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Sgt. Landry, Lloyd A.: Our Soldier



Lloyd Amos was born July 9, 1957 – the sixth child of John L. & Rita (Richard) Landry. He attended Stella Maris School in RB then St. Peter’s District High, and following his graduation, went on to a career in the military.

Lloyd enlisted in the Canadian Armed Forces on March 2nd, 1976 and only seventeen days later found himself at CFB Cornwallis for “boot camp” (Basic Training). Lloyd’s trade of choice was STR Tech 612 (Structural Engineer Technician) and his training took him off to CFB Chilliwack, BC from May to December of 1976. His first official posting brought him back to the east coast where he was posted to CFB Halifax-Camp Debart in January 1977. It was here that he met Eva Theriault, daughter Dr. John (deceased) and Rita Theriault of Rothesay, NB. Eva was at summer camp with the Reserves at this time, working with 722 Comm. Squadron.

Lloyd was subsequently posted from Debart back to Chilliwack in October 1977. There he was under the command of 1CER (1 Canadian Engineering Regiment). Lloyd & Eva had been making their plans to be married during his stint in Debart and continued their plans long-distance after his move to Chilliwack. They were wed in Rothesay on

December 29th, 1979. Any vacation time was usually spent in the Maritimes where they enjoyed card games with family and friends. Gerald LeBlanc often recalls the night they played crib without any fives in the deck and another time when they played 45s without the Ace of Hearts. The women weren’t aware of what had happened until Lloyd, always the prankster, divulged the secret at lunch when asked what he was giggling about. The women always checked the deck from that time forward.

In May 1980, Lloyd decided to leave military life but after a short stint as a “civi” he thought better of that decision. In July 1981 he re-enlisted and was posted to Toronto, where he worked for DCIEM (Defence & Civil Institute of Environmental Medicine). Daughter, Amy was born in September 1981. In July 1983, two years after his arrival in Toronto, Lloyd was posted to CFB Lahr, Germany. There he worked with the Construction Engineer Section as a Structural Engineer. In 1985 their son, Johnathan, was born.

From Germany, Lloyd’s next posting brought the family back to the Maritimes and to CFB Halifax (1985-1992), where he worked under the BCEO (Base Construction Engineering Officer). Once again, in July of 1992, the family saw the moving company at their door. Their next home was established in CFB Uplands, Ottawa where Lloyd worked again with BCEO. During this posting in Uplands Lloyd also did a six month Peacekeeping Tour in Golan Heights, Syria, from February to August 1995. The following year brought yet another move from Ottawa to CFB Edmonton, AB. During the next few years Lloyd spent as much time off Canadian soil as on it, but when he was in Canada, he had the opportunity of spending quality time with his nephew Ronald (son of Vera & the late George Landry), who was also posted there. Lloyd did a six month tour in Bosnia in 1997-98 and another tour in Kosovo from May to December 1999. This all sounds like a tedious career to say the least, however, as a sister, I can recall many stories after his return from what we

thought must have been horrible peacekeeping duties. With his usual sly smirk and giggle, he advised us that it wasn't all work and no play. Lloyd did get stretches of leave while overseas where he enjoyed basking in the sunshine on Mediterranean beaches adorned with beautiful topless mermaids and sucking back pina colodas.

The family was relieved and excited when, in August 2000, Lloyd finally returned east to CFB Halifax for his last career posting. Lloyd had fallen ill upon his return from Kosovo and was diagnosed with Aplastic Anaemia. During his career as structural engineer he had been exposed to asbestos, mould and numerous other agents that affected and also spurred a second medical condition called Interstitial Pulmonary Fibrosis. Had he been strong enough to withstand a bone marrow transplant, his sister Jeanette had been found to be a match for the procedure. Sadly, due to the deterioration of his health caused by the fibrosis, Lloyd passed away before the transplant could be done. Ironically, Lloyd died on what would have been his official retirement date, July 22, 2003, mere hours before signing his papers. He was forty-six years old.

Lloyd had a love and talent of working with wood, spending many hours crafting intricate decorations, which he generously gifted to family members. We all have cherished reminders of his talents displayed in our homes. He even crafted a Grandfather clock from a pattern he saw in a magazine while still in high school, and to this day this very clock still chimes in his sister's/late mother's living room.

Therese Pottie & Lucille Martell

The War of Charles Herman MacNeil



Charles Herman was born, in the home now occupied by Anita Boucher, on Oct. 16 1892, the eighth child of Malcolm J.T. & Martha (Bissett) MacNeil. Herman, as he was called, was one of three brothers who would attest (sign-up) for WWI.

Following graduation from St. F X and enrolment as a law student at Manitoba University, Herman

found time to be active in the Militia Unit 90th Winnipeg Rifles. Records indicate that illness would cause Herman to re-qualify on April 17, 1916 into the 221st Winnipeg Overseas Battalion. The following details are taken from Herman's letters home. They reflect the story of a young man whose life was cut short while in the service of Canada and his desire to continue to keep his family and friends front and center at this time.

Less than a month after attesting, Herman received his commission as Lieutenant, jokingly referring to the cost he would incur for the purchase of his new uniform. As a student of law, the military wasted little time in promoting Herman to Acting Company Commander "B" Company. In letters, he mentioned how this was great practice for him as he was in charge of 250 men. The Orderly Room (Court) part of his duties would allow him to practice his skills as they related to military law. During this period he took courses for the rank of Captain and informed his family of the young men at Camp Hughes who had been at St F.X during his time there. Word soon came that battalions were heading for the front. Knowing four battalions has left earlier and were stopping in Halifax, Herman immediately asked his friends to contact his family and pass on camp news. Many were also friends of his brother Frank.

On April 9, 1917, Herman's time to depart finally came. Sadly this would be the last time he would meet with family back home. After his arrival in England, Herman wrote again of meeting more St. F.X boys including Billy (William), George Boyd and Walter Martell from L'Ardoise. He also noted the time it would take to answer all the mail from home that had been piling up since he left Canada. Following a few short weeks at Shorncliffe, Herman wrote of how he found the English countryside like a giant garden with hayfields and potato fields in bloom. He noted that he was getting used to being there, all the while knowing that he was going to see his brother Frank any day. His hopes of getting in the Air Service were growing stronger with each passing day along with the excitement of nearly getting up in one of those machines. Signs of war were throughout England, with the Huns (*a derogatory term used in WWI*) applying strafing tactics, (*a term is usually applied to attacks with aircraft-mounted automatic weapons but may be applied to attacks with bombs*) that routinely interrupted normal living activities. On calm evenings the sounds of war could be heard coming from France and Herman's thoughts were somewhat mixed as to what could be done to end the war. In his letters he also wrote of his concern for the care of his precious sailboat back home, showing that he often thought about his hometown.

In a letter written around this time, Herman informed his family that a change of address was in order, as he has passed his test for the Air Service

and that he would be attending the RFC (Royal Flying Corp) School of Aeronautics at Reading. Although Herman found it interesting he also wrote of the amount of time spent in learning about machines (airplanes), engines, artillery, telegraphy, navigation and so on. "So much to learn in a short time," he would write, "and I am trying to get my wings by November." Herman realized how this move was causing his mother more worry and related flying and driving to her as being equally as safe (except for war) and that he felt the Air Service was a better move than the infantry. "Thank the Lord - I hope I will never see the trenches but pass over them."

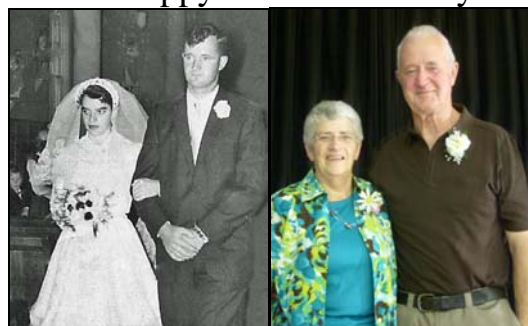
During his time overseas, Herman never forgot home. He wrote of rowing and sailing on the Thames, which reminded him of life at the river. Arriving from London, he had more letters waiting for him than he had time to answer and so informed his mother that this letter would need to cover for all family mail. He also told her that "I am a full-fledged aviator and pilot with certification and photo" as well as his inclusion in the Royal Aero Club of the UK. The entitlements of his efforts were of great pride to Herman as it admitted him to affiliated flying clubs throughout the world, including Germany (except in wartime). "The view from the air is something magnificent and flying is the greatest game of all" wrote Herman. With his confidence growing he compared the scientific art of flying to his love of sailing. Herman had excelled to this point and there was clearly some thought that he would be kept on as an instructor following recommendations to the War Office. He was flying the fastest machines in the British Air Service. After becoming a flying officer, he was sent off to Scotland to obtain his aerial gunners course. On September 17th Herman wrote, "My Dear Mother, I experienced the most exciting and eventful day in my flying career. I qualified for my Aero Club Flying Ticket and am now classed as an aviator. My danger of learning is over now that I have done my first solo". Soloing as many as five times a day, Herman's belief in his abilities fortunately enabled him to complete feats that he had not been trained for. He was grateful that he was doing so well and he was aware that his instructors were impressed with his reactions in crisis situations. Oct. 2nd, having been assigned to the 94th Tactical squadron, he wrote, ". . . after my course in Turnbury Scotland, I should be ready to leave for France by the middle of November." Herman had nearly fifty flights alone and had pulled off every stunt possible. *Note: these aerial manoeuvres are said to be the forerunner of what is known today as dog fighting.* In his October 26th last letter home, he wrote, "coming back from graduation leave in London, I went down to Bramshott to see Billy and George and lots of St. F.X boys. George is recovering well from his wounds

and Billy is going into the artillery. They had lots of news for me, and I think they felt lonely when I left".

Having received his wings a few days earlier, on the eve of proceeding to France, while flying a new machine, Herman was killed on October 27, 1917 at the age of 25. Following his funeral with full military honours, he was buried in Thetford Catholic Cemetery, Norfolk, England. Of the great number of condolences received by the family following Herman's untimely death, I would like to quote one: "I join with my grateful family in sending you this memorial of a brave life given for others in the Great War" - *King George V.*

Sources: VAC, Herman's letters home compliments of Mrs. Pat Murphy, Many thanks to the family for keeping Herman's memory alive.

Happy 50th Anniversary



Congratulations to Joan & Michael Owens on their fiftieth wedding anniversary on October 2nd. Joan & Michael have five children: Tim, Richard, Bernadette, Pamela & Wendy. They also have ten grandchildren: Holly, Leah, Jeremy, Taylor, Deanna, Haley, Grant, Dylan, Cailly & Jordon (deceased in 1999). Joan & Michael celebrated in July when all of their family was home.

CWL Ladies



Front Row: Rita Landry, Leda Konning, Jane Landry, Hilda Burke, Mary Cosman & Alma Burke. Back Row: Gladys Touesnard, Gelene Doary, Evelyn Burke, Marie Boyd, Cil Fougere, Edith May Burke, Charlotte LeBlanc & Tussie Morrison. The above photo is of the CWL ladies who had been working in the kitchen catering for a wedding. Mimi (who had the photo) seems to think it was taken at the

wedding of Theresa (Richard) & Paul Owens in 1973. The wedding reception took place in the old parish hall which closed around that time.

Births

Digout/Malloy: Katherine Grace, 5lbs 6oz, was born October 1st to Pamela & Christian of Edmonton. Congratulation to the parents, grandparents: David & Debbie Digout and Peter & Lavina Malloy, great-grandmoms: Therese Digout, Mary Cosman.

Flinn/Cooke: Charlie Ewan, 8lbs, was born September 30th to Caroline & Jason of Halifax. A brother for Jack. Congratulations to the parents, grandparents Faye & Roger Flinn, Port Williams & Helen & Harold Cooke, Rockingham and great-grandmothers Cecelia Baccardax and Margaret Flinn.

Henley/Blinkhorn: Callum Andrew, 6lbs 13 oz, was born on October 16th to Tracy & Chalmers. Congratulations to the parents, grandparents Lorna & Steve Henley and great-grandmom Mary Bona.

MacLeod/LeBlanc: Brooklyn Faith, 7lbs 6oz, was born October 1st to Dan & Shelly of Sydney. A sister for Aiden. Congratulations to the parents, grandparents Lloyd & Shelia LeBlanc and Diane LeBlanc, great-grandmom Charlotte LeBlanc.

McLellan/Warner: Lyle Danielle, 7lbs 13 oz., was born on October 3rd to Kelly & Donovan of Brook Village. A brother for Mikayle, Sachelle, Keigan, Stephen and Lewis. Congratulations to the parents, grandparents Genevieve & Norman Warner, Tom & Barbara McLellan and great-grandmom Viola Touesnard.

Simpson: Eden Elizabeth Marie, 6lbs 13 oz., was born on Oct. 2nd to Victoria of Nanaimo, BC. Congratulations to the grandparents Robert & Paula (Simpson) Frost, great-grandparents Marie & Guy Heudes.

Weddings

Matheson/Touesnard: Congratulations to Brandy Christa, daughter of Priscilla & Bradley Matheson of St. Peter's, and Scott Patrick, son of Ervin & Janice Touesnard, on their wedding October 6th. Brandy & Scott reside in Grand Gully.

Stone/Burke: Congratulations to Holly Marie, daughter of Jocelyn & the late Lloyd Stone, and Blair Joseph, son of Mary & Bernard Burke, on their wedding October 13th. Holly & Blair reside in River Tillard.

Deaths

Burke: Herman Amos, 92, of Halifax passed away on October 9th. Our condolences to his many nieces and nephews from River Bourgeois.

Libbus: Charles (Sandy), 74, passed away on October 17th. Our condolences to his wife Madeline,

children: Calvin, Lavenia, Melissa, Patsy & Lorena and their families.

Carter: George 92 yrs of St. Peters passes away Oct.24th. Our condolences to his daughter Glenda Sampson and her family.

Matthews: Charlie Frank, 68, of Dundee passed away on October 8th. Our condolences to his sister Irene MacInnis.

Sampson: Arnold Pius, 51, passed away on October 12th. Our condolences to his friend Laurie, children Selinda, Selina & Bethany; brothers Wayne, Gary & Billy; and sisters Karen, Lois & Shelia.

Bits & Bites

- ... **45 Card** game every Sun. 7 pm, Seniors Bldg.
 - ... **Cribbage** every Monday 7 pm, Seniors Bldg.
 - ... **Exercise Program:** at Seniors Bldg Mon., Wed., & Fri. 11-12 am. Walkabout on Tues, Thurs. & Sat. 9 am--Call Beatrix Howell, 535-2508.
 - ... **Merchandise Bingo** November 7th 2pm, TLC. Proceeds to RB Catholic Woman's League.
 - ... **Seniors meeting** Tues., Nov. 9th at 1:30 pm.
 - ... **CAP Site meeting:** Wed., Nov. 10th, at 7 pm.
 - ... **Knights of Columbus** meeting Nov. 10th 6:30pm.
 - ... **CWL meeting** Thurs., Nov. 11th 7pm in vestry.
 - ... **Brunch** to take place on Nov. 14th at the TLC. Lots of homemade goodies to enjoy. 10:30 to 1:00 \$8 for adults. \$3 for children under five.
 - ... **Seniors Mini Bingo:** Wed., Nov. 17th at 1:30.
 - ... **RB CAP Site hours:** Mon to Thurs. 2-4, 6-8 and Fri. 2-4. The RB CAP Site web address is http://ns4.seaside.ns.ca/~rbcap/roundup/roundup_archives.htm This summer we prepared CD's of the first 10 years of the River Round Up. They have a limited index and can be purchased for \$10 at the site or we will mail them for the extra cost of postage. Our email address is rbcap@stpeterscable.com. Used books also for sale on site.
 - ... 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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