



# The River Round Up

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## Arthur Bouchard-Peacekeeper



Arthur Elias was born June 19<sup>th</sup>, 1946 the third of six children to Margaret (Beranger) & Joseph Bouchard of Cannes. Arthur was a student of Francis Digout at the Lower End School until he moved to the new school in 1954. On his seventeenth birthday, Arthur motored to Dominion and signed up with the army. On October 8<sup>th</sup>, 1963 he swore allegiance to the Queen in Halifax and was sent to Petawawa for basic training. Arthur's first posting was in Picton, Ontario in June of 1964. That fall he was sent to Cypress for six months on his first peacekeeping mission. Upon his return, Arthur went to Alert, NWT - the most northern place in Canada - followed by a stint with the changing of the guards in Ottawa. In 1967 as a member of the Canadian Armed Forces Tattoo he traveled across Canada with the troops.

In 1966, while stationed in Picton, one of the base firefighters (Mr. Hefferman) asked Arthur to go pick apples at an orchard nearby to earn a few extra dollars. Mr. Hefferman took Arthur home to meet his family, one of whom was a daughter named Linda. Arthur had met his true love. They did not meet again until three months later while walking in downtown Picton. A year later on July 8<sup>th</sup>, 1967 they were wed. They came to RB on their honeymoon and Linda, unaware of why everyone in RB is identified by who one of their parents are, decided to send Christmas

cards to the people she had met. She addressed a card to Mary Paul and at the last minute Arthur, while checking whom she was sending cards to, discovered the dilemma. Mary Paul was actually Mary Sampson (thus, Arthur helped avoid an embarrassing situation).

Arthur & Linda have three children. Melissa who, with husband Joe and son Isaac live in Fredericton; Christine who, with husband Andrew and step-children Tyler and Macayla live in Dartmouth; and son Edward, who lives in Calgary with wife Chantal and sons Dylan and Brandon. Edward has followed Dad's footsteps in the Armed Forces and has served in Bosnia and Afghanistan.

In 1968 Arthur was posted to Petawawa and when martial law was declared during the October crisis of 1970, he was moved to Montreal and Ottawa. In 1972, during the reign of terror of Idi Amin, Arthur was dispatched to Uganda for three months. In 1974 he spent time taking mountaineering courses in Australia followed by winter training in the North West Territories in Frobisher Bay, Cape Dyer and Resolute Bay. Arthur also did some training over the years in Puerto Rico, Jamaica, Denmark and Northern Norway. In the mid seventies he was sent to the Okefenokee Swamp in Georgia to do survival training. From 1977 to 1980, Arthur and the family were stationed in Comox, B.C. where Arthur was employed in nuclear security. He also took courses in mine warfare and demolition instruction in Chilliwack. In 1982 the family returned to Petawawa with the RCR Battle School training recruits. From 1982-1987 they were stationed in Camp Gagetown, with the exception of another six month posting in Cypress. Arthur's last posting was in Bathurst where he served as advisor to the Militia. On April 13<sup>th</sup>, 1989 following twenty-six years of service, Arthur retired at age forty-two.

In 1989 Linda, Arthur & daughter Christine packed their belongings and moved to RB to the old homestead as Joe & Margaret had moved to the Seniors Building four years prior. Linda had worked

part time while her children were growing up but when she moved to RB decided to work full time. She first went to the Inn on the Canal followed by the Dundee Resort & Jiggs in St. Peter's. In 1995 she went to work at the Richmond Villa where she remained for twelve years until her retirement in 2007. She now spends her days as a volunteer at the villa, treasurer of the Branch 47 Woman's Auxiliary, and in her garden. Art has served on several committees in the community since his return home, and continues to work for veteran's affairs. He is a thirty-year member of the Legion, loves visiting mom at the villa and spends his summers at the golf course.

Art, thanks for serving our country and the people of River Bourgeois wish both you & Linda many years of good health & happiness. *Sharon Chilvers*

## Veterans-History

The peace that we enjoy as Canadians, unfortunately, can only be dreamed about by many peoples of the world today. The freedoms derived from this peace are the results of the most extreme sacrifices & courageous efforts of our Canadian Forces. German U-boats patrolled our shores sinking 23 ships in the Gulf of St Lawrence, the Cabot Strait and the Strait of Belle Isle between 1942 & 1944.



**Peter Wilfred (Fred) Doary** was born on Janvrin's Island in September, 1908, the son of Peter John & Bertha (DeCoste) Doary. Fred's early life on the sea made him very acceptable to the Canadian Navy on September 13<sup>th</sup>, 1939. Serial # A978, able seaman Doary would be crewed on the *HMCS Stadacona*, a Canadian Navy Patrol ship. The *Stadacona* was an armed yacht in WWI and was one of the original ships of Canada's infant navy at that time. Fred's life during the period of April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1942 until February 5<sup>th</sup>, 1944 saw him serving aboard the *HMCS Moncton K139*, a Flower Class Corvette, as Leading Seaman and Acting Petty Officer. Records indicate that the *Moncton* would serve escort duty on 57 convoys between Sydney, Halifax, Boston, New York, & Liverpool, England from August 1942 until December 1943. Following service on the *Moncton*,

Fred was transferred to the *HMCS Vancouver K240* in February of 1944. Attached to the American Forces, the *Vancouver* performed Bearing Sea patrols based out of Kodiak, Alaska in support of the Aleutian Island Campaign. Fred's sea time service would conclude on the *HMCS Carlplace K664*, the last frigate to enter wartime service. Serving as escort in four convoys from England to Gibraltar, *Carlplace* also performed her duties in returning Royal Navy submarines to England from refit in the US. Stationed at CFB Cornwallis in late 1944, Fred would receive the rank of Petty Officer. Fred received a final transfer to Stadacona Base on Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>, 1945. It is important to note that Fred also served as a training instructor on three more ships.

**Medals and Bars** - 1939-45 Star, the Atlantic Star, CVSM with Clasp, 1939-45 Medal with Oak Leaf.

**DOARY, Peter Wilfred, Petty Officer (A-978) - Mention in Despatches** - RCNR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946. Home: Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. *"For outstanding zeal, efficiency and devotion to duty: During almost continuous service at sea since the commencement of hostilities, Petty Officer Doary served with untiring energy and unflinching cheerfulness. His wealth of practical seamanship was unstintingly imparted to his messmates. These qualities, together with his never-failing loyalty and devotion to duty, have inspired respect and confidence".*



**Edward Leo Fougere** was born September 12<sup>th</sup>, 1915, the son of Charles & Louise (Pelerine) Fougere. Edward's time as a merchant seaman would take a great toll on his young life. On the morning of August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1941, the *SS Spind*, a Norwegian freighter was enroute from Melford Haven, South Wales to Lisbon when she was torpedoed by *U564*. Later that morning she was again torpedoed by *U552*. Although the recorded accounts of the actual attack on this ship are left to the U-boat captain's log and the survivors of the *Spind*, there can be no doubt of the brutality of this encounter. According to a log extract, the U-boat used machine guns, heavy guns and fire bombs. The *Spind's* gun crew was able to fire

2 shots at the U-boat before her entire complement either made it into two life boats or jumped overboard. The U-boat came around to the port side and started firing at the life boats, the men had to lay flat in the boats while the bullets passed right over them, leaving both boats leaking badly having been holed by bullets. A maritime inquiry into this sinking was held in Gibraltar on August 31<sup>st</sup>. There was no mention of torpedoes by the crew of the *Spind*. This form of shelled attack became all too common during this period and became known as the Second Happy Time for German U-Boats. Fortunately there were no casualties but a number of crewmen were wounded, including Edward. The British destroyer *HMS Boreas* would rescue all hands. Edward was again torpedoed on his return from Gibraltar to England. After a number of Atlantic crossings, Edward made his way to Halifax. At this time he would sign on the *Lady Nelson*, a southern island liner. Upon entering Castries Harbour at St Lucia, he was again torpedoed suffering a broken leg when jumping into a lifeboat. Edward returned home shortly after and passed away on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 1950 at the age of 34. *Don Pottie*  
*Information obtained from family members, Warsailors.com, U-Boat.net and The Naval Museum of Manitoba.*

### Amable & Minnie Pottie



*Amable, Nellie, Eldon, Evelyn, Minnie, Lorenzo & Willard*

Amable was born in 1881, the son of Patrick & Delina (Robertson) Pottie. He began working at the young age of ten on his father's vessel. As he was too young to fish in his father's dories, he helped with the cooking. This was probably where and when he decided to cook for a living. One of his many jobs as a cook was on a train carrying the troops from Halifax to Montreal during the war. In January 1905 he married Minnie Landry, daughter of Andre & Elizabeth (Robertson) Landry. They had five children and when Amable had to work away, he took his family with him. They lived as close as Roberta and as far away as London, Connecticut. They remained in the U.S. until Minnie became ill from diabetes, requiring their return to River Bourgeois. Minnie passed away in 1943. Some years later, Amable married Elizabeth Raney from L'Ardoise and just a

few years later he was again widowed. In 1952, at age seventy-one, Amable married Elizabeth (daughter of Felicity [Thibeau] & Daniel Sampson) and they opened a store on the Church Point near the home of Alcantra Landry. He became known as "Le Petit Sucre" or "Little Sugar" for the great candy he sold. He was known for his story telling and as the best bread maker in RB. He passed away in 1964 at age eighty-three. Amable & Minnie's children were:

**Willard** – RB, 1905-1960. Married Mary B McPhee and they had ten children: Raymond, deceased in 1985; Lucille, deceased in 2004; Herman, deceased in 2004; Doris, deceased in 1999; Leona, deceased in 1943; a newborn, deceased in 1950; Alice and Eddie in RB; Richard in Cheticamp; and Josephine in Halifax; thirty one grandchildren, fifty great grandchildren and twenty-four great great grandchildren. Willard re-married Marie Coolen.

**Helen (Nellie)** – Connecticut, 1906-1996. Married Clifford Burke of RB and they had four children: Elaine, Edward, Harvey and Barbara, all residing in the U.S. and nine grandchildren.

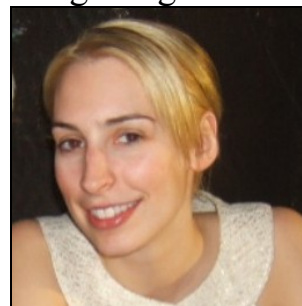
**Eldon** - St. Peter's, 1911-1969. Married Hyacinth Pottie and they had three children: Mary, deceased in 1945; Bertram, deceased in 1948; and Colin in Halifax.

**Evelyn** – RB, 1913-1995. Married Sam Fougere of RB and they had ten children: Rennie, deceased in 2006; Carl, deceased in 1940; Henry, deceased in infancy; Leo, Sylvia, Conrad and Gordie in RB; Gloria in St. Peter's; Hubert in Dartmouth; Roy in France; twenty three grandchildren and sixteen great grandchildren.

**Peter Lorenzo** – RB, 1914-2000. Married Margaret Fougere of RB and they had five children: Milton in Porter's Lake, Audrey in Ontario, Judy in RB, Donna in Brockhouse and Kelvin in Halifax; twelve grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren.

*Thanks to Sylvia Pottie and Eddie Pottie for the data and Anne Louise Touesnard for restoring the photo.*

### River Bourgeois goes to Olympics



Amy Doary (daughter of Arthur & Henrietta) has been selected by the Canada's Olympic Broadcast Media Consortium to be part of the Communications Team for the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Games. She

will be leading all media efforts from Whistler, BC including arranging interviews with consortium talent, helping run MuchMusic's Chalet in Whistler, & dealing with media on site at the games. Amy is currently the Senior Publicist for MuchMusic in Toronto.

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### Run for the Cure



Ann Landry, daughter Janice & granddaughter Abby ran for the cure on Sunday Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> and their team known as "Hunnies 4 Healthy Hooters" raised \$4500. Way to go team!

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### 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary



Anne & Joe Sampson celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on October 6<sup>th</sup> with their family & many friends at a dinner in their honour. Anne & Joe have nine children: Frances, Michael, Theresa & John in RB; Patricia, deceased in 1968; Henry in Havre Boucher; Jo-Anne in D'Escousse; Benedict in Borden, ON; and Patricia, who resides in Whitehorse NWT. Congratulations Anne & Joe!

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### Deaths

**Davey:** Paul William, 60, of Dartmouth passed away on Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>. Our condolences to his wife Judy, children Chris & Andrea, mother in-law Angela Burke and their families.

**Geraldi:** John, 73, of Montreal passed away Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>. Our condolences to his wife Yvonne (Burke), children and many in-laws in RB.

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### Bits & Bites:

- ... **45 card** play Sun. nights 7:30pm Seniors Bldg.
- ... **RB Volunteers** were out in force on Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>. Many gentlemen under the direction of Victor Robertson replaced the roof of the funeral home while another group under the direction of Gerald LeBlanc worked on the lighthouse. **"Together everyone accomplishes more"!**
- ... **Our CAP Site** has full coverage but we're looking for volunteers to spare. Anyone with time & some knowledge of computers, please call Sharon D. @535-3516 or Ann M. @535-2944. Training will be provided. Christmas gift suggestions: T-Shirts-CD's & DVD's of the RB Veterans, postcards of both the old & present day River Bourgeois, and/or a subscription to the *River Round Up* is always an appreciated gift. We also have Heritage Walk booklets. Come in & browse at our new to you book selection or check our genealogy corner which has many resources of our history & people. We have several old computers & monitors to give away.
- ... **Cribbage** every Mon. night 7pm Seniors Bldg.
- ... **Seniors Exercise** Mon/Wed/Fri 11-12 Seniors Bldg. Personal trainer available.
- ... **Bake/Craft sale** Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> 10-4 at Senior's Bldg.
- ... **Bingo** every Friday 7:45pm. Rising jackpot with \$1000 consolation to go.
- ... **Seniors Mini Bingo** Wed., Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>. 1:30pm.
- ... **Seniors meeting** Tuesday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>. 1:30pm.
- ... **CWL meeting** Thursday, Nov 12<sup>th</sup>, Vestry.
- ... **CAP Site meeting** Wednesday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>. 7pm.
- ... **RBCSS meeting** Wednesday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>. 7pm.
- ... **Fall/winter hours C@P site** Mon. to Thurs. 2-4 & 6-8 and Friday 2-4pm. Cenotaph T-Shirts on sale at site. CAP phone # is 535-3251. Fax 535-3638. Email [rbcap@stpeterscable.com](mailto:rbcap@stpeterscable.com) and website is [www.stpeterscable.com/~rbcap](http://www.stpeterscable.com/~rbcap)
- ... Anyone wishing to book the TLC should call Mike Fougere at 535-3308. People requiring use of the Funeral Home; call Marie & Conrad Fougere at 535-2621. Call Georgie or Harold Landry at 535-2939 to open the church for any special functions i.e. weddings, baptisms, etc.
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