1921 at St. Catharines, Ontario

Enlisted: 9 August 1941

Family: Son of J.W. Honderich, Baden, Ontario

Occupation: Catalogue Compiler



Flying Officer Charles Woodrow Hostetler

Death: 29 July 1944 Age: 27 years old

Military Service Number: J/24035

Force: Royal Canadian Air Force

Unit: 426 (R.A.F.) Squadron

Buried or Commemorated at: HAMBURG CEMETERY- Germany

Grave Reference: 10A. E. 8.

Additional Information:

Born: 9 Oct 1916 at Baden, Ontario

Enlisted: 9 August 1941

Family: Son of Harry and Roxie (Toman) Hostetler, of Baden, Ontario.

Occupation: Attended Stratford Normal School and was a teacher at S.S.#9 Mannheim School. He could read French and speak German.

Made 54 flights as navigator, flying in Lancaster and Halifax bombers.



Flying Officer Russell Arthur Saltzberry

Death: 23 April 1944 Age: 24 years old

Military Service Number: J/85454

Force: Air Force

Unit: Royal Canadian Air Force 405 Squadron.

Buried or Commemorated at: CONDE-SUR-AISNE COMMUNAL CEMETERY-
Aisne, France Grave Reference: Grave 2

Additional Information:

Born: 24 Feb 1920 in New Dundee, Ontario.

Enlisted: June 1941

Family: Son of Alva and Florence Saltzberry, of New Dundee, Ontario, Canada.

Occupation: Employed at the New Dundee Creamery, member of the New Dundee Band.



Sergeant Hubert Laurence Ditner

Death: 5 January 1945 Age: 23 years old

Military Service Number: A/104433

Force: Army

Unit: 4th Princess Louise Dragoon Guards, R.C.A.C.

Buried or Commemorated at: ARGENTA GAP WAR CEMETERY- Italy

Grave Reference: IV, E, 19.

Also marker: St. Agatha Roman Catholic Cemetery

Additional Information:

Born: 3 July 1921 at St. Agatha, Ontario

Enlisted: 11 September 1942

Family: Son of Simon and Christina Ditner, of Petersburg, Ontario, Canada.

Occupation: Farmer



Warrant Officer II

John Kerr Ross

Death: 17 January 1944 Age: 29 years old

Military Service Number: A/11684

Force: Army

Unit: Perth Regiment of Canada R.C.I.C

Buried or Commemorated at: MORO RIVER CANADIAN WAR CEMETERY -Italy

Grave Reference: VI. G. 15.

Additional Information:

Born: 26 June 1915 Niagara Falls, Ontario

Enlisted: 4 October 1939 with the Perth Regiment

Family: Son of John and Jane Ross, of Toronto, Ontario. Known as "Jack."

Occupation: Farm Hand in New Hamburg. Lived with Robert Haufschild and family. His brothers Gavin, Jim and Tom were also serving and fighting in the war. He died of wounds received in action.



Corporal Donald James Milne, M.M.

Death: 11 October 1944 Age: 29 years old

Military Service Number: C/54208

Force: Army Unit: Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Highlanders, R.C.I.C.

Awards: **Military Medal (MM)**

Buried or Commemorated at: ADEGEM CANADIAN WAR CEMETERY

Belgium Grave Reference: VII. B. 11.

Additional Information:

Born: 20 June 1915 at Petersburg, Ontario

Enlisted: 27 June 1940

Family: Son of George and Alemeda Milne of Petersburg, Ontario.

Occupation: Paper machine operator

He was killed in action in Holland.



Lance Corporal Samuel Wallace Foster

Death: 27 August 1944 Age: 27 years old

Military Service Number: B/46240

Force: Army Unit: Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada

Buried or Commemorated at: CALAIS CANADIAN WAR CEMETERY,
LEUBRINGHEN 2. B. 6. France

Additional Information:

Born: 11 May 1918 in Hamilton, Ontario

Enlisted: 18 July 1940

Family: Wife Ethel and son who reside in Hamilton Beach. His mother, Mrs. Mary Foster was living in Baden. He was a member of Livingston Presbyterian Church Two brothers also served, James with the R.C.A.F. on the west coast and John on active service in France.

Occupation: Truck Driver

Killed in action.



Lance Corporal Kenneth Laverne Fried

Death: 8 March 1945 Age: 26 years old

Military Service Number: A/109089

Force: Army

Unit: Essex Scottish Regiment, R.C.I.C.

Buried or Commemorated at: GROESBEEK CANADIAN WAR CEMETERY

Netherlands Grave Reference: III. H. 1.

Additional Information:

Born: 17 September 1920

Enlisted: 9 December 1942

Family: Son of Lawrence and Agnes Fried, of New Dundee, Ontario.

Occupation: Farmer.

He was killed in action.



Signalman

Earl Jantzi

Death: 5 July 1943 Age: 33 years old

Military Service Number: A/2256

Force: Army

Unit: The Royal Canadian Corps of Signals 1st Cdn. Div. Sigs.

Buried or Commemorated at: CASSINO MEMORIAL- Italy

Grave Reference: Panel 14.

Additional Information:

Born: 10 June 1910 in New Hamburg, Ontario.

Enlisted: 22 September 1939 in London, Ontario

Family: Son of Jonas Jantzi and Mattie (Swartzentruber) of New Hamburg.

Fluent in German and English.

Occupation: Salesman for new and used cars.

Was missing at sea and presumed killed on war service.



Leading Aircraftman Erhardt George Wagner

Death: 11 August 1945 Age: 25 years old

Military Service Number: R165690

Force: Air Force

Unit: Royal Canadian Air Force

Buried or Commemorated at: NEW HAMBURG (RIVERSIDE) CEMETERY
Ontario, Canada. Lot 48

Additional Information:

Born: 4 February 1921

Enlisted: 5 January 1942

Family: Son of Conrad W. and Thalma (Eichler) Wagner, of New Hamburg.

Occupation: Farmer on the family farm

Accidental Drowning in Halifax harbour.



Sapper Irvin Ingold

Death: 6 October 1943 Age: 38 years old

Military Service Number: A/35023

Force: Army

Unit: Royal Canadian Engineers

Buried or Commemorated at: NEW HAMBURG (RIVERSIDE) CEMETERY

Ontario, Canada Grave Reference: Lot 322

Additional Information:

Born: 1 December 1906 in Wilmot Township

Enlisted: 23 May 1940 in London, Ontario

Family: Son of Andrew and Bertha Ingold, of New Hamburg. Married to Dorothy (Otto) Ingold.

Occupation: Road Construction Worker and Upholsterer.

Death was due to pulmonary tuberculosis.



Private Walter Carl Kurt

Death: 22 May 1944 Age: 20 years old

Military Service Number: A/104783

Force: Army

Unit: Cape Breton Highlanders, R.C.I.C

Buried or Commemorated at: CASSINO WAR CEMETERY, Italy

Grave Reference/Panel Number: IV. B. 18.

Additional Information:

Born: 30 November 1923 in Kitchener, Ontario

Enlisted: 7 October 1942

Family: Son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kurt of Plains Road just outside of New Dundee, Ontario.

Occupation: Employee in a rubber factory.

He was killed in action in Italy.



Private Albert George Reinhart

Death: 5 December 1944 Age: 21 years old

Military Service Number: A/104996

Force: Army

Unit: Irish Regiment of Canada, R.C.I.C.

Buried or Commemorated at: CESENA WAR CEMETERY, Italy

Grave Reference/Panel Number: IV. F,7.

Additional Information:

Born: 12 March 1923 in Wilmot Township

Enlisted: October 1942

Family: Son of Leonard J. and of Rose (Voll) Reinhart.

Occupation: Machine Apprentice

He died of wounds received in action.



Private

John Henry Stiefelmeyer

Death: 27 February 1945 Age: 22 years old

Military Service Number: A/105319

Force: Army

Unit: Highland Light Infantry of Canada, R.C.I.C.

Buried or Commemorated at: GROESBEEK CANADIAN WAR CEMETERY

Netherlands Grave Reference: IX C. 3.

Additional Information:

Born: 28 January 1923 in Baden, Ontario

Enlisted: 18 November 1942 in London, Ontario

Family: Son of John N. and Edna D. Stiefelmeyer, of Baden, Ontario.

Occupation: Hotel employee

He was killed in action.



Private Burkle Toman

Death: 24 February 1945 Age: 21 years old

Military Service Number: A/114400

Force: Army

Unit: Essex Scottish Regiment, R.C.I.C.

Buried or Commemorated at: GROESBEEK CANADIAN WAR CEMETERY

Netherlands Grave Reference: X. D. 4.

Also marker in New Dundee Union Cemetery

Additional Information:

Born: 13 March 1923 in New Dundee, Ontario

Enlisted: 10 July 1944

Family: Son of Mr. Ira and Ethel Toman New Dundee

Occupation: Fitter at the Schneider Furniture Company in Waterloo.

He was killed in action.



Sergeant

KOREAN WAR

Gerald Walter Koch

Death: 4 August 1954 Age: 19 years old

Military Service Number: SA2983

Force: Army

Unit: Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, R.C.I.C.

Buried or Commemorated at: UNITED NATIONS CEMETERY (BUSAN)

South Korea Grave Reference: 38. 5. 3217 (*not listed on War Graves Commission but is listed on The Korean War Memorial Wall in Meadowvale Cemetery in Brampton, Ontario)

Additional Information:

Born: 13 February 1935 in Kitchener

Enlisted: 26 March 1952

Family: Son of Walter Solomon and Dortha Ruth (née Miller) Koch of Wellesley, Ontario. Brother of Grant Rudolph, Maralyn Ruth and Elaine Armina. Accidental Drowning.

World War II

Memorial Locations in Wilmot

New Hamburg Cenotaph (Located on Huron Street beside the New Hamburg Library)

Fairmount Cemetery-Baden (Located between Brewery and Foundry Streets)

- Private Samuel W. Foster

Riverside Cemetery New Hamburg (Located beside Bergey Court, New Hamburg)

- Sapper Irvin Ingold
- Leading Aircraftman Erhardt Wagner

New Dundee Union Cemetery (1275 Queen Street, New Dundee)

- Private Burkle Toman (marker)

New Dundee Community Park (1370 Main Street, New Dundee)

- Memorial Gates (Kenneth Fried, Walter Kurt, Russell Saltzberry and Burkle Toman)

St. Agatha Roman Catholic Cemetery (Notre Dame Drive, St. Agatha)

- Private Hubert Ditner (marker)

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Street Names in Wilmot

- **Bier Crescent**- New Hamburg
- **Honderich Place**- Baden
- **Hostetler Road** -New Hamburg
- **Saltzberry Path** - New Dundee
- **Ditner Avenue** - Baden
- **John Ross Court** - Mannheim
- **Milne Drive** - Mannheim
- **Samuel Foster Court** - Baden
- **Kenneth Fried Place** - New Dundee
- **Jantzi Place** - New Hamburg
- **Erhardt Wagner Place** - Baden
- **Ingold Avenue** - New Hamburg
- **Kurt Place** -New Dundee
- **Reinhart Place** - Petersburg
- **Stiefelmeyer Crescent** - Baden
- **Burkle Toman Court** - Mannheim
- **Carmel-Koch Road**- Wilmot Township

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