

## 147<sup>th</sup> and 248<sup>th</sup> Battalions Finding Aid

### Reference Library

- A History of the County of Grey* p. 368 – 370
- p. 456 – 466 (“Those who served in the Great War”)
- A New History of the County of Grey* p. 385 – 389, 394 – 396
- Pictures of Corporal G.F. McFarland, Corporal G.D. Fleming, and Tommy Holmes of the 147<sup>th</sup> Battalion
  - Photograph of Annie Eaton and her son Jaffray
  - Brief history of the 147<sup>th</sup> and 248<sup>th</sup>
  - Photograph of Officers of the 147<sup>th</sup> in France
  - Succession of Command
  - Information on Tommy Holmes
- Lest We Forget* by Melba Croft
- Members of the 147<sup>th</sup> Battalion and 248<sup>th</sup> Battalion, separated into those with no burial record, those killed in action, and those who died in Canada
  - General history on the creation and necessity of the 147<sup>th</sup> and 248<sup>th</sup> Battalions
- An Unofficial History of the Grey and Simcoe Foresters Regiment 1866 to 1973*
- Photographs of members of the 147<sup>th</sup> Battalion
- Foresters: The Canadian Quest for Peace* by Brian A. Brown, with a forward by H.R.H. Princess Anne, p. 109 - 115
- History and photographs of the 147<sup>th</sup> Battalion and 248<sup>th</sup> Battalion
  - Photograph of Tommy Holmes and two other soldiers
- Eminent Women of Grey County* by Sharon Cake, p. 36
- Section on Annie Eaton’s involvement with the 147<sup>th</sup> and 248<sup>th</sup> Battalions and her establishment of the Grey Rooms Club
- Growth of a County Town* by Melba Croft
- 147<sup>th</sup> Battalion: p. 221, 224, 225, 229, 231, 236, 238, 239, 241, 251, 283, 284, 302
  - 248<sup>th</sup> Battalion: p. 241, 238, 248, 253
  - General information
- Scarlet to Green: The Colours, Uniforms and Insignia of the Grey and Simcoe Foresters* (1987) Murray Telford (part of the Museum Collection), p. 14 – 16, 22, 44
- History and photographs of the 147<sup>th</sup> and 248<sup>th</sup> Battalions
  - Photograph of “Duke”, the 147<sup>th</sup> Grey Battalion mascot, 1916
  - Insignia of the 147<sup>th</sup> and 248<sup>th</sup> Battalions

### Archival Private Collections

#### Mary Webber Collection PF10

1. Photograph: Cecil Miller, 147<sup>th</sup> Battalion
2. Photograph: Richard Wailing, 147<sup>th</sup> Battalion
3. Tin “Vimy” ring, Cecil Miller
4. Copper “147<sup>th</sup>” ring, Richard Wailing
5. Diary of Johnstone Urquhart, 147<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Owen Sound, 1916

6. Christmas card sent to Fleming Reid from Richard Wailing
7. Letter sent to Robert Webber from his brother George of Normanby Township, 1914.
8. Piece of canvas that was sent to Fleming Reid from Richard Wailing. Canvas is from a German airplane that was shot down inside British lines, 26 October 1915.
9. Easter Card sent from Private George Webber to his brother Robert Webber, 1916
10. Christmas Card sent from Private George Webber to his brother Robert Webber, 1916

#### **Fraser McKee Collection PF40**

1. Photograph: 3<sup>rd</sup> reunion of the 147<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Owen Sound 1935

#### **Melba Croft Collection PF45**

1. Second World War research file
2. The Story of Tommy Holmes V.C. 1898-1950
3. Tommy Holmes research file

#### **Owen Sound Historical Society Collection PF49**

1. 147<sup>th</sup> Battalion Reunion at Lee Manor photographs (6)
2. 248<sup>th</sup> Battalion Postcard
3. 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion Supplement, 147<sup>th</sup> Battalion Association, Owen Sound Sun Times, 8 October 1955

#### **Grey County Museum Archival Collection PF77**

##### *Photographs*

1. 1963.042.009 – Arrival of the Meaford section of the 147<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Owen Sound, 1915
2. 1963.061.005 – Lieutenant Jaffray Eaton, 147<sup>th</sup> Battalion
3. 1968.061.081 – Parade of the 147<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Owen Sound
4. 1968.061.082 – 147<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Market Square, Owen Sound
5. 1968.061.083 – 147<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Market Square, Owen Sound
6. 1968.061.084 – 147<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Market Square, Owen Sound
7. 1968.061.085 – 147<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Market Square, Owen Sound
8. 1972.075.002 – Joseph Andrew Gawley, #838512, 147<sup>th</sup> Battalion and Jack McAllister, 147<sup>th</sup> Battalion, in buggy, in front of St. George's Anglican Church, Owen Sound
9. 1972.075.003 – Joseph Andrew Gawley, #838512, 147<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Owen Sound
10. 1976.186.001 – Annie Eaton
11. 1980.233.002 – Private Tommy Holmes, 147<sup>th</sup> Battalion
12. 1980.294.001 – 147<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Market Square, Owen Sound
13. 1980.413.001 – 3<sup>rd</sup> reunion of the 147<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 1935
14. 1980.419.001 – Military Band, 147<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 1913
15. 1980.420.001 – Harry Tucker, 147<sup>th</sup> Battalion
16. 1992.004.012 – John "Jack" Craven, 147<sup>th</sup> Battalion
17. 1992.007.003 – Bugle Band, 147<sup>th</sup> Battalion
18. 1992.007.005 – Stretcher bearers, 147<sup>th</sup> Battalion (identified)
19. 1992.007.006 – Bugle Band, 147<sup>th</sup> Battalion
20. 1992.007.007N – Brass Band, 147<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 1916 (negative only)

21. 1992.007.007a – Brass Band, 147<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 1916 (identified)
22. 1992.007.007b – Brass Band, 147<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 1916
23. 1992.007.008 – CPR Station, Owen Sound, 1916
24. 1992.007.012 – Private Tommy Holmes, 147<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Owen Sound, 1919
25. 1992.007.015N – Two crossed flags, 147<sup>th</sup> Battalion (negative only)
26. 1992.007.016 – Returning soldiers, 147<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Market Square, Owen Sound, 1918
27. 1997.009.010 – Harry Pringle, #838163, 147<sup>th</sup> Battalion
28. 1997.009.080 – George Banks, and Harry Pringle, #838163, 147<sup>th</sup> Battalion

#### *Oversize Photographs*

*Currently we are in the process of re-housing, organizing, describing, and storing the oversized photograph collection. As a result of this project, very few oversized images are currently available to view. Thank you for your patience. Please let us know if you would like to volunteer with this project.*

1. 1961.064.034 – 147<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Holland Centre, 1914
2. 1980.246.002 – Group of soldiers and civilians, Chatsworth WWI Soldiers posed by railroad track: "Chatsworth Oct. 5th, 1916."
3. 1999.028.001 – 3<sup>rd</sup> reunion of the 147<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Owen Sound, 11 November 1935

#### *Artefact Collection*

1. 1960.006.002 – Sabre, 147<sup>th</sup> Battalion
2. 1960.006.003 – Sabre, 147<sup>th</sup> Battalion
3. 1960.006.004 – Sabre, 147<sup>th</sup> Battalion
4. 1961.064.045 – Uniform button, 147<sup>th</sup> Battalion
5. 1963.042.013 – Whist scorecard, Grey Rooms Club
6. 1964.005.014 – Belt, Lieutenant John Milton Dobie, 147<sup>th</sup> Battalion
7. 1964.005.015 – Belt buckle, Lieutenant John Milton Dobie, 147<sup>th</sup> Battalion
8. 1964.005.035 – Shoulder badge, 147<sup>th</sup> Battalion
9. 1970.063.001 – Badge, 147<sup>th</sup> Battalion
10. 1970.090.001 – Banner, Grey Rooms Club
11. 1972.003.003 – Helmet, 147<sup>th</sup> Battalion
12. 1972.003.009 – *Swagger Stick* baton, 147<sup>th</sup> Battalion
13. 1972.003.010 – Jacket crest, 147<sup>th</sup> Battalion
14. 1974.019.007 – Window plaque
15. 1974.019.012 – Kit bag
16. 1974.019.013 – Haversack
17. 1974.019.014 – Canadian Memorial Cross medal, Private R.O. Henry #838466, 147<sup>th</sup> Battalion
18. 1986.036.001 – Peabody Red Cross fundraising quilt, William McLaggan's, 248<sup>th</sup> Battalion, name appears on the quilt, 1917
19. 1989.030.001 – Cartridge belt
20. 2000.011.001 – "The Boys from County Grey March Song" sheet music by Charles Miller, Owen Sound for Corporal McFarland, 147<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 1915
21. 2005.022.001 – Pennant, 147<sup>th</sup> Battalion

**Pat Bain Collection PF84**

1. PF84S1F1I1 – Photograph of George Sutherby, 147<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Owen Sound
2. PF84S1F1I2 – Photograph of Walter Henry, 147<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Owen Sound

**Jim Davidson Collection PF 126**

1. Draft and final copy of a short article written about Tommy Holmes's actions that won him the Victoria Cross
2. Newspaper Article on Military History in Grey, including the 147<sup>th</sup> and 248<sup>th</sup> Battalions and List of Commanding Officers

**Annie Jaffray Eaton IODE Collection PF149**

1. Research file contains information on Lady Eaton and the Grey Rooms
2. Letters from Adelaide Rattray Gemmel to her friend Annie Jaffray spanning their adolescence and married life. A synopsis of the letters is included in the file

\*Also of use are the last name index, photograph collection, and any other genealogical resource available. Using the name indexes in the Grey County history books, it is possible to get at even more information on the individuals that made up the 147<sup>th</sup> and 248<sup>th</sup> Battalions, as well as their own histories.\*