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ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION



VOLUME 3



## A LOOK BACK

While it no doubt seems odd to begin Volume 3 of this history by going back from 2015 to the 1980's, there is an explanation – a reasonable one, I think.

Some time ago, Vimy Secretary Keith Roden phoned to say that he had come upon a carton of “old Vimy stuff” that he felt I might be interested in seeing. Well, he was right about that. Among the considerable amount of good “stuff” were some old photos, most of them taken at various Vimy dinner meetings, with some from the late 90's of the gang getting ready to go on parade on Remembrance Day. The three in this last group are, I believe, from 1999.

The first two pages show photos from about 1980, either the April or the November dinner. These are followed by shots taken at a later dinner meeting, probably in 1993.

As I was unable to put names to several of the faces included in these “snaps”, I sought the assistance of a longtime Vimy member and was able, by that means, to put a few more names to faces. But, alas, many of our older stalwarts remain unidentified, I will simply list the names of those members we were able to name. We can only hope that those long-departed souls who remain unidentified, whether they look down on us or up, will forgive us our oversight.

Most of the other “stuff” in Keith's mystery box is too big or awkward to fit into this book. It includes old business letters, minutes, agendas, certificates (I have managed to downsize and squeeze in a trio of those), and other memorabilia that will have to be stored elsewhere.

And now the names: Group 1: Merle “Ting” Tingley, Ken Taylor, Bill Reid, Ron McNab, then Ontario Premier John Robarts, Jack Harris, John Given, Harry Wooster, Bill Poole, Alex MacIntosh

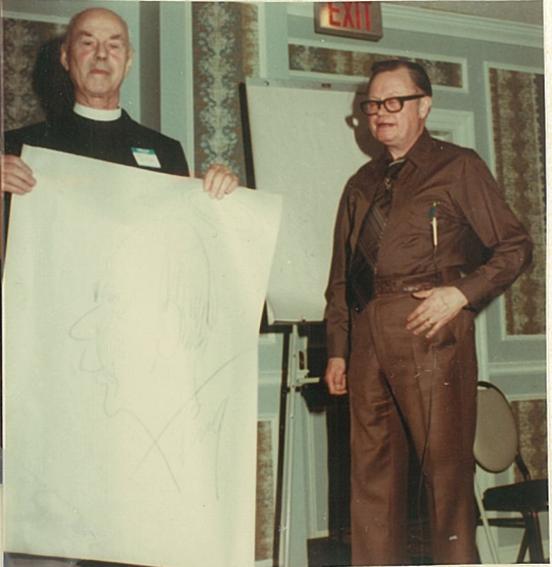
Group 2: Bob Robarts, Al Humphries, Stu MacParland, Les Davison, Jack Doidge, Ken West, Bruce Urquhart, Bill Doohan, C.C. Ross, ? Greenlea, Barry Nelligan, Bill Magee, Bill Buchner, Gerry Wilson, John Cook, Bill Corfield, Hugh Mackie, Sam Lerner, Fred Vine, Ed Quinn, Dale Robinson

Group 3 (aka GET ON *PARADE*): Wally Stott, Tom Burdett, Danny Bonner, Tom Hammond, Bob Newman, Bob Doyon, Mal Kay, Stu Geddes, Dave Meltzer, Archie Munro, Lloyd Stevens, Ivor Williams, Jack Oglesby, Al Conyers, Jim Driver and some others who have been named earlier.

Mal K.  
Dec. 2015

**GROUP 1**  
c. 1983





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**GROUP 2**  
c.1993





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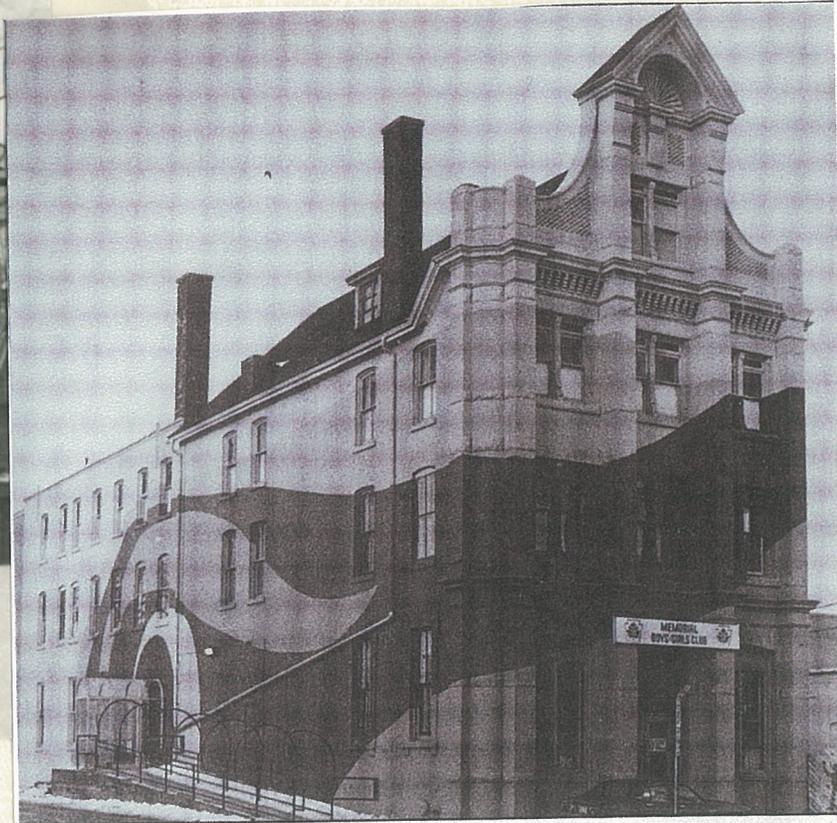
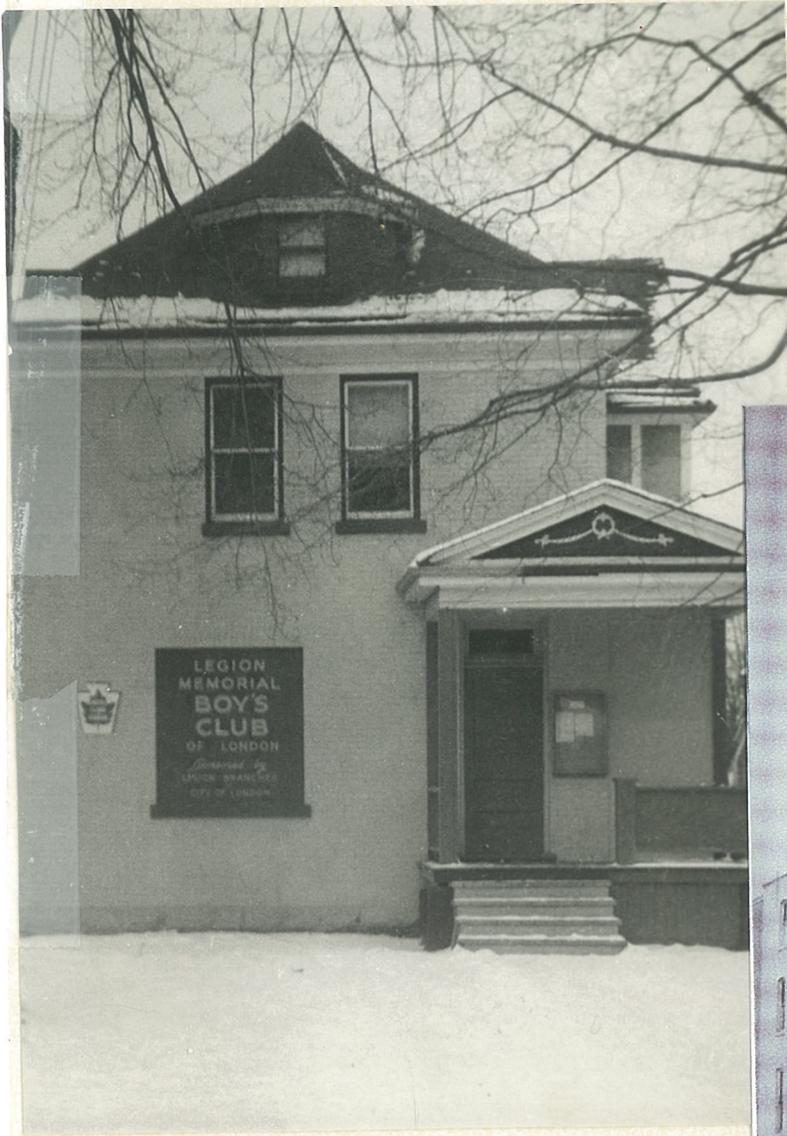


**GROUP 2**



**GROUP 3**  
c. 1993





*The Canadian Legion Memorial Boys and Girls Club moved into this building on Horton Street in 1969.*

Pictured above is the then 40 year old house on Simcoe St., London's first Legion sponsored Memorial Boys Club. While several London branches became involved in the project, Vimy branch proved to be the driving force. Under the leadership of Jack Stevens, members Gordon Thompson, Charlie Ivey, Doug Weldon, Verse Cronyn, Russ Beattie, Ken Ingram, and Gordon Bartram were key members of the organizing committee. The club, later to become the Memorial Boys and Girls Club, opened in 1964 with Vimy member Bob Fallis as its fulltime director.

Within four years, the Simcoe St. building was clearly inadequate, so the group purchased the old Union Gas Co. property on Horton St. (above right) for \$100,000. Again it was Jack Stevens who helped raise \$500,000 a few years later for the addition of a gymnasium and swimming pool. This addition opened in 1974. Further details of this story are found in the 1983 Vimy history. (pp 59-64)

# BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF CANADA



MEDAL OF APPRECIATION  
FOR  
SERVICE IN SUPPORT OF YOUTH  
AWARDED TO

VIMY BRANCH OF  
THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION

*In acknowledgement of the substantial support the membership has given to children and youth as founding partners, resulting in the formation of Memorial Boys' and Girls' Club of London.*

*Over a period of almost 25 years, the Royal Canadian Legion has helped to raise over \$700,000. in operational funds, permitting meaningful service to have been afforded to more than 15,000 boys and girls.*

*In appreciative recognition of the great involvement of this and other Legion branches in London, Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada is pleased to present this award, on the occasion of Memorial Boys' and Girls' Club's Annual Meeting, April 7, 1982.*

*J. M. Hannah*

National Director

*J. D. Taylor*

National President



# The Royal Canadian Legion

## The Ontario Provincial Command

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Provincial President



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Provincial President

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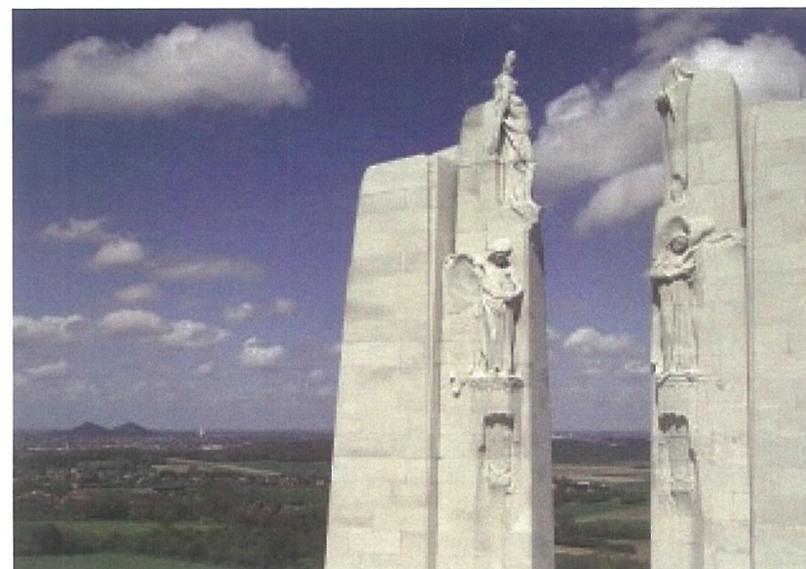
## Vimy Branch 145 Past Presidents

1929-30 M.M. Dillon, 1931 Capt J.G. Gillanders, 1932 Col G.E. Reid,  
1933 LCol H.K. Ingram, 1934 Sgt/Maj L.E. Mills, 1935 LCol D.B. Weldon,  
1936 Maj D.J.H. Ferguson, 1937 Capt R.I. Watt, 1938 C.H. Ivey,  
1939-40 G.F. Kingsmill, 1941 J.H. Stevens,  
1942 Maj L.T. Hayman, 1943 Capt J.R. Carling,  
1944-45 Capt E.H. Shuttleworth, 1946 Brig R.H. Beatie,  
1947 Capt G.W. Foote, 1948 S/L H.F. Davison, 1949 Col G.W. Little,  
1950 LCol H.I. Hayman, 1951 Lt J.B. Nash, 1952 S/L J.E. Jennings,  
1953 Maj D.J. Urquhart, 1954 Capt J. Jeffrey, 1955 Lt G.W.H. Bartram,  
1956 W/C G.M. Burns, 1957 LCdr F.N.D. Carmichael,  
1958 Capt H.W. Hockin, 1959 LCol R.M. Dillon,  
1960 LCdr W.R. Poole, 1961 LCol G.E. Humphries,  
1962 Capt N. McBeth, 1963 Capt C.C. Ross, 1964 Capt A.M. LeBel,  
1965 LCol W.R. Buchner, 1966 Maj J.O. Howitt, 1967 Maj J.W. Nolan,  
1968 Lt W.E. Bell, 1969 Capt B.I. Baldwin, 1970 Maj J.B. Stratton,  
1971 Lt W.J. Robinson, 1972 W/C G.A. McDougall,  
1973 Capt W.J. Roadhouse, 1974 LCol I.S. Lauchland,  
1975 Maj K.B. Keefe, 1976 Lt D.D.C. McGeachy,  
1977 LCol J.P.C. Macpherson, 1978 Maj J.P. Cook, 1979 F/O J.N. Given,  
1980 LCol J. Harris, 1981 Maj R.S. Macnab, 1982 F/L G.E. Wilson,  
1983 Maj W.F. Stott, 1984 WO J Stevens, 1985 BGen A.R. McIntosh,  
1986 Surg/Lt W.W. Wilkins, 1987 S/L Nelligan, 1988 W.G. Reid,  
1989 LCol S. Lerner, 1990 LCdr W.J. Magee, 1991 BGen W.P. Doohan,  
1992 Maj B.A. Urquhart, 1993 P/O B.K. West, 1994 LCol F. Vine,  
1995 S/L I. Williams, 1996 LCol D.J. Bonner, 1997 Lt H.K. Wooster,  
1998 CPO J. Driver, 1999 S/L C. Grigg, 2000 Col E.C. Quinn,  
2001 Capt R. Mahar, 2002 LCol J. McClure, 2003 F/L A.A. Munro,  
2004 L. Davison, 2005 Maj K.A. Tanswell, 2006 F/O R.W. Reid,  
2006 Maj R.A. Wilson, 2007 S/L J Malone, 2008 LCol M.J. Kay,  
2009 Maj R.R. Doyon, 2010 Maj G.D. Robinson, 2011 Maj J.A. Conyers,  
2012 LCol R.G. Moore, 2013-2014 F/L D. Bondy.



# Royal Canadian Legion Vimy Branch (#145)

Fall Dinner - 6 November 2015



**Mocha Temple Auditorium**  
**468 Colborne Street, London**  
**1800 hrs Reception**  
**1845 hrs Dinner**

## Vimy Branch 145 Officers and Executive

*President: LCol B.N. Harris*

*Past President: F/L D. Bondy*

*1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: R.P. Warden*

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*3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President: Capt R. Waring*

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*Director of Music: G. Laidlaw*

*Chaplin: Rev F. Mantz*

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LCol M.J. Kay\*, S/L J. Malone\*, LCol D. McAndless,*

*LCol J. McClure\*, Capt S. Newman,*

*Col W.J. Pettipas, Capt S.L. Ricketts,*

*Maj M.R. Steele, Maj B. Stock (\*Past President)*



## Programme



The President, LCol Brian N. Harris in Command

The Vimy Band  
G. Laidlaw Conducting

**1800 hrs**

Reception

**1845 hrs**

O' Canada

Act of Remembrance

Toast to the Queen

Grace

Introduction of the Head Table

Dinner

Speaker – Maj (retd) Bruce Stock, CD

Introduction of Guests

Introduction of New Members

**Raffle Draw**

(Proceeds to support Parkwood Veterans Care)



■ **FIRST WORLD WAR:** Letters from London brothers Ibbotson and Woodman Leonard are featured in a new book

# Brothers' wartime letters peel back time

**DAN BROWN**

The London Free Press

In an instant e-mail age, it's refreshing to remember there was a time when people put pen to paper and sent letters by mail with that unique personal touch.

And that's exactly what Ibbotson and Woodman Leonard did often during the First World War, when the London brothers were stationed in Europe, battling German forces alongside other soldiers from Canada.

"They're obviously very good letter writers. The letters are very evocative," said Western University public history professor Michelle Hamilton.



Ibbotson Leonard

The proof is in *This Hour of Trial and Sorrow: The Great War Letters of the Leonard Family*, a collection of hundreds of missives penned by

the Forest City siblings, who were both officers.

The new book, published by Western University, is a project put together by 14 MA students in Hamilton's class.

Hamilton said the book gives her students something tangible to take away from their studies. Contrary to what many might expect, the letters moved to the war's front lines quite fast. Sent by ship, since manned flight was still in its infancy and air mail not yet a reality, the letters took only a matter of days to arrive.

Leonard Woodman, who who was killed at Vimy Ridge,



CANADIAN WAR MUSEUM

**The Canadian stand at the Second Battle of Ypres, as painted by Richard Jack, one of more than 100 artists commissioned by the Canadian War Memorials Fund. Woodman Leonard, one of two London brothers whose First World War letters are profiled in a new book, fought in the Ypres campaign.**

in France, also kept an intricate diary of his wartime experience, which *The London Free Press* excerpted in a series last year during the 100th anniversary of the start of the war.

The book about the brothers' letters is an attempt to humanize the conflict by letting them tell their own story in their own words, as recounted in intimate correspondence sent to family members left behind on the home front.

Unlike many books about the

so-called Great War, like those dealing with the horrors of trench warfare, the collection of letters offers a more personal point of view.

"You always hear the stories about being in the trenches," said Hamilton. Readers might be surprised to hear about such daily occurrences as the brothers taking a bath drawn by their servants.

"Because they were officers, they were a bit at a distance," said Hamilton. "They're always talking

about their horses. Wood actually brought his horse over" to Europe.

Emerging technology of the early 19th century also figures into the letters.

"Ib got to ride in an airplane, which was very new on the battlefield," said Hamilton.

When family tragedy struck and Woodman Leonard was killed at

Vimy, a battle many historians consider to be Canada's nation-defining victory on a world stage, "you see a change in the letters," Hamilton said.

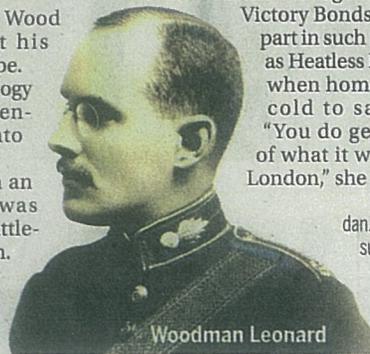
As for how much the letters left out, Hamilton said soldiers often learned to censor themselves. But if, say, a battle was several days in the past, authorities would let the troops be candid.

Canadians also were given pre-written postcards. All they had to do was check boxes that said, for instance, "I am quite well."

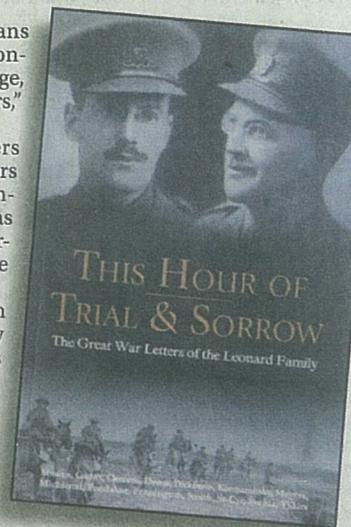
The other attraction for readers is the picture of London, then a small city of only 50,000, that emerges in the book. Not only did the Leonard sons fight with Britain and her allies, but the family at home ran a foundry that made shell casings. Over the course of the war, a quarter of a million shells were manufactured for use in big guns.

Hamilton said Londoners today — with no first-hand memories — don't necessarily grasp the prominent role their city played in the war. Good Canadians were expected to ration food, grow their own vegetables, buy Victory Bonds and take part in such measures as Heatless Mondays, when homes stayed cold to save fuel. "You do get a sense of what it was like in London," she said.

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Woodman Leonard



## The book

*This Hour of Trial and Sorrow: The Great War Letters of the Leonard Family*

■ Follows officer brothers Ibbotson and Woodman Leonard and their prominent London family during the First World War.

■ Published by Western University

■ MA public history students transcribed and edited the collection of letters

■ To get the book: Contact Western's history department, history.uwo.ca or 519-661-3645

## Woodman Leonard's diaries

Excerpted last year by *The London Free Press*, they are archived at [lpress.com/wardiary](http://lpress.com/wardiary)

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# After century in London, Ypres carving goes home

**RANDY RICHMOND**

The London Free Press

The journey of the carving speaks of great battles, a saviour or a thief, and the end of times.

It landed in London 100 years ago, pulled from the ruins of one church and given to another that seemed in this safe land eternal.

Now the London church, not quite eternal, has lost its own war, and the carving is on another journey.

"Since we are closing, it just seemed like the right thing to do is to send it back home," David Bellhouse, a member of Bishop Cronyn Memorial Anglican Church, said Thursday.

The church on William Street looks and smells like history. Ivy covers the walls, and inside, original Victorian stained glass windows sit high above wooden pews polished by decades of parishioners' clothing.

Built in 1873, the church was named for Benjamin Cronyn, the first bishop of the Huron diocese, and in Victorian times drew 700 people to Sunday services. The first meeting in Canada of the Mothers' Union, an international Christian movement helping families, was held here in 1888.

"At the time, it was the pre-eminent Anglican church in London outside of the (St. Paul) cathedral," archdeacon Allan Livingstone said.

The church attracted some of London's finest families, like the Leonard family in the early 1900s.



**Woodman Leonard, right, who fought at Ypres in 1915, had the carving, at left, sent to London.**

Woodman Leonard fought in the Second Battle of Ypres in Belgium in 1915, a defining moment in Canadian history because it was the first time Canadian soldiers fought as a unit, winning where other forces had lost. The battle also was marked by the first massive use of poison gas in the war, and inspired the iconic poem, *In Flanders Fields*.

After the battle, Leonard came across the ruins of St. Albin's Church in Ypres. He found a carving of two figures, just under a metre high, covered in soot and blackened by fire, and arranged to have it shipped home to his church.

"There are two interpretations, one negative, that it's a war trophy. The positive is that he rescued it from the war," Bellhouse said of the carving, likely made in the 15th or 16th century.

The rescue theory seems more plausible, considering St. Albin's Church is no longer standing.

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# Artwork will go home in diplomatic pouch

**From Page A1**

Leonard was killed at Vimy Ridge on April 7, 1917. For decades, the carving he sent home sat in the London church where parishioners could gaze upon the two figures.

In the 1970s, the carving was restored and three figures emerged from the soot: Jesus, his mother, Mary, and St. Anne, Mary's mother.

At that time, the church still drew almost 200 people to its Sunday services, Bellhouse said.



**David Bellhouse**

Now it stands at about 25, a victim of changing times and declining interest in mainstream religion in Canada.

Struggling for financial survival, the church will hold its last Sunday service in December, though it will try to rent out space for community groups and recitals.

When Bellhouse realized the carving of the three figures should go back home, he tried first to find St. Albin's Church.

His Internet search led him instead to The In Flanders Fields Museum, which shows the history of the Western Front

and is housed in the renovated Cloth Halls of Ypres.

The museum curator expressed an interest in getting the carving back, but Bellhouse had to figure how to get it there.

"I wasn't going to put it in the mail," he said.

He connected with the Belgian Embassy in Canada. On Nov. 17, the carving will be handed to Belgium's ambassador to Canada, Raoul Delcorde, at a ceremony in Toronto.

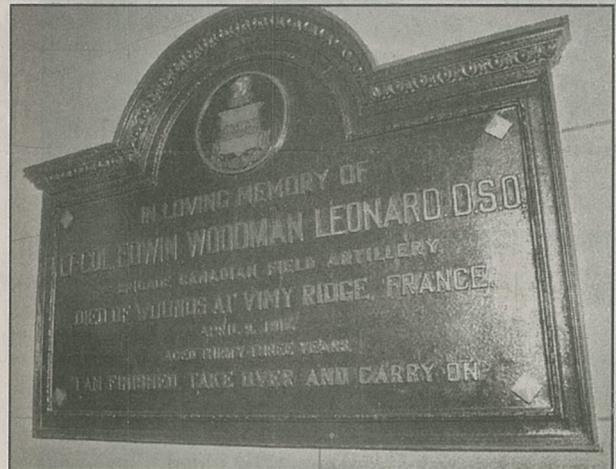
Four Londoners involved in the church and carving's history, including Bellhouse, will attend the ceremony.

From there, the carving and the three figures will head home, as safe as anything can be, in a diplomatic pouch.

■ CARVING



A statue in Bishop Cronyn Church in London rescued from a ruined church in Ypres, Belgium, during the First World War will be returned to Belgium because the London church is closing at the end of the year. Below, a plaque in the church memorializes Lt.-Col. Edwin Woodman Leonard, who sent the statue home to London.





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**LONGTIME VIMY BR. MEMBER**

RCAF veteran Stanley McParland wipes his eye as he stands with his granddaughter, Nicole Corbiere, during the Remembrance Day ceremony in Victoria Park in London. More on **PAGES A2, 3**



Bagpipe players participate in the annual Remembrance Day parade in downtown London November 11, 2015.

# London D-Day vet's legacy lives on

JANE SIMS

The London Free Press

Tom Hammond has gone back to class to give a first-hand history lesson about bravery.

At 95, his school days are long behind him.

But as one of London's few D-Day invaders still alive, he has a lot to tell the Grade 6 class at Ryerson public school.

His granddaughter by marriage, Amanda Hammond, invites the 95-year-old veteran of the Canadian army every year to speak to her pupils about life as a Canadian soldier during the Second World War, stories that are becoming rare to hear from those who lived it.

Hammond was in the fourth wave of boats that landed at Juno Beach. He was a truck driver who ferried ammunition and supplies up to the front lines while the Allies made their push into France, Belgium and Holland, a turning point in the Second World War.

And though he tells students about the grand adventure as a soldier landing on the shores of France during one of the most successful invasions the world had seen, he says, invariably every year, he gets the same question.

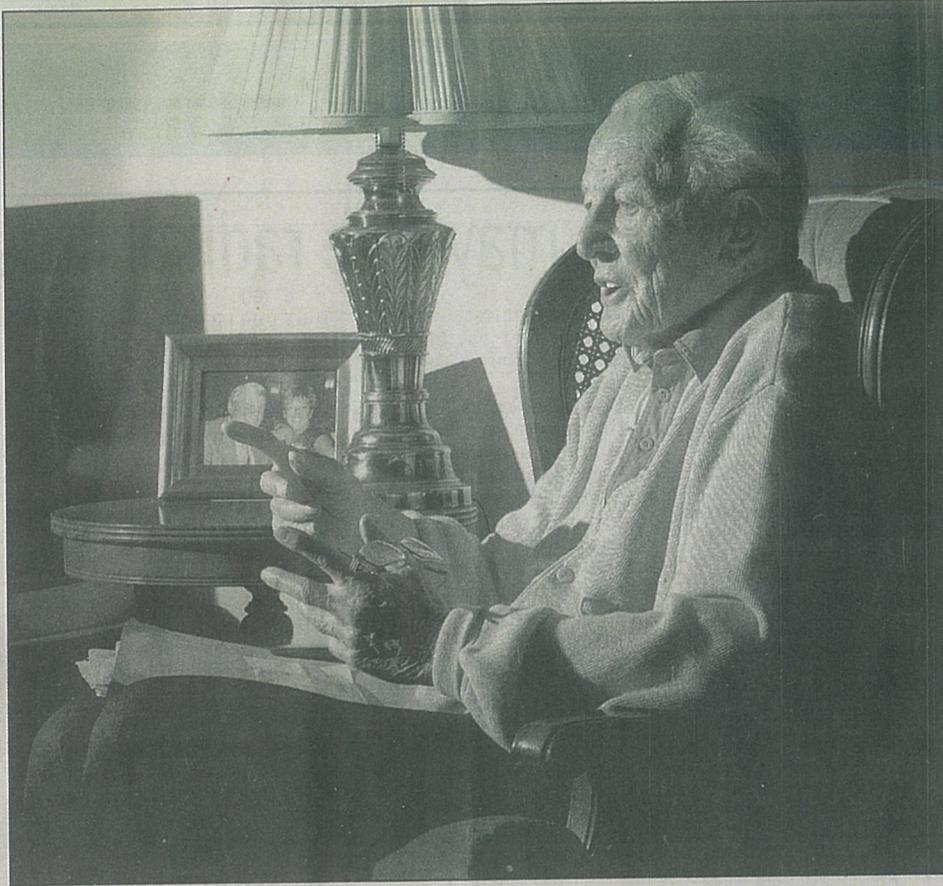
"Where did you go to the bathroom?"

"We dug holes in the ground. That's where our bathroom was," he said, with a chuckle, while relaxing in his comfortable retirement-home apartment he shares with his wife of 72 years, Lillian, 90.

It's important to Hammond to talk to younger people about what happened in Europe some 70 years ago. His father, a First World War veteran, never said a word about his experiences — and Hammond followed the same creed for many years after he made it home.

"Tom wouldn't talk about it when he came home for years and years," Lillian said.

But, as time wore on, he realized the significance of the experience and he vowed he wouldn't follow that part of his father's foot-



DEREK RUTTAN / THE LONDON FREE PRESS

London veteran Tom Hammond, 95, was in the fourth wave of boats that landed at Juno Beach on June 6, 1944. He says it's important to tell young people about what happened in Europe more than 70 years ago.

steps. "I said that's one thing I'm going to do is tell my kids what I went through," he said. "Not the boasting of it, but so they know their relative did something."

Hammond is not the strapping 25-year-old he was in 1944 when he drove a truck onto the beach and began his assignment.

He walks with a walker now and has some hearing problems that can be traced back to standing too close to the big guns he helped supply. Still, his eyes dance as he recalls the events of those dangerous months — some of it with a good dose of his humour — as he carefully reconstructed what life was like for a young Canadian

wanting to do his part.

On the boat crossing the English Channel on June 6, 1944, the engine of his truck was wrapped in material to keep it waterproof. As they moved closer to shore, the boat beside his took a German shell "and blew everything up including everybody."

His boat made it across and "I can still see myself, sitting in the driver's seat of the truck with about that much water up to my waist, changing gears, because of this special (material)," he said.

"I was scared but I was excited — but I was more scared than excited."

Hammond stayed in the beach

area for a couple weeks while the Allies moved into France securing German positions. "We had all the ammunition and the TNT to blow up the roads if the invasion was called off, we needed to slow the Germans up," he said.

But as the Allies pushed forward, Hammond had the job of taking ammunition to the troops. And, as cliché as it sounds, there was danger around every corner.

Once, he said, he was heading down a road in his truck to find a regiment when an Allied soldier with a machine gun jumped in front of him to stop him from going any farther.

"The Germans were right up the

road," he said, and if the soldier hadn't stopped him, he would certainly have been killed.

"I never got the guy's name and address to thank him," he said.

As Hammond worked his way up through Holland, one of his jobs was to transport German POWs. He also helped feed the starving people of Holland as part of the liberating forces. A couple times after the war he returned to Holland, where he was treated like a hero.

After Holland and the end of the war, Hammond served in the occupying force in Germany for six months. He took a job at London Life and eventually became purchasing manager.

He and Lillian had two children, David and Dianne. They have five grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

That legacy makes it all the more important for him to share his memories. Hammond said he was proud to be in the Canadian army and wants to tell younger people to be proud of their country.

And he knows the kids at Ryerson are ready to hear him.

"They just love to hear a veteran talk. I think people like adventure."

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## Remembrance Day events in London

■ **At the Cenotaph:** Parade marches to Cenotaph at Victoria Park starting at 10 a.m., with ceremony, wreath-laying and moment of silence among the tributes.

■ **Wolseley Barracks:** Ceremony in parade square at 11 a.m., after which public invited to tour RCR Museum (Oxford and Elizabeth streets). O'Leary collection of First World War memorabilia will be on display and veterans will be available to talk with visitors.

TOM IS ANOTHER LONGTIME VIMY BR. MEMBER



# London Remembers

CHRIS MONTANINI/LONDONER/POSTMEDIA NETWORK

Mason Floyd (left) and Ian Gordon of Fire and Iron Custom Metal Work reflect near a new memorial commemorating The Battle of Vimy Ridge in London Ont. November 11, 2015. Fire and Iron was commissioned to create the monument, which was installed on Remembrance Day in a small park near the roundabout on Hale Street and Trafalger Street in east London. Story and Remembrance Day photos on Pages 28-29.

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# Londoners commemorate Vimy Ridge with new sculpture

THE LONDONER  
19 Nov. '15

Chris Montanini  
Londoner

A new metal sculpture commemorating The Battle of Vimy Ridge has been added to a small, unnamed park in east London and this time, Londoner Larry Laur hopes it will be there for good.

Inspired by the upcoming anniversary of the famous First World War battle in 2017, Laur installed a small memorial himself last year — a white wooden cross with the words 'Lest We Forget' written on it, along with a wooden gun and black hat.

After a chance encounter inside an Edmonton Tim Horton's, Laur said he was donated a First World War military helmet to add to his monument, but it was stolen shortly afterwards. Another gracious donor replaced it, but that too was taken from the park near the roundabout on Hale Street.

"I was just a little bit ticked," Laur said, "I thought I'd make a police report in case it was ever turned in."

Unfortunately, the helmets were never recovered, but Laur didn't give up. About six months ago, he approached Fire and Iron Custom Metal

Works in Old East Village to ask if they would add a sculpture to the space not far from monuments honouring late London soldier Mark Wilson and Second World War flying ace Charley Fox.

Owner Ian Gordon and fabricator Mason Floyd jumped at the opportunity. Floyd's sculpture — a life-sized depiction of a First World War helmet, a Lee Enfield rifle and size nine military boots — was installed the Sunday before Remembrance Day, in time for a formal dedication on November 11.

"We built this to last the next 100 years," said Floyd, 22, adding that he hopes the sculpture reminds people of the nearly 3,600 Canadians who perished at Vimy Ridge. "Each of those names was a person with a life and a family, and that's what we'd like to represent here."

John Zubick Ltd. donated metal for the project.

Laur said he plans to ask the city to name the space Vimy Park and is also planning to have a taller, permanent flagpole installed there in the future.

"It's inspiring work," Gordon added. "We're just honoured to have the opportunity to do something like this."



CHRIS MONTANINI/LONDONER/POSTMEDIA NETWORK

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