2024 Honouring Our Local Veterans Short Biographies

Aircraftwoman II Evelyn (Johnson) Bewley, Royal Canadian Air Force, a peacetime volunteer who enlisted in 1951, who patrolled London as part of the Military Police.

Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant Harold Harrison Burr, Fort Garry Horse, Royal Canadian Armoured Corps, who enlisted with the Grey and Simcoe Foresters, arrived in France as a reinforcement after D-Day and was killed on August 8th, 1944, during Operation Totalize.

Flying Officer James Downing, No.12 Squadron, RAF, who enlisted with the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1941, was pilot on a RAF Lancaster which went missing during nighttime air operations over Stuttgart, Germany.

Private Charles Golden, 2nd Canadian Motor Machine Gun Brigade, a First World War veteran who participated in the Hundred Day Campaign, which brought an end to the war.

Private Thomas Albert (Bert) Golden, 2nd Canadian Pioneer, Canadian Expeditionary Force, a First World War veteran, who was severely wounded in Arras, France and was subsequently medically discharged.

Paratrooper Clarence David Lapierre, 1st Canadian Parachute Battalion, who parachuted into France on D-Day and died of wounds received while attempting to capture the Chateau at Varaville on June 7th.

Chief Petty Officer First Class Robert (Red) Larsen, Royal Canadian Navy, who served on the HMCS Athabaskan during the Korean War and was in the Navy until retirement.

Private Alfred Joseph McLeod, Perth Regiment, who enlisted less than three weeks after Britain declared war on Germany, served in the Italian Campaign, and was killed on January 17, 1944, while advancing towards the Arielli River, north of Ortona.

Trooper John Joseph McLeod, 1st Hussars, who enlisted with the Grey and Simcoe Foresters, laned in the second wave on Juno Beach with the 1st Hussars and died of wounds on July 27, 1944, due to friendly fire.

Flying Officer Moses Rabovsky, No. 429 Squadron, RCAF, who had run several successful bombing missions over Germany before his Halifax crashed while bombing strategic targets in preparation for D-Day.