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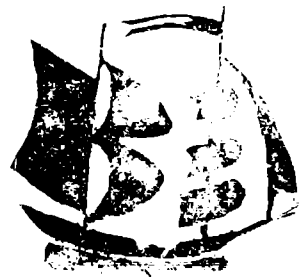
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*Dedicated to all Branch Members
who served their Country
in the Armed Forces
during...*

World War I ~ 1914 - 1918

World War II ~ 1939 - 1945

Korean War ~ 1950 - 1953

... and in peace time



Pete Morrison, Command President

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Dear Comrade Lupul:

On behalf of the Executive Council and all members of the Alberta-N.W.T. Command, I extend best wishes to you on the celebration of your 45th Anniversary as a Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion.

Your Branch has the unique distinction of being the only Ukrainian Branch in the Alberta-N.W.T. Command and we congratulate your members on their achievements over the past forty-five years and wish you every success in your future endeavours.

Your fraternally

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter D. Morrison".

Peter D. Morrison
COMMAND PRESIDENT



The Legion's own badge appeared in the spring of 1926 and the first was presented to the Governor General, Baron Byng of Vimy.

NORWOOD LEGION BRANCH #178 HISTORY 1946 - 1991

“HISTORY IS... WHAT WE HAVE DONE”



George Lupul, Editor

The idea of publishing a history book of Norwood Legion and its members had been discussed on many occasions, but it came to realization with a serious meeting on December 22, 1987. The first organizational meeting was held in April 1988, setting out the terms of reference, setting up committees, etc. A total of 25 volunteers filled the gap of assembling all the data, sorting it, keeping what we might need, writing about it, reading, editing, and hoping that we made the right choices.

I have to give the biography writers, headed by Ed Yaremco (Co-Chairman) and Lorna Symic, a big word of thanks, as their patience was stretched rather thin at times.

Writing the actual history of Norwood was entrusted to the hands of Nick Ochotta, who volunteered his expertise. He spent endless hours doing the work of completing the history. Some of the early history was provided by Rose Romaniuk, as her husband, Walter, was the historian and had material in his possession at the time of his death. Many thanks!

To get the photos, thanks to Joe Stepa, and make an early assembly, planning the layout of the manuscript, I was very ably assisted by Mary Fournier and Bill Rawluk. I have to give those two a big plus in their efforts. A complete list of volunteers will appear elsewhere in the book.

Muzz Kozak's sports section involved a lot of guessing, as not too much has been written in books, but the trophies on the shelves do talk.

Under the chairmanship of Isabel Lupul, we have been shown what an important part the Ladies' Auxiliary has played in our Branch History.

It is my hope that what is bound by these covers gives you a good accounting of the happenings of Branch #178.

“HISTORY IS... WHAT WE HAVE DONE”

George Lupul

Book Committee Chairman and Editor

VOLUNTEERS

The Volunteers listed below took an active part in making this History Book a reality. Without them, our undertaking would have been a monumental task.

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Orest Zarsky



Our Team of Volunteers

A TRIBUTE TO THE PAST PRESIDENTS

By Honourary President Peter Greschuk

The history of Norwood Legion Branch #178 would be incomplete without conveying a well-deserved tribute and expressing appreciation and thanks to the Past Presidents for their significant and lasting contribution to the growth, development, and progress of our Branch.

From the date of the granting of its charter to the present, the Branch has been blessed with remarkable success, due to the hard work and co-operation of its officers and members, and especially to the efforts, foresight, leadership and vision of its Past Presidents.

The 45 year history of the Branch, as recorded in the pages of this Book, is studded with events and episodes that make for stimulating reading. One of the interesting historical events which will always be remembered with pride by its members, is a meeting of a group of veterans, not more than a dozen or so in number, who unanimously came to the conclusion that an application should be made to Dominion Command for a Charter to establish and operate a legion branch, whose membership would be restricted to Canadian Veterans of Ukrainian descent. At that time, neither the realization of the immensity of the undertaking, nor the size of the stupendous task ahead could dissuade them from proceeding, as they had an overwhelming and unalterable desire and intent to succeed. It was, therefore, indeed a glorious day and a proud occasion for celebration when the Charter, incorporating the Royal Canadian Legion Norwood Branch #178 was received on February 23, 1946.

Since its inception, the Branch has remained an important, vital institution within the Royal Canadian Legion. It has demonstrated that it is a vital, outstanding organization in many ways. Like its parent organization, it has extended its interest beyond the care and welfare of veterans and their families, to the best interests of the community at large. There can be no doubt whatever that the existence of the Branch is as necessary today as it was when it was founded 45 years ago.

Before commenting on the influence of the Past Presidents on the course of Branch events or the contributions made by them, it is essential and preferable to refer to some of the accomplishments of the branch.

The achievements during its 45 year history were many and varied. They occurred in what can be described as – the formative years prior to 1955, the planning and construction years from 1955 to the end of 1958, and the post-construction era from 1959 to the present. The progress of the Branch in the formative years was slow but steady. During the first few years, unexpected and perplexing problems arose because of the small membership, the inability to meet operational expenses, and having to work from unsuitable and inadequate rented

premises. However, towards the end of the era, the Branch raised the needed finances with which it was able to purchase a small building. In this period, the members were able to make arrangements for the holding of citizenship court proceedings in their premises, presided over by District Court Judges who distributed many Certificates of Citizenship to successful applicants and native-born Canadians; and the By-laws Committee was able to formulate and draft the Constitution and By-laws of the Branch. It also was successful in raising funds for educational, charitable and cultural purposes such as, for example, purchasing Ukrainian books for use in bilingual schools.

The construction years were of great significance to the Branch. New and larger premises were required to accommodate a growing membership and to fulfill and carry out the ideals, principles, aims and objects of the branch. The construction of the new building, completed in 1958, required days and months of planning and effort. The campaign to raise funds brought in less than \$10,000.00 and reliance had to be placed on the generosity of the members who made loans to the branch, which did not have to be repaid, as most of the members donated the loans back to the Branch. The building and the land upon which it stands is valued today at more than \$500,000.00. It is the branch's emblem of the thoughtfulness for those who made the supreme sacrifice. Its construction required sacrifice, effort and determination on the part of many, but it was a worthwhile project deserving of public recognition.

The completion of the construction of the new building was a great boon to the members in the post-construction period, as it enabled the officers, executive and members to substantially enlarge the services of the Branch to veterans and their families, and to the community at large. In the matter of a few years, the membership in the Branch grew dramatically from about 300 members in 1958 to its present membership of over 1,100. Within the next 10 years it was found necessary and desirable to expand the size of its premises and it has recently purchased a sizeable piece of land fairly close to the Branch for use as additional parking space. Negotiations are also under way at the present time for the construction of a Veterans' Senior Citizen Home, not far from the present premises. In keeping with the aims and objects of the Branch's Constitution, the Branch was fortunate to make arrangements with the Ukrainian Canadian Archives and Museum, to create and establish a special veterans' wing in the Museum, devoted exclusively to the display and memorabilia of Canadian Veterans of Ukrainian descent of Branch #178 and all the other Branches of Ukrainian legions in Canada.

The Branch has, for some years, sponsored, supported and provided special awards for the Army and Air cadets, baseball and hockey teams, and youth programs, and has substantially increased donations to charitable and cultural associations, such as the Museum hereinbefore described, the Ukrainian Canadian Committee, and the Ukrainian Village Society, to name a few. It has also sponsored scholastic attainment in public, high school and Ukrainian studies at the University of Alberta. And, finally, there is the continuous, dedicated and

1964 Past Presidents' Plaque



Mr. Justice Peter Greschuk (right) presents a Past Presidents' plaque to Norwood Legion to mark the beginning of his sixth term as Honourary President of the Branch. Accepting the plaque is Alex Bayrak, (immediate Past President, left), and Eugene Lemiski, the new President is looking on.

committed support, assistance and co-operation of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

The contributions and achievements hereinbefore outlined, and there were many more, are cogent evidence that the Branch is always ready, to the best of its ability, to render assistance, not only to veterans, but also to the growing needs and ultimate benefit of the community.

The accomplishments referred to, however, did not happen of their own accord. Behind the officers, executive and members, there was a power, a driving force, working tirelessly and assiduously for the good of veterans and the community and the Branch. That power, that drive, is and has been, our Past Presidents. The strength, reputation, influence, and recognition attained by the Branch is a silent tribute to their able efforts. They took the initiative in doing the things that had to be done; and laboured long and hard, keeping in mind that the guiding principle of the Royal Canadian Legion is "service to others".

The Past Presidents are indeed deserving of our congratulations, appreciation and thanks. They rendered efficient, faithful, conscientious service, and gave unsparingly of their time, labour, and energy, to the growth, development and progress of the Branch for which they have earned the admiration, affection and esteem of their fellow comrades and the general public.

HONOURARY PRESIDENT, BRANCH #178.

PAST PRESIDENTS



William Orobko
1948



Bob Svarich
1951 -1952



Michael Syrotuck
1946 -47
1949-50
1953



John Stetsko
1954-55



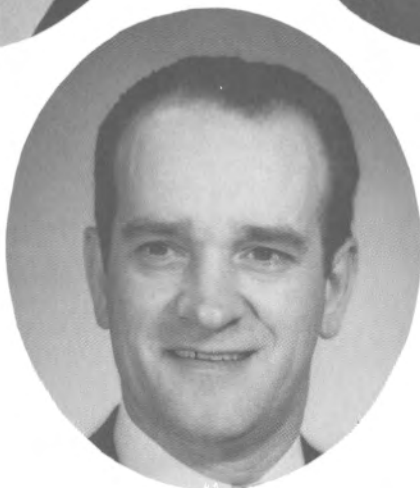
Nestor Marchyshyn
1956-57



Walt Bilinske
1958-59



Peter Lupul
1960-61, 1972-73



Alex Bayrak
1962-63



Eugene Lemiski
1964-65



Ed Tomick
1966



Dr. John Paran
1967



George Lupul
1968-69, 1979



Al Yablonski
1970-71



John Sorochn
1974-75



William Chmiliar
1976-78, 1988-89



George Melenka
1980-81



Alex Korol
1982-83



W. Chorny
1983-85



Eugene Plawiuk
1986-87



John Boychuk
1990-91

WHAT IS THE LEGION?



The Late Field-Marshal
THE EARL HAIG
Founder and First Grand President

The British Empire Service League was formed in 1921 by Earl Haig and Field Marshall Smuts, to federate and co-ordinate the work of the ex-Service organizations of the British Empire.

“Our aim is to see that no one who has worn his country’s uniform is ever without someone to whom he has a right to go to for help if he is in trouble, no matter where he may be in the world and no matter whether he belongs to his local or to any ex-Service organization.

“We do this by co-ordinating the efforts of our constituent organizations and of the service charities, great and small. Even today, many of our old soldiers overseas need work, clothes and even food.

“We are their agents in London for our organizations abroad and their members. We are their mouthpiece when needed. The list of those organizations is world wide, as are our activities.

“We work to keep alive the splendid comradeship, irrespective of creed, race or colour, that always exists in time of war.”

Sir Winston Churchill said: “This astonishing Empire of ours — history has never seen anything like it — linked together by impulses and emotions stronger than death.” What constitutional accuracy and psychological insight! We exist to give expression to those impulses and emotions.

The Royal Canadian Legion

DOMINION COMMAND

The history of the Royal Canadian Legion must, of necessity, begin with war. War had intruded but little upon the scene of Canada's progress prior to 1918. A relative handful of men had served in South Africa. More than six hundred thousand served in World War I. Nearly sixty thousand service personnel were killed in action, and another one hundred and eighty thousand were wounded.

What was to happen to these men when they returned home? Some idea of the immensity of the problem is indicated by the fact that between one hundred and seventeen thousand service personnel were discharged medically unfit as a result of war service.

However, it is unlikely that the most farsighted, anticipated the magnitude, complexity, and importance of the great task which began when the wounded personnel started returning from overseas in 1915. Those in that conflict were not professional soldiers, but were citizens from all walks of life and from every level of society. Canada, and the Canadian government of the time, had never faced the problems of the mass return of service personnel from war. There was bitterness, dissension, confusion, lack of adequate facilities, all coupled with the economic uncertainty of the immediate post-war years. To attempt to overcome these difficulties, veteran groups sprang up almost as if a new one had to be created every time a different problem arose. Some of these organizations were relatively strong, others little more than social clubs. Between 1917 and 1925, in spite of all these complications, some 14 to 15 National Veterans' Organizations and local groups were formed.

There was no united voice for the Veteran. One can see why the government was confused at the number of demands coming from veterans' groups from across Canada. Furthermore, the Canadian public and government did not know what the veteran wanted nor did it seem as if the veterans themselves knew what they wanted.

Some of the Veterans' Organizations in existence at that time were:

1. Great War Veterans' Association of Canada
2. The Army and Navy Veterans
3. The Imperial Veterans in Canada
4. The Grand Army of United Veterans
5. The Tuberculous Veterans' Association
6. The Naval Veterans' Association
7. The Royal North West Mounted Police Veterans' Association
8. The South African Veterans' Association
9. The Canadian Pensioners' Association
10. The Disabled Veterans' Association
11. The Amputations Association of Canada

and - not generally realized today - a group known as the Canadian Legion of Ex-Servicemen.

The G.W.V.A. had the greatest number of branches in Canada. They set the pace for the formation of the Dominion Veterans' Alliance, and at Cape Town, South Africa, in 1921, aided in the formation of the British Empire Service Legion which marked the first real milestone in the march to unity. In 1924, the G.W.V.A. extended a formal invitation to Field Marshall Earl Haig and the B.E.S.L. council to come to Canada, with the intent of promoting unity amongst the Canadian Veterans.

Field Marshall Earl Haig came to Canada in 1925. His visit was timed to coincide with the Dominion Convention of the G.W.V.A. He issued a stirring, urgent plea for unity, heard by more than 3,000 ex-service personnel. Because of the rally, a decision was made to hold the Winnipeg Conference in November, 1925. Sixty-one delegates attended this conference, and out of it came the name – The Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League – and clear enunciation of the organizations' claims and objectives through a 19 article constitution. On December 19, 1960, the title of "Royal" was granted by Her Majesty the Queen when, officially, the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League became the Royal Canadian Legion.

From Winnipeg, the Legion never looked back. It had become, and, as it is now, the chief spokesman and agent in Canada for the veteran in terms of his health, his welfare, his family, his pension, his dependents, and numerous other benefits.

The Legion has also made sure that the role of women was not overlooked or forgotten. Provisions were made for the establishment of Women's Auxiliaries to Legion Branches.

Today, the Royal Canadian Legion, 600,000 members strong, has become a strong organization, and continues to work for the VETERAN, the FAMILY and the COMMUNITY.

Dominion Presidents, Conventions and Years

NAME	PLACE	DATE
Sir Percy Lake	Winnipeg, Unity Conference	November 27, 1925
Sir Percy Lake	Winnipeg, Manitoba	January 24 - 27, 1927
Sir Arthur Currie	Saint John, N.B.	June 11 - 14, 1927
Lt. Col. L. LaFleche	Regina, Sask.	Nov. 25 - 28, 1929
Major J. Roper	Niagara Falls, Ontario	Aug. 11 - Sept. 3, 1931
Brig. General A. Ross	Ottawa, Ontario	March 11 - 15, 1934
Brig. General A. Ross	Vancouver, B.C.	May 23 - 27, 1936
Col. W. Foster	Fort William, Ontario	Jan. 21 - Feb. 2, 1938
Alex Walker	Montreal, Quebec	May 27 - 30, 1940
Alex Walker	Winnipeg, Manitoba	May 24 - 27, 1942
Alex Walker	Vancouver, B.C.	June 5 - 9, 1944
Major General C. Price	Quebec City, Quebec	May 19 - 22, 1946
Lt. Col. L. Baxter	Saskatoon, Sask.	May 23 - 27, 1948
Alfred Watts	Winnipeg, Manitoba	Sept. 10 - 14, 1950

Dr. C.B. Lumsden	Montreal, Quebec	May 18 - 23, 1952
Dean J. Anderson	Toronto, Ontario	August 1 - 6, 1954
Dave Burgess	Vancouver , B.C.	June 10 - 15, 1956
Dave Burgess	Edmonton, Alberta	May 25 - 30, 1958
Mervyn Woods	Windsor, Ontario	May 29 - June 3, 1960
C.C. Sparling	Halifax, N.S.	1962
Fred O'Brecht	Winnipeg Manitoba	1964
Ron MacBeath	Montreal, Quebec	1966
R. Kohaly	Penticton, B.C.	May 26 - 31, 1968
Redmond Roche	Ottawa, Ontario	May 31 - June 5, 1970
R. Smellie	Regina, Saskatchewan	May 21 - 25, 1972
R. McChesney	St. John's, Newfoundland	June 2 - 6, 1974
D. McDonald	Winnipeg, Manitoba	June 13 - 17, 1976
E. Coley	Edmonton, Alberta	June 11 - 15, 1978
A. Harvey	Penticton, B.C.	June 8 - 13, 1980
D. Capperauld	Quebec City, Quebec	June 13 - 17, 1982
S. Dunsdon	Winnipeg, Manitoba	June 17 - 21, 1984
T. Stacey	Edmonton, Alberta	June 1986
G. Garceau	Ottawa, Ontario	June 1988
F. Williams	Vancouver, B.C.	June 1990

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PROVINCIAL COMMAND

The Alberta Command was organized in June 1926, and received its charter on December 20th of that year. In 1974, the name was changed to the Alberta - N.W.T. Command when Legion branches in the Northwest Territories came under its jurisdiction. There are eight districts in the Command and these are divided into 28 zones. There are 207 branches (72 with licenses) and a membership of 89,852 (all categories).

The Command's history began in 1925 when several members of Alberta's Great War Veterans' Association attended the Unity Conference in Winnipeg. At this conference, Alberta's "Provisional Unity Committee" was set up. Colonel Sanders, of Calgary, was elected president and Colonel Jamieson, of Edmonton, was elected vice-president. Colonel Sanders, a magistrate for the city of Calgary, was also appointed trustee for Alberta by Field Marshal Haig. His duties were to assist in the formation of the Canadian Legion throughout the province. These duties were completed in June 1926, and Alberta's first Legion Convention was held in the Palliser Hotel in Calgary, with 57 delegates in attendance. Dr. George Wade, of Hanna, was elected as the first president.

Alberta Command got off to an excellent start, thanks to Alberta's Great War Veterans' Association. At this first convention, Alex Walker, who had served for the past three years as provincial president of G.W.V.A., read to the assembled delegates a Resolution of Loyalty and turned over to Alberta Command the entire assets of the provincial G.W.V.A. This included office furniture, supplies, records, and considerable cash. The first Command Office was set up in the Dominion Bank Building in Calgary.

At this time, per capita tax was set at \$1.35 with \$0.75 going to Dominion Command. There were approximately 6,000 members which included 4,835 G.W.V.A. members, 50 Tuberculous Veterans' Association members and 1,200 new members. By 1927, there were 59 branches in the Command. By 1929, the number of branches had grown to 71 with 8,191 members. In these early days there were few projects, but one that proved successful was the annual poppy campaign. In 1928 and 1929, all mail, passing through Edmonton and Calgary post offices was stamped with the words, "Wear a Vetcraft Poppy".

The 1930s were ushered in and with them came the great depression. These were trying times for the Legion in Alberta. All across the province, branches became clearing houses for the unemployed and the homeless. Help was given whenever possible but it was often meagre. Command did what it could. Records show that donations of \$5 to \$15 were given frequently to various charities to help feed the hungry. A donation of \$25 went to one of the larger branches to purchase shoes for the needy members' children. Command gave gifts of tobacco to hospitalized veterans and small amounts of cash (often as little as \$2) to enable them to purchase stamps, razor blades, toothpaste, etc. The Dominion Convention was held in Vancouver in 1934 and Council members received \$50 each for expenses. The staff, at the office, was pared to the bone and those who were left took cuts in wages. Times were indeed hard and everyone felt the pinch of the depression

Membership dropped and many methods were used by Command to interest new members. A booklet was published, titled, "I am a member of the Canadian Legion". Prizes were given to branches for increasing their memberships. One method, which was very popular, was the sponsoring of 15 minute, weekly radio broadcasts. These were held for two years, during the winter months, following the evening news, from both Calgary and Edmonton. These broadcasts gave veterans information on pensions and other benefits. Command also sponsored an essay contest, in conjunction with these broadcasts, for high school students. Prizes amounted to \$30.00

Until 1936, conventions were held every year and lasted two days. The number of delegates increased until 1934 when 102 attended, and then declined again. (Today over 600 register for each convention.) There was no convention held in Alberta in 1936 as the officers and staff were too busy with arrangements for the Legion sponsored Vimy Pilgrimage. Five steamships were used to carry the veterans and their families to Europe and the Alberta Legion Standard was flown from the masthead of the leading ship, the Montrose. The ship's Captain requested the Standard as a memento. It was presented to him and then placed on display at the head of the ship's main staircase. When the provincial convention was held in 1939, the Colours used at the Opening Ceremony were those used at the unveiling of the Vimy Memorial. This convention, held May 31 to June 3, was held in Edmonton and timed to coincide with the visit to that city of their Majesties, King George VI and Queen Elizabeth.

In September 1939, after 21 years of peace, Canada was again at war. This heralded the busiest time the Legion has known and Alberta was no exception. Alex Walker of Calgary, was Command President at this time (and also 2nd Vice President of Dominion Command). In December 1939, Brigadier Foster, Dominion President, and Brigadier Price, Dominion 1st Vice President, both resigned their positions with the Legion and sailed overseas. Alex Walker became acting Dominion President. At the 1940 Dominion Convention, he was elected to that position.

The Canadian Legion War Services were set up with Hugh Farthing, of Calgary, as Alberta's representative. S.C. Heckbert, of Vermilion, and Command's 1st Vice President, was appointed manager of the Alberta branch of the C.L.W.S. In February 1940, a huge fund raising campaign was held for the C.L.W.S. which was over subscribed everywhere. Alberta's quota was \$6,000 and \$12,000 was realized. In 1941, Command set up a Mobile Canteen Fund to raise money to supply treats for these canteens. At the 1941 convention, five of the elected officers were unable to attend as they were already serving in the Armed Forces. By this time, four Legion Huts were in operation under the direction of H. Farthing and his staff. In 1943, Command leased a larger office in the Leeson-Lineham building as more space was needed for the C.L.W.S. office. Another room was rented for the Ladies' Auxiliary "Bundles for Britain" program. The war ended and new veterans increased the membership to 20,000 by 1947.

Many new groups were undertaken in the 1950s which involved community work and youth groups. In 1953, when polio was rampant, Command took on the

sponsorship of the Alberta Chapter of the Poliomyelitis and Rehabilitation Foundation. By 1957, \$414,000 had been raised through annual campaigns. Today, the Foundation, which still supplies equipment, homecare, etc., to over 100 active cases, is kept solvent by donations from the branches and Auxiliaries. In 1956, Command hired its first full time Service Officer.

Early in 1961 the Calgary Vetcraft Shop closed after many successful years of operation. That fall Command moved into its new headquarters building. To help finance the new premises Command took out a \$40,000 loan which was repaid in 1965. In 1961 Command started a Remembrance Day Essay Contest. (Later a Poster Contest was also implemented, both prior to the National contests.) As a Centennial gift Command presented a \$16,000 Indoor (wood) track to the track and field athletes of the province. This was the first track of this type and was used for a number of years at various meets in Alberta.

The '70s were affluent years for both Command and its branches. In 1970, Command gave \$20,000 to the B.C.E.L. Fund. An addition was built to the headquarters building to increase storage space and a suite of offices was built downstairs for the Ladies' Auxiliary well as a new supply department. In 1973, Command rented a warehouse and started the practice of having poppy supplies shipped in one bulk order to Calgary. In December 1979, Command started publishing an "Insert" of local news. This is stapled inside every Legion Magazine mailed to members of this Command and today, 93,000 copies are printed each month.

In recent years, because of the relaxation of the provinces's gaming laws, there has been more money to spend on worthwhile causes than ever before. Special Project and Assistance Fund committees have been set up to handle these funds. Thousands of dollars have gone to branches in the form of loans and grants. The amount of \$40,000 is spent annually on Trauma Medicine Training and \$50,000 goes each year to Geriatric medicine. The M.S. Victory Centre, in Edmonton, has received \$200,000. Each year Command awards 30 bursaries at a cost of \$15,000. Other donations go to the Colonel Belcher Hospital for needed equipment, to the Alberta Council on Aging, Gerontological Nurses' Association and to many worthy programs. Another \$20,000 went to the Convention Arrangements Committee to assist in the publication of the booklet from which we have obtained this information.

This Command ranks the highest in Canada in its donations to community programs, with over 2-1/2 million dollars. Another \$350,000 goes to support Youth Sports and \$260,000 goes to Cadets, etc. Legion branches (along with Alberta Housing Corporation) have in excess of 1,200 senior self-contained units throughout the province.

Thousands of dollars are also donated each year by the Ladies' Auxiliaries. This Command has 182 Auxiliaries with approximately 14,000 members. The provincial charter was issued in September 1934. In a 1984 report of the year's work, Auxiliaries had given \$604,845.00 to the branches, \$274, 947.00 to community programs, \$28,648.00 to Command's Hospital Fund and \$28,151.00 to Command's Bursary Funds. Another \$13,335.00 was spent on local Bursaries. Besides these monetary contributions, the ladies give countless hours in volunteer

work to the branches, community efforts, and hospital visiting, etc.

In 1981, Command published a book, "No Man's Land" by Albertan, V. Wheeler. This project was in conjunction with the Alberta Historical resources Foundation and was to commemorate Alberta's 75th anniversary. In 1985, Command had a 30-minute film made on the work of the various branches. It is called, "The Legion Is Working" and cost \$75,000.

In 1986, The Royal Canadian Legion celebrated its Diamond Jubilee and Command was proud that the Dominion Convention was held in Alberta. This was the third time that Edmonton hosted a Dominion Convention, the other times being in 1958 and 1978. Two provincial presidents have gone on to become Dominion presidents, Alex Walker and Ed Coley.

To celebrate the Legion's Diamond Jubilee, Command sponsored several projects. These included a Quilt Contest for the ladies, a History of the Command, Branch Directories, souvenir pins, etc., and a Travelling Legion Crest and Logbook. This crest is made of moose-hair tufting, an almost lost Indian art, and Command is proud to have helped preserve, for the future, this unique part of Canada's heritage. During the year of celebrations, this crest visited every district and zone and as many branches as possible, crossing, briefly, the borders into British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Montana.

Today, Command can look back over the past six decades with pride in its achievements and look to the future with confidence that new and fresh challenges will be faced with wisdom and resourcefulness, It truly has PRIDE in its PAST and FAITH in its FUTURE.

Alberta-N.W.T. Command Provincial Presidents

NAME	LEGION BRANCH	YEARS	NAME	LEGION BRANCH	YEARS
Dr. G.H. Wade	Hanna	1926-1927	W.J. Hill	Edmonton	1927-1929
R.B. Wilson	Calgary	1929-1931	J.E. Thompson	Lethbridge	1931-1932
W. Bullard	Calgary	1932-1937	A. Walker	Calgary	1937-1939
W. McLaren	Edmonton	1939-1941	S.C. Heckbert	Vermilion	1941-1949
G.E. Gleave	Edmonton	1949-1953	E. Brown	Edmonton	1953-1955
W. Williams	Taber	1955-1961	W. Rorke	Edmonton	1961-1963
J.L. Oldham	Medicine Hat	1963-1967	E. Coley	Edmonton	1967-1969
W.W. Gordon	Edmonton	1969-1971	E. Dick	Drumheller	1971-1973
J.O. Chapman	Stettler	1973-1977	R.W. Hirsche	Fort McLeod	1975-1977
J. Foote	Edmonton	1977-1979	R.J. Chapelhow	Calgary	1979-1981
A. Innes	Sexsmith	1981-1983	H. Greene	Ponoka	1983-1985
J. Buffam	Edmonton	1985-1987	B. Sharpe	Lethbridge	1987-1989
P. Morrison	Ponoka	1989-1991			

Articles of Faith

The Royal Canadian Legion

The First Part

Whereas the Royal Canadian Legion was founded upon principles which endure today, and will serve well all who belong or may belong in the future including, among others:—

- A solemn remembrance of Canadians who gave their lives so that our Nation might be free;
- Loyalty to the Sovereign and to Canada;
- Safeguarding the rights and interests of the disabled, the widows and dependents and all who served;
- Maintaining our right to encourage our people and nation to every reasonable support to peace at home and throughout the world;
- maintaining in and for Canada the rule of law, encouraging the national and united spirit, ordered government, and striving for peace, goodwill and friendship between Canadians and among all nations;
- Advocating the maintenance in and by Canada of adequate defences;
- Retaining the spirit of comradeship forged in wartime and nurtured in peacetime to the benefit of the history and unity of the nation;

And whereas throughout the history of the Legion certain values have endured to the benefit of the veteran segment, The Ladies' Auxiliary and their chosen successors, all to the credit and benefit of the Canadian community;

And whereas it is the recognized duty of each segment, the one to the other, to perpetuate the Royal Canadian Legion and its principles, facilities, and programs for the general welfare of our nation now and in the future;

We, the undersigned, for ourselves and representatives of our segment of the Royal Canadian Legion, covenant and renew our obligations to each other and to the nation and do solemnly declare:

Remembrance

That those who died in the service of the nation will always be appropriately remembered together with their widows and widowers. **We Will Remember Them.**

That Remembrance Day shall remain and be reverently observed on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of each year by us and our successors. **Lest We Forget.**

That the sacrifice made by so many shall not be in vain and we shall strive to maintain unity in our nation, together with our constant endeavour to promote and maintain peace, goodwill, and friendship within our country and throughout the world, so that all citizens may be worthy of the sacrifice they made.

Comradeship ~ Service

That our original basis of common service and sacrifice expressed in comradeship shall survive among us and our community so that the ideals for which so many laid down their lives will be fulfilled.

Just Rights

That those who survive and need our aid may be assured of reasonable and adequate assistance.

Loyalty

That we maintain our loyalty to the reigning Sovereign and to Canada and its people – to stand for ordered government in Canada, and to decline membership or to discontinue any membership to anyone who is a member of or affiliated with any group, party, or sect, whose interests conflict with the avowed purposes of The Royal Canadian Legion or support any organization advocating the overthrow by force of organized government in Canada or which encourages or participates in subversive activity or propaganda.

Membership

That The Royal Canadian Legion remain strong and united. That those who served or are serving in the armed forces of our country together with their widows and dependents and such others as from time to time are admitted and subscribe and continue to subscribe to our purposes and objects, shall be encouraged to belong provided always that we shall remain democratic and non-sectarian and not affiliated to or connected directly or indirectly with any political party or organization.

That so long as veterans remain, or their widows or widowers, that they shall be fully and adequately represented in all councils of The Royal Canadian Legion. Future ex-service persons shall enjoy the same privileges in perpetuity.

Symbols

The Poppy is our emblem of supreme sacrifice and must forever hold an honoured place in our hearts; an image immortalizing as it does our remembrance and honouring of those who laid down their lives for ideals which they, we, and all Canadians rightfully cherish. It shall challenge us to serve in Peace, as in war, to help those who need our help, and to protect those who need and deserve our protection. The cross of sacrifice, on appropriate occasions, is symbolic of the same worthy principles of remembrance.

The Torch shall remain symbolic of justice, honour, and freedom throughout our land. These were the principles for which our comrades fought and died. We of today and tomorrow covenant to hold it high lest we break faith with those who died. Justice, honour, and freedom are our charge for now and forever. We serve best by fostering these principles in ourselves, our children, and their children so long as The Royal Canadian Legion shall survive.

Our Badge is symbolic of our loyalty to our Sovereign, our support to our nation in our worthy citizenship and our remembrance for our fallen comrades and fellow Canadians of like principles.

Our Flag being the Canadian flag, is representative of our nation both at home and abroad. We will uphold it ourselves and forever teach respect for it by our successors, within and without the Legion. At the same time, we will remember our historical association with the union flag and the red ensign.

HISTORY OF NORWOOD



Nick Ochotta

By Nick Ochotta

BEFORE NORWOOD

Time has a way of healing and anaesthetizing memories of thoughts and feelings of long times past. History is a way of placing some of these memories on record. One of the reasons we write history and choose to record these memories is that we will be able to recall those occasions, and remember. Secondly, and perhaps more important, we record those memories so that other people can share them by reading; this being possible at any time one chooses.

Regardless of the number of words used, history will never be able to recreate the feelings and thoughts that were ever-present during periods of wartime. For those of us that “were there” it is difficult to put into simple words the feelings of leaving home, the tearful separations and goodbyes, troop-trains, basic training, new friendships, surprise postings and all the other “happenings” that took place, often in rapid succession. Crossing the black Atlantic under the watchful eyes of enemy submarines has been described as a very tense situation, which becomes indescribable when considered through the thoughts of the sailors who manned these ships that you were on!

The Air Force personnel who flew the missions over enemy territory had a job to do, but at least they were busy doing it, while their ground crews, traffic controllers and friends “sweated it out” at home – waiting. These periods of waiting gave credence to an old saying used by military people for many centuries, “They also serve – who only stand and wait!” Sometimes, these waits seemed endless and hopeless. There could be extreme pain over missing crews and planes, and unrestrained joy when missing crews “turned up,” sometimes most unexpectedly.

The Army kept on training and maintaining a readiness for action that was bound to come, although most of us had no idea when it would happen and what form it would take. While waiting, a lot of special training was provided to “broaden” the men, making them more sophisticated and polished, and ready!

War can be a nasty business involving a lot of “blood, sweat and tears,” to quote Winston Churchill. It was made bearable by lighter moments and times of recreation and changes of pace, most often accomplished by a “leave” or furlough! Regardless of where you would find yourself, there were always the thoughts of home and concern for those that you left behind. Letters and parcels from home became a very important part of everyone’s life!

Wars have always created unusual situations in peoples lives and World War I and World War II were no exceptions! As our younger people may some day read about them, we often wonder how they will understand the history they read and

how they will interpret it in the context of the present time, that is, today! During the First War of 1914-1918, thousands of Ukrainians, registered by immigration authorities as coming from Austria, were interned in prison camps because they were classed as enemy aliens, Austria being affiliated with Germany at that time, and therefore, the enemy.

Records are not very complete, but history does record these internment camps throughout the country, complete with barbed wire, numbering some twenty in all, and holding over 8,000 men, women and children, and existing, in some cases until 1920, almost two years after the war! Some of the larger camps were in Banff, Alberta and in Spirit Lake, Quebec.

In addition, some 88,000 others, described as "Austro-Hungarians" were labelled as enemy aliens and required to report regularly to the local police. Most of these were Ukrainian-Canadians. Both the "internees" and the "reportees" were treated as second-class prisoners, since actual German prisoners of War, brought here for internment for the duration of the war, were treated much better and regarded much more highly by our authorities. Most of these internees were maligned in the local and national newspapers, while those that were not interned were forced to work at poorly-paid jobs in remote areas and often under very difficult conditions, often away from homes, families and communities.

Some of the imprisoned had their property confiscated. Many lost their physical and mental health, and a few were killed while trying to escape.

There is absolutely no evidence to even suggest that these Ukrainian Canadians were in any way dangerous to this country, or that they posed any kind of threat to its security. In fact, the contributions of the Ukrainian immigrants to the growth of this nation economically, socially, culturally and politically are well known and acknowledged!

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Despite the above, some 20,000 Canadians of Ukrainian extraction served on Active Service during the First World War. Among these was Corporal Philip Konowal, V.C., of the 47th Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force, who was awarded the Victoria Cross in 1917. While in charge of a mopping-up section after the front had moved up through Lens in France, it was Cpl. Konowal's job to rid the trenches and the newly-won ground of any enemy troops. This was always a very risky and an extremely dangerous job. Sometimes, in rapidly advancing battles, pockets of enemy soldiers would be left behind for the mopping crews and the mini-wars that ensued were often very traumatic and bloody, mostly because of the necessary hand-to-hand fighting.

Corporal Konowal discovered on this early morning of August 1917 that there were many Germans left behind by the advancing Allied troops. Almost single-handedly he took several trenches, killing 52 Germans, 16 with a bayonet, the balance with grenades. He also captured and overpowered three machine-gun nests each manned by several soldiers.

The Victoria Cross is not easily earned. Cpl. Konowal's performance was outstanding to say the least. The report says that he continued his good work until he was very severely wounded. Being awarded the V.C. singles him out as being an outstanding hero of WW1, but there have to be many similar stories coming from the pages of history and the memories of the 20,000 involved who served, although most will not be as interesting as those mentioned above.

By the time the Second World War rolled around, some of the discrimination mentioned above had been eliminated. This time, there were between 40,000 and 50,000 Canadians of Ukrainian extraction on Active Service in all branches, and for the first time in history, many women took part.

In many ways and aspects, WWII was similar to WWI with the partings and farewells, the homesickness, the troop-trains, the troop-ships, the supreme efforts of those left behind to buy and sell war bonds, repair the planes and train the forces. Ammunition factories became a part of the everyday scene and many young men dropped out of school and left the farms to become soldiers, sailors and airmen. Uniforms were commonplace in all cities and even in small towns. Daily newscasts were important because they supplied the latest news on the goings on "over there" and as the war became an accepted fact, Honor Rolls sprang up in social centres, community halls and high schools.

With basic and advanced training completed, the Army and Royal Canadian Air Force were sent overseas, often to continue specialized training. The Airmen often joined Bomber and Fighter Commands and saw action quickly, while the Navy had its work cut out for it right from the very start! The casualty lists reflected lost lives as a result of the many ship sinkings, successes for the German U-Boat fleet, problems for us. Convoy duty was a very common occupation for sailors those days. Imagine the thousands of Canadians, Australians, New Zealanders, Africans, etc., etc., that were now either arriving in the British Isles, or already stationed there. The logistics are astounding when you think of the feeding, dressing and maintenance of this size of machine — and this does not even take into account the ammunition and other war supplies that are vital! The Navy was responsible for transporting most of these requirements. Merchant ships had to be accompanied by convoys for protection, and since the convoy could move only as fast as the slowest ship, it became a dark, slow, lonely and dangerous trip across a very black Atlantic ocean under strict radio silence.

The Airmen, too, were busy flying bombing missions over enemy territory. The aircraft were becoming larger and faster with more motors and larger bomb loads. The crews were becoming larger and the training more sophisticated. Speaking to German people today, those that were living in Germany at the time, it seems that the most devastating and morale-destructive weapons we showed were our four-engined bombers. It appears that the German Air Force did not have any of these earlier in the war, and the appearance of thousands of ours in the German skies was very depressing and led many people to believe that the war was already lost for them. Even without bombs, these aircraft would have

performed an important service for our side — that of destroying the enemy's morale!

Backing up the flight crews, there were always the ground crews, with the traffic controllers and the many friendships that sprang up from the great faith and trust in each other. Patient waiting was always a heavy task, and a missing plane was always a heavy concern and pain for somebody.

Such tension and strain always produced stress which was usually alleviated by taking a break, enjoying a leave, having a party or receiving a letter from home — or better still a parcel. This was the usual routine, however, leave for the thousands of personnel that were transplanted to Britain from other parts of the Commonwealth was not the same as leave for those who had friends or relations in the country. A service person from a foreign land could only leave the camp and go to a city for his break — there was little else to do! This did not always prove to be satisfactory in achieving the desired effect of restoring one's soul.

The Ukrainian service men and women faced these problems as did everyone else, but perhaps with a few more complicating factors. In most cases, the Ukrainians had Christmas and Easter holidays at different times, and even if these times had coincided, there were no Ukrainian Greek Orthodox or Ukrainian Greek Catholic Churches to attend. The serviceman overseas was disadvantaged as compared to the serviceman at home! Although the people in command were very receptive towards allowing special leaves in order to allow various denominations to celebrate their holidays or special occasions, the average Ukrainian serviceman overseas had very little "to cling to". At the same time, the percentage of Ukrainian-Canadians in the forces was very high as compared to the population of the country, and the representation from Western Canada was particularly high.

UKRAINIAN CANADIAN SERVICEMEN'S ASSOCIATION (Active Service Overseas)

Again, time has taken its toll in blurring the memories and thoughts of deeds of the past. There was a need for some form of association or organization among the Canadian-Ukrainian service men and women who were stationed overseas. If such an organization would function only by the participation of those on leave, it would fill a great void for those who were far from home in a strange land and without family or friends to visit. Certainly full credit has to be given to the Salvation Army, the Red Cross, the Y.M.C.A. and other service clubs everywhere for their fabulous work with servicemen in making their life more pleasant, however it still is not quite the same as family, home or even a club of your own!

It is difficult to be precise about what happened during those war years along the direction of organizing clubs such as the one mentioned above, however history does record, with photographs, a meeting on January 7, 1942, Christmas Day for some people, between Alex Olynk of Edmonton, Joseph Gula of Edmonton, Andrew Nykoluk of Toronto and Bohdan Panchuk of Meacham,



"WELCOME TO THE FIRST GET-TOGETHER"

January 7th, 1942

LEFT TO RIGHT: Alex Olynyk, Edmonton, Alberta; Joseph Gula, Edmonton, Alberta;
Andrew Nykoluk, Toronto, Ontario

Welcomed by Bohdan Panchuk, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, (President, U.C.S.A.)

Saskatchewan. The photograph shows Corporal Bohdan Panchuk welcoming the above-named comrades. This was the humble beginning that was to take root and grow, finally blossoming into the Ukrainian-Canadian Servicemen's Association.

This meeting decided that since it was impossible to celebrate Christmas the way that their counterparts were celebrating in Canada, it would be in place if they should at least meet again and, if nothing else, have a drink, sing a few carols and talk over old times. The important decision arising from this first get-together was to "do it again next year."

The Ukrainian-Canadian Servicemen's Association (UCSA) was officially organized the next Christmas, January 7, 1943, in Manchester at the Red Shield Services Club of the Salvation Army. The Club not only offered premises for the meeting, but even served a special dinner for the event!

At this time, it was learned that there was a small colony of Ukrainian families in Manchester and that a Ukrainian Social Club existed there. The Social Club secretary had apparently written to Canada offering their homes and extending their hospitality to all service people of Ukrainian extraction serving with the forces in Britain who might get "homesick." They were planning a Holiday Season dinner and would like someone to come! This information was circulated among the servicemen and women after the Social Club secretary underlined the fact that they were not only welcome but, that the Club would try to make it a real traditional Ukrainian feast.

The first issue of the UCSA Booklet, "devoted to the interests of Ukrainian-Canadian Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen, as well as the women of the three services," published in October 1943 indicates that 37 attended this meeting and "it was a most wonderful Christmas!"

The list of the first and original members includes the following: Alex Olynyk, Joseph Gula and Nestor Holychuk from Edmonton; John Ustaiak, Jonny Dawybida, Michael Sawchuk and Joe Hamulka from Winnipeg; Peter Boyko and Michael Holyk from Regina; Bohdan Panchuk, Michael Turanski and John Olynyk from Saskatoon; Dmytro Danylchuk and Dmytro Wiwcharyk from Montreal; Peter Laliuk and Joseph Choma from Fort William, Ontario; William Kereliuk, George Hupka, Alex Kreptul and Gordon Copan of Insinger, Saskatchewan, as well as Steve Lesniowsky, Joseph Tarnawski and Michael Borodinsky from Manchester, England.

The list is completed by Michael Pilot of Glaslyn, Michael Prokopenko of Broadview, Steve Zip of Yellow Creek, Walter Swenarchuk of Canora, Steve Kalin of Hafford, John Kryswaty of Davidson, Luka Dackiw of Wynyard and Steve Biletski of Hyas, all from Saskatchewan. From Manitoba we have Wasel Hrymaliuk of The Pas and Walter Weselowsky of Ukraina. Ontario was represented by Maurice Myles of Ottawa, Andrew Nykoluk of Toronto and Michael Petryna of Sudbury, while Perron, Quebec, was represented by Dmytro Fedorkow.

Discussions were held about future meetings and the direction to be taken. It was decided that there should be an organization and that its name should be the



THIRD U.S.C.A. GET-TOGETHER
on July 31 - August 1, 1943 at the Canadian Legion Club, Cartwright Gardens.

Ukrainian-Canadian Servicemen's Association, Active Service Overseas, UCSA for short. Its members were to be only Canadian soldiers, sailors and airmen of Ukrainian descent, on active service at home or abroad. Any other servicemen or veterans could become honorary members and enjoy all the comforts and services of the association but could not otherwise be involved or hold office or have any say in the policy of the association, in other words, could not vote.



Dignitaries at the Opening Ceremonies of the Club at 218 Sussex Gardens on April 15 and 16, 1944. F/L P.J. McDonald, P/O N. Bodnar, Major Campbell Millar, Q/Master M.M. MacKay, L.Cpl Helen Kozicky, P/O Gordon Panchuk, Rev. G.T. Chappel, (unidentified), L/AW Ann Cherniawsky, and (unidentified).

Annual meetings were to be held when and if possible in January of each year. UCSA would depend on the Canadian Ukrainian Committee for its moral and material support since the Committee was representative of all the Ukrainian organizations in Canada and its two churches, the Ukrainian Greek Catholic and the Ukrainian Greek Orthodox, although UCSA itself was not to be religiously or politically oriented, in fact, members attempting to be too influential or controversial were subject to expulsion.

The organization would lay a foundation for a future association that would look after the needs of veterans, the wounded and the invalided, and would speak for them and their next-of-kin after the war was over. Funding for UCSA would be derived from membership fees, donations and from the Canadian Ukrainian Committee (KYK).

In England, UCSA would depend on the Canadian Military Headquarters for support, as well as R.C.A.F. H.Q. and the Canadian Legion, Canadian YMCA, Canadian Salvation Army and the Knights of Columbus.

The aims were many. Besides the obvious opportunity for social contact, the association would aim to maintain a body to attend to the needs, wants and interests of the Ukrainian-Canadian serviceman overseas and to express his united views, opinions and desires, and to arrange periodic festivals and get-togethers, particularly at Christmas and Easter.



**Ukrainian Canadian Servicemen's Association (USAA)
at 218 Sussex Gardens, Paddington, London, W.2**

With regard to the historical and humanitarian undertakings, UCSA planned to make as complete a list as possible of all Ukrainian Canadians who served on active service. This would be for statistical purposes. The list would include records of service with brief biographies. It undertook to compile complete casualty lists and where possible care for graves and keep the next-of-kin posted on locations, etc. It undertook to look after the prisoners of war and to add to their comfort and welfare by correspondence, parcels, etc.

The second meeting of UCSA was held in Manchester on the combined occasions of Mother's Day and Ukrainian Easter, May 2 1943. The meeting was held in St. Chad's Church and was very capably chaired by Corporal Bohdan Panchuk. Registration began on Saturday, May 1, followed by a meeting. On Sunday, May 2, a church service was held at St. Chad's Church, followed by another meeting, then a luncheon with Guest Speaker, the Rt. Hon. Rhys Davies.

A Mother's Day program was held in the afternoon from 2 to 4 P.M. at St. Chad's School, followed by tea. Dinner was enjoyed with much fellowship and good cooking from 5 to 7 with a Social Evening following. The Manchester Evening News of May 1, 1943, reported that 100 Canadian Ukrainian Servicemen will meet from all over Britain to celebrate Mother's Day," which in Canada is celebrated on May 9."

The Manchester Sunday Express of May 2 stated that it is "'Paska' Today" as seventy Canadian Ukrainian soldiers and airmen meet in Manchester to celebrate "Paska" which is their Easter and Mother's Day Festival. This is a direct quote from the paper and the innuendo that Ukrainians always celebrate Easter and Mother's Day may not be intentional. It goes on to say "Manchester is home-away-from-home for the Ukrainian Canadians for it has the only Ukrainian Club in Britain – made up of some fourteen families."

The paper continues "There last night in a small club-room, decorated in the national colours of the Ukraine, pale blue and yellow, they sang in Ukrainian tongue the traditional hymn to the women of the house – "Long May They Live." (Na Mnohi-yi Lita - ?)

"The banquet food was spread on the table lit with candles. There was kubassa (a spiced sausage), cake made with honey and wheat flour, cottage cheese, and pysanky – handpainted, symbolical Easter eggs."

"Some of the eggs, cake, and sausage had come from Canada. The rest had been made by the 'adopted mothers' – the women of the club, who had pooled carefully-saved rations." The reporter continues, "I met some of them, – there was Mrs. M. Solar (almost a grandmother to the club) and Mrs. J. Lesniowsky whose daughter Mary is married to Lt. Michael Cannon, a Ukrainian-Canadian now serving in India. There was also Mrs. Marchuk and her daughter Camille, who also married a Ukrainian Canadian who lost his life at Dieppe."

The Manchester News-Chronicle of May 3 headlined their story by stating in bold letters "Ukrainians Celebrate" and went on to say how 70 servicemen on special leave took part.

The gathering, though small, received a wealth of greetings and parcels from Canada and it would be remiss not to mention at least some of the more local ones like the one from Mrs. Anna Pidruchney, listing a group of names who could be prospects for membership; greetings in an air letter from Dr. Leo H. Faryna, Edmonton, wishing the boys "A Happy Easter and every success for the get-together" and an air letter from Mrs. Lena Kuzyk of Innisfree, Alberta, asking the members to visit the grave of F/Sgt Eugene Kuzyk, her son, who is buried in Dishforth, Yorkshire, and to remember him in their prayers. An air letter from Natalka Wojcichowsky, Secretary of the Canadian Ukrainian Youth Association (CYMK) in Winnipeg, extending warmest greetings to all the members of UCSA; a letter from the Ladies Society of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Edmonton, advising that they are making a shipment of 1000 cigarettes, signed by Mrs. P. J. Lazarowich; a parcel from Anthony Hlynka, M.P., Ottawa, and many, many others.

Frequent mention is made by both the UCSA members and in the newspapers about the Ukrainian Social Club in Manchester. The Sunday Express mentions that the club is made up from fourteen families and it was quite exciting for our servicemen to "discover" these people. It was also exciting to realize that these Ukrainian transplants were organized into a social club, had contacted Canadian authorities in anticipation of Ukrainian-Canadian service people arriving

overseas, and, most importantly, had extended their hands of welcome to "come as often as you can and stay as long as you like." Small wonder that this Ukrainian Social Club became the nucleus around which the UCSA organized and grew!

Who were these people that played such an important role in the lives of our overseas personnel? Well, we can only supply names, although we find frequent references to them, and occasionally a photograph or a biography of some of them.

The Chairman of the Ukrainian Social Club was Mr. Peter Tarnawski, the Secretary, Mr. Joseph Lesniowski with Mr. Joseph Zavalinski the Treasurer. The address was 188 Cheetham Hill Road, Manchester 8. The other members of the club were Mr. G. Tarnawski, Mr. P. Borodinsky, Miss Olga Lesniowski, Mr. V. Czuczman, Mrs. A. Czuczman, Mr. J. Harmatiuk, Mr. M. Komarenski, Mr. A. Komarenski, Mr. S. Lesniowski, Mr. J. Lesniowski, Mrs. M. Martuck, Mr. P. Solar, Mr. S. Solar, Mr. W. Solar, Mrs. A. Zavalinski and Miss P. Kykoruk.

The third get-together was held in London, July 31 and August 1, 1943. In spite of the fact that travelling restrictions for the Forces were on that week-end and in spite of the fact that a goodly number of the boys had been posted to Sicily, the attendance still exceeded seventy!

The UCSA Newsletter, a Periodic Circular Letter of September 1943, Volume 1, No. 1, reported a mailing list of over 800 and the need for a small subscription fee. It also reported the first Casualty List as it would apply to UCSA members. This list contained the name of F/Sgt. Walter W. Bigoray, DFM of Redwater, Alberta, as well as 19 others.

The second Newsletter contained twenty new names on the Roll of Honor Casualty List and two addresses of Ukrainian families in London who were extending a welcome as the Manchester Ukrainian Social Club had done. They were Stepan Davidovich and Mr. and Mrs. A. Pankow.

The officers of UCSA and the Editorial Staff of the Second Newsletter for October 1943 were listed as: President, Cpl. Bohdan Panchuk; Overseas Secretary, L.A.C. A.W. Kreptul; Past Secretary, Sgt. Wm. Kereliuk; L.A.C. Ludwig Wojcichowsky, Treasurer; Cpl. S. Kalin, Vice-Secretary and Historian; L/Cpl. M. Turanski as Vice-President, with Sgt. S. Davidovich, Pte. Helen Kozicky, Pte. L. Choma and Gnr. A. Nykoluk as Executive Members. F/O T. Hewus, Lt. Swystun, P/O Don Zuck, Lt. V.H. (Wally) Kupchenko, F/O A. Pohoresky and P/O J. Kohut as the Honorary Committee.

The third Newsletter for November and December 1943 added 20 more names to the growing Casualty List and announced the Christmas get-together in Manchester on January 6 and 7, 1944, at the same time announcing an Anniversary and Annual Meeting to be held in London on January 8 and 9, 1944.

The UCSA Services Club of London was announced in the August 1944 Newsletter. This was at 218 Sussex Gardens, Paddington.

And so on and on it went! The 8th Newsletter of June 1945 quietly announces

that the war is over and that Germany has accepted unconditional surrender. The probability of returning home is much nearer now, although there doesn't appear to be any unrest or panic –just a feeling of great relief and anticipation!

By October 1945, the Honour Roll had grown to 560 with dozens of Mentions in Dispatches, Air Force Medals, Distinguished Flying Medals, Distinguished Flying Crosses and various other awards. UCSA having started in January 1943 had now over 1500 paid up members and a nominal roll of over 3000 Ukrainians in the American and Allied Forces as Associate Members!

The Club facilities, now headquartered in London, were entirely free of any fees. A good library was available as were many publications. The twelfth and last Newsletter covered the 11th and last get-together in England, January 5 and 6, 1946. The Honour Roll now stood at 845. Everybody was either going back to Canada or thinking about it. Thousands had already left by this time.

UCSA had plans for the Japanese Theatre, for although the war was over in Europe, World War II was not over yet – then the Atomic Bomb changed all that, and suddenly it was over completely!

Starting from a very small group in Manchester, the club had grown immensely in a short space of time, ending up with very presentable quarters in London. Many of the servicemen that passed through the doors of either the Manchester Club or the London Club of UCSA are presently our own members or otherwise known to us. It is dangerous to mention individuals in case someone is left out, on the other hand, it is not fair not to mention names of people who “were there” and took an active part in that part of history.

Passing through the historical notes that are available to us, we see mentioned F/O Nick Bodnar, Lt. V.H. (Wally) Kupchenko, Capt. Bohdan Michalyshyn, Sgt. Eugene Plawiuk, F/O Bill Poohkay, Peter Poohkay (Navigator), Capt. Stan Warshawski, Major Mike Syrotiuk, Flt. Lt. William Kereliuk, F/O Wm. Malanchuk, Hon. Capt. S. W. Sawchuk, Cap. S.P. Symchych, Hon. Capt. M. Horoshko, LAC Ludwig Wojcichowski, Pte. J.H. Bobowsky (Warspite, Alta), LAW Emily Winarski (Mundare, Alta), Lieut (N.S.) Jean Bohaychuk, S/Sgt. Peter Sawchuk, Sgt. Helen Kozicky (Calgary), Cpl. Anne Cherniawsky (Vegreville), M. Checknita (Supervisor K of C), Walter Chorny, Dr. D. Melnyk, Alex Chametski, Walter Lachman, Steve Petasky, John Kuchar, Joseph Bodnar, Pte. Bill Rudy, Pte. R. Faryna, Walter Romaniuk, Capt. Bill Orobko, Lieut. J. Nikiforuk, William G. Lesick, Sgt. Joe Bodner, RCA, M.I.D., F/O William Chmiliar, DFC, LAC Alex Kreptul, Pte. S. Lotoski, Pte. M. Bidniak, W. V. Eleniak, and many many others that may not have been mentioned in the minutes or forgot to sign the guest book.

Apologies are due for the many omissions that have certainly been made here. There was no intent to make this a complete list as it would be impossible to do so. We also apologize for the omissions or errors in the ranks as quoted. In many cases, the ranks were not mentioned, in others, they were changed as a result of promotions.

U.C.V.A.

With VE Day and VJ Day behind us, thoughts naturally turned to home and the inevitable repatriation that was just around the corner and taking place much faster than anticipated. True, some of the boys were taking part in the Occupation Forces in Europe and would come later, but many had already left for Canada.

In May of 1945 the pages of UCSA history grew considerably when VE Day, Easter, Mother's Day and the Official Opening of the Brussels Centre took place at the same time, during the week-end of the 4th, 5th and 6th. On November 10 and 11 one of the last get-togethers took place in London with the turn-out being much better than expected, considering recent movements of personnel.

This was acknowledged as perhaps the last affair of the club and thanks were expressed to all who took part in the creation, organization and running of the club. Cpl. Anne Cherniawsky, Director received a gift and a parchment scroll as thanks for her many years of dedicated service. Perennial President Flt/Lt. Bohdan Panchuk was presented with an engraved ink-stand for his services to UCSA by Sgt. Yaremovitch, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee.

The Resolutions Committee had done its work well and while there is no need to repeat all the resolutions here, it is important to repeat Section IV which reads:

WHEREAS since V-E Day the Canadian service personnel is being repatriated to Canada; and

WHEREAS there is a desire on the part of the members of the Ukrainian Canadian Servicemen's Association, both among those already repatriated and those who are awaiting repatriation, that an ex-service men's and women's association be formed which would be the counterpart of Ukrainian Canadian Servicemen's Association during the war years;

Therefore be It resolved that this convention heartily approves the recent formation of the Ukrainian Canadian Veteran's Association which will function in close co-operation with the Canadian Legion

With the resounding approval of this and the other resolutions, the Ukrainian Canadian Veteran's Association (U.C.V.A.) was born. The central office was established at 515B McIntyre Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba. J. Karasevich became the Chairman with Mr. P. Chorney as Vice-Chairman. Mr. M. Hrymaliuk became the secretary and Mr. John Yuzyk the corresponding secretary.

"The Ukrainian - Canadian Veterans' Association, for its part, "the UCSA Newsletter of January 1946 says, "hopes to stimulate interest in the need and value of organized life; and all former members of UCSA and other veterans are urged to join in the organization of Ukrainian-Canadian branches of the Canadian Legion or to join existing branches of the Canadian Legion."

In a boxed-in message and in bold type at the end of this Newsletter, also appears the information that this is twelfth issue of the UCSA Newsletter and as such it is also the concluding one, but for the veterans, there will be published in Canada a Veterans' periodical.

"To all those who contributed material for the 'UCSA Newsletter,' and all others who voluntarily helped in so many ways to make the Newsletter what it has been, are owed many thanks. May the same cooperation and assistance be extended to the periodical of UCVA."

Despite all the plans for "winding down" and repatriation, a Christmas 1946 Get-Together was held in London on January 5 and 6 with the surprising attendance of 112!

"The nomination committee, headed by Capt. Bohdan Michalyshyn was elected to draft the tentative executive for the coming term of office. Major Michael Syrotuck led another committee to study and report their suggestions and criticism on the constitution of UCVA."

The following officers for UCSA were elected for the coming year, 1946:—

President,	Flt. Lt. Bohdan Panchuk
Vice Presidents:	(1) Capt. P.T. Smylski (2) Capt. M. Lucyk
Secretary,	Sgt. A.J. Yaremovich
Vice-Secretary,	(1) Cpl. Anne Cherniawsky (2) L.A.W. Emily Winarski
Treasurer, S.Q.M.S.	P. Dorros
Vice Treasurer,	Lieut. Anne Crapele

Newsletter Correspondents: Overseas, Capt. M. Lucyk; for the U.K., Capt. P.T. Smylski; for Canada, Flt. Lt. Wm. Kereliuk. The Editor-in-chief, Mr. John Yuzyk.

The Club Director was Pte. J. Ratushniak, with the Board of Advisors consisting of H. Capt M. Horoshko and H. Capt. S.P. Symchych. The Audit Board consisted of K of C Supervisor M. Checknita and Pte. A. Hupka.

The United Kingdom Committee consisted of Capt. P.T. Smylski, Pte. J. Ratushniak, Capt. D. Melnyk, Pte. P. Prysiashniuk, Cpl. Sulymka and Cpl. Bill Chihrin. The Overseas Forces Committee was made up of Capt. M. Lucyk, Lieut. P. Prociuk, Capt. M. Kapusta, and Capt. W. Grenkow. The Canadian Committee consisted of Flt. Lieut. Wm. Kereliuk and Flt. Lieut Nick Bodnar.

All members of UCSA automatically became members of UCVA. The UCVA Initiative Committee was distributing registration forms to all veterans, using the temporary headquarters address in Winnipeg.

UCVA Rules and Regulations published in 1945 state, that the headquarters shall be in Winnipeg or as ordered by annual convention and may be moved from one centre to another. The aims of the organization are as follows: Unity of Ukrainian Canadian Veterans; social, historical, humanitarian and general welfare.

Under "Unity" it states that the aim is "To encourage all Ukrainian Canadian Veterans of World Wars I and II to become members of the Canadian Legion (B.E.S.L.) either by joining existing Branches of the Canadian Legion or by forming Ukrainian Canadian Branches of the Canadian Legion. The regular and Ukrainian Branches of the Legion could also appoint committees to represent them in UCVA for that district. In all communities where Ukrainian Canadian

Branches of the Canadian Legion would not be formed, and where the Ukrainian Canadian Veterans exceed 10 (ten) minimum members, they will be able to form an UCVA Committee in that district."

The Regulations go on to say that the Association will discourage discrimination, provide for Allied widows, war-brides and children, and provide an opportunity for social contact. Lists of all veterans would be compiled, graves would be attended and Ukrainian Canadian Pensioners would have their needs heard.

The association would arrange get-togethers or conventions occasionally and would publish a Newsletter as had been done overseas, "to disseminate all available material, literature and information on Demobilization, Rehabilitation, Post-war training and Education and all matters relative to the Servicemen's return to civilian life."

There was to be no limit on the number of members although they still had to be of Ukrainian extraction, as in UCSA.

From the above, it can be seen that UCVA was not in any way anti-Legion, however one gets the feeling that they would have been happier with active branches of UCVA in each centre, instead of the Legion Branches that resulted, where some of the veterans had other ideas.

Correspondence to Edmonton was directed to Major Mike Syrotuck and this letter, from him to Dr. William Orobko probably sums up the feelings of a lot of veterans in the Edmonton area:

Edmonton, Alberta,
July 9, 1946.

Dear Bill:

I am enclosing a letter which I received yesterday from UCVA. As per our telephone conversation this morning, I would be inclined to leave any action to a later date, preferably after Mr. John Yuzyk's visit in Edmonton, which will either be the 21st or 23rd of July.

I am also advising UCVA Headquarters to write directly to you should they have something in mind as I will be out of town a good deal.

All of this stuff may or may not be just what we have in mind, however we can at least keep their letters on file.

Yours sincerely,

Mike Syrotuck

The Italics are ours!

Another letter from UCVA headquarters, addressed to Major Syrotuck later in the year reports the results of the June 5, 1946 convention. This one was written by A.J. Yaremovich and advises that the Congress proposes the following suggestions:

(1) That the Provincial Executive of each Province be responsible for the

organization of their respective Provinces (forming UCVA branches). Should we approve, would we supply at least some tentative plans for Alberta? What help would we need from the Dominion Executive?

(2) That every Provincial Executive appoint a representative whose duties would be to obtain advertisements for the Newsletter. It is our wish that Ads appearing in the Newsletter be representative of the whole of Canada,

(3) That Alberta contribute at least two articles to the Newsletter each month.

Other correspondence expressed concern for the future of UCVA. Apparently the election of Provincial Executives was not going too well. Tentative plans for August 1946 were to send Gordon Panchuk on a tour of Saskatchewan, Tony Yaremovich on a similar tour east and Johnny Yuzyk, now in Alberta, to other meetings arranged for Manitoba.

A letter of August 23, 1946 from W.V. Eleniak, UCVA Secretary, to Dr. William Orobko announces plans for a UCVA conference in Winnipeg to be held September 6 and 7. "There are a lot of decisions to be made regarding the hiring of permanent staff, salaries, office management, Newsletter publishing, advertising and many other things that will have to be ironed out. You should send in one or two delegates. It would be better to have the whole of Canada represented. It is hard for the Executive here to lay plans for the ensuing year on their own."

Designs and plans for a banner were in the mill. The name of the Newsletter was changed to "Opinion" and more stress than ever was placed on advertising and circulation.

In the November 4 letter, addressed to Dr. Wm. Orobko, "Provincial Command UCVA," President John Karasevich states that instead of the expected 10,000 subscribers to "Opinion," we have only 1500. The historical department has bogged down badly because they are nowhere near finished in collecting the names of all those who served. "The fact remains that we need moral and financial support of all the Ukrainians in Canada, but unless we can demonstrate to them more actively the necessity for UCVA for the good of all Ukrainians, it would be a waste of time hoping."

"Your Dominion Executive is \$1000.00 in debt, besides our other problems. It is therefore best that this state of affairs be made known to all our executives and that the executives in turn inform their membership accordingly. The time has come where we are all either going to get down to hard work and make UCVA a success, or allow it to die a natural death."

Despite the apparently overwhelming problems, the UCVA Bulletin of October 26, 1948, states "since the inception of our Association in June 1945, UCVA can proudly take credit for having created or assisted in creating at least seven Ukrainian Veterans' organized bodies, of which 3 are Legion Branches and four are UCVA branches. The Legion Branches are Winnipeg, Toronto and Edmonton and the UCVA branches are Saskatoon, Hamilton, Windsor and St. Catherine's."

"Our second achievement has been the publication of 15 issues of the UCVA Newsletter 'Opinion'"

The bulletin of 15 December, 1952 lists on its letterhead G.B Panchuk, M.B.E. of London, England as Honorary President, Capt. J.G. Karasevich of Winnipeg as Past President, Dr. P.T. Smylski of Hamilton as President, with S. Pawliuk of Toronto and Thomas Hewus of Windsor as Vice Presidents. The Secretary is Dr. S.P. Klimasko of Hamilton, the Treasurer is Dr. F. J. Martiniuk of Hamilton, with Dr. M. Lucyk of Toronto and M. Kepron of Winnipeg as Executive Members.

It announced plans for an UCVA Conference in Ottawa on Saturday and Sunday, January 24 and 25, 1953, and urged that we plan to send several delegates.

We have no further correspondence from UCVA on file, however the thinking of most Edmonton veterans seems to have been very aptly summarized by Dr. Bill Orobko when he wrote to John Yuzyk on November 3, 1946, and we quote:

Dear John:

"Your two letters received, and please forgive the delay in answering. At our last meeting the matter of affiliating with UCVA was brought up and very considerable discussion was held concerning this topic. It was decided to postpone any action until a future date. Candidly, there is a great feeling that there is a duplication of Legion organizations and many of our members, in fact the great majority, seem to feel that it is better to retain our present status as the Canadian Legion with only a tie up of secretaries of the branches composed chiefly of members of Ukrainian descent. Eugene Plawiuk was elected to handle any membership for UCVA. Will inform you of any change in this decision.

Concerning the proposed banner, it is the feeling of the members that as the Canadian Legion has a standard banner, it would be unwise to select any banner outside of theirs.

Do not feel that we are not in sympathy with UCVA, but with the feeling among our members there is nothing much else that we can do. Perhaps it is true that Edmontonians are particularly individualistic and require time to think things over. May I say we would not have had as many members had our organization not been that of the Canadian Legion.

Personal regards. Hope your new business is coming along fine,"

Sincerely,

William Orobko

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The assurance of the Authority and Powers granted by Letters Patent under the Companies Act
 of Canada the Canadian Agents through its Dominion Executive Council do hereby certify and approve
 Messrs. A. Bodner, Mr. Karkachowsky, Mr. Warkub, of Moscow, B. Michalsky, Mr. Prokhor,
 A. Timin, of Moscow, W. Garsky, of St. Petersburg, A. Garsky, of St. Petersburg,

together with other duly qualified persons with them associated at Edmonton, Alberta, to be a Branch of the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League and to be known as 2411474 S.S. 178 (2411474 S.S. 178) under the jurisdiction of the Command of the Canadian Legion and subject to the Constitution, By-laws, Rules and Regulations of the Canadian Legion.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Dominion Executive Council have, hereunto set the Corporate Seal of the Legion, attested by the hands of the President and Secretary at Ottawa this twenty-third day of February, 1944.

W. L. Loring
General Secretary

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President American Trade Union Council



NORWOOD BRANCH CANADIAN LEGION # 178

Attempts made by the UCVA Initiatives office in Winnipeg seemed to have difficulty in lighting the enthusiasm of Edmonton's veterans. There was, however a desire to organize among them, although not necessarily along UCVA's lines.

While the correspondence between UCVA and Wm. Orobko and Mike Syrotuck was flying back and forth, and organizational visits were made by John Yuzyk and Bohdan Panchuk during 1945 and 1946, several concerned veterans and servicemen were meeting occasionally in each other's homes. They were Nick Bodnar, Bill Kereliuk, both of who were still in the Airforce, and Ed Tomick and Don Zuck, both already on "civvy street," and both ex R.C.A.F.

They often talked about a name for a group if one should be organized, but never chose one. One decision that they did reach, however, was that the name should not be distinctly Ukrainian, such as Shevchenko Branch, or Ukraina, or anything along those lines. This suggestion came from Rev. Peter Melnychuk, who at that time was the pastor at St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, and who felt that there could be a disadvantage to such a name.

These "meetings at homes" finally led to a decision to try and call a few fellows together with organization in mind. This resulted in an invitation being sent to all Canadian Ukrainian Servicemen and Ex-Servicemen in the area, whose addresses were available, to attend a Smoker and Stag Party.

The Invitation was dated October 25, 1945 and read:

Dear Friend:-

You are cordially invited to attend a STAG PARTY in the form of a Smoker, which is being held for all the Ukrainian Canadian Service and Ex-Servicemen. This party will take place on Thursday, November 1, 1945 at 8 P.M. in the Ukrainian National Hall, 9620-109th Ave. All the Ukrainian Canadians who served or are still serving in any of the Forces are requested to attend as we would like to have the best possible attendance. SO, please come yourself and bring all your Ukrainian Canadian Service and Ex-Service friends. The more the merrier; but remember - this is stag - for men only, so leave you lady friends at home for this one night. There will be plenty of refreshments, oats and spinning yarns and tall stories you have learned in the Forces will be the order of the day.

REMEMBER: Date - Thursday, November 1, 1945
 Time - 8 P.M.
 Place: Ukrainian National Hall, 9620-109 Ave.

Come yourself and bring with you all the Ukrainian Canadian Veterans that you know. All are welcome - SO take advantage of it - you won't be sorry.

for UKRAINIAN CANADIAN VETERAN'S COMMITTEE

F/O Nick Bodnar,
10613 - 96th Street.,
EDMONTON, Alta.

Mr. Don Zuck,
10628 - 104th Street,
EDMONTON, Alta.

F/L Wm. Kereliuk,
J19348 M.P.O. 1315,
EDMONTON, Alta.

Address queries or intentions to any of the above-mentioned, PLEASE

On December 17, 1945, and as a direct result of the Smoker, Flt. Lt. Bill Kereliuk wrote to the Provincial Command of the Canadian Legion in Calgary.

The Secretary,
Provincial Command Canadian Legion,
Calgary, Alberta.

Gentlemen:-

It is respectfully requested that information may be supplied pertaining to the requirements to form another branch of the Canadian Legion in this city. This branch to differ from the general run of branches in that it would be composed of Canadian Veterans of Ukrainian origin from both wars.

It is fully understood that a very good and powerful branch of the Legion exists here in Edmonton and that very good work is executed by it. This contemplated additional branch in no way intends to work at cross purposes. On the contrary, its aim will be to work hand in hand with it.

One of the aims of the Legion is understood to be membership for backing up its work. Along this line would be one of the main advantages of having such a branch formed, as it would most certainly procure members which otherwise would probably never join, for no other reason than "just not getting around to it." The intention is not merely to be an affiliation of the Legion, but, to be a branch as is any other, adhering in every way to the Constitution as laid down, with the one exception that the membership would be limited to Canadian veterans of Ukrainian origin.

A branch such as is being contemplated here has already been formed in Winnipeg, namely Branch 141 of the Canadian Legion. Similar such branches, no doubt, will be formed throughout Canada in due course, particularly in larger centres. Additional membership resulting from such is quite obvious when one considers that Canadian Servicemen of Ukrainian origin in this war alone number 30,000 to 35,000 - which is a conservative figure.

Will be glad to assist you in clearing any queries you may have in the matter before you can pass action on it.

Awaiting a reply at you convenience.

Yours truly,
W. Kereliuk, F/L
J 19348 MPO 1315, Edmonton.

Mr. D. Fraser, the Provincial Executive Secretary replied to F/L. Kereliuks' letter on December 27, 1945. He advised that under separate cover would be forthcoming a supply of application forms, constitutions, rituals and various other booklets, which should provide all the necessary information in forming a branch and enrolling members.

"In order to obtain a charter, " he continues, "it will be necessary to submit the names of not less than ten and not more than fifteen as charter members, so that these names may be inscribed on the charter. The cost of the charter is \$3.00 and the per capita tax of \$1.60 per year per member is required. The per capita tax is payable to this office and we in turn remit one-half of it to the Dominion Office. The question of local dues is a matter for decision by your Branch."

"We try, if possible, to get all members to subscribe to 'The Legionary', which is the official magazine of the Legion, in order that they may keep up to date with the acts and benefits concerning veterans. The cost of a yearly subscription is \$1.00. The Legionary is ordered from Box 553, Ottawa Ontario."

Flt. Lt. Kereliuk thanked Mr. Fraser for his informative letter in his reply, dated January 30, 1946, and followed up on February 12 with an Application for Charter with twelve names and fees for only ten members, since two of them would be transferring in from another Branch. Since this letter is a key historical document, it seems very much in place to reproduce it verbatim:-

Edmonton, Alta.
February 12/46

Mr. T. J. L. Wilkinson, Accountant,
Alberta Provincial Command, Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L.
601 Leeson & Lineham Block,
CALGARY, Alta.

Dear Comrade Wilkinson:

Herein acknowledged, your letter of 31 January, for which we thank you very much.

As requested, enclosed please find twelve (12) names together with applications for the Charter and \$3.00 covering cost of same. Also enclosed is the sum of \$16.00 — Per Capita Tax — for one year for ten (10) members, the last two (2) on the list are already members of a Branch therefore no remittance is necessary for them.

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| 1. Nicholas Bodnar, F/O | Interim Force |
| 2. Karashowsky, Walter | Ex R.C.A.F. |
| 3. Kereliuk, William, F/L | Interim Force |
| 4. March, John | Ex R.C.A.F. |
| 5. Michalyshyn, Bohdan | Ex Army |
| 6. Orobko, William | Ex Army |
| 7. Tomick, Edward | Ex R.C.A.F. |
| 8. Yusep, John | Ex Army, Ex R.C.A.F. |
| 9. Zarsky, Orest | Ex R.C.A.F. |
| 10. Zuck, Donald Anton | Ex R.C.A.F. |
| 11. Goresky, Isadore | Ex R.C.A.F. (F/O) |
| 12. Holychuk, Nestor | Ex R.C.A.F. (Sgt.) |

Our next assembly will be in the evening of February 22, 1946, in the form of a smoker. As one of the purposes of this meeting is recruiting, it would be appreciated if the Charter could be had for that occasion, which would help a good deal.

In the course of time, problems will arise with which we shall not hesitate to approach the Command, feeling assured of your complete co-operation as evidenced by your correspondence to date.

Any further pertinent information which you may require we shall be only too happy to forward.

Yours fraternally,
(W. Kereliuk) F/L
for UKR. CDN. VETS. COMMITTEE

The Command replied to William Kereliuk's letter immediately on February 14. The urgency was brought on by the fact that in neither the Application Letter, nor in any other previous correspondence has there been a mention of a name that had been chosen for the Branch. Now that a Charter had been applied for, it was a must. The Command itself would assign the Branch Number.

"It would also," the letter continued, "be appreciated if you could supply us a civilian address in Edmonton at which you could easily be reached."

The civilian addresses that Bill Kereliuk supplied were easily arrived at as the meetings had always been held at either the Ukrainian National Hall, 9620 - 109 Ave., or at the M.H. Ukrainian Institute Hall at 10564 - 98th Street. The problem of the name, however was not as easily solved!

As mentioned before, the casual get-togethers of the four "fore-runners" had frequently discussed a name for the new branch should one be formed. There had been no decisions made, the group preferring to defer to a larger group, should one be organized.

After several phone calls and discussions with various reachable prospective members, Bill Kereliuk wrote back to the Provincial Command on February 18, 1946, suggesting that the name chosen was "Edmonton Ukrainian Branch." Time was now running short with the next meeting approaching on the 22nd of February and Command having to produce a Charter in a hurry, a procedure which normally takes five weeks! It has to come from the Dominion Command in Ottawa. The Calgary office promised to use Airmail and to ship the Charter directly to Edmonton instead of through the Provincial Command Office in Calgary.

It must be assumed that the charter was not delivered before the 22nd of February 1946, the date of the Smoker, because on the 23rd, Bill Orobko sent a telegram to Mr. Wilkinson at the Provincial Command Office which read:

REFERENCE LETTER FEB EIGHTEENTH KERELIUK MEETING
LAST NIGHT PREFERS NAME EDMONTON LEGION BRANCH
WITH NUMBER ONLY STOP CHARGE EXPENSES TELEGRAM
TO OTTAWA TO US. DR WM OROBKO, SECRETARY.

This was followed by another telegram on the 25th of February, also from Dr. William Orobko. We have to assume that the Command Office probably phoned Dr. Orobko advising him that the name "Edmonton Legion Branch" was not acceptable. This second telegram is short and to the point and reads:

NAME NORWOOD LEGION BRANCH STOP THANK YOU FOR
YOUR COURTESY. OROBKO

And so the Norwood Legion Branch was named!

A letter from the Provincial Command, Addressed to Dr. William Orobko, *Secretary, Norwood Branch No. 178, Canadian Legion B.E.S.L.* sums it up and removes all doubts in their first paragraph which reads, "We are today forwarding under separate cover your Charter, which was received by us from Ottawa today." The letter is dated March 26, 1946! It is fitting that Norwood should have been chosen as the name because the organizational meetings were all held in the Norwood District of the City.

What did happen on the night of February 22, 1946?

We can only assume that after Dr. Orobko's last telegram, he had been in contact with Calgary and had learnt that our Branch Number would be 178 and that the name "Norwood" was acceptable to the Command.

We make these assumptions because that is the only way it could have been - the invitations to the February 22 Smoker had been mailed and the meeting hall arranged for before we knew the name of the Legion Branch or its number. Contact between the Provincial Command and Dr. Orobko was likely made by phone so that no written record exists.

The minutes of that very first meeting of the newly named and numbered Branch read as follows, again word -for- word:-

Minutes of the Norwood Branch # 178, Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L.

A very successful Smoker and Stag was held at the Ukrainian National Hall on Friday evening, February 22nd 1946. About 65 veterans of Ukrainian descent were present, in order to organize a branch of the Canadian Legion. A general vote was taken, which overwhelmingly supported the formation of a new branch to be composed chiefly of members of Ukrainian and allied descents.

Nominations and elections were held for the Officers of the Branch, with the results as follows:

PresidentMike Syrotuck
Vice President.....Don Zuck
SecyBill Orobko
TreasB. Michalyshyn
Sgt. at Arms.....M. Checknita

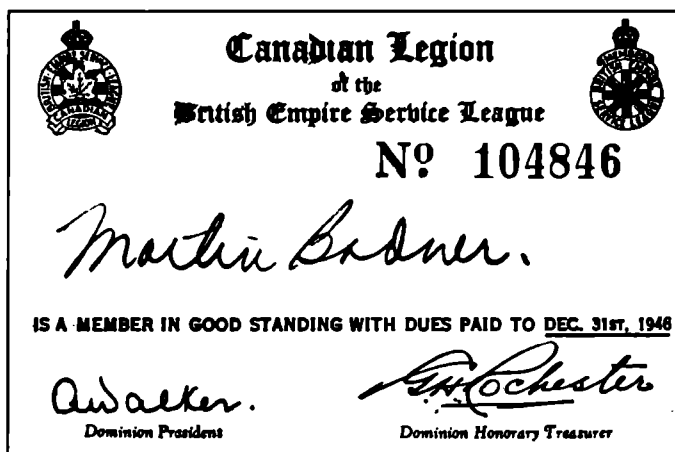
Committee Members:

Ed Tomick
N. Holychuk
N. Bodnar

J. Yusep
B. Kereliuk
Stan Warshawski

Considerable discussion was held concerning a name for the branch, when the name Edmonton Branch with official members was decided on. (Since Calgary Command had advised us that this name is unacceptable, "Norwood" Branch was chosen among members that could be contacted)

Refreshments were enjoyed by all. It was decided to hold another similar meeting or get together in the near future, so that the members could hand in their application forms for Legion membership.



Copy of Martin Bodnar's Original Membership Card

"In the near future" turned out to be Saturday, March 30, 1946, when a fairly good turn-out at the National Hall resulted in an active meeting. President Mike Syrotuck was in the chair and by a motion of Dr. Bohdan Michalyshyn, which was seconded by Richard Woywitka, the membership fee was established at \$4.00 per year.

It was moved by Nestor Plawiuk and seconded by Ed Tomick that the decision on Associate Member's fees be tabled until further information or advice could be received from the Provincial Command.

A lengthy discussion regarding the nomination of Honorary Members took place. It was moved by Ed Tomick and seconded by John March that this procedure should be delayed for a year. An amending motion by Nick Bodnar, seconded by Leo Cherwoniak suggested that six months may be a better term. The amendment and six month delay was accepted by the meeting.

It was decided that a dance should be held to raise funds, the Executive accepting the responsibility of arranging it. (The dance was held in May and proved to be an overwhelming financial success with some 320 people attending and a very enjoyable time was had by all present!)

On April 1, 1946, Secretary Dr. Bill Orobko remitted funds for ten additional members, namely:

Dr. Stan Warshawski
F/L J. Burianyk
Roy Bayrack
Eugene Plawiuk
John Gregory

Major Mike Syrotuck
Peter Woloshansky
Peter Semenovich
Vladimer Kupchenko
William Trischuk

An Executive meeting held on June 3, 1956, resulted in the following resolution being passed and forwarded to the State Immigration Committee, House of Commons, Ottawa:

"At a meeting of the Norwood Branch, Canadian Legion Branch #178, it was decided that Ukrainian displaced persons in Europe are refugees, and from the humanitarian standpoint should be given asylum in Canada."

The resolution was signed by M. Syrotuck, President. The motion for this action was made by Ed Tomick and seconded by Dr. Stan Warshawski.

On June 18, Secretary Bill Orobko remitted fees for two more new members who were:

John Karchut

Eugene Holwen

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, June 24, 1946, to be held at the M.H. Hall at 8:00 P.M.

A letter of Tuesday, June 25 advised Mr. Fraser of the Provincial Command that a meeting of our Branch would take place on Wednesday, July 3 at 8 p.m. "for the purpose of formal presentation of the charter and the installation of officers."

"Our membership rose to 38 at a meeting yesterday evening, June 24," the letter continues, "at which 33 members turned out to hear Mr. Williams and Mr. Gwynne of Branch 24."

The following additional names were submitted for membership cards, together with the appropriate dues:

Walter Bilinske
Michael Bohonos
Bohdan A. Ferbey
George Andrews
N. Sloboda
Fred Ocrane

William Stetsko
Michael A. Chechnita
W. Hunka
Alex Bayrak
O. Jacknisky
Ed Spink

The meeting of June 24 also made several other important decisions. On a motion by Dr. Stan Warshawski, seconded by Orest Zarsky, they decided to hold meetings on the first Monday of each month, the meeting day to be moved to Tuesday in the case of a long week-end. On a motion by Ed Tomick, seconded by George Andrews they established a petty cash fund of \$15.00 for use by the Executive members.

Another motion by Ed Tomick, seconded by Martin Bodnar set the membership fees for Associate members at the same level as those for Ordinary members, that is \$4.00. Bohdan Ferbey seconded Ed Tomick's motion that, although the year was almost half over, dues should still be \$4.00.

It was moved by Bill Ilkiw and seconded by Stan Warshawski that an official installation of officers (elected at the February 22 meeting) be planned for Wednesday, July 3, to be followed by a Smoker.

In keeping with the decision, a special meeting was held at the M.H. Hall on that date, as outlined in Dr. Orobko's letter to Mr. Fraser, above. Mr. H.E. Tanner, Past President of Montgomery Branch #24 officiated at the installation.

A letter from the Alberta Provincial Command, Canadian Legion, dated August 1, 1946, advised us that they have approved the transfer of the following members from Montgomery Branch No. 24 to Norwood Branch No. 178:

William A. Ilkiw
Jack Stockie

Walter Bilinske
Nestor Holychuk

There were no meetings held during the summer months, however, on Tuesday, September 3, over thirty members turned out for the first fall meeting held at the National Hall. Since both the President and Vice-President were away, the meeting was chaired by the Treasurer, Dr. Bohdan Michalyshyn.

It was decided to have a Hallowe'en Dance, the motion coming from Eugene Plawiuk, seconded by Bill Ikliw. Wally Kupchenko, Eugene Plawiuk, Walter Bilinske and Michael Checknita were elected to the Dance Committee.

Details from UCVA were presented to the club for the member's information and study, with the possibility of an affiliation. No decision was made, and after a few questions, the matter was left for consideration and further examination at the next meeting.

At the October 7 meeting, held at the National Hall, about thirty members attended. It was moved by Ed Tomick and seconded by Bob Ferbey that the UCVA matter be re-tabled until the following meeting.

A discussion on membership took place, resulting in a motion by John Yusep that a Membership Committee of three members be formed and a drive undertaken to recruit more members. His motion was seconded by Nestor Holychuk. Don Zuck, Mike Checknita and Bohdan Ferbey were elected to the new committee.

After some discussion, Nick Bodnar moved that a Christmas Cheer Fund Committee be organized to solicit and supply Christmas parcels to the veterans of Ukrainian descent who were at the University Hospital. He suggested that businessmen of Ukrainian origin could be canvassed for funds. The motion was seconded by Nestor Holychuk. Eugene Plawiuk, Walter Bilinske and Bill Protsky were elected to the Christmas Cheer Committee.

Vice-President Don Zuck chaired the meeting of Monday, November 4, held

at the National Hall. Wally Kupchenko reported on the successful Hallowe'en Dance, his report being well received.

A discussion took place on the planned membership drive. Plans were also announced for the Armistice Day service and parade and all members were asked to turn out if at all possible.

It was moved by Walter Bilinske and seconded by M. Winchar that the letter to UCVA Headquarters "as drafted" be mailed. We assume that this is the letter that Dr. Orobko wrote on November third and that is copied verbatim in an earlier chapter.

Plans were laid for a Christmas Party to be held on the 14th of December and Walter Baziuk, Fred Ocrane and George Andrews were elected to a committee to plan and arrange it.

Provincial Command wrote to us on November 22, advising us that another branch of the Legion was being formed in Edmonton. "In accordance with instructions laid down by the officers of the Provincial Council, it is necessary that we write to the closest branch or branches and get their views on new branches being opened in their district."

The letter goes on to say that the new branch will consist of ex-servicewomen, the provisional president is Miss Laura H. Johnson and the secretary will be Miss Elsie Gilholm.

The reply made by our Secretary, Dr. Orobko was that we are "completely in accord with the new ladies branch being formed in Edmonton."

On Monday, December 2, 1946, the last meeting of the year was held. It was held at the National Hall and very well attended with some 40 members present!

A report was given by President Mike Syrotuck on the successful Armistice Day Memorial service. A warm invitation was extended to all Polish soldiers in the area to attend our meetings. Many of the Polish veterans had been brought to Canada for farm work.

It was moved by Nestor Holychuk and seconded by Don Zuck that veterans attending schools, universities or vocational schools be admitted to our branch as full-fledged members for the fee of \$2.00. The motion was carried.

The election of Officers for 1947 took place with the following being elected:

President	Mike Syrotuck
Vice President	D. Stan Warshawski
Secretary	Dr. William Orobko
Treasurer	Don Zuck
Sgt. at Arms	Nestor Holychuk
Auditor	Walter Baziuk

The Committee Members elected were:

Ed Tomick	Dr. Demitro Melnyk
Walter Bilinske	Nick Bodnar
John Yusep	Bob Melnychuk

The Secretary's Report for 1946 covers our activities for the year, mentioning the two successful dances that we held for the purpose of raising money and the Christmas Party that took place on December 14. Due to terrible weather, the Christmas Party was rather poorly attended.

At the end of 1946, we had 45 members with several good prospects, and hopes for good growth in 1947. At that time we had no Honorary members.

The Christmas Cheer Committee did an excellent job, collecting enough money to supply 21 parcels, each worth about \$8.00 retail, and distributing them to the veterans in the Colonel Mewburn Pavilion of the University Hospital. The club was informed that there are about 25 veterans of Ukrainian extraction at the Mewburn.

1947, the second official year of the existence of the branch, started with a meeting on January 13 at the National Hall. Even though the weather was very cold, over thirty members attended. Since the President was absent due to an illness, Treasurer Don Zuck chaired the meeting.

The installation of newly-elected officers was deferred until the February meeting.

A very special vote of thanks was moved to the Christmas Cheer Committee comprised of Walter Bilinske, Dr. Stan Warshawski, Eugene Plawiuk and Mike Syrotuck. Walter Baziuk reported on the Christmas Party and moved a vote of thanks for the other members of his committee who were George Andrews and Fred Okrane. Walter Baziuk was, also thanked, by the club for setting up the bookkeeping system for the Branch and performing the audit for 1946.

An open forum discussion on membership concluded the meeting with a plea to all members to do their utmost to bring in new members.

The February meeting was held on Monday, February 10 at the National Hall with 35 in attendance. President Mike Syrotuck gave a short report on the activities of 1946. He then installed Nestor Holychuk as the Sgt. at Arms. There is no record of a complete installation of officers.

On a motion by Eugene Plawiuk, seconded by Marvin Prokop, the club decided to set aside \$10.00 a month to be used for cigarettes, etc. for the veterans in the Col. Mewburn Pavilion. Walter Bilinske, Martin Bodnar and Marvin Prokop volunteered to serve as the Hospital Committee and look after the Mewburn veterans.

The club decided that they should hold a dance after Easter, and on a motion by Martin Bodnar, seconded by Nestor Holychuk, a dance committee of Martin Bodnar, Marvin Prokop and John Kuchar was struck.

At the March meeting, held at the National Hall on March 3rd, the Treasurer, Don Zuck, who was chairing the meeting in the absence of the President, called on Marvin Prokop to report on the dance plans. The date for the dance was set for April 19.

Another important decision made at the March meeting was to change the

meeting date to the second Monday of each month. This was moved by John Kuchar and seconded by Nestor Holychuk and carried. Before adjournment, Alex Bayrak and Orest Sachkiw volunteered to be on the Hospital Committee.

The April meeting was held at the National Hall on Monday the 14th with some 30 members present. Vice President Dr. Stan Warshawski was in the chair. The meeting was advised that President Mike Syrotuck was in hospital.

After a long discussion on sports, Orest Sachkiw moved and Nestor Holychuk seconded a motion to make the sum of \$125.00 available to the Sports Committee to back a fastball team. The workers were to be Martin Bodnar, coach, with Alex Nestor as the manager. Ed Tomick was to act as consultant.

At this meeting the executive was also empowered to send a delegate of their choice to the Provincial Legion Convention being held in Edmonton, June 8 to 11. John Stetsko and Tommy Prestupa volunteered to serve on the Hospital Visiting committee for the month.

May 1947 was a busy month for the branch. The May meeting was held at the National Hall on the 12th, with a good attendance. Attendees were treated to a movie by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, followed by a report from the Easter Dance Committee delivered by John Kuchar, reporting a successful function.

After a report given by Martin Bodnar on the activities of the fastball team, combined with the unexpected expenditures, it was moved by Orest Demco and seconded by Nestor Holychuk that another \$100.00 be awarded to the Fastball club. To raise additional funds for the Fastball Team, the meeting voted to have a sports dance as soon as possible, with Joe Stepa, Marvin Prokop and Bohdan Ferbey to serve as the dance-organizing committee.



Members and guests assembled in the National Hall following a meeting

Still on the subject of fastball, Alex Nestor was replaced as the manager by Nick Bodnar. A sports committee, comprised of John Yusep, Nestor Holychuk and Mike Burtmik was elected to guide the future activities of the ball team, which incidentally, had been very successful in winning all the exhibition games they played in so far!

The branch enjoyed a long summer recess with no meetings held in June, July or August. The September meeting was held at the National Hall on the 8th with twenty members present. President Mike Syrotuck chaired the meeting. Nick Bodnar gave a report on the activities of the fastball team, indicating a successful season.

Martin Bodnar, the fastball coach also gave his report, but it was not as cheerful as the manager's. There were some difficulties with some players not showing up or being called out of town on game nights, as well as missing uniforms or jackets and some minor injuries (Alex Bayrak had an injured finger - \$12.50). Martin also moved that the team have a picture taken with the costs to be carried by the players. The motion was carried

The issue of the dance arose again, with Nick Bodnar making a motion that a dance be held on the first Saturday that a hall became available. This was seconded by John Stetsko. Joe Stepa, Marvin Prokop, Nestor Holychuk and Tommy Prestupa were elected to the dance committee as a result of the motion being carried.

A discussion regarding Honorary Members followed, resulting in a motion made by Joe Stepa and seconded by Marvin Prokop that a limited number of Honorary Members be considered. Names of prospects should be submitted to the Executive Committee with the number of admissions being left to the discretion of the Board.

There is no record of a meeting in October, however the meeting of November 9 had the heavy responsibility of electing the Officers for the ensuing year, 1948. President Mike Syrotuck chaired the meeting and the elections with the following being chosen:

President	Dr. William Orobko
Vice President	Nestor Holychuk
Secretary	Nestor Marchyshyn
Treasurer	Alex Bayrak
Sgt. at Arms	John Stetsko
Past President	Mike Syrotuck
Executive Officers:	Martin Bodnar, Don Zuck, Tom Prestupa

Mike Achtimichuk congratulated the retiring executive for the excellent job that they did. This was replied to by retiring President Mike Syrotuck who also thanked his members for their support during the past year.

Members were urged to attend the Remembrance Day Memorial service on November 11 to be held at the Memorial Hall. Nestor Holychuk was appointed as the marker for the parade.

The last meeting of 1947 was held on December 8 with 29 attending. Newly-elected President Dr. William Orobko chaired the meeting, and after the usual preliminaries, Mr. Murray, the Zone Commander gave an informative talk on Legion Affairs and gave the club some insight as to the function and workings of the Department of Veteran's Affairs. He suggested that all ex-service personnel should acquaint themselves with the functions and facilities of both organizations and take full advantage of the privileges they offered.

Mr. Murray then installed the Officers for 1948. Adjournment was followed by refreshments and much fellowship was enjoyed by all.

The first meeting of 1948 was held at the National Hall on January 12. After the call to order and the ritual and approval of the minutes, President Dr. William Orobko called upon Mr. McLaren of the Montgomery Branch for a short talk. His subject was "The Canadian Legion - Its Past and Future." The talk was very informative and inspirational. He stated that all Legion members had a right to be proud of the organization's achievements, particularly the achievement of serving our country during the last two major wars.

Mr. McLaren then presented Mike Syrotuck with the Past-President's Badge for his service to Norwood Branch in 1946-1947.

Two new items were discussed. One was the idea of sponsoring a scholarship to the Edmonton Public School Board, possibly for exceptional students and secondly, the possibility of a Draw that could be used as a fund-raiser. No conclusions were reached.

The Branch members were invited to, and attended, the Legion Zone Rally which was being held at the Kingsway Branch, January 30.

The February meeting discussed the possibilities of holding a carnival. Nestor Holychuk was given the responsibility of obtaining the necessary information so that more discussion could follow.

Considerable discussion also took place regarding the ball team. Ed Tomick was asked his opinion regarding the chances that our team would have of playing in the Renfrew Ball Park as a senior team. He suggested that it would be a good idea, although we would have to play a better calibre of ball to stay in the park, assuming we were admitted. Nestor Holychuk was appointed the new manager of the ball team and was asked to organize his team as soon as possible.

The March meeting was held on Monday, March 8 with Nestor Holychuk presiding and Mike Checknita acting as Secretary. The Legion Dominion Convention to be held in Saskatoon, May 23 to 27 was discussed with the possibility that we would send a delegate, the final decision being tabled until the next meeting.

The suggestion of canvassing local businesses for donations in support of our ball team was discussed at some length. Nestor Marchyshyn was appointed to investigate the matter further, particularly from the legal standpoint.

Nestor Holychuk reported that he had not yet obtained the required

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information on the carnival, but would continue to work on it.

A Special meeting was called for April 2 to hear special guests Dr. V.C. Kaye and Mr. Haugen from the Department of the Secretary of State, Ottawa, who were here on a survey mission. Both gentlemen spoke on Canadian Citizenship, followed by a short question-and-answer period and a general discussion.

The regular April Monthly meeting took place on April 12th at the National Hall. Dr. William Orobko was in the chair, and after the preliminaries, called upon Ed Tomick to report further on the ball team, particularly regarding the additional information gleaned about the Ball Park. Ed advised that the Park needed a franchise fee of \$125.00 and would require us to play senior quality ball. Eighteen players were allowed to be signed up so that the club would have to stand the expenses of dressing 18 players. He felt that we didn't have the financial capability to meet these challenges this year and suggested that we stay with Intermediate ball for now. Despite these suggestions, the club voted to go ahead and prepare for senior play in the park with the suggestion that if we couldn't find enough players within the Branch, we should recruit them from other sources outside of our membership.

At the regular monthly meeting for May, held on the second, Nestor Holychuk as manager of the Ball Club reported that everything was going ahead. The players were dressed, had their equipment and had been turning out religiously. They had played and won several exhibition games and seemed ready for the summer.

Nestor Marchyshyn reported that he had discussed our fund-raising idea with the Edmonton Donations Committee and that we could go ahead and canvas donations for the Ball Club. At this time, the Club was \$300.00 "in the red" and funds were very scarce. Dr. Stan Warshawski lent \$125.00 to the club to "back up the cost of the franchise."

In other matters, the Branch had received much information from Ottawa regarding a citizenship drive. It was moved by Dr. Warshawski that we undertake a citizenship drive among our own members. The motion was seconded by John Rybak and carried.

Funds for the Legionary Magazine were remitted by Secretary Nestor Marchyshyn on behalf of the following members and covering April 1948 to March 1949, inclusive:

Walter Baziuk	Martin Bodnar	Nick Bodnar
Mike Burtnik	Steve Goruk	John F. Gulayets
Nestor Holychuk	William Ilkiw	William Kosteniuk
John Kuchar	Mike A. Letersky	Walter Maday
Peter Malarchuk	Nestor Marchyshyn	Dr. D. Melnyk
Dr. Bohdan Michalyshyn	A. Nestor	Nick Ochotta
Dr. William Orobko	M. Perchson	Marvin J. Prokop
John Rybak	Orest M. Sachkiw	Michael Semenovich
Joe H. Step	John Stetsko	J. Stosky
Mike Syrotuck	Edward Tomick	Dr. Stan Warshawski
Peter Woloshansky	John Yaceyko	J. Yaseys
Orest Zarsky		Don Zuck

The invitation to the June meeting, being called for June 14 at the National Hall, extended heartiest congratulations to former Treasurer Don Zuck for having graduated from the University of Alberta (Pharmacy) with the highest honors! The invitation goes on to say that every member and prospective member should bring along his wife or lady friend as this is a mixed meeting.

"Your friends are also invited," the invitation continues, "as we want to make this a real affair and have as many members and relatives and friends as possible apply for their Citizenship papers. At the time of the presentation of the citizenship certificates we can make it into a real ceremony with publicity as an achievement, a step in the right direction in accordance with the policy of the Dominion Command Canadian Legion promoting Canadian Citizenship. Among all the branches, we are the first to take the step, so let us do credit to ourselves and our Branch."

No minutes exist from that meeting as it was very informal. Some of Major

Syrotuck's souvenirs which he brought back with him from overseas were arranged to be displayed, as well as some of the gifts that Mr. Anthony Hlynka brought back from the displaced persons' camps in Europe.

No meetings are reported during the Summer of 1948. Regular monthly meetings resumed in November, on the 8. On October 5, however, Secretary Nestor Marchyshyn sent in the "Applications for Canadian Citizenship" which were completed at the June meeting. His covering letter says that 33 Applications from Branch Members are enclosed.

The fee charged is \$1.00 per Application, but is waived in the case of an Application from a person who has served in the Armed Forces. Our Legion Branch member applicants were:

William George Lesick, William Orobko, Michael Syrotuck, Michael Anthony Checknita, John Rybak, Joseph Kozibroda, George Filipchuk, Lena Ewanchuk, Martin M. Bodnar, Demitro Melnyk, Alexander Bohdan Svarich, Anthony John Prystupa, Morris Lylick, Walter Romaniuk, Nicholas Paul Ochotta, Joseph Henry Stepa, Orest Zarsky, Maksym Nyrzczuk, John F. Gulayets, John George Stetsko, Nestor William Marchyshyn, William Michael Poohkay, Edward Tomick, Michael Fyk, Victor Welguz, William George Syrotuck, Nestor Holychuk, Nicholas Bodnar, Myros Bohdan Samycia, William Petryk, John Kuchar, Walter V. Kulchisky and John Wasilewski.

There were also twelve non-member applications included for wives and friends with the proper remittance attached. As time went on during this period, over a hundred and fifty other Applications for Citizenship by non-members were handled by our Branch.

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CERTIFICATE OF CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP
ISSUED UNDER THE CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP ACT

I, the undersigned, Secretary of State of Canada, do hereby certify and declare that
WILLIAM GEORGE LESICK
whose particulars are endorsed hereon, is a Canadian citizen and that he is entitled to all rights, powers and privileges and subject to all obligations, duties and liabilities to which a natural-born Canadian citizen is entitled or subject.
In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the Seal of the Department of the Secretary of State of Canada,
this TWENTY-FIFTH day of OCTOBER 1948

THIS CERTIFICATE SHALL BE EFFECTIVE ON AND FROM
TWENTY-FIFTH day of OCTOBER 1948

F. H. Gibson
UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE

Colin Gibson
SECRETARY OF STATE OF CANADA

The Dominion Department or the Secretary of State, Canadian Citizenship Registration Branch, was delighted with our efforts in this Citizenship Programme as undertaken by our branch. On June 15th, 1948, President William Orobko appeared on the CBC News Roundup with Hugh MacDonald to discuss the program and the plans that our branch had. This program was heard by several executives of the Citizenship Branch and the Hon. C. Gibson, Secretary of State was notified of our efforts. We received several letters from Ottawa, congratulating us on our efforts and wishing us every success.

The November 8, 1948, meeting was held at the National Hall with 23 members present. President William Orobko was in the chair. The highlight of the meeting was a report by Treasurer Bob Svarich. The good news was that the Operatic Concert sponsored by our Branch and held at the Masonic Temple was showing a profit of about twenty dollars, the bad news was that the Branch was in debt to a total of \$611.00. Some of these debts were quite old and Dr. Orobko was very unhappy about the collection letters and phone calls coming to his office in an effort to collect.

To make matters even worse, many of the uniforms issued to our Ball Club were misplaced with only seven of the 18 accounted for. At this meeting \$125.00 lent to the club by Dr. Warshawski was refunded and John Stetsko and John Rybak volunteered to take the ball club under their wing for a year, calling it the Grand Cleaners Ball Club and covering all expenses incurred in the running of it. This would leave the franchise with the league undisturbed and would allow the Branch time to regroup and re-finance, then re-possess the team any time they were ready.

The last meeting in 1948 was held on December 13, again at the National Hall. An election of Officers for 1949 took place. Elected were Michael Syrotuck, President; Dr. William Orobko, Vice-President; Nestor Marchyshyn, Secretary; Dr. A. B. Svarich, Treasurer; John Stetsko, Sergeant-at-Arms. Elected to the executive were Dr. Demitro Melnyk, Dr. Stan Warshawski, Tommy Prystupa, Alex Charnetsky, John Rybak and Walter Romaniuk.

Bob Svarich, Treasurer, requested the executive's permission to re-organize the club's books as they were not in order in 1948. This having been approved, Nestor Holychuk loaned the club \$100.00 to help clear up some of the debts, repayment to be made as soon as the club was financially able. The Installation of Officers was organized for the following meeting, planned for January 12, 1949.

The National Hall was filled to near-capacity that night of January 12 with some 240 members, wives, parents, friends and honoured guests attending. After a very impressive ceremony of Installation of Officers, handled by Mr. George Gleave of the Provincial Command, Canadian Legion, Citizenship Certificates were presented to members of our Norwood Branch and their wives by His Honor Justice Kerr, acting on behalf of the Secretary of State.

Telegrams and letter of congratulations were read, congratulating our branch

on the success of our Citizenship Programme. Some of these came from the Mr. W.M Haugan, Liaison Officer for the Canadian Citizenship Branch, West Block; Mr. Frank Foulds, Director of the Canadian Citizenship Branch; Dr. V. J. Kaye, Director, and from the Minister of Citizenship, all of Ottawa.

Dr. William Orobko was presented with his Past-President's Medal by Mr. Gleave. After adjournment, the group proceeded to the banquet room downstairs for a reception.

Activities of this type created a lot of good publicity for the Norwood Branch and made the people of Edmonton realize that we were organized, active and certainly a part of their community!

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Norwood Branch was formed on February 3, 1949. The June meeting was a joint meeting with most of the members of the Ladies Auxiliary present. Many suggestions and plans for future co-ordination were discussed. The most important item on the agenda for this meeting was the planning of another Citizenship ceremony at which Senator McKinnon and Judge McIsaac would preside.

Discussion also took place regarding a carnival that we would hold in co-operation with Branch #215, supplying workers and sharing in the profits. The meeting ended with a presentation to, and farewell party for Dr. and Mrs. Stan Warshawski who were leaving for Toronto. Dr Warshawski was granted a two-year leave of absence from the branch in order to complete a post-graduate course.

At the August 1949 meeting, held at the National Hall, Treasurer Bob Svarich reported that the carnival was a success and that we could now pay off most of our debts. Although no specific numbers were recorded on the proceeds from the carnival, debts amounting to over \$400.00 were discussed, voted on and payment approved.

There were twenty five members present at this meeting, Reverend Peter Melnychuk took this opportunity to wish the branch every success as he would be leaving Edmonton shortly.

At the September meeting, letters of acknowledgement were read from the Boards of St. Josaphat's Cathedral and St. John's Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church for \$25.00 donations received from the branch. A letter from the Department of Veteran's Affairs, signed by Mr. John Proctor, Chief Administrator, acknowledged receipt and thanked the branch for their donation of \$100.00 for the Hospital Comforts Fund.

A letter from Helen Stewart of Branch 215 thanked our members for assisting with the July carnival.

After President Mike Syrotuck gave his report of activities for the past year, an election of officers for 1950 was held with the following results: President, Mike Syrotuck; Vice-President, Dr. Bill Orobko; Second Vice-President, Dr. A.B. Svarich; Secretary, Nestor Marchyshyn; Treasurer, Walter Romaniuk; Sgt-

at-Arms, John Stetsko. The following accepted positions on the Board: Tommy Prystupa, John Rybak, Mary Melnyk, Bill Kostash, Bill Kereliuk, Ed Tomick, Martin Bodnar and Walter Bilinske.

It was decided to hold the elections earlier in the fall in the future in order to allow the newly elected members time to get organized for the activities of the next term, a decision that was reached after much discussion.

The October meeting, held at the M.H. Hall, featured a war movie which was enjoyed by all. Mr. Keen, the Provincial Zone Commander and President of the Jasper Branch gave an inspirational talk about legion activities and brought greetings from his branch. He also urged us to take active part in the Legion Poppy Campaign which was coming up in November.

Dr. Demitro Melnyk, William Kereliuk and Dr. Bob Svarich were appointed by the President to be our branch representatives to the Canadian Ukrainian Committee. Discussions took place regarding Legion dress and Walter Bilinske and Tommy Prestupa volunteered to investigate costs of blazers and berets. A \$100.00 donation was voted to the Ladies Auxiliary for their help with the carnival.

Bob Svarich gave an interesting presentation on Bingos and concluded that properly serviced and administered, they could be a money making undertaking for the Branch. Also at this meeting, the members approved an investment of \$500.00 into the newly-formed Credit Union.

The November 1949 meeting was held at the National Hall and was chaired by Vice-President Dr. William Orobko.

Father Dobko was welcomed at this meeting and became our Catholic Padre. Plans were discussed to join in the Remembrance Day Parade on November 11, our branch to be the third unit in the parade. Bob Svarich reported that proceeds from the first Bingo were \$48.92 and that more help will be required in the future to assure our success.

The December meeting was chaired by Second Vice-President Bob Svarich and featured a report on the Poppy Fund meeting attended by him at the Montgomery Branch. The meeting dealt with the distribution of Poppy Fund proceeds. Other items discussed included the Credit Union and charitable donations.

1950 was a busy year for the newly elected officers and started by sending a telegram of congratulations to the four World Oat Kings who were being honored by a banquet in their honor in Hairy Hill. In February, at a meeting chaired by Ed Tomick, the group decided to keep up our activities in the bingo area, to serve lunch after all meetings and discussed the need for bonding our treasurer. "The Legion News" would be sent as a subscription to all paid-up members in the future. Bill Kostash was appointed as the branches Public Relation Officer with all news and activity reports to be channelled through him for possible press releases.

A letter of thanks was written to Modern Tailors for their offer of a ten percent discount to all members who showed their 1950 Membership Card. After much discussion, it was decided that we could not afford to send a delegate to the Canadian Legion Dominion Convention being held in Winnipeg May 13 to 18, 1950.

The April meeting was chaired by Tom Preston and the branch was informed that we had been represented at the Legion Zone Rally held in Morinville, April 5. Attending the Rally on behalf of our branch were President Mike Syrotuck, Mary Melnyk, Bill Kostash and Alex Charnetski. A discussion was held regarding our possible participation in the Combined Edmonton Legions Car Raffle to be held in the near future. John Kuchar and Nestor Marchyshyn were elected to represent the Norwood Branch at the organizational meeting and to report back to the branch as soon as possible.

The July meeting was short and sweet. Only 18 members attended and most of the decisions centered around the Carnival to be held later that month. The August meeting proved that the Carnival was most successful, adding \$1096.00 to the till and putting our branch undisputedly "in the black."

A letter from Laurier House in Ottawa acknowledged the receipt of a wreath sent by our branch for the late McKenzie King's funeral. Congratulations were sent from our branch to Mr. John Decore, Sr., Member of Parliament for Vegreville, who had just been appointed by Prime Minister L.B. Pearson as Canada's Representative at the United Nations in New York.

At the October 1950 meeting, the members learned that the First Oil City Stag, held October 11 at Kingsway Branch was a complete success and letters of thanks and appreciation were dispatched to all the Imperial Oil Dealers for their help. Congratulations were sent to Miss Zonia Lazarowich for her successes and honours recently received while studying music in London, England.

A committee headed by Martin Bodnar was chosen to plan and organize a dance at the Kingsway Branch, November 4. Annual honoraria of \$25.00 each for the Secretary and Treasurer were approved.

At the December 13 monthly meeting, the members heard reports from the President, Secretary and Treasurer, then proceeded with the Election of Officers. Elected for the year 1951 were: Dr. A. B. Svarich, President; Ed Tomick, First Vice-President; Tommy Preston, second Vice-President; Nestor Marchyshyn, Secretary; Walter Romaniuk, Treasurer; John Stetsko, Sergeant-at-Arms, with Mike Syrotuck, of course, as Past President. Elected to serve as Executive members were Bill Orobko, Mary Melnyk, Martin Bodnar, John Kuchar, B. Fedoruk, B. Stetsko, Bill Poohkay and George Andrews.

1951 was a year of many activities and interests for the members of the branch. Early in the year U.C.V.A., whose head office still had apparently not given up at trying to make Edmonton a branch, had sent us 200 books of tickets to sell. The Board returned these with a covering letter stating that we were not in a position to handle this type of campaign. We did however, order several

subscriptions to "Opinion" which was U.C.V.A's newsletter. William Fedoruk was elected to take charge of the Bingo for 1951, now being held at the U.N. Hall, 10629-98th Street. Nestor Marchyshyn was selected to attend the Canadian Ukrainian Committee Pan American Conference in Winnipeg, March 2 to 4, 1951.

With the Norwood Branch preparing to celebrate its Fifth Anniversary, Dr. Bob Svarich, John Kuchar and Bill Fedoruk were chosen to head the Entertainment Committee for the celebration. With the Provincial Convention coming up in Lethbridge June 17 to 21, it was suggested that we send a delegate as an anniversary project. On a motion by Bill Orobko, seconded by Mary Melnyk, President Bob Svarich was elected to go and an expense account was arranged for him. Bingo was reported as doing well. Walter Baziuk was chosen as the branch's auditor for the year.

Some members disagreed with the branch's participation in Canadian Ukrainian Committee affairs and it was decided after much deliberation, to write the Dominion Command for a ruling or clarification. Our branch, as well as all other branches offered help in the matter of Civil Defense and advised the Mayor accordingly. William Fedoruk and J. Yusep were elected to be co-bankers for this year's Carnival, working with the co-bankers from last year. The Carnival netted \$983.96 and was declared a complete success.

Meeting attendance varied during the year, sometimes reaching 35 and occasionally falling as low as 15. A Legion Picnic, involving all branches in Edmonton was being planned for August 26 and it was decided that our branch would become involved. We were given the responsibility of supplying the wieners, buns and ice.

During the August meeting, motions to donate \$100.00 to the Hospital Comfort Fund and \$150.00 to our Ladies Auxiliary were easily passed. William Fedoruk, William Kuzyk and Mike Fedoruk were elected to the dance committee to arrange details for a dance planned for October 27. Also on October 27, Edmonton was having a Royal Visit and all branches were asked to help out as patrols, our branch playing a very active role.

Plans were being made for the Remembrance Day Parade, November 11, with fall-in at 10:15. Bill Kuzyk invited the Legionnaires that were taking part in the Parade to come to his house for refreshments when it was over. December 5th was chosen as the day for a Stag to be held at the Kingsway Branch and Louis Slipec, John Stetsko, Tommy Preston, Bill Orobko and Joe Melnychuk made up the organizing committee.

Two new members were appointed to the executive committee by the president. They were Louis Slipec and William Kuzyk. Ray Faryna was appointed Bingo Chairman for 1952 and John Kuchar volunteered to help him. Bill Fedoruk agreed to be the telephone master and he and Bill Kuzyk agreed to be Bingo cashiers. Nestor Marchyshyn made up the rest of the Bingo Committee. Bingo at this time was our prime source of income, although there was a constant need for workers.

The December meeting learned that the Farmer's Stag Party was a success, bringing in \$90.32, and that the Bingo crowds were growing and still more workers were needed. Since only 21 members were attending this meeting, the Election of Officers was moved to the first meeting to be held in 1952 and this was planned for January 9th.

In 1952, the first meeting of the year was held at the U.N. Hall with 27 members attending. Dr. Orobko reported that his raffle of fifty silver dollars had returned a profit of \$101.00. The treasurer reported that we had \$2,731.67 on deposit in the Credit Union, earning us interest at 4%.

The Election of Officers for 1952 followed the President's report. The results of the election were as follows: President, Dr. A. B. Svarich; First Vice-President, Mike Syrotuck; Second Vice-President, Dr. William Orobko; Secretary, Louis Slipec; Treasurer, Walter Romaniuk; Sergeant-at-Arms, Tom Preston. The following were elected as Executive Members: John Stetsko, Nestor Marchyshyn, Dr. Stan Warshawski, William Kuzyk, Mary Syrotuck, William Fedoruk, Ray Faryna, Ed Tomick, William Kostash and John Kuchar. Peter Lupul was appointed Steward.

The February 1952 meeting was held at the National Hall on the 13th and started with a Grey Cup movie. After President Bob Svarich called the meeting to order and had the ritual read, he called for two minutes of silence to be observed in tribute to our late Majesty, King George VI.

1952 EXECUTIVE



From left to right, FRONT ROW: R. Faryna, T. Preston, L. Slipec, Secretary; M. Syrotuck, President; A. B. Svarich, Past President; Wm. Orobko, W. Romaniuk, Treasurer.
BACK ROW: Wm. Fedoruk, B. Kostash, J. Kuchar, E. Tomick, S. Warshawsky, J. Stetsko, F. Shalagan, P. Lupul, N. Marchyshyn.

A letter from the Edmonton Council of Community Service was read and discussed. They were asking our branch to consider assisting newly arrived immigrants to get settled in this country. Their questionnaire was answered as requested. The Canadian Ukrainian Committee requested that we send a representative to their meetings and it was agreed that Nestor Marchyshyn would attend the next three consecutive meetings.

A plea for articles to be published in the Legion News was voiced. Photographs of the Executive were discussed but left for the Executive meeting. Ed Tomick informed the club that the Softball Association was holding a meeting on February 17 and would be discussing our franchise. Martin Bodnar agreed to attend and report back.

At an Executive meeting of our branch, held in the Strathcona Legion Hall on February 21, 1952, we find first mention of a building of our own. A motion by Ed Tomick suggested that Nestor Marchyshyn and Louis Slipec "prepare a report on the possibilities of our Branch obtaining a building or building one." There is no seconder to this motion in the record, however it was carried. At this meeting also, Peter Lupul was appointed to the Executive.

A dance was being planned for May 24, with John Kuchar as Chairman. Tom Preston was made responsible for booking the orchestra and advised the club that the cost for their services would be \$32.00. The dance would be held at the Kingsway Branch and admission would be \$1.00 per person. Nestor Marchyshyn agreed to act as quartermaster for the branch and reported that he had located a suitable space at the U.N. Hall and that a locker would be built there. The meeting decided to subscribe to ten copies of "The Legionary."

The May meeting started with a movie and was followed by an interesting talk by Peter Greschuk on the subject of "Wills," followed by a question period. Two interesting items appeared in the correspondence, both being tabled to the next Executive meeting: the first announcing a joint Legion Picnic and asking us to join as before, the second with regard to taking part in, or supporting, a float at the Edmonton Exhibition Parade. Mary Syrotuck agreed to inquire about making up a Legion Standard to go with our Union Jack.

At the June meeting, John Kuchar reported that the May 24 dance was successful, raising \$38.40. Mary Syrotuck agreed to sew the branch a Santa Claus suit and the meeting approved the purchase of the necessary material. A motion was made to cancel branch monthly meetings during July and August. Although the motion was seconded, it was defeated by the members!

Although summer is vacation time and a lazy hazy attitude often prevails, the July meeting of our branch proved to be rather "heavy" mostly because of the volume of business needing attention. One of these items was a notice of motion presented by Orest Demco which read, "That the Executive consider the drafting of a Branch By-Law governing a maximum amount of monies that may be expanded by the executive and any monies greater than the maximum be referred to the general body for consideration." The motion was seconded by Ted Sharum, and carried after discussion.

A committee of three members was formed to study the possibility of holding tournaments of various types within our own membership. The three members appointed to this committee were Orest Demco, Ed Tomick and Bill Fedoruk. A dance was being planned for September 20 and the President appointed a committee to organize it. The committee was comprised of Bill Fedoruk, chairman, with John Kuchar and Tom Preston as members.

With Bingos being reactivated for the winter season, Ray Faryna, Nestor Marchyshyn, Walter Romaniuk, M. Fedoruk, Ed Tomick and John Kuchar were elected to serve on the Bingo Committee for 1952-53. It was reported that on the occasion of the visit of the Governor-General of Canada to Edmonton, an invitation was received by our president to attend the civic luncheon. Our Vice-President, Mike Syrotuck and his wife attended because the President was away.

Our President, Vice-President and Secretary were also invited to attend the official opening of the Strathcona Branch by the Governor General, which our Vice-President Mike Syrotuck and Secretary Louis Slipec attended. A reminder about a Christmas Party for the member's children was made by the Ladies Auxiliary and the meeting ratified the suggestion and approved the date as Sunday, December 21 and proceeded to authorize the required funds so that gifts could be bought for the children. A donation of \$10.00 to the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal was approved.

The 1953 Executive, elected were Col. Mike Syrotuck as President with Dr. A.B. "Bob" Svarich as the Past President. The Vice President was John Stetsko

1953 EXECUTIVE



From left to right, FRONT ROW: T. Preston, L. Slipec, J. Stetsko, Vice President, Col. M. Syrotuck, President, A. B. Svarich, Past President, P. Lupul, N. Marchyshyn.
BACK ROW: J. Kuchar, Dr. Wm. Orobko, Wm. Fedoruk, Mary Syrotuck, E. Tomick, P. Walusko, W. Romaniuk, G. Andrews. MISSING: Dr. S. Warshawsky and Wm. Kostash.

and the second Vice President was Dr. Stan Warshawski. The Secretary was Louis Slipec with William Fedoruk as the Treasurer and with Tom Preston as the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Constituting the Executive committee were Peter Lupul, Nestor Marchyshyn, John Kuchar, Dr. William Orobko, Mrs. Mary Syrotuck, Edward Tomick, Peter Walusko, Walter Romaniuk and George Andrews.

1953 started on a rather happy note with the treasurer reporting that we had \$4,624.00 on deposit in the Credit Union. Mayor William Hawrelak was asked to be Honorary President of our Branch, while Justice Peter Greschuk was asked to



Presentation of Colours by Mr. Peter Greschuk to Branch President, Mike Syrotuck on February 11, 1953



**1953 Installation of Norwood Legion President – Mike Syrotuck.
Installing Officer was G.E. Gleave, Provincial President.**



Installations of Padres Fr. Dobko and Rev. Chrustawka by Provincial President George Gleave on February 11, 1953

be Honourary Vice-President. Both accepted. February 11th saw an impressive Installation of Officers of both the Branch and the Ladies Auxiliary with some 250 guests present. Mr. Greschuk presented the colors to President Mike Syrotuck and they were then dedicated by Padre Dobko and Honorary Padre Ambrose Chrustawka. Lunch was served after the ceremonies.

At the April 1953 meeting, held at the M.H. Hall, the Vice President appointed Walter Romaniuk as the Official Historian of the Branch.

John Stetsko was appointed as marker for the June 2nd parade, honoring the new Queen's visit. On June 10, Peter Greschuk reported that we are presently waiting to hear from the city regarding some land that we may obtain for our branch with the idea of possibly building on it some day.

A motion that we do not affiliate with U.C.V.A. as a body was made at an executive meeting and later ratified by the general meeting.

The September 1953 meeting decided that the Election of Officers should take place in November and that a nominating committee should be formed rather than elect candidates from the floor. Elected to the nominating committee were Justice Peter Greschuk, Orest Demco and Peter Sachkiw.

Honorary President Mayor William Hawrelak was present at this meeting and was asked to give a short address. He suggested that the branch should be looking for land to purchase and even suggested that he knew of some lots that were suitable and available. The president thanked the mayor for attending our meeting and for his interest in our work.

The October meeting launched two projects as fund-raisers. The Grey Cup raffle was assigned to Walter Romaniuk while the Perfume (probably Seagram's) Raffle was taken by Nestor Marchyshyn.

The November meeting recorded much progress for the branch. Besides the election of Officers, much other work was accomplished by the forty-one members that attended. A By-Laws Committee was struck, consisting of Dr. William Orobko, chairman, with Ed Sully, Peter Miskew and Mike Syrotuck as his committee members. With the probability of land acquisition appearing, a Finance Committee was required and was immediately created with Walter Bilinske as the chairman, assisted by Steve Petasky, Ed Sully, and Walter Romaniuk. Peter Sachkiw undertook to have preliminary discussions with the Alberta Liquor Control Board to research our position if our building plans materialized. The meeting also ratified the annual honoraria for the Secretary and the Treasurer, authorizing payment.

The election of Officers for 1954 followed, with the election Chairman, Justice Peter Greschuk and the Secretary, Peter Miskew being elected from the floor. The nominating committee presented their slate and the following were elected: President, John Stetsko; First Vice-President, Louis Slipec; Second Vice-President, Nestor Marchyshyn; Secretary, Bill Poohkay; Treasurer, Walter Romaniuk; Sergeant-at-Arms, Tommy Preston. Elected to the Executive Committee were Dr. Stan Warshawski, Dr. William Orobko, Ed Tomick, Peter Walusko, Mary Syrotuck, Peter Lupul, George Andrews, John Kuchar, Dr. Bob Svarich and Orest Zarsky.

The last meeting of 1953 made plans for the branch's first New Year's Eve party. It also cancelled the children's Christmas party due to the continuous prevalence of Polio in the area.

Comrade Mary Syrotuck spoke to the meeting about the Canadian Legion, Alberta Chapter, Polio Campaign. She mentioned the door-to-door canvas that they would be making from January 4 to 31 and asked for support from our members. Our branch took this campaign seriously and, recruiting help from the Alberta Avenue Business Men's Association, The St. John's Young People's Association at St. John's Cathedral, and several other Norwood area churches, collected a total of \$2,126.07.

A letter from a Mr. Read of the City of Edmonton Land Department was read to the meeting. He was inquiring about registering the land that had been purchased (presumably the house and empty lot at 11549-95th street) by Norwood Branch #178 and requesting information as to how it should be registered, specifically, should it be registered in the name of an organization, or should it be held for the branch in trust by trustees? This decision was left for the Executive Committee.

Poppy Day proceeds were announced as \$146.85. Peter Greschuk was asked to act as the legal advisor to the branch and Lt. Colonel Mike Syrotuck accepted warm congratulations from the branch members on his being awarded the Coronation Medal.

1954 dawned with many hopes and dreams on the horizon. Our branch was on a roll! It was not a year for the faint of heart!

With building plans in the mill, a new enthusiasm and drive was experienced by all. An Audit Committee, consisting of chairman Steve Petasky, Bill Poohkay and Ted Sharum was elected to audit the books for 1953. The By-Laws committee was making progress and it suggested to the meeting that the branch should be registered under the Societies Act. The Membership Committee, chaired by Tom Preston and consisting of Walter Romaniuk, Martin Bodnar and Nestor Marchyshyn was urged to meet at once and make concrete plans for an all-out membership drive. Dr. Bob Svarich was appointed as the Branch Reporter for the Legion News. Nestor Marchyshyn resigned as the delegate to Canadian Ukrainian Committee to take on other duties within the branch and was replaced by John Stetsko. John Kuchar was congratulated on the well-organized and successful New Year's dance and asked to continue to head the Social Committee with John Drebot and Martin Bodnar as his assistants.

On a sad note, the sudden and unexpected passing of Padre Father Dobko was a shock to everyone. Our branch was well represented at the funeral and a letter of sympathy was sent to the Order of St. Basil. A wreath was sent to Father Dobko's mother.

An Installation of Officers was planned for January 23 to take place in conjunction with our next dance being held at the Kingsway branch hall. Arrangements were made to present Mike Syrotuck's Past President's bars to him after the installation.

A long discussion that took place at an executive meeting in December of 1953 was now before the General Meeting for discussion and approval. This concerned the matter of ownership of any real property owned or to be acquired by the branch. The decision was that such property should be held by a Board of Trustees appointed by a general meeting, "said trustees to be five (5) in number and each of whom shall be over the age of twenty-one years, and said trustees shall hold the said real property on behalf of the branch at all times in accordance with the terms, conditions, stipulations set out in paragraphs 19 to 25 inclusive of the general By-Laws of the Canadian Legion and any other by-laws passed by the branch and approved by the Alberta Provincial Command. The president or vice-president presiding at the said general meeting shall acquaint the general membership of this resolution and emphasize to the members that it is desirable and necessary that the real property shall stand in the name of the five (5) trustees and if the majority of the members present at the said meeting approve of the real property being held by the trustees, that a resolution be passed by the members at the said meeting that the by-laws of the said branch incorporate the said resolution and become a part of the by-laws of the branch."

"And that the said trustees, if appointed, shall hold the title or titles to the real property of the said branch as follows:

John Stetsko
Mike Syrotuck
William Orobko
Edward Tomick
Walter Romaniuk
Orest Zarsky,

all of the City of Edmonton in the Province of Alberta as trustees for the Norwood Branch #178 of the Alberta Command of the Canadian Legion of the B.E.S.L.”

Ed Sully presented the by-laws to the general meeting of February 10, 1954. They were accepted unanimously and a vote of thanks was expressed to Peter Greschuk and the by-laws committee for a job well done. (Note that although five (5) trustees were called for, six signatures were affixed!)

Also at the same meeting, the Audit Committee was reconfirmed for service during the ensuing year. Discussion took place regarding the need for a Greek Catholic padre to replace Father Dobko and Martin Bodnar volunteered to make inquiries in that direction. George Andrews was named chairman of the Ways and Means committee which he was to organize.

The March meeting informed the membership that our registration under the Societies Act had gone through and that we were now officially incorporated.

It was moved by Comrade Mike Syrotuck and seconded by Comrade Nestor Marchyshyn that “since the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies issued a Certificate of the Incorporation for our branch last week, it will be necessary for those desirous of becoming members to make application as provided by paragraph 2 of the by-laws, and furthermore it was agreed that all members of the unincorporated branch would be eligible to make application for membership and that it was hoped that the executive would approve all those members of the old branch to become members of the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League, Norwood (Alberta) No. 178 Branch.”

This meant that even the members who were paid up and fully -fledged before the official incorporation of the branch, had now to re-apply for membership if everything was to be strictly legal and correct.

Application forms for membership were filed immediately by the following who were present at the meeting that evening: Michael Syrotuck, John Stetsko, William Orobko, Peter Lupul, William Poohkay, Mary Syrotuck, Steve Petasky (Honorary), Lawrence Sachkiw, Nick Tomy, Joe Dascavich (Honorary), William Burianyk, Peter Greschuk, Jerry Warawa, A.J. Preston, John Kuchar, W. Skitsko, Orest Zarsky, N.W. Marchyshyn, A.J. Charnetski, Walter Romaniuk, William Malanchuk and M. Fedoruk.

The April meeting was chaired by Second Vice-President Nestor Marchyshyn. After the ritual was read, a minute of silence observed and the minutes adopted, the Chairman appointed Dr. Bob Svarich as the Initiation Officer for the ceremony of admission of new members that was to follow. Alex Wynnychuk was appointed acting Sergeant-at-Arms since Tom Preston was absent.

The first member inducted was Nestor Marchyshyn. He then initiated the following as new members: Alex Wynnychuk, S.S. Petasky (Honorary), Nick Tomy, Walter Bilinske, Alex Charnetski, William Burianyk, John A. Roberts, Joe Gurba, Bill Malanchuk, Peter Lupul, Joe Dascavich (Honorary), Nestor

Hryvnak, Mary Syrotuck, Martin Bodnar, J. Drebot, Orest Zarsky, Edward Tomick, Walter Romaniuk, William Poohkay and Peter Walusko.

It was decided not to send a delegate to the Canadian Legion Dominion Convention being held in Toronto in August, but to send a proxy from our branch via one of the delegates attending from Kingsway branch. The Bingo duty roster was organized with a captain responsible for each group of six workers and each captain reporting directly to the Bingo chairman.

The May meeting began with two Firestone films "Indianapolis Speedway" and "Tubeless Tires," very much enjoyed by all. Building estimates, although not very precise at this time, were coming in and seemed to be in the \$80,000.00 range. A discussion took place on committee expenses and the meeting agreed on the following guidelines: any committee chairman could spend up to \$10.00 when he felt there was a need. Sums larger than that would require approval from the president and the treasurer. Sums over \$25.00 would require approval from the executive committee.

It was suggested that minutes of executive meetings should be read at general meetings for information of the membership at large.

A Special Projects committee was formed, headed by Nestor Marchyshyn. Its mandate was to explore all possible means available to us to raise funds for the new building. Possibilities explored included: a booth at the Edmonton Exhibition, door-to-door solicitation, seeking donations from business firms, raffles, smokers, barbeques, car bingos and a powerful membership drive.

A letter received from the City of Edmonton indicated that they would issue us a building permit instantly, provided we could commence construction no later than May 31, 1955. The other side of the contract stipulated that if we were in default and had not begun construction, we would have to return the land to the City. The executive committee agreed to accept the terms of the contract and it was quickly signed and returned.

Title to the land was received in July and a building committee was formed at the August meeting. The building committee was chaired by Louis Slipec with Nestor Marchyshyn, Bill Malanchuk, Bill Fedoruk and William Kuzyk. Patrick Campbell - Hope and Associates were chosen as the architects for our building and produced some preliminary sketches and a cost estimate of \$85,000.00. They also pointed out that we were facing a serious problem with the city with regard to parking in that the city would require more off-street parking than we had available. The answer would be the acquisition of more land or a much smaller building.

The fund-raising committee was organizing a campaign to bring in more money and donations were being solicited. A plan to sell debentures was being discussed while a Television Raffle Committee, consisting of Bill Fedoruk, Peter Lupul and John Roberts was formed. A brand-name T.V. set was purchased, displayed in the window at Dominion Hardware while the members sold tickets for it. Final results showed a net profit of \$385.85.

The possibility of a turkey shoot being a fund-raiser was brought to the meeting by Ed Tomick. He was asked to provide more information and John Roberts and Nestor Marchyshyn were added to a committee that he would head. Peter Lupul was asked to investigate the possibility of holding our bingos at the Rainbow Ballroom and reported that arrangements were coming along well. A short time later, our first bingo night at the Rainbow was announced to be September 1, 1954 and proved to be very successful, at least financially, netting \$321.25!

It didn't take long for the South Side Branch to take issue with the Norwood Branch regarding the present bingo arrangements. Since the Rainbow Hall is located within the South Side Legion territory, they considered this an invasion of their domain. It was due to this pressure and also to staffing problems and the fact that Wednesday nights were less than ideal for our branch, that the Rainbow Ballroom bingos were eventually dropped.

Still on the subject of bingos, it was reported that the Bellevue Community League was giving up their car bingos at the Edmonton Gardens and that our branch should research this. President John Stetsko, Peter Lupul, Alex Wynnychuk and Walter Romaniuk were formed into a committee to reconnoitre and report back about what they learned. Their mission was two-fold - find out about the possibility of inheriting this car bingo and, secondly, learn all they could about the techniques and administration required to "put it over."

Alex Wynnychuk was appointed to the executive committee by President John Stetsko. Reverend Father Bonifore Sloboda, O.S.B.M., was appointed as the Greek Catholic Padre of the branch. Correspondence from the Taxation Division of Revenue Canada informed us that donations to the branch were deductible from personal Income Tax. After much discussion it was decided to withdraw from the Monday-night bingos at the U.N. Hall due to diminishing returns and a heavy strain on our manpower.

In November, the re-drawn building plans were reviewed with the suggested changes in place and much discussion followed. The revised cost estimate was \$106,000.00. As the overwhelmingly busy year of 1954 drew to a close, the printing of our by-laws was discussed and a very successful Poppy campaign was concluded. The Remembrance Day parade was held as usual on November 11 and was followed by an open house reception at the Kingsway branch hall.

The Ladies Auxiliary were holding their bazaar which was becoming an annual affair and were planning a Christmas Party for the children. Peter Lupul and Walter Romaniuk were charged with the responsibility of auditing the Ladies Auxiliary books.

Donations to the two Ukrainian churches were repeated, the membership fee for 1955 was discussed thoroughly and set at \$ 5.00, a New Year's Dance was being planned and a nominating committee consisting of John Stetsko, Nestor Marchyshyn and Peter Lupul was formed. Due to the very heavy schedule, the Election of Officers was moved to the first meeting in the new year.

The Wednesday, January 12, 1955 meeting was highlighted by the Nominating Committee report. The election was chaired by Peter Greschuk with Steve Petasky as Secretary. John Stetsko was re-elected to the presidency with Orest Zarsky becoming First Vice-President and William Fedoruk as Second Vice-President. Bill Poohkay was re-elected the Secretary and Walter Romaniuk was re-elected Treasurer. Nestor Hryvnaк was chosen as Sergeant-at-Arms.

Elected to the Executive Committee were John Kuchar, Bob Svarich, Steve Lopatynski, Peter Lupul, Mike Osinchuk, Nick Trook, Alex Wynnuchuk, Peter Walusko, Martin Bodnar and Nick Tonym. Martin Bodnar was appointed chairman of the Ways and Means Committee and was to select his own committee members. Thirty-three members attended this meeting.

1955 EXECUTIVE



From left to right, FRONT ROW: Wm. Poohkay, Secretary, O. Zarsky, 1st Vice President; Col. M. Syrotuck, Past President; J. Stetsko, President; Wm. Fedoruk, 2nd Vice President; W. Romaniuk, Treasurer; P. Lupul.
BACK ROW: J. Kuchar, M. Osinchuk, S. Lopatynski, P. Walusko, M. Bodnar, A. Wynnuchuk, N. Tonym, N. Hryvnaк, Sergeant at Arms.

The installation of Officers was held at the M.H. Hall on March 14 in conjunction with a Stag Party. Entertainment was provided by the Harmony Kids.

At following executive meetings, car bingos were often the main topic of discussion although no decisions were made until later in the year. There were suggestions by some members that the Attorney-General's department should be consulted regarding car bingo requirements. As the year wore on, various dates were suggested and finally June 22 was chosen as a definite date. We were sharing this bingo, being held at the Sales Pavilion, with the Knights of Columbus. Profits or losses were to be shared equally with each club supplying



First Bingo Car Winner - June 22, 1955
Keys presented by President John Stetsko and Martin Bodnar, Bingo Chairman

all possible workers. Two cars were featured and the net result was a profit of \$400.00 for our branch.

Having whetted our appetites with this "big" money, we made further bookings at the Sales Pavilion for future bingos on October 14, November 23 and December 30. The October bingo was to be a replay of the June success, shared with the Knights of Columbus and featuring two cars. Another opportunity appeared for us to take part in a two-car bingo on September 7, however we were unable to muster the necessary help on very short notice so we had to pass it up.

The November 23 bingo was a three-car effort and proved to be very successful, raising approximately \$ 2,700.00. Bingo committee chairman Martin Bodnar was congratulated for this success. Suggestions from members forecast even greater success if our bingo admission tickets had a wider distribution. This was remedied by appointing agents in Vegreville and Radway in addition to Mike's Newsstand, Danny's Service Station, Boulevard Auto Service and the Hub Cigar Store.

The December 30 car bingo was planned to be a four-car bingo with only 12 games to be played. Only 5,500 tickets were to be printed and the Ladies Auxiliaries of both the Knights of Columbus and the Norwood Legion branch were asked to supply fifteen workers each. Again profits, if any, or losses were to be shared equally by both organizations. At the last minute, due to very bad winter weather, the bingo was postponed to January 11th when it was a very successful event. Plans were being laid for a five-car bingo on February 24, 1956.



3-Car Bingo Winners at the Sales Pavillon, Edmonton. Martin Bodnar, Bingo Chairman, with winners: Joe Dudek, Miss Fisk, and Mr. and Mrs. John Holayachuk.

Early in the year a report from the building committee given by Peter Greschuk outlined a fund-raising organization being formed whose sole purpose was to follow a canvassing plan sketched at an earlier meeting by Mary Syrotuck. This committee was to be known as the "Norwood Legion Building Fund Appeal" and would be made up of Peter Greschuk as Honorary Chairman, branch president John Stetsko as the chairman and William Sereda as the vice-chairman. Ed Sully became the secretary of the committee with Peter Miskew as assistant secretary. Comrade Steve Lopatynski was the group's treasurer while Mary Syrotuck was the canvassing co-ordinator.

Other members of the committee were Comrades John Esaiw, William Kostash, Mike Syrotuck, Dr. William Orobko, George Chornell, Orest Demco, Alex Charnetski and Bob Svarich. Three Divisional Captains were appointed, namely Walter Romaniuk, Peter Walusko and Eugene Plawiuk. John Gulayets later replaced William Kostash on the Committee. Campaign kits were being prepared by Bob Svarich.

The aim of this committee was to raise \$ 50,000.00 by canvassing businesses and individuals, door-to-door during the month of May, the date later being extended to June 30. A financial report tabled by the committee later in the year showed only moderate success with \$ 7,700.00 raised, but plans were made to continue the effort at a later date.

1955 was quickly becoming another very busy year. The Ladies Auxiliary were planning a Spring Tea, a successful Decoration Day was held, and since this was a Jubilee Year for Alberta (1905-1955), there were many celebrations to participate in. A \$50.00 donation was authorized to be given to the local branch of the Canadian Ukrainian Committee to help out with their float which would be part of the Jubilee Day parade.

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Norwood Branch No. 178

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NORWOOD LEGION BUILDING FUND APPEAL

OBJECTIVE \$50,000 — MAY 1 - 31, 1955

Dear Friend:

May we take this opportunity of acquainting you with the NORWOOD LEGION BUILDING FUND APPEAL sponsored by our organization, The Canadian Legion British Empire Service League Norwood (Alberta) Branch 178. By this appeal our branch is endeavouring to raise by public subscription the sum of \$50,000.00 in the City of Edmonton during the month of May, 1955 to cover a substantial portion of the cost of constructing a Legion hall in this city to house our branch.

As you are undoubtedly aware the basic unit of the Canadian Legion is the Legion branch and it is through its branches that members have worked to carry out and fulfill the aims and objects of the Canadian Legion, to perform welfare work for veterans and their dependents and to render public and community service. For the past few years, due in part to the extraordinary growth of this city new and heavier demands have been made upon the services of Legion branches, including our branch and we have found it very difficult, in the basement of rented premises, to serve the public and the community and to engage in activities which would lead to greater achievements. To correct this unsatisfactory situation the members of our branch have decided to launch this campaign for public donations and contributions to be known as NORWOOD LEGION BUILDING FUND APPEAL.

We wish to point out that our Legion branch is a non-profit organization and operates solely from funds obtained from membership fees, projects sponsored by the branch and contributions and donations made by the public spirited citizens, firms and friends of the Legion. To date from funds raised by our own projects, we have purchased 3 lots for our building site at a cost of \$10,000.00 and \$50,000.00 is urgently required to pay for a part of the cost of a Legion building to be constructed on said lots.

We are fully aware of the fact that you may be extremely busy with many other matters and activities but would indeed be deeply grateful if you would give our canvassers a few moments of your valuable time when they call and make a generous contribution to enable our branch to meet its objective, continue to serve their fellow citizens and to promote the welfare of our country to the best of our ability.

Contributions to the NORWOOD LEGION BUILDING FUND APPEAL may be claimed as charitable donations for income tax purposes. Give generously.

Yours faithfully,

NORWOOD LEGION BUILDING FUND APPEAL COMMITTEE,

J. STETSKO, Chairman.

E. W. SULLY, Secretary.



Discussions were taking place with a Bill Matichuk with the intent of the branch purchasing his property at 11549-95th Street. A negotiating committee comprised of Comrades John Stetsko, Peter Lupul, Bill Fedoruk and Peter Walusko was empowered to investigate the property, and if they felt that everything was in order, to make an offer to purchase. The property was purchased and Comrades Joe Dascavich, John Kuchar and John Roberts were elected to be the Trustees who would hold the title on behalf of the branch.

Word was received that the two resolutions submitted by our branch to the Provincial Command at the Provincial Convention were forwarded to the Dominion Command.

The branch took part in the Remembrance Day parade on November 11 as usual; plans were being made for a New Year's Dance at the M.H. Hall on December 31; members took part in the Polio Drive again this year, and a cologne draw was organized by Peter Walusko.

A Christmas donation for patient comforts amounting to \$ 100.00 was made to the Colonel Mewburn Pavilion at the University Hospital and the year came to a close with the selection of the Nominating Committee, consisting of Comrades Walter Romaniuk, William Poohkay and John Kuchar.

The Election of Officers for the year 1956 was planned for January 10, which was a Tuesday and not a normal meeting night, the regular Wednesday meeting night having been sacrificed to the postponed bingo. The Nominating Committee reported difficulties in filling the offices of Secretary and Treasurer and suggested to the executive that perhaps the branch should consider hiring a competent secretary-manager who could act as an employee of the branch.

His Honour, Justice Peter Greschuk was officially honored by members of the branch and presented a gift. The occasion was his recent appointment to the Bench of the Supreme Court. His congratulatory messages included sentiments that expressed our pride in his accomplishments and wishes for his continued success.

At the January 10 meeting Entertainment Committee Chairman John Kuchar announced that the New Year's Party was a great social success even though the branch suffered a \$50.00 loss! This year's Polio Campaign plans were made, the following becoming Team Captains: Comrades Joe Stepa, Peter Walusko, Joe Gurba, Sam Kravenchuk, Walter Kuchar, Joe Dascavich, Peter Ukrainetz, J. Linkewiech, Alex Bayrak, Orest Zarsky, William Poohkay and John Kuchar.

The Election of Officers followed with Ed Tomick as Chairman and Bill Poohkay as Secretary. Walter Romaniuk, chairman of the Nominating Committee presented their slate for 1956, the following being elected to office: President, Nestor Marchyshyn; Vice-President, Louis Slipec; Second Vice-President, Orest Zarsky; Secretary, Bill Poohkay; Treasurer, Walter Romaniuk; Sergeant-at-Arms, Sam Kravenchuk.

The Executive Committee, elected by acclamation, was composed of the

following members: Comrades Martin Bodnar, Alex Bayrak, W. Kulchisky, Peter Lupul, Mike Osinchuk, Joe Stepa, Nick Tomy, Peter Walusko and Alex Wynnchuk.

At the January Executive meeting, held at the home of President Nestor Marchyshyn, Lucas and Baziuk were recommended as the Auditors for the branch, the annual honoraria of \$25.00 each for the Secretary and Treasurer were approved and adjusted to \$50.00 for the year 1955 just ended. Future bingo bookings were discussed, a smoker was planned and a motion to send a delegate to the Dominion Convention in Vancouver was defeated..

The Executive Committee, during their first meeting of the year approved sixteen Honorary Members and set the limit at twenty-five. Those approved were: Joe Dascavich, Mike Chilibeck, Steve Petasky, Peter Sachkiw, Peter Miskew, William Sereda, Joe Achtem, George Chornell, Joe Melnychuk, Frank Jacknicke, William Michalchuk, John Esaiw, Orest Demco, Dr. John Smulski, Mayor William Hawrelak, Dmytro Yanda and John Welykochy.

The Installation of Officers for 1956 was held on February 13 at the M.H. Hall. It was a joint installation with the Officers of the Ladies Auxiliary being installed at the same time. After the formal part of the evening, entertainment and refreshments were served and some dancing followed. It was a bitterly cold winter night, however the minutes express the sentiment that those who missed it will regret it and will not miss it next time.

Despite all this action, two activities stand out in 1956 — those concerned with the building and those concerned with the bingo.

The first major bingo of the season was held on April 4 and was solely

FIRST 6 - CAR BINGO SPONSORED BY NORWOOD - April 4, 1956



Winner congratulated by Nestor Marchyshyn, President, and Peter Lupul, Bingo Chairman

managed by the branch with additional help from the Ladies Auxiliary and the Goodwill Club. \$500.00 was offered to any other organization that could field 30 workers. Six cars were featured, the admission was \$5.00 and only 12 games were played. 6,500 admission tickets were printed. The retail value of the prizes was over \$28,000.00! The bingo Chairman was Peter Lupul with Nestor Marchyshyn as Vice-chairman and Walter Romaniuk as the Treasurer. Entertainment was provided by the Harmony Kids. The Edmonton Gardens were filled to overflowing and the Finance Committee rubbed their hands with glee.

Another bingo was booked for June 13 but had to be moved to the 15th because of a Soccer game at Clarke Stadium. Members of St. John's Young People's Club and the Greek Catholic Men's Club were asked to supply workers for this and future events. Another bingo was held on September 5, this one being a ten-car bingo, and it was repeated on November 28. All were successful. The November 28 bingo was helped by the Olympic Sportsmen's Club with additional help from St. John's Young People's Club and from St. Josaphat's Men's Club.



FIRST 10 - CAR BINGO - September 5, 1956

Edmonton's greatest Car Bingo, sponsored by the Norwood Branch, Canadian Legion at Edmonton Gardens. Legionnaires, left to right: W. Romaniuk, M. Osinchuk, A.B. Svarich, P. Lupul, O. Zarsky, S. Kravenchuk, N. Marchyshyn, A. Bayrak and N. Tomyn
ENTERTAINMENT BY THE HARMONY KIDS.

On December 19 a Bingo was held for the Associated Canadian Travellers and their Crippled Children's Fund and for the Boysdale Camp. Bellevue Community League were pitching in to help. This one grossed over \$45,000.00! Instead of simply handing over the earnings to the charities concerned, the branch decided that it could get more well-earned publicity if they made a presentation at a dinner meeting to which the press was invited. This included



CHARITABLE DONATIONS – January 5, 1957

NORWOOD LEGION PRESENTS \$10,304

Cheques for \$5,152 each were presented to the Associated Canadian Travellers Crippled Children's Fund and the Boysdale Camp during a ceremony at Norwood Branch of the Canadian Legion in Edmonton, Alberta. Left to right: Charles Simmonds, receiving the cheque for the camp; Lt. Col. M. Syrotuck; N.W. Marchyshyn, branch president; Peter Lupul, bingo committee chairman; and Ed Bell, president of the Travellers group.

radio, television stations as well as newspapers. The presentations were made at the Seven Seas Restaurant on Jasper Avenue with the Boysdale Camp and the Crippled Children's Fund each receiving \$5,152.50.

Still in connection with our bingos, minutes of the October 24 meeting report discussion regarding bingo customer Pasek who had won a car fraudulently at the September 5 bingo. The discussion was concerned with the publicity that the branch could stir up and whether or not Pasek should be pursued and the car recovered. It was decided that this was a legal matter and should be handled by our legal advisors.

Lands and buildings took up much time during our meetings in 1956. The sketch plans made by Patrick Campbell-Hope and Associates were approved and a motion at the April meeting of the branch authorized the architects to move ahead and prepare detailed plans. The Building Committee wrote the city of Edmonton to request an extension of the start-to-build date to allow more time for the approval of blueprints, fundraising etc. The contract with the architects was signed on June 6.

The Treasurer reported at this time that we had a cash-on-hand balance of about \$36,000.00! All the branches bank accounts were consolidated into one with signing authority given to the President, Treasurer and Secretary, since until now, certain committees had worked with their own treasurers and their own banks.



Executive and members present at the Charitable Donations Luncheon – January 5, 1957.

The Executive meeting of June 28 was held at the Beulah Tabernacle at 10665-98th Street. The purpose of the meeting was to show the members the Tabernacle with the intention of soliciting their opinions and feelings as to whether the branch should consider buying this building and using it as the Legion Hall.

The asking price was \$40,000.00 if terms were required, or \$33,000.00 if cash. After much deliberation it was moved by Comrade Joe Stepa and seconded by Comrade Kulchisky "that the Treasurer be authorized to issue a deposit of \$1,000.00 towards the purchase of Beulah Tabernacle providing that the following condition were approved." The conditions referred to concerned City Zoning By-laws, Liquor Board approval, a structural engineer's report, approval by the general membership of the branch and a purchase price that was acceptable to all.

A Special General Meeting of the members was held at the National Hall on July 4, 1956. The reason for the meeting was to thoroughly discuss the Beulah Tabernacle purchase and reach a decision. Initial findings by the Building Committee were favorable. The City had no objections and the taxes were very reasonable. Although no mortgage companies were interested, they would loan money if necessary.

Members had to decide if the building was suitable, too big or too small, and how much would it cost to renovate to our requirements?

A motion followed, suggesting that the members vote by secret ballot and that the voting period be extended to include the next general meeting on July 11, giving everyone ample time to decide and cast his ballot. The motion was carried unanimously.

At the July 11 meeting, attended by thirty members, the president presented



FIRST NORWOOD LEGION BUILDING – BEULAH TABERNACLE
10665 - 98 Street, Edmonton – Purchased on July 23, 1956

additional information regarding the Beulah building which had been received from the City Architect's department, City Building permit department and from a professional engineer that we had consulted. The ballot box was open until 11:00 P.M.

When the ballots were counted, the branch became the owner of a new Legion Hall — possession date was July 23.

Vice-President Louis Slipec was in the chair when the August general meeting was called to order. "Welcome to your own hall! After ten years of planning, financial hurdles and what have you, this is a joyous occasion!"

There was a tremendous amount of work to be done, however, before the Beulah Tabernacle could become our home. Heating and ventilation had to be reviewed and updated, emergency exits were needed, a dance floor had to be provided and bathroom facilities were inadequate. The Credit Union was approached to pave the way for a possible loan application while Patrick Campbell-Hope and Associates were notified of our change in plans and asked to stop work on their drawings.

Plans were being made to dispose of the lots at 11549-95th Street as soon as possible and a full-time caretaker was required to look after the new premises. Walter Romaniuk was appointed temporary caretaker. The pews were quickly

sold to the Roman Catholic Arch-diocese for \$2,500.00.

At the December Executive meeting, William Boytzun presented architectural plans for the renovations that we needed. These were reviewed and approved, then submitted to the City for their approval.

As the winter of 1956 slowly brought the year to its end, the members looked back on many successful bingos and much activity in the land and building department. The two lots on 95th street were still in our possession and much renovation and expansion was awaiting us in the "new" building in the new year but much progress had been made.

We must not, however, overlook the many other activities that were successfully completed during the year. It had been a busy time! The Polio Campaign house-to-house canvas produced over \$2,000.00. The Membership Committee launched a Membership and Attendance Drive and the results were becoming evident. The 25 cents-per-member attendance Pool was reaffirmed and John Motyl became the eighteenth Honorary Member. The Children's Picnic, sponsored by all the Edmonton branches of the Legion at Victoria Park on July 22nd, was successful again and the Legion Golf Tournament in Innisfail, August 19 was attended by a goodly number of our members.

Added to the above, we made a donation of \$200.00 to enable Comrade Corporal Philip Konoval V.C. of Ottawa to travel to England to attend the Victoria Cross Centennial at Buckingham Palace, as well as \$50.00 to the Cross of Sacrifice at Beechmont Cemetery.

We wished a fond farewell to Orthodox Padre Reverend A. Chrustawka, presenting him with a gift by which he would remember us, had a very successful Decoration Day at Edmonton Cemetery on August 26 where many members turned out to help decorate the graves, attended the November 11 Remembrance Day Parade as always, and, just for good measure a group of members made a goodwill trip to Winnipeg to visit Legion Branch #141 there, then booked the M.H. Hall in preparation for our New Year's Dance and held a successful Christmas Tree Party on December 16.

All this being accomplished, we closed the year by electing the Nominating Committee consisting of Louis Slipec, Orest Zarsky and Mike Syrotuck.

The annual meeting for 1957 was held on January 9, with thirty-eight members attending. Bill Sereda conducted the elections with Bill Poohkay as Secretary. The following were elected, all by acclamation: President, Nestor Marchyshyn; First Vice-President, Walter Bilinske; Second Vice-President, Wm. Letwenuk; Secretary, Bill Poohkay; Treasurer, Walter Romaniuk; Sergeant-at-Arms, Steve Lopatynski. Mike Syrotuck was elected to position of Past-President Ex-officio.

Making up the Executive Committee for 1957 were: Eugene Plawiuk, Joe Stepa, Alec Bayrak, Peter Lupul, Sam Kravenchuk, Nick Tomyn, John Kuchar, George Andrews, Peter Walusko and Louis Slipec. Sam Kravenchuk was elected Steward.

The annual meeting raised the honoraria for the Secretary and Treasurer to \$150.00 per year. Justice Peter Greschuk was elected to head the Advisory Committee, picking his own committeemen. Rev. Michael Fyk and Father Sloboda were confirmed as our Padres and Nestor Marchyshyn was made our representative to the Canadian Ukrainian Committee. Lucas and Baziuk were appointed as our auditors and Sully and Trofimiuk were retained as our legal advisors and solicitors.

The Nominating Committee suggested that some thought be given to electing only six members to the Executive Committee each year and having them serve two-year terms. The suggestion was tabled for future consideration.

The Installation was held at the M.H. Hall on February 2 with Comrade Bob Svarich as the Master of Ceremonies and Comrade Colonel Brown as the Installing Officer. Honorary President, His Worship Mayor William Hawrelak, and Honorary Vice-President Justice Peter Greschuk were in attendance, as were representatives from all five Legion Branches in the city and their Auxiliaries, together with a representative from the Alberta Provincial Command. Joe Stepa was charged with the responsibility of organizing the Installation and Nick Ochotta photographed the proceedings.

After the Installation, the Mayor was asked to speak and he took a few minutes to outline the responsibilities and duties of people on the executive and their relationship to the general body. The meeting was officially closed, the colours were retired and the group enjoyed a "perfect" smorgasbord, followed by dancing.

WHEELING AND DEALING

If 1956 was a busy year, 1957 needs a new adjective, perhaps strenuous, or maybe even horrendous, because "busier" just doesn't seem to cover it!

The full complement of activities that were participated in last year were repeated with a few new ones added for good measure, but the "heaviest" activity was again in the building, real estate and land areas, these not taking anything away from a very active series of bingos!

The Polio Drive had lost some of its polish because of a shortage of canvassers, realizing only \$1,358.18. The executive committee suggested that a bingo be held for the Polio appeal and this was done later in the year. We held a Stag on March 27th and raised a few dollars, donated \$100.00 to the Red Cross, and approved and sent Bill Letweniuk as our delegate to the Provincial Convention in Lethbridge, June 9th to 12th.

A Hospital Committee was formed, chaired by Steve Lopatynski. Social Chairman Joe Stepa organized a "Klondike Night" for April with a smorg, refreshments, games and a film. The Membership Chairman, William Poohkay, reported 125 paid-up members and the Treasurer reported a bank balance of \$49,794.28.

A "Sinking Fund", comprised of 10% of all monies earned at bingos, starting with the April 1957 bingo, was approved, the deposit to be held with the Ukrainian Credit Union. A "Store" Committee was set up to sell Legion articles such as berets, buttons, darts, etc. Sam Kravenchuk volunteered to be the Legion delegate to the annual meeting of the Canadian Ukrainian Committee in Edmonton on April 12th. He advised us that they appreciated the Legion "presence."

Citizenship Week was observed May 13 to 18 with a parade on the 17. Our branch took part, Alex Bayrak being our volunteer flag bearer. William Fedoruk was appointed to chair an Action Committee with powers to pick his own members, the job being to study and possibly involve our branch in Veteran's Memorial Day celebrations, in which we had not participated heretofore.

With the rush in activities and the need for decisions, the Executive Committee was meeting almost every week, often with special meetings in between. Joe Stepa reported that since our members were requesting more social functions, he planned a Social Night for June 8 and August 24. These were approved by motion with a suggestion that they be self-supporting.

July 21 saw another successful picnic for the kiddies, held in Victoria Park. It was our branch's responsibility to handle the soft drinks and ten volunteers were required. Those taking the job were Comrades Kravenchuk, Slipec, Dascavich, Moisy, Poohkay, Stepa, Ukrainetz, Madok, Andrishak and Romaniuk.

Our branch also undertook to help with the Dominion Convention being held at the Alberta College Auditorium, May 25 to 29, 1958. The Convention Committee volunteers from the executive committee were Walter Romaniuk, Nestor Marchyshyn and Sam Kravenchuk with Dr. William Orobko and Mike Syrotuck being chosen from the general membership.

Decoration Day and the dedication of the Cross of Sacrifice at Beechmont Cemetery were well-organized for Sunday, August 25. Our branch supplied the work party in the morning and supplied the Color Party for the impressive dedication that took place in the afternoon. Steve Lopatynski was appointed chairman of the Sports Committee and charged with organizing a Curling Club and a Dart Club. A call went out for participants. More Socials were planned for November 30 (Grey Cup Day) and December 16 — as it happened, the December Social becoming the last function that our branch would hold in this Legion (Beulah) Hall!

Plans for our annual Poppy Day canvas to take place on November 9 and to cover 111th and 118th Avenues, were pleasantly boosted by a letter from the Catholic Youth Unity, offering us their help. They supplied twenty volunteer "taggers" for the day and the net result was a very gratifying \$14,000.00! These funds were earmarked for veterans-in-hospital comforts and other needy people.

The Remembrance Day parade was another success, the annual children's Christmas Party was planned and the M.H. Hall was booked for the annual New Year's dance since our own hall was not in condition to hold such a function.

Added to this was the rumor that the Cenotaph was to be moved and this piece of detective work was assigned to Comrade Walter Bilinske. A donation of \$50.00 was made to the Canadian Ukrainian Committee, our own honoraria for the Secretary and Treasurer were confirmed and a Nominating Committee was formed.

The 1957 Building Committee, ably chaired by Louis Slipec, was having a career of its own! Their agenda was full and about to overflow!

Estimates from contractors for the restoration and renovation of the Beulah Tabernacle building were coming in and were proving to be much higher than expected! Discussions at Executive Committee weekly meetings and at Special Meetings of the Building Committee were slowly evolving the thought that perhaps we might not really get "our money's worth" out of this renovation. Someone suggested that the problem of high estimates was caused by incomplete or deficient plans, so it was back to the drawing board! William Stroich offered his services and promised to have a thorough look at the building and report back to the Building Committee on his findings. He also offered to look after providing detailed plans so that more accurate and precise cost estimates could be made by the bidding contractors.

Having made his study he reported that the hall needed more repair than was first evident. The south wall was in bad condition and repairing it would be costly. More joists were needed under the floor and the whole building needed to be raised off the ground. All the window sash needed replacing, soon to be followed with a roof replacement. The Building Committee asked for more bids as a result of more detailed plans, however there was no improvement in the estimated price when compared with the original bids. Estimates were over \$40,000.00, some suggesting that perhaps \$70,000.00 was more realistic. This news was hard to take. It was agreed that further discussion on renovations and firm bids should be tabled to another meeting.

The next item on the agenda for this same meeting was a report presented under "New Business" by Comrade Walter Bilinske.

He had been doing some investigating on his own and had located several areas with vacant lots that might be available for us, and suggested that we might consider two alternatives that he had in mind. The first was land south of 112th avenue at 90th street, the second south of 112th avenue west of 82nd street, east of the tracks.

After much discussion, some doubt was cast on the availability of the land on 90th street, it having been zoned as park area, besides, an overwhelming number of members at this general meeting favored the 82nd street location. When the meeting adjourned, the Executive Committee was empowered "to take such steps as necessary to immediately acquire from the City of Edmonton the new proposed site for our Legion Building at 112th avenue and 82nd street."

This motion placed the Building Committee in an interesting position. We still had the land on 95th street, we had renovation plans for our present hall on 98th

street, and now we were actively negotiating with the City for more land!

It was soon obvious that the members really wanted the new site. A Special Executive Meeting was called five days later, March 18 to discuss the situation. The decisions made were that the present hall on 98th street should be listed for sale at about \$39,000.00 and that the 95th street property should be listed at \$7,900.00. Comrade Louis Slipec was reconfirmed as the Building Committee chairman and Patrick Campbell-Hope were once again retained as our Architects and asked to re-draw the plans that they had once started, to fit into the new location. The meeting was informed that Comrade William Hawrelak, our Honorary President would act on our behalf at the City Council meeting to be held on March 25 at 8:00 P.M.

Following midnight-oil meetings discussed kitchen facilities, club rooms, games rooms, board rooms, caretaker's quarters, the size of the auditorium and whether construction should be concrete block or frame. Suggestions that the building should be a split-level design were communicated to the architect's office and were advised that "he was working on it." A patio might be nice, and, oh yes, the stage should be large enough to accommodate an Installation of Officers ceremony comfortably!

Negotiations with the City having been completed, we were advised that we had purchased .79 acres of land at \$7,500.00 an acre. This was a shock as this was much too small for our purpose. Our ideas were forwarded to our architect who promised to talk to the Town Planner with the suggestion that we acquire all the land between 82nd street and the tracks, and from 112th avenue to the ravine. The decision on this point was handed to us in May, confirming that we could have a total of 1.09 acres, leaving the City the bus-turnaround and the parkland on the banks of the ravine. Taxes on the new property were relinquished for one year.

The July meeting appointed Comrade Sam Kravenchuk chairman of his own committee to obtain all possible information with regard to Alberta Liquor Control Board requirements after we took possession of the new premises. A resolution was passed urging fast action on the house and lot on 95th street and on our present premises on 98th street and a Selling Committee consisting of Comrades Bilinske, Marchyshyn and Romaniuk was formed.

Plans for a sod-turning ceremony were presented by Publicity Chairman Comrade Bill Letwenuk. Although very tentative at this time, Sunday, September 21 was the date chosen, and representatives from the Provincial and Dominion Commands were to be invited, as was His Worship the Mayor and our Padres. Tea in our hall would be served following the ceremony.

Bids for the new building were opened on August 26, 1957 and covered a range from \$97,471.00 as the low to \$116,991.36 for the main structure. Mechanical contract bids averaged \$50,000.00 and the Electrical bids averaged \$15,000.00. A discussion with the architects followed and it was decided to delay a few days before the decision of accepting any bids was made. An

Executive meeting was planned for later in the week at which the bids would be thoroughly discussed. The biggest concern was the projected high cost of the mechanical part of the building. The architects explained that our building was actually designed with two heating systems and that re-designing or changing the plans would not be advisable.

The outcome of this meeting was that A.M. Anderson & Son was chosen as our General Contractor, with J.M. McKenzie Electrical as the Electrical Contractor and George S. Villeneuve as the Mechanical Contractor.

The meeting also discussed the liquidation of the other properties again, suggesting that our selling price be adjusted to \$7,000.00 for the 95th Street property and \$30,000.00 for the 98th street hall. There was some difficulty experienced with the people occupying the 95th street house in that they refused to vacate the premises by our deadline date and eviction proceedings were initiated.

FIRST NORWOOD LEGION BUILDING BEULAH TABERNACLE 10665 - 98 Street FOR SALE!



LEGION BUILDING

11156 - 82 Street, Edmonton



At the Norwood Branch Sod turning ceremony which took place on Sunday, September 21, 1957, Mayor Wm. Hawrelak "digs in" while branch president Nestor Marchyshyn and Rev. M. Fyk watch. — *The beginning of the New!*

Excavation began in September in the Auditorium area. The executive committee requested that the general meeting ratify their actions with regard to the acquisition of the property and all other actions relevant to the building program. There were forty-eight members present at this meeting and the vote was a unanimous "yes."

By October the forms were down for the Lounge, the water was in and the sub-floor was laid in the auditorium. Plumbing and electrical work had been started and Comrade Joe Stepa was doing progress photography with his movie camera.

Before the month ended we had received the Title to the new property and had received ALCB approval. The first payment of \$13,934.00 was also due and paid quickly, minus the hold-back.

Norwood Sod - Turning Ceremony

By W. (BILL) LETWENUK

On Sunday, September 21st, 1957, at 2:30 p.m., an estimated 150 people, together with a hard core of Legion and local dignitaries, including His Worship Mayor Hawrelak, gathered at 82nd Street and 112th Avenue in Edmonton on the site of the new Norwood Legion Memorial Hall, for a sod-turning ceremony.

It was a beautiful afternoon. The fall sun was shining brightly, and the 1.3 acres of land featuring the beginnings of a new \$160,000 building was overrun with activity as Legion members, their wives, and friends looked over the excavations and footings. Nearby CFRN's T.V. and private cameras were trained on the ceremonial enclosure preparatory to the program starting and everywhere Legion members were already visualizing the completed buildings consisting of a large auditorium connected to a clubroom and executive offices section. For them Sunday was a great day!

In particular it was a momentous occasion for Comrade Col. Michael Syrotuck, who was the Norwood Legion's first president when the branch was formed eleven years ago as No. 178 "This day," said Col. Syrotuck as he joined Col. Ted Brown before the cameras, "is the beginning of an era of building after a decade of planning."

The assembly was called to order by Master of Ceremonies, Branch Solicitor Edward Sully who asked Branch Padre Very Rev. M. Fyk to read the opening ritual. Branch Padre Father Jean then blessed the grounds.

Present and introduced were The Hon. Mr. Justice Peter Greschuk, honorary vice-president of the branch; His Worship Mayor Hawrelak, representing the City of Edmonton; Ted Brown, past president of the Provincial Command; Nestor Marchyshyn, President of the Norwood Legion branch No. 178; Col. Syrotuck, past president of the Norwood Branch; Louis Slipec, representing the building committee; and Campbell-Hope and Co., representing the Architects.

First to address the gathering was Ted Brown, past president of the Provincial Command, who congratulated the branch upon its fine record. The speaker pointed out that, although small in numbers, the Norwood Branch was motivated by members who were hard working and "big-minded" and wished them luck in their new venture.

Mayor Hawrelak was then presented with a gold-painted shovel by President Nestor Marchyshyn for the symbolic "zero-hour" of "operation building," the actual turning of the sod at the site where the building is to grow. His Worship first addressed the crowd and added his tribute to the Branch members for the work they were doing in the community and, in particular, for being good citizens and practising good citizenship.

Proceeding to turn the sod, the Mayor found the ground exceedingly hard. Struggling mightily with the shovel, His Worship turned to the gathering, "This goes to prove," he said, "that you must work hard if you wish to get things done."

A moment later a full shovel of sod was turned upright and His Worship received the plaudits of his audience for a job well done.

Comrade Sully then called upon the President of the Norwood Legion, Nestor Marchyshyn, to say a few words. Comrade Marchyshyn thanked the dignitaries present for attending and also voiced his appreciation at the good turn-out on the part of the branch.

He strongly emphasized the intention of the Norwood Branch to open its facilities to all legion members in good standing, although membership in the Branch itself was limited by the constitution.

"A hearty welcome will certainly be extended to any Legion member in good standing as far as the use of our facilities in the Memorial Hall and Clubrooms are concerned," said President Marchyshyn. "Once we commence operations our hall will certainly be open to Legion members who

wish to utilize our facilities, regardless of race, religion or creed."

"We are only one branch of the many Legion branches across Canada and the British Empire," he continued, "although a very small branch, we are always willing to promote charitable donations and support to community activities and services. Our branch has always striven to promote good Canadian citizenship amongst our members and other members of the community."

"We are proud both of our racial origin and heritage and our Canadian citizenship; and we are privileged to be a recognized branch of the British Empire Service League, Canadian Legion, where we can contribute our small share to this Legion's good work."

The ceremony was covered by various news reporters as well as local CFRN TV cameramen mentioned. The branch cameraman was Comrade J, Stepa who took

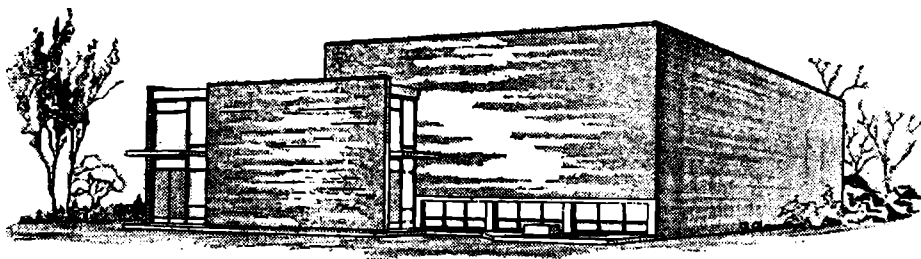
moving pictures of the entire ceremony.

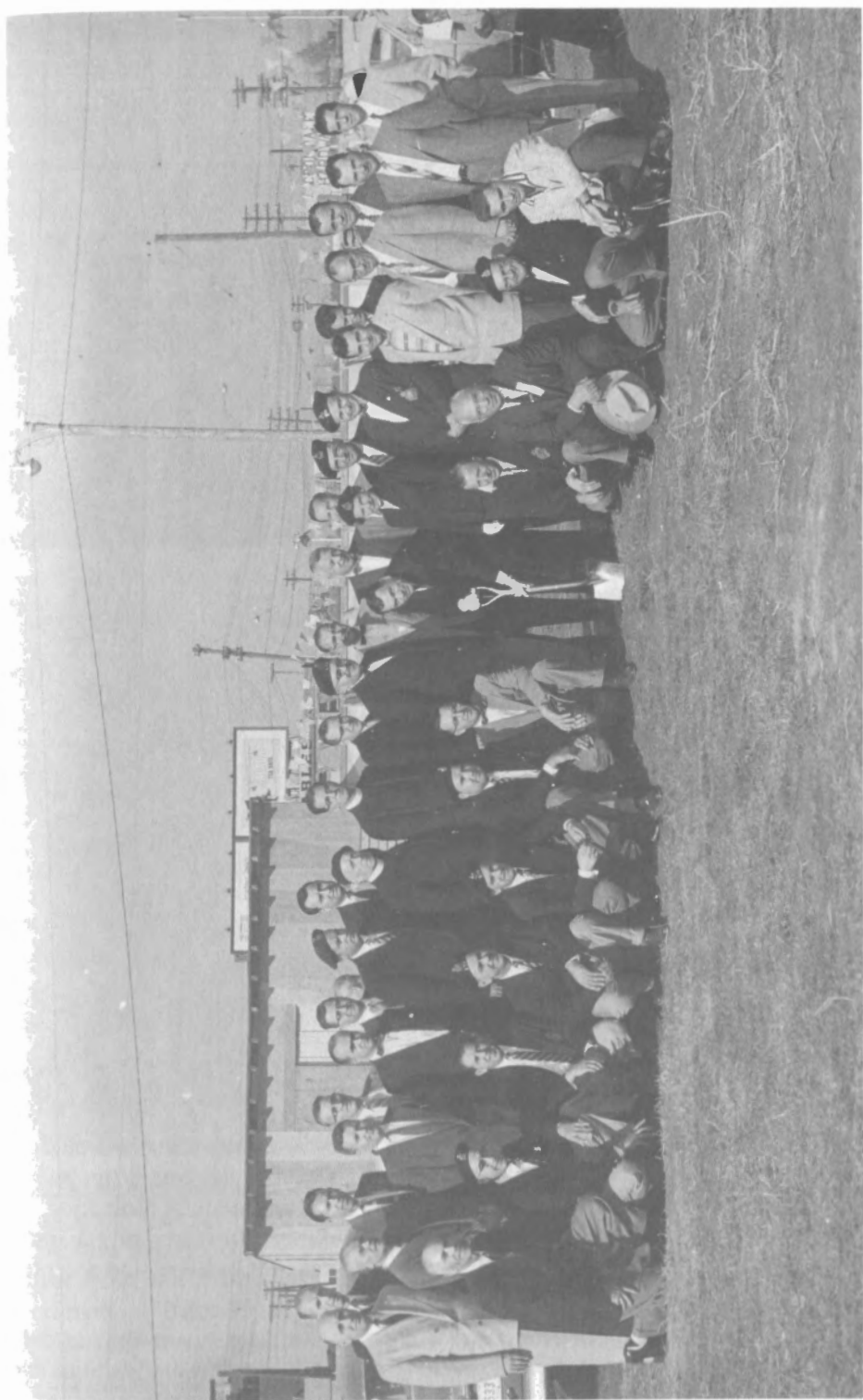
After the ceremony all the members present, together with their wives and friends, met at the present home of the branch, at 107th Avenue and 98th Street. The Ladies Auxiliary poured tea and served a light lunch that lasted well into the afternoon.

It was a perfect day. President Marchyshyn pointed out, before the tea was finished, that although the Legion building was under construction, the members must not lose sight of their responsibilities as Legion members.

Said Marchyshyn, "Our toughest road is still ahead. Let's all pull together to reach our goal and carry on the community and charitable activities expected of the Legion. The going may be rough, but the reward of achievement will be greater than money can buy."

BILL LETWENUK was in charge of Publicity for our branch at the time of the Sod-Turning Ceremony. The above article appeared in the Edmonton Legion News in October, 1957.







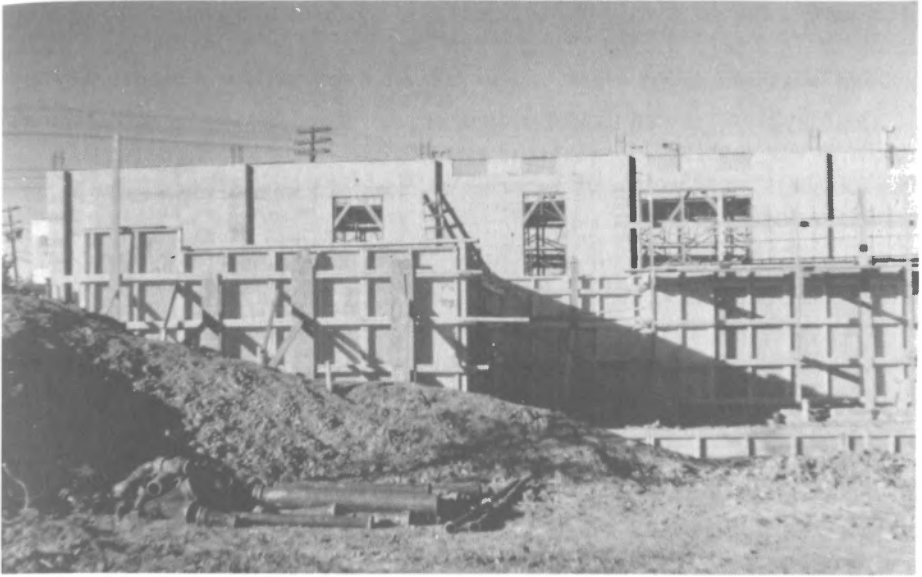
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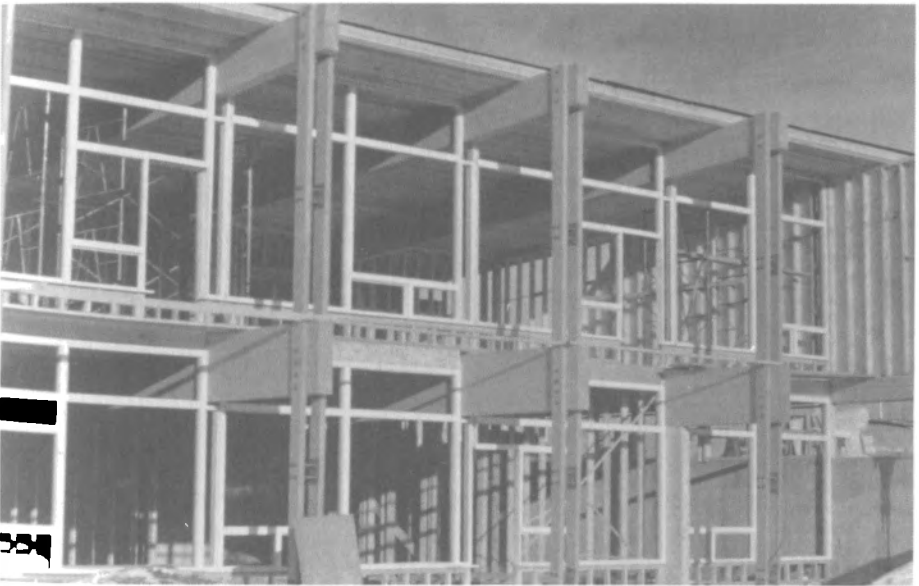
**Walter Bilinske "looking
over" the excavation**

By the year-end the financial outlook seemed to indicate that we would be short of cash! Over \$35,000.00 had already been paid to the contractor, and at least another \$50,000.00 was needed. Alternatives discussed included asking the membership for loans on promissory notes, selling debentures or raising a mortgage. An offer of \$28,000.00 for the Beulah hall was received and accepted with joy!

The Bingo Committee, chaired by Comrade Peter Lupul were having their own version of an interesting year. Among other things, we were learning that



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Bingo, though a great money maker at times, was not a “sure” thing. We held bingos on January 16, March 6, April 3, May 7, August 14, October 2, November 8 and December 9. Also on the agenda were several bingos that we helped out with such as the St. Josaphat’s Men’s Club, the Associated Commercial Travellers, Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood, and the Edmonton Exhibition Association during their 1958 Exhibition week.

The January bingo was a ten Pontiac event and netted us \$16,000.00 while the

April one with ten Plymouths, was only fair although precise numbers are not available. It is not intended to imply that the make of car has an influence on a game's success, but the weather and other factors, such as hockey games, do!

The May 8 date forced us to move our regular monthly meeting date, then was itself moved to May 7 because of a basketball game between the Haarlem Globetrotters and the Hawaii Surfriders. We lost almost \$6,000.00! It was a terrible set-back!

It was decided to step up our radio advertising, the budget then increased to \$1,500.00 from \$1,200.00, and to use a sound car on the streets and some T.V. Flashes or Spots. The number of posters was increased and their distribution reviewed. Daily Meat Market, Ted Sharum's Men's Wear and Jack Madison's Service Station on Highway 16A were added to the list of ticket distributors.

The Edmonton Exhibition Association featured a 3-car bingo daily at the Ex this year. These games lasted one hour and needed about twenty people for staff. The admission ticket to the game included admission to the grounds. We provided six captains, one for each night and each with twenty men. The branch netted \$857.00 daily. It was a smooth operation

The August Ten-Car Bingo featured Pontiacs and we ended up with a break-even evening.

It was at the October Bingo that we tried to be different! We planned to award two Edsels and eight Fords. It turned out to be a very low-profit evening and we reviewed our operation and came back with some fresh ideas. We booked the Edmonton Gardens for November 8, a Wednesday night, and planned to offer 12 cars! In addition, we would offer 20 choices to the winner. Consolation prizes would be television sets of a popular make.

An Emergency Executive meeting had to be called because the Edmonton Exhibition Association objected to the twelve-car idea. Grounds for this objection are not too clear except they felt that our overhead would be dangerously high, and that other sponsoring clubs could object to our 12-car precedent. Our Bingo Committee backed down and we held the usual 10-Car bingo with 20 choices and TV sets for Consolation prizes. It was not a world-beater, but we did make a few dollars. Fortunately, it was an understanding with our support clubs that supplied a lot of the work force that, in the event of a money-loser, they would not receive the usual donation from us. Of course, they concurred with this.

We finished off the year with a 10-Car Bingo on December 9, featuring ten Fords from Healy Motors, and turning a profit of approximately \$1,000.00.

A gigantic bingo to be held in Clarke Stadium was discussed and a committee was selected to work on it, however it did not materialize.

A motion at the November monthly general meeting as part of the By-laws Committee report suggested that part of the By-laws, namely Section 20 (b), be rescinded and a new subsection be substituted and inserted in its place, namely:

"The following officers of the Executive Committee, namely the President, Secretary, Treasurer and Sergeant-at-Arms shall be elected annually by secret ballot and shall hold office from the date of election until the annual election of the following year.

In the year 1958 five committee members shall be elected for a period of one year by secret ballot and shall hold office from the date of election until the annual elections of the following year, and the remaining five committee members shall be elected for a period of two consecutive years by secret ballot, and shall hold office from the date of election until the annual elections of the year 1960.

At the annual meeting of the society in 1959 and every annual meeting thereafter, five committee members only shall be elected for a term or period of two consecutive years, it being intended that of the ten committee members of the Board of Directors, five shall serve a one year term and five a two year term."

The change to the by-laws was unanimously approved at the December general meeting.

The election of officers for 1958 took place at the U.N. Hall on January 8.

1958 EXECUTIVE



From left to right, FRONT ROW: S. Lopatynski, J. Kuchar, J. Stepa, 1st Vice President, W. Bilinske, President, N. Marchyshyn, Past President, P. Lupul, 2nd Vice President, Wm. Poohkay. BACK ROW: M. Cherniawski, S. Kravinchuk, A.B. Svarich, P. Walusko, A. Bayrak, W. Romaniuk, L. Slipec, Wm. Letwenuk, J. Stetsko, E. Lemiski.

The slate was prepared by the Nominating Committee consisting of Comrades Eugene Plawiuk, Joe Stepa and Peter Walusko. Comrade Joe Gurba was elected to chair the elections. For the first time ever in our branch, scrutineers were used.

They were appointed by the election Chairman and were Mr. Justice Greschuk, William Sereda and Joe Dascavich.

The following were elected: President, Comrade Walter Bilinske; Vice-President, Comrade Joe Stepa; Second Vice-President, Comrade Peter Lupul; Secretary, Comrade John Kuchar; Treasurer, Comrade William Poohkay; Sergeant-at-Arms, Comrade Steve Lopatynski.

A question arose with regard to the Executive Committee members as to who would serve the two year term according to the recently changed by-laws. It was decided that the five with the greatest number of votes would serve for two years. Elected for two years were Comrades Marshall Cherniawsky, Peter Walusko, Louis Slipec, Dr. Bob Svarich and Eugene Lemiski. Elected for one year terms were Comrades Alex Bayrak, Sam Kravenchuk, Bill Letweniuk, Walter Romaniuk and John Stetsko.

Sixty-Five members attended this meeting making the suggestion that members should wear lapel badges a worthwhile one. It was becoming impossible to remember all the names and faces. The combined installation that was being planned was delayed until the end of March so that we could hold it in our own building. The Building Committee Chairman, Louis Slipec felt that this was feasible and that the building would be completed by then.

It was also suggested that the installation ceremonies should be rather "subdued" and not too elaborate so as not to compete with the official Grand Opening ceremonies which would follow later in the year.

1958 was very much a pre-ordained year with the largest obligation being the completion of the building and the furnishing of it, then raising enough money to pay for it all! The wolf was already at the door when at a general monthly meeting held at the U.N. Hall, Comrade Justice Greschuk gave an outline of the necessity of borrowing money, then proceeded to outline some alternatives as to how this might be accomplished. After some discussion, a proposed Extraordinary Resolution was moved by Comrade John Stetsko and seconded by Comrade Uganetz, copies of which were mailed to all the members. The notice read:

"Take notice that at the General Meeting of the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League, Norwood (Alberta) Branch No. 178, to be held at 8:30 P.M. on the 12th Day of February, A.D. 1958 at the U.N. Hall, 10629-98th Street, Edmonton, Alberta, the following resolution will be proposed for your consideration and approval as an extraordinary resolution:

Proposed Extraordinary Resolution

It is hereby resolved that pursuant to Section 28 of the By-Laws, the Executive Committee of the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League, Norwood (Alberta) Branch No. 178, is hereby authorized and empowered to procure a loan from such financial institution as the Executive Committee in their discretion shall select, in the sum of from \$50,000.00 to

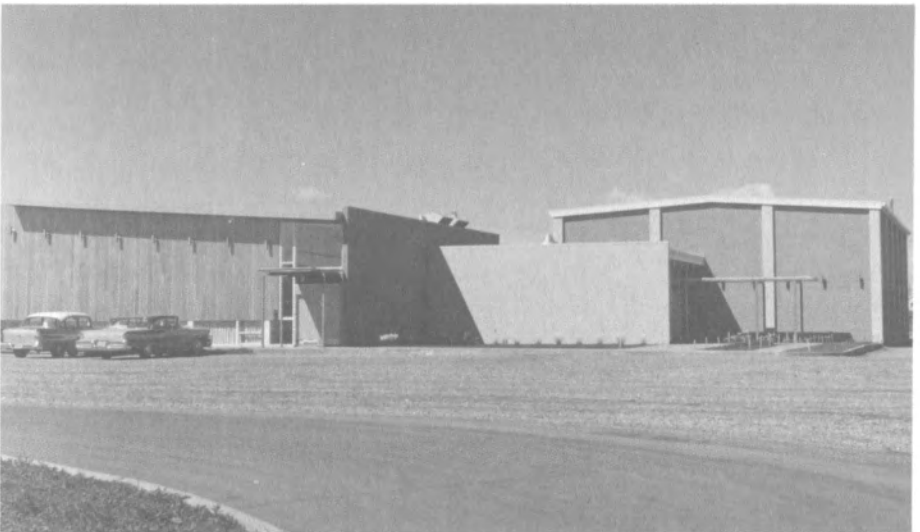


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\$60,000.00 with the said loan to be secured against the following Assets of the said Branch, namely Lot Two (2), Block (A) (9), River Lot Twenty-Two (22), (River View), Plan 3308 K.S., either by mortgage or otherwise as the Executive Committee in their discretion may decide."

The Notice of Motion was signed for the Branch by Comrade John Kuchar, Secretary. Before being accepted unanimously, line 6 was amended to read "up to \$60,000.00."

The Resolution was acted on in March when Comrade Ed Sully reported that



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he had just completed paperwork with the Treasury Branch, borrowing \$50,000.00 at an interest rate of 6% on a first mortgage and surrendering our insurance policy. Repayment was to be made at \$2,500.00 per month.

We were still making progress payments to our General Contractor, the most recent one amounting to \$18,533.27, and to our Architect. At the same time we were grading and gravelling the parking lot, buying coolers and refrigerators, furnishing the auditorium, the lower and upper lounges and trying to equip the kitchen as well!.

Comrade Eugene Lemiski headed a committee which was formed to investigate some stoves and other equipment that Victoria High School was selling with an asking price in excess of four thousand dollars. Since this equipment appeared to be quite suitable for our purpose, an offer of \$1,875.00 was made. We purchased it for \$1,900.00.

After much study and deliberation, 300 chairs were ordered for the Auditorium. With the Hall booked by Palm Dairies for May 3rd, there was suddenly a need to have the Banquet tables in place and a quick purchase was arranged from Western Cabinet. Tenders were out for various other items such as furniture and rugs. A garbage disposal unit was bought as well as the necessary fire extinguishers, dishes, cutlery, ice-making machine, ice crusher, glass washer and a public address system. Cupboards were built and many other details were followed up, some of them suggested or recommended by the Alberta Liquor Control Board.

Since it was imperative that we held the first function in our own hall, and



UPPER LOUNGE –
Ready for Opening!

since Palm Dairies held a booking for May 3, we were "forced" to plan a dance of our own on May 2! It was not only fun, it produced a much needed profit of \$117.95.

Janitor's quarters were furnished. Tenders went out for insurance, emanating from a quickly appointed Insurance Committee chaired by Comrade Joe Stepa with Walter Bilinske and John Esaiw.

Comrade Bob Svarich accepted the position of Secretary-Manager for the branch. His responsibilities covered virtually everything to do with the operation of the new building. He was bonded and paid \$350.00 a month. Now it became necessary to replace him on the Executive Committee, which was done at a later meeting by the appointment of Comrade Dr. William Orobko.

Since Comrade Bob Svarich had been elected to plan and organize the Grand Opening of the new building, he was asked to continue with this work even in his new capacity. The date for the opening was tentatively set for September 27 and \$500.00 was authorized for expenses.

Representatives from the Robert Simpson Company made a presentation on the furnishing of the upper lounge. They had samples of chairs, tables, settees and rugs, and a package to complete this part of the building was bought for \$4,800 complete, providing seating for about 105 people.

At an Executive Committee meeting held at Ted Sharum's Mens' Wear on March 7, we were informed that the Alberta Liquor Control Board had approved our beer license effective July 10, and that approval for liquor would likely follow in about three months.

With the Auditorium being booked by various prospective users, decisions needed to be made regarding rental rates. Hall rental was set at \$100.00 with \$5.00 being charged for glasses and \$25.00 for the use of kitchen utensils. The coat checking room could be rented for \$10.00 and any reasonable arrangements could be made with regard to staffing it. It was suggested that at events sponsored by our branch, the Ladies Auxiliary be given the opportunity to staff the check room.

Flooring purchased for renovation of the Beulah Tabernacle building was moved and used in the new building. Our piano was moved at the same time. The house and lot on 95th street were still in our possession despite all efforts to sell them. Several offers had been received and accepted or counteroffered, in each case the deal "falling through." Finally, an approval by the Executive meeting on June 2 of an offer for \$6,500.00 cash, was ratified and the property was sold.

At a meeting on June 2, Comrade John Stetsko presented an interesting report pointing out the fact that 80% of the Honorary Members had loaned money to the branch on Promissory Notes, while less than 20% of the Ordinary did. He reported that the present total debt-load of the branch was close to \$70,000.00 and that some sort of re-financing arrangement was looming on the horizon. Our final indebtedness to the contractor was \$24, 540.51, due at this time, and other

debts were past due. The situation was referred to the Finance Committee for further study. Many suggestions were made about a solution to this problem, including the possibility of re-awakening the original canvass campaign.

A new loan with a second mortgage was finalized in November, 1958. The contractor and many other debts were paid. It was another paragraph in another chapter of fund-raising and scraping.

As far as Bingo activities were concerned, 1958 was not an outstanding year! Even though early-in-the-year bingos produced reasonable profits, Chairman Peter Lupul was cautious as the enthusiasm of the bingo players seemed to be cooling. The January Bingo produced a net income of \$6,478.94, which was quite good. The March Bingo, which featured ten 1958 Chevs from Edmonton Motors Ltd., produced only \$3,300.00 as a net return.

It was important in the present position, to keep our costs down as much as possible and a motion was passed by a general meeting in March that we keep our bingo investments down to near \$26,500.00, which seemed to be the minimum that we could work with. The April 2 Bingo netted us \$5,500.00. A special vote of thanks was moved to Comrade Lupul for his efforts and dedication in the management of these games!

There were no future bookings for bingo at the Edmonton Gardens as Chairman Lupul felt that it was too risky at this time however, an opening occurred on the night of September 17 and our group decided to "go for it!" It was a ten-car event with Fords supplied by Healy Ford. We lost \$848.00, but regained our loss on November 13 when ten Chevs from Edmonton Motors, turned a profit of \$3,608.71. Proceeds from this Bingo were dedicated to the Springhill Disaster Fund.

Between bingos, the Executive Committee and the general monthly meetings held many discussions with regard to cars and consolation prizes for the bingos. While consolation prizes were generally of minor consequence, some members felt very strongly about the auto suppliers so a system of tendering was decided on. This did not necessarily solve all the problems, since quite often a dealer was unable to fill an order, even though his tender was accepted. "Mixed" bingos, featuring cars of two different manufacturers were often discussed and, at least once, such a plan got the go-ahead, only to find that the dealer couldn't supply our requirements.

An idea that Monday Night Bingos in our own Auditorium might be feasible led to a trial game on October 6. A fair amount of advertising was done for some time before the game, which featured \$50.00 Jackpots. The first night showed an encouraging \$65.00 profit and Monday Night Bingos became a permanent occurrence on our premises. Since this proved to be a heavy encroachment on his time, Comrade Peter Lupul asked Roy Boyko and Metro Pawliuk to be his assistants to enable him to take an occasional Monday off.

Some very cautious and tentative bookings for car bingos were made at the Edmonton Gardens into the new year, namely January 14, February 18, March 18

and May 6, 1959. Comrade Walter Romaniuk was forced to resign from Ticket Sales due to pressure of other important duties, and was succeeded by Comrade John Stetsko, assisted by Comrade William Letwenuk.

With the Dominion Convention being organized in Edmonton, our branch reconfirmed our Convention Committee and started to make some concrete plans. Space for Hospitality Rooms was booked at the Macdonald Hotel. Comrade President Walter Bilinske was chosen as an official delegate from our branch, to be accompanied by Comrade Joe Stepa.

A Resolution to be submitted to the Convention was formed and presented to an Executive meeting on February 28. It was approved by the general monthly meeting in March and read as follows:

“WHEREAS in three wars, from 1914-1919, from 1939-1945, and during the Korean struggle, Legions of Canadians died in order that Canada and Canadians may live in freedom, and

WHEREAS one solemn sacred day in each year should be set aside to enable Canadians to pay homage and nourish the memory of its gallant dead;

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Canadian Legion pass a resolution urging the Government of Canada to take immediate steps to declare November 11th as a Statutory Holiday.”

During Convention Week, a special Constable was hired for the door. Many activities were planned to take place in our branch, which was showing off its new building, even though it wasn't totally complete. Beer and Wine tickets were printed with wine selling for 50 cents and beer for 30.

A complete report of our participation and about the convention in general was tabled by our delegate, Comrade Joe Stepa at the August 13 general meeting.

Many other activities took place during the year, among them a successful Polio Drive for which we fielded ten captains and about 80 canvassers, collecting a total of \$1,361.28 in a house-to-house canvas. The Canadian Ukrainian Committee was voted a donation of \$100.00 to help publish a Ukrainian Language Dictionary to be used in Saskatchewan schools. A letter was written to the Alberta Provincial Department of Education supporting the action of the Canadian Ukrainian Committee in urging the Department to make Ukrainian an elective subject in both Primary and Secondary Schools in Alberta.

A Television set was purchased and donated to the Polio Ward at the Royal Alexandra Hospital. Polio patients performed a Square Dance at the Prince of Wales Armouries as part of the Dominion Convention program, the presentation of the set being made immediately thereafter. A telegram was sent to the Winnipeg Branch with congratulations on their official opening.

Comrade William Letwenuk was appointed as our branch reporter to the Legion News. Comrade Sam Kravenchuk reported that April 9 was Vimy Ridge Day and our branch's participation was not up to what it should have been. Comrade Walter Baziuk was setting up a set of books for the branch so that future accounting would be better organized.

The Ladies Auxiliary presented their By-Laws for review, an Initiation Fee of \$1.00 for new members was introduced, and new criteria were discussed for Honorary members. It was moved that Honorary members not exceed one-third of the Ordinary members in quantity and that they should perform some meritorious service to the club as well as donate \$100.00 and lend \$200.00. The suggestion was tabled for later discussion, meanwhile the Ladies Auxiliary was asked to appoint a committee to co-ordinate their efforts concerning the new building with our Building Committee chairman, Comrade Louis Slipec.

A Stag party early in the year produced a "staggering" profit of \$315.00. Support for the Curling Club was very weak and it was suggested that perhaps we should select four skips and let them pick their own players. The ice booked at the Menorah Club was not being fully utilized although we had paid a hard-earned deposit — as a matter of historical fact, there was absolutely no turnout on Saturday, November 2!

Comrade Dr. William Orobko resigned from the executive committee and was replaced by Comrade Ray Faryna. Later, in October, Comrade Marshall Cherniawsky also resigned from the board, however it was decided to complete the year without a replacement for him.

The Annual Kiddies Picnic was held at Victoria Park on July 20, 1958. Comrade Alex Bayrak was the Chairman, with Comrade Sarchuk volunteering to look after the rides and Comrade Osinchuk looking after the soft drinks. Decoration Day was again observed this year, this time on August 24, and a Hallowe'en Dance was planned for October 31. The Dart Club, organized by Comrades Joe Stepa and Bob Svarich was operating smoothly

A motion to have one of the executive members on duty at the bar each night to relieve the Secretary-Manager, was passed. This resulted in a seventeen-day duty cycle beginning July 22. Each duty-executive was to supply his own bartender.

The day for the long-awaited Grand Official Opening of our new building arrived on September 27! With Comrade Mike Syrotuck as the Master of Ceremonies, the program commenced with the introduction of Special Guests, followed by the unveiling of the Plaque by Alberta Lieutenant-Governor J.J. Bowlen. Greetings from the Dominion Government were delivered by Government Representative Mr. William Skoreyko, Member of Parliament for Edmonton East.

Greetings from the Provincial Government were brought by the Honorable Ray Reirson. His Worship, Comrade Mayor William Hawrelak represented the City of Edmonton and Mr. Bill Williams represented the Provincial and Dominion Commands of the Canadian Legion.

Comrade President Walter Bilinske thanked everyone present for their participation and presence and invited everyone to participate in a lunch and refreshments. Dancing ended the very successful evening!

Souvenir Program

**GRAND OFFICIAL
OPENING**

— of —

The Canadian Legion

Norwood (Alberta) Branch, No. 178
Club Premises

11150 - 82nd Street
EDMONTON, ALBERTA

Saturday, Sept. 27th, 1958
8:15 p.m.



Auditorium all decorated and "spiffed" up for the opening ceremonies. Seating set out to accommodate 295 guests.



WORD OF CONGRATULATION BY LT. GOVERNOR J.J. BOWLEN OF ALBERTA — FRONT ROW: With other platform guests, Wm. Skoreyko, Wm. Hawrelak, (unidentified), Past President Mike Syrotuck, and Provincial Legion President W. Williams



**OFFICIAL OPENING – SEPTEMBER 27, 1958 – J.J. Bowlen, Lt. Governor of Alberta,
unveils plaque with President Walter Bilinske looking on.**

OFFICIAL OPENING OF CANTEEN



**John Kuchar, John Ryback, Ray Faryna and Walter Romaniuk, taking advantage
of *"The Bar is Now Open"***

At the October general meeting, the president suggested that it was time for another membership drive, also something was needed to bring up the attendance at the general meetings. Discussion of the subject brought out the suggestion that perhaps a reception honouring new members should be held and a "New Member's Night" was planned. It turned out to be a good dance, and after further planning, proved to be one of the good ideas of 1958.

At this meeting, a Poppy Day Campaign was planned for November 8 with Comrade Bob Svarich as Chairman. The Remembrance Day Parade would be held as usual on November 11, Comrade Alex Bayrak was appointed to be the marker.

A contract with the Yellow Cab Company was ratified, giving them one parking spot. A motion that the clock in the upper lounge be set ahead ten minutes was made, discussed and carried. A motion at the October meeting a few months later had the clock moved back to correct time.

A break-in into the branch premises in December cost us \$313.80! The purchase of a safe was immediately planned. The need for a cash register was also seen so it was bought at the same time. The operating profit for November was reported as \$1,252.00.

The December executive committee meeting, the last for 1958 was held in the Board Room. The purchase of an Addressograph plate addressing system was approved, as was the final payment to our general contractor, A.M. Anderson and Son.

Before the year ended, a Liquor Board Committee was struck, comprised of Comrades Walter Bilinske, Joe Stepa and Eugene Lemiski. It was felt that such a committee would simplify our dealings with the ALCB and would improve the communications between the branch and the board.

The Annual Christmas Party for the children was planned as usual, except it was suggested to dispense with the children's gifts, supplying only treats. A New Year's party was also in the planning stages and the election of the Nominating Committee of Comrades Eugene Lemiski, Louis Slipec and John Stetsko completed the activities of an unusually busy but rewarding and satisfying year!

Election Night for the Election of Officers for 1959 was planned for January 22, 1959. For the first time, ballots were being prepared and a method of establishing eligibility was discussed. This was necessary because the branch had grown and in the case of a good turn-out at the meeting, as was hoped for, order needed to be maintained.

Before the election, however, some unfinished business had to be completed, and that was the Bingo booked for January 14, Ukrainian New Year's Day. We went to work with ten Dodges supplied by Independent Car Sales and sadly lost \$1,200.00 which was not a good start for the year!

The Annual Meeting took place as scheduled. After the reading of the ritual and other preliminary ceremonies, annual reports were presented on behalf of the

Entertainment Committee by Comrade Alex Bayrak, on behalf of the Polio Campaign by Comrade Peter Walusko. The By-Laws Committee was reported on by Comrade Nestor Marchyshyn and Louis Slipec reported for the Building Committee. Comrade Peter Lupul presented his report on behalf of the Ways and Means Committee and Comrade Bill Poohkay gave the Treasurer's Report. The report on behalf of the Membership Committee and the Secretary was given by Comrade John Kuchar. President Comrade Walter Bilinske delivered the President's report, then on a motion from the floor, the meeting adjourned the business session and proceeded with the election of Officers.

Comrade Bill Malanchuk was elected to chair the election and Comrade Peter Miskew was elected as Returning Officer. Three scrutineers elected were Comrades Orest Demco, Bob Melnychuk and Joe Melnychuk. A motion from the floor suggested that the meeting vote by name only, and that was carried.

The returning Officer explained that since the executive committee was one member short at the present time, seven new members would have to be elected, and that the first five polling most votes would serve a two-year term.

Elected for the Office of the President for 1959 was Comrade Dr. William Orobko. Comrade Peter Lupul was elected Vice-President and Comrade Walter Romaniuk was elected second Vice-President. Comrade Albert Ciz was elected Secretary by acclamation. Comrade Steve Lopatynski was elected as Treasurer and Comrade Alex Bayrak was elected Sergeant-at-Arms also by acclamation.

The following were elected to be members of the executive committee for a two-year term; Comrades Ray Faryna, Nick Harrison, Martin Bodnar, Joe Trofimuk and Nick Tomin. Comrade Eugene Plawiuk and Comrade Alex Wynnychuk were elected for a one-year term.

With the elections completed, the outgoing president, Comrade Walter Bilinske, handed the gavel over to the newly elected president, Comrade Bill Orobko, and the closing ceremony was read.

Within a few days of the election, and without any explanation, Comrade Orobko resigned from the presidency, necessitating the creation of a new Nominating Committee.

At the first Executive meeting held in the Board Room on January 28, just six days after the election, Comrade Peter Walusko resigned as Chairman of the Polio Fund and was replaced by Comrade Bob Svarich who volunteered his services with anticipation of help from Comrade Walusko. Honoraria for the Treasurer and Secretary were discussed and increased to \$350.00 and \$300.00 respectively.

Preposterous as it may seem, at the February 10 executive meeting, with both the newly elected and old executive members present, and after much discussion, the entire newly-elected executive resigned!

At the general meeting held the next day, a motion that the 1958 executive and officers serve for the balance of 1959 was made and carried unanimously.

1959 EXECUTIVE



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Honourary Members for 1958 were confirmed for 1959 and an Easter Seal Campaign was undertaken, with envelope stuffing planned for February 22. Curling had to be cancelled due to a lack of interest, and plans for the Installation of Officers on February 25 were being made. The January profit from operations amounted to \$757.19.

The Installation was handled by Comrade Nestor Marchyshyn as the Master of Ceremonies. The Installing Officer was Howell Williams, Zone Commander. Guests included Comrade Justice Peter Greschuk, Bert Nightingale, Ed Coley, Anne Bayrak, President of the Norwood Branch Ladies Auxiliary, representatives from the Kingsway and St. Albert Branches, and Mrs. Williams. Padres Rev. M. Fyk and Rev. Father Vital were also installed. The formal ceremonies completed, the group adjourned for refreshments and lunch.

Co-ordinating for the busy year ahead, Bill Stetsko was hired to organize the kitchen. Lucas and Baziuk were appointed as our auditors and Comrades Albert Ciz and Joe Trofimuk were appointed to the executive committee.

Despite a stormy beginning, 1959 moved along rather smoothly after the lightning and thunder had passed, marking this as certainly a milestone year in the transition from a designing-and-building club to a managing-and-operating club.

The Polio Campaign held in March produced a disappointingly low return, with only forty-eight canvassers taking part. With the result of \$788.00 being

collected, the executive committee voted to contribute an additional \$250.00 from our own funds to bring the total to over one-thousand dollars.

The Red Cross was a recipient of a \$50.00 donation this year, as was the Ukrainian Library at the University of Alberta, receiving the sum of \$200.00 for the purchase of books as requested by Dr. Orest Starchuk, one of our guest speakers. In conjunction with the donation to the University, the executive committee approved three \$100.00 scholarships to students taking Ukrainian courses, plus a \$1000.00 grant to Gateway Publishers to enable them to proceed with publication of other projected needed Ukrainian books.

The Provincial Convention was being held in Banff this year, May 31 to June 2. Delegates were selected and sent. Attending were Comrades President Walter Bilinske, Peter Lupul, Peter Walusko and Alex Bayrak.

Financially, the operation of the Branch was moving along quite well with February profits reported as \$480.11 and April figures being well over \$2,000.00. The Secretary-Manager's salary was increased by \$25.00 per month and a car allowance was added to offset his travelling costs. The Treasurer reported that we still owed the Treasury Branch \$54,200.00, this being in March of 1959.

1959 also became one of the first years that officially cancelled its meetings for the summer, although the executive committee met regularly. It was reported that our baseball team, playing in the Pony Baseball League of St. Josaphat's Recreational Association was doing very well. Summer being a time for picnics, we again took part in the combined Legion Branches picnic at Victoria Park, then held one of our own at the South Side Athletic Club Park on June 28.

A variety of other activities rounded out a busy year. Comrade Sam Kravenchuk was our delegate to the Canadian Ukrainian Committee Convention in Winnipeg, July 9, 1959, and Comrade Dr. Demitro Melnyk was selected to be the branch's House Doctor.

A limited issue of Guest Privilege Cards was instituted, music was piped into the upper lounge, and regular evening functions in the lower lounge for Saturday nights were planned. Liquor audits were instituted in the bar, and employees salaries were reviewed — one long discussion regarding one specific waitress resulted in the approval of a raise of ten cents per hour to 90 cents!

The Queen's visit in 1959 needed volunteers to help with patrol duties and our branch responded with a good turn-out. Decoration Day was held successfully on August 23 and Poppy Day planned for November 7. The Ladies Auxiliary sponsored and organized a Fashion Show held on October 21. A Hallowe'en Dance was planned for October 31, while Member's Nights, Stag Parties, Dances, and Executive Dinners rounded out the social activities for the year.

During the middle of the summer season, Comrade Bob Svarich resigned unexpectedly as the Secretary-Manager, but agreed to stay on as Steward. He was replaced by Comrade John Rybak on a temporary basis, later hired as a permanent employee after a lengthy selection, interview and screening process involving many other applicants.

A By-Law change late in 1959 changed the nominating and election procedures of the club. It was easily passed after much preparation by the By-Laws Committee and subsequent reviews and changes by the executive committee.

A Grey Cup Pool was organized by Comrade Walter Romaniuk, assisted by Comrade John Rybak. The Remembrance Day Parade was well-attended, as usual, and the Ladies Auxiliary Family Supper held December 6 for husbands and children, was a great success. A November 22 concert at the Jubilee Auditorium, sponsored by the Canadian Ukrainian Committee requested our help to act as ushers and our response was very good.

News reaching us late in 1959 informed us that Comrade Alex Bayrak had been appointed Zone Commander for the District, this news resulting in many hearty congratulations for Alex!

In the world of bingo, 1959 will not go down in history as an outstanding year by any means. The eleven hundred dollar loss suffered at the January 14 ten-car event initiated a lot of discussions at both the executive committee level and at the general meetings. This was shared at the Bingo Committee postmortem sessions. One of the suggestions that kept recurring was that we should revert to the five-car bingos and decrease our overhead, but this was never voted on.

The March 18 ten-car bingo "made" the 1959 bingo year with a profit of \$13,500.00! It featured ten Pontiacs and ran very smoothly with plenty of workers and extra card sales-people out. With new heart, bookings were made for September, November and into 1960 for several dates. In the end, the November 17 date was confirmed and plans were made to move ahead "full-steam."

Radio and Television advertising were "beefed-up" as were posters and newspapers. Ten Pontiac cars were ordered from South Park Motors as a low bidder, and St. John's Young Adult's Club were alerted to be ready for an "all-out" effort, as they were, at this time, the only "outside" group to be supplying workers.

Comrade John Rybak was chosen as the Chairman of this bingo, however, since it was felt that an executive committee member should be in charge, Comrade Peter Lupul was pressed back into service for this game only. Comrade Ray Faryna was elected to be his Vice-Chairman.

After the dust settled, the November 17 Bingo showed a net profit of \$396.00! Sometimes it is difficult to foretell the future!

On the home bingo front, Ways and Means committee Chairman Ray Faryna announced that the Monday Night Bingos would resume in October. Help was solicited as it would take about eight people to service the crowd properly. The first night was staffed by members of the executive committee. Financial reports following later indicated that average profits were in the forty- dollars per night range.

As the year quickly came to the end, eleventh-hour plans were being made for the Children's Christmas Party and the Adult's New Year's Soiree. The executive committee decided that at this year's New Year's Gala, corsages would be included in the admission price.

The Nominating Committee, charged with the responsibility of presenting the slate of nominees for 1960 positions was composed of Comrades Eugene Lemiski, Steve Lopatynski and Joe Stepá.

There is no finer way to start the New Year than by dancing into it, and this is what the members of our branch did, at least those who attended the party.

Back at work, there was an election to hold and a new executive to organize, not to mention the many committees that needed to be struck and activated. Under the new By-Laws passed recently, the elections would be held under the scrutiny of a Returning Officer and three Deputy Returning Officers. These were elected as the first actions of the new year. The post of Returning Officer was filled by Comrade Joe Stepá, with Comrades John Rybak, John Kuchar and Nestor Marchyshyn as the DRO's. Voting was to be by secret ballot.

The results of the Elections of Officers for 1960 were revealed at the Annual Meeting held on January 13 and showed that Comrade Peter Lupul was elected President, with Comrade Eugene Lemiski as the Vice-President and Comrade Alex Bayrak as second Vice-President.

Executive Members for the two-year term were Comrades Bill Letwenuk,

1960 EXECUTIVE



From left to right, FRONT ROW: N. Harrison, Wm. Poohkay, Treasurer, A. Bayrak, 1st Vice President, P. Lupul, President, W. Bilinski, Past President, E. Lemiski, 2nd Vice President, A. Clz, Secretary. BACK ROW: R. Faryna, R. Ostapek, J.G. Stetsko, J. Rybak, Secretary Manager, E. Tornick, W. Letwenuk, J. Spivak, E. Plawiuk, J. Trofimuk.
INSERTS: S. Lopatynski, W. Malanchuk.

Steve Lopatynski, Joe Spivak, Ed Tomick and Joe Trofimuk. Executive Members to serve one year were Comrades William Malanchuk, Russ Ostapek, Raymond Faryna, Eugene Plawiuk and John Stetsko.

Elected by acclamation were Comrade William Poohkay for the office of Treasurer, Albert Ciz for Secretary and Nick Harrison for Sergeant-at-Arms.

Comrade Justice Peter Greschuk was re-appointed as the Honorary President, while Comrade William Sereda was appointed Honorary Vice-President. Rev. Michael Fyk was reconfirmed as the Senior Padre for the branch, assisted by Rev. Martin Greschuk. The legal advisor and the auditor for the branch were reconfirmed, and Comrade Albert Ciz was made the official Historian, taking over from Comrade Walter Romaniuk who had held the post for many years past.

Honoraria for the Treasurer and Secretary were discussed and amended, with the Treasurer now receiving \$450.00 and the Secretary \$325.00.

The Membership Committee reviewed the list of Honorary Members and approved fifty-four, denying six others. The Treasurer's Report, presented at the Annual Meeting by Comrade William Poohkay indicated that bingo income in 1959 was \$13,119.84 while the total net income for the branch for the year was \$26,349.76.

Committee heads, either appointed, elected or volunteered were as follows: Membership Committee, Comrade Albert Ciz, By-Laws Committee, Comrade Joe Trofimuk, Finance Committee, Comrade William Poohkay who was also the Treasurer. The Ways and Means Committee was again headed by Comrade Ray Faryna, while the Entertainment Committee would again be handled by Comrade Eugene Lemiski. Comrade Steve Lopatynski again accepted the job of looking after the Hospital and Welfare Committee. Poppy Sales and the Polio Drive would be looked after by Comrades Wm. Letweniuk and Russ Ostapek while Comrade Eugene Plawiuk became our representative on the Canadian Ukrainian Committee. Comrade John Stetsko would be the House Committee chairman.

The Sports Committee would continue to be headed by Comrade Ed Tomick while Comrade Bill Malanchuk was in charge of the Resolutions Committee. Comrade Joe Spivak accepted the job of Chairman of the Audit Committee while Comrade Alex Bayrak became our Liaison Officer.

A "different" Installation of Officers was being planned, this being a combined installation in conjunction with the other branches in the city. It was being organized for January 24, 1960 for 2:30 P.M. at the Jubilee Auditorium. Any guests that were to be invited to this installation would be invited by the Central Organizing Committee and our branch had to submit our requirements to them in advance.

With these duties done, 1960 was in motion! Curling was active and plans were laid for attending the Zone Playdowns in Fort Saskatchewan at the end of January. The Norwood 178 Dart Team was entered into the play-offs to be held in April in Devon. The University of Alberta Scholarships for Ukrainian Studies

were confirmed and increased from three to five. Three one-hundred dollar scholarships for Ukrainian I and two for Ukrainian II were now being given.

The Dominion convention in 1960 was being held in Windsor, Ontario, and after some discussion of the subject, a motion was passed that we attend. At later meetings, a motion was carried that we sponsor three delegates, who were then elected. Travelling expenses were discussed and authorized by the executive committee only to be challenged by the general meeting, then withdrawn. A suggestion that two delegates would suffice lasted on the floor for a short time but was then changed to one delegate, the President Comrade Peter Lupul, who attended.

A report early in the year by the Membership Committee chairman, Comrade Albert Ciz indicated that our membership totalled 229 Ordinary paid-up members with 72 in arrears. The report went on to say that we had seven Associate members and 53 Honorary members. By early summer these figures changed to read 270 Ordinary members with only 35 past due. By the time that we were electing the nominating committee for next year, our membership had exceeded the three-hundred mark by a goodly margin. Attendance at most general monthly meetings during 1960 averaged fifty members, at times exceeding seventy.

A motion was passed by the general meeting in March that the branch should improve its record-keeping, particularly its membership records. This was forwarded to the Historical Committee for action.

1960 was the year that our branch instituted its Scholarship Program. The Awards or Scholarship Committee was chaired by Comrade Ed Tomick with Comrades Bill Malanchuk and Eugene Plawiuk as his committeemen. The idea was to award funding to Grade 9 and 12 students who were children of our branch members. The first Award recipients were honored at a special Awards Banquet on October 7, 1960. Individual "keeper" trophies were presented to each of the recipients.

The debt to the Alberta Treasury Branch at mid-year was reported at \$29,100.00. We were still spending money in the "capital expenditures" side of the ledger with surveying the parking lot and improving the drainage there, then having it paved, improving the kitchen facilities, tiling areas of floor and adding draperies and blinds to the south side of the building.

A "mass" initiation for new members was held on June 8 in conjunction with the June general meeting. Socially, the usual dances, stag parties, and other functions were organized and well-attended. A Charter Night was held early in the year and Valentine's Day and Easter Dances were successful, at least socially, as some of these operated at a "break-even" level financially. Later in the fall, a Corn-Roast was planned, followed by a Hallowe'en Dance on October 28 and a Remembrance Day Dance on November 11.

In his year-end report, Entertainment Chairman Comrade Eugene Lemiski reported that from the thirteen main social functions that were held in 1960, a profit of \$738.36 had been realized.

The Polio Drive in 1960 was held in June and produced \$3,014.00 from our branch which made us the highest producer in the canvas that year. This was our last Polio Drive as the Poliomyelitis fund raising committee had been urged to join the United Appeal and did so for 1961.

The branch authorized a donation of \$500.00 to the Taras Shevchenko Memorial Fund, spearheaded by the Canadian Ukrainian Committee for the purpose of erecting a statue of the bard. The St. John's Ambulance Association were recipients of a \$25.00 donation and a Trophy to the East End Swimming Club was approved.

STRIKE AGAINST POLIO - August 6, 1960



Alex Bayrak, right, Polio Chairman for the Royal Canadian Legion Polio campaign for the City of Edmonton presenting a cheque to W. Rorke, left. The cheque for \$13,173 will go toward helping rehabilitate the 273 Albertans suffering from the effects of polio, but no longer eligible for government care. Mr. Rorke again emphasized the importance of everyone receiving Salk vaccine protection in view of the outbreak in Alberta in 1960 - 50 cases as compared with only 7 cases in 1959.

We took part in the combined Legion picnic on July 17 at Victoria Park, a few weeks after we enjoyed our very own picnic held on June 26, at Half Moon Lake and organized by a committee headed by Comrade Russ Ostapek.

This was also the year that our branch participated in two other activities for the first time. A Fishing Derby was held in Jasper in June. At stake were two trophies donated by The Daily Meat Market and United Exchange. Comrade Paul Koroluk won both of them! The other "new" activity was golf, held at the Windermere Golf Club on August 24. Trophies were sponsored by Sereda Drugs Ltd., and Top Hat Cleaners. The low gross was won by Nick Ballash while the high gross went to Ted Sharum.

With Summer 1960 over, a series of new activities came along. Curling was active and three sheets of ice were booked at the Crestwood Curling Club starting October 23. The Poppy Day this year was held on November 5 and proved to be a mediocre success due to a small turn-out of canvassers, but a success nevertheless.

Comrade Alex Bayrak organized and ran a Turkey Raffle which not only supplied twenty turkeys to various members and friends, but resulted in a net profit of \$149.93!

The City of Edmonton, in their wisdom, approved the construction of a Bus Stop Shelter adjoining our newly paved parking lot. We had applied for permission to do this, now with their approval received we could go ahead. It would have a lean-to roof and signs inside would indicate that this shelter was provided "Courtesy the Norwood Branch of the Canadian Legion."

Bingo games, both the ten-car variety and our own at the branch, were not a great part of the activities in 1960. We decided to keep the date of March 2, booked the previous year, and put out tenders for ten cars or twelve compact cars. A bid submitted by Jenner Motors Ltd. offering to supply us ten two-door Pontiacs was accepted and arrangements were made to proceed. A motion was made and carried that Consolation Prizes not exceed ten dollars each, and that St. John's Young Adults Club again prepare the lap cards and help with the extra sales. The night was successful, returning \$8,716.71.

Of the proceeds from the successful March 2 bingo, \$300.00 was immediately donated to the Ladies Auxiliary for their help. Monday Night Bingos were



**WAR AMPUTEES
OF CANADA
PRESENTATION
November 1960**

Comrade Carl Rudyk, President of the War Amputees of Canada, Edmonton Branch, presented President Peter Lupul of the Norwood Branch with a President's Chair. The presentation took place at an executive dinner held in the Norwood Branch games room on November 22nd, 1960.

discontinued on March 28, the feeling of the executive committee being that our auditorium could be better utilized otherwise.

In May, the Bingo Committee agreed to help the Knights of Columbus hold their bingo at the Edmonton Gardens. We supplied the operational and administrative staff and know-how, while the K. of C's supplied the funding, prizes and herded the ticket sales. St. John's Young Adults' Club prepared the lap cards as usual and the proceeds of a successful bingo were dedicated to the Marian Centre.

Our second ten-car bingo of the year was held on November 2 and featured ten 1961 Chevrolets. All other arrangements were the same as they had been previously. A profit of \$2,420.75 was added to our bingo account.

With 1960 quickly coming to the end, A Christmas Party for the Children was planned for December 18 and plans were started for the New Year's Dance. A Nominating Committee, consisting of Comrade Joe Stepa as Chairman with Comrades John Kuchar and John Rybak as his committeemen was struck and started to work immediately. The Deputy Returning Officers were Comrades Albert Ciz, John Stetsko and Joe Stepa. Comrade John Rybak was the Returning Officer.

Comrade Peter Lupul was re-elected to the President's office, with Comrade Alex Bayrak becoming his Vice-President, and Comrade Eugene Lemiski the second Vice-President.

1961 EXECUTIVE



From left to right, FRONT ROW: W. Letwenuk, E. Lemiski, A. Bayrak, 1st Vice President, P. Lupul, President, W. Bilinski, Past President, J. Rybak, Secretary Manager, N. Harrison, Sergeant at Arms.
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Elected to the executive committee were Comrades Ray Faryna, Russ Ostapek, Joe Spivak, George Melenka, Steve Kuchka, Bill Malanchuk, Ed Tomick, Steve Lopatynski, N. Pilip, Eugene Lupul, Joe Trofimuk, Bill Letwenuk and Nick Harrison. Comrade Walter Bilinske remained on the executive as the immediate past-President and Comrade John Rybak stayed on as the Secretary-Manager.

The election completed, honoraria for the Treasurer and Secretary were confirmed, the Nominating Committee dissolved, and Reverend Fyk and Rev. Greschuk were reappointed as our Chaplains for another year. Comrade Justice Peter Greschuk was reappointed as the Honorary President and Orest Demco as the Honorary Vice-President.

Honorary Members were reviewed and confirmed, suspending those who took no active part in the branch activities during the last year. A joint Installation of Officers with the Ladies Auxiliary, was planned for February 4.

April 22 was chosen as the date for the Curling Banquet and Dance. The John Stetsko rink were winners of the branch championship and the presentation of various trophies was held. May 13, 1961, was the date for the celebration of the fifteenth anniversary of our branch, so we did it with a dance. Our Dart Team was entered into the District, Zone and Provincial Play-offs.

The Provincial Convention was being held in Medicine Hat from May 28 to 31. Our delegates were the President, Comrade Peter Lupul, first Vice-president, Comrade Alex Bayrak, second Vice-President Comrade Eugene Lemiski and Secretary-Manager Comrade John Rybak.

Our first ten-car bingo of the year went off with a resounding "bang" with ten Chevrolets from Hood Motors Ltd., and ten television sets as major prizes. The net profit was \$16,920.37!

The second bingo of the year was held on May 10 and was a "Welfare" Bingo, shared with the Associated Canadian Travellers. It also featured ten cars and ten G.E. television sets as major prizes, with the usual consolation prizes. The results were just as disappointing this time as they were uplifting the last time. The net profit was only \$98.85! Since we normally donate \$25.00 to the St. John's Ambulance Association for their presence at these games, our net shrank to \$73.85! A motion at the following general meeting awarded the entire amount to the ACT.

A mediocre bingo featuring ten Plymouths was held the following month on November 15 and two dates for the following year were reserved with the Edmonton Gardens.

Since the beginning of 1961, the building had always been on the agenda for one reason or another, but it wasn't until May that the issue of expanding or enlarging the branch came up for some serious consideration. Mr. Bernie Wood of Wood and Gardener, Architects, came to research the possible project and estimated that what we had in mind would cost approximately \$34,000.00. Mr.



Provincial convention Delegation in Medicine Hat, May 28 - 31, 1961.
FRONT ROW starting from left: Eugene Lemiski, Peter Lupul, Alex Bayrak and John Rybak

Wood had worked with Patrick Campbell-Hope and Associates, and had done a lot of the designing and planning of the original building. Having received his input, the issue was tabled for further study and discussion.

Expansion was not the only agenda item with regard to the building, however, as the need for air-conditioning was very pronounced in view of the fact that Summer was just around the corner and memories of a very hot year last year kept forcing their attention on us. Many hours were spent by the executive committee and the general meetings to resolve the problems of what, how and how much! Finally, a decision was made and a contract, not to exceed \$8,000.00, was let to provide air-conditioning for the lounge, games room and offices.

The usual ever-present problems with regard to the property were handled efficiently by Comrade Eugene Lupul and his House Committee. The Public Address System was installed, Board Room furniture was updated, a new piano was bought, tile was laid in the salad room and the Auditorium was re-decorated.

Comrade William Poohkay, our perennial bookkeeper, requested that he be relieved of his duties and this was accomplished in May. Our Auditing firm of Lucas, Baziuk, Thomson & Co. took on the job.

The tragic Lamont school bus/train accident was discussed from the standpoint of us being helpful in some way, but was tabled for a later meeting when more information might be available.

The branch donated \$25.00 to the Easter Tuberculosis Seal Campaign, \$25.00 to the Shumka Dancers, and \$50.00 to the United Appeal for the Polio Fund since we had to cancel our canvass due to only three canvassers being available.

Other activities included the annual picnic at Half Moon Lake on June 25, the Harvest Dance on September 30, the Corn Roast in September, The Hallowe'en Dance on October 28, followed by the Armistice Day Dance on November 11. Several stag parties were held during the year and the children's Christmas party was scheduled for December 17.

A Fishing Derby and a Golf Tournament were again held, and the branch undertook to sponsor a Little League Baseball Team for a period of three years at a cost of \$450.00. Decoration Day was declared to be August 27 when graves at Beechmont, St. Michael's and Evergreen cemeteries were decorated. A Legion Zone Rally to be held in the Norwood Branch 178 auditorium was being organized by Comrade Alex Bayrak for October 23.

With autumn approaching and the year quickly passing, the annual Scholarship Awards were presented to the successful bidders at the Ladies Auxiliary Executive Supper held October 26. The awards were now limited to children of Ordinary and Associate members only. A motion to award only honour students was defeated at a recent general meeting.

Our Membership Committee chairman, Comrade Alex Bayrak reported that our paid-up membership now stood at 417, including the Associates and Honoraries. The branch made the usual good showing at the Remembrance Day Parade to the Cenotaph, but Poppy Day proved to be very weak.

NORWOOD BRANCH PRESENTS AWARDS – NOVEMBER 1961



The Norwood Branch #178 presented their annual cash awards to three Grade 9 students who obtained the highest averages in the June Departmental Examinations. The awards are offered each year to students whose parents are members of the Norwood Branch. Terrence Buck from Sherbrooke School won the top award of \$50.00; the second award of \$35.00 was won by James Basaraba from H. A. Gray School, and Audrey Tomick from St. Paul's School won the third award of \$25.00. In addition to receiving cash awards each candidate also received a very handsome engraved trophy emblematic of their achievements.

Picture shows Norwood Branch president, Peter Lupul, presenting the senior award to Terrence Buck, and from left to right, those in the group are: Audrey Tomick, James Basaraba, Terrence Buck, President Lupul, and Ed. Tomick, chairman of the awards committee.

As the year came to a close, the Red Cross organized a Blood Donor Clinic at our auditorium which was held on December 19. The response was rather slow, but it was a start. The Curling Club was planning to enter the play-offs while the executive committee attacked problems such as a new Nominating Committee, the Returning Officers, and Christmas bonuses for the employees.

The Nominating Committee for the election of 1962 officers was comprised of Comrade Joe Stepa as chairman, with Comrades John Rybak and Eugene Lupul as his committee-men. The Returning Officer was Comrade John Stetsko, aided by Comrades John Rybak and Walter Bilinske as his deputies.

Due to the fact that New Year's Eve fell on a Sunday this year, the New Year's Eve Frolic was cancelled.

The annual meeting of the branch took place in the auditorium on January 17, 1962. After many interesting reports, Comrade John Stetsko, the Returning Officer introduced the new executive members elected for the year.

Comrade Alex Bayrak was elected to the Presidency by acclamation, as was his Vice-President Comrade Eugene Lemiski. Comrade Ed Tomick was elected to the position of Second Vice-President.

Elected to the executive committee to serve a two-year term were Comrades Martin Bodnar, John Kuchar, William Letwenuk, Walter Romaniuk, Joe Trofimuk, Peter Walusko and Ed Yaremco. Elected to serve for one year were Comrades Ray Faryna, Nick Harrison, Eugene Lupul, George Melenka, Russ Ostapek and Steve Kuchka.

1962 EXECUTIVE



From left to right, FRONT ROW: W. Letwenuk, Secretary, E. Tomick, 2nd Vice President, E. Lemiski, 1st Vice President, A. Bayrak, President, P. Lupul, Past President, J. Rybak, Secretary Manager, N. Harrison, Sergeant at Arms.
BACK ROW: R. Faryna, R. Ostapek, J. Kuchar, E. Yaremco, W. Romaniuk, S. Kuchka, G. Melenka, P. Walusko, M. Bodnar, E. Lupul, J. Trofimuk.

At the executive meeting which followed a short time later, Comrade Justice Peter Greschuk was confirmed as the Honorary President and Comrade Orest Demco was confirmed as the Honorary Vice-President.

Reverend Michael Fyk and Reverend Martin Greschuk were confirmed as the branch padres. Comrade John Rybak was retained as Secretary-Manager for one more year, while Comrade Ed Sully was asked to stay on as our legal advisor.

Many of the same activities took place as before, however, being patrons to an artist's exhibition was something new to us. We contributed \$75.00 towards the costs of New York sculptor, Alexander Archipenko, to enable him to move his display from Winnipeg to Edmonton so that Edmontonians could see it. We also approved a \$25.00 donation to the Cancer Society.

A four-person Special Events committee was formed, chaired by Comrade

Ray Faryna and assisted by Comrades Walter Romaniuk, John Kuchar and Peter Lupul. A Branch Improvement committee was started with Comrade Walter Romaniuk as the chairman and empowered to select his own committee members. Comrade Steve Lopatynski was appointed to the executive committee, filling the vacancy left by Nick Harrison.

The House Committee under the wing of Comrade Eugene Lemiski was kept busy all year. Tables were bought for the board room, followed by suitable chairs. Eight tables were added to the lower lounge matching those that were already there. A suggestion that the patio could be used as a Beer Garden was sent to the Alberta Liquor Control Board. Most members felt that it was a good idea, but it took some time to get ALCB approval, making their required changes, and providing suitable patio furniture. A suggestion that a swimming pool be added on the bank of the ravine was also studied.

A plan to institute Friday and Saturday dancing in the upper lounge received a lot of study before concrete plans were made and a proper dance floor was built. From the very first day it proved to be a very popular venture, only to be shot down by the ALCB. Certain changes needed to be made to conform with the Liquor Board regulations before the dances could resume.

Social activities were an important segment in the life of the branch. The March 28 Stag Party was declared a success, as was the Children's Picnic held on June 24 at Half Moon Lake, and the Teen Dance in the auditorium, sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary held on June 1.

Highlands Golf Course was booked for the third week in June and a Fishing Derby was planned for Jasper, August 25. Six sheets of ice were reserved at the Crestwood Curling Club for next year, 1963, and Sports Chairman Comrade Martin Bodnar reported that he had booked bowling alleys for Fridays, 9 to 11 P.M. The Dart Team that we sponsored into the Provincial Play-offs invited the Dart Play-offs to use our branch for the tournament. The suggestion was accepted and we became their hosts on March 23, 1962.

President Comrade Alex Bayrak gave his detailed and interesting report on the Dominion Convention held in Halifax on June 3 to 8. He was our only delegate and described both the social activities and the business sessions that took place.

The most outstanding social highlight of 1962 was certainly the dinner held in honor of Colonel Mike Syrotuck, our first President. It was held in the auditorium on November 23rd and was well attended. A Life Membership, the first we ever awarded, was presented to Comrade Syrotuck that evening.

Our Norwood-sponsored baseball team finished first in the league and that was great news. Plans were immediately started to provide a little entertainment for the boys to show our approval and joy.

The branch voted to undertake the payment of 50% of the Medical Services Incorporated dues on behalf of all full-time employees. A suggestion box was provided for all to use. General meetings were suspended for the summer months.



Branch President Alex Bayrak on the left, presenting Col. Mike Syrtuck (Norwood's first President) with his Life Membership.

The fall season brought along a flurry of activities. An enjoyable Corn Roast was enjoyed on September 15, followed by a successful Harvest Dance on September 29. The Sportsman's Stag Night held on October 19 turned out to be a financial disaster, as did the Hallowe'en Masquerade Dance on October 26. The Armistice Day Dance this year was sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary and held on November 10 and was pleasantly profitable and enjoyable.

Poppy Day 1962 was a resounding success with 53 canvassers out and a good financial return recorded. The new approach of mailing poppies to members was also showing promise as over three thousand dollars was raised via the mail.

Decoration Day was held at Beechmont Cemetery on August 26 and the Legion Scholarship Awards were combined with a Teen Dance and took place on November 2.

Mid-year statistics from the Membership Committee chairman George Melenka reported a total of 421 paid-up members, made up of 346 Ordinary, eleven Associates and seventy Honorary. The Ladies Auxiliary strength at this time was 72. Finance Chairman Comrade Ed Yaremco reported that the branch was constantly "operating at a loss."

A sad note was the resignation of Secretary-Manager John Rybak in October. A three-man management team, made up from members of the executive committee was elected to replace him. They were Comrades Eugene Lemiski, Eugene Lupul and William Letweniuk, and would have to serve until a replacement could be found.

To say that 1962 was not a great year for bingo successes is understating the facts! Our April 18 date had to be moved to April 26 and we felt that this change

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS 1962



Norwood Branch #178 presented their annual cash awards to Grade XII and Grade IX students with trophies, emblematic of their achievements. From the left: Comrade E. Tornick, awards chairman; N.J. Miskew, L. Kostyshyn, T. Skoropad, L. Ambrose, R. Rebus, and A. Bayrak, President.

had a serious bearing on the attendance. It was a ten-car bingo with ten T.V. sets as consolation prizes and showed a whopping loss of \$2,988.03!

The November 15 bingo was our first twelve-car venture and featured twelve 1963 Valiants. It showed a profit of only \$300.00 —the small attendance was readily blamed on the terrible weather that day. Saturday afternoon bingos in the branch auditorium were instituted in February.

The Election Committee this year was made up of Comrades Steve Lopatynski, Martin Bodnar and Steve Kuchka. Comrade Martin Bodnar was the Returning Officer, with Comrades Steve Kuchka, Walter Romaniuk and John Kuchar as the DRO's.

The Christmas Party was organized for December 16 and a New Year's Frolic was in the mill as the year ended.

The Annual Meeting was held on January 16, 1963, and President Alex Bayrak's report followed the committee chairmen's reports, all of which were very informative. Returning Officer Comrade Martin Bodnar informed the meeting that there were 64 members present this evening and that 120 members had cast their ballots at this election, or roughly one third of the membership. He then proceeded to introduce the new executive.

Comrade Alex Bayrak was re-elected as President and Comrade Eugene Lemiski was re-elected as his Vice-President. Comrade Ray Faryna was elected as the second Vice-President.

Elected to the Executive Committee to serve for two years were Comrades Steve Lopatynski, Joe Stepka, Eugene Lupul, Nick Harrison, George Melenka and

1963 EXECUTIVE



From left to right, FRONT ROW: W. Letweniuk, Secretary, R. Faryna, 2nd Vice President, E. Lemiski, 1st Vice President, A. Bayrak, President, P. Lupul, Past President, B. Dudra, Secretary Manager, S. Lopatynski, Sergeant at Arms.
BACK ROW: J. Kuchar, J. Romanchuk, J. Stepa, M. Elaschuk, W. Romaniuk, P. Walusko, M. Bodnar, N. Harrison, E. Lupul, J. Trofimuk. MISSING: G. Melenka.

Murle Elaschuk. Elected to serve a one-year term was Comrade John Romanchuk.

The Election Committee was dismissed and the ballots and nomination papers were destroyed. The Honorary President and Vice-President were re-confirmed as before, as was the auditor, legal advisor and the padres. Now it was a matter of getting back to work!

The first item of business was to react to the suggestion of the Honorary President emanating from the annual meeting concerning some sort of Testimonial Certificate that should be provided to our Honorary Life Member, Comrade Mike Syrotuck.

To facilitate the selection of a new Secretary-Manager, a Rating Board was set up. Its mandate was to interview the applicants that were replying to the advertisements placed in the Edmonton, Calgary and Winnipeg newspapers. It was comprised of the immediate past-president, the president, and the first and second vice-presidents. Of the many prospects applying, William Rowley was hired.

The Provincial Convention was being held in Edmonton, April 28 to 30 and Comrades Eugene Lupul, Martin Bodnar and Ray Faryna were selected to be our official delegates. We organized a "Branch Night" to welcome any arriving delegates.

A hard-hitting membership drive was discussed to interest the many potential

members who should join our branch. Publication of our membership roster was advancing well. Our roster would include a listing of all our members with phone numbers, addresses and occupations.

A tax notice from the City advised us that our taxes were past due and with the sum involved being over eleven thousand dollars, it was necessary to borrow from our bank in order to pay it. This required approval by a general meeting and steps were taken to accomplish this. A contract to paint the outside of the building was let to a firm of decorators, the price not to exceed \$375.00. A pool table was bought for the downstairs lounge and two shuffleboards were installed on a rent-to-purchase agreement.

Our branch was well represented at a local Zone Rally by Comrades Martin Bodnar and Nick Harrison. A donation of one hundred dollars was made to the Ukrainian Pioneers Association for the erection of a memorial at Elk Island Park, commemorating the pioneers who settled in the area. The dues for our baseball team in the Little League were paid. A donation of \$150.00 was made to the Ukrainian Canadian Research Foundation which was publishing a book called "Michael Luchkovich's Memoirs" and our donation was dedicated to that purpose.

Socially, 1963 was just as busy as the other years but we should mention functions that were new or attempted for the first time. The year's first event was a mid-season Jamboree held in January. It was just another name for a dance, but proved to be very successful, both financially and socially. In addition, an Easter Basket Draw combined with a Whist Drive was held in April, also with great success! A Teen Dance held in May was well attended.

Bowling was running, as was curling with eight sheets of ice reserved for next year at the Sportex. A Fish Derby at Kapasiwin Beach was held on August 18 and several golf meets took place during the summer. The full complement of stag parties, dances and picnics was enjoyed by all, ending up with an Executive Dinner on November 25.

Bingo in 1963 saw several innovations, the most outstanding being the introduction of Cash Bingo with twenty thousand dollars being given away as prizes, and Savings Bonds as consolation prizes!

But first, early in the year, we held our second twelve-car bingo with twelve Valiants from Miller Motors Ltd. This was held on February 27 and went quite well, raising \$4,653.02.

The first Cash Bingo was held on June 12th with twenty thousand dollars at stake. It was a ten-game arrangement with eight games at \$1,500.00 each with the fifth game worth \$3,000.00 and the 9th game worth \$5,000.00. 50% of the proceeds were destined for the Hay River and Fort Simpson Flood Relief.

The second Cash Bingo was held on November 14 with a similar arrangement of prizes with the same staff and netted a whopping profit of over fourteen thousand dollars

The October 1963 general monthly meeting featured an interesting

“travelogue” type of program with slides of Russia as photographed by Life Member Comrade Col. Mike Syrotuck on his recent trip to the Soviet Union. Comrade Joe Stepa ran the projector while the Colonel supplied the commentary.

This meeting also approved a donation of seventy-five dollars to the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. With the year drawing to the end, an Election Committee consisting of Comrades George Melenka, Joe Stepa and Nick Harrison was formed. Comrade Steve Lopatynski was elected as the Returning Officer with Comrades George Melenka, Eugene Lupul and Bill Plawiuk as Deputy Returning Officers.

Executive committee attendance records were reviewed and it was discovered that for 1962, Comrades Alex Bayrak, Eugene Lupul and Steve Kuchka had perfect attendance.

For 1963, Comrades Alex Bayrak and Eugene Lupul were again the perfect attenders, with an honorable mention going to Comrades Ray Faryna and Murle Elashuk who missed only two meetings each.

1964 EXECUTIVE



From left to right, FRONT ROW: W. Rowley, Secretary Manager; E. Tomick, 2nd Vice President; R. Faryna, 1st Vice President; E Lemiski, President; A. Bayrak, Past President; J. Romanchuk, Secretary; N. Harrison, Sergeant at Arms. BACK ROW: P. Lupul, J. Symc, S. Kravinchuk, M. Elashuk, J. Stepa, S. Kuchka, S. Lopatynski, G. Lupul, E. Lupul, J. Stetsko. MISSING: G. Melenka.

The first meeting of 1964 was held on January 15 at the branch auditorium. Comrade Steve Lopatynski, the Returning Officer, presented the newly elected executive members. The president, vice president and second vice-president were all elected by acclamation this year. Comrade Eugene Lemiski was elected president and Comrade Ray Faryna was elected vice-president with Comrade Ed Tomick as second vice-president.

When one looks back over the years, they become a blur of events, in some cases, very repetitive. With election committees, returning officers and their deputies, executive members and all the many committees, many names recur and become very familiar. The executive committee for 1964 was made up mostly of names that had appeared recently either on the executive board, or elsewhere on other committees.

There were however, some new ones that had appeared less often, and these were the newly-elected executive members in the persons of Comrades George Lupul and Jim Symic.

Branch activities too, can become very repetitive. Besides all the normal things that organizations can do or take part in, being a Legion branch demands a certain number of traditional activities connected with a veteran's organization. These activities may include Provincial and Dominion conventions, Zone Rallies, Poppy Day canvasses and certainly the Remembrance Day activities and Decoration Days, to mention just some of them.

With the honorary positions re-confirmed, Comrade President Eugene Lemiski outlined briefly the general policies to be observed by the executive members and the channels of communication to be followed in submitting suggestions, ideas and complaints. This done, it was time to go to work!

These were busy years. The normal activities participated in during the past years were all handled very well. We had our stag nights, Christmas and Easter raffles, Poppy Day drive and Remembrance Day parade, as well as the Grey Cup Pool, a Turkey bingo and the normal picnics.

Comrade Joe Stepá, chairman of the Entertainment Committee organized a Monte Carlo Night, followed by a Bar-b-Que and Wine Taste, a corn roast, and a full season of dances. The hard-time Harvest Dance proved to be only marginally successful, but we made up for it with a pre-Christmas dance on November 21.

Back at the branch, operations appeared normal, but they were not as routine as they should have been. Sales were generally up, but so were the costs of operation which put a squeeze on the margins and made it difficult for our new auditing firm of Kule & Peach to answer the many questions that the executive committee was asking.

Internal strife was another problem. The janitor was dismissed and the cook was asked to resign. This was followed by asking the Secretary-Manager, William Rowley to resign also. In his place, the executive committee appointed Comrade Steve Lopatynski on a temporary basis, giving him leave of absence from the board during this time — which was supposed to be brief.

An "interview" committee comprised of Comrades Ray Faryna, Peter Lupul and President Eugene Lemiski was formed to enable the branch to hire a new Secretary-Manager as soon as possible. Since this didn't happen very quickly, a Management Committee was formed. It was comprised of Comrades Eugene Lupul, Ed Tomick and Ray Faryna and was chaired by John Stetsko. The duties of this committee were self-evident. They were to manage the branch until a

replacement could be found, helping Comrade Lopatynski with his duties.

Replies to our advertising regarding this position were few and lacking in the desirable qualities. In 1965, the old Management Committee was dissolved and replaced by a new one, consisting of Comrade John Romanchuk, chairman, with Comrades John Stetsko, Alex Bayrak, Ed Tomick and President Eugene Lemiski. In the end, an Acting Branch Manager was hired in the person of Mr. Bernie Dudra and both committees were dissolved permanently.

With the resignation of Comrade Steve Lopatynski from the position of Secretary-Manager and also from the executive committee, the board was two members short.

Comrade Sam Kravenchuk, working as the branch Historian, reported that the recording of the branch history was proceeding well at this time. Board photographs were being framed and organized. A suggestion that the Norwood branch investigate the arrangements being made for veteran's plots at St. Michael's Cemetery resulted in a committee headed by Comrade Kravenchuk and staffed by Steve Kuchka, being formed. Their undertaking was to follow up on the possibility of a cenotaph being erected at St. Michael's and Reverend Kaminsky was asked to help them with this venture.

This year, the Klondike Days fever came to our branch and the staff were asked to reflect this theme in their dress. Any advertising that was being planned would also be Klondike-oriented during this period of the summer.

Bursaries at the University of Alberta were reduced by one, with only one instead of two being offered for Ukrainian 300, the three for Ukrainian 100 remaining unchanged. Our Little League support was continued and our team



1964 Ladies' Auxiliary presents cheque for charity to Branch – R. Faryna, 1st Vice President; R. Lupul, Treasurer; E. Lemiski, President; and Mary Poohkay, L.A. President.

again came in first in 1964, the boys being suitably rewarded for their effort with a party in celebration of the occasion. Our Grade IX and Grade XII Scholarships were awarded as usual and many cash donations to various organizations were again made.

The Bingo booked for April 1, 1964, was moved to April 8 because of a conflict with another event. It was a \$20,000.00 cash bingo with twenty-five dollar consolation prizes. The staff and committee had it well organized and recorded a profit of \$13,064.05. This performance was repeated on October 28 with a ten-game \$20,000.00 cash bingo, consisting of eight \$1,000.00 games, one game at \$2,000.00 and the grand prize in game nine of \$10,000.00! All went well but the profit was only \$3,608.40, due to a smaller crowd.

United Nations Week was celebrated October 17 to 24, 1964. We took active part, as did most other legion branches, with Norwood supplying the Color Party. Comrade Alex Bayrak attended the Polish Combatants Association Color presentation, representing our branch.

The Election Committee for 1964 was composed of Comrades Martin Bodnar, Walter Marceniuk and Alex Bayrak. Comrade John Romanchuk was the Returning Officer with Comrades Eugene Lupul, Jim Symic and Nick Harrison as the DRO's. The election produced no surprising results, leaving the officers virtually unchanged, except for a few new names on the executive committee for the first time. These were Comrades Orest Sachkiw, Dr. John Paran and Russ Dembiski.

1965 EXECUTIVE



From left to right, FRONT ROW: W. Plawiuk, Secretary Manager, M. Bodnar, 2nd Vice President, E. Tomick, 1st Vice President, E. Lemiski, President, A. Bayrak, Past President, J. Romanchuk, Secretary, S. Kuchka, Sergeant at Arms.
BACK ROW: R. Dembiski, J. Stetsko, J. Symic, G. Lupul, S. Kravinchuk, W. Marceniuk, Dr. J. Paran, P. Lupul, O. Sachkiw, M. Fedoruk, E. Lupul.

Rev. P. Symchych joined Rev. M. Greschuk as a new Padre for the branch and the legal advisor and auditors were reconfirmed for another year. Rev. Symchych served only a short time and was replaced by Rev. Dmytro Luchak early in 1966, who served for many years.

1965 saw much progress in the expansion of our building. The Planning and Development Committee formed early in the year undertook to prepare and review plans for the enlargement of the auditorium and the necessary renovations where they were needed. Working on this committee would be Comrades Martin Bodnar, Dr. John Paran, Bill Plawiuk and Ed Tomick. Walter Marceniuk was added to this committee later.

After the necessary studies, a contract for \$4,565.00 was let to Cormode and Dickson for a sixteen by twenty-eight foot addition and for \$1,415.00 to Lupul Electric for electrical modifications in keeping with the expansion.

1965 also saw the creation of a new Resolutions Committee of Comrades Alex Bayrak, Sam Kravenchuk and Dr. John Paran.

Besides the usual whirl of social activities, this year saw us taking part in the Legion Curling Bonspiel, winding up with a Curling Banquet on May 7.

George Dwernychuk was hired as Secretary-Manager for a thirty-day trial, replacing the Acting Manager Bernie Dudra. Comrade Sam Kravenchuk was hired as a temporary replacement for him at the end of the trial period, being granted leave from the executive committee while he did so. The instability created by the many management changes was cured in 1966 when Bill Plawiuk took root as the newly appointed Secretary-Manager with Bernie Dudra staying on as his assistant.

On April 10, 1965, the minutes show that our branch could now wear the title "Royal" and be called the Royal Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L. Norwood (Alberta) No. 178!

Although our paid-up membership was close to four hundred, the average attendance at monthly meetings during these years hovered around the 48 to 50 mark, which was a concern. In situations where bad weather or some other hurdle came along, meetings had to be held without a quorum in which case they were only discussion sessions, the topics discussed being tabled to the next meeting.

We were not alone in being concerned with our attendance and membership since the ever-present eyes of the Alberta Liquor Control Board were on us all the time. The liquor laws of the 60's were quite strict and licenses approved for organizations of our type were closely monitored. The quality of the surroundings needed to be approved by the ALCB, which included the room layout and the furniture, rugs and anything else that had a bearing on the premises. Also, the membership in such clubs had to be "genuine" so that you could not gain approval for a liquor license for a certain type of organization or club, then proceed to "pad" it with associated or "pseudo-members," allowing it to operate



This Mural was incorporated in the expansion and renovation of the Auditorium. The scene depicts a meeting between Sir Isaac Brock, Governor of Upper Canada (in red) and Colonel Charles De Salaberry (in green) on the Westbank of the Niagara River; Fort Niagara is in the background. The Indians, under command of the great Chief Tecumseh, fought bravely side-by-side with the English and French Canadians, to defeat and throw back the American invasion of Canada in the war of 1812.

much as a public "bar." These regulations were clearly spelled out for clubs like Legion branches, the rule being that our Honorary membership must never exceed twenty-five percent of our Ordinary membership.

Reports filed with the ALCB always contained membership counts, and we assume that they were monitored on a continual basis. If quantity was the first concern of the ALCB, quality was certainly a factor that came a close second! Conduct in premises where liquor was served was spelled out also, although none of this was extremely restrictive but based mostly on common sense.

In our branch, with our membership growing at a steady pace, there seemed to be no difficulty in exceeding the number of allowable Honorary members. Perhaps our Ordinary members were not enrolling fast enough. In any case, the ALCB were aware of situations such as ours and provided a steady surveillance. Any infractions of this clause were quickly brought to our attention.

It was probably this situation that caught the attention of Comrade Dr. John Paran after he became the second vice-president of the branch, leading to a study of the situation, and a suggestion for some changes.

Throughout the years we made every effort to be represented at both the Provincial and Dominion conventions, feeling that they were a major source of information for us and enabling us to "keep in step" with the rest of the organization, at the same time providing us an opportunity to supply our input when we felt it to be necessary.

The Dominion Convention in May of 1964 in Winnipeg, was attended by Comrades Eugene Lemiski, then president of the branch, and by Comrade Sam Kravenchuk and Ray Faryna, 1st vice-president. The Provincial convention held in Lethbridge, June 6 to 9, was attended by Comrades Dr. John Paran and George Lupul.

To the Dominion Convention held in Montreal in April of 1966, we sent our president Comrade Ed Tomick, accompanied by his vice-president Comrade Martin Bodnar. To this convention, our branch submitted a brief on "Incentives for Membership Development and Retention," prepared by Comrade Dr. John Paran, our second vice-president. It was well received and the input was reported as "being studied" by later correspondence from the Dominion Command.

The era of the great ten-car bingos seemed to have passed. The middle 1960's were enjoying a new fad, namely Cash Bingos. The December 1st game featured a \$10,000.00 grand prize with eight \$1,000.00 prizes and one \$2,000.00 prize, a total of \$20,000.00 in major prizes and \$1,000.00 in consolations, the consolation prizes being \$100.00 each with the tie-breakers each receiving \$10.00.

A well-organized and smoothly running staff brought in a profit of \$8,576.38 to the Bingo and Building Fund, as our account was now called. March second saw a repetition of the above with an unbelievable profit of \$14, 258.50! Congratulations and a well-earned vote of thanks was moved for our perennial Bingo Committee chairman Comrade Peter Lupul for a job well done.

A Meritorious Service Medal for his services to our branch was proposed for Comrade Col. Michael Syrotuck. The discussion, having been voted on at the executive committee meeting, was then ratified by the membership at a general meeting. Application was made to the Dominion Command through the proper channels to assure that this award would be made. Plans were now started to arrange for an appropriate occasion at which to make the presentation.

Plans were also being made to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the branch. A committee comprised of Comrades Martin Bodnar, Joe Step, Eugene Lemiski, Dr. John Paran, George Lupul and John Kuchar was formed to do the organizing and planning. Comrades Justice Peter Greschuk and William Sereda joined the new committee as representatives from the Advisory Committee. The date was set for May 7, 1966.

Throughout the appropriate seasons, Comrade George Lupul, chairman of the Entertainment Committee arranged a steady stream of activities which included a Valentine's Dance, a "Pushchenia," a Bavarian Night, A Wine Taste and Barbecue, Klondike Days Celebrations, a corn roast, Hallowe'en Dance and many others. Klondike Days proved to be the only money loser.

The elections for 1966, our twentieth anniversary year, saw Comrade Ed Tomick elected to the position of president by a wide margin as he competed with other candidates. Comrade Martin Bodnar was elected as vice-president and Comrade Dr. John Paran was elected to the position of second vice-president.

1966 EXECUTIVE



From left to right, FRONT ROW: W. Plawluk, Secretary Manager, G. Andrews, Secretary, M. Bodnar, 1st Vice President, E. Tomick, President, E. Lemiski, Past President, Dr. J. Paran, 2nd Vice President, W. Marceniuk, Sergeant at Arms.
BACK ROW: W. Rawluk, M. Fedoruk, J. Kay, G. Lupul, J. Symic, A. Bayrak, A. Yablonski, R. Dembiski, P. Lupul, E. Lupul. MISSING: O. Sachkiw.

The Executive Committee, was made up of Comrades Alex Bayrak, Russ Dembiski, Mike J. Fedoruk, George Lupul, Jim Symic and Peter Lupul, all serving two year terms. Elected for a two year term for the first time were Comrades George Andrews, Bill Rawluk and Joe Kay. Comrade Al Yablonski was elected for a one-year term and for his first year on the board. Comrade Walter Marceniuk took the Sergeant-at-Arms job and George Andrews became the Recording Secretary. Bill Plawluk was confirmed as Secretary-Manager.

The Election Committee consisted of Comrades Joe Stepa, Steve Kuchka and Nick Ambrose. Ed Yaremco was the Returning Officer with Comrades Eugene Lupul, Steve Kuchka and Russ Dembiski as the Deputy Returning Officers.

The year-end report presented by Comrade Ed Tomick on behalf of the House Committee reported that the "Hot Water Tank, Ceiling Tank, New Slicing Machine, Dishes, Piano, Shuffleboard, Heating System, cupboards in the liquor room, moving garage and telephone poles, furniture, outside Electrical plugs for cars, Dining Room and doors repaired, drapes repaired, display made for trophies, decoration of Auditorium, building an addition, came to an expenditure of approximately \$17,000.00."

A suggestion emanating from the executive committee was taken seriously by the members of the next general meeting and a considerable amount of time was used to discuss it, resulting in a resolution that the executive committee be reduced to eleven members from the present thirteen. Since the resolution would

require a by-law change, it was decided to table it for the present until the by-laws could be studied in case there were any other pending changes.

Every once in a while, a suggestion regarding changes in our meetings would be voiced, these often indicating that we did not have enough social or entertainment value included, that our meetings were too dull. In keeping with these suggestions, guest speakers were occasionally planned and proved to be interesting. Visitors from the Provincial Command sometimes came and were invited to speak to us, however these were not always as entertaining as they were informative.

The October meeting in 1965 featured William Skoreyko as a Guest Speaker. Mr. Skoreyko was the Member of Parliament for Edmonton East. The April 1966 general meeting featured a film entitled "John Glenn's Flight Into Space in Friendship 7 Space Capsule." This was shown by Comrade Joe Stepa and was very interesting and educational.

In the fall of 1966, our membership was reported as 469 with 379 ordinary members. This was also the first year that "Klondike Week" was tried and proved to be a non-profit learning experience! Harry Radomsky, our new Secretary Manager resigned "for personal reasons" effective October 31 and was replaced quickly with Vic Letawski on November 14.

Although the Bingo held on November 30 showed a loss of almost four thousand dollars, 1966 was a good year insofar as Bingo proceeds were concerned, showing a net profit of almost \$11,000.00! The November Bingo suffered from a small turn-out and the club was fortunate that the planners foresaw that pitfall and arranged this game have a somewhat smaller overhead than those that we held recently. This was a \$14,000.00 cash bingo with nine \$1,000.00 games and the major one of \$5,000.00. This had the effect of keeping our costs down and saved us from a complete disaster!

A Centennial Fund was established by our Provincial Command, its purpose being to save funds for the Centennial celebrations during 1967 which marked the hundredth anniversary of Confederation of Canada, 1867-1967. A per-capita arrangement was made with each branch being assessed the appropriate amount. In our own branch, we had a tentative unwritten arrangement that would assign approximately ten per-cent of our income towards this fund.

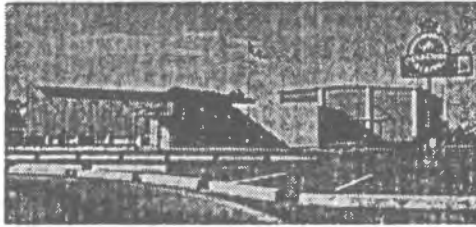
Comrade George Lupul, chairman of the Entertainment Committee arranged several late fall functions, including a Grey Cup Dance and a Hallowe'en Dance. Comrade Jim Symic, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee organized a Turkey Bingo which proved to be very successful.

Of particular interest in the fall of 1966, October 14 to be exact, was the great celebration of the 20 Anniversary of our Branch. Proceedings started in the auditorium precisely at 7:45 with the piping of the Colours, reading the ritual and the singing of 'O Canada' by all present, followed by Grace said by Rev. Metro Luchak.



Royal Canadian Legion

Norwood Branch No. 178



20th Anniversary

1946 - 1966

Friday, October 14th, 1966

President Ed Tomick was Master of Ceremonies, being introduced by Past-president Comrade Eugene Lemiski. The Toast to the Queen was made by Comrade Dr. John Paran. An introduction of head-table guests and other dignitaries followed, after which members that had twenty consecutive years of service were presented.

Past-presidents of the Branch were introduced and a Zone Commander Badge was presented to Comrade Joe Stepa. Comrade Eugene Lemiski was presented with his Past-president's Badge by Provincial Vice-president Comrade Ed Coley.



Ed Coley, Provincial Vice President, presenting Comrade Joe Stepa with his Zone Commander Badge.

The feature speaker of the evening was Comrade Col. Michael Syrotuck who was introduced by Comrade William Orobko and thanked by Comrade Orest Demco.

Presentations of twenty-year buttons and certificates were made to our qualifying members by Col. Michael Syrotuck. Comrade Bill Gordon, second Vice-president of the Provincial Command made presentations of past-presidents' plaques to the past-presidents.

Recipients of the twenty-year consecutive members pins and scrolls were: Comrades George J. Andrews, Alex Bayrak, Walter Bilinske, Martin Bodnar, Nick Bodnar, Michael Cwihun, Isadore Goresky, Nestor Holychuk, Dr. William Orobko, Tom Preston, Michael Prystupa, Walter Romaniuk, William Stetsko, Col. Michael Syrotuck, Edward Tomick, Dr. Stan Warshawski, Orest Zarsky and Dr. Donald A Zuck.

Past-presidents receiving past-president plaques, presented in order of their service were: Comrades Col. Michael Syrotuck, Dr. William Orobko, Dr. Bob Svarich, John Stetsko, Nestor Marchyshyn, Walter Bilinkse, Peter Lupul, Alex Bayrak and Eugene Lemiski.



These members received 20 year pins in 1966
FRONT ROW: Walter Bilinske, Dr. William Orobko, Mike Syrotuck, Ed Tomick, Alex Bayrak. **BACK ROW:** George Andrews, Walter Romanluk, Nick Bodnar, Orest Zarsky, Tom Preston, Martin Bodnar, William Stetsko.

The highlight of the evening was the awarding of the Meritorious Service Medal and the twenty-year button to Comrade Col. Michael Syrotuck by President Ed Tomick, while Ladies Auxiliary President Anne Bayrak presented Mary Syrotuck with a bouquet of flowers.

The evening ended with closing remarks by Justice Peter Greschuk and a closing prayer by Rev. Martin Greschuk, followed by "God Save the Queen."



MSM AWARD DECEMBER 1966

Vice President W.W. Gordon, Provincial Command, presenting plaque to Mike Syrotuck.

As a direct result of the Anniversary Banquet and a few weeks later, a letter was received from Comrade Isadore Goresky, thanking us for his award. Another letter of thanks came from Comrade Dr. Donald A. Zuck. Both names appear on our charter as original members. Dr. Zuck's letter came from the University of Saskatchewan where he is Associate Professor of Pharmacy.

A November 1966 executive committee meeting suggested that a Meritorious Service Medal for Comrade Justice Peter Greschuk be arranged for his exemplary service to our branch, the suggestion being forwarded to the next general meeting.

Ending the year on a sad note, we were shocked by the sudden passing of Comrade William Orobko late in December 1966. Dr. Bill was one of our founding members, his name appearing on our charter. His name and activities on behalf of our group are well recorded even before we had a charter! He was one of our earliest organizers who worked fervently until the present as an active member. He was a member of the executive committee for many years and was a past-president of the branch.

The 1966 Election Committee was chaired by Comrade Alex Bayrak with Comrade Ed Yaremco as the Returning Officer. Comrades Vic Letawski, Joe Stepa and Bill Rawluk were Deputy Returning Officers.

It appears that the Election of Officers for 1967 was one of the more active and enthusiastic campaigns that the branch ever experienced. Comrade Dr. John

1967 EXECUTIVE



From left to right, FRONT ROW: A. Bayrak, District Commander, S. Kravinchuk, 2nd Vice President, E. Tomick, Past President, Dr. J. Paran, President, M. Bodnar, 1st Vice President, G. Andrews, Secretary, W. Rawluk, Sergeant at Arms.
BACK ROW: W. Pasternak, P. Lupul, G. Lupul, J. Stepa, W. Kochanuk, J. Symic, J. Kay, F. Muzyłowski.

Paran out-campaigned Ed Tomick and won the presidency by a wide margin! Martin Bodnar was elected Vice-president and Sam Kravenchuk was elected Second Vice-president.

Elected to the executive committee, under the new by-laws now consisting of only eleven members, were Comrades Peter Lupul, Fred Muzykowski, William Kochanuk, Steve Kuchka, William Pasternak, George Andrews, Joe Kay, George Lupul, Bill Rawluk, Jim Symic and Joe Stepka.

Lining up his committee chairmen for 1967, President Comrade Dr. John Paran chose First Vice-president Martin Bodnar for his House Committee Chairman and Special Events Chairman. With Special Events, he would be assisted by Joe Stepka to make up the Program Committee. Joe also would handle the By-Laws Committee.

The job of Membership Chairman went to Second Vice-President Sam Kravenchuk, who would also be our contact with the Canadian Ukrainian Committee. Comrade George Andrews would handle the position of Recording Secretary while Joe Kay would be Finance Chairman, assisted by the Secretary-Manager and the branch Auditors.

Comrade Alex Bayrak was assigned the Polio and Poppy Fund Drive duties while Comrade George Lupul remained as Entertainment Committee Chairman. Comrade Peter Lupul would look after the Bingo Committee and the Roster Committee while Comrade Bill Rawluk would be the Sergeant-At-Arms and also chair the Sports Committee, selecting a co-chairman at a later date, if needed.

Comrade Jim Symic took on the chairmanship of the Ways and Means Committee, assisted by Comrade William Kochanuk. Comrade Ed Tomick, the immediate Past-president would handle the Youth and Awards Committee as he had done for many years hence. Secretary-Manager Comrade Vic Letawski would look after the Welfare and Hospital Committees.

The Building Committee was chaired by William Pasternak and Publicity was handled by Fred Muzykowski, while the President remained in charge of Citations and Awards.

The Management Committee was composed of the President, the first Vice-president, the second Vice-president with Peter Lupul and George Lupul. The Phoning Committee would be formed from amongst the Honorary Membership.

The President felt that a "cabinet" of about twelve members should be formed to set policy for the branch and to provide an input of ideas for future development.

At the January 1967 General Meeting, District Commander Alex Bayrak completed our installation of officers and also became our feature speaker of the evening.

The year got off to a good start with some successful Ham Bingos during the Easter Season, also a successful Social Night held on March 8 and organized by Comrade Jim Symic of the Ways and Means Committee.

Monday Night Bingos were re-instituted, and although appeared to be slow from the start, grew quickly and steadily, providing a fairly reliable cash flow to the branch before too long. Klondike Night was organized for Exhibition week and Jerry Wenne's Bavarian Orchestra was booked, alternating with Gaby Haas as they played for us and the 700 Wing of the Royal Canadian Air Force Association. Experience in organizing this production was showing as Klondike Week proved to be both a social and financial success, improving in both quality and quantity, showing a profit of over a thousand dollars this year!

1967 proved to be another busy year with much being done to improve the building both inside and outside, all, of course, in addition to the usual activities that took place more or less routinely.

The biennial Provincial Convention of the Canadian Legion was held in Banff June 4 to 7 with our branch represented by five delegates. The president was accompanied by his two vice-presidents as well as Comrades Ed Tomick and Peter Lupul.

At home, plans were being formulated for the re-painting of the exterior of the building, re-decoration of the upper lounge and the expansion of the building on the north-east side to provide us with a larger foyer, additional office space and allow for a larger kitchen. Finance Committee Chairman Joe Kay made studies of the operation of the branch and moved to formalize and tighten inventory control of cash, food, liquor and stationery to conform with the suggestions coming from the auditors.

The difficulties that we first experienced with our ravine location persisted. Before any action could be taken, more information was necessary. In line with this, Dr. R. M Hardy and Associates were retained to make thorough soil studies so that we could make a comprehensive report to the City. Much of the summer of 1967 was spent in drilling and testing by the engineers, while we waited for a complete report in the fall.

In the legal department an application for our Change of Name was filed with the Registrar of Companies. It was now legal to use "Royal" in our name and, after approval, we would be known as "The Royal Canadian Legion, No. 178 Norwood (Alberta) Branch." Approval was obtained and all details were completed by October.

Late in April, Field Marshall The Earl of Alexander and Lady Alexander visited Edmonton. The Field Marshall was the guest speaker at the Sir Winston Churchill Dinner at the Chateau Lacombe on April 24. All branches combined to organize a Church Parade at All Saints Cathedral for them on April 23, which was very well attended and in which our branch participated actively.

Also in April, at the monthly general meeting, Zone Commander Comrade Lorne Wilkinson presented the branch with an "Outstanding Award Certificate" in the "Six Percent Club" for achieving a 6% growth in our membership during 1966. This was accepted on behalf of the branch by Comrade Ed Tomick who was president during the 1966 growth period. In his acceptance remarks,

Comrade Tomick gave credit to now president Dr. Paran who was the Membership Chairman on his executive committee during that year!

In addition to the University of Alberta Bursaries which we honored again, and the Grade IX and Grade XII Scholarship Awards which were repeated, we gave a special award in a student's Essay Contest, the subject being "Why We Must Observe Remembrance Day." The winners were awarded cheques from the branch at the May general meeting.

The annual picnic this year was held at the Storyland Valley Zoo on June 25. The Centennial Veteran's Ball at the Prince of Wales Armouries was well attended by our branch, as was our own Wine Tasting Party in September. Other activities included a successful Decoration Day, a Western Old Time Dance, a Bohemian Dance, an Armistice Ball, a Children's Christmas Party and a New Year's Eve Ball.

The Poppy Day campaign was held on November 4th of this year. A joint meeting of the Legion branches in the city made a definite decision to move the cenotaph to the City Hall grounds, the work to be completed by November 11, 1967.

Only two bingos were held at the Edmonton Gardens this year, both being successful and bringing in over twenty-two thousand dollars into the treasury.

Late in the year, word reaching us of the passing of Comrade Bob Svarich was sad news indeed. Comrade Bob had been an active member of our branch for

1968 EXECUTIVE



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many years, serving on the executive committee many times in various capacities. He was a past president and could well be considered as the instigator of bingos as a fund-raising tool in our club.

When it was time to select the nominating committee for the ensuing year, Comrades Ed Tomick, Orest Zarsky and William Chmiliar were elected. Comrade William Rawluk was the Returning Officer for the election, assisted by Deputy Returning Officers Ed Yaremco, Sam Kravenchuk and John Romanchuk.

When the Installation of Officers was performed on January 17th, 1968, Comrade George Lupul was the new President with George Andrews as his Vice-president and Jim Symic as his second Vice-president. Elected to the Executive Committee for a two-year term were Comrades Russ Dembiski, William Rawluk, Joe Stepa, John Bobowsky and Steve Kashton. Elected for a one-year term were Comrades Peter Lupul, Fred Musylowski, Walter Formaniuk, John Romanchuk, John Wandio and Al Yablonski.

At his first meeting, President George Lupul suggested that the new officers had their work quite well cut out for them for the next year and "let's be builders, not wreckers!" After reconfirming the two branch padres, Rev. Martin Greschuk and Rev. Metro Luchak and re-appointing Justice Peter Greschuk as the Honorary President and William Sereda as Honorary Vice-president, the standing committees for the year were struck. The Management Committee was dispensed with after some discussion.

There was much to be done!

Sports Committee Chairman, Comrade William Rawluk reported that our branch had won the Legion Zone Curling Play-offs which took place at St. Albert on January 13 and 14. Representing our branch was the John Kuchar Rink who became the first-time winners for our branch. The team was composed of Comrades John Kuchar, Al Osmak, Mike Burtnik and Jack Jackowich. The next move was to advance to the District Playoffs in Whitecourt, January 27 and 28. The January 29 Executive meeting received the happy report that our team had won that event handily!

In March, Comrade George Andrews who was Chairman of the House Committee as well as the Building Committee appointed a Planning and Building Committee consisting of Comrades W. Kubrak, Wm. Pasternak, Walter Bilinske, Ed Tomick, Dr. John Paran, Nick Ochotta and Joe Stepa. Also a part of this committee were President George Lupul and Vice-president George Andrews, while Mrs. Winnie Lesick represented the Ladies Auxiliary.

The purpose of this committee was to plan and guide the expansion of our building, oversee the kitchen extension together with the relevant floors, rugs, furniture and mirrors. With the co-operation of the many suppliers involved, the entire project was virtually completed by the end of the year. A sprinkler system was installed in the kitchen in keeping with recommendations from the Alberta Liquor Control Board.

The 22nd Annual Dominion Convention of the Canadian Legion was

scheduled for Penticton, May 26 to 31. We were represented by our president and vice-president accompanied by Comrades William Rawluk and Sam Kravenchuk.

In keeping with wishes of many members, many of the general monthly meetings had a guest speaker. In January, Member of Parliament William Skoreyko spoke to the group, his subject being "Defense and Defaults." For the February meeting we heard from T. Newton who spoke about the Veteran's Land Act and from Fred Brown who addressed the subject of Veterans' Allowances, Pensions and Assistance to Veteran's and Dependents of Veterans.

Monday Night Bingos were moving along nicely and showing fairly good returns, the money being channeled into the Welfare Fund. The members enjoyed a Wine Tasting Party in May and the usual annual picnic in June. July 5 was Klondike Week kick-off day and there was still time left over for a golf tournament on June 19. Later in the year members attended a Hawaii Night, a Western Beer Night, held the Annual Christmas Party for the Children and prepared to celebrate the coming of the New Year. A Zone Rally was held in Leduc on November 8.

The Hudson's Bay Central Little League received our annual donation of one hundred dollars for their use, later receiving baseball jackets from the branch. We instituted the Mark Ten Group Savings plan to help the Robin Hood School for Retarded Children in Sherwood Park and made a donation to the Woodcroft Community League towards their baseball team.

The annual Decoration Day was held at Beechmount Cemetery, with all branches represented. Our branch visited Evergreen and St. Michael's cemeteries next day, decorating ninety-seven graves.

The problems that we were experiencing with the instability of the land south of our building seemed to be everlasting and was dubbed the "Ravine Project." Having received our report from the engineers, we were now faced with the prospect of preparing a brief for City Hall. A committee to follow-up on this task was formed and consisted of Comrades Justice Peter Greschuk, Dr. John Paran, Wm. Pasternak and Ed Tomick. Discussions with City Hall were also taking place on another matter - the possibility of helping to provide low-rental housing for senior citizens!

A By-law change was necessitated by the Alberta Liquor Control Board when they changed their rules and decided to allow clubs such as ours a class of member known as "Social Members" who could constitute up to 25% of the ordinary membership. Steps were taken to adapt to the change.

The branch awarded an Honour Certificate to John Iwaskow in recognition and appreciation of his services to the club.

Comrade Bill Rawluk was elected to a membership recruitment committee that he was to chair, picking his own workers. He reported that near the end of 1968, our membership stood at 448 with 334 Ordinary, 89 Honorary, 23

KLONDIKE DAYS - COLOURFUL - LOTS OF FUN!



Associate and two Life Members. Plans were discussed to institute an award for 100% attendance to general meetings.

A year-end bingo report covering the Edmonton Gardens bingos showed that three were held during the year. The April 24 Bingo was a \$20,000.00 Cash Bingo and netted us over \$6,500.00. The act was repeated on June 5 and resulted in a gain of \$7,500.00. The bingo held on September 11, the proceeds of which were earmarked for charity, showed a disappointing loss of \$1,200.00!

When it was election time again with the need to elect officers for 1969, three volunteers made up the Election Committee, Comrades Ed Yaremco, Al Yablonski and Dmetro Makowecki. Comrade Bill Rawluk accepted the responsibility of the Returning Officer's duties assisted by Deputies Walter Formaniuk, John Wandio and Jim Symic.

1969 EXECUTIVE



From left to right, FRONT ROW: S. Kravinchuk, Secretary Manager, W. Rawluk, 2nd Vice President, Dr. J. Paran, Past President, G. Lupul, President, A. Yablonski, 1st Vice President, N. Litwin, Secretary, S. Kashton, Sergeant at Arms.
BACK ROW: S. Mintenko, R. Dembiski, M. Rurka, J. Bobowsky, H. Slevinsky, J. Wandio, W. Formaniuk, P. Lupul, R. Dalk.

The installation of officers held on January 22, 1969, placed Comrade George Lupul back into the driver's seat as president for a second term. Comrade Al Yablonski was elected to the position of Vice-president and Comrade Bill Rawluk became second Vice-president.

The Executive Committee showed a considerable sprinkling of new faces as Comrades Russ Dembicki, Steve Kashton, John Bobowsky, Walter Formaniuk, John Wandio, Ray Dalk, Peter Lupul, Sam Mintenko, Hank Slevinski, Nestor Litwin and Mike Rurka were elected and assigned to various committees. Joe Trofimuk was re-appointed as the branch solicitor, the Honourary president and

vice-president were reconfirmed, as were the two padres and the signing officers. Kule, Peach & Co. were again retained as the branch auditors.

During the year, a new dues structure was made law in order to comply with the new regulations which allowed the admission of Social Members. Branch By-law 14 was changed to allow thirty Ordinary members attending any regular or special meeting to constitute a quorum, instead of the forty required previously. Dues were also modified for senior members who had reached the age of 60 and had been ordinary members of the branch for twenty-five years with no interruption.

Still in the "legal" train of thought, discussions with the City in regard to the "Ravine Project" were continuing. In another department, the City of Edmonton ETS bus turn-around that was adjoining our property was no longer being used by the Transportation Department, so we applied for permission to use it for our branch parking. This was approved rather quickly.

On another subject, a move by the Legion Joint Branches was made to embark on a low-cost housing project. This was headed by Jim Foote of Branch No. 24, most members of his committee being Poppy Fund members. President George Lupul was Norwood's choice to take the position on that board, and he is still active in what is now known as the Veteran's Housing Project.

We had an on-going dialogue with City Hall about our property taxes, too, this having been on our agenda since the beginning of time. Being a charitable non-profit organization, it was always felt that we should be exempt from a certain portion of these taxes. We were not alone in this thinking as every branch in the Province, and probably in the Dominion, felt this way, to a point where this came up in discussions at Legion Conventions. The desire to wait "and probably we won't have to pay" was always there, but the Tax Department ignored our wishes. When the taxes lapsed into arrears, the City took steps to collect them and this was our situation in the Spring of 1969. On the advice of our solicitors, the executive committee recommended that the taxes be paid and this was eventually done.

Early in the year, the branch finally located a suitable candidate for the position of Branch Manager in the person of Nicholas Nycholat who was hired for a trial period of three months. This was a great relief for Comrade Sam Kravenchuk who had been handling the job on a "temporary" basis for several years. The new manager was greeted with great enthusiasm while tributes and thanks were expressed to Comrade Sam for his dedication. A special evening was held on March 19th to "Honor the Past and Meet the New," at which time the appropriate speeches and presentations were made.

For reasons unknown, Mr. Nycholat resigned effective October 15th and was accepted as a Social Member at a later meeting. His position was quickly filled by Mr. Jerry Helmak who was one of the early applicants in reply to our suddenly frantic advertising.

The Building and Planning Committee from the previous year was still

completing the renovations, one of the final jobs being the rugs for the upper lounge. The public-address system was revamped and up-dated and other minor remaining details were being followed up. The Committee was now under the guidance of House Committee Chairman and vice-president Comrade Al Yablonski.

Bingo was still very much a part of our fund-raising efforts with the Monday Night Bingos at the branch becoming more and more popular and producing a fairly consistent financial return. These were now under the direction of new Ways and Means Committee Chairman Comrade Ray Dalk.

Three Cash Bingos were held at the Edmonton Gardens this year, with the April 16 one being extremely successful making us almost \$11,000.00. The second Bingo was planned for the benefit of the Edmonton Symphony Society and we do not have access to the numbers resulting from it. The December 10 Cash Bingo was again most successful, bringing in approximately \$12,000.00.

The Provincial Convention of the Canadian Legion was held at the Palliser Hotel in Calgary on June 8 to 11. The sending of the president and the vice-president as our delegates had become a tradition in our branch and the same rules were applied in this case. In addition, Comrades William Rawluk and Steve Kashton were elected as additional delegates by the general membership. Finally, since vice-president Al Yablonski could not attend, and since Comrade John Bobowsky happened to be in Calgary anyway, John was empowered to act as our fourth delegate.

The District Rally was held in Drayton Valley on April 27 with the president and vice president representing our branch. Comrade Alex Bayrak was re-elected as the District Commander.

Socially, it was a extremely busy year with many activities and events planned by the Sports Committee chairman Mike Rurka and the Entertainment Committee chairman John Wandio.

For the first time, we took part in a Joint Legion Track and Field Day which was held at the Kinsmen Field House in March. This proved to be one of the less successful joint ventures on record and resulted in heavy financial losses. A horseshoe tournament was attempted, but had to be cancelled because of lack of interest.

On the more pleasant side, we took part in a Wine Tasting Party, a Hawaiian Dance, a Bohemian Night, several stag parties, a Curling and Bowling Banquet, a Western Beer Night, attended our annual picnic on July 6 and kicked off the Klondike Week celebration on July 11. With a considerable amount of experience "under our belts" with regard to Klondike Week, we were enjoying some very profitable evenings and operating quite smoothly with only minor hitches now and then!

Decoration Day on August 31 was followed by the usual fall social functions culminating with the New Year's Eve Frolic.

The Election Committee for 1970 officers was made up of Comrades Joe Stepa, Ed Tomick and Bill Rawluk.

At the Installation of Officers ceremony held on January 14, Comrade Al Yablonski took the gavel as the new president, with Comrade Bill Rawluk as his vice-president and with Comrade Russ Dembiski as the second vice-president.

The Executive Committee was composed of Comrades George Lupul as the past-president, Nestor Litwin, John Bobowsky, Walter Formaniuk, Steve Kashton and Mike Rurka serving for two years. Elected for a one-year term were Comrades Peter Lupul, Hank Slevinski, Albert Bilek, Bill Chmiliar, Eugene Kutney and Joe Rachinsky.

1970 EXECUTIVE



From left to right, FRONT ROW: J. Helmak, R. Dembiski, 2nd Vice President, G. Lupul, Past President, A. Yablonski, President, W. Rawluk, 1st Vice President, N. Litwin, Secretary, S. Kashton, Sergeant at Arms.

BACK ROW: P. Lupul, J. Rachinsky, J. Bobowsky, E. Kutney, H. Slevinsky, A. Bilek, W. Formaniuk, W. Chmiliar. MISSING: M. Rurka.

Having laid out his committees and completed all the preliminaries that go with starting a new year, Comrade president Al Yablonski reconfirmed Rev. Luchak and Father Shinduke as the branch padres then proceeded to plan for the Dominion Convention to be held in Ottawa, May 31 to June 5, 1970.

Only three delegates were suggested by the membership for this one, with the president and vice-president being chosen automatically. Past-president George Lupul was elected to join the delegation.

Early in the year we were again presented a 6% Membership Growth Certificate by Zone Commander Comrade Rossiter who expressed the happy opinion that we might grow even faster in 1970!

Since charitable work is part of the Legion philosophy, the branch started the year by supporting the Kiwanis Music Festival with a donation of one hundred dollars. Other donations included a \$25.00 gift to the Edmonton Strutters Drum Corps for their forthcoming tour of Holland during which they would visit many Canadian cemeteries. The Holy Eucharist Senior Citizen's Home received a \$525.00 award to help them furnish one double room.

A \$150.00 cheque was forwarded to our Little League Baseball team which we were sponsoring and a \$1,000.00 was approved for the Veteran's Housing Project. A donation of \$250.00, which was our assigned portion, was given towards the Cross of Sacrifice at Beechmount Cemetery via the War Graves Commission.

Tragedy struck the branch with the shocking news that Comrade Ed Tomick and his wife, Helen, were killed in an auto accident while en route to Calgary in June of 1970. Ed was one of the original members of the branch, his name appearing on our charter. He had been active in many committees, and had been a very dedicated and hard-working member, particularly in the field of sports and in activities dealing with out youth. He was a past-president and was largely instrumental in establishing our student Awards program.

A New Member's Night was held on May 1, 1970. A branch member's Blood Donor Clinic was held on June 23.

Since 1971 would be the 25th Anniversary Year of the branch, it was time to start planning a suitable event, particularly since the actual anniversary date was accepted as being February 23 and not too far away!

Permission from the City to expand our present building south towards the ravine was requested and received. Before this could be done however, soil testing would be necessary, that is, in addition to that already done in connection with the ongoing "Ravine Project."

In anticipation, a new Building Committee was formed under the chairmanship of president Comrade Al Yablonski and consisting of Comrades Peter Lupul, Bill Rawluk, Eugene Kutney, Bill Chmiliar, Albert Biltek, George Lupul, Walter Kubrak, Steve Krysko, John Fleese, Dmitro Matt Bykowski, Willis Romanko, John Buck and Ed Yaremco.

Decoration Day was held on August 23 this year. Socially, a Wine Tasting Party was organized by Russ Dembicki and his Entertainment Committee, and held successfully on October 3. Also in October, we enjoyed a Hallowe'en Costume Ball on the 31, then an Armistice Dance on November 11.

The year-end reports handed in by most committee chairmen were positive, the highlights being that the Monday Night Bingos were a very successful venture and had produced a profit of about \$4,500.00 during the year, according to Comrade John Bobowsky of the Ways and Means Committee. The December 16 bingo at Edmonton Gardens was successful with a profit of \$6,357.32 according to Bingo Committee chairman Comrade Peter Lupul.

Comrade George Lupul reported that the Veteran's Housing Project was

proceeding on schedule with some changes taking place in the cost-estimates; however great progress was being made steadily. A press-release and sod-turning ceremony was held on October 28 with actual construction to begin shortly with possible completion in the spring!

Reports from our convention delegates indicated changes were forthcoming. The Dominion Command had become computerized and plans were being made to issue membership cards for all of Canada from the one main office, formalizing the records and simplifying much work in each of the branches.

The status "Social Members" was officially changed to "Fraternal Associates" effective in 1972, and members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police would become eligible for Ordinary membership after three years of service with the force. Commissioned Officers of Cadet Corps would also be eligible for Ordinary membership after three years of holding a Commission.

Vice-president Comrade William Rawluk reported our year-end membership at 542, consisting of 381 Ordinary members with 21 associates, 35 Honorary, and 103 Social (soon to be called Fraternal Associates). He reported that we had six members transferred into the branch from other branches while four of our members transferred out to other branches. There were four deaths reported.

The nominating Committee for the 1971 slate was made up of Comrades Peter Lupul, Ed Yaremco and Steve Krysko.

President Comrade Al Yablonski was re-elected by acclamation, as were both

1971 EXECUTIVE



From left to right, FRONT ROW: J. Helmak, Secretary Manager, R. Dembiski
2nd Vice President, G. Lupul, Past President, A. Yablonski, President, W. Rawluk,
1st Vice President, A. Biltek, Secretary, S. Kashton, Sergeant at Arms.
BACK ROW: S. Krysko, O. Drusul, E. Kutney, H. Slevinski, J. Wawrynchuk, W. Chmiliar,
J. Bobowsky, H. Klimchuk. MISSING: P. Lupul.



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Norwood Branch No. 178

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25 YEAR MEMBERS TO RECEIVE PINS

George Andrews
Alex Bayrak
Walter Bilinske
Martin Bodnar
Michael Cwihun
John Gulayets
Nestor Holychuk
Ores. Jackniski
Steve Kaston
Sam Lasoway
Eugene Lupul
Peter Lupul
Bohdan Melnychuk
Dr. John Paran
Nick Pillp
Wm. Poohkay
Eugene Plawluk
Tom Preston
Mike Prestupa
Carl Rebus
William Stetsko
Col. M. Syrotuck
Mrs. Mary Syrotuck
Ed. Tomick*
Peter Walusko
Dr. S. Warshawski
O. Zarsky

* To Be Presented
Posthumously

25th Anniversary

HEAD TABLE GUESTS



Honourable Ray Ryerson, Mrs. Eileen Gordon, Al Yablonski, President, Mrs. Ryerson, and W.W. Gordon, President Provincial Command

OLD FRIENDS MEET



Past President Mike Syrotuck and Harold Wright reminiscing about old times. Not much has been mentioned of the fact that Harold Wright was very instrumental in Norwood Legion's receiving carnival permits at 96 Street and Jasper Avenue by putting up a bond guarantee of \$700 for the Bingo and prizes.

25th Anniversary

GUEST SPEAKER



W.W. Gordon
President Provincial Command



Terry Nugent
City Alderman



SOME MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE CELEBRATIONS

Stella and Wm. Stetsko; Bill and Mary Poohkay; Florence and John Romanchuk

his vice-presidents. Also elected to the executive committee by acclamation for a two-year term were Comrades Al Bilek, William Chmiliar, Orest Drusul, Steve Krysko, Eugene Kutney and Peter Lupul. Comrades Harry Klimchuk and John Wawrynychuk were elected for a one-year term, again by acclamation. This left one vacancy on the executive committee which was later filled by the election of Comrade Hank Slevinski. Comrade Al Bilek took the job of Recording Secretary for the year. A dress rehearsal of the Installation was held on January 10, 1971, the "real thing" taking place on January 13.

It is always exciting to begin a new decade, which is exactly what we did when we opened our eyes on January 1, 1971. For our branch, it marked the beginning of almost two and a half decades of existence!

After completing the formalities of lining up his committees, the president had Rev. Shinduke re-confirmed as our Greek Catholic Padre while Rev. Meroslaw Kryschuk was again named the Orthodox padre for the ensuing year.

The two main items on the agenda for this year were the celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the branch, and the activities of the Building Committee, deeply involved with the proposed expansion.

The 25th Anniversary Celebration was planned by a committee chaired by Comrade George Lupul and was held on February 27. Comrade Lupul and his committee did a good job and the well-organized evening, restricted to members only, went very smoothly. Twenty-seven members received 25-Year Awards that night and a "good time was had by all."

Early in the year, the branch was asked to accept a resignation from vice-president Comrade Bill Rawluk, necessitating a by-election with all the formality of a Nominating Committee and all the associated procedures. This was preceded by yet another resignation, that of Comrade Peter Lupul. Comrade Peter Lupul let his name stand for the vice-president's position and won. The vacancy created by him on the executive committee where he was a two-year term member, was filled by Comrade Ray Dalk, who was appointed.

We sent five delegates to the Provincial Convention held in Edmonton, June 6 to 9, they being Comrades President Al Yablonski, 2nd vice-president Russ Dembiski, Albert Bilek, Martin Bodnar and George Andrews.

The Alberta District Rally was held at our Branch on April 17th and was well attended. Our member Alex Bayrak was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for his work with the Legion and was later elected as the 3rd vice-president of the Provincial Command.

We were unfortunate to lose Jerry Helmak as our secretary-manager who was asked to resign in September. He was replaced immediately by Comrade Ray Oxamitny.

The usual routine of activities and events graced 1971 and the usual charitable donations were made. Uniforms were purchased for our Baseball team, the Kiwanis Musical Festival was supported again and our parking lot was repaired at great expense.

The Building Committee was having frequent meetings, reviewing sketch plans and discussing financing. The expansion was a large undertaking and a costly and serious one. Comrade Walter Fedoruk presented the early plans to the committee. City approval was sought and received, as was the blessing from the Alberta Liquor Control Board. Bill Hnidan was retained as the Architect and was given the go-ahead to proceed with detailed drawing in August, after a motion to spend "up to \$150,000.00 for expansion of our premises" was passed by the general meeting, with a vote of 46 for and 7 against.

When the bids for the expansion were opened on November seventeenth, they ranged from a low of \$209,623.00 to a high of \$246,643.00. Obviously, the earlier approval of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars would be insufficient to cover the cost of the expansion so another appeal by the building committee would have to be made to the general membership, this time for \$59,623.00.

When the year came to an end, the building committee faced a dismal outlook! The motion for approval of the \$59,623.00 was lost by a narrow margin and it seemed like a good time to re-think all the aspects of the expansion. A recount brought no joyous news and prospects looked bleak, to say the least!

Our year-end membership stood at 586. The Election Committee was made up of Comrades George Lupul, Ivan Kapy and William Chmiliar.

In what appeared to be an "easy" election, Comrade Peter Lupul was elected president with Comrades Russ Dembiski and Sam Mintenko as his vice-president and second vice-president.

1972 EXECUTIVE



From left to right, FRONT ROW: R. Oxamitny, Secretary Manager, S. Mintenko, 2nd Vice President, A. Yablonski, Past President, P. Lupul, President, R. Dembiski, 1st Vice President, A. Biltek, Secretary, S. Kashton, Sergeant at Arms.
BACK ROW: F. Mulak, W. Chmiliar, O. Drusul, J. Bobowsky, J. Sorochan, G. Harasim, E. Kutney, G. Lupul, H. Klimchuk.

A number of new faces appeared on the executive committee which was made up of Comrades George Harasim, Fred Mulak, John Sorochnan, Harry Klimchuk, Steve Kashton, George Lupul, Orest Drusul, Bill Chmiliar, Eugene Kutney and John Bobowsky. Justice Peter Greschuk was again made the Honorary president while Walter Baziuk became the Honorary vice-president. Albert Biltek took the job of Recording Secretary. Installation took place on January 12 — then it was back to business!

The problems faced by the Building Committee and the expansion project were causing sleepless nights for many of the people concerned and needed resolving in the shortest possible time. The executive committee, at one of their first meetings of 1972, discussed the problem at some length. A step in the direction of solving it was made when a motion was passed to create a special Advisory Board composed of the Honorary President and available past-presidents for discussions of the plans and a review of the actions taken. Some of our members were openly opposed to our branch assuming such a heavy debt load and could see little return from the additional investment.

The Special Advisory Committee was formed and consisted of Comrades Justice Peter Greschuk, Al Yablonski, George Lupul, Mike Syrotuck, Dr. John Paran, Eugene Lemiski, Peter Lupul, John Stetsko, Walter Bilinske and Alex Bayrak. Comrade Col. Mike Syrotuck later advised the chairman, Justice Greschuk, that he would be unable to serve on the committee.

Through the interaction of the new Advisory Committee, the Building Committee and the architect, the cost of the proposed building was reduced by paring certain features and changing others, all to everyone's satisfaction. When it appeared that the expansion could be feasible for \$185,000.00, Comrade Walter Marceniuk, a member of our branch undertook to accept the tender at that price. At the general meeting held March'15, the motion approving the additional \$35,000.00 passed unanimously!

At a general meeting held on March 7, Comrade Marvin Prokop read a letter to the general membership from the Ukrainian Pioneers Association of Alberta. Apparently the Pioneers were planning the publication of a history of their association and felt that it would be fitting to include the history of our branch in their book. After much discussion, Comrade John Sorochnan was made chairman of a committee to supply the required history to the Pioneers Association. The committee was composed of Comrades Alex Bayrak, Walter Romaniuk and Marvin Prokop. The deadline for submission of the material was January 1973.

The March meeting also brought sad news of the passing of Comrade Jim Symic who had been a hard-working member of our branch for many years, and who had served several terms on the executive committee.

The Dominion Convention for 1972 was held in Regina, May 21 to 26. We sent four delegates including Comrades Ray Oxamitny our secretary-manager, Albert Biltek, Russ Dembiski and George Lupul.

Wal-Mar Construction was contracted to proceed with the expansion of the

building, the forecast being that it would be done rather quickly. Such was not the case, however. Even though there was talk of having the project completed before Klondike Days, it became obvious as early as in May that this was impossible. Disagreements arose between the Building Committee and the contractor and misunderstandings between the contractor and the architect to a point where it became necessary to involve our legal advisors.

Probably having no bearing on these misunderstandings but for reasons unexplained to us, the chairman of the Building Committee Al Yablonski resigned early in April. Comrade John Sorochan was elected to replace him.

With the growth of the branch in membership, now in the 700 range, activities in and around the branch became more numerous and a great strain on the secretary-manager and his staff. Comrade Bill Derzak was hired as the assistant secretary-manager to share the load. Year-end reports stated that he was very good at his job and that the decision to hire him was an excellent one!

Otherwise, it was the usually busy year for the branch. The Monday Night bingos were a real break, providing a fairly steady cash flow during these needy times, in 1972 bringing in over eleven thousand dollars. Ukrainian Night was a new undertaking and proved to be a very successful social function that was to be repeated for many years to come. Another such function was Hawaiian Night, this year held on September 30.

The branch again endorsed support for the Kiwanis Music Festival, sponsored our baseball team (coached by Orest Motewylo), helped the retarded children at the Robin Hood School via the Mark Ten program, held a very successful Giant Cash Bingo and awarded the Ed Tomick Swimming Trophy to the Swimming Association. We had donated this trophy many times before however, now, with the new name it went by, it had a very special meaning to the branch.

The Election Committee for the 1973 Officers and Executives was made up by Comrades Ray Dalk, Nick Harrison and George Lupul. President Comrade Peter Lupul made it easily into the second term again with Comrade Russ Dembicki as his vice-president and Comrade Sam Mintenko as the second vice-president. To fill out the executive committee, Comrades Albert Biltek, Bill Chmiliar and Nick Nowytzkyj were elected by acclamation and John Bobowsky and Eugene Kutney were appointed.

The Returning Officer was Comrade Ray Oxamitny assisted by Comrades John Bobowsky and Sam Mintenko who were volunteer Deputy Returning Officers. Installation took place on January 10, the minutes reporting that the president and his two vice-presidents were installed, as was Rev. M. Kryschuk as the padre.

An April 11 Cash Bingo at the Edmonton Gardens, organized by Comrade George Harasim and his Bingo Committee, produced an overwhelming profit of \$12,666.40!

With the building expansion finally coming to a successful completion, almost

1973 EXECUTIVE



From left to right, FRONT ROW: R. Oxamitny, Secretary Manager, S. Mintenko, 2nd Vice President, R. Demblski, 1st Vice President, P. Lupul, President, A. Biltek, Secretary, S. Kashton, Sergeant at Arms, W. Derzak, Assistant Manager. BACK ROW: F. Mulak, W. Chmiliar, J. Bobowsky, J. Sorochan, E. Kutney, G. Lupul, N. Nowytkyj, H. Kilmchuk, A. Yablonski, Rev. M. Kryschuk. MISSING: G. Harasim.

a year later, an official opening was planned by the Building Committee. The date was set for May 2, and proved to be a very successful affair with many provincial, city and Legion dignitaries attending.

The Provincial Convention for 1973 was held in Lethbridge, June 10 to 13. The delegates were Comrades Ray Oxamitny, our Secretary-manager, George Harasim, John Sorochan, Steve Kashton and George Lupul, with Russ Dembicki as an alternate. Comrade Alex Bayrak was elected to the position of Vice-president of the Provincial Command.

The year's activities kept everyone very busy with bowling, curling, golf, shuffleboard tournaments, fishing derbies and all the other activities. Charitable donations achieved a new high, even though we were having difficulties meeting progress payments on our new expansion, etc.

The unexpected resignation of Comrade Ray Oxamitny as secretary-manager in the fall of 1973 forced the executive committee to promote Comrade Bill Derzak to the position of secretary-manager, a position which he held in an "acting" capacity for several months. The resignation of Sam Mintenko from the position of second vice-president left a vacancy which was filled by Comrade John Sorochan. This in turn left a vacancy on the executive committee which was filled with the appointment of Ray Dalk.

Closer to the end of 1973, we were informed by the Dominion Command that newly approved by-laws permitted sons and daughters of Ordinary members to



ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION

Norwood Branch No. 178

Official

Opening

OF NEWLY RENOVATED AND
EXPANDED CLUB PREMISES

May 2nd, 1973

"SERVICE TO THE VETERAN
AND THE COMMUNITY"

NORWOOD LEGION

PAST PRESIDENTS

Col. M. Syrotuck,	1946-47-49-50-53
Dr. Wm. Orobko	1948
Dr. Bob Svarich	1951-52
Mr. John Stetsko	1954-55
Mr. N. Marchyshyn	1956-57
Mr. Walter Bilinske	1958-59
Mr. Peter Lupul	1960-61
Mr. Alex Bayrak	1962-63
Mr. Eugene Lemiski	1964-65
Mr. Ed Tomick	1966
Dr. J. Paran	1967
Mr. George Lupul	1968-69
Mr. Al Yablonski	1970-71
Mr. Peter Lupul	1972-73

NORWOOD LEGION

OFFICERS & EXECUTIVE MEMBERS 1973

President —	Peter Lupul
1st Vice President —	Russ Dembiski
2nd Vice President —	Sam Mintenko
Past President —	Al Yablonski
Recording Secretary —	Albert Biltek

EXECUTIVE

John Bobowsky
Wm. Chmiliar
Geo. Harasim
Steve Kashton
Harry Klimchuk
Eugene Kutney
George Lupul
Nick Nowytzkyj
John Sorochan

Honorary President:
Justice Peter Greschuk

Honorary Vice President:
Mr. W. Bazluk

Programme



MASTER OF CEREMONIES George Lupul

Marching on Head Table Guests

Piping on the Colors

Opening Ceremony

Introduction of Branch President

Words of Welcome From Branch President

Grace — Rev. Fr. Kryschuk

Toast to the Queen — Dr. J. Paran

Introduction of Head Table Guests

Introduction of Other Guests

Transfer Flags to Upper Lounge

History of Norwood Legion — John Sorochan



Greetings From:

City of Edmonton Dr. Ivor Dent

Province of Alberta Wm. Diachuk, M.L.A.

Provincial Command Royal Canadian Legion

Ed. Dick, President

Introduction of Guest Speaker Alex Bayrak

Reply to Guest Speaker Justice Peter Greschuk



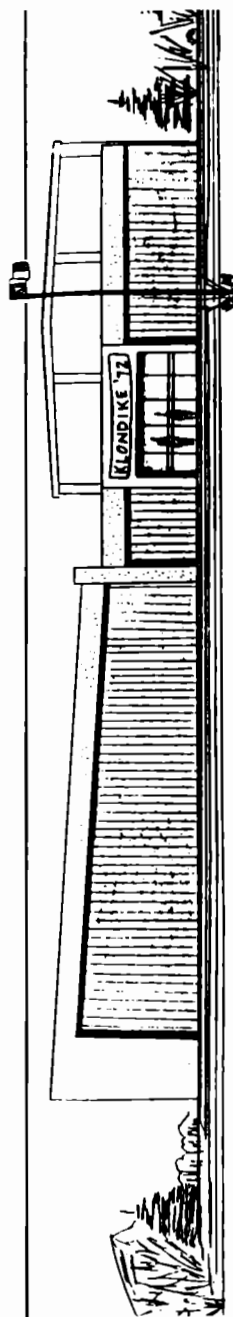
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Special Ukrainian Programme

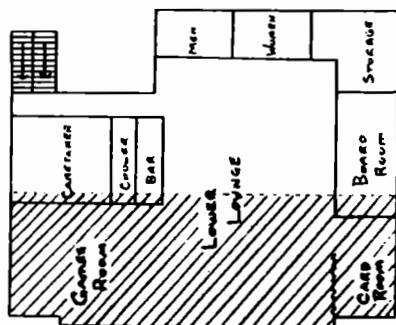
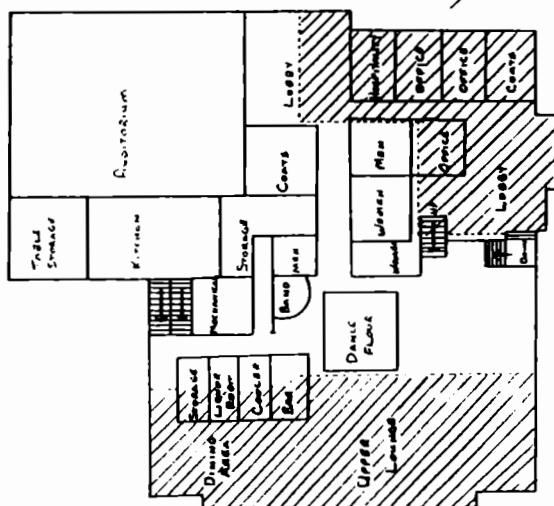
Closing Ceremonies

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

Dancing to the Dominos



Norwood Legion - Branch 178

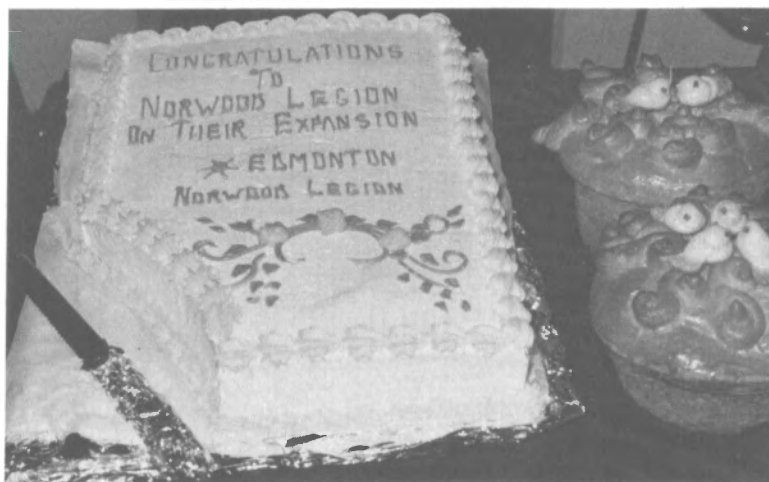




OFFICIAL OPENING OF NEWLY EXPANDED AND RENOVATED PREMISES May 2, 1973

MASTER OF CEREMONIES
George Lupul

RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY



John Soroohan, House Chairman; Ed Coley, Past Provincial President;
Peter Lupul, President.



HEADTABLE GUESTS – Ed Coley, Mrs. E. Dick, Peter Lupul, President



Mrs. Agnes Coley, Ivor Dent, Mayor of Edmonton; Isabel Lupul, Justice P. Greschuk



Ruth Lupul, Ed Dick, Provincial President, Ollie Diachuk



Rev. M. Kryschuk, Mrs. Zonla Greschuk, Mike Syrotuck



Mrs. Mary Syrotuck, William Diachuk, Mrs. N. Kryschuk

seek Legion membership on their own as Associate members, and steps were taken to adapt to the new ruling. Comrade John Sorochnan, as chairman of the History Committee, reported that his committee had completed its undertaking and that the History of the branch was "ready to go" and be submitted to the Pioneers Association for inclusion in their book.

Information reported by Comrade George Lupul regarding the Veteran's Housing Project advised us that costs had risen appreciably, the project finally being assisted by the Provincial Government grant.

The Nominating Committee for 1974 officers was comprised of Comrades Russ Ostapek, Dan Mackowecki and George Lupul. Comrade Bill Derzak took the job of Returning Officer, assisted by Comrades Peter Maron, Mike Kozak and Steve Kashton, with John Bobowsky as an alternate.

1974 EXECUTIVE



From left to right, FRONT ROW: Rev. M. Kryschuk, G. Lupul, 2nd Vice President, W. Chmiliar, 1st Vice President, J. Sorochan, President, P. Lupul, Past President, S. Kashton, Sergeant at Arms, J. Rybak, Secretary Manager.
BACK ROW: H. Klimchuk, F. Mulak, J. Bobowsky, M. Kozak, E. Kozak, N. Harrison, R. Dembiski, R. Dalk, N. Nowytzkj.

The position of president was won by Comrade John Sorochan. Comrade Bill Chmiliar was elected vice-president and Comrade George Lupul became our second vice-president.

The executive committee was made up of Comrades Steve Kashton, John Bobowsky, George Harasim, Nick Nowytzkj, Harry Klimchuk, Fred Mulak, Nick Harrison, Russ Dembiski, Ray Dalk and Ed Kozak.

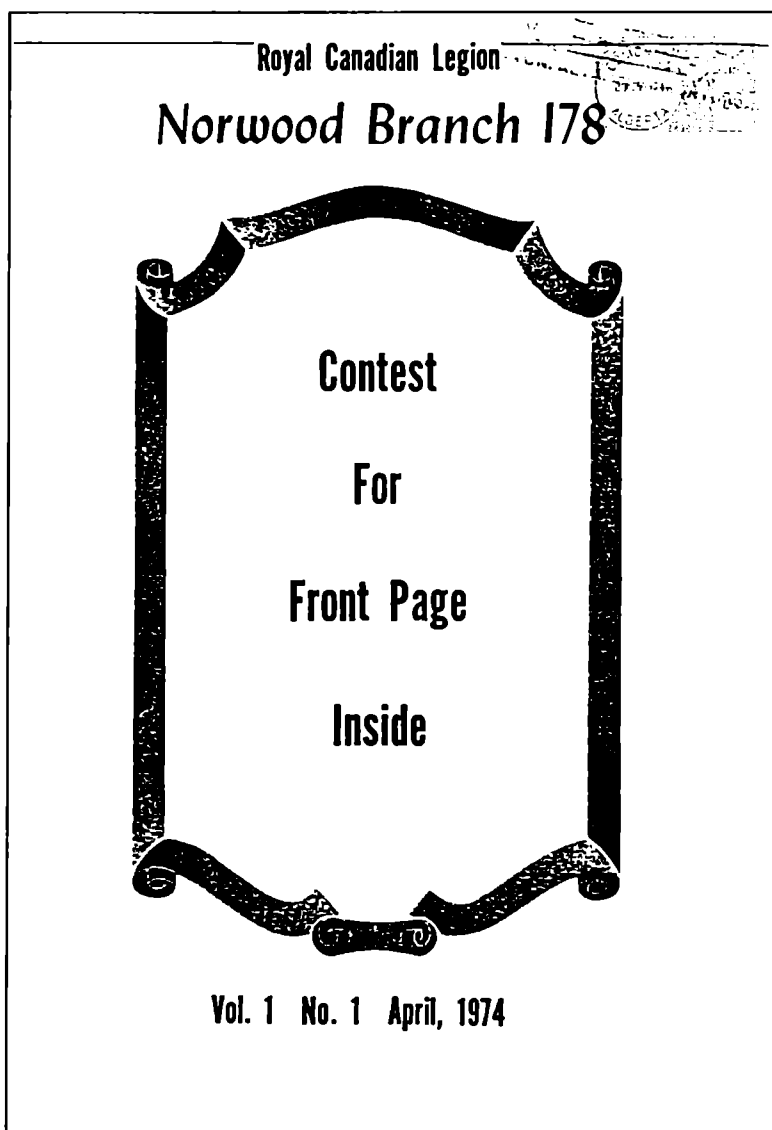
The resignation of our new secretary-manager Comrade Bill Derzak came as a shocking start of the new year, his letter being received on January 15. He was quickly replaced by Comrade John Rybak. These changes brought many questions up from among the membership gathered at the next general meeting of the branch. Why were we experiencing such a heavy staff turnover, particularly in the position of managers? No one had a ready answer, of course, but the question was a good one and needed some study.

The Dominion Convention for 1974 was held in St. Johns, Newfoundland, our branch being represented by Comrade John Rybak, the secretary-manager, and Comrade John Sorochan, our president. The Zone Rally, held in Morinville February 22 was attended by Comrades Russ Dembiski and Steve Kashton, our Sergeant-at-Arms. The District Rally in Leduc, held on April 20 was attended by Comrades John Sorochan, president, and Steve Kashton, our Sergeant-at-arms.

The passing of Comrade Colonel Mike Syrotuck was sad news received by the branch in April of 1974. His funeral was well-attended by members of the branch

and many dignitaries of the Legion, City and Province. His contribution to the Norwood branch was immeasurable and the hours he dedicated to its success were uncountable. Serving in many positions on the executive committee as well as being the original president and always an available advisor, he was considered the founder of the branch!

With the announcement that Edmonton would host the 1978 Commonwealth Games, the branch voted to go on record as total supporters of the concept. In addition, we donated \$650.00 to the Edmonton Ukrainian Kindergarten and approved \$200.00 to assist with the publication of the Ukrainian Encyclopaedia,



The First Issue of the Norwood Legion News Magazine "hits the streets" in April 1974

an immense project undertaken by the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies.

Numerous other donations were made by the branch as in the past, the scholarships, both high school and university, were continued.

The first issue of the Norwood Legion News Magazine "hit the street" in April 1974. The Publisher was Comrade John Rybak with Comrade George Harasim as the Publicity Director. Ruth Lupul was the Ladies' Editor, the Circulation was handled by Rachel Sorochuk while Comrade Russ Dembiski handled the advertising.

Even though this was the first issue, much advertising had already been collected and was well displayed in the magazine. The cover was virtually blank with Comrade George Harasim, the publicity Director announcing a contest to name the magazine and suggest a cover for it. The prize would be \$25.00 in cash or a "night out" at the Legion. The response was quite "underwhelming" with one suggestion coming from a member who suggested that "The Bugle" would be a good name for it. The suggestion was not acted upon, no official name ever being selected besides "magazine."

This being the twenty-fifth Anniversary Year of our Ladies Auxiliary, plans for an appropriate celebration were made, the date chosen being May 25, 1974.

With the world moving along a tremendous speed and science making great advances, our branch succumbed and fell in step with the computerized age and invested in a tape-recorder to record our minutes. This would mean that our

1975 EXECUTIVE



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recording secretary's job would be eliminated and that minutes could be leisurely transcribed by our stenographer, providing greater detail and perhaps greater accuracy.

The 1975 executive committee and officers, installed early in the new year, showed that history does indeed, repeat itself. Comrade John Sorochnan was re-elected for his second term, as were both of his vice presidents, Comrades Bill Chmiliar and George Lupul.

Elected to the executive committee were Comrades Fred Mulak, Russ Dembiski, Harry Klimchuk, George Harasim, Walter Melnyk, John Bobowsky, Sam Mintenko, E. Kleparchuk and Steve Kashton, who became the Sergeant-at-Arms. Comrade Peter Lupul remained on the Board as the past-president.

Reverend Michael Sopulak undertook his duties as the Catholic Padre with Reverend Meroslaw Kryschuk as his Greek Orthodox counterpart. Comrade Justice Peter Greschuk was again appointed to the position of Honorary president of the branch with Justice Russel Dzenick as the Honorary vice-president.

The Norwood Legion Toastmasters Club was born when President Comrade John Sorochnan invited two guest speakers to attend our October general meeting. They were Mr. Al Falham and Mr. Jim Thompson, both members of Toastmasters International. They gave us encouraging talks on the advantages of the formation of our own Toastmasters Club. This was followed up by meetings of our own during the following months, the club becoming a reality early in 1975.

Besides providing a learning experience, the Toastmasters Club would provide fellowship and would help to build confidence in people who had to speak in public. The training received, while most enjoyable, would improve one's ability to communicate, to listen and to remember. For people who had to chair meetings, proper parliamentary procedures were taught. All members of the branch were welcome to join, whether ordinary, fraternal or associate, together with their wives, sons and daughters. Winnie Lesick was taking applications for membership and supplying any other necessary information. Meetings were held every Thursday evening at 8:00 P.M.

The biennial Provincial Convention of the Royal Canadian Legion for Alberta and Northwest Territories was held at Grande Prairie on June 8 to 11, 1975. It was well attended with nearly four hundred delegates present.

Betty Michalyshyn, daughter of Comrade Bohdan and Mrs. Michalyshyn and "Miss Grey Cup" for 1974 and the Klondike Silver Dollar Girl for 1975 attended the Grande Prairie Convention as Miss Norwood Legion, promoting the Norwood Legion Klondike Days celebration! Eyewitness accounts inform us that Betty stole the show with her charm and presence, being introduced at most sessions and socials, including those of the Ladies Auxiliary. She was a head-table guest at the wind-up Banquet and Dance, mingling during the rest of the evening selling Silver Dollars and promoting Edmonton's Klondike Days.

1975 featured the usual array of activities which kept everybody busy. These

included Golf which was held at the Redwater Golf Club on September 6th, organized by Muzz Kozak and his Sports Committee. A Fishing Derby, organized by Mike Burtinik was held in Jasper, August 30th and September 1st and headquartered at the Marmot Inn.

Sunday Afternoon and Monday Night Bingos were still our best "breadwinners" and a constant need for help was felt. In addition, we worked at a Grey Cup Pool, a Decoration Day, participated in the appropriate Armistice Day Activities and enjoyed many other functions, Stags and Dances!

The social highlight of the year was the First Annual President's Ball which was held on November 28 in our own auditorium. It was a semi-formal affair that

First Annual

President's Ball



Honors and Awards Night

NOVEMBER 28th, 1975

Program

6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. — COCKTAILS

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. — DINING

8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. — PRESENTATIONS

9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. — DANCING

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NORWOOD LEGION #178 OFFICERS & EXECUTIVE 1975

JOHN SOROCHAN _____ President
WM. CHMILIAR _____ 1st Vice-President
A. GEORGE LUPUL _____ 2nd Vice-President
RUSS DEMBISKI _____ Publicity, Ass't. Sp. Events
PETER LUPUL _____ Giant Bingo, By-Laws, House
FRED MULAK _____ Funerals, Welfare, Hospital
S. MINTENKO _____ Sports
J. BOBOWSKY _____ Poppy, Entertainment
H. KLIMCHUK _____ Ways & Means
S. KASHTON _____ Sgt. at Arms, Ass't. Poppy
G. HARASYN _____ Ass't. House, Ass't. Publicity
W. MELNYK _____ Ass't. Membership, Ass't. Funerals, Welfare,
Hospitals
JOHN RYBAK _____ Secretary Manager

featured, among other things, awards being presented to worthy recipients. Comrade Peter Lupul was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for his dedication and service to the club, only the second such medal to be awarded.

The Election and Nominating Committee was chaired by Comrade Peter Lupul, assisted by Comrades Alex Bayrak, Dan Makowecki, Mitch Tkach and John Rybak who was our Secretary-Manager. Nine Candidates were needed to fill the upcoming vacancies on the executive, including the president, two vice-presidents and six executive members.

Comrade Bill Chmiliar was elected President for 1976. His vice-president was Comrade Russ Dembiski with Comrade Sam Mintenko as the second vice-

Citations

PETER LUPUL	M.S.M.
ALEX BAYRAK	Life Membership
WALTER BILINSKI	Life Membership
JOHN DREBOT	Life Membership
EUGENE LEMISKI	Life Membership
GEO. LUPUL	Life Membership
DR. JOHN PARAN	Life Membership
JOHN STETSKO	Life Membership
GEO. ANDREWS	Certificate of Merit
JOHN BOBOWSKY	Certificate of Merit
MARTIN BODNAR	Certificate of Merit
MIKE BURTNIK	Certificate of Merit
WM. CHMILAR	Certificate of Merit
RUSS DEMBISKI	Certificate of Merit
RAY FARYNA	Certificate of Merit
HARRY KLYMCHUK	Certificate of Merit
STEVE KASHTON	Certificate of Merit
JOHN KUSHAR	Certificate of Merit
NICK NOWYTSKYJ	Certificate of Merit
WALTER ROMANIUK	Certificate of Merit
BILL RAWLUK	Certificate of Merit
JOE STEPA	Certificate of Merit
MARY SYROTUCK	Certificate of Merit
JOHN SOROCHAN	Certificate of Merit
OREST ZARSKY	Certificate of Merit

president. Comrade John Sorochan automatically became the past president.

Elected to the executive committee were Comrades Irene Fedorovich, Muzz Kozak, George Hayduk, George Melenka, Ed Kozak and Nick Nowytskyj.

Rev. M. Sopulak and Rev M. Kryschuk were continuing in their duties as Chaplains for the branch. It looked like a very busy year was ahead and there was no time to waste.

Klondike Days needed to be planned even though most of the entertainment had already been contracted. The Car Raffle was an important part of our fund-raising since the "Giant" bingos were no longer as successful as they used to be and their future, insofar as our branch was concerned, was in doubt.

1976 EXECUTIVE



From left to right, FRONT ROW: Rev. M. Kryschuk, J. Rybak, Secretary Manager; G. Lupul, 1st Vice President; W. Chmiliar, President; S. Mintenko, 2nd Vice President; R. Dzenick, Hon. Vice President, Fr. Sopulak.

BACK ROW: N. Nowytzyk, Sergeant at Arms, E. Kozak, W. Melnyk, G. Melenka, J. Sorochan, Past President, G. Hayduk, M. Kozak, R. Dembiski, H. Klimchuk, I. Fedorovich.

The Finance Committee in 1976 would be headed by Finance Committee chairman Comrade George Melenka. Comrade George Lupul remained chairman of the Membership Committee as in past years, taking on the "Special Projects" file besides. Vice-president Comrade Russ Dembiski took on a big load with Publicity, Mark Ten, Welfare, Airborne Cadets, Poppy Fund, Funeral and Hospital Committees.

The Entertainment Committee for 1976 was in the hands of Comrade Ed Kozak, with Comrade Harry Klimchuk as the Ways and Means Chairman and Comrade Sam Mintenko as the Sports Chairman.

With the Dominion Convention of the Canadian Legion taking place in Winnipeg, June 13 to 17, Comrades Steve Kashton, Russ Dembiski, Sam Mintenko and John Sorochan were elected as our official delegates. Comrades George Lupul and Ed Kozak were elected as alternates. Comrade President William Chmiliar was an automatic delegate, as was Comrade John Rybak, the Secretary-Manager.

As predicted, it was a busy year, and a successful one too! The bingos in the auditorium continued, as did the usual parade of events and social functions.

The Poppy Fund, reported by Comrade Russ Dembiski, was successfully completed, however our participation was a bit below par! Our Airborne Cadet Corps won the "Best Cadet Corps" awards for both 1975 and 1976! Three cadets won a trip to England for their performance at the summer camp and one won a trip to Hawaii for winning first place in a parachutists course.

The news that the Airborne Regiment was leaving Edmonton was shocking news to our branch. The good news was that we would be able to retain the sponsorship of the Airborne Cadet Corps.

A very successful Casino was held on October 13 and 14. The profits from this were very welcome and necessary to balance the donations being made by the branch to the many needy and charitable organizations.

The highlight of the year was the second President's Ball, held on November 13th! Eight members were awarded Life Memberships and thirty-four members received the Golden Anniversary Awards. Sixteen members received Certificates of Merit and the Scholarships to Grade nine and twelve students were presented. The guest list included Mayor and Mrs. Cavanagh as well as representatives from the Dominion and Provincial Commands of the Canadian Legion and their wives. Comrade John Sorochoan was the Master of Ceremonies.

One of the highlights of the evening was the presentation of a cheque by Alice Stepá, President of the Ladies Auxiliary, to Comrade William Chmiliar, President of the branch. The cheque was made out for \$10,000.00 and presented as such, however, the Ladies Auxiliary noticed that their finances were better than first



November 13, 1976 – Alice Stepá of the Norwood Ladies' Auxiliary presents Bill Chmiliar of the Branch with a cheque for \$10,000.

LEGION "GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY MEDAL"

**Some recipients at the Legion on November 13, 1976
2nd Annual Presidents Ball**



From left to right, FRONT ROW: John Rybak, Ray Faryna, John Sorochan, William Chmiliar, Alex Bayrak, George Lupul, Sam Mintenko, John Stetsko.

CENTRE ROW: George Andrews, Walter Bilinski, Mike Burtnik, John Bobowsky, Ann Kozak, Joanne Kutney, Walter Romanluk, Walter Marcenluk, Eugene Lemski, Joe Stepa, Martin Bodnar.

TOP ROW: Harry Klimchuk, Dr. John Paran, Peter Lupul, Dr. Stan Warshawski, Tommy Preston, Orest Zarsky, Steve Kashton, Nestor Holychuk, Justice P. Greschuk. MISSING: Russell Demblski, John Drebot, Isidore Goresky, Walter Melnyk, William Poohkay, Joe Trofimuk.

realized, and an additional "small" cheque for \$6,000.00 was also presented, making a total of \$16,000.00. The money was intended to be applied towards a new heating and air-conditioning system for the auditorium.

With 1109 members on our membership list, we brought 1976 to a close with a rousing New Year's Ball held on December 31!

The Nominating Committee for 1977 was comprised of Comrades Peter Lupul, Chairman, Peter Walusko, Dr. John Paran, John Romanchuk and John Rybak.

Comrade Bill Chmiliar was elected president for his second term for the year 1977. His vice-president was Comrade George Lupul with Comrade George Melenka as the second vice-president.

The 1977 elected officers were Comrades Harry Klimchuk, Ed Kozak, George Hayduk, Walter Melnyk, Alex Korol, Russ Dembiski, Nick Nowytzkyj, Muzz Kozak, and George Harasim. Comrade Steve Kashton was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms.

The 30th Biennial Provincial and N.W.T. Convention took place in Red Deer,

1977 EXECUTIVE



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Alberta, June 12 to 15, 1977. Comrade president Bill Chmiliar was accompanied by Secretary-manager Comrade John Rybak with Comrades George Lupul, Bill Rawluk, Russ Dembiski, Harry Klimchuk, George Hayduk, George Harasim and George Melenka as our official delegates.

Plans for Klondike Days activities were well along, having been started before the year-end. Approval for the Car and T.V. Raffle was obtained and tickets were prepared for distribution. The car, a 1977 Chevrolet Vega was the first prize in the draw with an Admiral 20-inch Colour Television set as the second prize. The third prize was a Stereo System by Admiral.

The Sunday afternoon and Monday night bingos continued successfully and Comrade Harry Klimchuk reported that they were profitable, and as usual, more help was always needed. Comrade John Sorochan of the House Committee reported that the contract for the installation of the new air-conditioning system for the auditorium had been let and that work was progressing favourably. Besides this major item, a new glasses washer had been installed in the bar and the parking lot was being re-aligned to provide space for more cars.

Comrade Walter Melnyk of the Sports Committee reported a most successful Sports Banquet and Dance held on May 13th and that plans were jelling for the Golf Tournament to be held in Redwater on August 27.

Formal General Meetings were suspended for the summer months with activities resuming in September. Comrade Alex Korol informed the first general



CHARITABLE DONATIONS - 1977

Florence
Romanchuk,
President of the
Ladies' Auxiliary, is
presenting a cheque
to the Branch
President, William
Chmiliar at the
President's Ball

meeting of the fall season that his Action Committee had arranged a Blood Donor Clinic to be held on September 21.

The Third Annual President's Ball was held on November 5 with all the fanfare that we had now come to expect with all the presentations of awards, etc. The highlight this year was the presentation of a \$20,000.00 cheque made by Florence Romanchuk on behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary to president Comrade Wm. Chmiliar.

With the busy year coming to a close, Comrade George Lupul, chairman of the Membership Committee reported our membership to be 1184, a new high for all time!

A gala New Year's Eve Banquet and Dance finished off the year in great style.

In 1978, Comrade William Chmiliar was re-elected to the presidency of the branch for the third time! Comrade George Lupul was his vice-president while Comrade George Melenka was his second vice-president. Comrade John Sorochan remained the past-president for his third year.

The executive committee consisted of Comrades Irene Fedorovich, George Harasim, John Melnychuk, Walter Melnyk, Muzz Kozak, Steve Kashton, Alex Korol, Nick Nowytkyj, and Harry Klimchuk.

The Installation of Officers took place on January 11, then it was off to work! If history has recorded many years for the branch that were described as busy, this one was bound to be outstandingly busy, or perhaps even "awesome."

This was the Commonwealth Games year, the Dominion Convention-in-Edmonton year and the Cenotaph relocation year! These three happenings seemed to overshadow the other "daily bread" activities of the branch because of

1978 EXECUTIVE



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BACK ROW: G. Harasim, J. Melnychuk, W. Melnyk, M. Kozak, I. Fedorovich, S. Kashton, Sergeant at Arms, A. Korol, N. Nowytskyl,

their uniqueness and rarity, but in actual fact they just served to enrich the history of the branch.

The Royal Canadian Legion Dominion Convention was scheduled to be held in Edmonton, June 11 to 15, 1978. The Convention Committee, headed by Comrade John Sorochan, had been working on plans for some time as it is necessary to make preparations well in advance. Hotel rooms had to be reserved, printing ordered and activities and sessions planned. The entire Convention Committee was made up from Norwood Branch members.

In addition to the planning we were, of course, sending our official delegates to represent us. Helping Comrade William Chmiliar, our president and Comrade John Rybak our secretary-manager, were Comrades Irene Fedorovich, Peter Lupul, Russ Dembiski and A. George Lupul, our official delegates.

At home in our branch we planned our own activities as well as preparing to host and welcome hundreds of delegates and guests who would be arriving. Plans for food, entertainment and dancing were made for every day of the convention week, featuring our famous daily noon Ukrainian Smorg.

The convention started with a parade to the newly re-located Cenotaph in front of Edmonton's City Hall. It was reputed to be the largest parade in the history of the Legion with over 4,000 participants and upward of ten thousand

spectators along the parade route! The convention was officially opened on Sunday after the parade by Her Royal Highness, Princess Marguerite of the Netherlands. All branches hosted the many delegates after the opening, our branch overflowing with many delegates as well as representatives from the Ukrainian branches in Toronto, Winnipeg and Montreal.

The main sessions of the convention were held at the Kinsmen Field House where 2,354 voting delegates were assembled, bringing 1,250 proxies and commanding the attention of approximately 1,500 observers.

Several resolutions that concerned all of us were passed at this convention. Among them was the resolution that would allow the sons and daughters of Ordinary members to have a voice and vote at Branch level, but not the right to hold office. Ordinary membership was made available to former N.R.M.A. personnel who were honourably discharged. The convention also abolished Convention Banquets for all future conventions.

Much of the fund-raising for convention expenses was done by Comrade George Lupul and his Ways and Means Committee, selling "Royal Canadian Legion 1978 Convention Medallions." These were available in nickel at one dollar, in silver at twenty dollars and in gold at \$295.00. The Committee received much support in their sales, both locally and from far away.

As the convention parade approached the Cenotaph that gorgeous morning, you will remember that we described it as "newly re-located." This is a story in itself, and one of the historic happenings of 1978, both for the City and for our branch. You will recall the mention of "moving the Cenotaph" early in our history. The subject had been broached many times as early as 1958. On more than one occasion, a tentative deadline date had been set, however, there seemed to be a "constipation of ambition" and nothing "concrete" was done.

Finally, approval for the relocation was obtained in November 1977. City Council and the Edmonton Legion Branches and other ex-service organizations formed a "Cenotaph Relocation Committee" which was to oversee the move and to act as a fund-raising organ. The deadline was set for June 1, 1978, just before the Legion Dominion Convention. Because of the short time available, extra equipment and labour were required to meet the deadline, incurring extra costs. The final cost was in the vicinity of \$170,000.00. The project completed, the Cenotaph is now in the "most prominent and visible location in the city."

It is proper at this time to mention that the Relocation Committee was co-chaired by our own president, Comrade William Chmiliar and Comrade Howell Williams of the Kingsway branch. The fund-raising campaign continued for some time after the move was completed but did result in a happy ending!

The Cenotaph again gained prominence during the Commonwealth Games held in Edmonton later in the year when Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh officiated at a wreath-placing ceremony there.

As just mentioned above, 1978 was also the year of the Commonwealth

CENOTAPH RECONSTRUCTION IN FRONT OF CITY HALL

June 1978



Games. Our branch played a prominent role in the "Games" story in that many of our members took part by serving on various committees. The branch, or more accurately, the building itself, became a Photo and News center for the Media, remaining open twenty-four hours a day. From here, news stories and pictures were wired world-wide to various news services, papers and magazines. It has to be remembered that the Commonwealth Games were a huge undertaking and that the events taking place at the games were making world news.

To facilitate this dissemination of news and pictures to all the Commonwealth countries in the form of black and white prints, colour prints, videotape and colour transparencies, our building was loaded with an excess of a million dollars-worth of processing and photofinishing equipment supplied mainly by Kodak Canada.

All these "heavy" activities within our branch did little to diminish the interest shown in our other, more mundane undertakings which had become so much a part of our legion lives. The Annual "All Sports" Banquet and dance, organized by Sports Committee chairman Walter Melnyk was a resounding success on May 12. Klondike Days was another successful ten-day affair with outstanding entertainment featuring our own Klondike Kate in the person of Liz Pasička. The Car and Television Raffle was a success, as was the Annual Picnic on June 18 which was again held at Camp Harris and very ably organized by Comrade Irene Fedorovich.

A "First" for 1978 was our First Canada Day Ball which was held on June 30 and organized by Comrade Alex Korol and his Action Committee. This was a black-tie affair and featured all the pomp and pageantry reminiscent of the historic Regimental dinners. Besides our own members, visiting dignitaries included Provincial Command President Comrade Jim Foote and Mrs. Foote; Mr.

The Friendly Games



**XI Commonwealth Games
EDMONTON 1978**

Royal Canadian Legion



XI Commonwealth Games

Coaches' Host Night

*Wednesday, August 9, 1978
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada*

*In the Presence of
His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh*

Special Guests

Sir Alexander Ross

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The Lord Porritt

Life Vice-President — Commonwealth Games Federation

Mr. K.S. (Sandy) Duncan

Secretary — Commonwealth Games Federation

Mr. Ken Farmer

*Acting President — Commonwealth Games Association
of Canada*

Dr. Maury L. Van Vleet

*President — XI Commonwealth Games Canada
(1978) Foundation*

Hon. Iona Campagnolo

Minister of State Fitness and Amateur Sports

Hon. J.A. (Boomer) Adair

Alberta Minister of Recreation, Parks & Wildlife

Mayor C.J. (Cec) Purves

Mayor of the City of Edmonton

Mr. Ed Coley

President — Dominion Command, Royal Canadian Legion

Mr. J.A. (Jim) Foote

*President — Alberta-N.W.T. Command,
Royal Canadian Legion*

Convenor — Host Night

Alderman William (Bill) Chmiliar

Master of Ceremonies

Jack Boddington

Entertainment

Liz Pasieka

Agnes Beissel

The Dominos Band

Yanchar Sisters (Spanish Dancers)

Klondike Garter Dancers

Refreshments:

Palliser Distillers Ltd.

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Command*

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Alberta-N.W.T. Command*

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Montgomery Branch #24

Strathcona Branch #150

Kingsway Branch #175

Northwood Branch #178

Ex-Service Women's Branch #215

Jasper Place Branch #255

Sherwood Park Branch #277

Arrangements Committee:

Chairman

Ald. Wm. (Bill) Chmiliar

Catering

Ed Morgan

Bar

John Rybak

Decorations

Walter Franks

Invitations

John Sutherland

Security

Joe Dunn

Entertainment

Liz Pasieka

William Diachuk, M.L.A. and Mrs. Diachuk; and Mr. William Yurko, M.L.A. and Mrs. Yurko.

Comrade William Lesick was the Master of Ceremonies (recently schooled in our own Toastmaster's Club) while Comrade Justice Peter Greschuk proposed the Toast to the Queen. Comrade John Sorochnan proposed the Toast to Canada. Comrade William Chmiliar, our president, brought greetings from the City of Edmonton in his capacity as Acting Mayor. Mr. William Yurko was the guest speaker for the evening and impressed us with the message that being a Canadian was a serious matter. At 12:01 a.m. on July 1, candles on a Canada Birthday Cake were lit for the enjoyment of all, and a Happy Birthday was wished for our country!

Other social events included "Puschenia" to celebrate the coming of lent, Ukrainian Night, the Armistice Ball, to mention just some of them. The fourth annual President's Ball took place on November 18 and was just as impressive as the first three. The year ended with the New Year's Eve Banquet and Dance on December 31.

The branch sent representatives to the Zone Rally held in Fort Saskatchewan on April 29. In the fall, a successful Poppy Campaign was concluded and, of course, Remembrance Day activities were well participated in.

It was with deep regret that we received word of the passing of Comrade Alex Bayrak on October 19. Comrade Alex was one of our earliest and most active members, serving many years on the executive committee and then on the Provincial Command. He was a past-president of the branch, a Life Member and the recipient in 1974 of the Meritorious Service Medal for his dedication and devotion to Legion affairs. He was vice-president of the Provincial Command at the time of his passing.



Alex Bayrak

1979 dawned with Comrade George Lupul in the president's chair and Comrade George Melenka as his vice-president, elected by acclamation. Comrade George Harasim was second vice-president and Comrade William Chmiliar was past-president.

The executive committee was composed of Comrades Irene Fedorovich, Russel Dembiski, Alex Korol, Muss Kozak, Mike Romaniuk, Walter Chorny, Nick Nowytzkyj, John Stetsko, Steve Kashton, Harry Klimchuk and Garfield Hardie.

Comrade Justice Peter Greschuk was re-appointed as the Honorary president, while Bill Diachuk, M.L.A. was elected Honorary vice-president. Father Myron

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From left to right, FRONT ROW: Justice P. Greschuk, Hon. President, J. Rybak, Secretary Manager, J. Foote, Provincial President Alberta, G. Melenka, 1st Vice President, G. Lupul, President, G. Harasim, 2nd Vice President, W. Chmiliar, Past President, Rev. M. Kryschuk. BACK ROW: J. Stetsko, M. Romaniuk, Asst. Secretary Manager, A. Korol, S. Kashton, Sergeant at Arms, I. Fedorovich, W. Chorny, N. Nowytzkyj, R. Dembiski, H. Klimchuk. MISSING: Very Rev. M. Daciuk, (RC).

Daciuk O.S.B.M. was appointed as the Greek Catholic Padre with Rev. Mero-slaw Kryschuk continuing to serve as the Orthodox padre.

Charity remained one of the most important undertakings of our branch, recent donations becoming more generous as the branch grew in expertise in fund-raising. To begin the year, a \$500.00 donation was made to the Canadian Ukrainian Youth Association (CYMK) Choir to help defray their expenses on their trip to the International Music Festival in Vienna, Austria, being held August 4 to 18, 1979. The Associated Canadian Travellers received a gift of \$150.00 towards the Crippled Children's Fund during their Telerama fundraising program and the South Side Legion Boxing Club received a donation of \$100.00 towards the sponsorship of the Golden Gloves Competition being held in Edmonton. \$200.00 was donated to the Win House and consideration for the Cenotaph Relocation Fund, still deeply in debt, was deferred to a future meeting.

A Zone Rally was held in Thorhild on March 17 and attended by Comrades Nick Nowytzkyj and George Harasim to which our branch delivered a cheque for \$1,300.00 to help with the Polio Drive. A District Rally was held in Athabasca on May 5, with another in Fort McMurray later in the year. Our branch participated actively in all of these.

The Provincial Convention was held in Calgary, June 17 to 20, 1979, headed by Comrade George Lupul, president, and attended by delegates Comrades Mike

Romaniuk, Steve Kashton, George Harasim, George Melenka, Irene Fedorovich and Russel Dembiski.

Socially, all the usual functions took place and were reported as most successful! Added to an already impressive line-up of social events, the Canada Day Dance was repeated as the "Second", this year held on June 29. The feature Guest Speaker was Dr. J.W. Grant McEwan and the affair was attended by many legion dignitaries and regional officers, including our new Mayor C. J. (Cec) Purves. Other social events included the Fifth Annual President's Ball, showing all the glitter of its predecessors, held on November 17. Ukrainian Night, held this year on October 6 was quickly becoming a perennial favourite.

Other social events included our annual picnic, once more organized by Comrade Irene Fedorovich, chairman of the Entertainment Committee and held at Camp Harris on June 10. Golf was popular with the members and we hosted the Zone Dart Competitions in our branch on March 3.

Support for the Airborne Cadets was still one of our "pet" projects this year, receiving a total of \$1,486.00 towards their Summer program. Since 1977 our branch had taken over the total and full sponsorship of the cadets, having been only a co-sponsoring organization before the departure of the senior Airborne Regiment from Edmonton to their new home in Petawawa, Ontario.

Speaking of the departure of the Airborne Regiment, our branch fought valiantly along side other Edmontonians to "fight" the move, losing in the end. The Regiment appreciated our efforts greatly, and although they are long gone, signs of their appreciation of our efforts in the form of plaques and testimonials will always remain with us.

In 1979 the Alex Bayrak Memorial Trophy was created, intended to be awarded to an outstanding member of the Airborne Cadet Corps. It was appropriately named in honor of one of our leading members who had served ably and willingly in every position within our branch, then went on to serve in the District and Zone. He was vice-president of the Alberta-N.W. Territories Zone at the time of his death.

The terms of reference for the award stated that the award recipient had to be a member of the Airborne Regiment Cadet Corps and:

- (1) had undertaken and completed the "Duke of Edinburgh" Award - either at the Bronze, Silver or Gold level;
- (2) had undertaken and completed the Canada Fitness Award - either Bronze, Silver or Gold;
- (3) be outstanding in the Cadet Corps and in the community from the citizenship standpoint; and
- (4) be outstanding in dress and deportment within the Cadet Corps.

The trophy would be presented to the winner at the completion of the Annual Inspection.

Alex Bayrak Memorial Trophy



On February 27, 1980, at the Branch General Meeting, the trophy was presented to Captain Fisher for annual competition by the Bayrak Family

From the left: Miss Cathy Bayrak, Comrade George Melenka, President; Capt. Ed. Fisher, Comrade William Chmiliar, and Mrs Anne Bayrak, displaying Alex Bayrak Memorial Trophy.

Several of the meetings during the year were treated to a guest speaker on a topic of current or general interest, these being arranged by Comrade Alex Korol and covering such subjects as space flight, Investing for profit and many other timely topics. Comrade Walter Chorny reported that his Sunday and Monday Bingos were progressing nicely and that the returns were improving as the attendees grew in number.

The resignation of Comrade John Rybak as our secretary-manager early in the year took the branch by surprise. His resignation was accepted with regret and he was replaced by Comrade Mike Romaniuk after only a short recruiting drive.

Membership was reported at 1245 at year-end, made up from 554 Ordinary members with 42 Honorary, 23 Life, 232 Associate and 394 Fraternal Affiliates.

For the year 1980, Comrade George Melenka was elected president by acclamation. His vice-president was Comrade Alex Korol while the position of second vice-president was filled by Comrade Steve Kashton.

Elected to serve on the executive committee for 1980 were Comrades Garfield Hardie, Peter Lupul, Joe Stepa, Wm. Chmiliar, Peter Chmiliar, Walter Chorny, Nick Nowytzkyj, Irene Fedorovich, John Stetsko, George Lupul as past-president and Mike Romaniuk, the secretary-manager. Rev. Woloshyn and Rev. Kryschuk remained the branch Chaplains.

The Installation of Officers took place on February 6.

The seemingly endless parade of activities and events continued. With Klondike Days as one of our main summer attractions, planning and arranging was quickly becoming a routine early in any new year. 1980 was no exception!

Combined with the Car and T.V. Raffle, this year would feature a Free Smorg

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BACK ROW: G. Hardie, P. Lupul, J. Stepa, W. Chmillar, W. Chorny, N. Nowytzkyj.
MISSING: Justice P. Greschuk, Hon. President, J. Stetsko, Rev. M. Kryschuk.

for two offered to anyone selling twenty or more books of Raffle tickets. In addition, all legion members would be admitted free on "Legionnaire" nights which were Monday and Tuesday. Wednesday night was declared VIP Night when Edmonton's Klondike Kate, the Mayor and all the aldermen and their wives would be our special guests for the evening.

Cash prizes for the best Klondike costume were awarded every night during the celebration, July 16 to 26.

The evening usually began with a Ukrainian style smorg at 5:00 with the "Early" show beginning at 6:00 and lasting till 8:00, followed by dancing till 9:00. The "Late" show would begin at ten o'clock. Some of the acts featured were our own Klondike Kate, Liz Pasieka, "Wild" Bill Kondratiuk, his Crazy Banjo and his Pal Paul Holowaty, Don Cook and his Wonderhorse "Stinkweed" and the comedy team of Gabe and Peter. Other entertainment included the Klondike Garter Dancers and the "Spice" group in the lounge. Dancing music was provided by the popular "Dominos."

The donations listed for 1980 exceeded the twenty-thousand dollar mark and included the Alberta Army Cadet League, the Golden Glove Boxing Club, The Alberta Heart Foundation, The Kidney Foundation, ACT Telerama, Veteran's Comforts at Hospitals, the Veteran's Villa, The Cheremosh Dance Ensemble, the Dnipro Ensemble, Miles for Millions, Norwood Community Centre, Royal Canadian Legion Provincial Youth Training Program, The Salvation Army, the

Muscular Dystrophy Fund, Veteran's Club Welfare Fund, the Alberta Legion Polio Fund, Camp He Ho Ha and nearly \$2,000.00 to the Robin Hood School for Retarded Children.

Major recipients, in addition to the above were our own Airborne Cadet Corps, \$3,000.00; Ukrainian Senior Citizen's Home, 2,000.00; 1st Canadian Regiment Drum and Bugle Band, \$3,000.00 and the Cenotaph Relocation Fund, \$5,549.38. In addition, the High School and the University Scholarships were continued. The above list is by no means intended to be complete!

The first winner of the Alex Bayrak Memorial Trophy by a member of the Airborne Cadet Corps was Cadet Captain Jan van Gelder. The trophy was presented by Mrs. Anne Bayrak and our president, Comrade George Melenka on May 31, immediately following the annual inspection of the Corps.

After winning the trophy, Jan remarked, "After learning about Alex Bayrak and what the Trophy stands for; it is an unbelievable honour to have been awarded it."

The passing of Comrade Dr. John Paran on October 7 was sad news. Comrade Paran was a past-president of the branch, having served in 1967. He was made a Life Member in 1976. His military service as a Medical Corpsman included service in France, Germany and the Far East with the First, Fourth Armoured and Sixth Divisions.

Part of the Convention discussions in Calgary in June of 1979 were centered around the numerous aging veterans with the reminder that part of the Legion's responsibilities was to take an interest in the welfare of these veterans. Comrade Jim Buffam stated that 12% of our veterans are now sixty-five years old or older (1980) and that in twenty years, that is by the year 2000, 25% of our population would be in this category.

With these thoughts and suggestions, it followed that something more could be done for our senior citizens. Many branches organized Senior Citizens Clubs and many that had "programs for aging veterans" now had their names quickly changed to "Legion's Senior Programs," the latter designation being much more acceptable because it avoided the use of the word "aging" and tended to include the widows and wives of veterans.

In our case, the Legion's Senior Program became known as the "Norwood Club 60" and Comrade Peter Lupul was asked to act as chairman and overseer in the organization of this group. By early 1981, a new executive committee was announced. This consisted of Comrade Peter Lupul as president, John Romanchuk as vice-president, Joe Dascavich as treasurer with Nick Yusep as secretary. The co-ordinator was Comrade Irene Fedorovich, assisted by Leona Kashton, Nellie Conn, Vi Dembiski, Joyce Ewasiuk, Millie Zawalykut and Mary Lubin. Comrade John Bobowsky was elected as the steward.

On September 5, we were honoured by the visit to our branch of the famous Gurkha Regiment from Nepal. They were in Edmonton from August 26 to September 8 to help Alberta celebrate its 75th birthday.

The regiment, proud of its twenty-six Victoria Crosses awarded for conspicuous bravery, saw action in Burma, Afghanistan, India, Somaliland, Malta, Cyprus, Malaya, South Africa, Greece, Italy and China, suffering over 43,000 casualties in the two world wars!

Our branch held a dinner in their honour. Besides our own officers, the head table guests included Comrade and Mrs. Walter Thomas, the District Commander of the Royal Canadian Legion; Chief of Police R.F. (Bob) Lunney and Mrs. Lunney; Major Peter Redlington of the Queen's Gurkha Signals; Lt. Col. Lyle Gregory, O.B.E., of the War Ministry; Capt. B. Gurung, Queen's Gurkha Orderly Officer; and Major and Mrs. Norm Wreggett, Officer Commanding the Canadian Airborne Regiment Cadets. Alderman Comrade William Chmiliar and Mrs. Chmiliar represented the City of Edmonton.

Master of Ceremonies Comrade William Lesick welcomed the visitors in fairly fluent Nepalese, very much to everyone's surprise (our Toastmasters Club was much better than we thought!), and paid particular respect to their famous band, the Pipes and Drums of the Brigade of the Gurkhas.

After dinner, Major Redlington presented a trophy to our president Comrade George Melenka. In exchange and on behalf of our branch Comrade Melenka presented him with a donation of \$1,500.00 to the Gurkha Welfare Appeal Fund. Entertainment by the Gurkha Pipes and Drums followed.

The election for 1981 gave Comrade George Melenka a second term as president with Comrade Alex Korol as his first vice-president and Comrade Walter Chorny as his second vice-president. Comrade George Lupul remained, of course, as the past president.

The executive committee was made up of Comrades Irene Fedorovich, Garfield Hardie, Peter Lupul, Eugene Plawiuk, Nick Nowytzkyj, Joe Stepa, William Chmiliar, John Stetsko, A. George Lupul, William N. (Bill) Rawluk, and Peter Chmiliar.

The new executive members took their jobs in their stride and faced the new decade with anticipation and enthusiasm! There is something exhilarating about starting a new decade, something similar to looking at a new blank piece of paper or canvas, and imagining how it will look when the poem or painting is finished. 1981 was not only the start of a new decade, it was the year of our 35th Anniversary — but first things first!

Sharing the responsibility with other Edmonton Legion branches and with the Sherwood Park Branch, we participated in producing the Las Vegas Show Night at the SUB Theatre at the University. Proceeds were donated to the Multiple Sclerosis Society and the Veteran's Housing Project. The show chairman was our own Comrade George Lupul, assisted by Jim Foote, President of Veteran's Housing and Vern Fynn, President of the M.S. Society.

Entertainment for the show featured Oaky Miller, a comic and actor from Philadelphia as the M.C. with singer/pianist Cyndi Grecco, Jerry Lane & Co., the

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ventriloquist; Andre the Juggler; The Staneks, an aerobatic and balancing act; the Great-West Band and of course, the Las Vegas Dancers. The show was most enjoyable, but the good news is that it was an unbelievably astounding financial success.

The Klondike Days fun celebration for 1981 followed the same successful and colourful pattern as in the past, and was combined with the Car and Television Raffle as usual.

Charitable donations for the year totalled over \$14,000.00, covering many of the same recipients as in the past, but including such new ones as the Member's Welfare Fund, a contribution of over \$4,000.00 to the city joint branches for the purchase of a handi-bus, Win House and the Winnifred Stewart School, to mention only a small sampling.

At mid-year the membership was reported to be at well over the 1,400 mark and we were aiming for 1,500 by the end of the year!

The outstanding social function of the year was without a doubt, the celebration of our 35th Anniversary! A lavish banquet was planned and special guests were invited to celebrate this historic occasion with us.

The head table included our Lieutenant-Governor, the Honorable Frank Lynch-Staunton, Hon. William Yurko, M.P., Hon. William Diachuk, M.L.A., the Deputy Mayor Alderman Ed Leger, the Honorary Treasurer of the Provincial Command James Buffam, president of the Norwood Ladies' Auxiliary Mrs.

Joanne Kutney and of course, our own President Comrade George Melenka. Comrade Joe Stepá was the Master of Ceremonies for this auspicious occasion.

A special slide presentation produced by Comrade Joe Stepá was one of the interesting program items for the evening, followed by tributes to three of our most-decorated veterans: Comrades Walter Chorny, Steve Kashton and William Poohkay.

AUDITORIUM RENOVATIONS – 1981



THE BAR



SET UP FOR GENERAL MEETING



CEDAR CEILING

In his "President's Address" Comrade George Melenka tossed out a challenge to the membership of the branch, mentioning two projects that we should consider as worthwhile and necessary. One of the projects was the undertaking of the construction of the Norwood Legion Manor, the other the writing and publishing of a detailed and well-illustrated History of the Legion, Norwood

REMEMBRANCE DAY

November 11, 1981



Wm. Chmiliar, P. Lupul, E. Yaremco, S. Smylsky, G. Melenka, I. Fedorovich, Wm. Kostenuk, O. Zarsky, Wm. Rawluk, W. Chorny, and S. Mintenko.



35th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
1946 - 1981

in the presence of
His Honour The Honourable Frank Lynch-Staunton, Q.C.
Lieutenant Governor of Alberta

Royal Canadian Legion

NORWOOD BRANCH No. 178
11150 - 82 Street, Edmonton, Alberta

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21
1981

— PROGRAM —

Upon the arrival of His Honour the Honourable
the Lieutenant Governor

THE VICE REGAL SALUTE

INVOCATION

Reverend M. Kryschuk

TOAST TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor

CUTTING OF THE CAKE

President, G. Melenka

DINNER

INTRODUCTION OF HEAD TABLE

GREETINGS

PRESENTATIONS

APPRECIATION

President, G. Melenka

HISTORIC FILM PRESENTATION

O CANADA

MASTER OF CEREMONIES — W.G. Lesick
35th ANNIVERSARY CHAIRMAN — J.H. Stepa
BRANCH MANAGER — M. Rumanuk

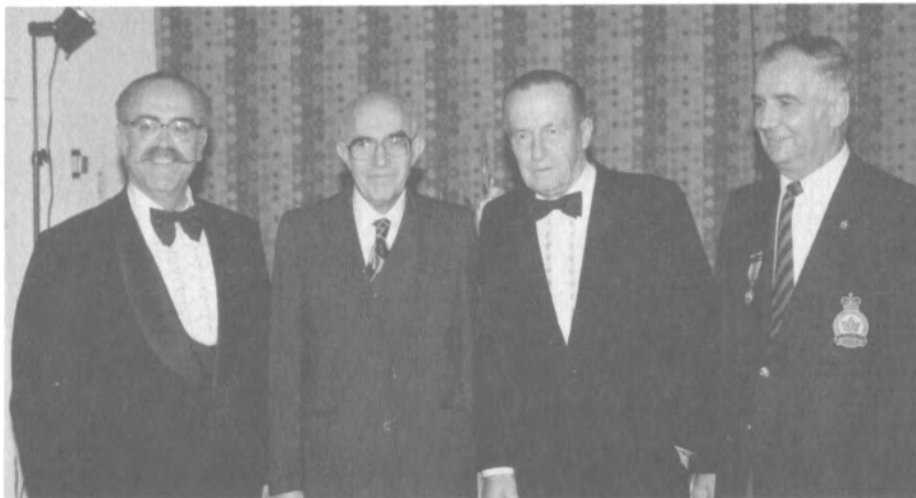
**HIGHLIGHTS OF 35th ANNIVERSARY
ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION
NORWOOD BRANCH #178
November 21, 1981**

WELCOMING COMMITTEE ~ Mr. and Mrs. George Melenka



**Ruth Lupul, Rene Williams, Howell Williams, Chairman of Joint Branches Committee;
George Melenka, President; Rosalie Melenka**

Lt. Gov. of Alberta ~ His Honour The Honourable Frank Lynch-Staunton,



**Wm. Chmiliar, Past President; Justice Peter Greschuk; Lt. Gov. Frank Lynch-Staunton;
George Melenka, President**

Oil Painting presented to Branch

ARTIST: Nick Ochotta

PAINTING: Col. Mike Syrotuck



**Nick Ochotta, George Melenka, President, and Justice Peter Greschuk,
standing behind the portrait of Col. Mike Syrotuck.**

**LADIES AUXILIARY PRESENTATION
of the "GOOD SHIP NORWOOD" to the Branch**



**George Melenka, President; Mary Plawiuk, L.A. 1st Vice President; Olga Chorny,
L.A. 2nd Vice President, and L.A. President Joanne Kutney.**

HIGHLIGHTS OF 35th ANNIVERSARY

BAYRAK FAMILY presents PLAQUES to NORWOOD BRANCH



**George Melenka, President, John Bayrak, Joanne Kutney, President of Ladies' Auxiliary;
Cathy Bayrak and Don Bayrak.**

ANNIVERSARY CAKE



President George Melenka cutting the cake

Branch. Ideally, both projects should be completed before the 45th Anniversary celebrations in 1991.

For the Manor, a Senior Citizen's Lodge, a committee had already been struck in 1980 and consisted of Comrade George Melenka as chairman with Comrade George Lupul as vice-chairman and Comrade Eugene Lemiski as the secretary. Anne Bayrak was elected to the position of treasurer and the Board of Directors consisted of Comrade Bill Chmiliar, Comrade Alex Korol and Dan Kobasiuk. Peter Kule was selected as the auditor and Joseph Trofimuk, Q.C. became the legal advisor. Comrade Eugene Plawiuk replaced Dan Kobasiuk on the Board in 1985.

The "Manor" project soon went on "hold." Our branch undertook to contribute \$150,000.00 to the venture which would be a 242-unit complex located on 83rd street and 113th avenue. It continues to be a challenge, but is not forgotten by any means!

You are reading the second challenge — "The Book."

Other social functions for the year were well-received and well- attended, these including another very successful and memorable President's Ball, the Sixth, a Puschenia, a Hallowe'en Dance, a fabulous Ukrainian Night, a Hawaiian Night and a Bowling Banquet. The New Year 1982 was ushered in with a Gala New Year's Ball.

After the 1982 election, Comrade Alex Korol had stepped up to the presidency

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BACK ROW: E. Plawiuk, P. Lupul, W. Chmiliar, W. Poohkay, F. Shalagan, J. Stepa, G. Lupul, J. Stetsko, W. Rawluk, Sergeant at Arms.

with Walter Chorny as his vice-president and Irene Fedorovich as his second vice-president. Comrade George Melenka became the past-president automatically and joined Comrades Eugene Plawiuk, Peter Lupul, Bill Chmiliar, Dr. Peter Poohkay, Frank Shalagan, Joe Stepa, George Lupul and John Stetsko on the executive. Bill Rawluk assumed the position of Sergeant-at-Arms, while Mike Romaniuk remained as the manager.

It was the usual busy year. Zone rallies were attended and business went on as usual. Zone Commander Walter Thomas honoured the branch with the presentation of the Early Bird Award, granted for membership renewal of over 75% before the year-end.

A donation of \$50.00 was made to the Norwood Community Services Centre, \$250.00 to the Robin Hood School for Retarded Children and the Holy Eucharist Home for the Aged was the recipient of \$1,928.00 for their projects. Both the University of Alberta and Grade Nine and Twelve Scholarships were paid out, with just enough money left over to make extensive repairs to the parking lot! The City had decided to let us acquire the ETS Bus turnaround and to turn it into more parking space for us.

Renovations were taking place elsewhere, too. The building received a fresh coat of paint on the outside and certain areas inside were re-done. A new air-conditioning system was installed and the store room was enlarged and modernized.

Comrade Walter Chorny reported that the Airborne Cadets were active and Comrade Eugene Plawiuk reported that the Sunday and Monday bingos were progressing very well. An Essay and Poster Contest was sponsored by the branch, chaired by Comrade Martin Bodnar.

Another detail requiring attention was the Norwood Club 60, our senior citizen's group. After some time in existence, it became apparent that a set of terms of reference was necessary if the group was to function properly in the future. A committee composed of Comrades Dr. Peter Poohkay, Martin Bodnar, Frank Shalagan and Garfield Hardie were appointed to review and prepare.

Year-end reports placed the membership at 1,488, with 580 Ordinary members.

The Nominating Committee for 1983 Officers was made up from Comrades George Lupul, chairman, Bill Rawluk, George Hayduk, Andy Wasylyshyn and Bob Enokson.

Comrade Alex Korol succeeded in winning the presidency for a second term, as did his vice-president Comrade Walter Chorny! The position of second vice-president was filled by Comrade Eugene Plawiuk. Comrade Bill Rawluk retained his position of Sergeant-at-Arms while Comrade George Melenka remained the past-president.

The executive committee for 1983 consisted of the following elected members: Peter Lupul, Martin Bodnar, Frank Shalagan, Dr. Peter Poohkay, Frank

1983 EXECUTIVE



From left to right, FRONT ROW: R. Enokson, Manager, Rev. M. Kryschuk, W. Chorny, 1st Vice President, A. Korol, President, G. Melenka, Past President, E. Plawiuk, 2nd Vice President, W. Rawluk, Sergeant at Arms. BACK ROW: P. Lupul, M. Bodnar, F. Shalagan, Dr. P. Poohkay, F. Farynowski, W. Chmiliar, G. Lupul, N. Nowytzkyj. MISSING: Justice P. Greschuk, Hon. President, J. Stetsko, Fr. B. Woloshyn.

Farynowski, Bill Chmiliar, A. George Lupul, Nick Nowytzkyj, and John Stetsko. The Installation of Officers and Executives was held on January 12.

The year began with the resignation of Padre Rev. W. Woloshyn due to ill health. Various committees proceeded to carry out their duties, 1983 becoming just as busy and active as all the other years. Bob Enokson was the new manager of the branch. Comrade Eugene Plawiuk reported that the Sunday and Monday bingo crowds were very good, the Airborne Cadets were still one of our major undertakings, and Comrade Dr. Peter Poohkay, chairman of Welfare and Hospital committee, organized a visiting committee and visits to members that were hospitalized became more regular.

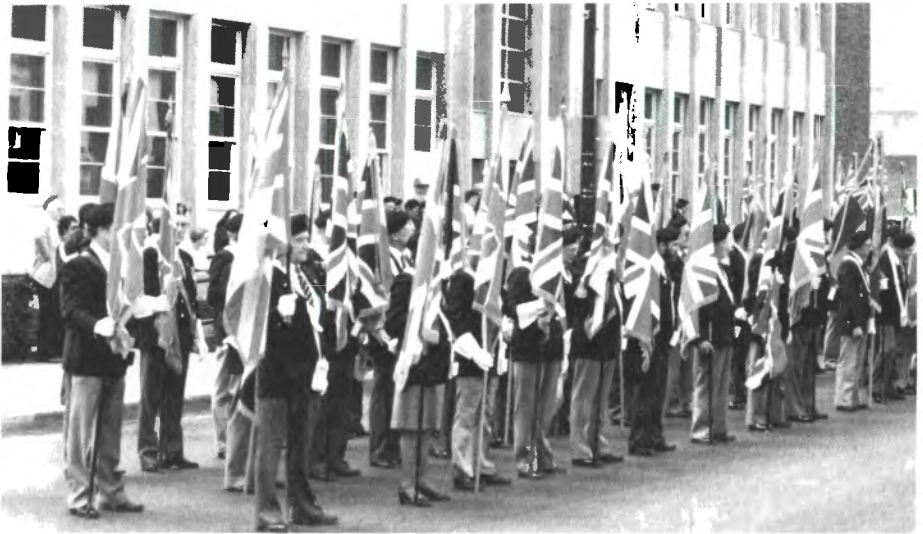
The branch passed a motion to sponsor a baseball team and Comrade John Stetsko of the Ways and Means Committee organized a Car Raffle. Bowling and curling continued to be constant activities, and for the first time, a Casino operated by the branch was attempted, the net proceeds exceeding \$30,000.00!

A motion by the members in April of 1983 guaranteed a letter of credit from the Ukrainian Savings and Credit Union Ltd. to the Alberta Housing Corporation on behalf of the Norwood Legion Manor. The letter of credit was for the amount of \$135,000.00, construction being anticipated for the fall of 1983 with completion in 1985. The Multiple Sclerosis Association was also building and our branch promised them both moral and substantial financial support as they waited for their tenders to come in.

The Robin Hood School was again the recipient of a \$250.00 gift, this one made up from our fountain coins. In addition to the usual charitable donations which were now becoming routine, we presented four \$300.00 prizes to the University of Alberta for studies in Ukrainian, these going to Donna M. Charuk, Yaroslava A. Bayrock, Julie Anna Warawa and Ihor Litvak.

President Comrade Alex Korol was looking for volunteer writers to prepare the branch Commemorative Book which was being planned and which would be going to press in the near future.

The 1983 Provincial Convention was held in Red Deer starting on June 5. We sent nine delegates to this one, those going were Comrades Walter Chorny, George Melenka, George Lupul, Eugene Plawiuk, Nick Nowytkyj, Frank Farynowski, Russ Dembiski, Peter Lupul and Bill Chmiliar.



Mass Colour Party assembled for the parade...

Also at the General monthly meeting in June, Long Service Pins were awarded.

Comrade Mike Prystupa was awarded his pin for 40 years of continuous service.

Receiving their 35 Year pins were Comrades John Gulayets and Myros Samycia.

Thirty Year Pins were awarded to Comrades Walter Chorny, Russ Dembiski, John Gregory, N. Hunchak, W. Kulchiski, A. Szkolar, Nick Tomynd and W. Zeniuk.

Twenty-Five Year pins were received by Comrades Mike Andrishak, A Bidnick, J. Boychuk, John Buchinski, W. Cherney, W. Hunka, John Isaenko, W. Kirk, M. Kocil, S. Korchinsky, S. Lastiwka, A. Lazarenko, S. Lotocki, J.

Mlynarchuk, S. Mydlak, Russel Ostapek, P. Pylypa, T.W. Romank, Max Rudyk, J. Ungarian, P. Uganecz and Ed Yaremco.

The resignation of Comrade President Alex Korol in July was necessitated by a heavy work-load and health problems and was accepted by the membership with regret. Comrade Walter Chorny the vice-president stepped into the president's position at mid term and Comrade Eugene Plawiuk stepped up to the position of first vice-president, business continuing as usual.

The Redwater Golf Tournament was held successfully on August 20. A donation of \$300.00 was made to the Ukrainian Museum and Archives, being operated by Harry Yopyk. The branch also participated actively in the October ceremonies commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Famine in Ukraine which included the memorial service on the City Hall grounds, and the unveiling of the monument.

The Nominating Committee consisted of Comrades George Melenka, Bill Rawluk, Andrew Wasylishyn and Mike Andrishak.

Comrade Walter Chorny was re-elected to the presidency by acclamation. Comrade Eugene Plawiuk was re-elected to the position of first vice-president, an office which he had held for half of the past year, while Comrade Frank Shalagan was elected as second vice-president.

Comrades George Lupul, Peter Lupul, John Boychuk and Steve Kashton were elected to the executive committee to join those already serving their second year.

1984 EXECUTIVE



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With the announcement of Comrade George Melenka's departure from the executive committee in December, Comrade Dr. Peter Poohkay was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Comrade Bill Rawluk continued to be our Sergeant-at-Arms. Rev. M Kryschuk and Rev. William Hupalo were re-confirmed as our Orthodox and Greek Catholic chaplains.

Reports from the 1983 Poppy Fund Drive, which was most successful, ranked our branch as the third in the campaign, which was rewarding news! A request for pictures and stories of Ukrainians in military service was made by the Ukrainian Museum and Archives. These were required for inclusion in their new history book which was being published.

Newsletter Committee chairman Comrade George Lupul reported that the difficulties and delays in receiving our Newsletter were traced to the Post Office, more accurately the sub Post Offices.

The Dominion Convention in 1984 was held in Winnipeg, June 17 to 22. A motion was made and carried that we send nine delegates to represent us, the president, Comrade Walter Chorny being one of them. The other eight were Comrades Frank Stevens, the new Secretary-manager, Steve Kashton, George Lupul, Eugene Plawiuk, Bill Chmiliar, George Melenka, Bill Rawluk and Peter Lupul. Alternates elected were Comrades Frank Shalagan and Dr. Peter Poohkay.

The District Rally was held in Hinton, May 5 with President Comrade Walter Chorny and his vice-president, Comrade Eugene Plawiuk representing us.

Comrade Alex Korol reported that the Airborne Cadets were very active again, this year with a strength of sixty-five members. The Norwood 60 Club, with Comrade Stephen Senio as their president, were actively planning many future activities and now had grown to over fifty members.

During the year, donations were made to St. John's Ambulance Association, the Norwood Legion Manor Building Fund, the Ukrainian Museum and Archives, the Provincial Youth Training Program, the Alberta Heart Fund, the War Amputees, Veteran's Housing, Cheremosh Dancers, the Blind Society for Alberta, the Edmonton All-Girls Marching Ambassadors, the Edmonton Space Centre, the Canadian Diabetic Association and many others. A large delegation from the branch attended the official opening of the Multiple Sclerosis building on November 10, a project to which we had given much support.

The Nominating Committee for 1985 was made up from Comrades Adolph Spachinsky, Bill Rawluk, George Hayduk, Orest Zarsky and Peter Boti, the new manager.

Comrades Walter Chorny and Eugene Plawiuk were re-elected as president and first vice-president, respectively, with Martin Bodnar becoming the second vice-president for 1985.

After the vacancies on the executive committee were filled, the executive committee was made up of Comrades John Boychuk, Bill Chmiliar, Steve

1985 EXECUTIVE



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Kashton, George Lupul, Peter Lupul, Ernie Fedak, George Hayduk, Garfield Hardie and Bill Rawluk. Installation was held on January 16.

Since 1986 was to be a Diamond Jubilee Year for the Canadian Legion, part of the activities of our branch, and likely every other branch in Canada, centered around fund-raising and planning for the celebration. Edmonton was chosen as the convention city and preparations were being made for eight thousand guests.

Part of the fund-raising was through the sale of tulips, with each branch being assigned a quota. Mailings from the Diamond Jubilee Book Committee were arriving, requesting information, photos and history for the publication of the Anniversary Book. Again, much of the money required for the funding was donated by the Canadian branches, subsidized by the Dominion Command.

Comrade George Lupul took on the task of planning the issue of a Commemorative Coin in honor of the anniversary. A tulip campaign of our own was launched in local shopping malls, these funds destined for our project in Fort Edmonton Park.

With our heavy investments of time and money into the Multiple Sclerosis building project coming to a successful conclusion, we started to concentrate on other projects such as our own Norwood Legion Manor and the Ukrainian Museum and Archives. A casino date was booked for the Museum Fund, and proved to be very successful. Not forgetting our own land expansion, our negotiations with the city were coming to a fruitful end and it now became possible to add an additional lot to our property with access to the rear of the building. This was completed during 1985.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 40th ANNIVERSARY

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION

NORWOOD BRANCH #178 ~ April 19, 1986



The
Royal Canadian Legion
Norwood Branch #178

40th Anniversary

Banquet

Saturday, April 19, 1986
Norwood Legion 11150 - 82 Street
Edmonton, Alberta

**Legion
Branch #178
1946 - 1986**



DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS



**Dr. S. Warshawski with four Charter Members: Nestor Holychuk, Orest Zarsky,
Donald Zuck, and John Yusep.**

ANNIVERSARY CAKE



Eugene Plawiuk and Ellen Bobowsky cutting the cake

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Zuck
Don is a Norwood Charter member who now resides in Saskatoon. He made the trip to be with us for our 40th.



PAST PRESIDENTS AT OUR 40TH



FRONT ROW: Eugene Plawiuk, Eugene Lemiski, Walter Bilinske, Honourary President Peter Greschuk, Peter Lupul.
BACK ROW: George Lupul, George Melenka, John Sorochan, Alex Korol, William Chmiliar.

SOME PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE LADIES' AUXILIARY WHO WERE PRESENT FOR THE BRANCH'S 40TH



FRONT ROW: Virginia Faryna, Anne Lemsiki, Ellen Bobowsky, Mary Plawiuk,
Ann Bayrak, Honourary President Zonia Greschuk. BACK ROW: Mary Poohkay,
Florence Romanchuk, Leona Kashton, Isabel Lupul, Winnie Lesick, Ruth Lupul,
Alice Stepa, Ollie Walusko.

We sent delegates and representatives to the Zone Rally held at the Strathcona Branch in March, and to the District Rally in Whitecourt in May. The Provincial Convention was held in Grande Prairie June 9 to 12. Nine delegates were approved by the executive committee, namely Comrades President Walter Chorny, Manager Peter Boti, Peter Lupul, George Hayduk, Steve Kashton, Bill Rawluk, Martin Bodnar, Eugene Plawiuk and George Lupul. Comrades George Melenka, Garfield Hardie and Orest Zarsky were elected as standbys.

With Comrade George Hayduk as our sports Chairman, the usual sport activities were enjoyed by all, with a Crib Tournament being added to the alternatives. The usual social functions and dances were well attended during the year.

On May 7, Comrade Martin Bodnar passed away. He had been an active member of the branch since its inception and was serving as the second vice-president and chairman of the Membership Committee at the time of his passing. He had served on the executive committee many times in the past often being involved with the Sports Committee and various fund-raising committees. As a result of this loss, Comrade William Rawluk was appointed to the position of acting second vice-president for the remainder of the year, his position on the board being left vacant by choice of the executive committee.

Donations during the year were made to many needy organizations, including

Fort Edmonton Historical Foundation, Edmonton Catholic Charities, the Cheremosh Dancers, the Edmonton Police Band, the Telerama, the Dnipro Ensemble and the Robin Hood School, to mention only a few of the major ones. The Seniors of the branch donated \$500.00 to the Steve Fonio Cancer Fund.

A plaque in recognition of the our support was presented to our branch by the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Some of our members took part in the Anniversary Day Parade in Beverly which commemorated the 40th anniversary of the liberation of Holland, while others participated in the annual downtown parade, held simultaneously on November 11.

A visit from an old friend, Comrade Bohdan Panchuk, who attended one of our executive meetings in September, brought back many memories to some. He was the driving force behind the founding and operation of the Canadian-Ukrainian Servicemen's Association (Overseas) during the war and has remained active in veteran's affairs since. At another meeting later in the year, Comrade William G. Lesick, M.P. was our guest and spoke on legion matters and our government, and read a letter from George Hees of the Department of Veteran's Affairs.

The Nominating Committee for next year (1986) was comprised of Comrades Ed Yaremco, Chairman, William Kosteniuk, Orest Zarsky and Dr. Peter Poohkay.

Comrade Eugene Plawiuk was easily elected to the presidency. Elected as his first vice-president was Comrade William Chmiliar with Comrade John Boychuk as the second vice.

Elected to serve for two years on the executive committee were Comrades Ernie Fedak, Steve Kashton, George Lupul, Peter Lupul and Nick Nowytzkyj. Elected for one year were Comrades John Bobowsky, William Rawluk and Steve Senio.

Early in the year, Comrade George Lupul resigned from the executive committee in order to be able to fill the position of past-president, his vacancy in turn being filled by the appointment of Comrade Ed Yaremco to the executive committee.

Many big undertakings were in the mill for this year — a large remodelling program was being discussed, now much more seriously than at first, and then there was the big Dominion Convention which was taking place in Edmonton. A Ukrainian Veteran's Reunion was being planned for convention week, to take place on the 13, the convention taking place June 8 to 13. Funds to enable the planners to proceed were set aside, the executive committee approving an advance of \$2,000.00 towards the reunion.

Elected as delegates to represent our branch at the convention were the president, Comrade Eugene Plawiuk, accompanied by Comrades William Rawluk, William Chmiliar, John Boychuk, Peter Lupul, George Hayduk, George Lupul, Ernie Fedak, Steve Kashton and Peter Boti, the secretary-manager.

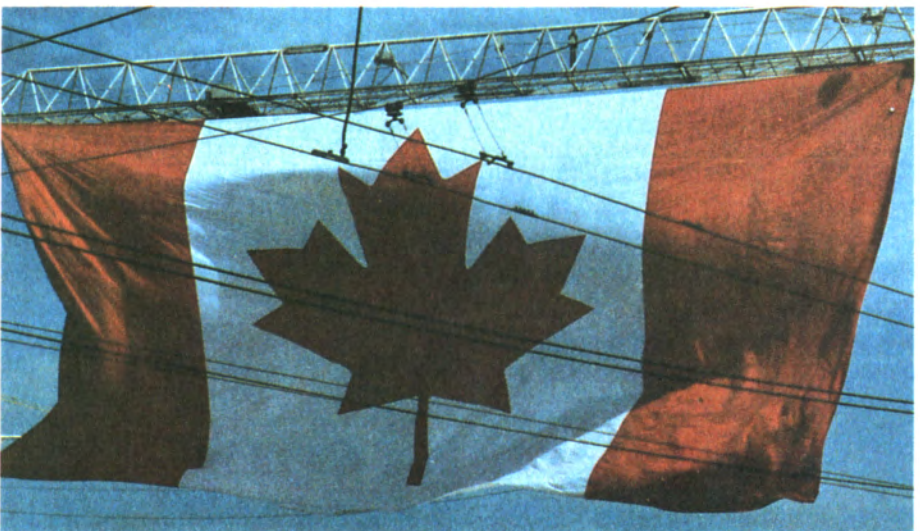
1986 EXECUTIVE



From left to right, FRONT ROW: W. Rawluk, Sergeant at Arms, P. Boti, Secretary Manager, W. Chmiliar, 1st Vice President, E. Plawiuk, President, G. Lupul, Past President, J. Boychuk, 2nd Vice President, Fr. R. Zuback. BACK ROW: S. Kashton, P. Lupul, J. Bobowsky, E. Fedak, G. Hayduk, N. Nowitzkyj, S. Senio.

Volunteers were called to act as drivers for VIP's that would be attending, also as bus dispatchers at various hotels to regulate the movements of the delegates between the hotels and the Convention Centre.

Plans were made to raise what was hoped to be the largest Canadian Flag ever in front of the Convention Centre. It would measure 150 feet by 75 feet and it was hoped that the media would pick up the story and supply us with a lot of



publicity. During the week, the flag would be hung at the Water Park at West Edmonton Mall where our delegates were welcomed with a specially-priced admission.

Our branch planned an open house for the 13th followed by a Banquet in the evening. On the 14th, the Grand Reunion moved to the Ukrainian Heritage Village, bus service being provided. A banquet was held at St. Josaphat's on the evening of the 14th, and a special church service was held on Sunday morning.

The remodelling and updating of the branch included new lighting fixtures, the recovering of chairs, a general clean-up with a fresh coat of paint on the exterior. This being done, plans were being sketched for a 1,600 foot addition to the second floor. This would provide for a larger Board Room and give us more room generally. First estimates of the cost were approximately \$150,000.00, but were revised upwards quickly. We approached the Ukrainian Credit Union for approval of a loan for \$350,000.00. Since this appeared straight forward, the drawing of detailed plans was authorized.

Early in the year, we were represented at a Zone Rally held in Fort Saskatchewan and later at a District No. 2 Rally held at the Strathcona Branch. A second Zone Rally was held in Redwater later in the fall.

Bingo was going through a complete revision. With the advent of "large" bingo operations concentrated in a few large centres, a local bingo such as ours didn't stand much of chance of survival. The large operators shared their profits with what was left of the smaller groups provided that these smaller groups supplied the necessary workers. Our branch organized a new Bingo Committee

K-Days 1986



The Dominos



K-DAYS HOSTESSES
Mary Plawiuk, Isabel Lupul, Emily Boychuk
and Ellen Bobowsky

K-Days 1986



Banjo Busters, Don Cook, Liz Pasieka and Dancers



Promenade



1986 Car Raffle Winners

under Chairman Stephen Senio which made arrangements to work with the West Edmonton Mall Bingo Association. Our first such effort took place early in the summer and returned a profit of \$2,377.70, which we considered to be a fair reward for a night's work. Other dates that followed were quite successful and a new version of Bingo for Edmonton had taken root.

Our K-Days celebrations were now a smooth-running well-organized show! In 1986 the attendance was up dramatically from previous years and the profits continued to increase.

Comrade John Bobowsky advised the members that the Airborne Cadets were progressing very well and that our branch had been awarded the Duke of Edinburgh Award for our work with the youth.

The Sports Committee was busy under the leadership of Comrade George Hayduk. Besides the usual activities, a Horseshoe Pitch had been completed on our grounds and was in use. Our K - Days Car Raffle, organized by the Ways and Means Committee under Comrade Peter Lupul had another very successful season.

Donations for the year included a sum of \$7,500.00 to the Airborne Cadets and \$1,400.00 of fountain money went to the Fort Edmonton Park Historical Foundation. In March we hosted the Hong Kong Veterans who enjoyed our food and service very much, as reported by Comrade Steve Kashlon.

A casino was held by our branch with the proceeds dedicated to the Norwood Manor Building Fund netting a tidy profit of \$50,652.00.

As 1986 drew to a busy conclusion, our membership was at 1275, including the Ordinary and all other classes.

The Nominating Committee for 1987 was made up of Comrade Orest Zarsky

acting as the Chairman, assisted by Comrades Alex Korol, John Halisky, George Lupul and secretary-manager Peter Boti.

Comrade Eugene Plawiuk was re-elected president with Comrade Bill Chmiliar as first vice-president and Comrade John Boychuk as second vice-president, all by acclamation.

Elected to the executive committee for two year terms, also by acclamation, were Comrades John Bobowsky, George Hayduk, William Rawluk, Peter Walusko and Ed Yaremco. The installation of officers was held on January 2, 1987.

1987 EXECUTIVE



From left to right, FRONT ROW: P. Boti, Secretary Manager, Very Rev. M. Kryschuk, W. Chmiliar, 1st Vice President, E. Plawiuk, President, J. Boychuk, 2nd Vice President, G. Lupul, Past President, W. Rawluk, Sergeant at Arms.

BACK ROW: P. Lupul, G. Hayduk, J. Bobowsky, E. Yaremco, E. Fedak, P. Walusko, S. Kashton, N. Nowytzkyj.

During the routine beginning-of-the-year appointments and confirmations, Very Reverend Meroslaw Kryschuk was reconfirmed as the Orthodox Chaplain while Father Zuback became our Greek Catholic Chaplain.

A tentative program of the 1987 activities was presented at the first meeting of the year and included the Valentine's Day Dance, the Ladies Auxiliary Craft and Bake Sale, the Norwood Legion Bowling League Banquet, Mother's Day Dinner, the Ladies Auxiliary General Meeting and Spring Banquet, Father's Day, Annual Picnic at Camp Harris, Klondike Days July 16-25, Ukrainian Night, Ladies Fall Rummage Sale, Remembrance Day activities, the President's Ball, Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Banquet and ending up with a New Year's Eve Frolic.

CITIZENSHIP COURT ~ June 1987



Norwood Legion members and their families taking part in Citizenship Ceremonies



What the “tentative” list did not include were the many other activities that came along as the year unfolded. There was the hosting of the Citizenship Court on April 27 with Justice Dave Frunchak presiding. This was well attended and proved to be an interesting departure from the usual club events.

At a general meeting early in the year, president Comrade Eugene Plawiuk presented a plaque to Very Reverend Captain Michael Fyk for his service in World War II. He was unable to attend when the presentation was originally made at the Dominion Convention in June and was one of two Ukrainian Chaplains still



Citizenship Ceremonies

active. The other recipient was Father Horoshko, his presentation having been made at the Convention banquet.

Comrade George Lupul reported that the Medallion Committee was still "going strong" and that coins were still selling and that sales were good. Comrade Steve Kashton advised that Nevada Sales were increasing and that he

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE 1987 ~ Elk Island Park, Alberta



George Lupul, Eugene Plawiuk, William Chmiliar, Chairman

was arranging an Appreciation Dinner for the Seniors who were doing most of the selling.

The Monument Project was coming along well, although the plans for an unveiling early in the summer didn't work out. The estimated cost of "approximately \$5,000.00" was revised to \$12,000.00 and the Official Unveiling and Dedication took place on Sunday, October 25 at 2:00 P.M. at the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village.

Cost estimates for the building expansion were based on fairly complete plans with the \$389,000.00 covering the construction, design and supervision. After much discussion and deliberation, the executive committee made a motion to delay the project until the old mortgage was paid up completely. This motion was ratified by the general meeting in April.

Bingo profits resulting from our participation at Caesar's were coming in well with over \$27,000.00 received during the first six months of 1987. These funds were divided evenly between our own building fund and other outside charities.

With City Council deciding to tear down the Prince of Wales Armouries, a great cry arose from the many organizations that call the Armouries their home and meeting place. Meetings were called to discuss and consider the decision and as sponsors of our Airborne Cadets, we were asked to attend these. President Comrade Eugene Plawiuk attended the early meeting in June, and although no definite decision was made, other meetings were planned for the near future and some hope remained that the Armouries may not be dismantled after all.

The Provincial Convention took place in Medicine Hat, June 7 to 10, our

CONVENTION DELEGATES 1987



John Bobowsky, Peter Walusko, Peter Lupul, George Hayduk, Ed Yaremco,
Eugene Plawiuk, William Rawluk, John Boychuk, George Lupul.

UKRAINIAN NIGHT 1987



delegates being Comrades Peter Lupul, Bill Chmiliar, John Boychuk, George Lupul, Bill Rawluk, Stephen Senio, George Hayduk and John Bobowsky. Comrade Eugene Plawiuk, as president, was automatically a delegate. Comrades Peter Walusko and Ed Yaremco were elected as alternates.

We were well represented at a Zone Rally held in Redwater, November 1, and took part in the Remembrance Day ceremonies which were held indoors this year, at the Kinsmen Field House. Later in November our branch was well represented at a fund-raising dinner for the Millennium of Christianity Celebrations which would be taking place in 1988 to celebrate a thousand years of Christianity in Ukraine. Later, the branch approved a donation of \$1,000.00 to the fund.

The donations list for 1987 was quite substantial and many of the recipients were repeated, such as the Robin Hood School, however, there were many new ones, including St. Michael's Extended Care, Terry Fox House, Humans on Welfare, Boyle Street Services, Zowie Gardner, the Salvation Army, and Ronald McDonald House.

POPPY TAG DAY ~ November 1987



Set and Ready to Canvass – Cadets and Legion Members on Poppy Tag Day

We contributed to the University of Alberta Chair of Ukrainian Studies, a project that is unique and which is growing steadily, now exceeding the million-dollar mark. In addition, we donated a thousand dollars to the University of Alberta Slavic and Eastern Studies Endowment Fund. Our Airborne Cadets, now numbering 100, needed financial help so we donated a thousand dollars to them. \$450.00 was given to the Friends of Ukrainian Village to support their Junior Talent Show.

OTTAWA CONVENTION 1988



Some of the Norwood Delegates: Peter Lupul,
Eugene Plawluk, George Hayduk,
Peter Walusko, Ed Yaremco



Wm. Rawluk
at the National Memorial

1988 EXECUTIVE



From left to right, FRONT ROW: Very Rev. M. Kryschuk, W. Rawluk, Sergeant at Arms;
E. Plawluk, Past President; W. Chmiliar, President; J. Boychuk, 1st Vice President;
E. Fedak, 2nd Vice President; P. Boti, Secretary Manager; Fr. R. Zuback.
BACK ROW: N. Nowytzkij, G. Hardie, G. Lupul, P. Walusko, E. Yaremco,
J. Bobowsky, G. Hayduk, P. Lupul.

On a suggestion that we support hockey, a \$4,000.00 donation was made to the Castledowns Pee Wee Hockey Club and Comrade George Lupul was elected as our liaison and representative. This resulted in the formation of the "Norwood Legion Spartans."

The Nominating Committee for 1988 was chaired by Comrade William Rawluk with Comrades Eugene Lemiski, Steve Dasher, Alex Korol and Peter Boti assisting.

Comrade William Chmiliar was elected the branch president by acclamation, as was his first vice-president Comrade John Boychuk. The position of second vice-president was won by Comrade H.P. Ernie Fedak after a battle at the polls, defeating his opponent Comrade Irene Fedorovich.

Elected to the executive committee for a two-year term were Comrades George Lupul, Garfield Hardie and Nick Nowitzkyj. With one year to serve were Comrades John Bobowsky, George Hayduk, Bill Rawluk, Peter Walusko, Ed Yaremco and Peter Lupul.

Comrade George Lupul was appointed chairman of the Norwood Legion Book Committee, assisted by Comrades Walter Fedoruk and Ed Yaremco. The project undertaken by the committee was to publish a complete and detailed history of the branch, well illustrated, and to have it ready for the 45th Anniversary in 1991. After a few organizational meetings, a request for personal histories and pictures was mailed to the members for their action.

Since our Branch was a member of the Legion Joint Branches Committee, we were awaiting the arrival of the newly published Terms of Reference.

The Dominion Convention for 1988 was held in Ottawa in June. Our delegation included our president, Comrade Bill Chmiliar, supported by Comrades Peter Walusko, Bill Rawluk, John Boychuk, George Lupul, Eugene Plawiuk, Ed Yaremco, Peter Lupul and George Hayduk.

Our bingos at the West Edmonton Mall Caesar's Palace were doing well and providing a fairly reliable source of funds. In addition, 1988 saw another very successful Klondike Car Raffle as reported by Ways and Means Committee Chairman Comrade George Hayduk. As a matter of fact, the entire Klondike Days celebration was a great success, both socially and financially! In the Fall, with winter coming, the Ways and Means Committee organized a Ski-Doo Raffle but the results were less exciting and tickets seemed harder to sell.

The usual numerous large and small donations to various charities were made again during the year, but the outstanding one was made to St. Michael's Extended Care Centre. This was a donation of \$3,000.00 per year for five consecutive years, a total of \$15,000.00, to enable them to finish one of their rooms. In appreciation, the seventh floor of the building was named the "Norwood Legion Wing."

Attempts to renew sponsorship of the Norwood Legion Castledowns Hawks

Hockey Team failed as the whole league found a single sponsor leaving us no out. Instead, we “adopted” the Norwood Legion “Eagles” a Bantam “B” Team which were champions in their class the year before. Comrade George Lupul remained the branch representative for the team.

With the year coming to a close, the History Book Committee repeated its pleas for more and better responses from our members! Although many personal military histories, with pictures attached, were already received, the committee felt that the response was too slow. Another problem the committee faced was

FAMILY PICNIC ~ June 1988
Fun for all!



DECORATION DAY 1988



Colour Party at the Dedication Ceremony



Members in the Congregation



Very Rev. Kryschuk delivering the benediction

POPPY TAG DAY 1988



Peter Walusko, Poppy Chairman with unidentified donor



Poppy Committee at Work



Taggers getting their supply of popples to sell

REMEMBRANCE DAY 1988



Norwood members assembled for the parade



City of Edmonton Police Pipe Band entertained at the Branch

the need for writers who would be needed to physically write the book, and a plea went out for volunteers who would be able to take on this monumental task.

The 1989 Nominating Committee of Comrades Irene Fedorovich, Dan Makowecki and William Poohkay was chaired by Comrade Alex Korol.

There were nine vacancies to be filled by the 1989 election, in view of which the Nominating Committee presented the following slate: for president, Comrade William Chmiliar; for first vice-president, Comrade John Boychuk; for second vice-president, Comrade Ed Yaremco.

The following members were nominated to stand for office on the executive committee: Comrades Peter Walusko, Steve Kashton, John Bobowsky, Steve Dasher, Nick Tymofichuk and William Rawluk.

All were elected by acclamation!

Comrades Garfield Hardie, Nick Nowitzkyj and George Lupul had one more year to serve so they remained on the executive. Comrade Eugene Plawiuk remained the immediate past-president.

The installation of Officers was held on January 5, 1989.

1989 EXECUTIVE



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BACK ROW: G. Hardie, S. Kashton, N. Tymofichuk, S. Dasher, J. Bobowsky, P. Walusko, G. Lupul, N. Nowyitzkyj.

Very Reverend Meroslaw Kryschuk was re-appointed as the Orthodox Chaplain with Father Zuback remaining as the Greek Catholic Chaplain, being replaced in the fall by Father Don Bodnar. Comrade Justice Peter Greschuk was once again re-appointed as the Honorary President, with Police Chief Leroy Chahley as the Honorary Vice-president.

The year was another busy one with all the usual activities that had by now become quite routine. The social functions continued at the normal hectic pace and our donations to charity reached new heights never even imagined in our earlier years. Among the wide array of donations, we supported the Winston Churchill Society and helped them to erect and unveil a statue of Sir Winston in Churchill Square.

We continued to sponsor the Eagles, our hockey team, as well as our Airborne

Cadets. In 1989 we also undertook to sponsor the Navy League Warriors, a group of Naval Cadets, our first financial approval on their behalf amounting to \$3,500.00.

The Provincial Command kept up a constant flow of rallies and meetings and all of these merited support and participation of all branches. This year, a Zone Rally early in the year, in March, was hosted by the Sherwood Park Branch, followed by a District Rally held at the Kingsway Branch on April 8. Another Zone Rally was held in the fall at Thorhild on October 14.



Seniors on a bus tour at Radium Hot Springs, B.C.



District Rally addressed by Bert Sharpe

Remembrance Day was always an important day in the minds of all veterans and November 11 was a date to be remembered. In 1989, several other dates were observed and appropriate functions were organized to mark them. The Battle of the Atlantic Parade was held on May 7 and was formed up at City Hall. The VE Day Parade was held next day, May 8, at the Kingsway Branch, forming up at the Prince of Wales Armouries. A Canada Day Parade was held in Leduc on July 1 and we were asked to participate.

AIRBORNE 2551 CADETS ON PARADE



The Provincial Convention was held in Edmonton, at the Chateau Lacombe, June 11 to 14, 1989. Our delegation included president Comrade William Chmiliar and Comrades John Boychuk, Bill Rawluk, Garfield Hardie, George Lupul, Edwin Yaremco. Steve Kashton and Peter Walusko. Comrades Eugene Plawiuk and Peter Lupul were elected as alternates.

One of the most important issues emanating from the sessions at the convention was the prevalence of Poliomyelitis cases still evident, even though much fund-raising had been dedicated to the cause for research and treatment. This convention went on record as endorsing the continuing battle against the disease.

Comrade Stephen Dasher resigned from the executive committee due to pressure of other responsibilities, the vacancy being quickly filled by the appointment of Ernie Fedak.

K-Days activities were as successful as ever! Peter Chmiliar was "hired" as the producer of the show and much of the entertainment program became his responsibility. The Ways and Means Committee under Comrade Ernie Fedak, however, still handled the Car Raffle. Entertainment was planned to last seven days instead of ten as in past years.

1990 would be the last year for the Mark 10 Coupons and a plea was made to have these turned in as soon as possible.

The University of Alberta Scholarships were changed to three awards of \$1,000.00 each for students in Ukrainian Studies with a fourth scholarship of a \$1,000.00 for studies in Ukrainian Folklore.

Part of 1989 was spent negotiating land, tax and property “deals!” The long

KLONDIKE DAYS 1989



Entertainer – Peter Chmiliar



Klondike Committee

KLONDIKE DAYS 1989



Alice and Joe Stepa



Kathy and Sharon Fedak
with Terry Cavanaugh



Promenade of Ladies

negotiations with City Hall regarding the payment or non-payment of our taxes seemed to be reaching an end. After many presentations from various branches of the Legion throughout the years, it appeared that the City was willing to admit that we were a charitable non-profit organization and to make some concession with regard to our taxes. In this case, it would be a refund, however it was not a simple straightforward circumstance. The City felt that we should be taxed insofar as our liquor sales were involved, resulting in a complex formula.

The negotiations for the property at 11250 - 82nd Street were also completed in 1989, the final price being \$150,000.00. The buildings on the property were quickly removed and preparations were made to use the land as an additional parking lot for the branch.

Investigating the Provincial grant funds available to us, we reached the conclusion that we might qualify for \$250,000.00 if we went ahead and expanded. On application we were awarded a grant of \$27,000.00 for an Engineering and Feasibility Study, and plans were made to complete this before the year ended. A Building Committee, chaired by Comrade Walter Kubrak was formed. Serving on this committee would be Comrades William Chmiliar, John Boychuk, Ed Yaremco, Eugene Plawiuk, Peter Boti, Willis Romanko, Eugene Lemiski and Walter Fedoruk.

It had been a good year for bingo which had become our most reliable money-maker. Past-officer medals were presented to Comrades Orest Zarsky, Louis Slipec and Ernie Fedak. A 40-year pin was presented to Walter Skitsko. Club membership was reported as 1018, 464 of these being Ordinary members.

The History Book Committee repeated its appeal for resumés and pictures, and its plea for helpers. A meeting of the committee on May 16 reported some progress and it was decided to move the final deadline for receiving submissions to the end of December, 1990.

When the time arrived for the election of officers for 1990, a Nominating committee chaired by Comrade Orest Zarsky with Comrades Louis Slipec, George Hayduk, Bill Poohkay and Peter Boti was formed. There were eight vacancies which included the three top executives and five members of the executive committee.

Comrades Peter Walusko, John Bobowsky, Steve Kashton and Nick Tymofichuk were remaining on the board with one year still to serve.

Comrade John Boychuk was elected to the president's position with Edwin Yaremco as his vice-president. Horace Peter Fedak became the second vice-president, all by acclamation. Comrade Bill Chmiliar stayed on as the immediate past-president.

Comrades Mary Fournier, Garfield Hardie, Bill Rawluk, George Lupul and Eugene Plawiuk, each elected for a two-year term, rounding out the slate of officers for 1990. The Installation took place on January 10.

A Spring Rally was held in Gibbons on March 11, with the District Rally, attended by 105 delegates, in Redwater on May 12.

1990 EXECUTIVE



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BACK ROW: E. Plawiuk, G. Lupul, S. Kashton, N. Tymofichuk, J. Bobowsky, P. Walusko, G. Hardie, M. Fournier.

The 33rd Dominion Convention this year was in Vancouver in June with the following being elected as our delegates: Comrades Eugene Plawiuk, John Bobowsky, George Lupul, Ed Yaremco, Bill Rawluk, Peter Walusko and Steve Kashton. Comrade President John Boychuk was a delegate automatically. Comrades Bill Malyj and Garfield Hardie were elected as alternates.

The year began with a "Malanka" banquet and dance on January 13 to celebrate the coming of the Ukrainian New Year. A great time was reportedly had by all. Later in the month, a Blood Donor clinic was held on January 30.

A somewhat new approach was taken by the Klondike Days Committee, chaired by Comrade Ernie Fedak, in that the car raffle was replaced by an all-cash awards program. The first prize was \$8,000.00, the second \$2,000.00, followed by \$500.00 for the third with the 4th to 8th prizes being \$100.00 each. The draw as well as the Klondike celebrations were declared most successful, even more so than some in the past!

On April 18, 1990, Comrade George Lupul called a meeting of the Book Committee and it began to appear that there had been enough talk and that the time for action had come! Attending the meeting were Comrades Stephen Senio, Lorna Symic, Isabel Lupul, William Rawluk, Ernie Fedak, Mary Plawiuk, Rose Romaniuk, Nick Ochotta, Joe Stepa, William Kostenuk, Phyllis Kruhlak, Terry Kruhlak, Ed Yaremco, Bill Poohkay, Mary Fournier, Elizabeth Rawluk, Bill Chmiliar, Walter Fedoruk, Eugene Plawiuk, Alex Korol, Orest Zarsky, Muzz Kozak and president John Boychuk.

MALANKA '90



Emil Hryciw, Aurela Rebus, Wm. Kostenuk, Mary and Bill Poohkay

The Editorial Board was appointed, consisting of the following members: Comrades Orest Zarsky, Bill Chmiliar, Eugene Plawiuk, Alex Korol, Nick Ochotta, Joe Stepa, Ed Yaremco and the Chairman, George Lupul. Comrade Joe Stepa undertook the responsibility for the photography in the book.

The Ladies Auxiliary Editorial Board would consist of Isabel Lupul, chairman, and Mary Plawiuk.

Our Sea Cadets, the Navy League Warriors were still going as strongly as ever and a sum of \$2,620.00 was donated to continue their programs. Our Hockey Team, the Pee Wee Eagles were also doing well and \$6,000.00 was supplied to them. Other donations to charity continued at an ever increasing pace.

Our High School and University Scholarships were again paid out as they had been every year since inception, in addition to which we created three new ones at Grant McEwan Community College. These were destined for students in Ukrainian Studies and amounted to \$500.00 each.

Our Bingos were doing very well, supplying us a fairly reliable income most evenings when it was our turn to partake, and when we could supply enough workers. Nevada Sales, handled by the Norwood Seniors, were doing very well.

The Norwood Colour Party took part in the colorful installation ceremony held at the branch when our own Comrade William Lesick was made a Judge of the Citizenship Court on October 14th. We had the honour of hosting a representation of Citizenship Court Judges from much of Western Canada, The Hon. Joe Clarke and, of course, a large representation from the Lesick family.

With the year drawing to a close, the Nominating Committee was elected and

NAVY CADETS INSPECTION 1990



Mrs. Thorpe, Commander Thorpe, Nick Tymofichuk, Mary Fournier, Garfield Hardie.



consisted of Comrades Orest Zarsky, chairman, Alex Korol, John Kuchar, Louis Slipec and Peter Boti, the secretary-manager.

All the positions for Officers for 1991 were filled by acclamation so that no election was held. The President, for his second term, was again Comrade John Boychuk, with Comrade Ed Yaremco as his vice-president. The position of second vice-president was accepted by Ernie Fedak.

On the executive committee for a two year term we have Comrades Eugene Lemiski, Peter Lupul, Nick Nowytzkyj and Peter Walusko. Serving for one year

are Comrades Mary Fournier, Garfield Hardie, George Lupul, Eugene Plawiuk and Bill Rawluk. Installation took place on January 11, 1991.

A subsequent meeting of the Editorial Board, held on May 16 officially appointed Comrade George Lupul as the Chairman of the Editorial Committee. Copies of a thirty-page pre-draft of the "history" prepared by Comrade Nick Ochotta were circulated for review and critique. The cover design was discussed, the book dimensions were decided, its contents were discussed and a deadline of June 1, 1991, for all material was set. Comrade Tofen Dublanko volunteered to be our chief proof-reader and Comrade Bill Poohkay agreed to help him.

And the rest, as they say in publication lingo, is history!

Whatever the future may hold, it feels appropriate to repeat the interesting facts that surround our organization. The Royal Canadian Legion membership totals over half a million in nearly 1900 branches in Canada and the United States. Legion branch buildings are worth approximately two hundred million dollars.

The Legion sponsors over 5,400 separate youth program groups, including cadets, scouts and sports groups of all types. It is the largest single sponsor of scouting in Canada and sponsors more hockey teams and leagues than any other one organization in the country. Over 800 branches sponsor hockey teams or leagues.

The largest participation sport in the Legion is curling in which over 900 branches take part. In addition, darts, golf and cribbage are very popular among Legion members.

Legion branches own or support senior citizens' housing units valued at over sixty million dollars!

Well over a thousand service officers in service bureaus and branches serve ex-service personnel and their dependents. Each year over one million dollars flows to veterans and their dependents through the efforts of these service officers.

Ladies Auxiliaries to the legion boast over one hundred thousand members. These auxiliaries contribute over two million dollars each year to various Legion projects!

1991 stands before us like an unwritten page. Whatever happens, you can be assured that it will be another busy year in the life of our branch. It is not only the beginning of a new year, but also, again, the beginning of a new decade. This means 45 years of fruitful existence for us, and regardless of what activities and events occur during the year, you can be assured that one of the outstanding "happenings" will be the 45th Anniversary Banquet and Dance! Minutes already refer to it as a Special Event and indicate that it will be handled by the Special Events Committee — which seems appropriate!

CHARITIES

The Norwood Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion had been in existence for almost 10 years when, in 1955, the Executive decided to explore other charitable work that could be done by Norwood besides participating in the Annual Poppy Fund and the Police Fund.

DONATION TO THE PROVINCIAL POLIO FUND – 1966



Branch President Ed Tomick presents a cheque to Ed Coley, the Provincial Vice President of the Polio Fund.

First Grade IX and Grade XII Scholarships were set up. Later, four Scholarships in the Ukrainian Studies were set up at the University of Alberta. It was also decided to adopt the Robin Hood School for the Handicapped as one of our beneficiaries. Over the years, Norwood Legion fenced the school property, built a garage, equipped the Ability Classrooms, and also finished one of their residences.

Norwood Legion Presidents played Santa Claus for a number of years and we have given away many Christmas presents every year. From our coin fountain we have purchased thousands of dollars worth of specialized equipment and supplies over the past 25 years and we are still helping the school by assisting in the purchase of a Special Van in 1990.

St. John's Ambulance receives at least \$2,000.00 a year for their first-aid and their life saving programs.

For a number of years we supported the 1st Canadian Regiment Marching Band and one year, purchased a \$16,000.00 truck, so that they could participate in the Rose Bowl Parade in Pasadena, California.

Donation of Diesel Truck to 1st Canadian regiment Drum and Bugle Corps for the transportation of Instruments in 1981.

President George Melenka presents the truck keys to Hal Murry (President) and Hank Buehler (Director).



We furnished a Seniors room in the St. Elias Senior Citizens Home and donated \$10,000.00 towards St. Michael's Nursing Home. We pledged \$15,000.00 towards the construction of the Millineum Seniors Lodge adjoining St. Michael's.

Over the years we have sponsored Baseball Teams, Softball Teams, Hockey Teams, Girls' Ringette Teams, and participated in Curling, Golf, and Dart Tournaments. Our Club has a number of pictures and sweaters displayed on walls in the Canteen of Teams that won City and Provincial Championships.

We have contributed extensively towards the Ukrainian Canadian Archives and Museum of Alberta, who are currently planning the largest ethnic Museum on the North American Continent, on one and a half acres just north of the Prince of Wales Armouries.

We have also contributed to the Ukrainian Heritage Cultural Village at Elk Island. This Historic Park will eventually house a typical Western Canadian Village, predominantly Ukrainian, circa 1920-29.

We have supported Ukrainian Bilingual School programs, as well as Ukrainian Choirs and various dance groups, including the Shumka and the Cheremosh, who are now world-famous.



Mark Zelliger and Dr. Feldman of the Edmonton M.S. Society accepting a cheque of \$100,000.00 from the City Joint Branches Committee – Howard Williams and George Lupul.

We have participated with other Edmonton Legion branches in building the \$75,000.00 Veterans Park in Fort Edmonton and the \$750,000.00 Multiple Sclerosis Victory Centre on 70 Street and 112 Avenue, as well as other Community projects. We are currently involved in jointly operating two Veterans Senior Citizen Complexes.

JOINT CITY BRANCHES DONATION



**MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS VICTORY CENTRE
70th Street and 111th Avenue, Edmonton**

For our 45th Anniversary, we have established three \$500.00 Scholarships at the Grant McEwan College in Ukrainian Studies. Our four University of Alberta scholarships have now been increased to \$1,000.00 each.

Since the advent of Bingos, Casinos and other games of chance, we have contributed an average of \$150,000.00 a year over the past 15 years to charities, sports, art and culture, and Seniors programs. Since formation, the members of Norwood Legion have donated more than \$2.5 million to our Community to enhance the quality of life for all, and the work continues.

William Chmiliar.



NEWS FLASH!

The New Norwood Legion Manor

On October 11, 1991, the Norwood Legion Manor Executive took on the sponsorship and management of St. Stephens Manor at 12840 - 64 Street. Ten years after our official incorporation on May 26, 1982, and having our original project fully approved but put on HOLD, we now have a building to support. St. Stephens Senior Citizens Home is an immaculately maintained 93 suite project.

Norwood Legion Manor Board consists of: George Lupul, President; Wm. Chmiliar, Treasurer; Eugene Lemiski, Secretary; J. Trofimuk, Legal and Vice President. Board members are: Anne Bayrak, Peter Kule, George Melenka, Alex Korol and Eugene Plawiuk.

SPORTS

1950 - 1990



Muzz Kozak

FORWARD

While visiting the Norwood Branch Canteen, one may observe the many trophies that are on display for public viewing. The engravings on these awards remind one that participation and competition during the past four decades is much more than a treasured memory for the winners alone. However, the handicap that besieged the Historian and Recorder, is the absence of records, diaries or copious notes relating to branch sports achievements by individual and team members over past years. The facts derived from the period 1950 to 1990, therefore, are dependent on memory, which may have faded without loss to competency. The

Historian does not attempt to report all the significant individual accomplishments, but only to epitomize the opinions and expressed information gathered by interviews with competitors throughout the past four decades, thus avoiding an air of dogmatism in that they are one competitor's recollections, which may differ from others in that period. Some competitors are recognized by what they did, others by what they are. The line cannot always be drawn because, in the world of sports, involvement is, in itself, a form of achievement even when confined to the scope of Norwood Legion sport activities. All members and competitors had a part to play in the success of Norwood Legion's on-going sports program and they played with dedication and pride, and it is right that we recognize that.

PREFACE

Throughout the past four decades, and not unlike sister Legions across Canada, the Norwood Legion Branch #178 has provided generous financial and facilitating support for its sports programs within the Branch and the Community.

From year to year, Branch Sports Chairmen have maintained continuity in the organization of Branch sporting activities. Their dedication and efforts have encouraged members to participate in Branch sponsored sport programs which include baseball, bowling, curling, darts, fishing, golf, horseshoes, and shuffleboard.

The successful efforts to expand on the good relationship that Norwood Branch has with the community is acknowledged with pride. Furthermore, it is justifiable and appropriate to recognize the donors of the trophies for competition, which encourages all members to compete, to improve their skills and become champions.

Muzz Kozak

BOWLING TROPHIES

The Martin Bodnar Trophy was presented to the Norwood Legion in 1962 for annual competition, which began in the 1962-63 bowling season. The first team to have their names inscribed on the trophy were: Alex Bayrak, Walter Marceniuk, Lillian Starchuk, Marion Troock and S. Mulak.



Bowling League play begins in the 1962-63 Season with President Alex Bayrak throwing the first ball with members of the Branch and Ladies' Auxiliary looking on.

MARTIN BODNAR TROPHY

**WINNERS
1962-1963**

**Martin Bodnar, Ann Bayrak,
S. Mulak, Walter Marceniuk,
Lil Starchuk, Mike Evans
and Marion Troock.**



The trophy was retired from annual competition after the 1971-72 season.

The Bayrak Shoes Trophy was presented to the Norwood Legion in 1962 for annual competition which began in the 1962-62 bowling season. The first team having their names inscribed on the trophy were: Nick Tomyn, M. Tomyn, Ed Tomick, Helen Tomick, and Phyllis Kuchar. The trophy was retired from annual competition after the 1972-73 season.



BAYRAK SHOES TROPHY

1962 - 1963

**Alex Bayrak presenting
trophy to: Nick Tomyn,
Marion Tomyn, Helen
Tomick, Phyllis Kruhlak
and Phyllis Kuchar.**



BAYRAK SHOES TROPHY

1963 - 1964

**Steve Kuchka, Alex Bayrak,
George Melenka, Rose
Yusak, Doris, Stablyk and
M. Andritz.**

BAYRAK SHOES TROPHY ~ 1967 - 1968



**Presented by Ann Bayrak to Louis Klimchuk, June Evans, John Klimchuk, Lil Starchuk
and R. Kay.**

The Nick Harrison - Nick Tomyng Trophy was presented to the Norwood Legion in 1970 for annual competition, which began in the 1970-71 bowling season. The first team to win the trophy were: Peter Uganez, T. Leshenko, E. Wakariuk and Nick Harrison.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TROPHY WINNERS ~ 1962 - 1963

Mary Poohkay, Ladies' Auxiliary President, John Stablyk, Terry Kruhlak, Steve Melnychuk, June Evans, Doris Stablyk and Pearl Marcenluk.



The Norwood Legion Ladies' Auxiliary Trophy was presented to the Norwood Legion in 1962 for the 1962-62 bowling season. The first teams to have their names inscribed on the trophy were: S. Melnychuk, Pearl Marcenluk, Terry Kruhlak, June Evans, and Doris Stablyk. this trophy remains active in annual competition.



LADIES' AUXILIARY TROPHY 1965 - 1966

Rose Mandryk, Zennie Romanchuk, Nick Tomyn, Marie Mydylak and Mike Evans.

The O'Keefes Brewery Trophy was presented to the Norwood Legion in 1972 for annual competition beginning in the 1972-73 bowling season. The first team to have their names inscribed as winners were: J. Wozney, Barbara Hnidan, Bill Hnidan, A. Wakariuk and Larry Mandryk. This trophy remains active in annual competition.

The Norwood Legion Annual Award Trophy was presented for annual competition at the beginning of the 1974-75 season. First winners were: Mike Papimik, D. Wozney, M. Oshust, D. Pawloski, and George Hayduk. This trophy remains active in annual competition.

Summary: The Norwood Legion bowling league was first organized in the 1962-62 season and, during the years, has used the facilities at several bowling alleys throughout the city, before choosing Park Plaza Lanes as their current headquarters. The Bowling League has the distinction of being the only Branch sponsored "team sport" that has competed every year since it was first organized in 1962.

In furtherance, Rose Yusak and John Budzak have a perfect attendance record and were duly honoured at the 1990 bowling banquet by being presented with commemorative plaques by our President John Boychuk, in recognition of their dedication.

Each year the Norwood Legion sponsors bowling teams to compete in zone, district and Alberta Command roll-offs; it should be noted that their performance in competition has always been above expectations. In 1978, the bowling teams earned a

berth in the Alberta Command roll-offs and were indeed proud and overjoyed when team-member George Hayduk won the Alberta

Championship for the Norwood Legion Branch #178. Past records show that the bowling league has enjoyed the use of 16 alleys during past years of competition and the current Bowling Executive is confident that membership will increase in the near future and additional alleys will be required.



George Hayduk



Rose Yusak

CURLING TROPHIES

The Norwood Legion Past Presidents Trophy was presented in 1959 for annual competition which began in the 1959-60 curling season.

The members of the first team having their names inscribed on the trophy were: Ed Yaremco, Joe Trofimuk, Fred Muzykowski, Vivian Starko. Competition for this trophy ceased after 1972.

PAST PRESIDENTS TROPHY WINNER 1962-62



Peter Lupul presenting Trophy to Eugene Lemski,
Peter Chmiliar, Sylvester Lopatka and Ollie
Walusko.



PAST PRESIDENTS TROPHY 1965-66

Steve Mydlak, Eugene Plawiuk, Terry
Jackowich and George Lupul.

The Film Services Ltd. Trophy was presented for annual competition at the beginning of the 1960-61 season. First winners were: John Stetsko, Bill Chmiliar, John Tymchuk, and Peter Chmiliar.

Competition for this trophy ceased after 1975.

FILM SERVICES TROPHY WINNER ~ 1960-61



John Tymchuk, Peter Chmiliar, William Chmiliar, John Stetsko and Peter Lupul, President.

FILM SERVICES TROPHY WINNER ~ 1962-63



Presented by Nick Ochotta to Larry Mandryk, Mike Burnnik, Ruth Lupul and Rose Mandryk.

The Ladies Auxiliary Norwood Legion Trophy was presented in 1965 for annual competition beginning in the 1965-66 curling season. The members of the first team to have their names inscribed on the trophy were: Eugene Lemiski, Stan Korchinsky, Ron Symic, Helen Bykowski.

Competition for this trophy ceased after the 1973 season.

LADIES AUXILIARY TROPHY 1967-68



Ellen Bobowsky, President, presenting trophy to William Rawluk, John Wandio, Jack Jackowich and Dan Makowecki.

The Armstrong Drugs Ltd. Trophy was presented in 1965 for the annual round-robin competition beginning with the 1965-66 season. The members being first to have their names inscribed on the trophy were: Peter Lupul, Mike Burtnik, Terry Kruhlak and Vivian Starko.

This trophy was withdrawn from active participation after the 1975 season.

ARMSTRONG DRUGS TROPHY 1967-68



Lyle Starko, Nick Troock, George Andrews and Ed Tomick.

NORWOOD LEGION BONSPIEL WINNERS OF MOLSON BREWERY TROHPY – 1966



Mike Fedoruk, Eugene Lupul (skip), Ed Tomick and Ed Yaremco.

Summary: the Norwood Legion Branch #178 began earnest competition in the 1959-60 season at the Crestwood Curling Club and later moved to Menorah (Avonair), then the Sportex, and finally the Thistle Curling Club. During the 1960's, enthusiasm in curling was at an all-time high, causing the Branch to rent eight sheets of ice weekly to accommodate both men and women curlers. The Norwood Branch curlers did not confine their activity to League play only, in that, teams entered city and out-of-town bonspiels. It is noted that the team of John Kuchar, Allan Ozmak, Mike Burtnik and Jack Jackowich were active in "outside" bonspiels, as was the mixed team of Ruth Lupul, Allan Ozmak, Vivian Starko and Mike Burtnik.

At the 1967-68 Dominion Curling Play-offs, the following members – John Kuchar, Al Ozmak, Mike Burtnik and Jack Jackowich represented the Norwood Legion at the Zone Playdowns, defeating Kingsway Legion.

DISTRICT CURLING CHAMPS – 1968



Presenting by Alex Bayrak, District Commander, to John Kuchar, Al Ozmak, Mike Burtnik and Jack Jackowich. MISSING: Sub. Martin Bodnar.

It was on to Whitecourt for the District Playoffs with Martin Bodnar substituting for Al Ozmak. With a successful win in the District Playoffs, the team was off again to St. Paul, Alberta, but were not successful in the Provincial Finals.

In the 1970 Zone Playoffs the following members – John Kuchar, Martin

Bodnar, John Wandio and Walter Marceniuk were winners, but lost out in the District Playdowns in Drayton Valley.

At the end of the 1974-75 season, the curling league was disbanded, due mostly to lack of interest by the membership, however Norwood Legion continued to sponsor one team in the zone or district bonspiel until 1978.

One of the highlights of the curling seasons was the annual challenge match between Strathcona Legion Branch #150 Executive members and the Executive of our Branch. By mutual agreement, the two branches would host the curling match and social on alternate years, thereby suffering the humiliation of taking home the seat from a commode and storing it for one year. This match was discontinued by mutual consent.

DARTS

Historically, the game of darts was introduced in Canada on a moderate scale by service personnel who returned home after World War 1. However, during WW11 and the years following, it flourished and soon became a part of most recreational programs. In the early 1960's, the Norwood Branch #178 formed it's first "in-house league".

As interest and activity increased amongst the membership, the Norwood Branch then sponsored teams in the City Dart League and the teams competed in zone, district, and command tournaments. In 1974 the Executive authorized the purchase of additional boards to accommodate the influx of "new" players.

In 1977 it was decided that Norwood Legion Branch #178 submit a proposal to Dominion Command to host the 1978 Royal Canadian Legion Canadian Championships. The Norwood Legion, represented by Bill Chmiliar, John Rybak, Orest Denesiuk (Dart Chairman) and assisted by Len Worrell, the reigning President of the City Dart Association, negotiated with Dominion Command and were subsequently awarded the honour of hosting the 1978 Royal Canadian Legion Canadian Championship Tournament.

Alberta, represented by the Kingsway Legion Branch #175 won the 1978 Canadian Championship. However, Norwood Legion's organisational procedures and hospitality did not go unnoticed, in that, the Executive was called upon for assistance in organizing the 1979 Championship which would be held in Halifax. Subsequently, the Norwood Legion sent Len Worrell to Halifax in 1979 as their representative.

Currently, Norwood Branch does not have representation in the City Dart League, however the League uses Norwood Legion's facilities weekly on Thursday evenings.

FASTBALL (SOFTBALL)

The activity became a popular team sport in the early 1950's and the popularity continued well into the 1960's. Corporations, merchants, community leagues and service clubs sponsored teams in senior men's, senior ladies, juniors and little leagues. The City of Edmonton Fastball Association had jurisdiction over four divisions, comprised of four sections in each division and ten fastball teams in each section.

The Norwood Legion Branch sponsored their fastball team in the City of Edmonton Senior Men's Fastball Association in 1949 and was assigned to D Division, section four, and their games were played on diamonds located at 111 Street, south of Kingsway Avenue and at Clarke Stadium (the present site of Commonwealth Stadium). The Sports Historian notes that during the period of 1949-53, all members of the Norwood Legion Fastball team were active members in good standing.

FIRST NORWOOD LEGION FASTBALL TEAM NO IMPORTS!



FRONT ROW, left to right: Orest Sachkiw, Right Field; Sunny Marusyk, Bat Boy; Johnny Rybak, sub. SECOND ROW, left to right: Nestor Marchyshyn, Sub; John Kuchar, Third Base; Michael Shandro, Second Base. THIRD ROW, left to right: Nick Bodnar, Manager, Andy Kowalchuk, Pitcher No.2; Gene Sakowsk, Pitcher No.1; Alex Boyko, Left Field; Johnny Gulayets, Centre Field; Alex Bayrak, First Base; Martin Bodnar, Catcher (Coach). MISSING: Nick Biloway, Short Stop.

Encouraged by their fan support, the Norwood Legion fastball team won their division championship in 1952 and in 1968 the team arrived home from Calgary with the Alberta Senior Men's Fastball Championship in their possession.



YOUNG BOYS TEAM PRIOR TO 1969 WEARING LEGION CREST

The Norwood Legion fastball team did not confine its activity to league play only. When the playing schedule permitted, the team would travel to "out of town" tournaments for additional competition.

In 1961, the Norwood Legion began its sponsorship of a team in the Little League with Jack Jackowich (former pitcher with the Senior fastball team) as coach. In 1962, Jack Jackowich coached the team to the Little League Alberta Championship, another first for Branch #178!!.

BALL TEAM 1962 LITTLE LEAGUE



PROVINCIAL CHAMPS - 1962 LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL
Team Sponsored by Norwood Legion ~ Won In Drumheller Tournament



A successful season was enjoyed by members of the Norwood Legion Fastball Team, who were trophy winners of their division. They finished in second place in the League standing but won out in the plays offs. Above are:

LOWER CENTRE: Bat Boy, Randy Filipchuk. FRONT ROW, left to right - Team Manager: Mike Rurka, Paul Holowaychuk, Lori Phillips, Rick Richardson, Arnold Troock, Brian Symc, and the Coach, Bill Rawluk. BACK ROW: Roy Rurka, Walter Kulchysky, Peter Filipchuk, Dave Platzner, Don Szymiec, Ernie Pryma, Ralph Shulte.

Time takes it's toll and the Norwood Legion fastball team was no exception to the rule; by 1973 there were but four members of the Norwood Legion, the rest were "imports" and sadly the teams performance in 1976 and 1977 dropped them to the D division and as no party came forward to coach the team, in 1978, Samuel Mintenko, the presiding Sports Chairman withdrew further sponsorship, however Norwood Legion remains active with Little League baseball sponsorship.

In 1990 the Norwood Legion undertook sponsorship of the girls' softball team in the 'SQUIRT' (ages 10-11) division which represented the Evansdale Community League.

During 1990, the team had a perfect winning record, playing 15 scheduled league games without a loss. On May 26-27, the team journeyed to Red Deer, Alberta, to compete in a softball tournament and returned home with a Gold Medal as winners of the B division. The girls continued to win and captured the Gold Medal in the Edmonton Northeast Zone playoffs. They earned the Silver in the City of Edmonton Championship play.

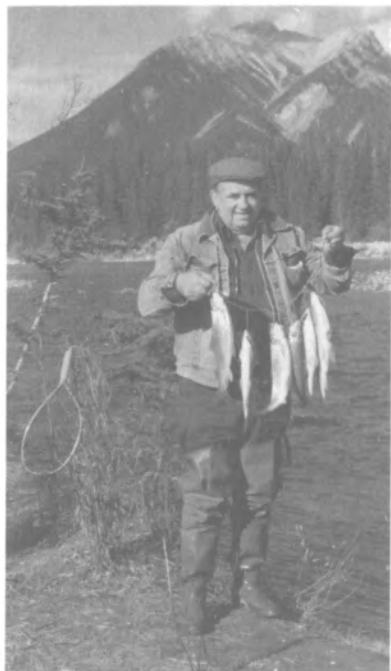
EVANSDALE SQUIRTS



1990 FASTBALL PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONS

The team entered the Provincial playdowns in Lloydminster, Alberta, which was held on July 6-8, and despite the stiff competition, brought a Gold Medal home to the Evansdale Community League.

At the seasons end, during the closing banquet held in the upper lounge at the Norwood Legion, the members of the Evansdale Community League presented the Branch with a plaque in appreciation for the Legion's support and sponsorship.



A fine catch by George Lupul



John Kuchar

FISHING

The Pocahontas Trophy was donated in 1960 on behalf of the Management and Staff of the Pocahontas Bungalows in Jasper Park, Alberta.

The winner in 1960 was Paul Koroluk and in the following 36 (?????) years, the multiple winners were : John Rybak, Peter Walusko, Mike Burtnik, George Lupul and Peter Lupul.

The Norwood Legion Branch #178 Fishing Derby has been held annually through the past three decades. The Derby is held selectively in either the Athabasca or Snaring Rivers in Jasper Park.

To be named Champion, one must catch the heaviest creel of fish, also the largest one. Both Rocky Mountain white fish and trout are accepted to qualify for the championship. A time limit is set daily and only fish caught within the time zone are eligible for the ultimate weigh-in.

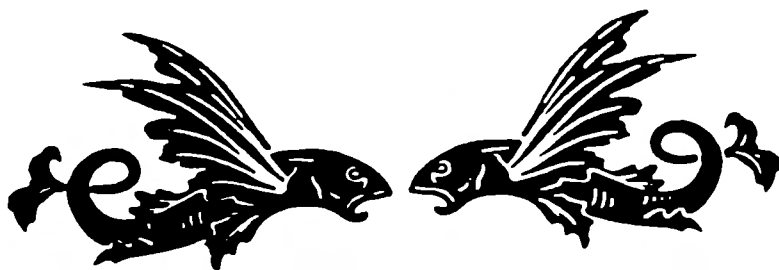
Tradition is maintained, in that the hospitality room is always the gathering area for the tired fishermen, while Mike Burtnik, apron and all, oversees the evening fish fry.

Dates for the Annual Fish Derby are always posted on the Branch bulletin board.

WINNER OF 1989 FISHING DERBY - PETER LUPUL



Mike Burtmik, Harry Carrey, George Lupul, Darren Mahony and Peter Lupul



GOLF

The Sport Historians were unable to locate any documentation or records to substantiate that the Norwood Legion had any organized golf activity prior to 1960; however, in 1960, members John Stetsko, Dr. Mike Sereda, Eugene Lemiski, Peter Walusko, Ted Sharum and Nick Ambrose met and, subsequently, received the Executives approval to organize Norwood Legions first golf tournament which was held at Windemere Golf and Country Club, Edmonton. The entry fee was \$5 per person.

For this tournament the following trophies were presented for the competition:

“TOP HAT CLEANERS TROPHY” donated by Eugene Plawiuk, to the golfer with the lowest gross score - winner Ted Sharum.

TOP HAT CLEANERS TROPHY



Peter Lupul - President, Nick Balash holding the Sereda Drug Trophy, Ted Sharum holding the Top Hat Cleaners Trophy, and Eugene Plawiuk.

“SEREDA DRUG TROPHY” donated by Dr. Mike Sereda to the golfer with the lowest net score - winner Nick Balash.

In August 1968, the Norwood Legion hosted the first “All Branch” golf tournament which was held at Windemere Golf and Country Club. The tournament attracted 94 entries which included three former “City Amateur” golf champions; John Letke (Strathcona #150), Jim Hogan (Montgomery #24) and Muzz Kozak (Norwood #178). Records show that Muzz Kozak won the tournament with a low gross score of 69 and Cliff Cuthbertson (Strathcona #150)

SEREDA DRUGS GOLF TROPHY FOR LOW NET - 1962



Low Net Trophy being presented to N. Balash by President Alex Bayrak.

was runner-up with a low gross score of 76. The presentation of the trophy and prizes were made by the guest of honour, Lt. Gov. Grant MacEwan, this event

TOP HAT CLEANERS GOLF TROPHY FOR LOW GROSS



Eugene Plawiuk presenting Top Hat Trophy for low gross to Dr. M.M. Sereda.

was held one week later at the banquet hosted in the Norwood Legion Auditorium. The entry fee to this tournament was \$11, (golf \$6; banquet \$5)

In recent years there has been an increase of entries to Norwood Legion golf tournaments, particularly amongst Lady and Men Associate members. It is noted that Doreen Sorochan has been a perennial visitor to the winners' circle and most certainly Vera-Lynn Kozak is recognized for her performances in the 1990 tournament, when she registered the lowest gross score (84) for women. The next low gross for women was registered by Sirkka Kozak. Low gross for the Men was taken by John Shearer with 83, followed by John Isaenko with 85.

At the time of writing, the cost of playing golf is somewhat higher than five years ago and the entry fee to compete in the Norwood tournament is no exception. Mostly, the increase in cost is attributed to current golf club policy, that the price of dinner be included in the total cost of the green fee. However, this regulation will not discourage future participation in Norwood Legion's golf tournaments.

1990 GOLF WINNERS



STANDING: Vera-Lynn Kozak (low gross winner), John Boychuk - President.
SEATED: Alex Olynyk (Golf Pro.), Sirkka Kozak (runner-up low gross)

HOCKEY

In 1986 the Norwood Legion reactivated its involvement in community hockey and throughout the ensuing years, chose to alternate sponsorship of teams in the Pee Wee (Atoms) and the Bantam B division in the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues hockey program.

EAGLES NEW CITY CHAMPS Hockey - 1988-89 - Bantams



TOP ROW: Assistant Coach - Bill Bonner, Manager - Henry Lazarenko, Brent Fang, Mark Salamandick, Dean Laschowski, Robert Glacobbo, Warren Osinchuk, Jeff Hohl, Dean Karbonik, Greg Fontaine, Raymond Harris, Kevin Bonner, Coach - Bob Kabanuk.
FRONT ROW: Kevin Smith, Ian Fisher, Tim Kabanuk, Peter Gouyeia, Brent Lazarenko, Piero Nanfara, Laurier Lavoy.

The rewards enjoyed by the Norwood Legion through sponsorship are ten fold, especially in the fact that youngsters are given the opportunity to play hockey and also lessening the financial burden on their parents and the Community League treasury.

The records of past performances of Norwood Legion sponsored teams are impressive indeed, in that over the past four years, they reached the semi-final on three occasions and the City Champions twice. In 1990 the sponsored Pee Wee Major Eagles, from the Northeast Zone achieved their ultimate goal by winning the City Championship then going to Calgary and winning the Provincial Champion.

CHAMPS
1990-91 PEE WEE MAJOR EAGLES



Darren Eastcott, Marc Damato, Alf Harbin, Chuck McCann
Dayton Marit, Jerry Cunningham, Troy Eberhardt, Scott McCann, Jared Hope, Norman
Kapustinski, Casey Loga, Curtis Capjack,
Matt Sharuga, Bradley Checknita, Daniel Senluk, Brent Harbin, Billy Kaelniuk, Denny
Chaba, Kevin Haupt.

It can be assumed that all the youngsters who graduated from the Norwood Legion sponsored hockey programs, will be appreciative of the opportunity to participate.

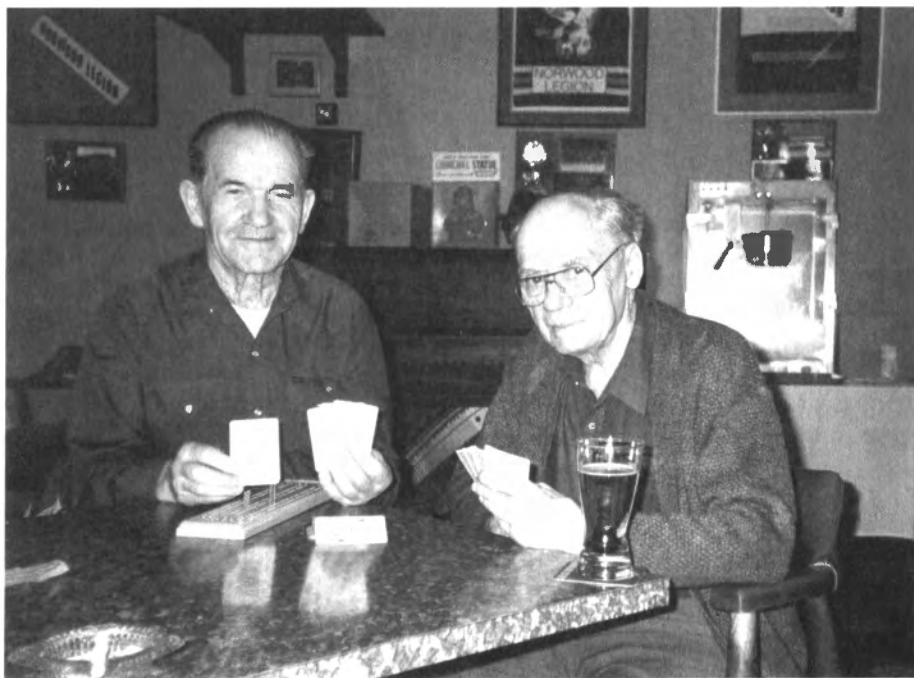
They have since been invited by the Mayor of Sapporo, Japan, to participate in the world competition to be held in his city in October 1991. Good Luck!

The Norwood Legion provides two horseshoe pits adjacent to the southside of the building which accommodated an in-house league from 1976 - 1979, after which time the house league was discontinued due to lack of interest by the membership. However, the game of horseshoes has been, and still is, a popular activity at our Annual Picnic held every summer at Camp Harris.

In 1980 the Norwood Legion executive recommended the removal of all but one shuffleboard in the Canteen and that an additional pool table be installed in the space left vacant. This move has proven itself to be popular with the membership and, since this exchange, successful pool tournaments have been held quarterly each year.

During the past four decades, the game of crib has been the most popular recreational "in-house" activity at the Norwood Legion. Random single and double games are in evidence during the open hours in the Canteen. The Seniors' Club has scheduled crib tournaments during bi-weekly meetings, which are in addition to the "Crib Night" held on every third Monday of each month.

CRIB THE SUPER SHUFFLE



George Hayduk with Dave Lamothe. A "First" at Norwood Legion.
On December 10/90, George was dealt a 29 - a crib hand by his opponent Dave.

SHUFFLEBOARD.

In 1961 the Norwood Legion Branch #178 entered teams in the City of Edmonton Shuffleboard League and continued sponsorship until 1978. The teams consisted of both ladies and men and a division that included mixed competition. In 1973 the ladies shuffleboard team brought recognition to the Norwood Branch by winning the Ladies Division in the Alberta Shuffleboard Association Championship, which was held in Calgary, Alberta.

In 1974 "Ham Shoots" were introduced to the members and their guests and this popular sport continued until 1978. However, in 1980 interest in this activity ceased and sponsorship was withdrawn.





MEMBERS' HISTORY

PREFACE

The idea of establishing a wartime history of all our Ordinary members was decided upon by the original book committee, namely: George Lupul, (Chairman), Walter Fedoruk, Ed Yaremco, Wm. Chmiliar, Eugene Plawiuk, Joe Stepa and John Boychuk from Norwood Legion, and John Kucharyshyn from the Ukrainian Museum and Archives.

Since some preliminary work had been started by the Ukrainian Museum and Archives, it was decided to expound on and expand the necessary wartime information needed from each of the members.

Thus a questionnaire was sent out to each member to be completed and returned accompanied by a wartime or in-service photo. These histories are of Ordinary members who are current members, or who were members at the time of their death — whose names appear on the Last Post list elsewhere in this book. However, there were some eligible who did not wish to publish their histories. The Book Committee's guidelines did not permit us to publish any histories of those members who allowed their membership to lapse or who transferred out of the Branch before their death.

Since it was only wartime information and experiences requested, any other information has been deleted to conform to the committee's guidelines.

We have also come across many different spellings of the villages and towns from which members' parents or grandparents immigrated; this was due to the Russian, Polish, Romanian and Austrian influence. The Book Committee felt that phonetic spelling by the member would be accepted and published. Even professors of history do not agree as to which is the proper Ukrainian or English spelling.

George Lupul
Chairman.



Mr. Wm. Hawrelak
This picture was taken during the 1952
Installation of Legion Executive and
Officers

HONOURARY PRESIDENT WILLIAM HAWRELAK 1953 - 1959

In 1953 Mayor William Hawrelak accepted our invitation to be the Honorary President of Norwood Legion. He served as Alderman from 1950 - 1951 and then was elected Mayor in 1951. He was most helpful in helping Norwood Legion acquire the property at 11150 - 82 Street, where our Branch is currently located.

Mr. Hawrelak served as Honorary President from 1953 to 1959. He served as Mayor of Edmonton from 1951 - 1959, 1964 - 1965 and 1974 - 1975, when he passed away suddenly.

As Honorary President, he served on the Advisory Board re the planning and building of our present premises. He was tireless in performing his duties and was always willing to help anyone who had problems.

William was born in Wasel, Alberta, to William (Wasel) and Anasatasia (Gregory Strynatka) Hawrelak in 1915. Both his parents were born in Banilla, Bukovyna, and immigrated to Canada in 1898. His paternal grandparents were Nickolay and Irena Hawrelak.



The Honorable Peter Greschuk Q.C.

HONOURARY PRESIDENT

The Honorable Peter Greschuk Q.C.

The Honorable Peter Greschuk Q.C. became involved with the Norwood Branch in 1945 when it was being started. When the Branch received its charter in February 1946, he was appointed branch solicitor and served the Branch tirelessly until he was elevated to Branch Honorary Vice-President in 1953. He was Branch Honorary Vice-President from 1953 to 1959, and Honorary President from 1959 to this present date.

Peter was born and educated in Edmonton. His parents, Paul and Mary Greschuk, were early Ukrainian Pioneers. He was admitted to the bar in 1935. In 1953 he was appointed District Court Judge and held that post until 1957. In January 1957 he was named Justice of the Supreme Court of Alberta, and in 1979 he was elevated to Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta, serving until November 15, 1983, when he retired at age 75. He went back to law practice as counsel and is still active. He also served as Deputy Judge of the Federal Court of Canada from 1975 to 1983. He has been actively involved in the Legion for over 45 years.

In 1960, Peter was appointed Honorary Vice-President of the Alberta/NWT Command of the Royal Canadian Legion. In 1967 he was honoured with a meritorious Life Membership Certificate. He has also been awarded a Certificate of Merit, the Royal Canadian Legion Golden Anniversary Service Medal, and the Diamond Jubilee Medal. For his public service he was awarded the Centennial Medal in 1967 by the Government of Canada and the Ukrainian Canadian Committee awarded him the Shevchenko Gold Medal for service to Canadians of Ukrainian origin.

He indeed served the Royal Canadian Legion, and Branch 178 in particular, with honour, loyalty and distinction; and contributed worthily to their development and progress.

Cpl. Nicholas T. Ambrose C97594

Born December 9, 1911, at Sunland, Alberta, the son of Tom and Alexandra (Lupul) Ambrose, who came to Canada in November 1899 from the village of Zadubreka, Chernivtsi, West Ukraine. His grandparents on the paternal side were Wasyl and Domka Ambrosie.

In the early thirties, Nick joined the 19th Alberta Dragoons and later the 6th Field Battery which gave him some armed forces experience. This entailed travel to Sarcee and Camp Shilo.

Early in 1940, while employed by the Post Office, he enlisted in the Postal Corps in Ottawa.

In 1941 Nick volunteered to be posted to Military Post Offices. He served at R.C.A.F. #7, B & G Station in Dauphin, Manitoba, #4 S.F.T.S., Saskatoon, Manning Depot in Edmonton, and Currie Barracks in Calgary. In April 1945, he was posted to Mewata Barracks from where he was discharged in July 1946.

Decorations: C.V.S.M. (Canadian Volunteer Service Medal) and Good Conduct Medal.

He joined Montgomery Branch #24 in 1946, and in 1951 transferred to Norwood Branch #178, and has been a continuous member since.



Cpl. Nicholas T. Ambrose



OS George James Andrews

OS George James Andrews V56621

Born January 27, 1924 in the Ukraine, he is the son of Andrew and Eva (Nakoneczny) who came to Canada in 1927 and 1929, respectively.

George joined the Royal Canadian Navy in 1941 and served until 1945 when he received his discharge.

He made many trips on escort convoys from Newfoundland to Londonderry, Northern Ireland. No two trips were the same, and they encountered many "U" boat attacks.

George has been a member of Norwood #178 since June 1946 and has served on the executive, firstly in 1951 and 1957, then as recording secretary in 1966 and 1967. In 1968, he was the 1st Vice-President. He has been awarded a Certificate of Merit and the Golden Jubilee Medal. George was also awarded a Life Membership in 1980.



LAC Mike Andrishak

LAC Mike Andrishak R222884

Mike was born June 10, 1918, at North Bank, Alberta. He was the son of William and Mary (Muzyka) Andrishak, who came to Canada from Ukraine. His father immigrated in 1902, and his mother in 1913.

In the fall of 1939, the war broke out and Mike was called to serve in the Canadian Army in the spring of 1940. In the summer of 1942 Mike joined the R.C.A.F. and was stationed in Edmonton; Vulcan-Ensign-Penhold; Moncton, New Brunswick; Dartmouth, Nova Scotia; and spent two years in Goose Bay.

Mike received his honourable discharge on March 25, 1946 and was awarded the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp.

In 1947 Mike joined the Elk Point Legion, and in 1952 transferred to Norwood Legion #178 and was a member until his death on April. 28, 1987.

WO Michael M. Andritz R159400

Born October 12, 1923, at Whitford, Alberta; the son of John and Mary (Klewchuk) Andritz. His father came to Canada in 1905 from Kesilew, Western Ukraine, his mother was born in Andrew, and his grandparents on the paternal side were Metro Klewchuk and Agfa Greff.

Michael joined the R.C.A.F. on May 23, 1942, as a Leading Aircraftsman and, after basic and advance training, moved up to Warrant Officer Class 1. He served on medium bombers as a wireless operator airgunner, attached to 88 Squadron 137 tactical R.A.F. Group. Flew 33 missions on Boston (Marauder & Mitchell) aircraft. Based in Finmere, Buckinghamshire, England, Vitryen Artois, France, and Brussels, Belgium. He was discharged on August 15, 1945, and earned the 1939-45 Star, France and Germany Star, Defence Medal, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal, 1939-45 War Medal.

Michael joined the Legion in 1942 in Calgary, before joining Norwood Branch #178 in 1953. He received the Certificate of Merit from Norwood Legion.



WO Michael M. Andritz

Pte. Nick Andriuk

M 538008

Born March 18, 1919, at Shandro, Alberta, the son of Tom and Sarafina (Odinsky) Andriuk, who came to Canada in 1900 from the Village of Banilia, Bukovina.

Nick joined the army on March 1942. After basic training, Nick was posted to the 1st Batt. Irish Fusiliers, with whom he was sent to the Caribbean (Jamaica) to do guard duties of German and Italian prisoners. While out on training exercises, he sustained an injury which hospitalized him for a long time. After his recovery, he was sent back to Canada and discharged in June 1944.

Nick is a relative newcomer to Norwood Branch #178 as he has been a member only since September 1984.



Pte. Nick Andriuk



GNR Steve Antoski

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L 607353

Born January 27, 1922 at Wakaw, Saskatchewan, the son of John and Helen (Fedorayko) Antoshkiw, who came to Canada in 1905 from Western Ukraine.

Steve enlisted in the army in November 24, 1942, and saw service in Canada, being discharged in March 1946.

Steve has been a continuous member since 1966.



AC2 Nicholas Babiy

AC 2 Nicholas Babiy R138265

Born December 11, 1916, at Mundare, Alberta, the son of John and Nancy (Paprocki) Babiy. Both parents immigrated to Canada from the Village of Bilu, Ukraine in 1898.

Nicholas enlisted in the R.C.A.F. on October 28, 1941, and served in Canada as Aircraftsman Second Class. He was honourably discharged in April 1943.

Branch records indicate that he has been a member in good standing since 1970.

Sgt. Alfred Bahry K7384

Born January 26, 1913 at Mundare, Alberta, Alfred is the son of Peter and Adelia (Lesnik) Bahry. His parents immigrated to Canada in 1898. His father came from Bila, Ukraine, and his mother from Berezane, Poland. Paternal grandparent was Prokip Bahry.

Alfred joined the Infantry (Army) on September 12, 1944. All his military service was at #X1 District Depot, British Columbia. He received an honourable discharge on May 7, 1946.

He earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and the 1939-45 War Medal.

Alfred has been a member of the Royal Canadian Legion for many years at several branches: Vancouver, B.C. , Montgomery Branch #24, and Strathcona Branch #150, for a total of nine years.

He transferred into Norwood Branch #178 in 1965 and has been a continuous member since.



Sgt. Alfred Bahry



GNR Alexander Balash

GNR Alexander Balash V12624

Alex was born on December 6, 1921 in Edmonton, Alberta. His father, John Balash, immigrated to Canada from Ukraine in 1907. His mother, Eva (Tancowny) Balash, arrived in Canada from Ukraine in 1898 at the age of three months.

Alex, one of the three Balash brothers in the Services joined the Royal Canadian Navy in April 1941. He took his basic training at Esquimalt, British Columbia at HMCS Naden. He then sailed to Kingston, Jamaica, where he spent two years with the Merchant Navy as a Gunner aboard a Dems British Ship. While there he made two trips through the Panama Canal along the west coast, bringing sugar and rum to the ports of San Diego, Vancouver and Prince Rupert, B.C., and taking back cargo of lumber and paper.

Alex was then drafted to Halifax, where he sailed on HMCS La. Hullose (Frigate) overseas to Londonderry, Ireland, where he saw patrol and convoy duty in the English Channel during the invasion of France.

Alex earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, the 1939-45 War Medal, Defence Medal and the Atlantic Star.

Alex joined the Strathcona Legion #150 in 1945. He transferred to Norwood Legion #178 in 1979 and was a member until he passed away on June 13, 1980.



PO Nick Balash

V 12625

Born December 18, 1918 at Edmonton, Alberta, Nick is the son of John and Eva (Tancowny) Balash. His father immigrated to Canada in 1907 from Western Ukraine, and his mother arrived in 1898.

Nick started service in the Army on August 6, 1940, lasting until April 1941, when he was transferred to the R.C.N.V.R.

Nick's naval history began on the west coast in Victoria, where he was involved in patrolling the west coast on HMCS Edmundston. Later on he was

transferred to Halifax via the Panama Canal and served aboard the frigate HMCS Kirkland Lake for convoy duty on the Atlantic side. He patrolled the Irish Sea, North Sea and English Channel, plus serving on three troop convoys to the Mediterranean. Most frightening part was North Atlantic convoy duty and English Channel convoy duty right after the invasion. He was discharged on August 16, 1945 with the rank of Petty Officer.

He earned the 1939-45 Star, Atlantic Star, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal, Defence Medal and 1939-45 War Medal.

Nick has been a long time member of the Legion. He first joined Montgomery Branch #24 in 1945, before transferring to Norwood in 1960, and has been a continuous member since.



PO Nick Balash



Patrolman Paul Balash

Patrolman Paul Balash

V62948

Paul was born on July 6, 1920 in Edmonton, Alberta, the younger son of John and Eva (Tancowny) Balash. His father immigrated to Canada in 1907 and his mother arrived in 1898, both from Western Ukraine.

Paul joined the Navy on June 10, 1943, and served for thirty-three months in Canada and Newfoundland. He ended up as a Patrolman when hostilities ceased and received his discharge on February 12, 1946.

Paul earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and the 1939-45 War Medal.

Paul has been a member of the Norwood Branch since September 1986.

Tpr. Nicholas William Basaraba **M44945**

Nicholas was born in Duvernay, Alberta on June 5, 1917, the son of Wasyl (William) and Eudocia (Kosma) Basaraba, who both immigrated to Canada in 1901 from Toporovitch, Ukraine. Paternal grandparents were Mike and Domka Basaraba of the Ukraine.

Bill joined the Army C.A.S.F. at Edmonton, the South Alberta Regiment, on June 8, 1940, and was soon posted to Halifax. While waiting to be shipped overseas, he contracted rheumatic fever. He received an honourable discharge for medical reasons on November 6, 1942.

Nick received the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, and the 1939-45 War Medal.

He joined the Norwood Branch #178 in 1957 and was a member until his death on January 3, 1978.



Tpr. Nicholas Basaraba



**M.166. THE SOUTH ALBERTA
REGIMENT**



POI Alexander E. Bayrak

POI Alexander E. Bayrak V 16848

Alex was born on May 26, 1921 at Lake Eliza, Alberta, the son of Harry and Malvina (Wohn) Bayrak, and grandson of Gregory Bayrak. His father was born in Hadynkiwtsi, Chortkiw, Ukraine, and his mother was born in Chernivtsi, Bukovyna, Ukraine. They both immigrated to Canada in 1910. Alex's father served in the Canadian Army in World War I.

Alex enlisted with the Royal Canadian Navy at HMCS Nonsuch, Edmonton in 1942. He was posted to Esquimalt, B.C. , for his basic training. Then the long train ride to Halifax, N.S., where he served on HMCS Athabaskan and also HMCS Red Deer. When the War was over in 1945, he enlisted with the Royal Canadian Naval reserve and continued his naval career. While serving with the Reserve, Alex sailed out of Halifax, down the east coast through the Panama Canal, up the west coast to Los Angeles and on to Victoria, B.C.

He received his honourable discharge in 1951. Alex earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal, the 1939-45 War Medal, the Atlantic Star, and the 1977 Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Medal.

Alex joined the Norwood Branch #178 in 1946. He served on the Branch Executive for many years: Treasurer in 1948, Executive in 1956, '57 and '58, 1966 and '67, Sgt. At Arms in 1959, 2nd Vice President in 1960, 1st Vice President in 1961, Branch President in 1962 and 1963.

Alex also served at the Provincial level as Zone Commander from 1960 to 1966, District Commander 1966 to 1969, Vice President 1969 to 1977, and was 1st Vice President of Alberta/North West Territories Command when he passed away on October 19, 1978.

Alex earned the following Legion Awards: Certificate of Merit, the Honour Certificate, Life Membership, Golden Anniversary Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, and Canada's Centennial Medal. Alex had served as Sgt. At Arms at Provincial and Dominion Conventions, as well as for visiting dignitaries, such as Lord Louis Mountbatten and the Lieutenant Governor — Honourable J. Percy Page. Alex was the Joint-City Branch Chairman for a number of years.

Telegrapher Myron Bereska V 66227

Born September 6, 1923 at Edwand, Alberta, Myron is the son of Wasyl and Maria (Melnychuk) Bereska, who came to Canada in 1908 from the village of Luxany in Bukovyna. His grandparents on the paternal side were Grigore and Letiana Bereska.

Myron joined the Navy on July 7, 1943, as an ordinary seaman at HMCS Nonsuch in Edmonton, where he took his basic training. He then served on active duty mostly in Canada and on the high seas.

Myron served on various ships, including HMCS Chippewa in Manitoba, HMCS Cornwallis in Nova Scotia, HMCS St. Hyacinthe in Quebec (where he became a telegrapher), HMCS Stadacona in Nova Scotia, HMCS Naden in British Columbia and HMCS Givenchy (later HMCS Tolapus) in Victoria. He was discharged at HMCS Nonsuch in Edmonton on December 4, 1945.

Myron earned the 1939-45 Star, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and 1939-45 War Medal.

He first joined the Montgomery Branch #24 in 1946, then transferred to Mirror, Alberta in 1956. In January 1977 he transferred to Norwood Branch #178 where he is still a member.



Telegrapher Myron Bereska



Pte. Alex Bidnick

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M 46533

Born May 2, 1924 at Bellis, Alberta, Alex is the son of John and Mary (Zukiwsky) Bidnick, who came to Canada in 1903. His father was born in the village of Rarancha, Bukovyna, Ukraine, and his mother was born in the village of Porivtis, Bukovyna, Ukraine. Maternal grandparent was Peter Zukiwsky.

Alex joined the Army on February 2, 1943, and remained in Canada for his military service. He took basic training at Dartmouth, N.S., and went to Barriefield, Ontario, for R.C.A. and Motor Transport training. He was attached to Headquarters at Dartmouth A 23, driving troop trucks between Dartmouth Ferry and A 23 Base. He drove Army manoeuvres throughout Nova Scotia and Cape Breton Island, and was also a driver for Mayor Jefferson

of Calgary, Alberta. His motor transport schooling took him to camps in Yarmouth, N.S., Aldershot, N.S., and Dundurn, Saskatchewan. He took his honourable discharge on March 26, 1946.

Alex joined the Norwood Branch #178 in February 1958 and has been a continuous member.

GNR Eugene Biernaski

M 67273

Born June 11, 1920 in Western Ukraine, Eugene is the son of Peter and Kay, who came to Canada in 1928 (Peter) and 1936 (Kay).

Eugene enlisted on November 1941 in the Army and saw four years of service in Canada, Britain, France, Belgium and Holland, with the 2 HYAA Regiment 1 AA Battery R.C.A. He was discharged in November 1945.

He earned the 1939-45 Star, France and Germany Star, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal, Defence Medal and 1939-45 War Medal.

Eugene joined Norwood Branch #178 on December 8, 1954 and has been a continuous member since.

LAC Tofan Bilinski R198682

Tofan was born on May 2, 1923 in Edmonton, Alberta, the son of Michael and Annie (Tymochko) Bilinsky and brother to Walter, who immigrated to Canada in the fall of 1899. His father was born in the village of Khorostkiv, Ukraine, and his mother was born in the village of Vytlin, Ukraine. His maternal grandparents were Theodore and Anna (Popowycz) Tymochko and his paternal grandparents were Andrew and Sophie (Szwarcjowska) Bilinsky.

Tofan enlisted in the Royal Canadian Army on November 4, 1942, and saw service in Canada and England. After basic training and a course in aircraft mechanics, he was posted to St. Thomas, Ontario, and trained as an airframe mechanic. At Yorkton, Saskatchewan, he serviced planes for pilots and navigators. In September 1944 he sailed to England on the Mauretania. He was posted to #6 Bomber Group at Dishforth and later at Leeming. Tofan had a close call with V2 rockets, which almost demolished the Ukrainian Club in London. He serviced Dakotas for milk runs to France and Germany until May 1946, when he returned to Canada on the Ile De France.

He received his honourable discharge on June 5, 1946. Tofan earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp.

Tofan joined the Norwood Branch #178 on December 8, 1954, but lapsed a few years and rejoined again in 1966.



LAC Tofan Bilinski



Sgt Walter Bilinske

Sgt Walter Bilinske

R 76756

Born September 22, 1916 in Edmonton, Alberta, Walter was the older son of Michael and Annie (Tymochko) Bilinsky, who immigrated to Canada in the fall of 1899. His father was born in the village of Khorostkiv, Ukraine, and his mother was born in the village of Vytlin, Ukraine. His paternal grandparents were Andrew and Sophie (Szwajkowska) Bilinsky and his maternal grandparents were Theodore and Anna (Popowycz) Tymochko.

Walter enlisted with the RCAF on November 19, 1940 in Edmonton, Alberta, where he took part of his basic training, finishing up in Ontario. His advanced training in radar was taken in England at #1 Radio Station at Yatesbury. Walter took the 'oath of secrecy' and was posted to the secret radar station at Weymouth on the south coast of England, where he monitored aircraft and ship movements in the English Channel, which was a prime target for the enemy. Because of poor health, caused by stress and ulcers, he was transferred to a radar station at Perth, Scotland, and then back to Canada.

Walter took his honourable discharge in Edmonton, Alberta on February 21, 1944. He earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with Clasp, and the 1939-45 War Medal.

Walter joined the Montgomery Branch #24 in 1944 and transferred to Norwood Branch #178 in 1945. He served on the Executive in 1946, 1947 and 1950. He was 1st Vice President in 1957, and President in 1958 and 1959. Walter received the following Legion awards: Golden Anniversary Medal, Certificate of Merit, and was a Life Member when he passed away on August 26, 1987.



**A.F.S. ROYAL CANADIAN
AIR FORCE**

F/O Alex Peter Biltek CANJ43614

Alex was born on November 5, 1919 at Amisk, Alberta. He was the son of George and Takla (Bachynsky Kozub) Biltek. George arrived in Canada in 1912 from Zahistow, Galicia. Tekla immigrated in 1916 from Ternopil, Poland.

Alex joined the Royal Canadian Air Force in the fall of 1940 in Edmonton and took his basic training in Calgary "E" Company, COTC Sarcee, until May 1941. He was stationed for a year in Regina, Saskatchewan, then he was sent overseas and stationed in England, serving as a bombardier with 428 Squadron Iroquois. Alex was appointed to a commissioned rank in the reserve, special section general list, Air Bomber Branch of the Royal Air Force on March 24, 1944, then to "E" Flight No. 7 Squadron, No. 2 Air Graduates Training School, Calgary on April 6, 1944.

Alex received his honourable discharge on August 28, 1945. He earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, 1939-45 War Medal, Defence Medal, and France and Germany Star.

Alex joined Montgomery Legion #24 in 1945, and transferred to Norwood Branch Legion #178 in 1958, and was a member until his death on October 7, 1986.



F/O Alex Peter Biltek



A.F.11 ROYAL CANADIAN
AIR FORCE

Pte. John Bobowsky

M 100225

Born January 20, 1920 at North Bank, Alberta, his father was born in the Ukraine and immigrated to Canada after the turn of the century. His mother (Kozak) was born in Mundare, Alberta.

John joined the Army on March 24, 1942, in Camrose, Alberta. He took his basic training in Calgary, and was posted as reinforcement for the Seaforth Highlanders in Vancouver. His stay was short-lived, and the whole battalion was shipped to England. His battalion took part in very heavy fighting at Cassino and Naples, Italy. While fighting at Naples, an exploding bomb broke his jaw and some shrapnel went through his right thigh. He spent three weeks in a field hospital, then was discharged to rejoin his unit in Sicily, and was there until the war was over. After the war, John was shipped back to Aldershot, England for embarkation to Canada.

In 1946, John returned to Canada and received his honourable discharge on January 13, 1946, and earned the following Military awards: 1939-45 Star, Italy Star, and the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with Clasp, the Defense medal and 1939-45 War Medal.

In 1949, John joined the Legion at Smoky Lake, Alberta, and was there for three years. He moved to Edmonton and joined the Army, Navy, Airforce Veterans for one year, then transferred to Montgomery Branch #24, then moved to Kingsway Branch #175. Finally, he joined Norwood Branch #178 in 1958. In 1968 he was elected to the Executive and has worked in that capacity for a total of 13 years. John earned the following Legion awards: Certificate of Merit, Life Membership in 1982, and 60th Anniversary Medal.



Pte. John Bobowsky



**THE SEAFORTH
HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA**



GNR William Bochon

Gnr William Bochon M 39904

Born December 15, 1922 at Myrnam, Alberta, William's parents were Anton and Nancy (Osinchuk) Bochon. His father was born at Chortkiw, Ukraine and immigrated to Canada in 1911. His mother was born at Brody, Ukraine and immigrated to Canada in 1909. Paternal grandparents were William and Anna Bochon, and maternal grandparents were Fred and Eva Osinchuk.

William joined the Army on December 8, 1942, and underwent his basic training in Victoria, B.C. On completion as a gunner, he was posted to the Coastal Artillery Regiment in Vancouver and Victoria. In 1944 he sustained an injury and spent some time in hospital. After discharge from the hospital, he served with coastal communications until he received his discharge on February 14, 1946.

William joined the Norwood branch #178 on January 28, 1976 and has been a continuous member.

Pte. Martin Bodnar M56619

Martin was born on January 13, 1921 in Lafond, Alberta. He was the son of Mike and Sophia Bodnar who immigrated to Canada from Western Ukraine.

Martin enlisted with the Canadian Army on January 26, 1943, and served in Canada. He received his honourable discharge on January 20, 1944, for medical reasons.

Martin joined Norwood Legion #178 in 1946. He served on the Executive Committee for a total of ten years between 1948 and 1984. He was 1st Vice President in 1966 and 1967, was 2nd Vice President in 1965 and 1985, and was a Life Member until he passed away on May 7, 1985.



Pte. Martin Bodnar



PO Joseph Bohuch

PO Joseph Bohuch

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Born April 19, 1927 at Three Hills, Alberta, Joseph is the son of Lawrence and Nellie (Missa) Bohuch, who came to Canada in 1915 from the city of Kiev in Ukraine. His maternal grandfather was Mike Missa.

Joseph joined the Royal Canadian Navy after the war was over on July 17, 1948, and served for ten years until his term expired in July 1958.

During his service career, Joseph served on HMCS Naden, HMCS Stadacona, HMCS Malahot, and HMCS Hochelaga; aboard ships HMCS Crusader, HMCS Outremont, HMCS Ontario and on anti-submarine patrol in the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. At the completion of his service he was in charge of all stores while aboard ship.

Joseph joined Norwood Branch #178 in 1961 and has been a continuous member since.

Trooper Alex Borecki

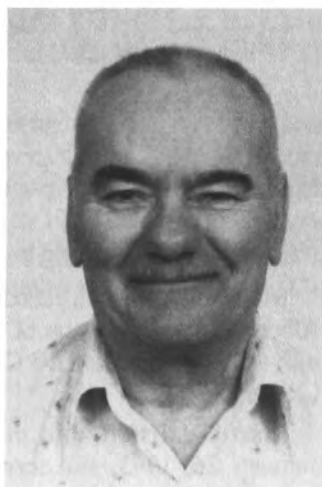
M 104075

Born August 23, 1922 in Poland, Alex is the son of John and Rose, who immigrated to Canada in 1926 from Western Ukraine and Poland.

Alex enlisted on October 2, 1942 in the Canadian Army and, after basic training, was transferred to the Royal Canadian Hussars (Duke of York Regiment). He saw service in Canada, England, France, Belgium and Holland.

Alex was discharged on February 6, 1946, and earned the 1939-45 Star, France and Germany Star, Defence Medal, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with Clasp, and the 1939-45 War Medal.

He joined Norwood Branch #178 on April 1, 1959 and has been a continuous member.



Trooper Alex Borecki

Pte. Henry Borosevich M 105972

Born on March 12, 1925 in Poland, Henry's parent's were Pete and Kay (Hmilweski) Borosevich, who immigrated to Canada in 1929 from the village of Suvalki, Poland.

Henry joined the Canadian Army in February 1942 and served overseas in England, Africa and Italy, with the Perth Regiment, 5th Division.

Henry did his basic training in Camrose, Alberta and advanced training in Calgary, after which he was sent to England and underwent more training. He served in North Africa and in 1943 landed in Naples, Italy, where he stayed for three weeks before joining the 8th Army and moving on to battle on the Arielli River. In the spring of 1944 the Regiment was sent to the Cassino front and the Hitler line, then on to the Gothic line and the capture of the town of Coriano. He was wounded near Florence, Italy, and got out of hospital on V E Day. He was then transferred to the Provost Corps and stayed there until he was sent home in 1946.

After hostilities were over, he was discharged in February 1946. He earned the 1939-45 Star, Italy Star, Canadian Service Medal and 1939-45 War Medal.

Henry joined Norwood Legion, Branch #178 in December 18, 1968, and has been a continuous member since.



Pte. Henry Borosevich



THE PERTH REGIMENT

PO 2 John Boychuk

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John, the son of Michael and Mary (Hancheruk) Boychuk, was born on March 21, 1927 in Wostok, Alberta. His mother was also born in Wostok, Alberta. His father was born in Snaityn (Austria), Ukraine and immigrated to Canada in 1903. John's grandparent's were Peter and Annie Boychuk, and Ewan and Katherine Hancheruk.

John enlisted in the Royal Canadian Naval Air Service in April, 1946 at HMCS Discovery in Vancouver, B.C. and took his basic training at HMCS Naden (Esquimalt) Victoria, B.C. After three months of basic training, he was drafted to R.C.N. Air Station in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. In the fall of 1946, he was drafted to H.M.S. Brancote in the midlands of England. He sailed from Halifax, N.S. on a troop ship named "Sanaria", with approximately 500 German P.O.W.'s aboard, returning to Germany.

John completed his training in eighteen months, and was posted back to R.C.N. Air Station at Dartmouth, N.S. There he was selected to take an Air Artificers course (Aero Engines and Airframe Maintenance). From here he was posted for a two year period to H.M.S. Candar at Arbroath on the west coast of Scotland. During this period he was able to travel and visit the British Isles including Belfast and Dublin, Ireland, and across the English Channel to Paris, France. Upon completion of his course in Scotland, John returned to Quebec City and took a thirty day leave. The remainder of his service was spent at R.C.N Air Station at Dartmouth, N.S. , working on Seafire and Firefly aircraft.

He received his honourable discharge at HMCS Stadacona, Halifax, N.S. in April 1951 with the rank of Petty Officer 2nd Class.

John became a member of Norwood Legion #178 in 1959. John has held the office of 2nd Vice President, 1st Vice President and is currently the President of the Branch (1990-91). Awards received from the Branch are Certificate of Merit and 60th Diamond Jubilee Medal.



PO 2 John Boychuk



LS HSD Michael F. Bucyk

LS HSD Michael F. Bucyk V12529

Michael, son of Samuel and Nancy (Glubish) Bucyk, was born on April 3, 1920 in Edmonton, Alberta. His mother was born in Leduc, Alberta, the daughter of John and Annie Glubish, who came to Alberta from Western Ukraine. His father was born in Western Ukraine and immigrated to Canada in 1904.

At the age of 20 years, Michael enlisted in R.C.N.V.R. in Edmonton, Alberta in September 1940. He first served on a corvette H.M.C.S. Bittersweet on Atlantic convoy duty from St. John's Newfoundland to Londonderry, Ireland for two years. Then was transferred to H.M.C.S. Matane, a frigate, and served six months, before being transferred to the destroyer H.M.C.S. Assiniboine with service between the south coast of England and Iceland. After V. E. Day he volunteered for service in the Pacific against Japan. Upon arrival back in Halifax, Nova Scotia, the Pacific hostilities being over, he was transferred to Victoria, British Columbia, awaiting discharge.

While on convoy patrol from Ireland to Newfoundland they encountered German "Wolf Pack" submarines (about six to ten subs). They started out with a fleet of 150 empty ships and returned with 60 ships. Action lasted three days and four nights with no sleep.

He was awarded the CVSM and Clasp, France-Germany Medal, Atlantic Star and 1939-45 Star. He was discharged on November 15, 1945 in Victoria, British Columbia.

He became a member of Norwood Legion #178 Edmonton, Alberta in 1962.





Pte. Walter D. Bunka

Pte. Walter D. Bunka L 104381

Walter, the son of Dmytro and Minnie (Zaleschuk) Bunka, was born July 24, 1924 in Aberdeen, Saskatchewan. His mother was born at Fish Creek, Saskatchewan and his father in Czerniatin, District of Ivanofrankivsk, Ukraine.

Walter enlisted in the Army on January 13, 1943 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. He took his basic training at Maple Creek, Saskatchewan, and his advance training at Currie Barracks in Calgary, Alberta. Upon completion, he was assigned to the Royal Winnipeg Rifles. He left Canada on an overseas draft for England in July, 1943, and was stationed at Winchester Military training camp. While in England he went on many military schemes including ones on the Isle of Wight. His service extended from England to France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. He was wounded once at Caen, France, and again in Deventer, Holland. He is now on a disability pension.

Walter was awarded the CVSM and Clasp, France-Germany Star, Defence Medal, 1939-45 War Medal and the 1939-45 Star.

He returned to Canada by ship on the Ile de France in July, 1946, and was discharged at the Military District #12 in Regina, Saskatchewan on August 15, 1946.

He became a member of Norwood Legion #178, Edmonton, Alberta on February 25, 1964.



THE ROYAL WINNIPEG
RIFLES

Pte. Mike Burtnik

M100391

Born September 16, 1917 in Stanger, Alberta, Mike is the son of Dan and Anastasia Burtnik, who came to Canada in 1905 from Ukraine.

Mike joined the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps in 1941 and took his basic training in Camrose, Alberta, with a two-week training period in Sarcree Camp, Calgary, Alberta. In 1942 he was sent to Ontario to the Kingston Holding Unit and was twice on draft for overseas service, but removed because of back injury. Then Mike was transferred to Brockville, Ontario, where he served in the Military Police Unit in the camp. In 1943 he was transferred to Quebec City, where he worked in the Military Vehicle Repair Shop.

On November 24, 1943, Mike received his honourable discharge from the service by reason of being unable to meet the required physical military standards.

He earned the following Military Awards: Canadian Volunteer Service Medal, and the 1939-45 Medal.

Mike Burtnik has been a member of Norwood Branch since 1947 and was honoured with a Life Membership in 1979.



Pte. Mike Burtnik



**ROYAL CANADIAN ARMY
ORDNANCE CORPS**

F/O - MWO Peter B. Busho

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Born in Vegreville, Alberta, on January 21, 1925, Peter is the son of Mike and Mary (Steblyk) Busho. His parents immigrated to Canada in 1902 from the village of Sniatyn, Ukraine.

Peter joined the RCAF in 1942 and took his basic training at the Edmonton Manning Depot. From Edmonton, he went to Brandon, Manitoba, to pursue a career as a Wireless Air Gunner and then on to Calgary, where he completed his wireless training. He completed his Gunnery Course at Dafoe, Saskatchewan. After graduation, he was appointed as an instructor at Dafoe with the rank of Pilot Officer.

At the war's end, Peter was transferred to the Jerico Hospital in Vancouver as an Adjutant, then later discharged in 1945.

He re-enlisted in 1947 to the Finance Department, serving another 30 years, and was discharged with the rank of Master Warrant Officer.

Peter saw duty in Canada, England, France and Washington, D.C., and his Military awards are as follows: Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with Clasp, the War Medal, and the C.D.

Peter transferred to Norwood Legion #178 from Calgary in 1977 and has been a member in good standing ever since.



F/O - MWO Peter B. Busho



LCpl William Cebuliak

LCpl William Cebuliak M610875

Bill was born on February 19, 1922 in Smoky Lake, Alberta. He was the son of Steve and Wassie Cebuliak, who were also born in Smoky Lake. Bill's grandparents immigrated to Canada from Romania.

Bill enlisted with the Canadian Army in 1942. He served with the Royal Canadian Engineers 13th Field Regiment in England, Holland, Germany and Dieppe. He returned home and received his honourable discharge late in 1945.

He earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, the 1939-45 War Medal, 1939-45 Star, and the France and Germany Star.

Bill joined the Smoky Lake Legion in 1949 and transferred to Norwood Legion #178 in 1960 where he was a member until he passed away on December 25, 1983.



LAC Joseph Raymond
Cherwaty

LAC Joseph Raymond Cherwaty

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Joseph, the son of Nykola and Techla (Olynik) Cherwaty, was born on October 21, 1913 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. His parents arrived in Canada in 1905 from Lviv, Western Ukraine. His mother was born in the village of Kaziwja, district of Ternopil, Ukraine.

Joseph enlisted with the R.C.A.F. in 1941 and took his basic training at the Manning Depot in Edmonton, Alberta. He was then posted to Penhold, Alberta, where he was placed in charge of fifteen men. Later he was posted to No. 5 Bombing and Gunnery at Dafoe, Saskatchewan. In 1944 he was transferred to Winnipeg, Manitoba No. 2 Air Command, from where he departed for Horley, England and Celle, Germany. There he and his Unit lived in tents as the Unit was assigned to patrol duty with the occupational forces.

He returned to Canada in April, 1946, with the rank of LAC. He was awarded the CVSM and Clasp, and the 1939-45 Star. He received his honourable discharge on May 16, 1946 in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

He became a member of Norwood Legion Branch #178, Edmonton, Alberta in 1974.

OS John Cherwoniak

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John was born October 1, 1922 at Probezna, Western Ukraine, the son of Walter and Pauline (Sereda) Cherwoniak. His father immigrated to Canada in 1926 and his mother arrived in Canada with John in 1928 from Probezna, Western Ukraine. His paternal grandparents were Walter and Mary Cherwoniak, while Sam and Reginia Sereda were his maternal grandparents.

John joined the Navy in 1941 at H.M.C.S. Nonsuch, took his basic training at H.M.C.S. Naden, and then was drafted to Halifax. Here he boarded H.M.C.S. Lachine as Ship's Cook, bound for the North Atlantic, where he was injured. He subsequently received his honourable discharge in August 1944.

John earned the following military medals: 1939-45 Star, North Atlantic Star, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, Overseas Medal, and the Queen's Jubilee Medal.

John joined the Norwood Branch #178 in 1959 and has been a continuous member ever since.



OS John Cherwoniak

Sgt John Chmelyk

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John, son of Mike and Natalie (Hewko) Chmelyk, was born on February 15, 1941 in the village of Hilliard, Alberta. His parents were both born in the Mundare area of Alberta.

John enlisted in the United States Air Force on February 4, 1964. He served in the United States, Thailand, Germany, Spain, England and Vietnam with the occupational forces. He served one year in Thailand in support of forces in Vietnam.

He joined the Norwood Legion #178 Edmonton, Alberta in 1975 and has been a member since.



Pte. John Chmilar

Pte John Chmilar

M102365

John, the son of Paul and Annie (Bucyk) Chmilar, was born on March 14, 1921, at Mundare, Alberta. John's mother, Annie, was born in Peremyshl, Ukraine, his father in Brody-Konechkiv, Ukraine. John's parents arrived in Canada in 1900.

John enlisted in the Army (Active) on June 22, 1942 in Edmonton, Alberta and took his basic training at Grande Prairie, Alberta. After five months he was returned to Edmonton, and on November 12, 1942, he was discharged for medical

reasons. He was awarded the 1939-45 Medal.

He became a member of Norwood Legion Branch #178, Edmonton, Alberta on October 22, 1970.



Pte Peter Chmiliar

Pte Peter Chmiliar

M608956

Peter, one of three brothers who enlisted in the Service, was the son of Fred and Ksenia (Iskiw) Chmiliar, was born on September 30, 1924 in Mannville, Alberta. His parents arrived in Canada in 1908 from Brody, Ukraine and settled in Myrnam, Alberta. His grandparents were Mike and Mary (Yaremchuk) Chmiliar, and Onufrey and Nancy Iskiw.

Peter enlisted in the Army in 1941 and took his basic and advanced training in Calgary, Alberta. He was called out on overseas draft to England in 1943. He served in the Canadian Army Signal Corp with the Royal Edmonton Regiment. From England he was shipped to Belgium and Holland. Peter received his honourable discharge in Calgary, Alberta in 1946.

He was awarded the CVSM and Clasp, Defence Medal, and the 1939-45 Star.

He became a member of Norwood Legion #178 Edmonton, Alberta on January 6, 1961.

Pte. Nick Chmiliar

M66065

Nick was born on December 19, 1921, at Myrnam, Alberta. He was the son of Fred and Ksenia (Iskiw) Chmiliar. Both Nick's parents were born in Brody, Ukraine. They came to Canada in 1908. His grandparents were Mike and Mary (Yaremchuk) Chmiliar, and Onufrey and Nancy Iskiw.

On August 15, 1941, Nick enlisted with the Royal Canadian Army. He served in Canada with the R.C.A.S.C. On August 22, 1942, Nick was given an honourable discharge due to poor health.

Nick earned his Canadian Volunteer Service Medal.

In 1962, Nick joined Norwood Legion #178 and was a member until his death on September 4, 1987.



Pte. Nick Chmiliar



Pte. Peter Chmiliar

Pte William Chmiliar M 106716

Bill was born on December 19, 1921, at Myrnam, Alberta, the elder son of Fred and Ksenia (Iskiw) Chmiliar and twin brother to Nick. His parents were both born in Brody, Ukraine, and they immigrated to Canada around 1908. Paternal grandparents were Mike and Mary (Yaremchuk) Chmiliar and his maternal grandparents were Onufrey and Nancy Iskiw.

Bill joined the Army on December 1, 1942, at the Prince of Wales Armouries in Edmonton and, soon after, took an N.C.O. and Cadet training course at Calgary Currie Barracks. He left Canada in December 1943 for overseas service.

While in his holding unit in England, Bill transferred to the Intelligence Division Headquarters First Canadian Army in February 1944. He landed in France on June 22, 1944 and followed the Canadian Army from the Normandy beaches, through Caen, Falaise, Dieppe, Dunkirk, Antwerp, and the Scheldt Peninsula into Holland to Nijmegen. In April of 1945, Bill was severely injured in Grave, Holland and was flown back to Ostend, Belgium and then to England. Bill returned to Canada as a bed patient on board the hospital ship Lady Nelson, bound for Halifax, being hospitalized from April to November, and ending up in Edmonton. Bill received his honourable discharge in November 1945 and earned the 1939-45 Star, France and Germany Star, the Defence Medal, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with Clasp, and the 1939-45 War Medal.

Bill first became a member of Montgomery Branch #24 in December 1945 and transferred to Norwood #178 in 1959, and now holds a Life Membership. He has served in all Executive positions, being President twice — for a three year and a two-year term. He has been awarded the Certificate of Merit as well as the M.S.M.

Pte. Peter John Chorney A606989

Peter was born on April 14, 1913 at Myrtle Creek, Alberta. He was the son of John and Marie Chorney who came to the Radway, Alberta area from Central Ukraine in 1903.

On September 24, 1942, Peter enlisted in the Canadian Army at Windsor, Ontario. He served in Canada and in Europe, was wounded, and received a medical discharge on January 29, 1944.

He earned the War Medal and the 1939-45 Star.

Peter joined Norwood Legion #178 in 1958, and was one of the regular volunteers. He was an active member until he passed away on February 28, 1986.



Pte. Peter John Chorney

F/L Walter Chorny, D.F.C. J92831

Walter was born on October 27, 1915 in Edmonton. His parents were Nicholas and Mary (Malisky) Chorny who immigrated to Canada separately in 1906 and 1910 respectively from western Ukraine.

Walter joined the RCAF in March 1941 and graduated as Navigator with the commission of Flight Sergeant. He joined the Advanced Flying Unit and transferred to the Royal Airforce, Squadron #9 in England. This squadron was a special unit destined for extremely hazardous duties. Their heroic job was to fly over important enemy targets in Germany, such as the V-1 and V-2 launching sites at Peenemunde, dropping huge "block buster" bombs as well as "armour piercing" bombs.



F/L Walter Chorny, D.F.C.

During one of their raids to bomb the German Flag Ship "Tirpitz", their bomber crashed in Russia, north of the Arctic Circle. A Russian guide was parachuted down to help the crew find their way to friendly territory. Unfortunately, the Russian guide was hopelessly lost, so Walter, with his training as a navigator, took over the leadership and guided the crew back to safety. For this heroic deed, Walter received the Distinguished Flying Cross. He flew 30 missions and saw duty in England, Belgium, Holland, Norway, France, Germany, and Russia before his discharge in September 1945.

Walter earned the following Military Awards: Distinguished Flying Cross, 1939-45 Star, 1939-45 War Medal, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with Clasp, Defence Medal, Air Crew Europe Star, Airforce Wings, and the Bomber Command Medal.

Walter joined Norwood Branch #178 in 1953 and has served in the usual executive and officer capacity. He was President in 1983, '84 and '85. He has earned the following Legion Awards: Certificate of Merit in 1979, Past President Medal, and the Diamond Jubilee Medal.



DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS R.C.A.F.



Pte. Philip Conn (Konashewsky)

M65692

Born on November 14, 1903 at Wolyn, Ukraine, Philip is the son of Peter and Tatjana Konashewsky. They arrived in Canada in 1927 from Wolyn, Ukraine.

Philip enlisted in the Army in July 1941 at Edmonton, Alberta. He took his basic training in Wetaskiwin, and his advanced training in Red Deer, Alberta. He then was assigned to the Infantry Service Corps and transferred to Halifax, Nova Scotia. Philip was on overseas draft for England aboard the S.S. Washington. One day after departure, the ship was stranded in the Atlantic for 24 hours and had to return to Halifax. While Philip was hospitalized with the flu, his unit was transferred aboard another ship and departed for England leaving Philip behind in Canada. Upon being discharged from hospital, he was posted back to Edmonton and later to Wetaskiwin.

Philip was transferred to North Bay, Ontario, to train for guard duty and then to Lethbridge, Alberta, where he served as a guard at a German prisoner-of-war camp until the end of the war. Philip was discharged in Calgary, Alberta in December 1945.

He was awarded the CVSM and Clasp, and the 1939-45 Star.

Philip became a member of Norwood Branch #178 on December 14, 1945.

LCpl. Edward E. Coswan M109155

Edward, son of Nick and Jennie (Strutt) Coswan, was born on September 13, 1935 in Edmonton, Alberta. His parents arrived in Canada in 1904 from Western Ukraine. His grandparents were Demtryo and Helen Coswan.

Edward enlisted in the Army on March 5, 1955 and took his basic training in Calgary and Wainwright, Alberta. He was posted to the Princess Patricia Light Infantry. In October, 1955, his battalion left for Hemer, Germany, as part of N.A.T.O. peace-time forces and were joined there by the First Battalion, who were returning from Korea. He served there until November 1957, returning to Canada via the Greek liner, Invernia.

He was posted to Victoria, B.C. at Working Point Barracks, until he got his honourable discharge in March 1958.

He became a member of Norwood Legion Branch #178 in 1958.



LCpl. Edward E. Coswan

FO/Lt (A) Michael Cwihun J47624

Michael, the son of Nick and Anna (Rogalsky) Cwihun, was born on July 26, 1924 in Vegreville, Alberta. His mother was born in Ranfurly, Alberta, and his father was born in 1898 in Zviniach, Chortkiw, Galicia, arriving in Canada in 1902. Michael's grandparents were Steve and Anna Cwihun.

Michael joined the R.C.A.F. in December 1942. He trained at Manning Depot, Edmonton, doing his ITS in Saskatoon, Sask., and ETS at Prince Albert,

Sask. He later joined a class of R.A.F. personnel at a fighter training school - SFS at Weyburn, Sask. In early 1944, there was no demand for fighter pilots in the U.K., therefore he was posted to heavies and Ansons at Gimli, Manitoba. He graduated in August, 1944, and was commissioned Pilot Officer. Then he was posted to the "Y" Depot Distribution Centre at Lachine, Quebec.

War being near its end in Europe, no more air crew were required, and Michael was sent on a commando course to Calgary, Alberta. While in Calgary, he was informed that the Royal Navy needed pilots to train on carriers for the war in Japan. In early 1945, he was on his way to the United Kingdom and was, unfortunately, in Halifax during the Navy riots. He ended up in England in June 1945, and was attached to RNVR with equivalent rank.

His training was in the Midlands and then he was moved to Scotland and posted to Carrier Aircraft. After training for eight months, the war with Japan was turning in favour of the Allies, so he was no longer needed and so was sent back to Canada in April 1946. After four years in Canada, he remustered back to the Airforce. Michael spent nine years training navigators in Winnipeg, Manitoba, sighting, re-supplying Mid-Canada Line, mapping the Arctic Islands, and serving in the Peace Keeping Force in Egypt in 1957, finally leaving the military in 1959.

He was awarded the CVSM and Clasp, and the 1939-45 Star.

He joined Norwood Legion #178 in 1946 and has been a continuous member since.



FO/Lt (A) Michael Cwihun

LAC Walter Raymond Dalk R 272018

Born on December 24, 1925, at Fort Vermilion, Alberta, Walter was the son of John and Marie Rose (Lafleur) Dalk. John's father immigrated to Canada in December 1912 from the village of Podolia in Ukraine. His paternal grandparents were Andrew Dalk and Hafie Bobeck.

Ray joined the Royal Canadian Air Force on September 8, 1943, and served in Canada and Labrador until he was discharged on January 23, 1947.

He earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal, and 1939-45 War Medal.

Ray joined Norwood Legion #178 in 1947, but dropped out for a few years. He rejoined in 1965 and served on the Executive in 1974, as Ways and Means Chairman. Ray also served in the Branch Colour Party for many years and, in 1978, was awarded the Branch Certificate of Merit, and the Golden Anniversary Medal in 1985.

He passed away, a member in good standing, on July 3, 1988.



LAC Walter Raymond Dalk



Pte. George G. Dascavich

Pte. George G. Dascavich M57271

The son of John and Katherine (Prystash) Dascavich, George was born on March 28, 1918 in Mundare, Alberta. His father was born in Bibrka, Austria, and his mother in Rudinka, District of Lesnko, Austria. They arrived in Canada in 1912 from Austria.

George enlisted in the Army on July 16, 1942, and took his basic training in Wetaskiwin, Alberta. However, due to medical reasons, he was assigned as permanent staff at No. 133 C.A. (B) T.C. in general maintenance in Wetaskiwin, and was discharged on March 28, 1944.

He became a member of Norwood Legion #178 on March 29, 1958.



OS Stephen F. Dasher

OS Stephen F. Dasher 10046E

Stephen, son of Andrew Dashkewich and Pearl Goch, was born on December 11, 1929 in Mundare, Alberta. His father, Andrew, arrived in Canada on November 1924, while his mother, Pearl, was born in Calgary, Alberta.

Stephen joined the Royal Canadian Navy (Reserve Service) on May 24, 1945 with the rank of OS. He was later transferred to the RCAF Auxiliary with the rank of A C-1. He served in Canada only. He was discharged in November 1945. He feels thankful that he did not have to endure experiences of live action, as he did not serve in the fields of war.

He joined Norwood Legion #178 in 1976.

L Stoker Russell Dembiski V41268

Born on June 20, 1914 in Edmonton, Russell is the son of Stevan and Dora (Karaychy) Dembiski. His mother arrived in Canada in 1902, and his father in 1906, both from Western Ukraine.

Russell enlisted with the R.C.N.V.R. in Edmonton, Alberta in June 1941. He took his basic training in Edmonton and his advance training in Victoria (Esquimalt), British Columbia, attaining the rank of Leading Stoker. He was then posted to the east coast in 1942 and served on convoy duty in the North Atlantic on board the Canadian Algerine, and later on the Sault Ste. Marie for two years.

He was awarded the CVSM and Clasp, Atlantic Star and the 1939-45 Star, and received his honourable discharge in Halifax, Nova Scotia in 1945.

Russell joined Montgomery Branch #24, Edmonton, Alberta in 1945, the Army and Navy Club for four years, Fort Saskatchewan Legion Branch in early 1949 and finally, in the latter part of 1958, he transferred to Norwood Legion #178 in Edmonton.

He served as an Executive member for 13 years from 1965 to 1979, serving in many capacities, and attained the offices of 1st and 2nd Vice President.



L Stoker Russell Dembiski



LCpl. William Demchuk

LCpl William Demchuk 30051039

William, son of Petro and Mary (Karpiw) Demchuk, was born on November 24, 1913 in Western Ukraine. William's parents were from Seredpilci, Ukraine.

William joined the Polish Army on March 22, 1942 in the Soviet Union, in the Soviet Republic of Uzbekistan. Organized by the Soviet Union, this Polish Army was transferred to the Middle East, where William received his military training in the Polish 2nd Corps, to perform military exercises and continue further training in preparation for the big invasion of Italy, Palestine, Syria and Egypt. In the

fall of 1944, the Unit was transferred to Italy where it experienced action against the enemy.

In the fall of 1946, William came to England, where he was honourably discharged. After working briefly in England, William left for Canada in 1947. He was awarded the Cross of the Battle of Monte Casino Italy.

He joined Norwood Legion #178 in September 1960.

Sgt Thomas Demco

M34975

Thomas, son of Dmytro and Wasylena (Strynadka) Demco, was born on January 31, 1919, on a farm near Desjarlais, Alberta. His parents came to Canada from the village of Vanilva Chernivsti, Ukraine in 1903. His grandparents were John and Mary Wasl Stranadka, and Petro and Elana Demco.

Thomas enlisted in 1941 and took his basic training at CA(B)TC 131 Camrose, Alberta for a two-month period. He was posted to Royal Canadian Artillery - A4 Brandon, Manitoba, for seven months and from here he was posted to the Canadian Dental Corp. for the balance of his service. He was put on draft for England in March 1944, being stationed at Hayward Heath, Sussex, England.

He was awarded the CVSM and Clasp; also the 1939-45 Star. He attained the rank of Sergeant (Trades Pay).

He returned to Canada in March 1946 and, after arriving in Calgary, Alberta, was discharged from military service.

He applied and became a member of Norwood Legion #178 on April 25, 1983.



Sgt Thomas Demco

Pte John Drebot

M536216

John was born on September 4, 1900 in Ukraine. In 1918 he joined the Austrian Army, and in 1928 he immigrated to Edmonton, Alberta.

In October 1942, John enlisted with the Canadian Army Edmonton Regiment, 2nd Battalion, serving in Canada. He received his honourable discharge in April 1945, due to demobilization.

He was awarded the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, and the 1939-45 War Medal.

John joined the Norwood Legion #178 in 1947 and was made a Life Member in 1975. He received the Diamond Jubilee Legion Medal in 1986. John was an active member and was the unappointed steward at branch meetings and the playing-cards custodian until his death on September 30, 1987.



Pte John Drebot



Pte Fred Drewoth

Pte Fred Drewoth

M101062

Fred, the son of Wasyl and Mary (Glubish) Drewoth, was born on January 2, 1921, on a farm ten miles south of Leduc, Alberta. His parents arrived in Canada from the Ukraine (then Austria) in 1901. His maternal grandparents were John and Mary (Fleduc) Glubish.

Fred enlisted in the Army in May 1942 in Edmonton, Alberta. He took his basic training at C.A. (B) T.C. in Camrose, Alberta. Called for overseas draft, he left for England in July 1942. He took his advance training in Aldershot, England, then was posted to Canadian Army Service Corp as a truck driver.

Returned from England via the Queen Elizabeth II, he was discharged at Calgary, Alberta in December 1943.

Fred became a member of Norwood Legion #178 in 1965.

AM/L Tofen Dublanko V83835

Tofen, the son of Andrew and Tina (Karbonik) Dublanko, was born on March 26, 1925, in Leduc, Alberta. His mother was also born in Leduc in 1900, while his father immigrated from Yaroslav, Ukraine with his parents, Peter and Mary Dublanko, arriving in Canada in 1896. They settled on a homestead in the Nisku, Alberta area.

Tofen enlisted in the Navy at H.M.C.S. Nonsuch in February 1944 in Edmonton, Alberta, and took further basic training at H.M.C.S. Cornwallis, Nova Scotia, followed by active service in St. John's, Newfoundland. Transferred to the Fleet Air Arm in December 1944, he was sent overseas for further training and service with the Royal Navy until the end of the war in Europe. He was discharged in April 1946 with the rank of AM/L.

He was awarded the CVSM and Clasp, Defence Medal, and 1939-45 Star.

Tofen became a member of Norwood Legion #178 in 1960.



AM/L Tofen Dublanko



Pte. Murle Elashchuk

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Murle is the son of Dmetro and Mary (Missenchuk) Elashchuk. He was born on March 2, 1925 in Bellis, Alberta. His parents arrived in Canada in 1911 from Chohkrova, Bukovyna. His grandfathers were Lewonte Elashchuk and Metro Missenchuk.

Murle enlisted in the Army in November 1943 and took his basic training at C.A. (B) T.C. in Camrose, Alberta, and his advance training at Petawawa, Ontario. From Petawawa he was transferred to Dundurn, Saskatchewan, assisting veterans to re-establish their civilian lives.

Early in 1946 he was transferred to Calgary, Alberta where he received his honourable discharge on April 3, 1946.

He became a member of Norwood Legion #178 in 1962, and served as an Executive Member in 1963-64. He also served as the Entertainment Chairman for two years and was presented with the Merit Award.



GNR Alex Emsky

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M39879

Born on March 5, 1922 in Edmonton, Alberta, Alex was the son of Andrew and Sophie (Divak) Emsky. His parents were born in Grodno, White Russia and immigrated to Canada in 1910.

Alex enlisted in the army in September 1942. He then volunteered for active service in 1944 as a gunner, taking his basic training in Victoria, and his advanced training on Lulu Island, British Columbia.

He then was attached to the 31st Field Regiment and departed for England in October 1944, serving in England, Belgium and Holland, and returning to Canada in November 1945.

Alex was awarded the CVSM and Clasp, and was discharged in Calgary on March 6, 1946.

Alex was accepted as a member of the Norwood Legion #178 in 1959. He was awarded a Certificate of Merit in 1979, and was a continuous member until his demise on May 17, 1991.



S.1. ROYAL CANADIAN ARTILLERY



F/O Mike Evanochko

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J42218

Mike, the son of Nick and Katherine (Fedwich) Evanochko, was born in Elma, Whitemouth Municipality, Manitoba, on December 8, 1918. His parents arrived in Canada in 1904 from Western Ukraine.

Mike enlisted in the R.C.A.F. on February 23, 1943 and took his basic training at Brandon and Rivers, Manitoba, and further basic training at Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Advance training was done at Portage La Prairie, Manitoba, where he received his Navigator's Wings. His desire was to

be a pilot, but his height was a bit short. The requirement to be a pilot was a minimum of five feet three inches.

Mike was then posted to Calgary and departed for England in May 1944, taking further training as a Navigator in Ireland and Bournemouth, England. One time, while in flight in a Wellington Aircraft, he got a funny sensation when the pilot was attempting to land on a very cloudy day. The aircraft was close to a spin and almost crashed, but the pilot was successful in making a safe landing. Mike says, "What a break we both got that day!" Mike returned to Canada in February 1945.

He was awarded the CVSM and Clasp, and was discharged with the rank of Flight Officer in March 1945 in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

During his travel after discharge, Mike became a member of Carman Legion in Manitoba in 1946, Morden Branch in Halifax, Nova Scotia from 1950-57, and in 1958, he transferred his membership to the Kingsway Legion Branch, Edmonton, finally transferring to Norwood Legion #178 in 1975.



A.F.10 ROYAL CANADIAN
AIR FORCE

Cpl. George Ewasiuk

SM9519

Born on February 7, 1930 at Chipman, Alberta, George is the son of Nickolas and Annie (Safranovich) Ewasiuk. His mother was born in Lamont, Alberta and his father immigrated to Canada in 1898 from Austria. His grandfathers were George Ewasiuk (paternal) and Michael Safranovich (maternal). His grandparents were part of the first group of Ukrainians to arrive in the Lamont/Chipman District from Ukraine which was then under Austrian occupation.



Cpl. George Ewasiuk

George enlisted in the Canadian Army on August 30, 1950, and was discharged on May 1, 1963. George's military service was in Canada, the Far East and Korea, where he earned the B.C.F.K.

In 1950 George was training at the School of Artillery at Shilo, Manitoba, moving in 1951 to 119 AA Battery at Esquimalt, B.C.; in 1952 he was at RCOC School in Montreal, Quebec; with the 3rd Field Regiment RCHA, Petawawa, Ontario in 1953 and then the 4th Field Regiment of the 25th Canadian Infantry Brigade later that same year; 1955 found George serving in the Far East, Korea and Hiro, Japan, and then on to 17 ROD-RCOC at Griesbach Barracks in Edmonton, Alberta, where he received his honourable discharge in May 1963.

George joined the Norwood Branch #178 in 1972 and has been a member ever since.



RCOC

Cpl Raymond Faryna

M38023

Raymond Faryna was born in Smoky Lake, Alberta on July 24, 1923. His parents, Harry H. and Josephine Faryna, came to Canada in 1896 from Ukraine.

Raymond joined the Army in Calgary, Alberta on July 30, 1943. After completing his basic and advanced training, he was posted to the Royal Canadian Artillery, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.

In January 1944 he was posted to #6 Depot in Halifax, Nova Scotia. He was reclassified and was posted — transferred to the Royal Canadian Dental Corp, Windsor, N.S. Raymond was shipped overseas on February 1, 1945 and worked in dental clinics at Aldershot, Guildford, and Sheppards Bush in London as a Corporal. He was then posted to 3rd Division Canadian Army, Europe, where he was attached to dental clinics in Oldenerg, Wilhelmshaven, and the Repatriation Depot in Germany. He left continental Europe for the United Kingdom on September 1946, returning to Canada and receiving his discharge on November 20, 1946.

Raymond served the Edmonton Fusiliers Reserve Unit in 1942 for one semester. In 1949 he was in the Reserve Army Dental Corps, at the Prince of Wales Armoury, serving until 1953.

Raymond's Medals include: 1939-45 Star, France and Germany Star, Defence Medal, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, and the 1939-45 War Medal.

He joined the Norwood Branch #178 in May 1947. He served on the Executive from 1960 to 1962, was 2nd Vice President in 1963, and 1st Vice President in 1964. He has received the Certificate of Merit and Life Membership.



Cpl Raymond Faryna





**Capt (F/O) Horace (Ernie)
Peter Fedak**

Capt (F/O) Horace (Ernie) Peter Fedak 56031

Born at Kirkland Lake, Ontario on November 20, 1939, Horace is the son of Peter and Sabina^o (Holody) Fedak. His mother was born in Huta-Jozefuw, Poland and his father in Pawlokoma, Ukraine. Both arrived in Canada in 1928.

Horace joined the R.C.A.F. in November 1958, taking his basic flying training in Centralia, Ontario on Dehaviland Chipmunks. Six months later, he was on his way to Penhold, Alberta, and further training on the Harvard; then on to Portage La Prairie, Manitoba, and advanced flying training on the T-33 Jet. He received his wings in April 1960 and was promoted to Flying Officer. Horace commenced operational flying training on the F-86 Sabre Jet in Chatham, N.B. in June 1960.

Following a one-year period of recuperation from a near-fatal car accident, he resumed flying Beech 18 and DC3 Aircraft in Winnipeg, Manitoba with the Air Navigation School. His short service commission terminated in September 1964.

After five years as a civilian, he re-enrolled in the Canadian Armed Forces as an air traffic controller in April 1969. Horace served at CFB Toronto, CFS Goose Bay, Labrador, CFB Greenwood, N.S., and finally, at the compulsory retirement age of 45, retired in Edmonton on November 20, 1984 as a Captain Air Traffic Controller.

In April 1986, Horace enrolled in the Class "C" Reserve as a Captain and is presently employed at CFB Edmonton as an Air Traffic Controller.

Captain Fedak joined the Norwood Branch #178 in 1980 and has held several executive positions and served on many committees in the short time he has been at the branch. He is the 2nd Vice President on the 1990 Executive. Legion awards consist of the 60th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee Medal. Captain Fedak also has been awarded the Canadian Decoration in the Canadian Armed Forces.



Pte William Fedio

Pte William Fedio

K51204

William was born on February 19, 1923 at Bruderheim, Alberta, the son of Paul and Tilly (Staroshelski) Fedio. Both his parents immigrated to Canada in 1910 from Yaroslav, Galicia, Austria.

Bill enlisted with the Canadian Army in Vancouver, B.C. on April 13, 1943. He served in Canada, the United Kingdom, and Italy (Central Mediterranean area) with the Loyal Edmonton Regiment, 4th Battalion (PPCLI). Pte. William Fedio was wounded in action in Italy and was sent back to

Calgary, Alberta for his honourable discharge due to medical reasons.

William earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal, 1939-45 War Medal, 1939-45 Italy Star, and the 1939-45 Star.

William joined the Norwood Branch #178 in 1971 and was a member until he was killed in an automobile accident near Bowden, Alberta on November 16, 1981.



EDMONTON

SSgt. Irene Fedorovich (Nee Danyluk) FM596515

Born on January 12, 1920 in Orelec, Sniatyn, Western Ukraine, Irene immigrated to Canada with her parents, Dmytro and Olena (Rizun) Danyluk in 1924. Her father was born in Kniaza, Sniatyn, and her mother at Orelec, Sniatyn, both of the Western Ukraine. Her paternal grandparents were Mihaelo and Yarena Danyluk and her maternal grandparents were Alexander and Maria Rizun.

Irene joined the Militia in 1965 and served with the 23rd Militia Group H.Q. , the 60 Dental Unit (RCDC), and the Loyal Edmonton Regiment (3 PPCLI), attaining the rank of S/Sgt.

During her service in the militia, she won many honours for her marksmanship. The match she is most proud of winning was the Edmonton Garrison Rifle Association Competition for indoor shooting. With a score of 100 x 8, she beat ten top marksmen in a shoulder-to-shoulder shoot-off. In outdoor competition, where the range may be anywhere from 200 to 1,000 yards, she has won, amongst other awards, the Alberta Rifle Association Long Range Aggregate Silver Medal, and the Col. Gunn Challenge Trophy.

Irene joined the Norwood Branch #178 on June 13, 1966, and has had continuous service. She has served for five years in Executive positions and as 2nd Vice president. Her Legion awards are the Certificate of Merit and the Vice-President Medal.



SSgt. Irene Fedorovich



LAC Michael John Fedoruk

LAC Michael John Fedoruk 130560

Born in Mundare, Alberta, on August 1, 1918, Michael's parents were John and Maria (Godzuk) Fedoruk. Maria was born in Chernovtsi, Ukraine, and John in Orelec, Ukraine, immigrating to Canada in 1901. Michael's paternal grandparents were Simeon and Paraska Fedoruk.

Michael enlisted in the R.C.A.F. and saw service in Canada and the United Kingdom. LAC Fedoruk was discharged on May 14, 1945, and earned the Canada General Service Medal.

Joining the Legion in 1945, and being Vice President and also President for six years at another branch, Michael became a member of the Norwood Branch #178 in 1960. He earned the Legion Award — Past President's Badge.

Pte Peter Fedyna

M538250

Peter was born on May 14, 1919 at Radway, Alberta. He was the son of Harry and Mary (Marko) Fedyna, who immigrated to Canada from Malnow, Austria in 1907. His grandparents were Michael and Catharina Marko.

Peter joined the Royal Canadian Army on February 20, 1942 at Camrose, Alberta, where he took his basic training. In April he was sent to the Sarcree Camp in Calgary. In June he left for Vancouver and Nanaimo, B.C., serving with the Irish Fusiliers. He was awarded the Good Conduct Stripe in 1943 and was posted to Kingston, Jamaica, from April 1943 to February 1944. Peter returned to Canada to Dundurn, Saskatchewan. While there he was awarded the Mars Badge (Trained Soldier). From there he was posted to Vernon, B.C. and on January 10, 1945, was sent overseas, serving with the Loyal Edmonton Regiment in the United Kingdom, Caribbean theatre, France and Germany. Peter returned to Edmonton for his honourable discharge on March 21, 1946.

He earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal, 1939-45 War Medal, Defence Medal, and France and Germany Star.

Peter was a member of Norwood Branch #178 when he passed away on November 17, 1972 at the age of 53 years.



Pte Peter Fedyna



Pte Peter Ferbey

Pte Peter Ferbey

M602984

Born on July 4, 1926 in Kahwin, Alberta, Peter is the son of Metro and Lena (Skurhan) Ferbey. Both his parents immigrated to Canada from Ukraine in 1904 and 1901, respectively.

Peter joined the Army (PPCLI) in May 1945 and underwent his basic training in Wetaskiwin and Calgary, Alberta. He received his discharge in Edmonton, Alberta in September 1946.

Peter joined the Norwood Legion #178 in 1977 and has continuous membership.



LCpl William Ferbey

LCpl William Ferbey M610246

Bill was born on September 6, 1913 in Kahwin, Alberta to Metro and Lena Ferbey. Lena immigrated to Canada in 1901, and Metro in 1904, from Bukovyna Ukraine.

Bill enlisted with the Canadian Army on July 23, 1942 at Camrose, Alberta. He took his basic training in Calgary, Alberta, with the Calgary Rifles, then went on to Halifax to catch a boat for overseas. He was stationed at Aldershot, England, and then sent to Holland, Belgium, France and Germany. After three and a half years overseas, Bill returned to Calgary for his honourable discharge on February 26, 1946.

He earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, 1939-45 War Medal, Defence Medal, and the France and Germany Star.

Bill joined Norwood Legion #178 in 1968, and was a member until his death on September 28, 1985.

LAC Lawrence Filevich 51914

Lawrence was born on March 22, 1942 at Mundare, Alberta, the son of Michael and Jean (Maguss) Filevich. His paternal grandparents were Juvenaly and Anna Filevich, and his maternal grandparents, Paul and Maria Maguss.

Lawrence joined the Primary Reserve and Auxiliary (RTTP) on April 27, 1958 and was discharged on June 12, 1960.

Lawrence has been a member of Norwood Legion #178 since 1965.



LAC Lawrence Filevich



LAC Nicholas Filipchuk

LAC Nicholas Filipchuk R113234

Nicholas was born on August 24, 1915, at Andrew, Alberta, the son of John and Magdeline (Klewchuk) Filipchuk. His father was born in Kisereu Bukovyna, immigrating to Canada in 1889, and his mother was born in Stawchan Bukovyna, and immigrated to Canada in 1898. His paternal grandfather was Wasil Filipchuk.

Nick enlisted in the Airforce in July 1940, and was discharged in August 1942. His military service was in Canada.

Nick joined the Norwood Legion #178 in 1960 and has had continuous membership.

Pte John Fleese M64058

Born on August 8, 1913, at Redwater, Alberta, John is the son of Elko and Pearl (Hrycyna) Fleese, who were both born in the village of Yaroslaw, Ukraine, and immigrated to Canada in 1910.

John joined the Army in July 1942 and, after serving four years, was discharged in January 1946. He took his basic training at Camrose, Alberta, and his advanced training in Red Deer, Alberta. Upon completion of his training, he was posted to Edmonton, Alberta, where he served until his release.



Pte John Fleese

He joined Norwood Legion #178 in 1966 and has had continuous membership. In 1980, John received a Certificate of Merit for his volunteer work at the Branch.

Pte Mike Fodchuk

M610756

Born on September 16, 1923 at Lac Bellevue, Alberta, Mike is the son of Harry and Antonia (Straty) Fodchuk. His father was born in Kiev, Ukraine and his mother in Canada in the Myrnam, Alberta area.

Mike joined the Army (PPCLI) in December 1942 at Edmonton, Alberta, and received his basic training in Nanaimo, Port Alberni, and Courtney, British Columbia. He underwent a Commando training course in Wainwright, Alberta. In 1944, he spent four months with the RCAF in the Aleutian Islands, Alaska. After three years of service in Canada and U.S.A., he took his discharge in Edmonton in the fall of 1945.

Mike joined the Norwood Legion #178 in 1987 and has continuous membership.



Pte Mike Fodchuk



Cpl. Walter Formaniuk

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M610956

Born on August 16, 1922 in Edmonton, Alberta, Walter is the son of Alex and Nellie (Missa) Formaniuk. His father was born in Kiev, Ukraine and immigrated to Canada in the late 1890's, while his mother was born in Austria and came to Canada in the early 1900's.

Walter joined the Army in February 1943 and then transferred to the Army Pay Corps. Basic and advanced training were received in Victoria, British Columbia. In 1944, Walter was posted to Whitehorse, Yukon, with the Artillery. The Army manned the 40 mm. Anti-Aircraft guns guarding Canada

from the North. The Army also manned the search lights off the coast of Vancouver Island, watching for enemy ships. Walter was discharged from R.C. Army Pay Corps in July 1946, after four years of service.

Joining the Norwood Legion #178 in 1959, Walter has had continuous membership. During this time, Walter has served on the Executive for four years. He was on the Finance Committee and earned the Certificate of Merit for his dedication and service.



WASS1 Mary Fournier

WASS1 Mary Fournier (nee Wowk) W34622

Born on January 22, 1935 at Stry, Alberta, Mary is the daughter of Peter and Mary (Boychuk) Wowk. Her father was born in Redwater, Alberta in 1904, while her mother was born in Galicia, Ukraine in 1907, immigrating to Canada with her parents, John and Malana (Olynyk) Boychuk in 1909. Her paternal grandparents were John and Annie (Sadoway) Wowk, who immigrated from Mostyska, Ukraine in 1901.

Mary joined the R.C.N. at HMCS Nonsuch in Edmonton, Alberta, as an Ordinary Wren in January 1956. Basic training of two months was received at HMCS Cornwallis, Nova Scotia. Her trade training for Administrative Writers was taken at HMCS Hochelaga in Ville La Salle, Quebec, and completed in December 1956. Mary was then posted to HMCS Naden in Victoria, B.C., until her release in February 1958. While in Naden, she performed clerical duties as an Ordinary Wren and, as an Able Wren, manned the Release and Re-engagement Office in a clerical capacity for men and women of the Royal Canadian Navy.

Mary joined the Norwood Legion #178 in 1972 and is presently on the 1990 Executive.



Signalman Paul Friend M100800

Born on July 12, 1923 in Borszczow, Alberta, Paul is the son of Theodore and Tekla (Pochynok) Friend. Tekla was born in the village of Skomoroshe, Ukraine, and Theodore was born in the village of Czarnokonce, Ukraine. They immigrated to Canada in 1902. His paternal grandparents were Klim and Marta Friend, and his maternal grandparents were Wasyl and Maria Pochynok.

Paul enlisted in April 21, 1942 and was discharged on February 5, 1946. His basic training was completed at Camrose, Alberta. From there, he was posted to Vimy Barracks for Signals training, where he qualified as an Operator Wireless and Live. On November 20, 1942 he was posted to #4 Operating Section 2nd Cdn. Corps in Red Hill, England. He underwent extensive training there, and was with the Juno Beach landings in France on the second D Day. There was severe resistance at Caen and the Carpiquet Airport, and many casualties at Caen, but, after the big battle, it was clear sailing until the Nijmegen Salient in Holland. Here, Paul's unit was bogged down for quite a while. Paul ended up in Wilhelmshaven, Germany when the war ended and did some occupational duty until he was repatriated to Edmonton.

Paul earned the 1939-45 Europe Star, Canadian Voluntary Service Medal, and the Defence Medal.

He joined the Holden, Alberta Branch #57 in April 1947, and later transferred to Norwood Legion #178, having continuous membership since.



Signalman Paul Friend



ROYAL CANADIAN CORPS
OF SIGNALS



Sgt. Ivan Volodymyr Furgal

Sgt. Ivan Volodymyr Furgal 221610

Born on April 1, 1930 at Vita, Manitoba, Ivan is the son of Felix and Anna (Podolsky) Furgal. His father immigrated to Canada in 1913 from Postoliwka, Powiat Husiatyn, W. Ukraine. His mother was born in Shewchenko, Manitoba. The name of the village was later changed to Vita. Alex's maternal grandparents were Pylyp and Natalka Podolsky.

Ivan enlisted as a Military Bandsman on January 16, 1954 and stayed in the service for three years until his honourable discharge on January 15, 1957. His band served in Canada and did a Concert Tour of the Canadian Bases in Western Europe. He ended up playing for all three services – Reserve Navy, Reserve Army and Active Service in the Air Force.

In 1986, he joined the Mazeppa Branch #183, and served on their Executive for two years as Secretary. He transferred to Norwood Legion #178 in 1989. Ivan has earned the Past Officer Medal for serving on the Mazeppa Executive.

Pte. George Gordey M612404

Born on December 2, 1924 in Alberta, George is the son of John and Mary (Koshman) Gordey. His parents immigrated to Canada from Rudkuitsi Chernivtsi, Ukraine in 1905.

He enlisted in the R.C. Signals on August 8, 1944, and was discharged on September 22, 1945. George was a Teletype Operator and received his training in Kingston, Ontario.

He joined Norwood Legion #178 in 1963 and has been a member in good standing.



Pte. George Gordey

F/O Isidore Goresky

C13162

Isidore was born on November 25, 1902 in Barbiwtsi, Ukraine, the son of Basil and Victoria (Eustafiewich) Goresky. His father was born in Kostyntsi, Bukovyna, Austria, and his mother was born in Barbiwtsi, Bukovyna, Austria. The family immigrated to Canada in 1905. His maternal grandparents were Ivan and Kateryna Eustafiewich, and his paternal grandfather was Ivan Goruk.



F/O Isidore Goresky

Isidore enlisted in the RCAF on August 7, 1942, and served in the Air Force throughout Canada. He was assigned to Edmonton, which was the initial training school for Air Force personnel, and was of great importance when Canada became the centre for training the Air Force of the whole British Commonwealth. He received an honourable discharge on February 9, 1945.

Isidore earned the following military medals: King George V Jubilee Medal, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal, 1939-45 War Medal, and Canada Confederation 1867-1967.

Isidore joined Norwood Legion #178 in 1946 as a Charter Member and has had continuous membership since. He earned the 1926-1976 Medal, a Legion award, and is a Life Member.



LAC John F. Gulayets R222558

Born on October 4, 1920 on a farm near Angle Lake, Alberta, John is the son of Theodore (Fred) and Maria (Waryk) Gulayec. His father was born in the village of Gremaleka, Brodu, Ukraine, and immigrated to Canada in 1904. His mother, born in Kozivka, Berezani, Ukraine, came to Canada in 1911. Danilo and Anna Gulayec were his paternal grandparents, and his maternal grandparents were Theodore and Tekala Waryk.



LAC John F. Gulayets

John enlisted in the RCAF in October 1941. Called to service in September 1942, he enrolled in aircrew training to become a pilot, and trained in E.T.S. Calgary and Saskatoon. His training class of 54 airmen was suspended and subsequently put on hold, so he volunteered to go overseas and, on July 12, 1943, sailed from Halifax to England. After a short briefing at Redding in England, he was posted to Squadron 420 (Coastal Command), stationed in Ireland (Castle Archdale), where he was commissioned as a Flight Engineer, and flew the Sutherlands (Flying Boats) with a crew of 12. They were on patrol duties in the Atlantic, mostly escorting convoy ships, which were carrying troops and supplies from Canada and the United States. This involved tracking down the German submarines that were lurking in the Atlantic and torpedoing Allied ships in the convoys. With the radar systems they were able to detect the enemy positions and keep them at a safe distance away from the convoys. In June 1945 the Coastal Command was disbanded, so John was transferred to Squadron 427 Bomber Command in Leamington, England. Here they just kept a few Lancaster bombers in full service as stand-by. In October 1945, he was again transferred to Squadron 416 Transport (Liberators). Several of these aircraft were converted for ambulance service and he flew to Italy, picked up injured army personnel from the military hospitals and flew them back to England. In March 1946 he sailed back home on the Empress of Scotland, and was honourably discharged in May 1946 and placed on the RCAF Reserve.

John earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, and the Defence Medal.

Joining the Norwood Legion Branch #178 in September 1946, John has been a continuous member, and has served on the Building and Membership Committees. John earned the Legion Certificate of Merit for his dedication and service to the Branch.



PO Joseph Gurba

PO Joseph Gurba J49380

Joseph was born on November 8, 1922 in Waskatenau, Alberta, the son of Lucas and Pearl (Zarusky) Gurba. Pearl Zarusky arrived in Canada in 1902 from the village of Sosnytsia, Jaroslaw, W. Ukraine; and Lucas Gurba came in 1897 from the village of Skoloshiw, Jaroslaw. His paternal grandparents were Anton and Tekla Gurba and paternal great grandfather was Simeon Gurba. Stefan and Palahia Zarusky were his maternal grandparents.

Joseph enlisted in the RCAF in June 1943, after he received his Teacher's Certificate. For 20 months he received air crew training at Edmonton, High River, Souris (Manitoba), N. Battleford and Portage La Prairie. He graduated as a Navigator and received his Navigator's Wing and Officer's Commission in late 1944. A surplus of aircrew cancelled overseas postings, and Joseph ended up in the RCAF Special Reserve in February 1945.

He earned the following military medals: Canadian Volunteer Service Medal, 1939-45 War Medal, and RCAF Aircrew Reserve Badge.

Mr. Gurba has belonged to several branches of the Legion in Alberta, such as Vegreville and Myrnam, serving on their Executives. He is presently a member of Norwood Legion Branch #178 and has continuous membership.

Pte John Halkow M610156

Born on November 29, 1914 at Wostok, Alberta, John is the son of Harry and Wasylana (Feldechuk) Halkow. John's father, Harry Halkow immigrated to Canada from the Ukraine in 1896, and his mother, Jennie, arrived in Canada in 1904. His father's family were the first to settle in the Wostok district.

John joined the Army on October 22, 1942. He did basic training in the Prince of Wales Armoury in Edmonton, then his advanced training in Red Deer, Alberta. John was posted to Prince George, B.C., where he was attached to 29 General Transport R.C.A.S.C. and was with the unit until the war ended. He was given his honourable discharge on January 29, 1946.



Pte John Halkow

John has been a continuous member of the Norwood Legion Branch #178 since 1971.



LAC Edward P. Hanasyk

LAC Edward P. Hanasyk R178834

Born in Innisfree, Alberta on June 15, 1921, Edward is the son of Dmytro (Dan) and Eva (Kuzio) Hanasyk. His mother was born in Mundare, Alberta, while his father was born in Peremyshl, Ukraine, immigrating to Canada with his parents, Maxsim and Efruzena Hanasyk in 1904. His maternal grandparents were Yurri and Anna Kuzio.

Edward joined the RCAF on August 5, 1942, and took his honourable discharge on October 15, 1945 in Calgary, Alberta.

He took basic training at the Edmonton Manning Depot and, after six weeks, was posted to the #2 Wireless Gunnery School in Calgary. In November 1942 he set sail on SS Queen Elizabeth for England, landing at Greenoch, Scotland. As in war, they encountered U Boats on the Atlantic and witnessed air raids on London. He joined the 430 Squadron at Dunsford, ending up with 127 Wing. The unit landed in France, seeing a great deal of action through Normandy, the Falaise Gap, Belgium, Holland and Nijmegen, and Hamburg, Germany. That is where Edward had the misfortune of breaking his arm while on duty, so he was returned to a hospital in England, and from there to Canada for an honourable discharge.

Edward earned the 1939-45 Star, France and Germany Star, Defence Medal, CVSM with Clasp, and the 1939-45 War Medal.

He joined the Norwood Legion Branch #178 in 1973 and has had continuous membership.

Pte Metro Harasewich M600844

Metro was born on October 31, 1919 in Duvernay, Alberta, the son of Wincenty and Anna (Elkow) Harasewich, who immigrated to Canada in 1916. His father came from Buchach, Ukraine, and his mother from Nazirna, Kolomea, Ukraine.

Metro enlisted on May 20, 1941 in the RCOC and served in Canada until he received his honourable discharge in 1944.

He has been a Legion member since 1946, and transferred to the Norwood Legion Branch #178 in 1976, and has had continuous service.



Pte Metro Harasewich

A/Stoker PO Garfield HardieV31755

Born on March 2, 1919 at Shalka, Alberta, Garfield is the son of Dmytro and Pearl (Matei) Hantiuk, who were both born in Chernavod near the Romanian border, immigrating to Canada in 1902.

Early in 1940, on a very cold morning, Garfield started to walk the ten miles to catch the train for Camrose to report for the draft. It was during his medical that the doctor discovered his frozen toes and he was rejected immediately as unfit for army life. Two years later, when his toes were healed, he enlisted in the RCN in April 1942 at HMCS Nonsuch, where he also received his basic training. He went to HMCS Naden for advanced training: sailing and target practice was received at HMCS Esquimalt and HMCS Comox. Garfield studied diesel and gas engines at HMCS York before going on convoy duty in March of 1943 on the HMCS Fredericton, which lasted for 26 months. Garfield served one month on the British ship HMS Portsmouth. He received practice at fire-fighting and boiler cleaning on board the HMCS Puncher and HMCS Avalon, then spent four months at HMCS Stradcona on a steam and diesel course. Shortly after VE Day he volunteered for duty in the Pacific and he was drafted to HMCS Dunver, anchored near Esquimalt, B.C.

Early in November 1945, Garfield received his honourable discharge and learned from the C.O. at HMCS Nonsuch that he should not have joined the Navy after being rejected by the Army.

Garfield saw duty in Canada, Great Britain, the North Atlantic and the Pacific, and he earned these military medals: 1939-45 War Medal, CVR Medal, Atlantic Star, and 1939-45 Star.

Garfield joined the Montgomery Legion #24 in 1944 and transferred to Norwood Branch #178 in 1976. He has continuous service in the Legion.

At the Norwood Branch, Garfield has served on the Executive for several years in the positions of Bingo Chairman, and Membership Chairman, and also as Assistant Chairman on various committees.



A/Stoker PO Garfield Hardie

Pte Nick R. Harrison

M37987

Nick was born on November 4, 1922 at Two Hills, Alberta. He was the son of Tom and Katrina (Gelech) Harrison, who came to Canada from Ukraine.

Nick enlisted in the Royal Canadian Army (Active) in Calgary, Alberta, on July 23, 1943. Serving across Canada and Newfoundland, he later returned to Calgary for his honourable discharge on March 8, 1946.

Nick earned his Voluntary Service Medal, and the 1939-45 War Medal.

Nick joined Norwood Branch #178 in 1972 and was a member until his death on March 2, 1988.



Pte Nick R. Harrison



Pte Alexander Hawrelak

Pte Alexander Hawrelak **279765**

Alexander was born on January 18, 1901 at Wasel, Alberta. He was the son of John and Anastasia (Megley) Hawrelak, who immigrated to Canada from Rusko-Banyliw Bukovyna, Ukraine (Austria) in 1900. Alexander's grandparents were Nickolai and Irene Hawrelak.

On September 12, 1916, Alexander enlisted with the 218th Overseas Battalion of the Royal Canadian Army – a volunteer in World War I at fifteen years of age. He was sent to W.W.I. Sargee Camp in Calgary for basic training and, on November 27, 1916, Alexander was sent to Edmonton, Alberta, and was given his honourable discharge for reason of being under-age.

Alexander joined Norwood Legion #178 in 1985 and was a member until he passed away on November 14, 1987.



Capt Stephan William Hawrelak

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Born on April 26, 1911, in Wasel, Alberta, Stephan's parents were William (Wasel) and Anastasia (Strynadka) Hawrelak, who both immigrated from the village of Banilla, Bukovina in 1898. His grandparents were Nickolay and Irena Hawrelak.

Stephan enlisted on June 4, 1940, as a Replacement Officer with the Loyal Edmonton Regiment, and soon was posted to England. Early in 1941 he transferred to the Corps of Royal Canadian Engineers, where most of his work dealt with defusing and destroying unstable explosives. In 1942, he was injured in bridge construction in Gibraltar, and was categorized to Class 5 and returned to Canada. In Canada, he qualified as an instructor and trained newly commissioned officers at Chilliwack, B.C. In 1943, he was posted to Calgary, promoted to captain, and continued work on TNT (explosives) with the help of dogs.

Stephan was discharged in September 1945, earning the Voluntary Defence Medal, the Defence of Britain, Victory Medal, and Letter of Commendation from C.M.H.Q. He served in Canada, Britain and Gibraltar.

Stephan joined the Legion in Calgary and transferred to Norwood Branch #178 in 1963.



ROYAL CANADIAN
ENGINEERS



Pte George Hayduk

Pte George Hayduk

K1710

Born on August 25, 1913, at Innisfree, Alberta, George is the son of Stanley and Katherine (Kindrik) Hayduk. His father was born in Kalnykiw, Ukraine and his mother in Mownour, Ukraine. They immigrated to Canada in 1902.

George joined the Army in 1942 in Vancouver and took his basic training in Toronto, after which he was shipped to Aldershot, England. Shortly after D Day, George was sent to Ghent, Belgium, then off to Germany. In 1945, George was wounded in the leg and spent two months in the hospital, and then the war was over, but he was posted to Utrecht, Holland for a short time. George was posted back to Aldershot and, while he was there, he was one of 36 selected out of four thousand to take part in the big parade by Canadians in Holland at the Canadian Cemetery. He received his honourable discharge on September 1946.

George earned the following military medals: 1939-45 Star, France and Germany Star, Defence Medal, and the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp.

George has been a member of Norwood Branch #178 since 1969 and has served six terms on the Executive. He is a born salesman and he is one of our best raffle ticket sellers. George was awarded a Life Membership in 1987.

Gnr John Herchek

M538831

John was born on July 27, 1917 in the Chipman district of Alberta. His parents, Bill and Anastasia (Huley) Herchek, immigrated to Canada from Bukovina (then Austria). His father came in 1901 and his mother in 1899. John and Magdalona Huley were his maternal grandparents.

John enlisted in the Canadian Army on July 14, 1939, taking his basic training in Camrose, Alberta, and from here was posted to Sea Island in Victoria, B.C. He trained as a mechanic and did some guard duty for the Boeing Plant in Seattle, U.S.A. He assembled ammunitions for shipment overseas. John had service in Canada and the United States, and was discharged on May 15, 1944.

He joined the Norwood Branch #178 in September 1985.



Gnr John Herchek

Gnr Alexander Herchuk M610805

Born on April 13, 1922 at Chipman, Alberta, Alexander is the son of William and Nastasia (Huley) Herchuk. His parents immigrated to Canada in 1899 (early Pioneers) from Ukraine.

Alexander enlisted in 1942 and served in the artillery as a gunner. He saw action in England, Belgium and Germany, and took his discharge in 1946.

Alexander joined the Norwood Branch #178 in 1982 and has been a continuous member.



Gnr Alexander Herchuk



F/O Edward Hewko

F/O Edward Hewko J89971

Born on November 7, 1921 in Drumheller, Alberta, Edward is the son of Alex and Maria (Motiuk) Hewko. His parents immigrated to Canada from Biala Chortkiw, Ukraine, his father arriving in 1912 and his mother in 1914.

He enlisted in the RCAF in August 1940 and was discharged in 1945. Edward received his training in the RCAF in many places such as: Brandon and MacDonald, Manitoba; then I.T.S. in Edmonton, Alberta; E.F.T.S. in High River, Alberta; and S.F.T.S. at Claresholm, Alberta, where he graduated and received his pilot's wings. He was then posted to an O.T.U. at Charlottetown, P.E.I., where he graduated as a pilot navigator, then on to the Bahamas to train on Mitchells and Liberators. He was

posted back to Canada to be with the 21st Control with several trips to England and then to North Africa and India, where the 354 Squadron was formed and attached to the R.A.F. Edward completed two tours on 354 Coastal Command, and one tour on #292 Air Sea Rescue. After his discharge, he did some training on the Chipmunk aircraft.

Edward earned the 1939-45 Star, Burma Star, CVSM and Bar, and the Overseas Medal.

He joined the Montgomery Branch #24 and, after two years, transferred to the Norwood Branch #178 in 1957, and has been a continuous member.

AB AA3 John M. Hilash

V89760/ES547

John was born on August 22, 1926 at Fork River, Manitoba, the son of Michael J. and Nellie (nee Mynka) Hilash. His father was born at Borschiw, Ukraine and immigrated with his parents to Canada in 1898. His mother was born in Ethelbert, Manitoba. His paternal grandparents were John M. and Maryna Hilash, and his maternal grandparents were Michael and Pearl Mynka.



AB AA3 John M. Hilash

John joined the Navy in March 1944 at HMCS Chippewa and soon shipped out to sea for duty. He served on the following ships: HMCS Brantford and Battleford, both corvettes; HMCS New Liskeard, minesweeper; HMCS Matane, frigate; HMCS Chamiss Bay, wood hull, mine layer; and HMCS Warrior, aircraft carrier. John saw duty on the high seas of the Atlantic and the Pacific, and in the Carribean.

He earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, Atlantic Star, and the Victory Medal.

John took his discharge from the RCNVR in July 1947, but joined the Naval Reserve at HMCS Chippewa and stayed until 1952, when he then joined the RCMP. John served with the RCMP for 27 years until his release in 1983. With the RCMP he earned the RCMP Service Medal and Silver Clasp (30 years).

In the summer of 1948 he joined Legion Branch #141, Canadian Ukrainian Veterans Branch in Winnipeg, Manitoba, joining the Norwood Branch #178 in 1983.



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Cpl. Nick Holowinko

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Born on June 9, 1921 in Yorkton, Saskatchewan, Nick is the son of Metro Holowinko, who was born in Canada.

He enlisted in the Army on September 16, 1939, and saw service until October 11, 1940. He re-enlisted on September 29, 1941 and was discharged on April 6, 1946. His W.W.II service was in Italy, France and Germany, earning him the following decorations: 1939-45 Star, Italy Star, France and Germany Star, Defence Medal, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, and the 1939-45 War Medal.

On August 8, 1951 he again enlisted in the Canadian Forces to serve in Korea, earning him the Korea Medal and Clasp. After some 20 years with the Canadian Forces, he was honourably released on December 5, 1971.

Legion records show that he was a member in 1939 of the Prince George Branch in B.C. He joined Norwood Branch #178 in 1957.

Sgt. Nestor Holychuk R60917

Born on December 17, 1913 in Edmonton, Alberta, Nestor is the son of Dominica (Andrychuk) and John Holychuk. His mother immigrated to Canada in 1899 from the Ukraine, and his father arrived from the Ukraine in 1902.

Nestor enlisted in the RCAF at Edmonton on July 4, 1940 and received his basic training at Brandon, Manitoba. His advanced training was completed at St. Thomas, Ontario, and he graduated as an Air Frame mechanic. In April 1941, he was transferred to No. 10 Repair Depot at Calgary and, in October 1941, was posted to the 408 Bomber Squadron in Nottingham, England. In December 1944, Nestor was posted back to Edmonton and served on the Northwest Staging Route (Edmonton to Yellowknife, NWT), until he was honourably discharged on October 9, 1945 in Edmonton.

Nestor earned the following military awards: Canadian Volunteer Service Medal, Defence of Britain Medal, and the Canada War Medal.

Nestor has been a member of the Norwood Branch #178 since 1946. He is a Charter Member and a Life Member. Nestor served on the Executive as Sergeant At Arms and Vice President in the early years. In 1976, he was awarded the Golden Anniversary Medal.



Sgt. Nestor Holychuk



AC 1 John Hrushka

AC1 John Hrushka R120558

John was born on November 18, 1918 at Arran, Saskatchewan. He is the son of William and Theodora (Babiuk) Hrushka, who immigrated to Canada from Borshchiw and Zaliznychne in 1903.

John enlisted in the RCAF at Regina, Saskatchewan in 1941 and served in Canada for two years, stationed at Edmonton Manning Depot; in St. Thomas, Ontario; Rivers, Manitoba; and at Dafoe, Saskatchewan. In 1942 he was honourably discharged from the service due to medical reasons.

John earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and the 1939-45 War Medal.

John joined the Royal Canadian Legion Mont-gomery Branch #24 in 1943, but his employment transferred him to Morinville, Alberta. He was instrumental in forming the Morinville Legion Branch #176 in February of 1946 and was one of

their Charter Members. John served as President of that Branch in 1950 and 1951. He transferred to the Norwood Branch #178 in 1961 and has been a continuous member since.

LAC Michael Hrychyk R187011

Born on July 17, 1923 in the city of Edmonton, Michael is the son of Wasyl and Maria (Kapyt) Hrychyk, who were both born in the village of Ilintze, Sniatyn, Austria, immigrating to Canada in 1911. His maternal grandmother's name was Boychuk.

Michael enlisted in the RCAF on June 30, 1942, and served mostly in Canada. His training was as a Wireless Operator and in Bomb Armament. He served as Bombing Teacher/Instructor at MacLeod, Alberta in 1943, 44 and 45. He was assigned to No. 4 Bomber Squadron at Ucluelet and Tofino, B.C. He was demobilized on September 30, 1945. On July 3, 1946, he re-enlisted in the RCAF at the Winter Experimental Stn. in Edmonton, and was discharged on May 10, 1948 due to his health. He earned the CVSM and the 1939-45 War Medal.

Michael joined Montgomery Branch #24 in 1946 and was a member until 1948. He later joined the Norwood Branch #178 in 1958, and has had continuous membership to this day.



LAC Michael Hrychyk

F/L Emil Hryciw

J26142

Born on May 7, 1922 in Ruzdwiary, Poland, Emil is the son of Andrew and Rose (Senuk) Hryciw. His father immigrated to Canada in 1926, and then he sponsored his wife and Emil, who arrived in Canada in 1929.

Emil enlisted in the RCAF in February 1942 in Ottawa, Ontario, and did his basic training in Toronto. He spent time training in Aylmer, Belleville, and Camp Borden, Ontario. In April 1943, Emil received his 'Wings' and obtained the rank of Pilot Officer. In June 1943, he left Canada for Bournemouth via Liverpool, spending three months training in Peterborough. Emil moved on to Montrose, Scotland, and then Andreas on the Isle of Man, and was there until March of 1945. On VE Day he was in Chilbolton and soon after he sailed to Halifax, receiving his honourable discharge at Calgary in October of 1945.

Emil earned the Canadian Volunteer Medal and Clasp, plus the Defence and War Medals.

He joined the Montgomery Branch in 1948, but let his membership lapse. He joined the Norwood Branch #178 in November 1984 and has had continuous membership.



F/L Emil Hryciw



Rifleman Walter Hunka

Rifleman Walter Hunka M609197

Walter was born on August 12, 1924 in the district of Kahwin, Alberta. He is the son of Elia and Kathren Hunka, who arrived in Canada in 1896 and 1907, respectively.

Walter enlisted in the Canadian Army in 1940 and he was with the Regina Rifles. As a Rifleman, he saw duty and action in Canada, the United Kingdom and in continental Europe.

Walter was honourably discharged in 1946.

He has been a member of Norwood Branch #178 since 1959.

Sgt John Isaenko

R260897

John was born on January 26, 1924 in Lwjeni, Romania. He is the son of Peter and Mary (Orleski) Isaenko. His parents immigrated to Canada from Romania arriving on March 8, 1931.

He enlisted in the RCAF and the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan, graduating as a Sgt. Pilot. He was honourably discharged just before VE Day on May 4, 1945.

He joined Montgomery Branch #24 in 1946 and transferred to Norwood Branch #178 in 1966, where he has been a member in good standing since.



Sgt John Isaenko



Cpl Ores Jacknisky

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M609238

Ores was born on September 14, 1918, in Edmonton, Alberta. He was the son of Joseph and Kate (Florkewich) Jacknisky, who immigrated to Canada on February 11, 1890, from Austria.

Ores enlisted with the Canadian Army on December 7, 1943, at the Prince of Wales Armouries in Edmonton. He took his basic training in Calgary, and went overseas with the Seaforth Highlanders. He served in England, Belgium, Holland, Germany and France.

Ores stayed in contact with the Canadian Legion while in England, returning home and receiving his honourable discharge on July 12, 1946.

Ores earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal, the 1939-45 War Medal, and the France and Germany Star.

He joined the Montgomery Legion #24 in 1946, transferred to Norwood Branch #178 in 1954, and was a member until he passed away on February 1, 1985.



Sgt Mary Kaminsky

Sgt Mary Kaminsky WM596323

Born on May 10, 1933 in Vilna, Alberta, Mary is the daughter of Nick and Lena Jenny (Hauca) Zacharuk. Her father was born in Mundare, Alberta, and her mother in Bukovina, Romania. Her grandfathers were Fred Zacharuk and Vasili Hauca.

She enlisted in the Militia in 1954 in Edmonton, taking courses in mechanics in which she attained Group I and Group II standing. She took the Jr. NCO course in Edmonton and Vernon, and Sr. NCO course at Camp Wainwright, Alberta.

Mary was discharged from Armed Services in 1961, earning no military medals.

Norwood Legion #178 records show that she has been a Legion member since 1976.

Pte Peter Kashman M35562

Born on June 18, 1916 in Romania, Peter is the son of Nellie (Cherny) and John Kashman, who immigrated to Canada in 1923 from the Ukraine.

Peter joined the Calgary Highlanders in Calgary on June 2, 1940, and soon after was posted overseas with the Regiment, which became a part of the 2nd Canadian Division. After the raid on Dieppe, Peter was transferred to the 48th Highlanders of Toronto and, as a member of the 1st Brigade of the 1st Canadian Division, took part in the invasion of Sicily and Italy. Peter remained with the Regiment when it moved into the fighting front in Northwest Europe and Germany. Upon repatriation to Canada, Peter was honourably discharged in Calgary, Alberta on October 21, 1945.

Peter earned the Canadian Volunteer Medal with Clasp, 1939-45 Star, Italy Star, France-Germany Star, Defence of Britain Medal, and the Canadian War Medal.

Peter has been a member of Norwood Branch #178 since 1972.



Pte Peter Kashman



Pte Stephen Kashton

Pte Stephen Kashton H6867

Stephen was born in Rossburn, Manitoba on January 7, 1919. His parents, Nicolas and Rose Kashton arrived in Canada in 1899.

He joined the Army in 1940 in Winnipeg, Manitoba, where he took his basic training, then his advance training in Sherbrooke, Quebec.

In June 1940, Stephen sailed to Jamaica, where he guarded prisoners of war at Kingston, Jamaica until September of 1941. He sailed back to Canada and received one week's leave before being called back to barracks, where he was issued with tropical clothing. He then boarded a train for Vancouver, B.C. and, on arrival, was transferred to a ship which took three weeks to reach Hong Kong, arriving on November 16, 1941. After a week in Sham Shui Po, the Company moved back to Hong Kong to dig trenches and build fortifications.

On December 8, 1941, they were bombarded by the Japanese planes. Stephen shot down a Japanese amphibious plane with a machine gun using 54 rounds of ammunition – for which he was reprimanded (as they were short of ammunition).

He fought on Mount Nicholson and Mount Cameron for four days without food or water, before being ordered to retreat to Wan Chui Gap to another defence line to bring up some ammunition. While Stephen was carrying ammunition on his back, he was hit on the head by gun fire. This happened on Christmas Day, 1941, and from then on, he doesn't remember a thing till January 7, 1942.

He was told that he was brought in with all the casualties and placed on a loading platform (they took the ones they could save first). After 3 days a nurse heard his weak voice asking for water. She brought him into the hospital, but it was full, so she put him in the corridor and nursed him back to health. He was then sent to Sham Shui Po, a prisoner of war camp, where he had to work 7 days a week as a forced labourer, digging tunnels and building their "Kaitak Airport". Life in the P.O.W. Camp was "hell on earth", lasting for three years and eight months for Stephen.

British planes flew overhead and dropped leaflets on August 14, 1945, telling them "the war was over" – happy day!

From 1941 - 1945, his family in Canada had not heard from him, not knowing whether he was alive or dead, but never giving up hope. A card Stephen had sent home from the P.O.W. Camp in Hong Kong arrived in Canada after Stephen himself.

Stephen served in Canada, Jamaica and Hong Kong. His medals include the 1939-45 Star, Pacific Star, Defence of Britain Medal, 1939-45 Volunteer Service, and the George VI G. Br. OMN Medal (Great Britain).

Stephen joined the St. James Legion Branch in Winnipeg, Manitoba, in February 1946, transferring to Montgomery, and then to Norwood Branch #178 in 1958. He served as Vice President and for 16 years on the Executive, with 14 years as Sgt.-At-Arms. He holds Life Membership, a Certificate of Merit, Diamond Jubilee Medal, and 50th Anniversary Medal.

Sgt Joseph Peter Kay M447829

Joe was born on December 11, 1917, in Edmonton, Alberta. He was the son of Peter and Mary (Banash) Ziniewich Krushelnicki. Peter was from Kurdwanuwka Buchach, Poland, and Mary came from Russia. They immigrated to Canada in August 1911. Joe's grandparents' were Joseph Ziniewich Krushelnicki and Anna Drohomirzecka.

Joe enlisted with the non-permanent Active Militia in Edmonton, on October 9, 1940, serving with the 2nd Battalion Edmonton Fusiliers RCA. He took his basic training at Camrose, Alberta. Joe served on Bond Drives in Canada and also as a guard at Seebe (Kananaskis) over Officer prisoners of war.

Joe received his honourable discharge on October 23, 1941, for medical reasons.

He joined Norwood Legion #178 in 1962. He served on the Executive committee in 1966 and 1967, and was a member until he passed away on March 21, 1983.



Sgt Joseph Peter Kay



L/Cpl Harry Klimchuk

L/Cpl Harry Klimchuk M538684

Born on February 7, 1918, on a farm near Stry, Alberta, Harry is the son of Steve and Nellie (nee Boyko) Klimchuk, whose parents came to Canada in 1908 from the Western Ukraine. His paternal grandparents were Louis and Nellie (Kusyjik) Klimchuk, and his maternal grandparents were Sylvester and Lucy Boyko.

Harry joined the Army in Camrose, Alberta, on January 7, 1940, for his basic training and was posted to Valcartier, Quebec, where he completed his advance training. Harry saw extensive service at Army camps in British Columbia, namely: Terrace, Port Alberni, Courtney and Nanaimo. In September 1944, Harry was posted to Peterborough, Ontario, where he graduated from the Army Drivers School, received his standing orders, and was subsequently posted to Aldershot, England, ultimately arriving in France. He was engaged in active service in Belgium, Holland and Germany. Harry was repatriated to Canada and was honourably discharged in Calgary, Alberta on March 19, 1946.

Harry earned the France-Germany Star and the Canada War Medal.

He joined the Norwood Legion Branch #178 in 1958 and served on the Executive for 11 years with the Ways and Means Committee.

Pte Louis Klimchuk

M601263

Louis, brother to Harry, was born on January 21, 1920, at Stry, Alberta. He was the son of Steve and Nellie (Boyko) Klimchuk, who immigrated to Canada from Western Ukraine in 1908. His paternal grandparents were Louis and Nellie (Kusyjik) Klimchuk, and his maternal grandparents were Sylvester and Lucy Boyko.

Louis enlisted with the Canadian Army at Camrose, Alberta on July 31, 1941. In the R.C.A.S.C., he took his basic training at Dundurn, Saskatchewan, and served in Canada and Newfoundland as a cook. He returned home and was given his honourable discharge on November 15, 1946.

Louis earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, and the 1939-45 War Medal.

Louis joined Norwood Legion Branch #178 in 1959 and was a member until his death on October 26, 1986.



Pte Louis Klimchuk



P/O A. Larry Kliparchuk

P/O A. Larry Kliparchuk J15189

Born on January 18, 1932, in Mundare, Alberta, Larry is the son of John and Anne (nee Makal) Kliparchuk. Anne was born in Hilliard, Alberta, while John came to Canada in 1910 from the Western Ukraine.

Larry joined the RCAF in Vancouver, B.C., as an Aircraftsman in December 1949. He took his basic training in Alymer, Ontario and, through interim postings, saw duty in Clinton and Trenton, Ontario, and Rivers, Manitoba. In February 1951, Larry re-mustered to Aircrew in London, Ontario, and graduated as a Pilot Officer, taking subsequent postings to Claresholm, Alberta, and Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

Larry was honourably discharged in June 1953, and has been a member of Norwood Legion Branch #178 since 1979.



Pte Peter Kliparchuk

Pte Peter Kliparchuk M612407

Born on August 23, 1923 in Mundare, Alberta, Peter is the son of John and Anne (nee Makal) Kliparchuk, and brother of Larry. John immigrated to Canada in 1910 from the Western Ukraine, and Anne was born in Hilliard, Alberta.

Peter entered the Army on August 9, 1944, in Calgary, Alberta, and took his basic training in Kingston, Ontario. In November 1944, he was posted to London, Ontario, for further training in the Royal Canadian Ordinance Corps. In May 1945, Peter was posted to A-16 Currie Barracks, Calgary, Alberta, and was honourably discharged on May 22, 1946.

Peter has been a member of Norwood Legion Branch #178 since 1968.

Pte Michael Kobewka M63232

Michael was born on May 9, 1920 at Ellerslie, Alberta, the son of Annie (Klymochko from Leduc, Alberta) and Steve Kobewka, who came to Canada in 1910 from Sniatyn, Ukraine.

Michael joined the Army at the Prince of Wales Armouries in Edmonton, Alberta on January 24, 1941, and was posted to a detachment of the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps in Camp Borden, Ontario. In June 1941, Michael disembarked at Greenock, Scotland, and was posted to Salisbury Plains, which remained his home base until he embarked for the invasion of Sicily on July 10, 1943. Attached to the Canadian 1st Armour Brigade, Michael served through Sicily and Italy, then landed in Marseilles, France, from where his unit continued its service in Belgium, Holland and Germany. Michael was honourably discharged in Alberta on December 13, 1945.

Michael earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, 1939-45 Star, France-Germany Star, Italy Star, Defence of Britain Medal, and the Canada War Medal.

Michael has been a Legion member since 1945. He served as Service Officer for 13 years at R.C.L. Branch #59 in Stettler, Alberta, and has been a member of Norwood Legion Branch #178 since 1985.



Pte Michael Kobewka



C.F.N. William Kochanuk

C.F.N. William Kochanuk M31302

Born on December 7, 1921, at Smoky Lake, Alberta, William was the son of Veronica and Harry Kochanuk, who came to Canada from Chernivtsi, Ukraine, in 1913.

William joined the 1st Battalion Edmonton Fusiliers at the Prince of Wales Armouries in Edmonton, Alberta, in August 1940, where he completed his basic training. The Battalion was then moved to Calgary for advanced training. After three months of training, William was posted to Nanaimo, B.C., then to New Westminster and, finally to Prince Rupert, B.C. In 1942 the Fusiliers were disbanded and William was posted to Halifax and embarked to destination Aldershot, England. In Aldershot, William transferred to the R.C.E.M.E. and trained as an Armourer. Consequently, while in action in Northwest Europe, he kept the small arms and machine guns in working order for his comrades in the field of battle. William returned to Alberta after the war and received his honourable discharge in November 1945.

William earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal, 1939-45 Star, Defence of Britain Medal, France-Germany Star, and the Canada War Medal.

William joined the Norwood Legion Branch #178 in 1958 and served on the Executive in 1966, working with the Ways and Means Committee on many occasions. He was a member until his death on July 13, 1989.



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R.C.E.M.E.

F/O William Kondra, D.F.M. J90036

Born on January 14, 1922, in Prud'homme, Saskatchewan, William is the son of Semko and Maria (Zamosny) Kondra, who came to Canada in 1903 from the Western Ukraine.

William entered the Royal Canadian Airforce on October 23, 1941. In November 1942, he graduated from Airgunner and Bombaimer School in Winnipeg, Manitoba. In August 1943, William was posted to Lancaster Squadron at Grimsby, England, and from this base, William and his crew members completed thirty bombing missions over Europe and Germany. This exercise earned William the Distinguished Flying Medal and, in January 1944, he was assigned the task of training new crew members in the Squadron. William was repatriated to Canada and was honourably discharged on September 28, 1945. In 1947, William re-enlisted in the Airforce and served as an Aero-Engine Technician and later as a Flight Engineer. He retired in 1971.

William earned the Distinguished Flying Medal, 1939-45 Star, Aircrew Europe Star, Defence of Britain Medal, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal, Canada War Medal, and the Canadian Forces Decoration.

William joined the Legion in 1972 and has been a member of Norwood Legion Branch #178 since 1984.



F/O William Kondra, D.F.M.



THE LANCASTER

A/B Alexander Korol

V85893

Alex was born on August 6, 1925 at Lemberg, Poland (L'viv, Ukraine), the son of Gregorius and Anna (Berenska) Korol, who were both born in L'viv, Ukraine, and immigrated to Canada in 1927.

At the age of 18 in 1943, Alex attempted to join the RCAF as a Pilot, but none were needed at the time. He was asked to take one of the other flying trades, but he refused. Alex enlisted in the RCN in the fall of 1943 at HMCS Nonsuch, but he had to wait for the call of 'active duty'. That day was May 8, 1944, and soon after he was drafted to HMCS

Cornwallis, N.S. for training. Alex enjoyed navy life and was drafted from ship to ship during the next two years, serving on the following ships: HMCS Perrigrin, Halifax, N.S.; HMCS Niobi, sailing to HMCS Naden at Victoria, B.C.; drafted to HMCS Fyfer, an auxiliary ship; boarded the HMCS Humberstone, a Castle Class corvette; then to HMCS Levelee, a mine sweeper. He volunteered for Pacific duty after VE Day but, while on leave, the war was over.

Alex was demobilized on February 9, 1946. Military medals earned were: Canadian Volunteer Service Medal, 1939-45 Star, and the 1939-45 Defence Medal.

Alex was a member of Norwood Legion Branch #178 in 1956 and 1957, and re-joined again in 1972. He has been a continuous member since, holding the Executive Offices of President and 1st Vice President.



A/B Alexander Korol



Cpl John Kosincki

Cpl John Kosincki

0-1756

Born on July 15, 1916 in the town of Bierishna, Rohchyn, Poland, John is the son of Anna and Steve Kosincki.

From 1938 to 1939, John served with the Polish Army, then with the 51st Infantry Brigade in the Ukraine Division (Army).

John came to Canada in 1947 and joined the Norwood Legion Branch #178 on February 10, 1971.

Sgt William Kostenuk

M362

Bill was born on February 15, 1915, on a home-stead in Saskatchewan near Yorkton. His parents were Steve and Sabina (Marchak) Kostenyk. They came to Saskatchewan from the Ukraine in 1905 and 1909.

Bill joined the Army in Edmonton on December 17, 1940. Basic training was received in Winnipeg, Fort Garry and Shilo, Manitoba. On July 1, 1941, he landed in Greenock, Scotland. In September 1941, the 7th Anti-Tank Regiment was formed in Colchester, England, and during the next two years, the Regiment was stationed near and around Leatherhead, Guildford, and Haywards Heath.

In October 1943, the Regiment was sent to Algiers in North Africa, with fifteen days on the Troopship Scythia, many of them sea-sick every day. Next came Sicily and Ortona. They continued on through Monte Cassino, the Gustav and Hitler lines. Their last action in Italy was on the Senio River in January 1945.

February 1945, the Regiment left Italy and landed in Marseilles, France. In Holland, they became Infantry and had to take their share of night patrols. For several weeks they sat across the Lower Rhine River from Arnhem, which had not been liberated as yet, and watched the Germans, as they reciprocated. They almost became "good neighbours! They didn't bother us and we sure didn't bother them. We had one more chore for patrolling another section" Then came the announcement – "the war is over". Bill was discharged in March 1946.

Decorations earned were the 1939-45 Star, Italy Star, France-Germany Star, Defence Medal and the C.V.S.M.

Bill joined the Norwood Legion Branch #178 in 1968. After his retirement in 1980, he became active with the Norwood Legion Seniors, and was awarded the Legion Certificate of Merit.



Sgt William Kostenuk

Pte John Kostyshyn

M16225

John was born on January 21, 1919, at Leeshore, Alberta. He was the son of Wasyl and Annie Kostyshyn, who immigrated to Canada in 1902 from the Ukraine.

John enlisted with the Royal Canadian Army in September 1939 at St. Paul, Alberta. He started his basic training in Edmonton, Alberta, and completed it at Farnborough, England. Serving in Canada, England, Italy and Sicily with the Loyal Edmonton Regiment, John returned to Calgary for his honourable discharge in May 1945.

John earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, the 1939-45 War Medal, Defence Medal, Italy Star, and the Oak Leaf Emblem.

John joined the Norwood Legion #178 in 1958 and was a member until his death on October 5, 1982.



Pte John Kostyshyn



Pte Steve Kotowich

Pte Steve Kotowich

M103978

Born on August 16, 1908 in Western Ukraine, Steve is the son of Paul and Sophie (Torubka) Kotowich. The family came to Canada in 1925.

Steve joined the Army on September 16, 1942, serving in the R.C.E. in Canada, and was discharged on September 19, 1944.

He earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal.

Steve joined the Norwood Legion #178 in September 1964, and has been a member in good standing since joining.



Trooper Edward Kozak

Trooper Edward Kozak K389

Edward was born on November 24, 1916 in Prince Rupert, B.C. He was the son of Nick and Pauline (Malko) Kozak. His father was from Tremboli, Ukraine, and his mother from Borschiw Chortkova, Ukraine. They immigrated to Canada in 1908.

- Edward enlisted with the Canadian Army (Active) on September 29, 1943. He served in Canada until he received his honourable discharge on September 15, 1945. Edward has earned his Canadian Volunteer Service Medal, and the 1939-45 War Medal.

In 1962 Edward joined the Norwood Legion #178. He served on the Executive in 1974, 1976, and 1977, served as Entertainment Chairman, and received the Certificate of Merit for Past Services to Norwood Legion. He was an active member until his death on January 21, 1988.

Sgt Muzz Kozak SM38893

Muzz was born on May 23, 1924 in Edmonton, Alberta. He is the son of Nick and Vera (Vicsescus) Kozak who came to Canada from Austria in 1910.

Muzz enlisted in the Army at the Prince of Wales Armouries in Edmonton, on October 22, 1943. He took his basic training at C.I.(B.) T.C. In Wetaskiwin, Alberta, and his advance training at A-16 Currie Barracks in Calgary, Alberta. On completion of his advance training, Muzz graduated from the N.C.O. School and was posted to the School of Infantry in Long Branch, Ontario. Muzz graduated as a Qualified Instructor in Drill and Duties, Small Arms, Chemical Warfare, Map Reading, Three Inch and 4.2 Mortars, and Theories in Exercises at Platoon, Company and Battalion scale. He was reposted to A-16 Currie Barracks and assigned to the Instruction Cadre. In August 1945, Muzz joined the 2nd Battalion of the Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry in Shilo, Manitoba, and returned to Calgary with the Regiment in May 1946. He was honourably discharged on October 22, 1946.

Muzz earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal, and the Canada War Medal.

He joined the Legion in 1961 and has been a member of Norwood Branch since 1965. He has served on the Executive for three years and has received a Certificate of Merit and the 60th Anniversary Medal.



Sgt Muzz Kozak



Pte John Kozakewich

Pte John Kozakewich B37962

John was born on June 26, 1914 at Shemo, Saskatchewan. His parents had immigrated to Canada from Ukraine.

On July 2, 1940, John enlisted with the Royal Canadian Army. After serving in Canada, Great Britain and France, he was in Dieppe, where he was wounded and taken a prisoner of war for about nine months. When he was liberated, he returned home and was given an honourable discharge on July 12, 1945.

John received the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with Clasp, 1939-45 War Medal, Defence Medal, and the 1939-45 Star.

John joined the Yorkton Legion in 1948, transferred to Montgomery Legion #24 in 1950 and, in 1977, transferred to Norwood Legion #178 and was a member until his death on June 27, 1982.

LAC Orest M. Kozey R254377

Born on October 8, 1924, in Goodeve, Saskatchewan, Orest was the son of John and Anna (Harasymnuik) Kozey, who immigrated to Canada in 1912.

Orest enlisted in the RCAF on July 9, 1943. He served in Britain, Belgium, France, and Germany. On VE Day he was with the 437th Squadron in Zaventem, Belgium, and went to London on many occasions.

He was repatriated to Canada on July 1946, sailing on the Cunard White Star M.V. Georgic, – a ship which, at one time, British troops refused to sail on from India to England. On return to Canada, he continued post-war service at Fort Nelson, Beaton River, and Fort St. John in B.C. – all points on the North West Staging Route. He was discharged on February 3, 1950.

Orest earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, Defence Medal, 1939-45 Medal, and France-Germany Star.

He joined the Legion Branch in Fort St. John, B.C. and transferred to Norwood Branch #178 in 1973. He was a member until his death on December 23, 1990.



LAC Orest M. Kozey

Flt Sgt Peter Koziak R171693

Born on March 29, 1917, at Leeshore, Alberta, Peter is the son of Paul, who came to Canada from the Ukraine in 1907, and Pearl (Kutt), who came to Canada with her parents as a two-year-old child in 1898.

Peter enlisted in the RCAF in July 1942, and received his basic training in Toronto Manning Depot. He served two years at #8 Bombing and Gunnery School in Lethbridge, Alberta, progressing to Instructor as Bomb and Gun Armourer. In 1944, he was posted overseas to #6 Group RCAF Bomber Command at Thirsk, Yorkshire, arming Lancasters. Immediately on cessation of hostilities, he was engaged in the disposal of surplus bombs until his discharge in February 1946.

Peter has earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with Clasp, 1939-45 War Medal, and the United Kingdom Defence Medal.

He joined Legion Branch #24 in 1950 and transferred to Norwood Legion #178 in 1971, where he has been a continuous member since.



Flt Sgt Peter Koziak



Pte William Krawchuk

Pte William Krawchuk M107365

William was born on September 6, 1923, at Andrew, Alberta, the son of George and Vera (Klompas) Krawchuk, who immigrated to Canada from Ukraine. George came in 1901 and Vera in 1913.

William enlisted with the Canadian Army in March 12, 1943, at the Edmonton Wing 13. He trained and served in Canada with the infantry and his unit was scheduled for Normandy when the war ended. They were demobilized, and William returned home to receive his honourable discharge on April 18, 1946.

He earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, and the 1939-45 War Medal.

William joined Norwood Legion #178 in 1960 and was a member until he passed away on October 27, 1981.

Trooper Henry Kraychy

Born on December 31, 1912, in Redwater, Alberta, Henry is the son of Joe and Katerine (Bigoray) Kraychy. His parents immigrated to Canada from Chorkec, Sniatyn, Austria in 1903.

Henry enlisted in the Armoured Corps as a Trooper and served in the United Kingdom and in Continental Europe.

He has been a member of Norwood Legion #178 since 1967.

Flt Sgt Harry Krokosh R130755

Born on May 19, 1918, in Stry., Alberta, Harry is the son of Tom and Tekla (Hnatiw) Krokosh. Tom came to Canada in 1909 and Tekla in 1913, both from Yastrobich, Halychyna. Harry's grandparents were Hnat and Tekla Krokosh.

Harry enlisted in the RCAF on October 3, 1941. He graduated as a Navigator in the fall of 1942, and was posted, in December 1942, to an advanced flying unit in Dumfries, Scotland. In March 1943, he was posted to an operational training unit at Atherstone near Stratford-on-Avon. He returned to Canada in August 1943, to take a course in celestial navigation at an RCAF Station near Goderich, Ontario. In January 1944, he was posted to No. 2 Air Observers School in Edmonton as a Link Trainer Instructor in celestial navigation and, in July of the same year, he was posted on to No. 7 A.O.S. in Portage La Prairie, Manitoba, in the same capacity. He remained there until his discharge in October 1945.

Harry earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, 1939-45 War Service Medal, and the Canada Defense Medal.

He joined the Montgomery Branch in 1946 and transferred to Norwood Legion #178 in 1983. He has been a continuous member.



Flt Sgt Harry Krokosh



Pte Terry Kruhlak

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M612895

Terry was born on April 26, 1926, in Denysiwi, Ukraine, and came to Canada with his parents, Mike and Katherine, in 1927.

- Terry enlisted in the Canadian Army in 1944 and was in his sixth month of training when the war ended.

He has been a member of Norwood Legion #178 since 1961.

LAC John Kuchar

R200633

Born on April 17, 1924, in Edmonton, Alberta, John is the son of Peter and Anna (Kostyk) Kuchar. His father immigrated to Canada in 1910 and his mother in 1923, both from Starawa, Staraczia, Ukraine. His paternal grandparents were Michael and Anna (Hoyda) Kuchar, and maternal grandparents were John and Pearl (Pich) Kostyk.

John enlisted in the RCAF as ground crew on June 30, 1943, at Manning Depot in Edmonton, Alberta. He took his basic training in Edmonton and was posted to Calgary for some of his advanced training as an Aero Engine Mechanic, completing his training in St. Thomas, Ontario. John had postings to: North Battleford, Saskatchewan; Paulson, Manitoba; Medicine Hat, Alberta; and then back to Calgary, Alberta, where he received his honourable discharge in August 1946.

John earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, and the 1939-45 War Medal.

John joined Norwood Branch #178 in September 1947 and served on the Executive from 1951 to 1957 as Legion News Reporter, Entertainment Chairman, Sports Chairman and, in 1958, as Secretary. John has received the Certificate of Merit and is an active Life Member.



LAC John Kuchar



Pte John Kuchera

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M601690

Born on May 6, 1920, in Chipman, Alberta, John is the son of Harry and Mary (Prokopchuk) Kuchera. Harry immigrated to Canada in 1898, while Mary was born in Lamont, Alberta, in 1900. Paternal grandparents are Theodore and Anna Kuchera, with Harry and Ksnia Prokopchuk on the maternal side.

John enlisted in the Army on October 2, 1941, receiving training in Camrose, Alberta, for two months; Brandon, Manitoba, for three months; and in Nanaimo, B.C., for five months. In July 1942, John's father had a farm accident and was injured; since John was the eldest in the family, he was

allowed to work the farm. He was discharged on September 22, 1945.

John joined the Legion Branch in Mannville, Alberta, in 1966 and transferred to Norwood Branch #178 in 1988.

Pte Steve Kuchka

M67561

Steve was born in Wielkoryta Brzesc, Poland, on September 20, 1925. He was the son of Andrew and Prakseda (Chomiczuk) Kuchka. Steve's father served in the Polish Army, but in April 1938, the family immigrated to Canada. When he was just thirteen years old, Steve left his grandfather Kuzma Kuczko in Poland.

On December 2, 1941, Steve enlisted with the Royal Canadian Army Scottish Regiment at the young age of sixteen. His Army days were short-lived when the truth became known, and he was sent to Calgary for his honourable discharge on October 9, 1942. However, he received his Canadian Volunteer Service Medal, and the 1939-45 War Medal. Steve was determined to defend his country and joined the Reserve Army at Lloydminster, Saskatchewan, in 1950. He was promoted to Sergeant, but left the Canadian Reserve Army in 1955.

In 1959 he joined Norwood Legion #178, where he was a very active member, serving on the Men's Executive in 1961, 1962, and 1964, and on the Entertainment Committee. He was Sgt.-At-Arms in 1965 and would carry colours at Colour Party functions. He was also a very active member in Curling, etc., until he passed away on November 19, 1968, at the early age of forty three.



Pte Steve Kuchka

LAC Walter Kulchisky R260692

Born on April 14, 1914 in Smoky Lake, Alberta, Walter is the son of early immigrants, Onufrey and Tatianna (Halas) Kulchisky, who came to Canada as single persons from Selo Sosnycia, Powit Yaroslaw near Peremyczl in 1898 and were married in Edmonton in St. Joachim Church in 1899.

Walter enlisted in the RCAF in 1943 and took basic training in the Manning Depot, Toronto, with an advanced course in Aircraft Maintenance at a technical school in St. Thomas, Ontario. On completion of his training, he was posted as Ground Crew personnel to Uclulet, B.C.

Walter joined the Montgomery Branch #24 in 1948 and transferred to Norwood Branch #178 in 1953. He has been a continuous member, has served one term on the Executive, and was awarded a Certificate of Merit.



LAC Walter Kulchisky



Pte John Kurceba

Pte John Kurceba M1790

John was born on November 29, 1925, in Vegreville, Alberta, the son of Filip and Barbara (Stefanic) Kurceba, who immigrated to Canada from Europe in 1901 and 1908, respectively.

John enlisted in the Canadian Army on May 31, 1944, and served in England, Holland and Germany.

He earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, 1939-45 Star, France and Germany Star, and the Canada Defense Medal.

He joined the Norwood Branch #178 in 1975.

Cpl Eugene Kutney

R252737

Eugene was born in Skaro, Alberta, on May 13, 1921, the son of pioneers, Andrew and Ksenia Kutney, who came to Canada in 1902. Prior to enlisting, Eugene served 18 months as a member of the Pacific Coast Militia Rangers as a civilian guide to #3 Light Ack Ack Company at Tofino, B.C.

He enlisted in the RCAF in April 1943 in Vancouver, B.C., and received basic training at the Manning Depot in Edmonton, Alberta, then was posted back to the West Coast to a Works and Building unit as a Heavy Equipment Operator. He served throughout the West Coast, including #3 Repair Depot and was discharged in July 1946.

Eugene earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and the Canada Defense Medal.

He joined the Norwood Branch #178 in 1964, serving on the Executive from 1971 to 1973, and is a continuous member.



Cpl Eugene Kutney



S/L Michael Kutyn, D.F.C.

S/L Michael Kutyn, D.F.C. J98304

Michael was born on April 4, 1922, in Mundare, Alberta, the son of Nicholas and Julia (Hewko) Kutyn. His mother was also born in Mundare, and his father was born in Biala, Galicia, and came to Canada in 1911.

Michael enlisted in the RCAF on June 30, 1941, and served in Canada, the United Kingdom, and India. He earned Air Observers Wings, Operational Wings, the Distinguished Flying Cross, 1939-45 Star, France and Germany Star, 1939-45 Defense Medal, 1939-45 Canadian Volunteer Medal and Clasp, India Star, and the Canada Service Medal.

He was discharged on March 23, 1945, and served in the #418 Reserve Squadron from 1949 to 1968 in the capacity of Navigation Leader, Operational Training Officer and Adjutant.

He joined the Montgomery Branch #24 in 1945, and subsequently joined Norwood Branch #178 in 1979. He has been a continuous member.



Cpl Marshall Kuzyk

Cpl Marshall Kuzyk M102495

Born in Holden, Alberta, on February 2, 1921, Marshall is the son of John J. and Pauline (Bartman) Kuzyk, who came to Canada from Borschiw, Ukraine in 1914 and 1916, respectively. His grandparents were Jacob and Maria Kuzyk.

- Marshall enlisted in the R.C.C.S. on July 3, 1942 and received his basic training in Grande Prairie, Alberta. For advanced training in Morse Code, he was transferred to Kingston, Ontario, but while there, he sustained a knee injury which reduced his physical status from Category A to D, resulting in his being assigned duties in Canada only. He was

transferred to Ottawa, Ontario and, while still in the R.C.C.S., he was assigned to the Royal Canadian Intelligence Corps for specialized wireless training in sophisticated technology extending to anti-subversive activities. Marshal is very proud to have served with such a high priority branch of the Canadian Forces.

He was posted back to a special wireless station in Grande Prairie, where he remained until being discharged on February 1, 1946. Marshall earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal, and the Defence Medal.

He joined the Legion Branch in Vegreville in 1949 and transferred to the Norwood Branch #178 in 1987.

Pte Paul Laskiowski M538912

Paul was born in Fedorah, Alberta, on May 28, 1919. He is the son of Stephan and Ewdokia (Yackenchuk) Laskiowski, who immigrated to Canada from Zweniach, Ukraine in 1902.

Paul enlisted in the Canadian Army on January 10, 1941, but after 30 days basic training, he was granted an indefinite postponement because he was required to help his mother with farm work. The following summer he was called for refresher training at Sarcee Camp, Calgary, but could not attend due to the pressures of farming. He was discharged from further military service.

Paul joined the Norwood Legion Branch #178 in 1974.



Pte Paul Laskiowski



Pte Andrew Lazarenko

Pte Andrew Lazarenko M46554

Andrew was born on December 20, 1915, in Vegreville, Alberta, the son of George and Dora, who immigrated to Canada in 1904.

Andrew enlisted in the Edmonton Fusiliers and, after basic training, served in Kingston, Niagara Falls, and Niagara-on-the Lake, Ontario, and St. John's, Newfoundland.

He was discharged on March 21, 1946.

He joined the Norwood Legion Branch #178 in 1959 and was a member until his death on March 1, 1990.

WOI Eugene Lemiski R171506

Born on May 23, 1921, in Vegreville, Alberta, Eugene is the son of Victor and Mary (Elkow) Lemiski. His father was born near Chortkiw, Ukraine, and arrived in Canada in 1898. His mother was born in Vegreville, Alberta.

Eugene joined the RCAF in Edmonton in 1941 and attended special school until June 1942. Additional training was received at #3 Manning Depot, Edmonton; #7 - SFTS Fort McLeod; #4 - ITS Edmonton; #5 - EFTS High Prairie; and #15 - SFTS Claresholm. In 1943 Eugene graduated as Sgt. Pilot from Claresholm following which, he continued to fly at #34 O.T.U. Penfield Ridge, New Brunswick; #6 B & G Mountain View, Ontario; #1 G.R.C. Summerside, P.E.I.; #3 O.T.U. Patricia Bay, and Yarmouth, N.S.

On V.E. Day, Eugene was flying with #161 Squadron Coastal Command, Yarmouth, N.S. From June 15 to August 1945, he was in Moncton, N.B., awaiting posting to Pacific Theatre, and was discharged on September 28, 1945.

Eugene earned the 1939-45 War Medal, and the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal.

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In 1947, Eugene joined the Norwood Legion Branch #178 and held all Executive positions, including two years as President, and is a Life Member of the Branch. He was awarded the Golden Jubilee Medal.



WOI Eugene Lemiski

Tpr William George Lesick M22013

William (Bill) was born on June 10, 1923, at Spedden, Alberta. He is the eldest son of William Alexander and Emily (Syrotuck) Lesick. His father immigrated to Canada in 1911 from Ukraine and his mother was born in Port Haney, B.C. His maternal grandparents were George and Anastasia (Bilash) Syrotuck, George immigrating to Canada in 1886 and Anastasia in 1898 from Western Ukraine. Bill's great grandparents were Fred and Michalina (Peresty) Bilash.



Tpr William George Lesick

Bill enlisted in the Canadian Army in 1942 and joined the IV Princess Louise Dragoon Guards, which was a reconnaissance unit. Joining the 1st Division, he saw action in northern France, Belgium and Holland.

In March 1946, Bill was honourably discharged from the Army. He earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, the France-Germany Star, and the 1939-45 War Medal.

Bill joined the Norwood Legion Branch #178 in 1947 and served on many committees. He was honoured as Life Member of the Branch in 1983 and given the Certificate of Merit, as well as the Legion Diamond Jubilee Medal.



LAC John Leskow

LAC John Leskow R150712

Born on April 29, 1922, in Stanger, Alberta, John is the son of Fred and Lena (Kirbic) Leskow, who immigrated to Canada from Ukraine in 1908.

John enlisted in the RCAF on April 29, 1942, and was discharged on September 1, 1945. He earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and the 1939-45 War Medal.

John joined the Legion Branch #24 in 1967 and transferred to the Norwood Branch #178 in 1988.

Pte Philip Lesniak

M602130

Philip was born in Stry, Alberta, on March 25, 1920. He is the son of Filip and Polly (Krokosh) Lesniak, who immigrated to Canada in 1910 from the Ukraine.

Philip was a student in Pharmacy at the time of enlistment in January 1942. He received basic training in Camrose, Alberta, and Camp Borden, Ontario. On completion of his training, he was assigned duty as a Pharmaceutical Dispenser in Camp Borden Military Hospital. Later on, he was posted to the 27th Field Ambulance in Debert, Nova Scotia. He was given a medical discharge on February 15, 1945.

Philip joined the Norwood Legion Branch #178 in 1964.



Pte Phillip Lesniak



Pte John Litwin

Pte John Litwin

A607462

Born on January 16, 1912, at Eldorena, Alberta, John is the son of Samuel, who immigrated to Canada from Barich, Perymysl, in 1901, and Sofia (Kasperiw) Litwin, who immigrated to Canada from Denysiw, Ternopol in 1909. His paternal grandparents were Stefan and Anna Litwin, and maternal grandparents were Simeon and Pahlona Kasperiw.

John enlisted in the Canadian Army on December 21, 1942. He served in Chatham and London, Ontario, and was discharged for medical reasons on April 26, 1943.

John joined the Legion Branch in Hillcrest, Alberta, in 1956 and transferred to Norwood Branch #178 in 1961.



F/O Nestor William Litwin

F/O Nestor William Litwin 37128

Nestor was born on October 27, 1930, at Radway, Alberta, the son of Alexander and Mary (Kulmatycki) Litwin. His father came to Canada in 1905 from Barich, Austria, and his mother came in 1896 from Ostereit, Ukraine.

Nestor joined the RCAF on January 31, 1951, and served as a Pilot in Trenton, Ontario, until his discharge on December 18, 1958.

He joined the Legion Branch in Trenton, Ontario, in 1956 and served as Secretary in that Branch. He transferred to the Norwood Branch #178 in 1959 and has been a continuous member since.

Sigmn. Steve J. Lopatynski M610464

Steve was born in Warspite, Alberta, on July 29, 1922, to Joseph and Maggie Lopatynski. His mother, Maggie Hruschak, immigrated from Kherson, Russia, in 1909, and his father, Joseph, from Chortkiw in 1910.

Steve enlisted in Edmonton on October 1, 1942, at the Prince of Wales Armouries and, after two weeks, went to Camrose for basic training. His advanced training as Wireless Operator was taken at Vimy (Kingston), Ontario. In March 1943, he went to Halifax to join the overseas draft, and landed in Newfoundland, which was then overseas territory, as there was action on the sea with German subs which were firing onto shore batteries in Newfoundland. In October 1943, Newfoundland was declared territorial-war waters. During his service in Newfoundland, Steve served with the Atlantic Command Signals as a Switchboard Operator at Company Headquarters.

In 1944, Steve won the Atlantic Command Boxing Championship in the Light Heavyweight Class. In March 1945, when the European victory was in sight, Steve returned to Kingston and joined the Advanced Training Unit that was expected eventually to join the U.S. Army units in the South Pacific. By the time Steve finished his training, the Americans no longer required any help, so he stayed around Kingston until V.J. Day and then returned to his home unit for demobilization. Steve was discharged in Calgary on January 29, 1946, and, after considerable hospitalization and surgery, received a disability pension for a back injury sustained in Newfoundland. He earned the Canada and Newfoundland Service Medals.

Steve joined Norwood Legion #178 in October 1952 and has served on the Executive for four terms.



Sigmn. Steve J. Lopatynski



Pte Stephen Lotoski

Pte Stephen Lotoski M56104

Stephen was born on September 26, 1922, in Edmonton, Alberta, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Lotoski. His mother's maiden name was Cebuliak, and she was born in Smoky Lake, Alberta. His father was born in Austria and immigrated in 1904.

Stephen joined the Army on January 17, 1942, and was discharged on May 10, 1946. He saw duty in England, Sicily and Italy, and earned the 1939-45 Star, the CVSM and Clasp, Italy Star, Defence Medal, and the 1939-45 War Medal.

He has been a member of the Norwood Legion #178 since June 1956.

Pte Stanley Lukasewich M100278

Stanley was born in Thorhild, Alberta, on October 21, 1920. He was the son of John and Ksenka (Macewko) Lukasewich. His grandparents were Harry and Huska Macewko on the maternal side, and Andrew and Justina (Kisilerych) Lukasewich paternally. Stanley's father immigrated to Canada in 1912 from Schrovychi, county of Brody, while his mother immigrated in 1913 from Werchrata, county Rava Ruska.

Stanley enlisted in the Royal Canadian Armed Forces on March 27, 1942. He was with the First Corps L.A.A. (Signal Operator), and served in Canada, Great Britain, Sicily, Italy, France, Belgium and Holland. He returned home to receive his honourable discharge on November 13, 1945. Stanley received the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, the 1939-45 Star, Italy Star, France and Germany Star, and Defence Medal.

Stanley transferred to Norwood Branch #178 in 1970 from Kingsway Legion #175 and was a member until his death on September 12, 1987.



Pte Stanley Lukasewich

LAC Carl Lukasiewich R222948

Carl was born on November 21, 1925, in Egremont, Alberta, to Tekla and Joseph Lukasiewich. Both his parents were born in Ukraine, his mother, Tekla Chrocmal, immigrating to Canada in 1905, and his father in 1903.

Carl enlisted in the RCAF on May 28, 1943, and was discharged on April 10, 1946. He served as a LAC with the Canadian Bomber Command in Yorkshire, England, and was stationed at Skipton-on-Swale. He earned his Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, and Defence Medal.

Carl joined the Egremont Legion Branch #30 in 1946, then transferred to Strathcona Branch #150 from 1958 to 1963, finally transferring to Norwood Branch #178 in 1979.



LAC Carl Lukasiewich



Sgt James William Lukion

Sgt James William Lukion SM18230

James was born in Yorkton, Saskatchewan, on October 22, 1933, to Lena and Wassel Lukion. Both his parents were born in the N.W.T., his mother, Lena Aniuk, in Mulak, N.W.T., and his father, Wassel, in Insinger, N.W.T.

James enlisted in the PPCLI on November 2, 1952, and served in Canada. He attained the rank of Sergeant.

He was discharged on March 23, 1973, having earned the Canadian Forces Decoration.

James joined the Norwood Branch #178 in 1973.

LAC Alexander George Lupul R198881

Born on April 26, 1923, in Warwick, Alberta, George is the younger son of Trifon (Tom) Lupul, who was born in Oshelieb, Bukovyna, and Alexandra Letweniuk of Kitman, Bukovyna. They immigrated to Canada separately at the turn of the century.



LAC Alexander George Lupul

George, one of three brothers in the Services, enlisted with the RCAF in November 1942 at the Manning Depot, Edmonton, and doing basic training in Edmonton, he completed his training in Toronto. He received his advanced training in Bomb Armament at Mountain View #6 Bombing Gunnery Training School and, shortly after, was posted to #7 B and G Station at Paulson, Manitoba, which was a Bombing and Gunnery Training Base. From Paulson, he was sent overseas and posted to #6 Group in Tolthorpe, Yorkshire, as a bomb armourer on Lancaster bombers.

At the end of the war, George volunteered for the Japanese war. The whole group was sent to Debert, N.S. for retraining. While in Debert, the Atomic Bomb was dropped on Japan to end the war.

George received his honourable discharge in October 1945 and earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with Clasp, and the 1939-45 War Medal.

In 1947, George joined the Kingsway Legion #175 and later, in 1958, joined the Norwood Branch #178. He has been a continuous member. He has served in all three officer positions, including President for a two-year and a one-year term. George has been awarded with Life Membership, the Certificate of Merit and the M.S.M.



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Pte Eugene Lupul

Pte Eugene Lupul

M57105

Eugene was born on October 1, 1911, at Willingdon, Alberta. He was the son of Mychaylo and Maria (Ukranetz) Lupul.

Eugene enlisted in the Royal Canadian Army on February 5, 1942, being one of four Lupul brothers in the Armed Forces at this time. Eugene took his basic training in Camrose, Alberta, and Kingston, Ontario. He served in the RCOC as an electrician and received his honourable discharge on May 19, 1945.

Eugene received the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, and the 1939-45 War Medal.

He joined St. Paul Legion in 1946 and transferred to Norwood Legion #178 in 1950, serving on the Executive Committee from 1961 to 1966. He was a Life Member and active until he passed away on November 25, 1982.

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Pte Peter Lupul

Pte Peter Lupul

M101256

Peter was born in Farrington, Ontario, on July 3, 1915, the son of Trifon and Alexandra (Letweniuk) Lupul and older brother to George.

Peter joined the Canadian Army Service Corps on May 7, 1942. Basic training was completed at Manning Depot, Edmonton; advanced training at Currie Barracks in Calgary; and mechanical training at Red Deer, Alberta. On a quiet evening the Unit was paraded onto trains and ended up in Debert, N.S., then on to Halifax and the Empress of Canada

bound for Greenoch, Scotland. From there they were moved to Farnborough, England, to holding barracks awaiting drafts to wherever needed. Peter volunteered to go into the country and pick potatoes one day and, when he returned, he learned that his outfit had been shipped to Italy. However, he soon saw action on the beaches of Normandy, France, where the enemy was a half mile away. Being with the Transport Division, he followed the front line forces through Caen and the Falaisie Gap, through France and Belgium to Holland, to where the enemy had blown up dykes on the North Sea, flooding Holland's apple orchards. Here the Unit had to transport paratroopers out of the flooded area. All the railroad bridges were blown up and it was the job of the Transport Division to carry civilians from train to train. Soldiers slept in railroad box-cars and the hay lofts of barns, until the area was freed in a terrible battle.

Then they moved across the Rhine River into Germany and on to victory. After hostilities ceased, the Unit carried on to northern Germany to transport German prisoners of war from Denmark, to help with the harvest in Germany. Peter was hospitalized in Belgium with back problems from riding on rough transport trucks. The hospital ship took Peter to England, from where he returned to Canada and Edmonton, and further hospitalization until his honourable discharge in April 1946.

Peter earned the following military awards: the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, 1939-45 Star, France and Germany Star, Defence Medal, and the 1939-45 Medal.

Peter joined the Montgomery Legion #24 in May 1946 and transferred to the Norwood Branch #178 in April 1949, and has been a continuous member since. He has served on the Executive for 35 years in the past, four years as President, and has been awarded the M.S.M. plus all Branch officers medals, Life Membership, and the 60th Diamond Jubilee Medal.

WO Edward Lyka

38127

Edward was born on April 29, 1928, in Thorsby, Alberta. He is the son of Steve and Pearl Lyka, who arrived in Canada in 1918 and 1922.

Edward enlisted in March 1951 and served in the rank of Warrant Officer in the RCAF Instrument Electrical department. He did a tour of duty overseas in Germany from 1959 to 1963. The remainder of his service was within Canada until his discharge in January 1978.

He has been a member of Norwood Branch #178 since 1977.



WO Edward Lyka



Pte John Lynkowski

Pte John Lynkowski

M601279

John was born at Myrnam, Alberta, on February 20, 1920, to Prokip Lynkowski (from Bukovyna), and Tekla (Woytowich) from Sniatyn, Ukraine. His parents arrived in Canada on June 16, 1907.

John enlisted in the Army at Camrose, joining C.A.(B.) T.C.A. Company 131 Platoon #4 on July 31, 1941. He served in Canada, the United Kingdom and continental Europe, returning home and receiving his honourable discharge on February 7, 1946.

He received the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal, the 1939-45 Star, the France and Germany Star, and Defence Medal.

John joined Norwood Legion #178 in 1972 and was a member until his death on September 15, 1979.

Pte Stanley Lysak

M611030

Born in Poland on July 23, 1923, Stanley is the son of William and Katie (Mostowich) Lysak, who were both born in Austria. They immigrated to Canada in June 1930.

Stanley enlisted in January 1943 and served as a Private in the Army, seeing duty in Britain and Europe. He was discharged in January 1946.

He joined the Kingsway Branch #175 in 1954 and then, in 1957, joined the Norwood Branch #178.



Pte Stanley Lysak



LCpl Fred Magdee

LCpl Fred Magdee

L107953

Fred was born in Stenen, Saskatchewan, on June 9, 1922. He is the son of Joseph and Annie (Yaryisky) Magdee. His mother was born in Kiev, Ukraine, and his father in Kowaleka, Poland, and they immigrated to Canada in 1902.

Fred enlisted in Regina, Saskatchewan, on December 29, 1943. He took his basic training in Yarmouth, N.S., and advanced training at Camp Borden, Ontario. He arrived in England in June 1944, then went to Normandy, France (one month

after D Day), where he was transferred to the 2nd Battalion - Blackwatch. He was involved in fighting along the front lines under heavy fire at Caen, Falaise, Groningen, Antwerp, at the Holland Dykes, Hochwald Forest and Nijmegen. The Battalion held this position for three months, then, on February 5, 1945, regrouped and fought on the 2nd front – they shelled the city of Cleve, Germany. Fred spent the last eleven months with the Military Police in England, receiving his discharge on August 22, 1946.

Fred earned the 1939-45 Star, France and Germany Star, and the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp.

Fred joined Norwood Legion #178 in 1958.



F/O William Malanchuk

F/O William Malanchuk J87065

William was born on March 13, 1917, in Edmonton, Alberta, the son of Nicholas and Barbara Malanchuk who immigrated to Canada from the Ukraine in 1910.

He served in the Forces for four years as a Flying Officer in the RCAF. He was an Air Navigator with Bomber Command in #77 Squadron. They completed 35 bombing missions over occupied Europe and Germany.

William earned the 1939-45 Star, France and Germany Star, Defence Medal, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with Clasp, and the 1939-45 War Medal.

William has been a member of Norwood Legion #178 since 1973.

Gnr Kornel Malayko M538524

"Con" was born on August 2, 1918, at Stry, Alberta. His father, Nicholay Malayko, of Laskiwtsi Bukovyna, Romania, immigrated to Canada in 1909.

"Con" enlisted in the Royal Canadian Army in 1942 in Camrose, where he underwent basic training. He was then transferred to Victoria, B.C., with the Irish Fusiliers, where he was trained as a Gunner with heavy artillery. He served in Canada and was given an honourable discharge in 1946.

"Con" received his CVSM and Clasp.

In 1959, "Con" joined the Norwood Legion #178 and was a member until his death on January 6, 1975.



Gnr Kornel Malayko

Pte John Mandryk

M538064

John is the son of Andrew and Catherine (Mulick) Mandryk who immigrated to Canada in 1900 from Austria. John was born on March 26, 1919, in Lamont, Alberta.

Enlisting in the Army on January 15, 1942, John served in Europe until his discharge on January 15, 1946.

John joined the Norwood Legion Branch #178 in 1969.



SSgt Ollie Nazar Mandziuk

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SH28084

Ollie was born on June 8, 1926, at Ethelbert, Manitoba. He was the son of Nicholas and Julia (Chorneyko) Mandziuk who immigrated to Canada from Ukraine. Ollie's maternal grandparents were Wasyl Chorneyko and Wasylyna Kalynchuk; his paternal grandparents were John Mandziuk and Annie Gresko.

Ollie enlisted in the Royal Canadian Army at Winnipeg, Manitoba, in 1945, at the young age of eighteen. The war was still on, but he wasn't sent overseas, as he enlisted so close to the end of the war. Ollie served in Canada and stayed in the Army

for 22 years, receiving an honourable discharge in July 1966.

He received the CVSM.

Ollie joined Norwood Legion #178 in 1975 and was a member until his death on August 21, 1985.

LCpl. William Marciniuk M611133

Born on October 22, 1913, in Edmonton, Alberta, William is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Marciniuk. His mother's maiden name was Shwitzer, and they emigrated from Poland in 1911.

William enlisted on March 3, 1943, and was discharged on February 20, 1946. He served his country in Canada only.

William joined the Norwood Legion #178 in 1971.



LCpl. William Marciniuk

Pte John Markowski M612664

John was born on December 21, 1924, at Lake Eliza, Alberta. He is the son of Fred and Katherine (Todurak) Markowski. His mother came to Canada in 1913, along with her parents, Maria and John Todurak from Laskiwka, Ukraine, while his father came from Woloczko, Ukraine in 1907 with his parents, Pearl and Nick Markowski.

John enlisted in Calgary on November 22, 1944, taking his basic training in Camrose, and his advanced training in Petewawa, Ontario. He served his country as a Private with the Infantry, stationed in Canada, and was discharged on April 6, 1946.

John joined the Norwood branch #178 in November 1978.



Pte John Markowski



LAC John J. Mason

LAC John J. Mason R178038

Born in Mundare, Alberta, on July 5, 1921, John is the son of Peter and Mary (Skrypicky) Menyluk. Both his parents were born in Mundare, as well as his maternal grandfather, Anton Skrypicky.

Enlisting on June 26, 1942, John served in the RCAF as a Wireless Electrical Mechanic with #6 Bomber and Reconnaissance Squadron on Vancouver Island, which was then formed into #435 Squadron (Chinthes), one of two Canadian Transport Squadrons, which dropped supplies for the 14th Army in Burma in September 1944.

John was discharged on February 20, 1946, and earned the CVSM and Clasp, 1939-45 Star, and the Burma Star.

He joined Legion Branch #24 first and then, in 1987, transferred to the Norwood Branch #178.

Sgt Dmytro Mazur

R293049

Dmytro was born on February 15, 1923, at Stry, Alberta, the son of Joseph and Helen (Elkow) Mazur. His mother was born at Kolomaya Nazima, Ukraine, and his father came from Drobovich, Western Ukraine. They arrived in Canada in 1911. Dmytro's grandparents were Nickola and Paraskevia Mazur, and Wasyl and Paraskevia Elkow.

On August 4, 1943, Dmytro enlisted with the RCAF, serving in Canada. He was discharged on July 27, 1945.

Dmytro earned the CVSM, and 1939-45 Star.

He joined Norwood Legion #178 in 1955 and was a member for 27 years until his death in September 1982.



Sgt Dmytro Mazur

Sgt Joseph O. Mazurok

Joseph was born on May 20, 1915, in Koniushkiw, County Brody, Poland, the son of Gregory and Anastasia Mazurok, who were both born in Koniushkiw. Joseph immigrated to Canada on October 10, 1948.

Joseph enlisted in the service on February 14, 1939, and was with the 10th Regiment Artillery of the Polish Army. He fought on the front for 22 days before being captured by the Germans and put in prison in Kozinice Forest.

Joseph joined the Legion Branch #27 in 1976 and transferred to Norwood Branch #178 in 1981.



Pte William Medisky

Pte William Medisky M38986

William was born on February 4, 1914, at Thorsby, Alberta, the son of Harry and Mary (Fedan) Medisky, and grandson of Slowko and Anne Fedan. William's father, known as George, immigrated to Canada in 1904 from Medyka Peremyshl, Austria, and his mother emigrated, in 1909, from Lashky Yaroslav Halychyna, Austria.

William enlisted with the Royal Canadian Army at the Prince of Wales Armouries in Edmonton on January 12, 1943. He was posted to Kingston, Ontario, with the R.C.E.M.E., serving in Canada, and received his honourable discharge in Calgary on April 2, 1946.

He earned the CVSM and Clasp, 1939-45 War Medal.

William joined the Sedgewick (Alberta) Legion in 1953 and transferred to Norwood Legion #178 in 1978. He was a member until he passed away on August 14, 1982.

LAC George Melenka K272493

George was born on January 16, 1925, in Kemmerer, Wyoming, United States. George's father, William Melenka, was born in Wostock, Alberta, and his mother, Katerine Drabot, in Luzan, Alberta. His paternal grandparents were Demitro and San-shira (Kostiniuk) Melenka, who emigrated in 1896 from Chernetchi, Western Ukraine. Maternal grandparents were Theodore and Anastasia (Topolinsky) Drabit.

George joined the RCAF in Edmonton in November 1943 at the Manning Depot. He took his initial training course in Regina in 1944, then, during the latter part of 1944 and 1945, he attended the Air Observer School at Portage La Prairie. George was stationed at the RCAF Station Municipal Airport, Edmonton, for the last part of 1945 and 1946 until he was discharged.

George served on the Executive for a few years as Vice President and then President for the years 1980-81. He joined the Norwood Legion #178 in 1958 and is now a Life Member. He was presented with the MSM in 1990.



LAC George Melenka



**Sgt Bohdan Stephen
Melnychuk**

Sgt Bohdan Stephen Melnychuk R107471

Bohdan was born in Dauphin, Manitoba, on December 8, 1922. He was the son of Peter and Justina (Dworanowsky) Melnychuk. His mother was born at Yaseniw Brody, Ukraine, and his father at Smorzhiw, Radekhiw, Ukraine. He was the grandson of Jacob and Tekla Melnychuk, and Ivan and Parania Dworanowsky. His parents immigrated to Canada in 1912.

On June 30, 1941, Bohdan enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force, serving as an Aero-Engine Mechanic at #10 Repair Depot in Calgary. He re-mustered to the air and received his Wings as Pilot at #19 S.F.T.S. Vulcan. He was given his discharge on December 22, 1944.

Military honours received were: the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and War Medal.

Bohdan joined Norwood Legion #178 in 1946 and was a member for 41 years until his death on August 17, 1987. He is buried at Evergreen Memorial Gardens.

LAC Steve Melnychuk R258801

Steve was born on January 6, 1924, in Cowan, Manitoba, to Dmetro and Elena (Mykytuik) Melnychuk. Both his parents were born in Mihova, Bukovyna, Ukraine, and his father immigrated to Canada in 1908, with his mother following in 1912.

Steve enlisted in May 1943, and served with the RCAF as an Air Frame Mechanic. In 1944, he went overseas to England and was stationed in #6 Bomber Group at Topcliff on a Conversion Unit. Here, in March 1945, a lone German JU88 shot the hanger full of holes. Steve had signed up for the Pacific, but the war ended and he was discharged in October 1945.

Steve earned the CVSM and Clasp, Defense of Britain, and the Victory Medal.

He joined the Norwood Branch #178 in 1960.



LAC Steve Melnychuk

Pte Harry Meronenko

23815

Harry was born in Poltava, Ukraine, on March 2, 1922, to Jakim and Paraska (Iwanovna) Kirilovitch. His parents did not emigrate.

Harry's military service was with the Queen Hussars, and he worked as a Horse Groom, taking care of the horses and teaching the horses English commands, because he was told that the horses were Russian. It is because of this that the nickname of "Russian Harry" has stuck with him to this day.

Harry enlisted in October 1943 and was discharged in December 1945. He saw duty in Italy, and earned a Letter of Service Recognition, and the 1939-45 European Star.

Harry immigrated to Canada in March 1949. He was a member of Edson Legion for 15 years and transferred to Norwood Branch #178 in 1981.



Pte Harry Meronenko



Pte Samuel Mintenko

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Born on May 2, 1922, at Roblin, Manitoba, Samuel is the son of Dora and John Mintenko, who immigrated to Canada in 1913 from the Ukraine.

Samuel enlisted in the Army in 1941 and completed his basic training at Fort Garry in Winnipeg. Soon after completing his advanced training in Brandon, Manitoba, he was posted to Halifax for embarkation to Aldershot, England. Later he was posted to the PPCLI in Italy and, after a while, to the Royal Winnipeg Rifles. When hostilities ceased in Italy, his regiment moved on to France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. Two days before the war ended, Sam became a casualty and was hospitalized in Belgium.

He returned to Canada and was honourably discharged in 1946 at Winnipeg, earning the following awards: CVSM with Clasp, 1939-45 Star, Defence of Britain Medal, Italy Star, France and Germany Star, and the Canada War Medal.

Samuel joined the St. James Branch of the Legion in Winnipeg in September 1959 and transferred to Norwood Branch #178 in 1967. He served on the Executive for five years and received the following Legion awards: Certificate of Merit, Gold Anniversary Medal and, in 1983, a Life Membership was presented to him by the Norwood Branch.

Tpr. Mike Mishio

M610934

Mike was born in Innisfree, Alberta, on March 22, 1914, to Steve and Mary (Siako) Mishio. Both his parents immigrated to Canada from Starow, Ukraine in 1901.

Mike enlisted on January 28, 1943, and was assigned as Trooper with the 31st (Alberta) Recce Regiment, seeing service in Canada only. He was discharged on September 27, 1945.

Legion records show that he first joined the Minburn Branch of the Legion in 1947, then transferred to Norwood Legion #178 in 1972.



Tpr. Mike Mishio



Pte William Mnoholitny

Pte William Mnoholitny M38068

Born on April 3, 1924, in Andrew, Alberta, William is the son of John and Elena Mnoholitny. Both his parents immigrated to Canada from Ukraine, his dad at the age of 19 in 1908, and his mother in 1898 at the age of 3.

William served in the Royal Canadian 22 RCA Regiment and the Royal Winnipeg Rifles. He served through continental Europe from April 28, 1943, until he was wounded on October 13, 1944, while crossing the Leopold Canal. He came back to Canada

on January 7, 1945, and was discharged on April 27 of that year.

He joined the Norwood Branch #178 on November 28, 1977, and has been a continuous member.



Sgt Fred Mulak

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Fred was born on February 13, 1916, in Sydney, Nova Scotia, to Joseph and Katherine Mulyk.

He entered the Army in Camrose, Alberta, in March 1942. He transferred to the Irish Fusiliers (First Battalion) until most of the unit went overseas, then transferred to the P.A.V. (Prince Albert Volunteers), and later (1943), attached to the R.C.O.C. Fred then attended Tech School in Brandon and worked at times in the Quarter Master Stores until the war ended, with a total of four years service.

He has been a member of Norwood Legion #178 since 1966.

LAC Fred Muzylowski R147038

Born on March 9, 1920, at Oakburn, Manitoba, Fred is the son of Nykola and Mary Muzlowski. His mother, Mary Zemianski, was born in Rossburn, Manitoba, her parents, Michael and Wasylyna Zemianski, having immigrated to Canada in 1912. Fred's father, Nykola, was born in Kuchebenky, Husytan, Ukraine.

Fred enlisted in the RCAF on December 2, 1941, in Winnipeg. He was sent to Brandon Manning Depot, where uniforms were issued in two sizes – too big or too small. Fred was sent on to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, to #4 Flying Training School; then to Claresholm, Alberta, to become a Flying Control Operator - Air Field Controller of Air Traffic; then he was posted overseas with #6 RCAF Bomber Group located in Yorkshire, England. Fred was stationed at Tolthorpe on the moor with two Bomber Squadrons (the 420 known as 'Snowy Owls', and the 425 known as 'The Allouettes').

Fred was discharged in 1946 and he earned the Defence Medal, the CVSM with Clasp, and 1939-45 Star.

Fred was with the Legion Branch #211 at Oakburn, Manitoba, from 1947 to 1955, and has been with Norwood Branch #178 since 1957.



LAC Fred Muzylowski



Sapper Andrew Myroniuk

Sapper Andrew Myroniuk M2707

Andrew was born on July 14, 1925, in Two Hills, Alberta. He is the son of Mike and Kalyna (Ruryk) Myroniuk, who immigrated to Canada in 1905 and 1908 respectively.

Andrew was drafted in August 1943 and enlisted at the Kingsway Armoury in September 1944. He started training in the Infantry, later switching to the Engineers, specializing in bridges and river crossings. Andrew served on several bases including Chilliwack, Camp Borden, Debert (Nova Scotia) and, finally, Calgary where he was honourably discharged in September 1945.

After being discharged, Andrew was on a special assignment for one year with the Canadian Army, who took over the construction of the Alaska Highway from the Americans.

Andrew earned the 1939-45 War Medal.

He joined Montgomery Branch #24 in October 1947, later transferring to Norwood Branch #178 in 1972, where he has been a continuous member.

Pte Nick Myroon M100712

Born in Redwater, Alberta, on March 24, 1919, Nick is the son of Fred and Maria (Bereziuk) Myroon who came from Lubini, Western Ukraine in 1903.

Nick enlisted in the Army on February 20, 1942. He completed his basic training at Grande Prairie, Alberta, and his advanced training at Calgary. During the latter part of 1942, he was posted overseas, but for some unknown reason, the draft was cancelled. During night manoeuvres in Calgary, he was injured and his medical category was lowered from A to E and, subsequently, he was put on 'Home War Establishment'. Nick was honourably discharged in February 1946.

He earned the CVSM and War Medal.

Nick was a member of Branch #251 in Redwater from March 1952 until joining Norwood Branch #178 in January 1985.



Pte Nick Myroon

Gnr Harry Nakonechny M3503

Harry was born on November 17, 1918, at Katirnovslawska Gubernia, Ukraine, the son of John and Ann Nakonechny, who were both born in the Ukraine and immigrated to Canada in May 1930.

He enlisted in the First Canadian Calibration Troop as Gunner, seeing service in Canada and England from 1940 until his honourable discharge in 1944. Harry says he earned the usual three medals!

Harry joined the Montgomery Branch #24 in 1940 and later transferred to the Norwood Branch and has enjoyed continuous service.



Gnr Harry Nakonechny



Pte Stefan Nikiforuk

Pte Stefan Nikiforuk M100480

Stefan was born on December 28, 1899, in Sniatyn, Ukraine. He was the son of John and Annie (Boychuk) Nikiforuk, coming with his family to Canada from the Ukraine in 1927.

He enlisted with the Royal Canadian Army on April 18, 1942, serving in Canada with the Artillery until he received his honourable discharge on October 2, 1945.

Stefan earned the CVSM and Clasp and the 1939-45 War Medal.

He joined Norwood Legion Branch #178 in 1975 and was a member until he passed away on March 12, 1983.

Sgt F.E. Joseph J. Noselski 258103

Born on February 20, 1923, at Innisfree, Alberta, Joseph is the son of Walter and Ann (Kitt) Noselski. His mother was born at Mundare, Alberta, and his father in Brody, Ukraine. His father came to Canada in 1907.

Joseph joined the Army Militia early in 1942 and trained as a Gunner. On May 28, 1943, he joined the RCAF as an Aero-Engine Mechanic and saw duty in various locations in Canada, USA, England, West Germany and France. At the end of the war, he joined the RCAF peacetime force and served until his honourable discharge in February, 1973.

He earned the CVSM, War Medal and the Long Service Medal and Bar.

Joseph joined the Norwood Branch Legion #178 in 1972 and has had continuous membership.



Sgt F.E. Joseph J. Noselski



LCpl Nick Nowytzkyj

LCpl Nick Nowytzkyj M815924

Nick was born on August 1, 1924 at Mystyce, Western Ukraine, the son of Gregory and Kateryna (Domaretska) Nowtytskyj. His father was born at Mystyce and his mother at Wokzyszowyczi, both in the western Ukraine. Nick immigrated to England in 1947 and then to Canada in 1953. His parents immigrated to Canada that year as well.

He joined the 154 Coy RCASC Militia in 1961 and was employed as a Transport Operator Group #2, which involved the training and testing of militia recruits, as well as operating all types of vehicles. In 1965, Nick was posted to Camp Wainwright on regular force duty and after several months reverted to Militia status. In 1968, he received his honourable discharge.

Nick has been a member of the Norwood Legion Branch #178 since 1966, serving on the Executive in various positions from 1976 to 1989, such as Sgt.-at-Arms, Ways and Means, Membership, Hospital and Welfare. He has received the Certificate of Merit, and holds a Life Membership, and the Diamond Jubilee Medal.



LAC Walter Nykiforuk

LAC Walter Nykiforuk R170219

Walter was born on February 7, 1916, at Borden, Saskatchewan, the son of Dmytro and Paraska (Derbowka) Nykiforuk. They were both born in the village of Horodenka in the western Ukraine and immigrated to Canada in 1908.

He enlisted in the RCAF as a Radar Mechanic on airborne equipment in May 1942, and served in Canada. He saw duty with reconnaissance squadrons on the east coast at Shelburne, Glace Bay, Tor Bay and Gander.

Walter received his honourable discharge in September, 1945, and earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal.

He joined the Norwood Legion Branch #178 in October 1974 and has been a member ever since.

A/Sgt. Nick Ochotta M6056

Nick was born on January 23, 1926, at Redwater, Alberta. He was the son of Emilian and Anastasia (Sawchuk) Ochotta. Both parents were born at Sabadash Kiev, Ukraine, and immigrated to Canada in 1908.

Nick enlisted in the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps and did his entire military duty in Camp Borden, Ontario. He was trained as a Gunner-Operator in a tank crew. After completing his training, he was sent to NCO School where he earned his Instructor's Rating, becoming a basic training Drill Instructor and being posted to the Lord Strathcona's Horse 2nd/2nd Canadian Armoured Regiment. Later, Nick transferred to the Corps of Military Staff Clerks. After some retraining, he was placed in charge of the Camp Borden Stationary Branch Depot as an Acting Sergeant. As the end of the war became imminent, the Depot closed and he was posted to H.Q. Borden, still with the Corps of Military Staff Clerks. In this capacity he was made responsible for the completion of thousands of discharge certificates, both for Camp Borden personnel and the early returnees from Europe. He completed his own discharge papers in October 1946. Nick earned the CVSM and 1939-45 War Medal.

Nick has been a continuous member of Norwood Branch #178 since 1946 and has been awarded the Legion Certificate of Merit.



A/Sgt. Nick Ochotta



Tpr John Olshanowsky

Tpr John Olshanowsky M107529

John was born on August 11, 1917, in Edmonton, Alberta, the son of Mary and Fred Olshanowsky who came to Canada in 1901 from the Ukraine.

He enlisted in the Army at the Prince of Wales Armouries, Edmonton, on April 8, 1943, taking his basic training in Grande Prairie, Alberta, and had his advanced training in Camp Borden, Ontario. John served with the Elgin Regiment attached to the 25th Canadian Armour (Tank) Corps in England, France, Belgium and Germany.

John earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, Defence Medal, 1939-45 Star, France and Germany Star, and the Canada War Medal. He was honourably discharged in January, 1946.

He has been a member of Norwood Branch #178 since October 1976.

Pte William J. Orfino M518140

William was born on May 16, 1930, in Vegreville, Alberta, the son of Ann (Lakusta) and John Orfino. His paternal grandfather was John Orfino, and maternal grandparents were Dmitro and Rachel Lakusta.

He joined the Reserve Militia on October 15, 1947, and served with the Loyal Edmonton Regiment (4th PPCLI) Detachment in Vegreville, Alberta, and was honourable discharged December 31, 1952.

William has been a member of Norwood Branch #178 since September 26, 1984.

Capt William Orobko

Born on July 15, 1917, at Chamberlain, Saskatchewan, Bill was the son of William and Julia (Shark) Orobko. Both immigrated to Canada in 1912 from small villages in the Western Ukraine.

He enlisted with the RCAF in September 1941, with the Dental Corps, serving in Alberta in Edmonton, Penhold, Calgary, and Lethbridge, and Whitehorse in the Yukon. He took his officer's training at Three Rivers, Quebec. Bill received his honourable discharge during the latter months of 1945 and earned the CVSM.

Dr. Orobko was a Charter Member of Norwood Legion #178. During 1946 and 1947 he was the Recording Secretary for the Branch, then in 1948 he was the Branch President, and in 1949-50 he was the Vice President. Bill served on the Executive in 1951 through 1954. He was an active member until he passed away on November 27, 1966.



Capt William Orobko



Sgt Russell Ostapek

M107376

Russell was born on February 2, 1923, at Varonov Rawaruska, Poland, the son of Paul and Mary (Sokoluk) Ostapek. His father was born at Tihiliw, Ukraine, and his mother at Radichiw, also in the Ukraine. The family immigrated to Canada in July 1929.

Russell joined the Army on March 15, 1943, in Edmonton. He took his basic training at Camrose, Alberta, followed by advance training in Calgary. He was then posted to Aldershot, England, where he stayed for a month and a half, and then — off to Italy. German planes bombed the convoy and they ended up in Algiers, North Africa, where he stayed until the end of 1943. He landed in Naples, Italy, in January 1944 where he fought with the Loyal Edmonton Regiment through such places as the Hitler Line, the Gustav Line and others. He was promoted to Lance Corporal in the field and shortly afterwards to Corporal. In March 1945 he joined the First Canadian Army Contingent. The war was soon over and his company was to represent the Canadian Infantry Regiment in the victory parade in Berlin. His next posting was to Lethbridge, Alberta, to guard German prisoners of war for seven months. He was sent to NCO School and promoted to Sergeant. He took his honourable discharge in May of 1945.

Russell earned the 1939-45 Star, Italy Star, France and Germany Star, Defence Medal, and the CVSM with Clasp.

He joined the Norwood Branch #178 in 1958 and has had continuous membership. He served on the Executive for three years and held the position of Hospital and Welfare Chairman. For his service to the Branch, he received the Legion Award - Certificate of Merit.



Sgt Russell Ostapek

ELM 1 Ray Oxamitny

17509E

Roy was born on May 21, 1933, in Consort, Alberta, the son of Pauline (Worobo) and Mike Oxamitny, who came to Canada in 1909 from Russia. His maternal grandparents were Sam and Martha Worobo, the paternal ones being Peter and Vera Oxamitny.

Ray enlisted in the Navy on March 7, 1952, at HMCS Nonsuch and took his basic training at HMCS Cornwallis, Nova Scotia. He saw service and duty on the HMCS Cayuga. He was an Electrician's Mate Class 1 at the time of his honourable discharge at HMCS Naden on June 10, 1953.

He has been a member of Norwood Branch #178 since June 17, 1959, serving the Branch as Manager from 1970-1974.



Pte Mike Ozipko

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M448906

Mike was born in Innisfree, Alberta, on September 4, 1917, the son of Ann and Mike Ozipko who came to Canada in 1896 from Austria.

He enlisted in the Army in July 1941, and took his basic training at Sarcee Camp near Calgary, Alberta. He served in Debert, Nova Scotia, Halifax, and Vancouver, and in November 1945 he received his honourable discharge at Calgary.

Mike has been a member of Norwood Branch #178 since October 15, 1975.

Pte Olga Pagee

W130811

Olga was born on October 11, 1926, in Vegreville, Alberta. She was the daughter of William and Maria (Hryhirschuk) Petruk. William was born at Mundare, Alberta, but Maria immigrated to Canada from Ukraine in 1920. Olga's maternal grandparents were Michael and Kalyna Petruk who had come over from Ukraine to settle in the Mundare district.

Olga enlisted with the Canadian Women's Army Corp (Medical Corp) in Edmonton on April 11, 1945. She took her basic training in Calgary, Alberta, and received her honourable discharge December 1, 1945.

Olga joined Norwood Legion in October 1973 and was a member until her death on May 21, 1976.



Pte Olga Pagee



Pte Bill Palamarchuk

Pte Bill Palamarchuk M601056

Born on August 17, 1919, at Wostok, Alberta, Bill is the son of Wasyl and Justina (Witwicki) Palamarchuk. His mother was born at Chortkiw, Austria, and his father at Brody, Ukraine. They immigrated to Canada in 1897.

Bill enlisted in the Army in August 1941. His basic training was completed at Camrose, Alberta, and his advanced training at Shilo, Manitoba. His duties on the west coast of Canada were guarding and maintaining the observation posts against intruders. In 1944 he was posted to Debert, Nova Scotia, for overseas duties. There were delays and quarantine for measles, etc., and finally there was no room left on the ship when he reached the gang-plank. That ship was torpedoed in the Atlantic. He returned to Suffield, Alberta, where he requested his discharge and was honourably discharged in Calgary in February 1946.

Bill joined the Norwood Branch #178 in 1979.

AS John W. Palichuk V59709

John was born on December 1, 1923, in Edmonton, Alberta, the son of Anne (Yaremy) Palichuk, born in Hilliard, Alberta, and Anthony Palichuk who was born in Zabolotiv, Sniatyn, Ukraine, and immigrated to Canada in 1912.

John enlisted in the Royal Canadian Navy Volunteer Reserve on April 18, 1943, and took his basic training at HMCS Cornwallis, Nova Scotia. He saw duty on war ships in the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

John earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal, 1939-45 Star, Pacific Star, and Canada War Medal.

John joined the Norwood Branch #178 on February 18, 1961.

Pte John Palusko (Paluszko)

M602859

John was born on December 5, 1916, at Lavoy, Alberta. He was the son of John and Eva (Pichach) Paluszko. John's father came to Canada in 1890 and his mother arrived in 1900. They were married and settled on a homestead in New Kiev. His parents came from Yavoriw, Austria.

John enlisted with the Canadian Army at Camrose, Alberta, on May 15, 1942. He served with the Canadian Army (National Resources Mobilization Act of 1940). His theatres of service were Canada, Britain and northwest Europe. He returned home and received an honourable discharge on March 5, 1946, at Calgary, Alberta.

He received the 1939-45 War Medal and the France and Germany Star.

John joined Norwood Legion #178 in 1962 and was a member until his death in January 1987.



Pte John Palusko



Pte Alexander Papirnik

Pte Alexander Papirnik M536218

Alexander was born on November 13, 1919, at Calmar, Alberta, the son of John and Mary (Sylweka) Papirnik, and younger brother of Michael.

John enlisted in the Royal Canadian Army 2nd Battalion in Edmonton in April 1942. He served the Military in Canada. In November 1942, he was honourably discharged on medical grounds because of the two severed fingers on his right hand.

Alexander joined Norwood Legion #178 in 1968 and was a member until his death on January 27, 1971. He lies peacefully in the Evergreen Gardens Cemetery, Edmonton.

Cpl. Michael Papirnik M59185

Michael was born on June 16, 1918, at Calmar, Alberta, the older son of John and Mary (Sylweka) Papirnik who were both born in the Ukraine and immigrated to Canada in 1901.

Michael enlisted in the Army in February 1941. He completed his advanced training in Petawawa, Ontario, as an engineer to build bridges, lay and sweep mines, handle explosives and blow up bridges and roads. He saw action in the United Kingdom and continental Europe.

He earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, 1939-45 Star, France and Germany Star, and the 1939-45 Defence Medal. He received his honourable discharge in October 1945.

Michael joined the Norwood Branch in 1969 and has had continuous membership. As a Legion member, he has received the Diamond Jubilee Award.



Cpl. Michael Papirnik





Lt John Paran

Lt John Paran

M25861

John was born on September 15, 1917, at Cardiff, Alberta. He was the son of Fred and Mary Paran who had immigrated to Canada from Ukraine in 1910.

John volunteered for overseas service with the Royal Canadian Army at the Prince of Wales Armouries on September 9, 1939. He was with the first contingent of Canadian troops and in the United Kingdom by Christmas 1939. He was soon promoted to Sergeant and obtained his commission in the School of Infantry OCTU in England. He served with the First Division Fourth Armoured Division under Edmonton's Brigadier Jefferson on the continent. He served from the Normandy landings to the Rhine in Germany as 'Recce' Officer. He also served until the cessation of hostilities in the Sixth Division in formation U.S.A. for the Far East Japanese war under General Hoeffmiester. John was retired to Reserve Officer status on September 18, 1945 – a total of six active years.

He earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with Clasp, Defence Medal, 1939-45 Star, and the France and Germany Star.

John had maintained contact with the Canadian Legion since 1939, starting as an active member in London, England. Post-war he was a member of Montgomery #24, transferring to Norwood Legion #178 in 1959. He served on the Executive in 1965, was 2nd Vice President in 1966, then was elected President in 1967. He was a life member and active until his death on October 7, 1980.



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S.M. ROYAL CANADIAN ARMoured
CORPS

RIC-AIC



OS Stanley Pawelek

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V62947

Stanley was born on April 3, 1926, in Tursko, Poland. He was the son of Martin and Mary Pawelek. Martin was from Wiestinsko Kielce, Poland and Mary was from Tursko, Strushke, Poland. The family immigrated to Canada in 1929 and settled in the Willingdon area in Alberta.

Stanley enlisted in the Royal Canadian Navy at HMCS Nonsuch, Edmonton, in May 1943. He took his basic training at Cornwall, Ontario. He was transferred to St. Hyacinthe, Quebec, and then overseas, being stationed in England and Wales as a telegraphist. He spent time on the Stadacona, Lindsay and Captor 11. He returned home and received his honourable discharge in September 1945.

Stanley earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp and War Medal 1939-45. Stanley was a Commanding Officer with the Navy League Cadets in Edmonton in 1976.

He joined the Rycroft Legion #224 in 1948. He then transferred to the Fort McMurray Legion, transferring again to the Norwood Legion in 1977, where he was a member until he passed away on February 19, 1987.

Lt John Paziuk, C.D.

John was born on February 23, 1919, at Fraserwood, Manitoba.

From February 19, 1942, to May 7, 1943, John was with the 2nd Battalion Irish Fusiliers in Vancouver, then from May 7, 1943, to September 14, 1945, he was with the RCAF as a Navigator-Wireless Operator, and served in Canada and England. He served in the Reserves from January 29, 1963, to October 17, 1969, with the Royal Canadian Dental Corps and Royal Canadian Artillery, and from then until June 30, 1974 he was the Supply Officer with the Alberta Dragoons Cadets.

John has been awarded the Civil Defence Medal.

He has been a member of the Norwood Branch since October 1975.



Lt John Paziuk, C.D.

Pte Michael N. Pipella

M1982

Michael was born on November 15, 1919, at Lamont, Alberta. He was the son of Mike and Ann (Lakusta) Pipella and grandson of Elie and Paraskevia Pipella. Michael's mother came from Oshichlib, Austria, and his father from Molodia, Austria, immigrating to Canada in 1898.

Michael enlisted with the Royal Canadian Army (Active) Medical Corp on June 27, 1944, in Calgary, Alberta. He took his basic training in Calgary and was transferred to Debert, Nova Scotia, for more training, then was scheduled for overseas duty when the war ended. Michael returned to Calgary and was given his honourable discharge on September 15, 1945.

Michael joined the Calgary Legion in 1945. He took a transfer to Vegreville Legion, then transferred to Norwood Legion #178 in 1950 and was a member until he passed away March 26, 1988.



Pte Michael N. Pipella



Pte George Pisesky

Pte George Pisesky

K6520

George was born on May 29, 1925, at Edmonton, Alberta, the son of Katherine and Michael Pisesky who came to Canada in 1910 from the Ukraine.

He joined the Army in Vancouver and took his basic training at Grande Prairie, Alberta, and his advanced training with the Armour Corps in Orillia, Ontario. In England, George was posted to the Canadian Scottish Regiment (3rd Division) and then served in Holland and Germany. In June 1946 he was honourably discharged at Calgary.

George earned the France and Germany Star, and the Canada War Medal.

He has been a member of the Norwood Branch since January 1978.

Sgt Eugene Plawiuk

M104118

Eugene was born on July 13, 1916, at Canora, Saskatchewan, the son of Vlodimir and Emily (Levitsky) Plawiuk, and brother to Nestor. His father was born at Kytiv, Ukraine and his mother at Zalistuku, in the Ukraine. They immigrated to New York in 1904, where his parents were married and then, in 1910, moved to Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Eugene enlisted in the Canadian Army at Edmonton in November, 1941, completed his basic training in six weeks and was then posted to Calgary for his advanced training in Office records. In July 1942 he sailed on the Queen Mary to Aldershot, England, and from there he saw duty in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. While in England he spent much time at the Ukrainian Club doing office work. He was honourably discharged in March 1946.

He earned the 1939-45 Medal, the Defence Medal, 1939-45 Star, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, and France and Germany Star. While in Belgium he received Field Marshal Montgomery's Chief of Staff Certificate for Devotion to Duty.

Eugene has been a member of Norwood Branch #178 since February 1946 and served on the Executive in various positions including President for two years, 1st Vice President for two years, 2nd Vice President for two years, and Past President for two years, and is presently serving on the Executive.

He has the following Legion awards: Past President, Past Officer, 1st Vice President, and 60th Diamond Jubilee medals.



Sgt Eugene Plawiuk



**THE CORPS OF MILITARY
STAFF CLERKS**

CMSC



Cpl Nestor L. Plawiuk

Cpl Nestor L. Plawiuk M69167

Nestor was born on November 12, 1915, in Edmonton, Alberta, the older son of Vladamir and Emilia (Levisky) Plawiuk. Both parents immigrated to New York City, USA, in 1907 from the Ukraine, and the family arrived in Canada in 1910. Nestor was one of three brothers in the Forces.

In the spring of 1941, Nestor joined the 49th Battalion Loyal Edmonton Regiment. He completed his basic training in Camrose, Alberta, and then went on Staff. Unfortunately, Nestor was injured in an accident while on duty and received his honourable discharge on February 28, 1944.

Nestor earned the Canadian Volunteer Reserve Medal and the 1939-45 War Medal.

He joined the Montgomery Legion #24 after the war and transferred to Norwood Legion #178 in 1957. He was a member in good standing until his death on February 18, 1980.

Gnr Stanley Polny M610213

Stanley was born on February 9, 1921, at Pakan, Alberta. His parents immigrated to Canada from Austria in 1914.

He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Army on July 21, 1942, and was discharged on August 2, 1944. His military service was spent in Canada.

Stanley joined Norwood Legion #178 in 1979 and has been a member in good standing.



Gnr Stanley Polny



F/O Peter Poohkay

F/O Peter Poohkay

J29850

Peter was born at Mundare, Alberta, on November 15, 1913, the son of Dmytro and Anna (Lukenchuk) Poohkay. His father was born at Wowchkiwtsi, Sniatyn, Hazychna, and his mother at Wowchkiwtsi, Ukraine. They immigrated to Canada in 1902.

Peter enlisted in the RCAF in 1942 and received his honourable discharge when the war was over in 1945. He completed a tour of operations as a Navigator, which consisted of 33 bombing and target marking missions over Europe before he was posted back to Canada on 30 days leave, where he decided to return to university and leave the RCAF.

Peter earned the P.F.F. Operations, Wings and Albatross, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal, 1939-45 Star, Defence Medal, Air Crew Europe Germany Star.

Peter joined the Norwood Branch #178 in 1955 and has had continuous membership. He served on the Executive for four years.



**ROYAL CANADIAN
AIR FORCE**

F/O William (Bill) Poohkay J19530

Bill was born September 17, 1915 north of Vermilion, Alberta, the son of Mike and Mary (Poohkay) Poohkay (no relation), They were both born in Wowtkiwehi, Sniatyn, Ukraine.

He joined the RCAF on July 1, 1941, and after extensive training, he graduated as an Observer, then he was posted overseas in December 1942. Expecting to be posted to Halifax, they landed in New York, and boarded the Queen Elizabeth. After arriving in England, it was back to vigorous training. Before long, he and his crew were posted to the 427th Squadron, also referred to as the 'Lion Squadron'. On his first mission, they shot down an enemy fighter. After completing one tour of bombing raids, he volunteered as a spare on other bombers. On his 37th bombing raid, his plane was shot down en route to bomb Luxembourg. He parachuted to safety in a barley field not far from an enemy aerodrome. After contacting a French family, he joined the Free French Underground, "the Marquis", who specialized in subversive activities against the Nazis'. Only they, themselves, were liberated by the American forces under General Paton on the French-Belgium border.

Bill earned the following military awards: 1939-45 Star, Air Crew Europe Star, France and Germany Star, Defence Medal and Canadian Volunteer Service Medal.

He first joined the Montgomery Branch #24 in March 1945 and transferred to Norwood Branch #178 in 1946. He served on the Executive for a total of 12 years as Secretary and Secretary-Treasurer. Bill is a Life Member and also was awarded the 60th Diamond Jubilee Medal.



F/O William (Bill) Poohkay



Pte Victor Popowich M101671

Victor was born August 4, 1916, at Smoky Lake, Alberta, son of Simon and Claudia (Brustman) Popowich. His father immigrated to Canada in 1913 from Toporiwtsi, Ukraine, and his mother from Suchawa, Ukraine.

He enlisted in the Army in May 1942, and was honourably discharged in March 1946. He saw action in Italy, the United Kingdom, central Mediterranean and continental Europe. He earned the 1939-45 Star, Italy Star, France and Germany Star, the Defence Medal and the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp.

Victor was a member of Norwood Branch #178 until his death in May 1989.



Pte Victor Popowich



Pte Stanley Ptashnyk

Pte Stanley Ptashnyk M17297

Stanley was born on August 14, 1905, at Pawlin Radziechow (Austria), Poland, the son of Stephan and Kaska (Rusnak) Ptashnyk. He and his family came to Canada from Poland in 1928.

He joined the 49th Edmonton Regiment Infantry on April 27, 1940, and served in Canada, the United Kingdom, central Mediterranean area and continental Europe. During some of his army life he served as a cook and was known to his comrades as "Pat". Stanley returned to Edmonton and was given an honourable discharge on March 14 1946.

Pat received the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, the 1939-45 Star, Italy Star, France and Germany Star, and Defence Medal.

He joined Norwood Legion #178 in 1956 and was a member until his death August 15, 1978 at age 73.

FLT/CDT Neville Pullishy 135708

Neville was born on April 25, 1937, in Edmonton, Alberta, the son of William and Edna (Bromham) Pullishy. William immigrated to Canada from Austria and Edna was born in England.

Neville joined the RCAF on November 30, 1956, in Winnipeg, Manitoba. He served in Canada and received his discharge on August 22, 1957. In January 1960, Neville joined the Loyal Edmonton Regiment 3rd Battalion, PPCLI. He was transferred to Supplementary Reserve as a Lieutenant, serving in Canada until January 1972.

Neville joined Norwood Legion #178 in 1980 and was a member until he passed away May 5, 1985.

Pte Joseph Rachinsky M101386

Joseph was born on February 19, 1923, at Spedden, Alberta. He was the son of Steve and Nancy (Kittlarchuk) Rachinsky. His father came to Canada from Zylyncia (near Borszczow) Galicia, Poland in 1913. His mother was born at Mundare, Alberta.

On May 14, 1942, Joseph joined the Canadian Army, enlisting in the RCASC 8th Army, 1st Division. He served in the United Kingdom, central Mediterranean area, Germany, Italy, Holland, Malta, and Sicily. He saw much action, especially in Italy at "The Bridge". Joe contracted malaria and was hospitalized for some time. He returned to Canada and received his honourable discharge on November 16, 1945.

Joe earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, Italy Star, 1939-45 War Medal, Defence Medal, and the France and Germany Star.

Joe joined Norwood Legion #178 in 1962. He served on the Executive in 1970 and was a member until he passed away March 29, 1985.



Pte Fred Rasko

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M610411

Born on April 29, 1921, in Eastgate, Alberta, Fred is the son of Andrew and Effie (Fleese) Rasko, who immigrated to Canada from Western Ukraine in 1910.

Fred enlisted in the Army in Edmonton, Alberta, on September 3, 1942. He did his basic training in Camrose, Alberta, then was posted to Sidney, B.C., for advanced training in the infantry until the end of March, 1943. He was then posted to Niagara Falls for guard duty and further training before being transferred to Sydney, N.S., where he awaited the next troop ship. At the end of December 1943 Fred boarded the Queen Mary, arriving in Glasgow, Scotland, on January 7, 1944, and travelling from there to Aldershot by train. There he joined the Edmonton Fusiliers for advanced training until March, 1944, at which time he headed for Ghent, Belgium, where he was attached to the Calgary Highlanders as a Dispatcher. He served in this capacity as his Unit advanced through Belgium, Holland and into Germany. He was in Wilhelmshaven on V.E. Day and remained in that area for a couple of months before returning to Glasgow where he waited for a troop ship back to Canada and Edmonton. He then served in Wetaskiwin before receiving his discharge on March 5, 1946.

He earned the 1939-45 Star, the France and Germany Star, the War Medal, and the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp.

He joined Norwood Legion #178 in 1963 and has held continuous membership since that time.



THE CALGARY
HIGHLANDERS



WO Albert Ratuszniak 431 165 265

Born on April 1, 1931, in Ashville, Manitoba, Albert is the son of John and Rose (Nychka) Ratuszniak, also of Ashville, Manitoba, whose parents immigrated to Canada from Western Ukraine in 1900 and 1897 respectively.

Albert joined the RCAF in St. Jean, Quebec, in June 1953, and was sent to Camp Borden, Ontario, to train as an Electrical Technician. After graduation he served in this capacity with a Search and Rescue Squadron in Vancouver, B.C., and at Cold Lake,

Alberta, until 1957. He then remustered to a Flight Simulator Technician, serving in Bagotville, Quebec, for 6 years, then at Camp Borden, Ontario, as Instructor in charge of training from 1964-73. He was then transferred to Cold Lake, Alberta, where he instructed on a CF104 Simulator for four years and to Namao, Alberta, to instruct on a Hercules Simulator until his retirement in May 1980.

Albert received the CD Medal and 22 year Clasp.

He joined Norwood Legion #178 in 1977.



WO Albert Ratuszniak



Pte William N. Rawluk M105408

Born on August 28, 1923, at Orelec, Poland, William is the son of Nicholas and Annie (Lukenchuk) Rawluk. His father and mother both immigrated to Canada from Orelec in 1927 and 1925 respectively. His maternal grandparents were Mike and Mary Lukenchuk.



Pte William N. Rawluk

Bill joined the Canadian Army on December 7, 1942, at Edmonton's Prince of Wales Armoury and took his basic training in Edmonton. Advanced training was completed at Calgary's Currie Barracks. Bill was then posted to England in June 1943, and a month later joined the Calgary Highlanders. On July 6, 1944, the Highlanders went over to Europe and saw action throughout Normandy and

France where Bill was wounded near Boulogne on September 9 of that year. He recuperated in England until April 1945, but was returned to Europe and did Occupation Duty in Holland from July to December 1945 with the New Westminster Regiment. Bill was repatriated to Canada and received his honourable discharge on 12 February, 1946.

He earned the 1939-45 Star, the France and Germany Star, Defence Medal, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with Clasp, and the 1939-45 War Medal.

Bill joined Legion Branch #100 in St. Paul, Alberta, in May 1946 and later, in December of 1957, he joined Norwood Branch #178 and has been a continuous member. Bill has served on the Executive in many positions, including 2nd Vice President, 1st Vice President, and Sgt.-At-Arms. He was awarded the Certificate of Merit in 1975 and Life Membership in 1984.



**THE CALGARY
HIGHLANDERS**



**THE WESTMINSTER
REGIMENT**



Signalman Alfred Rebus

Signalman Alfred Rebus M56749

Alfred was born on September 15, 1920, in Glidehurst (now Leduc), Alberta, son of Bronislaw and Rose (Chrunik) Rebus, who immigrated to Canada in 1897 from Laszki, Poland and Galicia, Ukraine, respectively.

Alfred enlisted in the Army in Camrose, Alberta, on March 5, 1942, where he did his basic training. Following that, he was posted to Kingston, Ontario, until March 1943, for advanced training in the Signal Corps. From Kingston he proceeded to Cornwall, Ontario, for further training. In April of 1943, Alfred boarded the Queen Mary at Halifax, disembarking in Liverpool, and went by train to Croydon, where he engaged in further training. On D-Day plus 7 he was aboard a landing craft headed for Cherbourg, France. His unit advanced through France and into Belgium and Holland, ending up in Germany, where he remained until after V.E. Day. A short time later Alfred returned to England, being stationed in Reading until October 1945, when he sailed out of Southampton to New York and then by train back to Edmonton. He received his discharge in Calgary on January 2, 1946.

Alfred was Mentioned in Dispatches and earned the 1939-45 Star, the France and Germany Star, and the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp.

He joined the Norwood Legion Branch #178 in 1952 and has held continuous membership.



ROYAL CANADIAN CORPS
OF SIGNALS



PO Carl David Rebus

PO Carl David Rebus V81923

Carl was born on April 1, 1915 at Glidehurst (Leduc), Alberta, the son of Bronislaw and Rose (Chrunik)Rebus, who immigrated to Alberta from Galacia, Austria in 1895.

Carl, Alfred's older brother, joined the RCN Active Service at HMCS Nonsuch on March 27, 1944. He took his basic training at St. Hyacinthe, Quebec. Later on to Halifax where he saw active service on the high seas and the Battle of the Atlantic with the German submarines. He also

served on the Atlantic when Canadian ships were being escorted across. He returned to Edmonton, Alberta, to receive his honourable discharge on February 1, 1946.

Carl earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, 1939-45 War Medal, and the Atlantic Star.

He joined the Norwood Legion Branch #178 in 1947 and was a member for 37 years until his death on September 17, 1984.

Pte John Repka K43521

Born in Bellis, Alberta, on August, 26, 1916, John is the son of Peter and Anna, who immigrated to Canada from Chernivsti, Bukovina, Western Ukraine in 1909 and 1898 respectively.

John joined the Royal Mountain Rangers, a Unit of the Royal Canadian Ordinance Corps on February 28, 1941, in Trail, B.C., and served in the mountain regions in Prince Rupert, Kamloops, Nanaimo, Vancouver, and Camp Collingwood in Victoria, B.C. He received his discharge in Vancouver on March 23, 1943.

He earned the Canadian Volunteer Medal and the War Medal.

John joined the Norwood Legion Branch #178 in 1962 and has held continuous membership since.



Pte John Repka

LCpl John W. Romanchuk M447794

John was born on February 14, 1919, at Smoky Lake, Alberta. He was the son of Wasyl and Sandra (Mihalchan) Romanchuk. Wasyl was from Toporovitzi Bokovyna, Ukraine (Austria), and Sandra was born in Boian Bukovyna, Ukraine (Austria at that time). They immigrated to Canada in 1902. John's paternal grandparents were Tom and Katrina Romanchuk and his maternal grandparents were Zaharia and Dominica Mihalchan.



LCpl John W. Romanchuk

John enlisted with the Canadian Army on January 15, 1942. He served with the Coastal Guards on the west coast of Canada. He was given his honourable discharge December 15, 1945.

John earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal, 1939-45 War Medal.

He joined the Smoky Lake Legion in 1946, transferring to the Norwood Legion Branch #178 in 1950. He served on the Executive in 1963 and was Recording Secretary in 1964 and 1965. He was 1st Vice President in 1968. John received the Certificate of Merit and was a Life Member when he passed away on August 28, 1984.



PO Steve Romanchuk

PO Steve Romanchuk V13588

Steve was born on January 1, 1921, in Calgary, Alberta, the son of Paul and Anne (Starchuk), who immigrated to Canada from Western Ukraine in 1906 and 1911, respectively.

Steve joined the Navy as a Telegraphist, serving for 5 years during World War II in Newfoundland, Iceland, England, Scotland and Ireland.

He joined the Norwood Legion Branch #178 in 1980 and has been a continuous member.

LAC Walter Romaniuk R212112

Walter was born on April 6, 1921, in Edmonton, Alberta. He was the son of Steve and Annie (Tkachuk) Romanuik. Annie immigrated to Canada with her parents Dmetro and Jessie Tkachuk in 1901, and Steve immigrated in 1914 from Ukraine.

Walter enlisted with the RCAF on December 22, 1942, in Edmonton. He served in Canada before going to England, and returned home to receive his honourable discharge June 17, 1946. He earned the Canadian Volunteer Medal and Clasp, 1939-45 War Medal, and Oak Leaf.

He joined Norwood Legion Branch #178 in 1948, serving on the Executive Committee 1949, '53, '58, '62 and 1963. He served as Treasurer 1950-52, and then again 1954-57. He was 2nd Vice President in 1959. Walter was awarded a Life Membership in 1978. He passed away April 17, 1986.



LAC Walter Romaniuk





Sergeant Mike Ropchan

Sgt Mike Ropchan R171778 24078

Born on April 17, 1919, at Smoky Lake, Alberta, Mike is the son of George and Mary (Ropchan), who immigrated to Canada in 1903 from the Bukovyna area in Western Ukraine.

Mike enlisted in the RCAF in June 1942, as an Aero Engine Mechanic. His Air Force indoctrination was at the Manning Depot at Lachine, Quebec, from where, in September 1942, he was posted to a Technical Training School in St. Thomas, Ontario. On completion of his course

there, he was posted to Torbay, Newfoundland in December of 1942, then to Gander in June of '43, where he served with a Liberator Squadron on submarine patrol. In February 1944, he was transferred to the #3 Service Flying Training School in Calgary, Alberta, where he remained till September, at which time he was posted to an operation training unit at Penfield Ridge, N.B. Mike remained there until after V.E. Day, then was transferred to Calgary, Alberta, where he received his discharge in October 1945. In March 1946, however, Mike re-enlisted in the Permanent RCAF with 435 Sqn. at Station Edmonton. He remained there until March 1952, at which time he was transferred to Air Transport Command at Dorval, Quebec. In October 1953 the unit was moved to Trenton, Ontario, where Mike remained until October 1954, when he was transferred to Air Defence Command at St. Hubert, Quebec, with 125 Fighter Sqn., flying CF100 aircraft. In April 1956, he was transferred to Cold Lake, Alberta, where he remained until October 1960, being transferred to Namao, Alberta, where he remained until his retirement in November 1968.

Mike earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, the 1939-45 Star, the Defence and War Medals.

He joined the Montgomery Legion Branch #24 in 1963, and transferred to the Norwood Legion Branch #178 in 1976.

Gnr Frank Roper (Soliski) M38071

Frank was born in Edmonton, Alberta, on February 6, 1924, the son of Dmytro Solonynka and Sophie (Motozyshen), who immigrated to Canada from Lviv, Western Ukraine, in 1907.

Frank joined the Army in Edmonton in May 1943. He did his basic training in Wetaskiwin, then was posted to Aldershot, N.S., for advanced training. He was attached to the 22nd Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battery and remained in the Halifax area with his unit, guarding Dartmouth harbour. In early 1945, Frank was posted to London, Ontario, where he took a mechanics course on Bren Gun Carriers. From there he was posted to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, where he was discharged in April 1946.

Frank has held continuous membership with the Norwood Legion Branch #178 since February 1974.



LCpl Alexander Rowda

LCpl Alexander Rowda 59628/42

Alexander was born on October 13, 1919, in Krucie, Poland, the son of Nikita and Maria (Czerniawska) Rowda, of Krucie, Poland.

Alexander was deported by the Russians from Poland to the U.S.S.R. in 1940. In 1941, however, he was released on Amnesty and subsequently, on November 3, 1941, whilst still in the USSR, joined the Polish Army. His unit was sent to Persia, where it served in the Middle East, under British Command from August 1942 till February 1944. He was then posted, with his unit, to the Italian front, where he remained until the end of hostilities. He received his discharge in Italy on November 13, 1946, and shortly after immigrated to Canada.

Alexander earned the Polish Cross for Valour, the Cross of Monte Cassino, 1939-45 Star, the Italy Star, the Defence and War Medals.

He joined the Norwood Legion Branch #178 in January 1965.

Pte John Rudanec

M610747

Born in Downing, Alberta on September 21, 1921, John is the son of Wasyl and Dora (Shokoples) Rudanec, who immigrated from Ukraine in 1907.

John joined the Army on December 19, 1942. He did his basic training in Edmonton, Alberta, and advanced training in Prince George, B.C. From there he was posted to Vancouver for additional training, but became ill and was hospitalized on numerous occasions at the Shaughnessy Military Hospital. He was transferred to the Currie Barracks in Calgary, Alberta, from where he received a medical discharge on February 21, 1944.

John joined the Norwood Legion Branch #178 in 1959 and has held continuous membership since that time.



Pte John Rudanec



**THE CANADIAN INFANTRY
CORPS**

F/O Carl Rudyk

J23713

Born on May 3, 1916 in Edmonton, Alberta, Carl is the son of Michael and Eva (Zabozonek) Rudyk, who immigrated to Canada from Western Ukraine, and settled on a homestead in the Mundare area, Alberta.

Carl, the younger brother of Maximus, joined the RCAF as Aircrew in May 1943, attending Manning Depot and Initial Training School in Edmonton before graduating from Air Navigation School as a Navigator. After embarkation leave he proceeded overseas, arriving in Bournemouth, England, where he was selected for Operational Training and subsequent posting to an RAF Lancaster Bomber Squadron. On his 8th sortie, while returning from a raid on Berlin, Carl was wounded when his aircraft was shot down. He parachuted over enemy territory, was taken prisoner, and spent a year in a Prisoner of War Camp at Stalag 3. Mean-while, as a result of his wounds, his right leg had to be amputated. Carl was repatriated in January 1945, and received his discharge in April of the same year.

Carl earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, the 1939-45 Star, the War and Defence Medals.

He joined the Norwood Legion Branch #178 in March 1958, and has remained a member even though he resides in Burlington, Ontario.



F/O Carl Rudyk





SSgt Maximus Rudyk

SSgt Maximus Rudyk M17359

Born on September 26, 1903, in Beaver Lake, Alberta, Max is the son of Michael and Eva (Zabozonek) Rudyk, who immigrated to Canada from Kiev, Ukraine, in 1898, and settled on a homestead in the Mundare area.

Max joined the Loyal Edmonton Regiment on December 6, 1940, did his basic training in Calgary, Alberta, and by the end of the same month, he sailed out of Halifax, N.S., aboard the Empress of Australia, for Liverpool. He did his advanced training at Oxted, in the London area, where he remained until the fall of 1941 when his unit was shipped out to Sicily. Max, as the Company Quarter Master, advanced with his unit, through Sicily then Italy to the juncture of the French and Swiss border. He remained in Italy for the duration of hostilities and shortly after V.E. Day he sailed from Naples to Liverpool then back to Halifax, again on the Empress of Australia. Max received his discharge in Calgary on January 6, 1946.

He earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, the 1939-45 Star, the Italy Star and War Medal. He was Mentioned in Dispatches.

Max joined the Norwood Legion Branch #178 in March 1958.



**THE LOYAL EDMONTON
REGIMENT**



LAC Mike Russnak

LAC Mike Russnak

159229

Mike was born on August 27, 1921, in Two Hills, Alberta, son of Michailo and Domna (Olinek) Russnak, who immigrated to Canada from Bukovyna in Ukraine in 1903.

Mike enlisted in the RCAF in Edmonton in April, 1942, where he did his basic training. He was then posted to St. Thomas, Ontario, for an Aero Engine Mechanic Course. On completion of that course in November 1942, he was posted to #3 S.F.T.S. in Calgary, Alberta, where he remained until March

1943, at which time he received his overseas posting and was en route by train to Halifax, N.S. Three weeks later Mike was aboard the Queen Elizabeth heading for Greenoch, Scotland, then by train to Bournemouth, England. About mid May he was posted to Yorkshire, where he served with #427 Bomber Sqn. at Leaming in #6 Bomber Command until the end of hostilities. In early September 1945, Mike sailed from Southampton to Halifax aboard the S.S. New Amsterdam, then by train to Edmonton. He received his discharge in Calgary, Alberta, in October 1945.

Mike earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal, the War Medal and the British Defence Medal.

He joined Norwood Legion Branch #178 in September 1969 and has held continuous membership since.



A/PO John Rybak

V54500

John was born on March 6, 1922, in Rozvarzany, Ukraine, and came to Canada in 1930. His father, Zachary Rybak was also born there and came to Canada in 1925. John's mother, Fanny Rybak came in 1930 with John and his sister Mary.

John enlisted in the RCNVR on February 11, 1943 as Stoker 1. After Basic Training at the HMCS Nonsuch he was sent out to HMCS Cornwallis, Digby, N.S., on April 11, 1943. For his MTE course on July 22, Stoker 1st Class Rybak was sent to HMCS Stadacona, Halifax, for further training. On July 23, 1943 John was drafted on a corvette, HMCS

Morden, which was in refit at Lunenburg, Nova Scotia. John made eleven trips across the North Atlantic on Convoy duty between St. John, Newfoundland, and Londonderry, Ireland. After 30 days leave Stoker 1 Rybak was drafted to HMCS Stadacona for his Petty Officer's course. After passing his course, John was promoted to AIL Stoker on April 10, 1945. John was then shipped out to HMCS Niobe in Greenock, Scotland. In June 1945, John was drafted to HMCS Sheboque until October 1945. On October 11, 1945, John was sent back to Niobe and in turn to Halifax and Edmonton. He received his discharge on November 22, 1945.

For his service, John received the 1945 Star, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, as well as the Atlantic Star.

John was Secretary Manager for Norwood Legion Branch #178 and has his Life Membership as well as his 60 Year Jubilee Award.



A/PO John Rybak



LAC Lawrence A Sachkiw

LAC Lawrence A Sachkiw R13079

Born April 24, 1928 at Vegreville, Alberta, Lawrence is the son of John and Mary, whose parents immigrated to Canada from Western Ukraine in 1896 and homesteaded at Mundare, Alberta.

Lawrence enlisted in the RCAF in 1947 at Station Edmonton and remained there until his release 16 months later, having attained the rank of LAC.

Lawrence joined the Norwood Legion in April, 1975.

LAC Myros Bohdan Samycia

R260651

Myros was born on June 27, 1924 in Edmonton, Alberta, the son of Steven and Catherine (Sulyma) Samycia, who immigrated from Austria (Western Ukraine) in 1914.

Myros enlisted in the RCAF in Edmonton in June 1941, and trained as an Aero Engine Mechanic in Calgary, Alberta, St. Thomas and Clinton, Ontario. He then served at Air Force stations at Souris, Manitoba; Lethbridge, Alberta; Vancouver and Patricia Bay, B.C.

Myros received his discharge in Vancouver in November, 1944.

Myros joined the Norwood Legion in 1947 and has held continuous membership since then.



LAC Myros Bohdan Samycia



Pte Andrew Sawchuk

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M610118

Born on March 19, 1918 at Weasel Creek, Alberta, Andrew is the son of Nazary and Daria (Samborsky) Sawchuk, who immigrated to Canada in 1903 from Bukovyna, (Ukraine). His paternal grandparents were Ivan and Maria Sawchuk; maternal grandparents were Hryhory and Anna Samborski.

Andrew enlisted in the army in Edmonton on July 18, 1942. He took his basic training in Petawawa, Ontario, and his advanced training in Debert, N.S. with the Royal Canadian Engineers, which were attached to the Seventh Division.

The Division was subsequently disbanded in early 1944, at which time Andrew was posted to the Mewatta Barracks in Calgary, Alberta. Since engineers were no longer required, Andrew was asked to work in a coal mine in Mercoal, Alberta. He worked there for two years, still attached to the army, and was discharged in Calgary on March 21, 1946.

Andrew joined the Norwood Legion Branch on December 16, 1981 and has held continuous membership since that date.



LAC Alexander Sawka

LAC Alexander Sawka R272262

Alexander was born on October 2, 1924 at Thorhild, Alberta, the son of Victor and Pearl (Lakusta) Sawka, who came to Canada in 1896 from the county of Halychina, in Western Ukraine. Grandparents on the maternal side were Nicholas and Dominica Lakusta and on the paternal side were Anton and Rosalia Sawka.

He joined the RCAF in Edmonton on October 13, 1943, but took his basic training in Brandon, Manitoba. In November 1943 he was transferred to Toronto where he took a radar course. On completion he was transferred to Eastern Command at Halifax but moved to Louisburg, Nova Scotia, to #6 R.D.F. Station. He served there until February 1945. He was discharged on March 7, 1945 and received the 1939-45 War Medal.

Alex joined the Thorhild Branch #123 in 1946 and in 1988 transferred to Norwood Branch #178 where he is still a member.

Gnr Mike Sawka

M34973

Born on April 15, 1919 in Clyde, Alberta, Mike is the son of Peter and Annie (Bosowich) Sawka who immigrated to Canada in 1910, from Stanislaw, Western Ukraine.

Mike joined the army in Calgary, Alberta, on March 20, 1941, took his basic training at Mewatta Park and advanced training in small arms at Camp Shilo, Manitoba. He was then posted to Debert, Nova Scotia, where he was attached to the 95 Field Battery, 10th Army Brigade. From Debert, Mike was sent to the Ford Motor Plant at Windsor, Ontario, where he was engaged in testing Bren Gun Carriers and trucks. During the latter part of November 1941, he sailed aboard the S.S. Cameronia, to Glasgow, Scotland and then by train to Aldershot. For the next couple of years Mike took extensive advanced training and was engaged on



Gnr Mike Sawka

active patrol of coastal areas. On June 15, 1944, Mike proceeded via landing craft to the shores of Normandy in France. Here, as a tank operator, he saw action in Caen, Falaise and on through Belgium to Holland. Mike's active service ended when he was wounded in the leg just days before V.E. Day and ended up in hospital in Brugge, Belgium, then in Brussels and finally transferred to hospital in Horsham, England. In November 1945, he sailed from Liverpool to Halifax aboard the S.S. Mauritania and subsequently received his discharge in January 1946.

Mike earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, the Defence and War Medals, the 1939-45 Star, France and Germany Stars, plus the British Defence Medal.

He originally joined the Thorhild Legion Branch #234 and transferred to the Norwood Branch in 1986.

WO Garry Saxby 612 232 207

Born on March 20, 1945 in Edmonton, Alberta, Garry is the son of Peter and Mary (Meier) Saxby, of Edmonton.

Garry joined the RCAF in Edmonton on August 22, 1963 and after extensive courses graduated as an Air Traffic Controller. He served as a Control Tower and Senior Radar Controller at various Air Force Bases including Namao, Moose Jaw, Halifax, Cold Lake, and Baden Baden, Germany. He retired from the Air Force on September 15, 1985, after 22 years of service.

Garry earned the CD 1 and 2, which are good conduct medals after 12 and 22 years of service, respectively.

He joined the Norwood Legion #178 in October 1982.



WO Garry Saxby

LAC William (Bill) Schulha

R260663

William was born on March 29, 1923 in Bellis, Alberta, son of Philip and Anastasia (Kozak) Schulha, who immigrated from Western Ukraine, first to Haynes, North Dakota in 1911, then to Edmonton, Alberta in 1912.

Bill joined the RCAF in Edmonton on July 2, 1943, attended Manning Depot, then was posted to Medicine Hat, Alberta to train as an Air Frame Mechanic. On completion of that course he was posted to St. Thomas, Ontario, where he remained until the end of April, 1944. His next posting was to #7 Bombing and Gunnery School in Paulsen, Manitoba, where he served until the end of hostilities. Bill received his discharge in Calgary, Alberta on June 20, 1945.

He joined the Norwood Legion #178 in 1959 and has held continuous membership since that date.



LAC William (Bill) Schulha



Pte Frederick Semeniuk

Pte Frederick Semeniuk M38049

Born December 8, 1917 at Myrmam, Alberta, the son of Steve and Anna (Sawchuk) Semeniuk, who immigrated to Canada in May 1910, from the village of Beliewcziw in Poland.

Fred joined the army in February 1941, and did his basic training in Camrose and Calgary, Alberta. In early 1942 he was posted to Nanaimo, B.C., for advanced training with the Irish Fusiliers. After a few months, Fred, along with his unit, was posted to Kingston, Jamaica, for guard duty of German and Italian prisoners of war. In October 1944 he was posted to Debart, N.S., for advanced training and then on to Horsham, England, at the end of December of the same year aboard the Queen Mary. After a short stay at Horsham, Fred was attached to the R.C.A.S.C. in Sheffield. At the end of April 1945, he was posted to Holland, then on to Frankfurt with the Canadian Occupation Force. In November 1945 he went back to England, and in January 1946, sailed from Liverpool to New York aboard the Queen Elizabeth. From New York, it was by train to Hamilton, Ontario, then to Calgary, Alberta, where he was discharged on March 19, 1946.

Fred earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, and the Defence and War Medals.

He joined the Vermilion Legion Branch in 1968 and transferred to the Norwood Branch #178 in 1970.

Sapper Harry Semotiuk M66214

Born on June 1, 1920 at Mundare, Alberta, Harry is the son of Nick and Mary (Petruck) Semotiuk, who immigrated to Canada in 1900 from the village of Sniatyn, Ukraine.

Harry enlisted in the Army in Camrose, Alberta, on September 11, 1941. After two months of basic training in Camrose he was posted to an advanced training Depot in Dundurn, Saskatchewan. He took a six-week motor mechanic course then was posted to Chiliwack, B.C., to help in the construction of a new army camp. In March 1943, Harry was on a troop train enroute to Camp Miles Standish in New Haven, Connecticut, from where, on March 21, he sailed to Liverpool on the Empress of Scotland. He remained in England for the next few months, completing advance training at Camp Cove and Thrapston. On October 24, 1943, he was back on the Empress of Scotland with the 5th Armoured Division, enroute to Italy. On the last day at sea their convoy was bombed by the Germans with a loss of two ships. One being the General Hospital ship. The Empress of Scotland remained behind to pick up the survivors, finally arriving at Naples on November 7, 1943. On November 30, for the first time, Harry was sent to the front lines near Ortona. It was in this area, on March 3, 1944, while building a road, that he was wounded in the forearm and forehead by shrapnel from a two inch mortar shell. He spent the next three weeks in hospital, but within six weeks he was back at the front with the R.C.E. 1st Division. On June 7, 1944 Harry was back in hospital, this time with malaria. On discharge from hospital, he was attached to the 7th Battalion Advance Depot which, on February 22, 1945, sailed from Leghorn to Marseille, France. From there a five day overland convoy took him to Ypres, Belgium, then on to Nijmegen and Arnhem, Holland, which fell to the Canadians in April 1945. After V.E. Day he went on a well deserved rest in Holland, then on to England and back to Canada in October 1945, aboard the Queen Elizabeth. He received his discharge in Calgary on December 10, 1945.

Harry earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal, the 1939-45 Star, the France and Germany Stars, and the Defence Medal.

He joined the Norwood Legion Branch #178 in 1960, and has held a continuous membership since then.



Sapper Harry Semotiuk



Pte Stephen Senio

Pte Stephen Senio

M100498

Stephen was born on September 2, 1914 in Leduc, Alberta, the son of Catherine (nee Klymochka) from Litwina, Ukraine and Atanasy Senio from Jaroslaw, Ukraine who came to Canada in 1905.

Stephen enlisted in the Army on April 9, 1942, at the Prince of Wales Armouries in Edmonton and was posted to Camrose, Alberta, for his basic training, taking his advanced training in Red Deer, Alberta. Prior to going overseas, Stephen was posted to Kingston, Ontario, for specialized training in the

Royal Canadian Ordinance Corps taking further training and being involved in exercises during his posting at Borden, England. Stephen and his unit landed in Normandy on June 10, 1944, and had advanced to Oldenburg, Germany by war's end. Stephen was wounded by shrapnel at Bayeux, France.

Stephen earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with Clasp, the 1939-45 Star, the France-Germany Star, the Defence Medal and the Canadian War Medal.

Stephen has been a member of the Royal Canadian Legion since 1946, and has been a member of Norwood Branch #178 since 1963. He has served on the Executive Committee for one year and was awarded the Legion 60 Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Sapper George Serafinchan

M107350

Born on October 28, 1911, on a farm near Smoky Lake, Alberta, George is the son of Domka and Fred Serafinchan who came to Canada in 1902 from Western Ukraine.

George enlisted in the Army at the Prince of Wales Armouries, Edmonton, in March 1943, and took his basic training in Camrose, Alberta.

In May 1943, George was posted to the #1 Operating Group, Royal Canadian Engineers at Stratford, Ontario. In March 1944, George was honourably discharged for medical reasons at Mewatta Barracks in Calgary, Alberta.

George has been a member of the Norwood Branch #178 since January 1986.



Capt Mike Sereda

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M141535

Mike was born on October 5, 1911, in Foamlake, Saskatchewan, the son of Katherine (nee Koroshowska) and John Sereda who came to Canada in 1905.

Doctor Sereda enlisted in the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps in Calgary, Alberta, in March 1943. He was posted to the Officers Training School in Brockville, Ontario, where he received his Army Commission to the rank of Captain.

Captain Sereda was denied a posting overseas because of medical reasons, (P-4). He was posted to Calgary, Alberta, where he served as a Medical Officer at Mewata Barracks and the Colonel Belcher Hospital. He received his honourable discharge from the Medical Corps on October 16, 1946.

He earned the Canadian Volunteer Medal and the Canadian War Medal.

Doctor Mike Sereda has been a member of the Norwood Legion #178 since 1951.

M/Cpl. James Serink

Born on July 28, 1924 in Bruderheim, Alberta, James is the son of Pearl (nee Rozak) and Mike Serink, who arrived in Canada in 1900 from the Ukraine.

James enlisted in 418 Squadron (Reserve) Edmonton on February 15, 1972, and took his basic training at RCAF Base, Esquimalt, B.C.

On completion of this exercise, James joined the 418 Sqdn. Band, who performed at Depots and Ceremonials on request from Permanent and Auxiliary Commands. He was honourably discharged from the Air Force in Edmonton, Alberta on March 6, 1983.

He has been a member of the Norwood Legion Branch #178 since February 1980.



M/Cpl. James Serink

Tpr Nestor (Norm) Shalagan K48785

Norm was born on October 1, 1924 at Waugh, Alberta. He was the son of Matthew and Alma (Strilchuk) Shalagan. His mother was born at Waugh, Alberta, and his father immigrated to Canada from Ternopil, East Galicia, Poland in the early 1900's.

Norm enlisted with the Royal Canadian Army on November 1, 1942 at Vancouver, B.C., and took his basic training in Camp Borden, Ontario. Norm was sent overseas with the 18th Armoured Car Regiment XII Manitoba Dragoons C.A.C., serving in England, Germany, and Italy. He returned home and received his honourable discharge on March 1, 1946.

Norm earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, 1939-45 War Medal, Defence Medal, Italy Star, and France and Germany Star.

Norm joined Norwood Legion #178 in 1977 and was a member until he passed away on October 12, 1983.



Tpr Nestor (Norm) Shalagan
France, Belgium, Holland,



LAC Ted Sharum

LAC Ted Sharum R150832

Born on June 6, 1921, in Edmonton, Alberta, Ted is the son of Julia (nee Topilko) and Fred Sharum.

Ted enlisted in the RCAF on February 16, 1942, in Edmonton Alberta, and after completing his basic training at #2 A.O.S. Edmonton, joined the Royal Canadian Legion Air Force Band, under the direction of the Air Force Command. His band travelled to numerous RCAF Schools and Depots to play at Ceremonials and Concerts.

Ted was honourably discharged at Boundry Bay, B.C., on August 31, 1945. He earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and the Canadian War Medal.

He has been a member of Norwood Legion Branch #178 since 1948.

Pte Peter J. Shewchuk M57553

Born at Desjarlais, Alberta, on February 5, 1913, Peter was the son of John and Anastasia (Huculak) Shewchuk, who immigrated to Canada in 1900 from Borovisi, Bukovyna, Ukraine. Paternal grandparents were Steve Shewchuk and Anastasia Fedorak, while his maternal grandparents were George Huculak and Mary Zukiwski.

Peter joined the Canadian Army Reserve service and took basic training at the Military Camp Training Depot in Camrose, Alberta. On January 3, 1943 he enlisted with the Royal Canadian Army (Active) in Edmonton. and on April 10, 1943, Peter was given his honourable discharge (due to ill health).

Peter has belonged to several legions since 1945; Thorhild, Vegreville, and Banff, and transferred to Norwood Legion #178 in 1956 where he was a member until he passed away on May 7, 1969.



Pte Peter J. Shewchuk



Pte William Shewchuk

Pte William Shewchuk M610947

William was born on March 14, 1922 at Shandro, Alberta. He was the son of Metro and Mary (Stefiuk) Shewchuk who had immigrated to Canada from Bukovyna, Austria, in 1912.

William enlisted with the Canadian Army on February 1, 1943, serving in Canada, the United Kingdom and Continental Europe. He returned home to receive his honourable discharge on May 23, 1946.

He earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, 1939-45 War Medal, and the France and Germany Star.

William joined Norwood Legion #178 in 1970 and was a member until he passed away in July 1986.



Pte Anton Shpeley

Pte Anton Shpeley

M65936

Born January 21, 1920 in Whitesand, Saskatchewan, the son of Bill and Irene (nee Delowsky) Shpeley, who came to Canada in 1905 from Bukovyna, Western Ukraine.

On August 14, 1941, Anton enlisted in the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps in Camrose, Alberta, where he took his basic training. He was later posted to Red Deer, Alberta, for advanced training, then to the United Kingdom on November 12, 1942. He served with the 1st Canadian Division in Sicily, Italy, and Northwestern Europe. At the war's end, he received his honourable discharge in Calgary, Alberta, on January 18, 1946.

Anton earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal, the Defence Medal, the 1939-45 Star, the Italian Star, the France-Germany Star and the Canadian War Medal.

He joined the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #33 in Mannville, Alberta, in 1963 and has been a member of the Norwood Legion #178 since 1972.

LAC Peter J. Shwets

R222932

Peter was born on May 23, 1923 in Dauphin, Manitoba, the son of Jennie (nee Misko) Shwets from Turyleczy, Ukraine, and John Shwets from Bilobozhnytsia, Ukraine, who came to Canada in 1896.

Peter enlisted in the RCAF in Dauphin, Manitoba, and took his basic training at St. Thomas, Ontario. He graduated as an Aero-Engine and Air Frame Mechanic and was then posted to #10 Flying School back in Dauphin.

He was honourably discharged from the RCAF on October 15, 1945, in Dauphin. He earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and the Canadian War Medal.

Peter has been a member of the Norwood Legion #178 since 1973.



LAC Peter J. Shwets



Pte Nicolas Sikora

Pte Nicolas Sikora

K71176

Nick was born on December 19, 1915 at Calmar, Alberta, the son of John and Eva (Senio) Sikora, who immigrated to Canada from Austria in 1905.

Nick enlisted with the Royal Canadian Army Corps at Trail, B.C., on November 26, 1941. After serving in Canada, England and France, he returned home to receive his honourable discharge in Edmonton, Alberta, on March 19, 1946,

Nick earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, 1939-45 War Medal, and the France and Germany Star.

Nick joined Norwood Legion #178 in 1966 and was a member until he passed away on June 30, 1982.

LAC Mike Simms

R140161

Mike was born in July, 1917, at (Duvernay) now Musidora, Alberta. He is the son of Steve and Mary (Yarimichuk) Yaworenko. His mother was born in Canada and his father immigrated to Canada in 1908 from Bukovyna, Ukraine.

Mike enlisted in the RCAF on November 11, 1941. He was sent overseas to Bournemouth, England, and was then posted to 421 Squadron at Redhill. He spent a year at Kenley, Surrey, and was then shipped to Belgium's Evere Airport in 1944.

Mike returned home to receive his honourable discharge on October 7, 1945.

He earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, 1939-45 Star, Defence Medal, and France and Germany Star.

Mike joined Norwood Branch #178 in 1957 and had continuous membership until he passed away on March 23, 1991.



LAC Mike Simms

LAC Walter Slawuta R159039

Born on October 20, 1920 in Western Ukraine, Walter is the son of Teodozia (who arrived in Canada in 1929), and Roman Slawuta, who arrived in Canada in 1924 from Western Ukraine.

Walter enlisted in the RCAF at #10 Manning Depot in March 1942, and, after completing his basic training, he was posted to the Technical Air Wing in St. Thomas, Ontario, where he trained as an Aero-Engine Mechanic.

Upon graduation, Walter took further training at #5 Depot, Cantrelia, Ontario, and on completion, was posted to Boundry Bay, B.C. Walter was honourably discharged in October 1945, and was awarded the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and the Canadian War Medal.

He joined the Royal Canadian Legion, Bonnyville Branch in 1948 and has been a member of Norwood Branch #178 since 1974.



LAC Walter Slawuta



Rfn John Smylski

Rfn John Smylski SN206913

Born on February 2, 1941, at Gilbert Plains, Manitoba, John is the son of George and Eva (Uruski) Smylski, who came to Canada from Austria. His grandparents on the maternal side were John and Catherine Uruski and on the paternal side, George Negrych.

John enlisted at Fort Osborne Barracks in Winnipeg and shortly after, was transferred to Currie Barracks in Calgary for basic training. In 1960 he was posted to Germany for three years and in 1965, did a tour of duty in the Holy Land. While there he became medically unfit, was transferred back to Canada, and was discharged in October 1967.

John joined Norwood Legion #178 in 1980 and has been a continuous member.

Sapper Steve Smylski

B23913

Steve was born on August 12, 1909, at Dauphin, Manitoba, the son of Michael and Anna (Kitlar-chuk) Smylski, who came to Canada in the late 1890's from Western Ukraine. Grandparents on the paternal side were Nick and Natascei Smylski.

Steve enlisted in the Army on October 8, 1941, and saw service in the United Kingdom, Italy, and northwest Europe. He served as a Sapper with the Royal Canadian Engineers in the First Division in Continental Europe, where he was injured by a mine explosion that put him on a 30% disability pension.

He was discharged on December 5, 1945, and earned the 1939-45 Star, France and Germany Star, Italy Star, Defence Medal, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal, and the 1939-45 War Medal.

Steve joined the Legion in 1946 in Dauphin, but left in 1950. He joined Norwood Branch#178 in 1980 and has been a continuous member since that time.



Sapper Steve Smylski



A/B John William Sorochoan

A/B John William Sorochoan V-66185

Born on January 5, 1924, in Lamont, Alberta, John is the son of Wasyl and Mary (Prochinsky) Sorochoan. Wasyl immigrated to Canada in 1900 from Halychyna, Ukraine. His mother was born in Wostok, Alberta.

John joined the RC.N.V.R. in June 1943 at HMCS Nonsuch, Edmonton, Alberta. He completed his basic training at Winnipeg, Manitoba. After completing his advanced training at HMCS Cornwallis, Digby, N.S., he went to sea on the HMCS Ettrick and, three months later, was drafted to the HMCS Stonetown. This was the senior ship of an eight-ship convoy in the North Atlantic and John was involved in active sea patrol, protecting merchant and cargo ships carrying supplies needed

for the war effort in Great Britain. On V.E. Day, the HMCS Stonetown left to return to Canada from Belfast, Northern Ireland.

John received his honourable discharge in December 1945. He earned the 1939-45 Star, 1939-45 Volunteer Medal and Clasp, the Defence Medal 1939-45, and Atlantic Star.

John has been a member of Norwood Branch #178 for 25 years and has served on the Executive in many different offices over the years and as President for two years. He has been awarded the Past Presidents Medal, Service Medal, Diamond Jubilee Medal, Life Membership and Certificate of Merit.



Tpr Adolph Spachinsky

Tpr Adolph Spachinsky M51241

Adolph was born on October 16, 1912 at Smoky Lake, Alberta, the son of Joseph and Leotina (Husar) Spachinsky, who came to Canada around 1907-1909 from the village of Chortkiw in the Western Ukraine.

Ad, one of five brothers who saw active service, enlisted in the Army on July 14, 1942 and saw duty in Canada, Britain, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany, as a truck driver instructor, driver mechanical instructor, truck assembly line inspector and truck technician. He was assigned to S.A.R. (tank) as a fitter where he saw plenty of front line duty repairing tanks, etc. He received his discharge on February 11, 1946.

He earned the 1939-45 Star, France and Germany Star, Defence Medal, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with Clasp, and the 1939-45 War Medal.

Ad joined the Legion in 1946 as a member of Montgomery Branch #24 and later, in 1971, joined the Norwood Branch #178 where he is still a continuous member. He was awarded the Certificate of Merit in 1975 and the Diamond Jubilee Medal in 1986. He also received the following awards from the Poppy Office: Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Appreciation Award and, while at #24, received the Montgomery Branch Poppy Achievement Award.

LCpl. John Squarok M16980

Born on June 29, 1915 at Minburn, Alberta, John is the son of William and Margaret Squarok, who came to Canada in 1911 from Galicia in Western Ukraine.

John enlisted on February 17, 1940, with the Loyal Edmonton Regiment and served in Canada, United Kingdom, Spitzbergen, Italy and Continental Europe.

He earned the 1939-45 Star, Italy Star, France and Germany Star, the Volunteer Service Medal and the 1939-45 War Medal. John received his honourable discharge in September 1945.

John joined Norwood Branch #178 in December 1976 and has been a continuous member.



LCpl. John Squarok



LAC Mike Stefanyk

LAC Mike Stefanyk R150523

Born on November 8, 1918 at Edmonton, Alberta, Mike is the son of Nick and Zonia (Tanasichuk) Stefanyk. His father came to Canada in 1906 and his mother in 1904. They both immigrated to Canada from the Western Ukraine.

Mike joined the Forces first as a private in 1941 and served his basic training in Camrose, Alberta, but later transferred to the RCAF in January 1942. Mike played saxophone in the Canadian Military. In 1944 he remustered to take an officers training course in Trenton, Ontario, but due to the death of his father he received an honourable discharge in January of 1945.

Mike joined Norwood Legion Branch #178 in January 1962 and has been a continuous member.

Cpl. Joseph H. Stepa R260649

Born on July 7, 1924 at Chipman, Alberta, Joe, brother to Paul, is the son of Harry and Ann (Kaszczysyn) Stepa, who came to Canada in 1897 (mother) and 1907 (father) from the District of Chortkiw, Western Ukraine. Grandparents on the paternal side were Fred and Sophie Sztepa.

Joe enlisted in the RCAF at Manning Depot, Edmonton, Alberta, in July 1943 and also took his basic training there. He started his Airforce career in Calgary at #10 Repair Depot with the Motor Transport Division. With this Division he saw duty in Vancouver and in Moncton, New Brunswick. On August 4, 1945, he arrived in Goose Bay, Labrador, where he looked after the administration and record keeping of the complete activity of the Transport Division on the Base. Beside his regular duties, Joe had time to take charge of the Base movie theatre and the photo shop.

He celebrated V.E. Day in Vancouver and V.J. Day in Goose Bay and received his honourable discharge on October 24, 1946.

While in the service he earned the Canadian Volunteer Medal, Victory Medal, and 1939-45 Star.

Joe joined Norwood Legion Branch #178 in February 1947 and he was on the Executive for eleven years. He served as 1st Vice President in 1958-59 and in other executive positions with the Branch. Joe Stepa was our Zone Commander in 1962. Over the years Joe has received the Certificate of Merit, Life Membership and the Diamond Jubilee Medal.



Cpl. Joseph H. Stepa

LAC Paul Stepa

R171731

Paul was born on June 22, 1921, in Lamont, Alberta, the son of Harry and Anne (Kaszczysyn) Stepa, who came to Canada in 1897 (mother) and 1907 (father) from the District of Chortkiw, Western Ukraine. Grandparents on the paternal side were Fred and Sophie Sztepa.

Paul joined the RCAF in Edmonton in November 1941, and served in Canada only. After six months of special training in Edmonton, he was posted to Toronto and then St. Thomas for further training. He then went to Fort McLeod to #7 S.F.T.S. for two years, followed by 6 months at #3 S.I.T.S in Calgary and, finally, to #3 A.O.S. at Comox, B.C., from where he was discharged in October 1945.

Paul joined Jasper Branch #31 in November 1966, and later transferred to Norwood Legion Branch #178 where he has been a continuous member.



LAC Paul Stepa



OS John G. Stetsko

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V16847

Born on January 28, 1919, at Elk Point, Alberta, John is the son of Harry and Paraska (Lesyk) Stetsko, and brother of William. Harry came to Canada in 1906 from the village of Strilkivci and Paraska from Koshelewci, both in the Western Ukraine. His grandparents on the paternal side were Michael Stetsko and Justina (Rybylo).

In 1939, when war broke out, John was working for his uncle at Kobylnyk General Store. He left and came to Edmonton to enlist in the army. After standing in line at the armouries for a week, he gave up hope. He left for Yellowknife to work and after some time, decided to get back to Edmonton and enlist in the Navy. That was in 1941.

He joined up as an Ordinary Seaman and was drafted to see duty on the Pacific

Coast on submarine patrol aboard the Prince Henry. He spent some time in Prince Rupert and, after that service, he was transferred to an aircraft carrier (Puncher), for service in North Africa, Scapa Flow in Scotland and in the Murmansk Patrol. He volunteered for Pacific duty but with the quick end of the war was sent home to Alberta where he was discharged in November 1945.

John earned the King Neptune Award, Atlantic Star, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal, Defence Medal, and 1939-45 War Medal.

He joined Norwood Legion Branch #178 on February 10, 1947 and has been a continuous member ever since. He was President for two years and on the Executive for ten years. He was awarded the Past Presidents Medal in 1956, 1976 Golden Anniversary Medal, Life Membership in 1975, and the Diamond Jubilee Medal in 1986.



P/O William Stetsko

P/O William Stetsko R178697

William was born on October 2, 1917 at Northern Valley, Alberta, the son of Harry and Paraska (Lesyk) Stetsko. His father came to Canada from Strilkivci, Ukraine, in 1906 and his mother was born at Koshelewci, Ukraine, and immigrated in 1909. Paternal grandparents were Michael and Justina (Rybylo)Stetsko.

Bill enlisted in the RCAF in Edmonton on March 14, 1941. He took his basic training in Edmonton, Calgary, and Nassau, Bahamas. He was posted to England for more training in specialized night flying and it was there that he joined the 502 Squadron of Coastal Command. During the war Bill flew 412 hours against the enemy as wireless operator, air gunner and radar operator. He returned home and received his honourable discharge on August 15, 1945.

He earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, Atlantic Star and the Defence Medal.

Bill joined Norwood Legion Branch #178 in 1946. He served on the Executive in 1951. He received a Certificate of Merit in 1976 and was a Life Member when he passed away on August 20, 1987.



F/O Julian Stogryn

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C94347

Julian was born on December 21, 1921 at Opal, Alberta, the son of Mike and Josephine (Sereda) Stogryn, who came to Canada in the early 1900's, from the village of Chortkiw and Probuzna in Western Ukraine.

Julian enlisted in the RCAF on July 1, 1941. He served his basic training in Penhold and then back to Edmonton Manning Depot, then to St. Thomas for the airframe mechanics course. For the next nine months he was in Ottawa where he worked on

Harvard aircraft. Lethbridge Gunnery School was the next stop, where he worked on all kinds of aircraft for six months. After that, he went overseas and did some tour duty with 415 Squadron both at night and during the day. He received his commission on the 27 November, 1944 and was discharged in August 1945. He earned the France and Germany Star, 1939-45 Star, Defence Medal, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and 1939-45 War Medal.

Julian joined Norwood Legion Branch #178 in 1986, after being a longtime member of Montgomery Branch #24.

Maj Dennis Strilchuk 623817103

Dennis was born on January 25, 1956 in Vancouver, B.C., the son of Dennis Nicholas Strilchuk of Edmonton, Alberta.

Dennis enlisted on June 28, 1973, in the 20 Field Artillery Regiment and is still serving. He saw service in Germany as well as U.N. duty in the Gaza Strip.

Dennis joined the Norwood Legion Branch #178 in July 1974 and has been a continuous member ever since.



Maj Dennis Strilchuk



Pte Russ Sumka

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M612862

Born on February 12, 1926 at Radway, Alberta, Russ is the son of Mary Sumka who was born in Western Ukraine and immigrated to Canada in 1901.

Russ enlisted in the Canadian Army at Mewatta Barracks, Calgary, on January 24, 1945. His basic training was completed in Camrose and Wetaskiwin, Alberta.

On April 1, 1945, he was sent to Camp Borden, Ontario, for advanced training and completed this course in August. At the war's end, Russ was posted to Camp Dundurn in Saskatchewan for further training for the far east conflict; then he was posted to Calgary for a short stay. On April 15, 1946, Russ was honourably discharged to civilian life.

Russ joined Norwood Legion Branch #178 in 1964 and has been a continuous member ever since.

AS Stephen Sweryda

V66228

Stephen was born on August 12, 1921, in Bursztyn, Poland. He was the son of Fred Isadore and Maria (Kobel), and brother to Walter. His grandparents were the Wasylyszyn's from Bursztyn. Stephen's father came from Serdne, Poland. He and his family immigrated to Canada in March 1927.

Stephen enlisted with the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve on June 29, 1943, and went into active service on July 28, 1943. He served in Canada, on the high seas, and in Newfoundland. Stephen received his honourable discharge May 29, 1945. He earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp and the 1939-45 War Medal.

Stephen joined Norwood Legion Branch #178 in August 1969 and was a member until his death on April 4, 1976.



AS Stephen Sweryda

APO Walter Sweryda

V73095

Born on July 15, 1924, in Burshtyn, Western Ukraine, Walter is the son of Fred and Maria (Kobel) Sweryda who came to Canada in 1927 from Western Ukraine.

Walter enlisted in the R.C.N.V.R. in 1943 and saw service only in Canada, with a side trip into Alaskan waters when the Japanese were contemplating attacking our shores. He was discharged in 1946 as acting P/Officer.

He joined Norwood Legion Branch #178 in 1959 after being a member of Montgomery Branch #24 for a while. He has been a continuous member ever since.



APO Walter Sweryda



AS James Joseph Symic

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V41239

Born on April 3, 1920, in Edmonton, Alberta, James was the son of Sylvester (Steve) and Josephine (Powell) Symiec. His father immigrated to Edmonton from Szczakowej, Krakow, Poland, in 1912. His mother was born at Fernie B.C.

Jim joined the Army Reserves at the Prince of Wales Armouries, Edmonton, on July 16, 1940. He served with the Edmonton Fusiliers 2nd Battalion as a private, #M446153. He took his basic training at Sarcee Camp in Calgary and was based there until he enlisted with the RCN active service at HMCS Nonsuch on June 4, 1942. He was posted to Esquimalt, B.C., for his basic training at HMCS Naden and then east to HMCS Stadacona. He was injured aboard the HMCS Protector and was then returned to HMCS Nonsuch where he received his honorable discharge in January 26, 1942.

He earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, and the 1939-45 War Medal.

Jim joined Norwood Branch #178 in 1956 and was on the Executive committee from 1964 to 1967 in the positions of "Way's and Means" and "Bingo Chairman". In 1968 he was 2nd Vice President. He was an active member until his death on February, 1972.

Col Michael Syrotuck

Michael was born on October 10, 1919, at Ethelbert, Manitoba, the son of George and Anastasia (Bilash) Syrotuck. His father immigrated to Canada in 1896 and his mother came in 1898 from the Ukraine. His maternal grandparents were Fred and Michalina (Peresty) Bilash.



Col Michael Syrotuck

Michael enrolled with the Edmonton Military Institute in 1936 with the rank of Lieutenant. As a Lt., he joined the active militia of Canada with the 78th Field Battery R.C.A. and attended the required course held at the Royal School of Artillery (M) in Winnipeg from April 18 to 30, 1938 where he qualified at Captain. He enlisted in the Canadian Army (Active) on August 19, 1940. He was with #10 District Depot R.C.A. wing when he attended a Major's course (A.F.) held at Camp Petawawa, Ontario, from January 10 to April 2, 1942 whereupon he was promoted to Major (A.F.). He served in Canada, the United Kingdom, Belgium and Holland.

He earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, Defence Medal, France and Germany Star.

On March 11, 1946, he returned to reserve status. On February 1, 1952, he was promoted to Acting Lieutenant Colonel and to command the 116 Manning Depot (Reserve Force) until November 1954 when he attained the rank of Colonel.

Colonel Syrotuck was a charter member of Norwood Branch #178 in 1946. He served as President in 1946-47, 1949-50 and 1953. He was awarded a Life Membership in December 1962 and received a M.S.M. in 1966. Colonel Michael Syrotuck passed away on April 3, 1974.



ROYAL CANADIAN ARTILLERY



NS Lt Mary (Melnik) Syrotuck

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Born on January 17, 1910, at Mymam, Alberta, Mary was the daughter of Paul and Pearl (Melnichuk) Melnyk. Her father immigrated to Canada in 1898 from the Ukraine. Paternal grandparents were John and Anna Melnyk. her husband was Col. Mike Syrotuck.

Mary, a Nursing Sister, was stationed at Currie Barracks in Calgary before she was posted to London, England, where she served for two years.

Mary joined the Montgomery Branch #24 of the Legion in 1946, but transferred to Norwood Branch #178 in 1948. She served on the Executive for a number of years and received the Certificate of Merit in 1975. Mary passed away on December 21, 1982.

Pte Peter Sytar

**M106077
SM800461**

Born on July 9, 1924, at Batiatyczi, Malopolska, Poland, Peter was the son of Pawel and Mary (Marchyshyn) Sytar. The family immigrated to Canada in 1930.

Peter enlisted with the Royal Canadian Army on January 19, 1943, serving with #3 Platoon C.A.(B)T.C. #132 in Canada, England, France and Germany. He returned home and received his honourable discharge on May 4, 1946.

Peter enlisted in the Canadian Army for the second time on August 18, 1950. This was for the Korean War, serving with 14 Coy R.C.A.S.C. in Canada, Far East and Korea with number SM800461. He returned home and was discharged on September 11, 1961.

Peter earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, War Medal and United Nations Service Medal.

He joined Norwood Branch #178 in 1959 and was an active member until he passed away on April 18, 1988.



Pte Peter Sytar



Pte Andrew Szkolar

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M65340

Andrew was born on December 5, 1903, in the village of Cherche in the province of Stanislaw, Ukraine, the son of Hrehori and Maria (Lavetsky) who came to Canada on August 18, 1928, from Western Ukraine. His grandparents on the paternal side were Andrew and Hashka Szkolar.

Andrew enlisted at Edmonton in the Canadian Army on June 24, 1941, and saw service with the Fourth Armoured Division in England, Continental Europe and Canada. He was discharged on April 15, 1946. He earned the France and Germany Star, 1939-45 Star, Defence Medal, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and 1939-45 War Medal.

He was a member of Montgomery Branch #24 for a year, then joined Norwood Branch #178 in 1947. He was a continuous member until he passed away on February 6, 1991.

Pte Nick Szram

30039747

Born on January 12, 1918, in the village of Trechla, Ukraine, Nick is the son of Stefan and Kataryna (Kilyk) who came to Canada in 1951 from England and the village of Trechla in Western Ukraine.

Nick first served in the Russian Army at Vladivostock from 1940-42, before transferring to the Polish Free Army where he saw service in Egypt, Palestine, Iran, Iraq and Italy, where he was when the war ended. He was discharged on October 30, 1948 in England.

He earned the 1939-45 Star, the Italy Star, Defence Medal, War Medal and Polish Monte Cassino Medal.

Nick joined Norwood Branch #178 in November 1970, and has been a continuous member ever since.



Pte Nick Szram

WOII John H. Taschuk

Born on March 27, 1908 at Kaleland (Two Hills), Alberta, John is the son of Peter and Maria (Kereliuk) Taschuk who came to Canada in 1901 from the village of Shypyntsi, Būkovyna in Western Ukraine.

John saw service in the Canadian Army on February 10, 1942, with the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps in Canada only. He took his basic training at Calgary's Curry Barracks, before transferring to Red Deer for advanced training and office work, where he remained until the war's end. He was discharged on August 1, 1946.

He joined Norwood Branch #178 on March 6, 1959, but before that was a member of Montgomery Branch #24.



WOII John H. Taschuk



Flt Sgt George Tokarek

Flt Sgt George Tokarek R196716

Born on May 15, 1905 at Sokal, Saskatchewan, George is the son of Ivan and Wasylyna (Werezak) Tokarek, who came to Canada in 1901 from the village of Horodenka in Western Ukraine. Grandparents on the paternal side were Onufrey and Warwara Tokarek and, on the maternal side, Stephara and Warwara Werezak.

George, one of five brothers in the Services, enlisted in the R.C.A.F. on November 27, 1942 serving in Canada only. He was discharged in 1946. He was the first Ukrainian to be registered in the American Registry of Radiological Technicians. Employed by Saskatoon City Hospital as Chief Technician, took his basic training in Edmonton, then on to Lachine, Quebec, Rockcliff and Halifax, where he completed his tour of duty at the end of the war.

He earned only the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal.

George was member of Hamilton Branch R.C.L. before transferring to Norwood Branch #178 in 1968, where he has been a member ever since.

LAC Edward Tomick R260672

Edward was born September 20, 1917 in Edmonton, Alberta. He was the son of William and Anna (Wilchinski) Tomick who immigrated to Canada in the early 1900's from Onut, Ukraine.

Edward enlisted with the RCAF on July 5, 1943 in Edmonton. He served in Canada, advancing to Wing Supervisor at St. Thomas, Ontario. He received his honourable discharge in Calgary, Alberta on October 6, 1945.

Edward earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and 1939-45 War Medal.

Edward was a Charter Member of Norwood Legion #178 in 1946. He served many years on the Executive and was the Branch President in 1966. He was a very active member until he was killed in a car accident along with his wife Helen on June 13th, 1970.



LAC Edward Tomick



LAC William Topolnitsky

LAC William Topolnitsky R260697

Born on March 14, 1914 at Angle Lake, Alberta, William is the son of Michael and Zanichira (Kurash) Topolnitsky who came to Canada in 1910 from the village of Kysyliw (Michael) and Luzan (Zanichira) Western Ukraine. His grandparents on the paternal side were John and Katrina Topolnitsky and on the maternal side John and Euftina Kurash.

William enlisted with the RCAF on July 7, 1943 and saw service in Canada only. He was discharged on September 10, 1945. He earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal.

William was a member of Myrnam Branch from 1947 to 1955 where he served as President for a term, before transferring to Calgary. In 1975 he joined the Norwood Branch where he has been a continuous member.



S/A Joseph Thomas Trofimuk

S/A Joseph Thomas Trofimuk V94073

Joseph was born on September 2, 1925, in Poland, the son of Tom and Kzenia Trofimuk who came to Canada in 1928.

Joe joined the R.C.N.V.R. on November 14, 1944 as an Ordinary Seaman but moved up to the rank of Supply Assistant. He served for one and a half years with service in Canada only. After discharge on May 15, 1946 he took a C.O.T.C. course from 1946 to 1948.

He has been a member of Norwood Legion since 1955. He became a Life Member in 1976, served on the Executive for five years and has been the Branch Solicitor since 1975.

Joe was awarded the Golden Anniversary Medal in 1976.

Pte James Tymchuk M106171

James was born on April 28, 1919 at Two Hills, Alberta. He is the son of Paul and Anna (Poh-ranychny) Tymchuk who came to Canada in January 1901 from the village of Shnaraw, Brody in Western Ukraine.

James enlisted in the Canadian Army in January 1941 but served in Canada only and was discharged on June 4, 1943. After enlistment he took his basic training at the Prince of Wales Armories in Edmonton. However, after basic training was completed, he was hospitalized for a lengthy period and was discharged on medical grounds.

James was a member of Montgomery Branch #24 for a few years but lapsed his membership and did not join Norwood Branch #178 until December 1955, where he has been a continuous member.



Pte James Tymchuk



LAC Nick Tymofichuk

LAC Nick Tymofichuk R105557

Nick was born on April 10, 1917 at Elk Point, Alberta, the son of William and Helen (Tarangul) Tymofichuk. Nick's father came to Canada in 1913, from the village of Sniatyn in the Western Ukraine. His mother was born in Whitford, Alberta.

Nick saw service in the RCAF in 1939, mainly in Canada with a short stint in England. He was discharged in 1941. He earned the 1939-45 Star, Defence Medal, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal, 1939-45 War Medal.

Nick was a member of Montgomery Branch #24 for 35 years before transferring to Norwood Branch #178 in 1983. He has been a continuous member since and served on the Executive board for a term.

Cpl John William Ungarian C97633

John (Birdie) was born on October 3, 1914, in Edmonton. He was the son of William and Veronica (Mihalcham) of Austria and Romania. They immigrated to Canada in the late 1880's.

John joined the Canadian Army Postal Corps on May 27, 1941, serving in Canada, England and Italy. He returned to Edmonton and was discharged on December 3, 1945.

He received the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal, 1939-45 Star, Italy Star, and Defence of Britain Medal.

He joined Norwood Legion #178 in 1958 and was a member until his death on August 19th, 1983.



Cpl John William Ungarian

Pte Alex Ursulak

M518546

Born on August 4, 1929 at Vegreville, Alberta, Alex is the son of John and Rosie (Elchuk) Ursulak, who came to Canada in 1902 from the village of Szypenitz, Western Ukraine. His grandfather on the maternal side was John Elchuk.

Alex enlisted in the Loyal Edmonton Regiment in 1949 as a peacetime soldier and served in Canada only. He was discharged in 1952.

He has been a member of the Norwood Legion #178 since 1961.



Pte Alex Ursulak



LS Michael Vak

LS Michael Vak

V35159

Michael was born on October 30, 1914 at Port Arthur, Ontario, the son of Nicholas and Anna (Danylchuk) Vak, who came to Canada in the early 1900's.

Michael served in the Navy from September 1937 on the high seas, and also on the Normandy beaches. While serving on the corvette Trentonian, they escorted the St. Margaret, a cable laying ship, to the Normandy beaches, where they were attacked at night by an American destroyer and on February 22, 1945, were torpedoed.

He was discharged on December the 14th, 1945. He earned the 1939-45 Star, France and Germany Star, Defence Medal, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and 1939-45 War Medal.

He joined the Norwood Branch #178 in October, 1986.

S/A Peter Walusko

V67060

Born on August 12, 1920 in Poland, Peter is the son of John and Nadia Walusko, and immigrated to Canada in 1937.

Peter enlisted in the R.C.N.V.R. as an Ordinary Seaman but after training moved up in rank to Supply Assistant. He served from 1943 to 1944 with service in Canada only.

Peter earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and the War Medal.

Peter has been a long time member of the Norwood Branch, taking out his membership in 1946. He has been awarded the Certificate of Merit in 1976, Life Membership in 1982 and the Diamond Anniversary Medal in 1986. For the past few years, Peter has been on the Executive as our Poppy Chairman.



S/A Peter Walusko



Capt Stanley J. Warshawski

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Born November 1, 1916 in Chipman, Alberta, Stanley is the son of John and Anna (Molchan) Warshawski, who came to Canada in 1899 from the village of Husiatyn, Ukraine.

Stanley enlisted in the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps in June, 1942, and served in Canada, Great Britain and Northwest Europe. After hostilities were over, he was discharged in February 1946.

During the war he served in various locations in Alberta before going overseas in June of 1944. He served with #9 Field Dressing Station, #23 General Hospital, First Canadian Army Transport Column and, after hostilities, with #1 V.D. Treatment Unit in England, Belgium, Holland and Germany. He returned to Canada in November, 1945.

Stanley is a continuous member of Norwood Branch #178 and a recipient of a Golden Anniversary Medal, plus a Life Membership in 1976. In the early years of the Branch's history he served on the Executive for 7 years, and was 1st Vice President in 1947 and 2nd Vice President in 1953.



Cpl Peter Warwa

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M610992

Peter was born June 29, 1915 in Mundare, Alberta, the son of Daniel and Mary (Palsat) Warwa, who came to Canada in 1900 from the Ukraine.

Peter enlisted in the Royal Canadian Ordinance Corps on the 12, February, 1943. He served in Canada and Goose Bay, Labrador. He received his honorable discharge on July 26th, 1946.

He earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, and the 1939-45 War Medal.

Peter joined the Norwood Branch #178 in 1958 and has been a continuous member.

F/O Nick Wengreniuk

98382

Nick was born May 27, 1928, in Alberta, the son of Andrew Wengreniuk and Yustena (Petriuk) who immigrated to Canada in 1924 from Chernivtsi, Bukovyna.

Nick was a school teacher when he enlisted in the RCAF as a Personnel Administrative Officer with the rank of Flying Officer on September 12, 1963. He served in 418 Squadron (Auxiliary) in Edmonton and was discharged on May 31 1966.

He joined the Kingsway Legion Branch in 1967 and later transferred to Norwood Branch #178 in 1968. Nick has been a continuous Legion member since that date.



Lt (Nursing Sister) Jean
Wiggins

Lt (Nursing Sister) Jean Wiggins M901873

Jean was born January 4, 1916 in Royal Park, Alberta, the daughter of Theodor Bohaychuk and Anna (Hrynyk), who came to Canada in 1900 from Kolomyia, Ukraine.

Jean enlisted in the R.C.A.M.C. as a Nursing Sister on January 2, 1943 and was immediately posted to S.E.S. Suffield, Alberta where she was the only Nursing Sister at the station for some time. In October, 1943, she went to Red Deer, Alberta, for basic training and on January 22, 1944 was posted overseas. In England she served at #10 Canadian General Hospital at Watford, then to #2 and finally at #10 Scotch Corner.

At this point she was posted to France, landing on Gold Beach near Bayeux on July 23rd, 1944. There she participated in setting up a hospital under canvas, 5 miles from the front. Later in her tour of duty she was stationed in Belgium and Holland. Jean returned to Canada on July 17, 1945 and was discharged on August 18th, 1945.

She earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with Clasp, 1939-45 Star, and Defence Medal.

Jean joined the Norwood Branch #178 in 1979.



R.C.A.M.C.

ROYAL CANADIAN ARMY
MEDICAL CORPS

Sapper Peter Winters M45462

Peter was born July 6, 1920 at Wishart, Saskatchewan, the son of John (Zawerucha) and Helen (Halarawich) Winters who immigrated to Canada in May 1899 from Galicia, Poland.

Peter joined the Army on June 12, 1940, as a Tank Corps driver. He served in Canada, the United Kingdom, continental Europe and France. Peter was injured on August 12, 1944 in Falais Gap, France. He spent a year in hospital in London, England and returned home on November 27, 1945. He received his honourable discharge on November 27, 1945.

Peter earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, 1939-45 War Medal, as well as the France Germany Star.

In December 1945, Peter joined the Montgomery Branch #24 and in 1956 transferred to Norwood Branch #178 where he was a member until his death July 30, 1967.



Sapper Peter Winters



LAC George Woytkiw

LAC George Woytkiw R159224

Born November 6, 1912, in Kopychyntsi, Galicia, George is the son of Iwan Woytkiw and Maria (Turchan). The family immigrated to Canada in 1921 when George was nine years old.

He enlisted in the RCAF on April 29, 1943 in Edmonton as an Aero-Engine Mechanic. He received his basic training in the RCAF Manning Pool in Edmonton and was then posted to St. Thomas, Ontario for training in aero engines. On attaining his rating, he was posted to #8 Bombing and Gunnery School at Lethbridge, Alberta. When the school was closing down, George was posted to North Battleford and then to Winnipeg where they were dismantling aero-engines for scrap metal. When the war ended, George was posted to Calgary, where he received his discharge in 1945.

George earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and the 1939-45 War Medal.

He joined the Norwood Branch #178 in January 1979.

Capt Stephen L. Yaremchuk, B.A., D.D.S.

M57570

Born November 25, 1913 in Myrnam, Alberta, Stephen is the son of Luka Yaremchuk and Paraskevia (Cherniakowsky) Yaremchuk, who immigrated to Canada in 1907. His grandfather was Pantelemon Tokar.

Stephen entered into the school of Dentistry at the University of Alberta, and while at the University he served in the C.O.T.C. from October 1940 to April 1941.

He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Dental Corps, February 1, 1943 and was assigned for service in the RCAF. He was in charge of Dental Clinics in Rivers, Manitoba and Regina, Saskatchewan.

Stephen earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and the 1939-45 War Medal.

He joined the Norwood Branch #178 in 1948.



**Capt Stephen L. Yaremchuk,
B.A., D.D.S.**



**S. 10a. CANADIAN ARMY DENTAL
CORPS**



Rfn Edwin W. Yaremco

Rfn Edwin W. Yaremco M37563

Born on October 29, 1924 in Maughan, Alberta, Ed is the son of William and Mary (Kiziak) Jaremco. His father immigrated to Canada from Beremyshl, Poland in 1904 and his mother from Wyshatychi, Poland in 1905. His maternal grandparents were Jacob and Julia Kiziak.

Edwin completed high school at Derwent, Alberta, and after helping with the harvest, he enlisted in the Army on October 14, 1943, in Calgary, at Mewata Barracks. He was sent to Peterborough, Ontario for basic training in the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps. On completion of his training he was assigned to the staff at Camp Borden Military Hospital. His first job was distributing mail to the wards and the second as a laboratory assistant. Edwin recalls the time Bob Hope and his crew of Jerry Colona and Frances Langford visited the large Camp Borden installation to entertain the troops.

From Camp Borden, Edwin was posted overseas, sailing on the Ile de France to Newcastle, then by train to Aldershot. There he took additional training for infantry reinforcements and early in 1945 was assigned to the Regina Rifle Regiment and participated in the liberation of Holland. On V.E. Day, May 8th, he was enroute to Wilhelmshaven, Germany.

Edwin volunteered for the Far East and sailed on the Louis Pasteur to Montreal and then by train to Calgary, arriving there on V.J. Day. The war was over and he had travelled full circle. He was back home to help harvest that fall and received his discharge on January 15, 1946.

Edwin earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with clasp, 1939-45 War Medal, France and Germany Star.

He joined the Norwood Branch #178 in 1958. He has served on the Executive for 6 years and is the recipient of the Certificate of Merit. He was 2nd Vice President in 1989 and 1st Vice President in 1990.





Pte Jack T. Youzwishen

Pte Jack T. Youzwishen 55123

Born May 26, 1915 in Mynam, Alberta, Jack is the son of Tom Youzwishen of Chortkiw, Ukraine, and Mary (Yanitski) of Borschiv, Ukraine who immigrated to Canada in 1905. His paternal grandfather was Mike Youziwishen.

Jack enlisted in the Canadian Army in March 1943, received his basic training in Camrose, Alberta, then was posted to Calgary for a time.

He received his discharge for medical reasons on February 8, 1944.

He joined the Norwood Legion #178 in 1966.

Cpl Steve Yurchyshyn 42538

Steve was born on March 4, 1929 in Gronlid, Saskatchewan, the son of Roman Yurchyshyn and Effie (Handziuk) Yurchyshyn who immigrated to Canada in 1900 from the Ukraine.

Steve enlisted in the RCAF in Vancouver, B.C. November 6, 1951. He took his basic training in St. Jean, Quebec. He trained as a Weapons Technician at Trenton, Ontario. During his years of service he was stationed in Winnipeg, Manitoba; North Luffenham, England; Marville, France; Zweibruken, Germany; Calgary, Alberta; Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; St. Hubert, Quebec; Comox, B.C.; Cold Lake, Alberta; and Lahr, Germany.

In all, he saw service with 403, 331, 309, 448 and 434 Squadrons. He also participated in training exercises in Morocco and Sardinia.

After 24 years and 2 months in the military he was discharged January 4, 1976. Steve mentions that his three brothers, Peter, Mike and Metro were in the Army in World War II and a brother Paul in the RCAF in peacetime.

Steve has earned the Canadian Decoration.

He joined the Legion Branch in Comox, B.C. in 1966 and transferred to the Norwood Legion #178 in 1975.



Cpl Steve Yurchyshyn

Pte Alexander Yurechuk M25259

Born on December 18, 1923 in Edmonton, Alberta, Alexander is the son of Alexander Yurechuk and Mary (Antoniuk) Yurechuk, who immigrated to Canada from Bukovyna in 1903.

Alexander enlisted in the Royal Canadian Artillery, November 16, 1943, and received his basic training at Ft. McCauley Coastal Battery, Victoria, B.C. Later he was transferred to the Midland Regiment as an Infantryman, stationed at Vernon, B.C. When the regiment went overseas, Alexander was again transferred to the Sault, St. Marie and Sudbury Regiment, stationed at Prince Rupert, B.C.

Pte Alexander Yurechuk



When the war ended he was posted to an army unit in Queen Charlotte Islands guarding an Airforce Base at Allford Bay, B.C.

During his service with the various units throughout the West Coast, Alexander experienced training in Chemical Warfare and was slated for training as a sniper, but this was cancelled when it was learned that he had to have glasses.

On several occasions he escorted prisoners from Prince Rupert, B.C. to other areas along the west coast. He was discharged in Wetaskiwin, Alberta, March 20th, 1946.

Alexander earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and the 1930-45 War Medal.

He joined Norwood Legion #178 in 1973.



**THE CANADIAN INFANTRY
CORPS**

Pte Dmitro Yurystowski 1267849

Born on November 8, 1919 in the village of Korostenko, W. Ukraine, Dmitro is the son of Onufrij and Mariya (Wowchak) Yurystowski. His parents were born in Dobromil Korostenko, Judicial District of Jalychyna, W. Ukraine and did not emigrate. His maternal grandfather Michael Wowchak immigrated to the U.S.A. and was a coal miner, but returned to the Ukraine before World War II.



Pte Dmitro Yurystowski

In October 1940, Dmitro was drafted by the CCCP to serve in the Russian Army as a Signalman in the heavy artillery of the 430 Regiment at the city of Dniepro Petrowsk. On June 24, 1941, the Regiment was sent to Moldavia on the Dniester River as the second line of defense from Bassarabia Romanian front. The Romanian Army captured the city of Oddesa. Dmitro became a Romanian prisoner of war and remained a prisoner, often near death, for three years until the Romanians surrendered to the Russians. The Germans grabbed most of the available men and transported them to Yugoslavia to keep the road open for the German troops through the Yugoslavian mountains. He was still a prisoner and remained on this crew until the war was over.

After D-Day, he joined the Polish Army in Italy, serving one and a half years, and also a year and a half in the British Reset. Corps – all in the 8th Army.

He was honourably discharged in 1948 with one European Theatre Medal and one medal for the Liberation of Italy.

He immigrated to Canada in 1948 and was reunited with his family in 1967. Dmitro has been a Legionnaire with the Norwood Branch #178 since 1967.



Sgt John Yusep

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R290806

John was born on August 8, 1922 at Vilna, Alberta; the son of Thomas and Katherine (Pawliuk)Yusep. Both parents were born in Ispas, Bukovyna, Ukraine, his mother immigrating to Canada in 1903, and his father in 1907. His maternal grandparents were Metro and Pearl Pawliuk.

John joined the RCAF in 1942 and received his honourable discharge on October 19, 1946. His service with the RCAF was spent in Canada and he earned the 1939-45 War Medal.

John joined the Norwood Branch #178 on February 12, 1946. He is a Charter Member of the Branch and was on the 1946 Executive.

LAC Orest Zarsky

R150812

Born August 10, 1914 in Edmonton, Alberta, Orest is the son of Oleksa and Kateryna (Howorko) Zarsky. His father was born at Rosochacz, Chortkiw, Ukraine, and immigrated to Canada in 1911. His mother was born at Sokal, Ukraine, and came to Canada in 1913. Maternal grandparents were Adam and Caroline Howorko.

In April 1934, Orest enlisted in the Canadian Army Reserve, in the 2nd Battalion Edmonton Fusiliers R.C.A. as a Signaller, but later transferred to the Regimental Band as a clarinetist. In February

1942, he obtained his discharge from the Fusiliers and enlisted in the RCAF. After boot camp and advanced training in Radar, all in Ontario, he was posted to the Eastern Air Command and #1 Radar Maintenance Unit, RCAF Station - Scoudouc, in New Brunswick.

As member of the Maintenance Unit, Orest travelled the eastern seaboard of Canada, Newfoundland and Labrador, wherever radar stations were located. Each



LAC Orest Zarsky

was visited on a regular basis for inspection and maintenance of equipment. He received his honorable discharge on October 22nd, 1945.

Orest earned the Canadian Volunteer Medal with Clasp and the 1939-45 War Medal.

Orest was one of the Charter Members who formed Norwood Branch #178 and has served as Recording Secretary, 1st Vice President in 1955, and was on the Executive for a number of years. He received the Certificate of Merit in 1975, Life Membership in 1976, Golden Anniversary Medal in 1976, and the Diamond Anniversary Medal in 1986. He is still an active member.

Pte Nick Zawalykut M601157

Born on March 29, 1919 in the village of Waugh, Alberta, Nick is the son of Jacob and Cassie (Skowronek) Zawalykut. His father was born in the village of Hadyntsiwci, Austria (Ukraine), and his parents immigrated to Canada in 1904. Nick's paternal grandparents were Dmytro and Annie Zawalykut.

Nick enlisted in the Army in 1939 and was discharged in 1944. He took his basic training in Camrose, Alberta; his advanced training at Calgary, Alberta; and then was on guard duty in Victoria, B.C.

He joined the Norwood Legion #178 in 1960 and has had continuous membership.



Pte Nick Zawalykut

Cpl Walter Zeniuk

R260532

Walter was born on May 5, 1924 in the village of Czortkeiv, W. Ukraine, the son of Michael and Maria (Jacknickyj) Zeniuk. His mother was born at Bellow, W. Ukraine, and his father immigrated to Canada in 1925 and settled at Landis, Saskatchewan. Walter came to Canada with his mother and brother in April of 1931. In 1937, the family moved to Edmonton, Alberta. His paternal grandparents were Gregory and Katharine (Pronyk) Zeniuk, and maternal grandparents were Athonus and Caroline (Melnick) Jacknickyj.



Cpl Walter Zeniuk

Walter enlisted in the RCAF on June 8, 1943 and was discharged on October 18, 1945. He was a baker by trade, and started as an instructor in Guelph, Ontario and then worked in various stations across Canada.

He earned the Enlisted Service and Canada Medal.

In 1954, he joined the Montgomery Branch and on November 10, 1958 he transferred to the Norwood Branch #178. He has had continuous membership.



AC2 Stanley Zielinski

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Stanley was born in Poland, December 29, 1900. He immigrated to Canada in 1927 and worked for the C.N.R. until 1941, when he enlisted in the RCAF.

Stanley was posted to Patricia Bay, Vancouver Island and remained there until 1945. Following his discharge from military service, he worked for the C.N.R. until his retirement in 1965.

Stanley has been a Legion member for some 40 years, but at Norwood Legion #178 since 1985.

Joseph Ziolkoski

Joseph was born in 1922 in the ranching area of southern Saskatchewan.

He joined the RCAF in June 1941, at the Regina #5 Recruiting station and was posted to #11 Toronto RCAF Manning Depot at the Exhibition grounds. He longed to be a pilot and loved to see the airmen doing aerobatics. But some things do not work that way.

The Airforce needed men in the woodwork department to construct the wooden night fighter "The Mosquito", so he became a carpenter for this wonderful aircraft. His experiences in the service are most interesting, to quote, 'all the things you have or do not have to do'.

Posting came early and it was "England, here we come". Joseph landed in Liverpool, England, and then went on by train to Bournemouth. From Bournemouth he was posted to a Mosquito Squadron living in tents and preparing for a landing on the continent. As with most servicemen, his detailed service is most interesting.

He received the France and Germany Star, Defence Medal, 1939-45 Star, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with Clasp, and the 1939-45 War Medal.

Joseph has been a member of Norwood Legion #178 since November 1985.



Joseph Ziolkoski



ROYAL CANADIAN
AIR FORCE



F/O Donald A. Zuck

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J16412

Born on December 27, 1918, in Hafford, Saskatchewan, Donald is the son of Anthony and Catherine (Harack) Zuck. Both his parents were born in the Ukraine, his mother coming from Warizh, Powit Sokal, Ukraine and his father from Dowzhiw, Powit Sokal, Ukraine. Both parents came to Canada at an early age. His paternal grandparents were John and Anna Zuck, and his maternal grandfather was Theodore Harack.

He enlisted on November 11, 1940 in the RCAF and served well for some 49 months in England, North Africa, Malta and Italy. Don began his career at Brandon Manning Depot: guard duty in Saskatoon, ITS in Regina, EFTS Portage La Prairie and service flying at Yorkton.

After graduating with his pilot's wings he was posted overseas, arriving in November 1941, in Bournemouth, England. The next 18 months was spent in Training Command, being trained as a Flying Instructor, to instruct others. Next, on to O.T.U in Wales and then he was posted to North Africa. He enjoyed the climate but did contract malaria, spending time in hospital. After his recuperation, he was posted to Naples, Italy, but soon had a relapse of the same illness. After the third attack of malaria, he was posted back to England, out of the Malaria zone. He returned to Canada in July 1944 and received an honorable discharge on December 7, 1944.

Donald earned the following medals: Africa Star, Victory Medal, European Star, Defence Medal, the CVSM and Clasp.

Donald is a Charter Member of the Norwood Branch #178. He has continuous membership in the Branch and served three years on the Executive from 1946 to 1948.



21 ARMY



GROUP

PERSONAL MESSAGE
FROM THE C-IN-C

(To be read out to all Troops)

1. On this day of victory in Europe I feel I would like to speak to all who have served and fought with me during the last few years. What I have to say is very simple, and quite short.
2. I would ask you all to remember those of our comrades who fell in the struggle. They gave their lives that others might have freedom, and no man can do more than that. I believe that He would say to each one of them:

"Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

3. And we who remain have seen the thing through to the end; we all have a feeling of great joy and thankfulness that we have been preserved to see this day.

We must remember to give the praise and thankfulness where it is due:

"This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes."

4. In the early days of this war the British Empire stood alone against the combined might of the axis powers. And during those days we suffered some great disasters; but we stood firm: on the defensive, but striking blows where we could. Later we were joined by Russia and America; and from then onwards the end was in no doubt. Let us never forget what we owe to our Russian and American allies; this great allied team has achieved much in war; may it achieve even more in peace.

5. Without doubt, great problems lie ahead; the world will not recover quickly from the upheaval that has taken place; there is much work for each one of us.

I would say that we must face up to that work with the same fortitude that we faced up to the worst days of this war. It may be that some difficult times lie ahead for our country, and for each one of us personally. If it happens thus, then our discipline will pull us through; but we must remember that the best discipline implies the subordination of self for the benefit of the community.

6. It has been a privilege and an honour to command this great British Empire team in western Europe. Few commanders can have had such loyal service as you have given me. I thank each one of you from the bottom of my heart.
7. And so let us embark on what lies ahead full of joy and optimism. We have won the German war. Let us now win the peace.
8. Good luck to you all, wherever you may be.

B. L. Montgomery

Germany,
May, 1945.

Field-Marshal,
C-in-C.,
21 Army Group.

AWARDS and PRESENTATIONS

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (M.S.M.)

This is the highest award that can be granted to a life, ordinary or associate voting member.

In our 45 years, the Norwood Branch has awarded the Meritorious Service Medal to six members for their long outstanding service, well above and beyond ordinary service. The recipients were:

Col. Michael Syrotuck –1966.
Served as First President in 1946-47, again in 1949-50 and 53. Instrumental in forming the Norwood Branch.



Col. Mike Syrotuck receiving his MSM from Branch President, Ed Tomick.



Alex Bayrak –1972. Served as President in 1962-63, Zone Commander, District Commander and First Vice President, Alberta/NWT Command in 1978.

Alex Bayrak receiving his MSM Award from Past President Al Yablonski in January, 1972

Peter Lupul –1975. Served as President 1960-61, 1972-73.



Peter Lupul receiving his MSM presented by President Ed Coley

George Lupul –1982. Served as President in 1968-69, 1979.



Jim Buffam presenting MSM award to George Lupul at the President's Ball in November, 1982

William Chmiliar –1984. Served as President 1976-78.



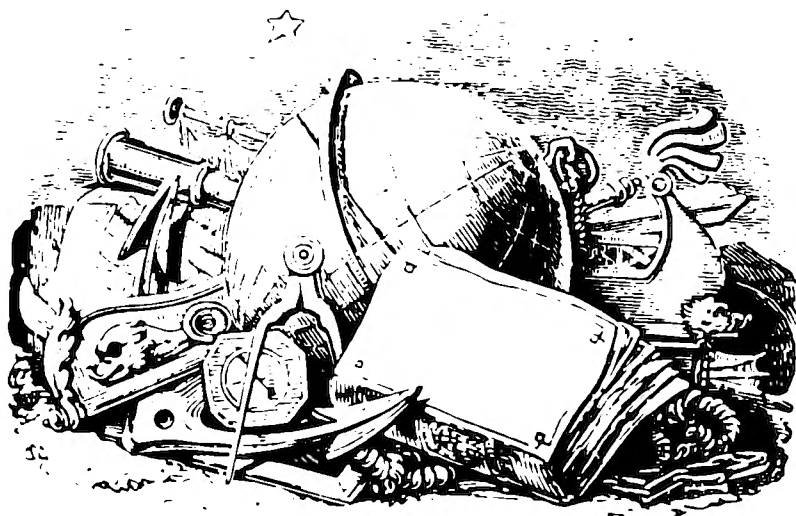
Jim Buffam presenting the MSM award to Bill Chmiliar at the President's Ball in October, 1984



George Melenka –1990. Served as President 1980-81.



George Melenka receiving his MSM.
Wm. Rawluk - Sergeant at Arms, Wm. Larkin, District Commander, George Melenka, MSM recipient, John Boychuk, President Norwood Branch.



LIFE MEMBERSHIP

For outstanding service to the Branch any ordinary or associate voting member may be granted a life membership.

In our 45 years, Norwood Branch has awarded Life Memberships to the following for their long service, well above and beyond ordinary service.

ANDREWS, George	1980	LUPUL, Peter	1976
* BALASH, Alex	1980	MELENKA, George	1982
* BAYRAK, Alex	1975	MINTENKO, Samuel	1985
* BILINSKE, Walter	1975	NOWYTZKYJ, Nick	1987
BOBOWSKY, John	1982	* PARAN, Dr. John	1975
* BODNAR, Martin	1977	PLAWIUK, Eugene	1982
BURTNIK, Mike	1978	POOHKAY, William	1976
CHMILIAR, William	1980	RAWLUK, William	1984
* DREBOT, John	1975	* ROMANCHUK, John	1982
FARYNA, Ray	1978	* ROMANIUK, Walter	1978
GORESKY, Isadore	1976	RYBAK, John	1976
GRESCHUK, Peter	1976	SOROCHAN, John	1980
HAYDUK, George	1987	STEPA, Joe	1978
HOLYCHUK, Nestor	1976	STETSKO, John	1975
KASHTON, Steve	1980	* STETSKO, William	1978
KUCHAR, John	1978	* SYROTUCK, Col. Mike	1962
LEMISKI, Eugene	1975	TROFIMUK, Joseph QC	1976
LESICK, William	1983	WALUSKO, Peter	1982
* LUPUL, Eugene	1978	WARSHAWSKI, Dr. Stan	1976
LUPUL, George	1975	ZARSKY, Orest	1976

* DECEASED

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MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

To compile a list of all Ordinary Members of the Branch that joined since 1946 should have been an easy task provided that a systematic method of recording of the membership was kept intact.

Such was not the case at Norwood as many records were misplaced and some actually destroyed. It was not until 1972 that such a roster was attempted by me. This roster was compiled by going through old records, letters and lists, salvaged from designated destruction.

An original membership book was a great source of information since it listed members' names in the early years. These names were transposed to what we refer to as the "Blue Book" today. We also had to rely on the MEMBERSHIP REPORTS of the General Meetings for any new members approved.

The following list of members was generated by the use of the Blue Book, Command records and our present roster. It took many days of cross reference of lists, year by year, to come up with the present list.

This list represents, to the best of our knowledge, those veterans that qualified as Ordinary members that had been accepted to Norwood Legion. An (*) asterisk opposite a member's name, denotes a paid-up member in our 45th Anniversary Year.

George Lupul

Ordinary Members 1946 - 1990

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| ACHTEM, P.J. | APOSTAL, P. F. |
| * ACHTYMICHUK, John W. | ARYCHUK, H. |
| ACHTYMICHUK, W.W. | |
| ADAMCHUK, Kiazmer | * BABBIK, Walter A. |
| ADZICH, Donald | BABCHUK, Nick |
| * AMBROSE, J. | * BABIY, N. |
| * AMBROSE, N. T. | BABYN, D. |
| ANDERSON, W. R. | BABYN, N. |
| ANDRECH, Andrew A. | BACHUR, S. E. |
| ANDREWS, Mike | * BADIK, N. |
| ANDRIATS, Jack | * BAHRY, Alfred |
| ANDRISHAK, M. | * BALASH, N. |
| * ANDRITZ, M. M. | * BALASH, P. |
| ANDRUCKO, Joe | BALKO, N. |
| ANDRUIK, J.P. | * BALZAK, Bernard P. |
| * ANDRUIK, N. | BANICA, A. |
| ANDRUSHUK, Phillip J. | * BARABASH, Walter L. |
| ANTONIO, H. | BARTMAN, M. |
| * ANTOSKI, S. | BASARABA, N. W. |

- BASSIE, John
 BAYRAK, Roy
 BAYRAK, S.
 BAYRAK, Wm
 * BEARS, T. W.
 BEGORY, P.F.
 * BELIK, John
 * BERESKA, Myron
 BEREZAN, V.
 BEYKO, J.
 BEZENAR, D.
 BIALOSH, Alexander A.
 * BIDNEY, Peter
 * BIDNICK, Alex.
 BIERNASKI, B.
 * BIERNASKI, Eugene
 * BILINSKI, Anthony M.
 * BILINSKI, Tofan
 BILTEK, Albert
 BILTEK, Alex. P.
 * BILTEK, J.
 BILWAY, N.
 * BLISCHAK, John H.
 BLOCK, W. M.
 BOBCHUK, N.
 BOBOROSKY, J.
 * BOBRYK, Nick
 * BOCHON, Wm.
 BODNAR, Frank
 BODNAR, Mike
 BODNAR, Nick
 BOHAYCHUK, John
 BOHONOS, M.
 * BOHUCH, Joseph
 BOIDA, Eli
 BOIKO, Alexander
 * BORECKI, Alex.
 * BOROSEVICH, Henry
 BOROWSKY, Mel
 BOWES, Stanley
 * BOYARSKI, Andrew
 BOYCHUK, J.
 * BOYCHUK, John
 * BOYKO, Otto
 BOZAK, J.R.
 BOZAK, L.E.
 BOZAK, Roger L.
 BRENZAN, H.
 BRODA, Anthony
 BRODYK, F.
 BRODYK, N.
 * BROWER, M.
 BRYK, Roy
 BRYK, Yaroslav
 * BUCHINSKY, John W.
 BUCK, J. E.
 BUCYK, M.E.
 * BUCYK, Michael F.
 * BUDZIAK, George
 * BUHAY, Peter
 BULYCZ, Max
 * BUNKA, W. D.
 BURANYK, Wm.
 BURDEGO, N. J.
 BURDENTUK, Ernie W
 * BUSHKO, Peter B.
 BYCHYK, Harry
 BYKOWSKI, Dmitro Matt
 CAPOWSKY, Walter
 CEBULIAK, Bill
 CHABA, A.
 CHARNETSKI, A.J.
 * CHARNETSKI, Miss M.
 CHARNEY, Bertha

CHECK, J. L.
 * CHECKNITA, M. A.
 CHECKNITA, Nick
 CHECKNITA, Wm.
 CHECNITA, P.
 CHELADYN, John
 CHERMISHNUK, L. D.
 * CHERNEY, W.
 CHERNIAWSKI, Bill
 CHERNIAWSKI, M.
 CHERNIAWSKI, N.
 * CHERNICHAN, J.
 CHERNOFF, W.
 * CHERWATY, J.
 * CHERWONIAK, John
 CHERWONIAK, L.
 CHILIBECKI, W.
 * CHIPCHURA, Miron R.
 CHIPENIUK, Peter
 CHIRKA, Joseph
 * CHMELYK, J.
 * CHMILAR, John
 CHMILIAR, N.
 * CHMILIAR, Peter
 * CHOLACH, John
 CHOPP, Laverne John
 * CHOPYK, Alec.
 CHORNEY, Eli
 CHORNEY, Peter
 CHORNEY, S.
 * CHORNY, M.
 * CHORNY, Walter
 CHRAPKO, B.
 * CHRAPKO, William G.
 * CHRUSCH, Barney
 CHUBAY, Ed.
 CHUDZINSKI, F.

CHWEDORUK, Walter
 * CIZ, Albert
 * CONN, Philip
 CORMIER, Elizabeth
 * COSWAN, E.
 COTOWICH, Pal.
 * CREIGHTON, S. M.
 CURLETT, S.
 * CWIHUN, Michael
 CYLURIK, Andre

 DALK, Walter R.
 DANCHUK, Peter
 DANYLCHUK, J.
 DANYLOWICH, P.
 DANYLUK, Alex.
 DANYLUK, Steve
 * DASCAVICH, Geo., G.
 * DASHER, S. F.
 DEHID, J.
 DEMBICKI, Steve Wm.
 * DEMBISKI, Russel
 DEMCHUK, Walter
 * DEMCHUK, Wm.
 * DEMCO, Dr. T.
 DERZAK, Wm.
 DIACHUK, Kenneth P.
 DIAKIW, T.
 DIAKOW, A.
 DIDOW, Wm
 DIDOW, M.
 DIDUCH, H.
 DIDUCH, J.N.
 DIDUCK, G. W.
 DIDUCK, Wm. A.
 DMYTRIW, S.
 * DMYTRUK, W.
 DOBKO, Rev. Fr.

- * DOBRANSKI, Dennis D.
- DOBY, Wm.
- DOLAN, Willaim
- DOLINSKI, M. J.
- DOMBROSKY, H. V.
- DOMBROSKY, T. K.
- * DONYLUK, F.
- DOWHANIUK, Walter
- DRAUS, Stanley
- * DREWOTH, Fred
- DROFYSHYN, Pat.
- * DRUSUL, Orest
- DUBLANKO, J.
- * DUBLANKO, Tofen
- DUDRA, Michael J.
- DVERNYCHUK, Michael
- DWORNUK, Mike
- DYMCHUK, Geo.
- DZENICK, M. J.
- * ELASCHUK, George
- * ELASCHUK, Murle
- ELCHUK, George
- ELENIAC, P.
- ELNISKI, John
- ELNISKI, Steven
- * ELOCK, John
- ELVIK, Alex.
- * EMSKY, Alex
- EVANCHIEW, V.
- EVANCHUK, J.
- * EVANOCHKO, Michael
- * EVANS, Mike
- * EWANCHUK, Nick
- * EWANIK, Harry
- EWANOWICH, Geo.
- EWANYSHYN, E.
- * EWASIUK, G.
- EWASIUK, S.
- * EWASIUK, Victor
- FARION, Noel
- FARRELL, J.M.
- FARYNA, Paul
- FEDAK, G.
- * FEDAK, H.P. (Ernie)
- * FEDAK, Peter
- FEDERATION, Ed. R.
- FEDIO, Wm.
- FEDORAK, S.
- FEDOREK, John
- * FEDOROVICH, Irene
- FEDORUK, Bill
- * FEDORUK, M.J.
- FEDORUK, Mike
- FEDORUK, Wm.
- FEDORYCHKA, Orest
- FEDUN, N. H.
- FEDYNA, Peter
- FERBEY, Bohdan
- FERBEY, O.S.
- * FERBEY, P.
- FERBEY, Wm
- FERBY, Walter
- FIKA, Alex
- * FILEVICH, Lawrence
- * FILIPCHUK, G.
- * FILIPCHUK, Nick
- FILIPCHUK, Peter
- * FLEESE, John
- * FODCHUK, Mike
- * FORMANIUK, Walter
- * FOURNIER, Mary (Wowk)
- * FRANCHUK, Joe
- * FRANCHUK, Metro
- * FRANKOW, W.

- * FRIEND, Paul
- * FRUNCHAK, D.D.
- * FRUNCHAK, D. J.
FUNDY, W.
FUNDYTUS, A.
FUNDYTUS, S.
- * FURGAL, Ivan
FYK, Rev. Fr.

GAFUIK, N. A.
GALICK, C.F.
GARGUS, Peter
GARTKE, H.
- * GAVINCHUK, Peter
GAWLICKI, C. J.
GBUR, Steve
GERMANIUK, Peter
- * GILL, P.
GORASH, D.
GORDASHKO, Peter
GORDEY, George
- * GORDEY, George
- * GORDICHUK, A.
GORDON, Vera Lynn
- * GOSHKO, Glen G.
GRAWALIAK, M.
- * GREGORESCHUK, Geo. E.
GREGORY, Andro
- * GREGORY, John
GULA, Joe
- * GULAYETS, John F.
- * GURBA, Joe
- * GURBA, Paul B
GUSHATY, John
GWIHA, M.

HALINA, J.
HALISKY, J.
- * HALISKY, John
- * HALKOW, J.
HALUSHAK, Wm
HAMALIUK, Fred
- * HANASYK, E. P.
HANCHARUK, Nick
HARABA, A.
- * HARASEWICH, Metro
HARASIM, Geo.
HARASYMIW, E.
- * HARDIE, Garfield
HARRIS, T.E.
HARRIS-DUFFY, Eunis. M.
- * HARRISON, Nick
HARRISON, Nick R.
HAWKINS, Mrs. A.
HAWRELAK, Andrew
HAWRELAK, A.J.
HAWRELAK, N
- * HAWRELAK, S.W.
HAWRYLAK, Steven
HAWRYLUK, Gus.
- * HAYDUK, Andrew
HAYDUK, Wm
HEINISH, N.
- * HERCHEK, J.
- * HERCHUK, A.
- * HESSE, L.
- * HEWKO, Edward
- * HILASH, John M.
HLADY, John
HLUS, S.
- * HNATYSHYN, Henry E.
HNIDAN Wm.
- * HNYTKA, George
HOLINSKI, Wm
HOLOWACH, Ambrose
- * HOLOWACH, J.
- * HOLOWINKO, Nick

HOLWEN, E.
 HOMYNYK, M.
 HOPCHIN, W.
 HORINEK, L.
 HORYNYK, M.
 HOWIN, John
 * HRUSHKA, John
 HRYCHOWIAN, John G.
 HRYCHUK, Wm.
 * HRYCHYK, Michael
 * HRYCIW, E.
 HRYVNAK, Nestor
 HRYWKIW, N.
 HULEY, Wm
 HUMENY, Roman
 HUNCHAK, Nick
 * HUNCHIAK, N.
 * HUNKA, W.
 HYRA, A. E.
 HYSKA, Nester J.

 IGNATENKO, N.
 ILKIW, Wm.
 * ISAENKO, John
 ISHKIW, S.
 ISKIW, M.
 IWANYSHYN, C.G.
 * IWASKOW, S.
 * IWASKOW, Walter

 JACKNISKY, O.
 JACKOWICH, Jack
 JASKOW, Frank

 KAHANYSHYN, B.
 KALANCHIA, Joe
 KALCHUK, Anthony
 * KALINOWSKY, Michel
 KALYNCHUK, W.

* KAMINSKI, Mary
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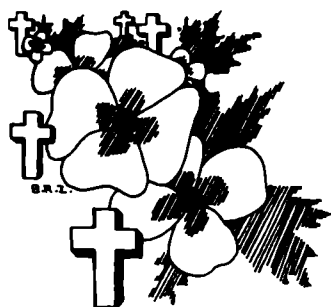
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- YURKO, Wm. J.
- * YURYSTOWSKI, Dmetro
- * YUSEP, John
- YUSEP, N.A.
- ZABAROWSKY, S.
- * ZAHARA, John M.
- ZAHARIA, N.
- ZAHARICHUK, R. G.
- ZAHARKO, Mike
- ZALIZNIAK, E.A.
- ZAPERNIUK, B. W.
- * ZAPERYNIUK, Walter

- ZAPERYNIUK, Wm.
- ZAPOROZAN, J.
- * ZAPOROZAN, Steve
- ZAROWNY, T.
- * ZAWALYKUT, Nick
- ZAWASKI, Arthur
- ZAWYRUCHA, Walter
- * ZAYCHUK, Peter
- * ZELYCK, Michael M.
- * ZENIUK, Walter
- ZEREBESKI, A. B.
- ZEWENTIUK, M. J.
- ZIEGLER, John
- * ZIELINSKI, Stanley
- * ZIOLKOSKI, Joseph
- ZOLKIVSKI, M. J.
- ZOTEK, J. P.
- ZUCHKAN, Alex.
- * ZUCK, D. A.
- ZURAWEL, Ed.
- ZWARYCH, John





In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunsets glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high!
If ye break faith with us who die—
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Lieut.-Col. John McCrae

THE LAST POST

TRIBUTE TO OUR DEPARTED COMRADES

O God, we remember before You those who laid down their lives for freedom and truth, and pray that we may be worthy of their sacrifice. Help us to be faithful and true to those ideals for which they fought and died. May we continue to honour their memory by our service to veterans and their loved ones, and remembering our solemn obligation may we ever pray:

LORD GOD OF HOSTS, BE WITH US YET,

LEST WE FORGET, LEST WE FORGET.

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old.

Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning,

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.

NAME OF DECEASED	DATE OF DEATH	CEMETERY
ANDRISHAK, Mike	April 28, 1987	Westlawn Memorial
BACHUR, Steven	June 14, 1984	Sunland, Alberta
BALASH, Alex	June 13, 1980	Mount Pleasant
BALKO, Joseph	November 5, 1972	St. Anthony's
BASARABA, Nick	January 3, 1978	St. Michael's
BAYRAK, Alex	October 19, 1978	St. Michael's
BILINSKE, Walter	August 26, 1987	St. Michael's
BILTEK, Alexander	October 7, 1986	St. Anthony's
BODNAR, Martin	May 7, 1985	St. Michael's
BOWES, Stanley	January 23, 1985	St. Michael's
BRYK, Yaroslav	November 16, 1980	Cremation
BUCK, John	April 21, 1978	Cremation
BULYCZ, Maximillian	December 30, 1972	St. Joachim's
BURDENTUK, Ernie	February 4, 1989	Cremation
CEBULIAK, William	December 25, 1983	Smoky Lake, Alberta
CHARNETSKI, Alex	February 16, 1980	St. Michael's
CHECKNITA, Nicholas	April 1, 1977	Edmonton
CHMILIAR, Nicholas	September 4, 1987	Cremation
CHORNEY, Peter	January 28, 1986	Beechmount
CHRAPKO, Bill	September 20, 1986	Evergreen Memorial

DALK, Raymond	July 3, 1988	Holy Cross
DOBKO, Fredrick T.	December 11, 1953	St. Joachim's
DOBY, William	December 22, 1961	Beechmount
DREBOT, John	September 30, 1987	Beechmount
ELIUK, Alex	April 6, 1981	Evergreen Memorial
EWONIAK, Mike	July 5, 1980	Evergreen Memorial
FEDIO, William	November 16, 1981	St. Michael's
FEDYNA, Peter	November 17, 1972	St. Michael's
FERBEY, William	September 28, 1985	Evergreen Memorial
GORDEY, George	June 21, 1979	St. Michael's
HALISKY, John	December 24, 1976	St. Michael's
HARRISON, Nick	March 2, 1988	Beechmount
HAWRELAK, Alexander	November 14, 1987	Evergreen Memorial
HLUS, Steve	December 13, 1973	Glenwood Memorial
HOWIN, John	September 16, 1988	Cremation
HULEY, William	March 27, 1973	Evergreen Memorial
JACKNISKY, Orest	February 1, 1985	St. Michael's
KALCHUK, Anthony	March 22, 1988	St. Michael's
KAMINESKI, Steve	May 8, 1981	St. Michael's
KASMUNIK, Harry	September 29, 1975	Beechmount
KAY, Joseph Peter	March 21, 1983	Evergreen Memorial
KINDRYK, John	June 12, 1982	Cremation
KIRILLO, Nick	March 29, 1985	Evergreen Memorial
KLIMCHUK, Louis	October 26, 1986	Evergreen Memorial
KOCHANUK, William	July 13, 1989	Beechmount
KOSTYSHYN, John	October 5, 1982	Beechmount
KOTYK, John	April 17, 1981	St. Michael's
KOTYLAK, N.J.	March 6, 1980	Beechmount
KOZAK, Michael	May 18, 1981	St. Michael's
KOZAK, Edward	January 21, 1988	Evergreen Memorial
KOZAKEWICH, John	June 25, 1982	St. Michael's
KOZDROWSKI, Paul	November 17, 1986	Cremation
KOZEY, Orest	December 23, 1990	Evergreen Memorial
KRAWCHUK, William	October 21, 1981	St. Michael's

KUCHKA, Steve	November 21, 1968	St. Michael's
LAGADEN, Steve	October 21, 1972	Evergreen Memorial
LASKIWSKI, Paul	August 11, 1990	St. Michael's
LASOWAY, Sam	May 2, 1987	Beechmount
LAZARENKO, Andrew	March 1, 1990	Evergreen Memorial
LECHKY, Daniel	February 4, 1982	St. Michael's
LUBIN, Samuel	October 16, 1982	St. Michael's
LUKASEWICH, Stanley	September 12, 1987	St. Michael's
LUPASCHUK, Wasyl	April 11, 1984	Zawali Church, Andrew
LUPUL, Eugene	November 25, 1982	Evergreen Memorial
LUPUL, Metro	August 18, 1990	Evergreen Memorial
LYNKOWSKI, John	September 15, 1979	St. Michael's
MALAYKO, Kornel	January 5, 1975	St. Michael's
MANCHAK, Michael	July 24, 1979	St. Michael's
MANCHUK, William G.	July 3, 1982	Mount Pleasant
MANDZIUK, Ollie	August 21, 1985	Glenwood Memorial
MAYDANIUK, A	March 26, 1968	Evergreen Memorial
MAZUR, Dmytro	September 18, 1982	Evergreen Memorial
McKAY, William J.	August 28, 1975	Mount Pleasant
MEDISKY, William	August 14, 1982	St. Anthony's
MELNYCHUK, Andrew	June 26, 1964	Edmonton (Crypt)
MELNYCHUK, Bohdan	August 17, 1987	Evergreen Memorial
MELNYK, Alex	August 8, 1981	St. Anthony's
MICHANIUK, Joseph	November 12, 1982	Cremation
MOSTOWICH, John	November 14, 1987	Cremation
MYDLAK, Steve	November 21, 1990	St. Michael's
MYSHAK, Joe C.	May 26, 1963	St. Joachim's
NEWENGLOWSKI, Carl	February 27, 1976	St. Michael's
NICHOLS, John	September 14, 1988	Cremation
NIKIFORUK, Steve	March 12, 1983	Beechmount
NIMCHUK, Walter	December 31, 1985	Evergreen Memorial
O'BALL, Paul	March 27, 1969	Beechmount
ONISHENKO, Sergi	June 23, 1959	Edmonton
ONYSCHUK, Peter	November 21, 1981	Cremation
OROBKO, Dr. William	November 27, 1966	Edmonton
ORYDZUK, Harry	October 18, 1990	St. Michael's

PAGEE, Olga	May 21, 1976	St. Michael's
PALEY, William	December 31, 1981	St. Michael's
PALEY, Andrew	March 4, 1986	St. Michael's
PALICHUK, John	June 23, 1990	St. Michael's
PALUSKO, John	January 1, 1987	St. Michael's
PANASIUK, William	November 2, 1985	Evergreen Memorial
PAPIRNIK, Alex	January 27, 1971	Evergreen Memorial
PAPIRNIK, Mike	June 19, 1989	Cremation
PARAN, Dr. John	October 7, 1980	Evergreen Memorial
PAWELEK, Stanley	February 19, 1987	Cremation
PAWLIUK, William	July 31, 1987	Ispas-Two Hill, Alberta
PELECH, Harry	January 19, 1982	St. Michael's
PIPELLA, Michael	March 26, 1988	Cremation
PLAWIUK, Nestor	February 16, 1980	Cremation
PODWIRNY, Emil	June 26, 1971	St. Michael's
POPOWICH, Victor	May 18, 1989	St. Michael's
POSHTAR, Tony	May 8, 1974	St. Michael's
PROKUDA, Sam	May 3, 1966	St. Michael's
PTASHNYK, Stanley	August 15, 1978	Evergreen Memorial
PULLISHY, Neville	May 5, 1985	Cremation
RACHINSKY, Joe	March 29, 1985	Spedden, Alberta
REBUS, Carl	September 17, 1984	Holy Cross
REPKOW, Nick	October 7, 1970	Beechmount
ROBERTS, John A.	September 19, 1983	Beechmount
ROMANCHUK, John	August 28, 1984	Evergreen Memorial
ROMANIUK, Walter	April 17, 1986	St. Michael's
SARCHUK, Paul	November 1, 1960	St. Michael's
SEMOTIUK, Andy	November 24, 1982	Beechmount
SEMOTIUK, Joe	October 18, 1964	Beechmount
SERAFINCHEAN, Nick	December 30, 1980	Holy Cross
SHALAGAN, Nestor	October 12, 1983	Evergreen Memorial
SHANDRO, George W	January 9, 1976	St. Michael's
SHEWCHUK, Nick	February 23, 1979	St. Michael's
SHEWCHUK, William	July 19, 1986	Holy Cross
SHEWCHUK, Peter	May 6, 1969	Evergreen Memorial
SIKORA, Nicholas	June 30, 1982	Holy Trinity, Nisku
SMIGEROWSKY, Mike	October 13, 1986	St. Michael's

SOBKIW, Karl	March 27, 1963	St. Joachim's
SOKOLOSKI, Nick	July 23, 1981	Riverside
SOLLANYCH, Alexander	October 1, 1984	Cremation
STETSKO, William	August 20, 1987	St. Michael's
SUMKA, Fredrick	February 5, 1966	St. Michael's
SWERYDA, Stephen	April 4, 1976	St. Michael's
SWITYK, Nicholas	December 19, 1980	St. Michael's
SYMIC, James J.	February 6, 1972	Evergreen Memorial
SYROTUCK, Mrs. Mary	December 21, 1982	Evergreen Memorial
SYROTUCK, Michael	April 3, 1974	Evergreen Memorial
SYTAR, Peter	April 18, 1988	St. Michael's
TARASIUK, Sydor	January 30, 1966	St. Michael's
TOMICK, Edward	June 13, 1970	St. Joachim's
TROOCK, Nicholas	December 18, 1989	St. Michael's
TULODZIECKI, Philip	November 9, 1984	St. Michael's
TYRKALO, Theodore	June 3, 1971	St. Anthony's
UNGARIAN, John Wm.	August 19, 1983	Evergreen Memorial
UNGURAN, Steve	August 20, 1982	Bellis Ukr. Orthodox
WAYDA, Adam	October 29, 1986	St. Michael's
WINTONIUK, William	February 20, 1986	Evergreen Memorial
WLADYKA, William	August 26, 1978	St. Michael's
WOWK, George	January 16, 1985	Cremation
WOYCHESSEN, Frank	November 18, 1986	Holy Cross
WYKER, Stephen	June 23, 1986	Cremation
YAKOWESHEN, Steve	June 26, 1978	St. Michael's
ZAPERYNIUK, Basil W.	April 2, 1972	St. Michael's
ZAWASKI, Arthur	August 2, 1984	Beechmount
ZEREBESKI, Alexander	December 31, 1969	St. Michael's
ZOLKIVSKI, Michael	March 18, 1970	Holy Cross
ZURAWEL, Edward	September 8, 1983	St. Michael's

**NORWOOD LEGION
BRANCH #178**

LADIES' AUXILIARY

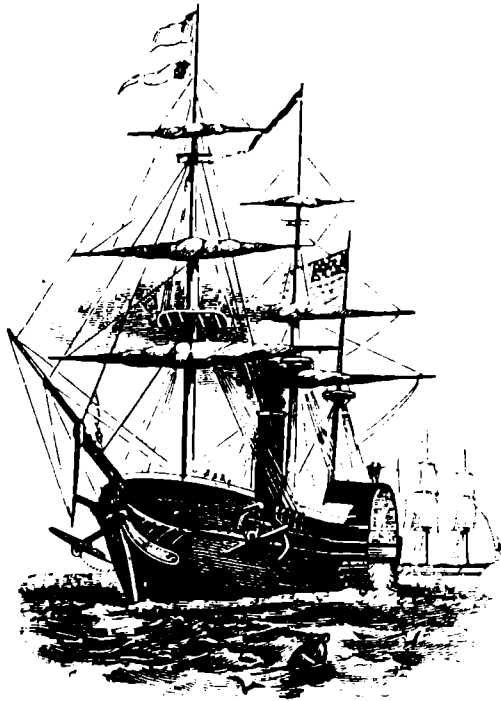


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PREFACE



Isabel Lupul

It has been my pleasure to have been selected, by (then President) Ellen Bobowsky, to be the Ladies' Co-ordinator to the Branch Book Committee.

It is most fitting that, after 45 years of existence, a history book can be published about the achievements of the Branch. The Ladies' Auxiliary are proud to have been part of that history.

I wish to thank my committee, consisting of — Tini Andrews, Anne Bayrak, Ellen Bobowsky, Winnie Lesick, Ruth Lupul, Mary Plawiuk, and Olly Walusko. These ladies donated many hours in researching all the minutes of meetings, the archives, and membership lists that were available.

Special thanks to Winnie Lesick, who compiled all the information in writing the history of the Norwood Legion Ladies' Auxiliary.

Chairman

Isabel Lupul

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No. 128, Ladies' Auxiliary
of the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League
under the jurisdiction of the
Command of the Canadian Legion and subject
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Alberta

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Dominion Executive Council have hereunto set the Corporate Seal of the Legion attested by the hands of the President and Secretary at Ottawa this fourteenth day of March, 1904.

Dr. B. B. B. B.

L.A. Carter General Secretary

Ladies' Auxiliary Charter



**Provincial Command Ladies' Auxiliary
President – 1989 - 1990**

As President of the Alberta NorthWest territories Command Ladies' Auxiliary, and on behalf of the Command Officers and myself, and also as a member of the Norwood Legion Ladies' Auxiliary, I wish to congratulate Norwood Legion branch #178 on the publication on their History Book commemorating their 45th Anniversary.

Anne Bayrak

HISTORY OF NORWOOD LEGION LADIES AUXILIARY 1949 - 1990

By Winnie Lesick



Winnie Lesick

High tide, low tide, the 'GOOD SHIP
NORWOOD' just keeps sailing along...

*Our legion auxiliary is like a ship
Keeping on course was not a trick*

Forty some years, near a lifetime at sea

*The good ship NORWOOD is not
what it used to be*

*Victorious in friendships and service for
all*

*She is recognized today,
because we answered the call!*

On March 20, 1949, fifteen wives of the Norwood Legion Branch #178 were installed as members of the Norwood Ladies Auxiliary. The ceremony was held at the Ukrainian National Hall under the guidance of branch president, the late Col. Michael Syrotuck. He was assisted by Miss Lena Ewanchuk, a member of the Ex-service Women's Branch #215.

The Provincial secretary, Margaret Dexter of Calgary officiated at the installation and outlined the respective duties and responsibilities of the officers-elect and the executive members. The Honorary president was Miss Lena Ewanchuk and the Honorary vice-president was Mrs. W.G. (Patty) Patterson. These two ladies were most helpful in our humble beginnings, their counsel, guidance and encouragement being most helpful in these uncertain times.

This was an exciting, memorable and historic occasion for our Auxiliary. The fifteen charter members were Stephanie Andrews, Mary Holychuk, Adelle Kereliuk, Winnifred Lesick, Mary Marchyshyn, Ann Melnyk, Helen Orobko, Irene Preston, Sophie Rybak, Jennie Stetsko, Stella Stetsko, Emily Svarich, Helen Tomick, Nellie Trischuk and Pearl Warshawski.

Under the leadership of our first president, Emily Svarich, an ex-service woman herself, our early meetings were held in the homes of our members. Our obligations were three-fold: first, to assist the branch; second, to serve the Provincial Command; and third, to serve the community. Membership dues were \$1.50, the per capita tax being 50 cents. Most raffle tickets during these times sold for five cents!



Our first president, Emily Svarich

The end of World War II was only recent history and many hospital wards still held wounded veterans, many of them far from home and feeling lonely and deserted. It seemed important to us that something should be done to help these people, so our first undertaking as the newly-formed Ladies Auxiliary, was to form a visiting committee. The visits to the veterans at the Colonel Mewburn Pavilion of the University Hospital became regular and very popular with the veterans.

In order to supply the needed comforts, we had to research fund-raising methods. We decided on card parties, spring teas, fall bazaars, rummage sales at the old Queen's Hotel, and there was usually some financial

gain to be had when we helped the men's branch with a carnival on the corner of Jasper Avenue and 97th street. At the end of our first year, our books showed a net profit of \$147.27!

By 1954, our membership soared to thirty-three! Membership dues were increased to \$2.00 and the per capita tax went up to 75 cents.

Fund raising was still an important part of our activities and we undertook some rather ambitious projects as the making of tea cloths and tea towels and the compilation of recipes for our own cook book.

Besides visiting the veterans, a practice which had become a very important and ongoing part of our obligations, we added two more visitations — the native and Metis children at the Charles Camsell Hospital, and the children at the Mundare Orphanage. Long before the days of Senior Citizens Homes or Lodges, our Ladies Auxiliary members provided lunches and entertainment to the Avenue Friendship Club, named after 118th Avenue and located at 93rd Street.

As our donations increased, our Ways and Means Committee had to scurry to find new and better fund-raising projects to keep up. Aside from these undertakings, there was always a need for our help at the branch. With a great deal of pride, we participated in the Poppy Day canvassing, raising many dollars for the needy. In those days, the Polio Fund was an independent entity and door-to-door canvassing on Polio "Blitz" nights became an annual undertaking for our group.

In 1958, Mrs. Zonia Greschuk became our Honourary president and has remained in this high office to the present time. For her dedication and contributions to our cause, the members of the Norwood Ladies Auxiliary will always be grateful. Another prominent lady, Mrs. Kay Miskew, became the Honourary vice-president; she had served this organization for twenty-five years.

During this period, our first by-laws were drafted. After some deliberations and changes, they were accepted by the general membership. The Union Jack and Legion colors were purchased and members proceeded to purchase blazers, berets and full legion dressware. Not only did we look great in these uniforms, we also beamed with pride to be part of such a great organization!

The official opening of the Norwood Branch #178 Legion Hall was held in September of 1958. What a proud moment this was for all the members! We were extremely happy to have a permanent home. Our members served on various committees working on the many projects towards the completion of the building. We were immersed in shopping, purchasing drapes for the auditorium and the upper lounge, buying kitchen supplies and decorating the hall. We served on committees for the purchasing of lounge and hall furniture and had great fun deciding on rug types and colors. What excitement!

We took a hand in the catering and accepted the coat-checking concession as our own. Since some of our members were not too tall or too strong and the coat-checking concession became hard work, requests to the branch brought promises that the coat-racks would eventually be motorized and automated.

On November 30, 1958, our first colors were dedicated with Ruth Lupul and



**Dedication of Colours by Rev. M. Fyk and Rev. V. Pidscalny.
Colour bearers: Ruth Lupul and Anne Bayrak with
Sergeant at Arms Rose Prystupa.**

Anne Bayrak acting as our color bearers. Officiating at the ceremony we had Chaplain Reverend Michael Fyk and Padre Reverend Vital Pidscalny. The event was chaired by Olly Walusko and will certainly go down in our memories as an exciting and historic event.

In 1960, an Archives Committee was struck and the collection of memorabilia began. Also in 1960, two representatives were appointed to attend the meetings of the Local Council of Women. The topics and discussion subjects presented at the Council meetings were of interest to all women. Over the years we have enjoyed many varied presentations and heard many notable and informative speakers.

The undertaking of the Fashion Show was a major challenge that not only became a major production, but served to help us reap many substantial financial rewards. To a packed auditorium, our members commented, co-ordinated and modelled fashion-wear, furs and hats. We enlisted the help of our children and they featured the tots and teens wear and made our Fashion Show an affair that had family participation.



Fashion Show Committee and Models in the First Fashion Show

Front Row: Committee members – Zennie Romanchuk, Isabel Lupul, Mary Poohkay (President), Winnie Lesick and Virginia Faryna.

Back Row: Leona Kashton, Alice Stepa, Ann Lopatinski, Florence Shewchuk, Mary Letwenuk, Vivian Starko, Helen Skoreyko, Ruth Lupul, Dolly Spivak and Phyllis Kuchar.

Another fund-raising event introduced at this time was the coffee party. Our members would outdo themselves by bringing the most delectable desserts they could make! An extra project before Christmas was the sale of homemade mincemeat at the fall bazaar.

A donation to the Edmonton Transit System in the form of a bus shelter was made during this period. Since the bus-turnaround was located adjacent to our

grounds on 82nd street and 112th Avenue, the bus shelter was a great way to provide a convenient waiting area for the passengers, at the same time giving us an opportunity to advise the passengers that they were shielded from the wind and the rain thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Norwood Legion branch.

In 1962, the purchase of a much-needed new piano for the branch became one of our many projects. In addition to our already substantial visiting list, in 1962 we added the Aberhart Sanatorium. This gave our visiting committee an extra monthly stop and a new group of patients to visit.

1963 marked the beginning of a beautiful tradition that has been carried on to the present time. The executive members of the men's branch treat the members of the Ladies Auxiliary to a sumptuous dinner on the night of the auxiliaries elections.

The fifteenth anniversary of the Ladies Auxiliary was celebrated in the spring of 1964. To mark this milestone, a lovely banquet was organized with many Legion dignitaries in attendance. The feature speaker of the evening was our own Winnie Lesick who recounted the many memorable years of our being, recalling many nostalgic moments in our history.

Charter members present at the anniversary celebration were: Tini Andrews, Pearl Warshawski, Helen Tomick, Sophie Rybak and Winnie Lesick. On this occasion in 1964 Mrs. Zonia Greschuk presented a bronze Past-President's plaque to the Auxiliary.



Honourary President Zonia Greschuk presenting the Past Presidents' Plaque to Past President Virginia Faryna and President Mary Poohkay in 1964.

With the coming of the Klondike Days Extravanzas, the members dressed in lovely dresses depicting the Gay Nineties period and took a role in assisting in the kitchen. Others waited on tables as cocktail waitresses or dinner waitresses or

cashiered. It was a new experience for many, but fun, as we look back on those hectic days! Things have changed a great deal since then. Today, a co-ordinator takes charge of a committee which organizes the respective duties of hostesses.

Work-bees were held to prepare lapcards for the "Giant" Ten Car Bingos held at the Edmonton Gardens during this period. We also supplied many helping hands with extra card sales and performed other necessary duties to make these bingos successful. Thank goodness we were young and able as it took a lot of stamina and endurance to run up and down those Gardens stairs. Since Bingos were a very important part of the Legion's fund-raising at this time, we also assisted with the weekly bingos in our own auditorium.

In 1967 we published our first cook book! It was a raving success and plans were made to compile recipes for another publication very soon.

In 1968 we were fortunate recipients of two notable contributions. Mrs. Frances Yaremco made a beautiful table cover in royal blue velvet with the Legion crest on it. This cover is used at installations to this day, and of course, at other official Auxiliary functions. Comrade Steve Kashton, showing his woodworking talents, presented the Auxiliary with a handcrafted gavel.



Table Cover made by the late Frances Yaremco.

During this period, Family Suppers were popular, usually held in December. It was usually a great feast and was normally attended by all the members and the children. In addition to providing a great opportunity for socializing, these dinners gave our children an opportunity to see where their parents were spending much of their time.

By the end of 1969, our auxiliary had grown to 74 paid-up members. Dues this year were raised to \$3.00.

Members were constantly kept busy with Spring Teas, Rummage Sales, Fall Bazaars and Bingos, not to mention the hospital visits and the many other responsibilities that we had undertaken...

The 1970 Fashion Show was a stopper! Our members modelled beautiful

KLONDIKE FASHIONS

By Evelyn Schaefer and Walts' Men's Wear, 1970



Isabel Lupul (President), J. Milne, Ann Bilinske, Evelyn Schaefer, William Lesick, Delores Wozney, and Sam Mintenko



Oly Walusko, Florence Romanchuk, Ramona Gurba, and Karen Bilinske

gowns made by Evelyn Schaefer while the gentlemen looked very dapper in Klondike formals supplied by Walt's Men's Wear.

The Poppy Tag day, in which we actively participated every year since our formation, was now being held indoors at malls and the market place, a welcome change from standing outdoors, since this always took place in November and the weather could be rather nasty. On Armistice Day, the Auxiliary members joined the men's branch at the Cenotaph for the Last Post remembrance of our fallen comrades. Another point of significance was that our color-bearers paraded with the men at various Legion conventions and other formal events.

The 1973 Annual Fashion Show was a bit different in that it featured models dressed in Ukrainian traditional and modern dresswear. As we look back, we note that the archives committee have done a great job with the photographs and news clippings depicting our activities throughout the years. What a marked difference in the fashions and hairstyles over the years!

In 1973, we also purchased two silver tea services for our use on the occasion of teas, and had enough money to buy a new typewriter.

Silver Jubilee! On May 4, 1974, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Norwood Legion celebrated their twenty-fifth anniversary at a banquet with branch and Legion dignitaries present. The tables were decked in red, white and blue flowers. A large Anniversary Cake, its Legion Auxiliary crest prominently displayed was flanked with tall tapered candles. Charter member Tini Andrews gave the main address outlining the activities of the organization. Provincial President Kay McKenzie presented twenty-five year pins to the four charter members that were present at the celebration. They were Sophie Rybak, Stella Stetsko, Winnie Lesick and Tini Andrews. It was a fabulous celebration and a great time was had by all.

In 1975 the club initiated a "Member of the Year" award, to be presented annually to an non-executive member. The first recipient of this award was Joanne Kutney.

In 1976 we made our first visit to the new Colonel Mewburn Veteran Centre. This was a most meaningful visit and it was most rewarding to see the eyes twinkle and the smiles come to the veteran's faces! We held back tears of joy as we shared our goodwill with these men as a Legion Auxiliary. We served them lunch, then provided some entertainment and finished off with a good song-fest. These visits, called the "Social Hour" have been held every month since. At Christmas we treat them to a party with gifts and of course, ol' Santa Claus comes along at the appropriate time.

We joined the Edmonton joint Ladies Auxiliaries in the celebration of special events at the Centre and once a year we participate in an annual picnic outing for the residents of the Veteran's Villa.

We were pleased to receive a "Last Post" plaque donated to us by Comrade Nestor Holychuk. This was presented to us in memory of his wife, Mary, who had been a charter member of this Auxiliary.

Our revenues flourished with the sales of Nevada tickets and the twice-weekly bingos, since we were now holding our bingos on Sundays as well as Monday Nights! When the Dominion Convention came around, this time held in Edmonton June 11 to 15, 1978, we were in demand to assist with many aspects of it. We were honored to host the delegates wives at a luncheon held at our branch and served in various positions on various convention sub-committees.

Having gained this experience and practice, we were charged with the responsibility of hostessing during the 1978 Klondike Days. We carried out this responsibility efficiently and our members and co-ordinators did an excellent job.

Every Year at the annual President's Ball, the Auxiliary plays an integral part at this prestigious event by presenting a generous donation to the Men's Branch, and acknowledging the outstanding service of their members with service awards. Names of the recipients designating the awards presented are listed separately.

One of the social events in 1979 was the celebration of the Thirtieth Anniversary when charter member Winnie Lesick once more recalled the history of our club and entitled her speech "The Good Ship Norwood." On the occasion of the 35th Anniversary of the Norwood Legion Branch #178, the Auxiliary made a presentation of a sculpture of a ship symbolizing our dedication to the branch and our community.

At the end of 1980 we boasted a membership of 89 members. A newsletter had been submitted monthly to the Legion Reporter. The Norwood Auxiliary has been consistent in sending delegates to most conventions and taking part in them actively so that we could keep abreast of all Legion Auxiliary activities and trends. This updating is always beneficial, but most rewarding has been the fraternalization where many long-lasting friendships have been made.

Exchanges of ideas also took place at Zone and District Rallies, while attending Joint Auxiliary meetings brought us closer in touch with local issues.

On November 10, 1981, a new auxiliary flag was blessed by the Legion Padre,



New Auxiliary Flag being blessed by Right Rev. M. Kryschuk. Colour bearers: Mary Plawluk and Olga Chorny with President Joanne Kutney presiding.

Right Reverend Meroslaw Kryschuk and the old colors were honorably retired. An impressive ceremony was held in the upper lounge under the chairmanship of President Joanne Kutney. Color bearers for the occasion were Mary Plawiuk and Ann Mandrusiak.

With the inflation, our membership dues escalated to \$10.00 for ordinary members and \$12.00 for new members.

Our monthly social hour visits to the Colonel Mewburn Veteran's Centre included the visiting of those confined to their beds. Two faithful helpers in this worthwhile project were Rose Prystupa and her mother Doris Chamaschuk. A donation of \$500.00 was given by us towards a Joint Auxiliaries fund-raising effort to purchase awnings for the Veteran's Hospital.

Norwood Legion Ladies Auxiliary presented the residents of the Veteran's Villa with a new television set and treated them to an annual outing to Alberta Beach.

Norwood Legion prides itself in being family-oriented and caring about the welfare of its members. A committee appointed yearly to do hospital and home visitations of the ill or in case of the loss of a loved one. Comforts of flowers, cards, and in some cases baking, is given.

A coffee party was held on April 1981 at which time donations of \$500.00 each were given to five representatives from charitable organizations. The receiving organizations were the Multiple Sclerosis Society, the International Year of the Disabled Fund, the Girl Guides of Canada, the Easter Seal Campaign and the St. John's Ambulance Association.

Members sold carnations for the Multiple Sclerosis Society during their building fund money raising campaign. We undertook to serve a delicious supper



Olga Chorny and Mary Plawiuk (President) present cheque to the Ronald MacDonald Representative.

to our senior citizens during the Klondike Days festivities. A campaign was started to collect canned food to be delivered to Win House for Battered Women. All these projects met with great success and remain a tribute to the active membership that we enjoy in our auxiliary.

1984 was a busy year! President Mary Plawiuk participated in the commemoration ceremony of the 50th Anniversary of the Ladies Auxiliary, Alberta/Northwest Territories Command. Our Auxiliary project for the commemoration was a wine and cheese party with the proceeds amounting to \$1,770. These were donated to Ronald MacDonald House.

Active member and past-president of our Auxiliary Ellen Bobowsky, took office as secretary-treasurer of the Joint City Auxiliaries. Mrs. Pearl Hawrelak Porter was appointed the Honourary Vice President .

On May 8, 1984 the Ladies Auxiliary of the Norwood Branch #178 of the Royal Canadian Legion celebrated its 35th anniversary. It was time once again to pause and think back, and once again charter member Winnie Lesick reminisced and reflected upon the history of the group. She paid glowing tribute to the twenty-one past-presidents and their executive committees for their wisdom, their foresight and their dedication. History has shown that their guidance and leadership has kept the Auxiliary on the correct path.



Ladies Auxiliary Members present at the cutting of the 35th Anniversary Cake: Ruth Lupul, Liz Rawiuk, Leona Kashton, Effie Shalagan, Phyllis Kuchar, Anne Lemiski, Isabel Lupul, Mary Plawiuk (President), Anne Bayrak, Winnie Lesick, Olga Chorny and Tini Andrews.

In 1985, the ladies undertook two more money-raising projects. One was the sale of meat raffle tickets, the other was assisting the men's branch with the bingos being held at West Edmonton Mall.

As time went on, some fund-raising projects were dropped and others tried. It

was decided at a meeting held in 1987 that we should resume our annual spring teas. Efforts were still carried on with bingos, canteen sales and with the annual fall Rummage Sale. Unsold clothing was donated to other charities, such as Win House, Humans on Welfare and the Youth Shelter.

The Norwood Legion Auxiliary is proud to acknowledge member Anne Bayrak upon her escalation to the high office of the President of the Ladies Auxiliary Alberta/Northwest Territories Command. Anne joined our auxiliary in November 1951. Since then, she has held every office including president, and in 1979 took on greater challenges as the District Commander which she held for six consecutive years. In 1985 she was elected second vice-president of the Ladies Auxiliary, Alberta/Northwest Territories Command, followed by election to first vice-president for the years 1987-88 before becoming the president for 1989-90.

She has been presented with a life membership award, the service Medal and the Meritorious Service Award. Madam Command President Bayrak has been a guiding light epitomizing dedication and inspiration to the rest of the membership within the auxiliary.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

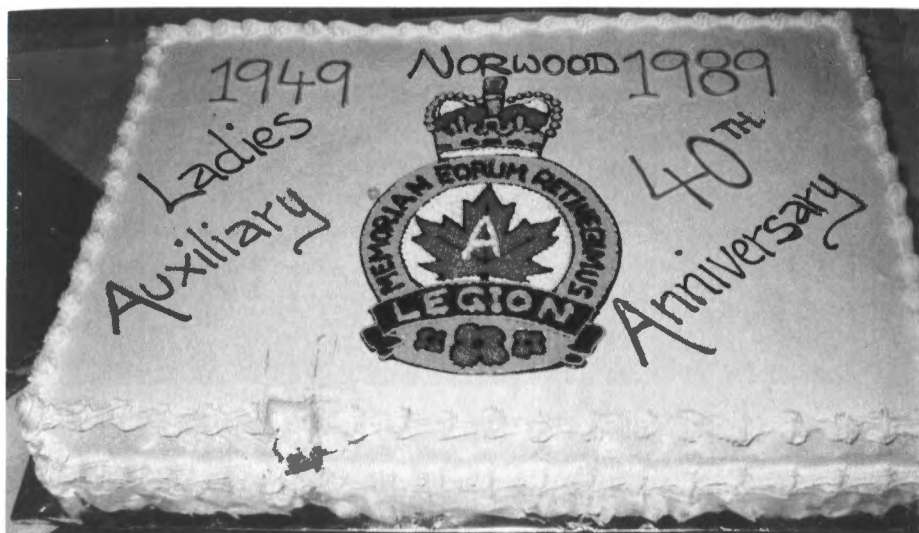
Anne Bayrak ~ 1985

Meritorious Service Award (M.S.A.) Members of Ladies' Auxiliaries



This award is granted to eligible members of the ladies' auxiliary who have rendered outstanding meritorious service to the cause of the Royal Canadian Legion. As this is the highest award which can be made to a member of the ladies's auxiliary, Anne Bayrak is presented with her M.S.A. by the President of the Alberta, N.W.T. Command Ladies Auxiliary, Mrs. Kay Schultz.

On March 11, 1989, we celebrated our 40th Anniversary! Tini Andrews presented an interesting historical review of the accomplishments of the group, bringing back and reminiscing over the many historical and memorable events that took place during the last forty years.



Happy Birthday Cake!



Two of the original Charter members
at the 40th – Tini Andrews and
Winnie Lesick.

Out of the original fifteen charter members, only two remained active and were present at the anniversary celebration; Tini Andrews and Winnie Lesick.

Tribute was paid to Honourary president Mrs. Zonia Greschuk for her 31 years of dedicated service. A bouquet of red roses was presented to ex-servicewoman Lena Ewanchuk for her assistance during the formidable years. A vote of thanks was expressed to member Marion Troock for her generosity and consideration in donating the many beautiful floral arrangements which graced the many social functions over the years.

A display of photographs and newsworthy newspaper clippings was part of this celebration, accompanied by a video presentation portraying our members in action in many of their activities throughout the years. We acknowledged the efforts of Alice and Joe Stepa in preparing these productions and dedicating their time to this great undertaking.

We were the happy recipients of a plaque presented to us by the East



Thirty-two members of the Auxiliary pose for the 40th.

Edmonton Business Association, commemorating forty years of service to the Legion and to our community.

Later in the year, at a tea held at the University Hospital, our Auxiliary was honoured with the presentation to us of a Certificate of Appreciation for our work with the veterans.

We enjoyed the results of a successful Tea and Fashion Show, as well as a good turn-out at our Fall Rummage Sale. Recapping our fund-raising projects, the Auxiliary ended on a high note at the year end of 1990. Total income was \$14,000.00. Our membership stood at 77.

With the recent increase in the per capita tax, the membership dues were set at \$18.00 with \$20.00 being the cost of a new membership.

We feel that we have "maintained our obligations" to the branch, the provincial command, and to our community admirably, as we set out to do in the beginning!

BRANCH # 178: We assisted in all projects when called upon to do so. Over forty years, we have donated in cash and furnishings an amount equal to well over \$150,000.00. We wish to express our thanks and gratitude for their support and unfailing encouragement in all our endeavours and undertakings.



Ladies' Auxiliary President Ellen Bobowsky presents a cheque to Branch President George Lupul.



President Al Yablonski receiving donation from the President of the Ladies' Auxilliary, Isabel Lupul.

VETERANS: A social evening is held every month at the Colonel Mewburn Veteran's Centre, most often including lunch and entertainment. At Christmas we remember these veterans with gifts. We have made many donations of furniture, radios, tele-

PROVINCIAL COMMAND: We have upheld our commitments honorably. We are proud to be a part of this great organization. Monies donated to the various funds are listed separately.

COMMUNITY: Besides participating in various canvassing endeavours where we donated much time and effort, we donated in excess of \$25,000.00 in actual cash to various charities over the years, all of which will be listed separately. Our total donations to date including those made to our own branch, exceed \$220,000.00!



Ladies' Auxilliary President Joanne Kutney is presenting a cheque for \$15,000 to Branch President, Alex Korol.

vision sets, ecologizers, shavers and many, many personal items too numerous to list, to help bring a little happiness into their lives.

VETERAN'S VILLA: The residents here have often been treated to dinners and entertainment through the efforts of our auxiliary. Once a year, through the effort of the Joint Auxiliaries, they are treated to an outing. We have recently donated several television

George Lupul - President of Veterans' Villa accepts a colour T.V. from Mary Plawiuk, President of Norwood Legion Ladies' Auxilliary.



sets and other miscellaneous furnishings to them, all of which contributes to better living conditions.

In concluding this summary of the Norwood Legion Ladies Auxiliary, I wish to state that there are many unsung heroines in this organization who have not been mentioned by name. To do justice in attempting to name them would have been impossible and would probably have resulted in failure. The contributions and accomplishments made by ALL THE MEMBERS is what makes NORWOOD so special!

I wish to thank Isabel Lupul, Chairman, Tini Andrews, Olly Walusko, Ruth Lupul, Anne Bayrak and Mary Plawiuk for assisting me in researching and compiling all the pertinent data that we have presented here. Without their help, my job would have been monumental.



Norwood Legion

LADIES AUXILIARY DONATIONS 1949-1990

Branch Donations and Hall Furnishings			\$150,000.00
Alberta and N.W.T. Command :			
	Bursary Fund	\$9,575.00	
	Hospital Fund	6,704.00	
	Sports Fund	3,385.00	
	Welfare Fund	135.00	19,799.00
Polio Fund			2,715.00
Poppy Fund			1,475.00
Veterans' Comforts:			
	Aberhart Sanatorium		
	Colonel Mewburn Hospital		
	Col. Mewburn Veterans' Center		18,850.00
Veterans' Housing			1,177.00
Veterans' Villa			1,414.00
Cenotaph relocation			4,000.00
Ex-Servicemen's Children's' Home			200.00
Community Donations:			
Canadian Cancer Society			2,573.00
Heart and Stroke Foundation of Alberta			490.00
Kidney Foundation of Canada (Northern Alberta Chapter)			570.00
Palliative Care:	Youville Home	3,515.00	
	Chas. Camself Hospital	2,000.00	5,515.00
Evelyn Unger School			1,950.00
A.C.T. Crippled Children's Fund			1,269.00
Heritage School Centre			1,690.00
Mundare Orphanage			997.00
Colonel Cormack Centre			620.00
Edmonton Women's Shelter (Win House)			1,600.00
Youth Emergency Centre			500.00
Miscellaneous donations and purchases:			
	Wheel Chairs, Bus Shelters, Artificial Limbs, Winnifred Stewart School, Ukrainian Choir, Avenue Friendship Club, Girl Guides, Y.W.C.A., etc.		2,599.00
Total Donations			\$220,003.0000

PAST PRESIDENTS



Emily Svarich
1949 - 1950



Helen Tomick
1951



Winnie Lesick
1952



Rose Malanchuk
1953



Mary Marchyshyn
1954



Ruth Lupul
1955



Olly Walusko
1956, 1957, 1958



Anne Bayrak
1959, and 1965-1966



Rose Prystupa
1960 - 1961



Virginia Faryna
1962



Mary Poohkay
1963 - 1964



Anne Lemiski
1967



Ellen Bobowsky
1968 - 1969, 1986 - 1987



Isabel Lupul
1970 - 1971



Anne Kozak
1972 - 1973



Leona Kashton
1974 - 1975



Alice Stepa
1976



Florence Romanchuk
1977 - 1978



Stella Kutney
1979 - 1980



Joanne Kutney
1981 - 1982



Olga Chorny
1985



Emily Boychuk
1988 - 1989



Mary Plawiuk
1983 - 1984, 1990 - 1991

1952 EXECUTIVE



FRONT ROW: Tini Andrews, Sgt. at Arms; Irene Preston, 1st Vice President; Winnie Lesick, President; Helen Tomick, Past President; Rose Romaniuk, Secretary.
BACK ROW: Stella Stetsko, Mary Holychuk, Emily Svarich, Nataka Melnychuk, Anne Bayrak, Phyllis Kuchar. **MISSING:** Rose Malanchuk, Treasurer.

1953 EXECUTIVE



FRONT ROW: Mary Poohkay, Sgt. at Arms; Stella Stetsko, 1st Vice President; Rose Malanchuk, President; Winnie Lesick, Past President; Phyllis Kuchar, Secretary; Monica Cheladyn, Treasurer. **BACK ROW:** Irene Preston, Jennie Stetsko, Nataka Melnychuk, Mary Holychuk, Ruth Lupul.

1957 EXECUTIVE



FRONT ROW: Emily Svarich, Secretary; Rose Romaniuk, 2nd Vice President; Amelia Kucher, 1st Vice President; Olly Walusko, President; Ruth Lupul, Past President; Anne Bayrak, Treasurer. **BACK ROW:** Anne Lemiski, Mary Poohkay, Sgt. at Arms, Mary Dascavich, Rose Prystupa, Olga Cherniawsky. **MISSING:** Alice Stepa, Mary Plawiuk.

1958 EXECUTIVE



FRONT ROW: Emily Svarich, Secretary; Rose Romaniuk, 2nd Vice President; Stella Stetsko, 1st Vice President; Olly Walusko, President; Ruth Lupul, Past President; Anne Bayrak, Treasurer. **BACK ROW:** Mary Poohkay, Nataika Melnychuk, Amelia Kucher, Mary Dascavich, Rose Prestupa, Sgt. at Arms, Hilda Maddock, Alice Stepa.

1959 EXECUTIVE



FRONT ROW: Emily Svarich, Corresponding Secretary; Rose Prystupa, 1st Vice President; Anne Bayrak, President; Olly Walusko, Past President; Winnie Lesick, Treasurer; Phyllis Kruhlak, recording Secretary. **BACK ROW:** Ruth Lupul, Executive & Colour Bearer; Mary Poohkay, Sgt. at Arms; Alice Stepa, Sylvia Uganecz, Marie Osinchuk, Ann Lopatinski, Mary Letwenuk, Mary Plawiuk, Colour Bearer.

MISSING: Nadeya Bodnar, 2nd Vice President

1960 EXECUTIVE



FRONT ROW: Anne Lemiski, Corresponding Secretary; Mary Poohkay, recording Secretary; Anne Bayrak, Past President; Rose Prystupa, President; Alice Stepa, 1st Vice President; Virginia Faryna, 2nd Vice President; Helen Tomick, Treasurer.

BACK ROW: Ruth Lupul, Colour Bearer; Ramona Gurba, Mary Dascavich, Monica Cheladyn, Phyllis Kruhlak, Anne Bilinske, Sophie Rybak, Mary Plawiuk, Colour Bearer.

MISSING: Winnie Lesick, Sgt. at Arms.

1961 EXECUTIVE



FRONT ROW: Helen Tomick, Treasurer; Rose Melenka, Secretary; Anne Bayrak, Past President; Rose Prystupa, President; Virginia Faryna, 1st Vice President; Mary Poohkay, 2nd Vice President. **BACK ROW:** Ann Lopatinsky, Colour Bearer; Sophie Rybak, Marion Troock, Mary Dascavich, Winnie Lesick, Sgt. at Arms, Florence Shewchuk, Ellen Bobowsky, Mary Kuchka, Tillie Samycia, Colour Bearer.

1962 EXECUTIVE



FRONT ROW: Phyllis Kruhlak, 2nd Vice President; Mary Poohkay, 1st Vice President; Virginia Faryna, President; Rose Prystupa, Past President; Florence Shewchuk, Treasurer; Oly Walusko, Secretary. **BACK ROW:** Mary Plawiuk, Colour Bearer; Marion Troock, Ruth Lupul, Zennia Romanchuk, Frances Yaremco, Anne Lopatinski, Sgt. at Arms, Ellen Bobowsky, Mary Kuchka, Mary Letwenuk, Colour Bearer.

1963 EXECUTIVE



FRONT ROW: Florence Shewchuk, Treasurer; Helen Skoreyko, 2nd Vice President; Phyllis Kruhlak, 1st Vice President; Mary Poohkay, President; Virginia Faryna, Past President; Oly Walusko, Corresponding Secretary, Ellen Bobowsky, Recording Secretary. **BACK ROW:** Mary Plawiuk, Colour Bearer; Tillie Samycia, Elizabeth Mlynarchuk, Anne Lopatinski, Sgt. at Arms, Frances Yaremco, Marion Troock, Isabel Lupul, Mary Kuchka, Mary Letwenuk, Colour Bearer.

1964 EXECUTIVE



FRONT ROW: Ruth Lupul, Treasurer; Ellen Bobowsky, Secretary; Virginia Faryna, Past President; Mary Poohkay, President; Florence Shewchuk, 1st Vice President; Helen Skoreyko, 2nd Vice President. **BACK ROW:** Mary Plawiuk, Colour Bearer; Louise Rudyk, Anne Lemiski, Anne Bayrak, Eunice Elashuk, Anne Lopatinski, Sgt. at Arms, Helen Tomick, Isabel Lupul, Executive and Colour Bearer.

1965 EXECUTIVE



FRONT ROW: Isabel Lupul, Sgt. at Arms; Ellen Bobowsky, 2nd Vice President; Anne Lemiski, 1st Vice President; Anne Bayrak, President; Mary Poohkay, Past President; Alice Stepa, Secretary, Ruth Lupul, Treasurer.

BACK ROW: Mary Plawiuk, Executive and Colour Bearer; Effie Shalagan, Frances Yaremco, Mary Dascavich, Olga Hrushka, Mary Letwenuk, Executive and Colour Bearer.

1966 EXECUTIVE



FRONT ROW: Isabel Lupul, Sgt. at Arms; Ellen Bobowsky, 2nd Vice President; Anne Lemiski, 1st Vice President; Anne Bayrak, President; Mary Poohkay, Past President; Ruth Lupul, Treasurer; Alice Stepa, Secretary.

BACK ROW: Mary Plawiuk, Colour Bearer; Olga Hrushka, Rose Kay, Anne Kozak, Mary Dascavich, Lillian Starchuk, Tini Andrews, Lorna Symic, Colour Bearer.

1967 EXECUTIVE



FRONT ROW: Lorna Symic, Sgt. at Arms; Winnie Lesick, 2nd Vice President; Ellen Bobowsky, 1st Vice president; Anne Lemiski, President; Anne Bayrak, Past P(resident); Rose Kay, Secretary; Isabel Lupul, Treasurer. **BACK ROW:** Mary Plawiuk, Colour Bearer; Olga Hrushka, Lillian Starchuk, Frances Yaremco, Anne Kozak, Olly Walusko, Tini Andrews, Alice Stepa, Colour Bearer.

1968 EXECUTIVE



FRONT ROW: Lorna Symic, Sgt. at Arms; Anne Kozak, 2nd Vice President; Tini Andrews, 1st Vice President; Ellen Bobowsky, President; Anne Lemiski, Past President; Ruth Lupul, Secretary; Isabel Lupul, Treasurer. **BACK ROW:** Mary Plawiuk, Colour Bearer; Rose Kay, Mary Szymiec, Winnie Lesick, Eunice Eliaschuk, Alice Stepa, Leona Kashton, Olly Walusko, Colour Bearer.

1969 EXECUTIVE



FRONT ROW: Ramona Gurba, Sgt. at Arms; Mary Kuchka, 2nd Vice President; Isabel Lupul, 1st Vice President; Ellen Bobowsky, President; Anne Lemiski, Past president; Anne Kozak, Secretary; Anne Bayrak, Treasurer. **BACK ROW:** Mary Plawiuk, Colour Bearer; Winnie Lesick, Colour Bearer; Ann Mandrusiak, Phyllis Kruhlak, Leona Kashton, Ann Losinski, Eunice Elaschuk, Executive and Colour Bearer.

1970 EXECUTIVE



FRONT ROW: Leona Kashton, Secretary; Anne Bayrak, Treasurer; Ellen Bobowsky, Past President; Isabel Lupul, President; Anne Kozak, 1st Vice President; Mary Kuchka, 2nd Vice President; Ramona Gurba, Sgt. at Arms. **BACK ROW:** Mary Plawiuk, Colour Bearer; Mary Poohkay, Colour Bearer; Effie Shalagan, Anne Mandrusiak, Edna Stefanyk, Anne Lopatinski, Mary Wawrynchuk, Phyllis Kruhlak, Eunice Elaschuk, Colour Bearer.

1971 EXECUTIVE



FRONT ROW: Anne Bayrak, Treasurer; Leona Kashton, Secretary; Ellen Bobowsky, Past President; Isabel Lupul, President; Anne Kozak, 1st Vice President; Mary Kuchka, 2nd Vice President; Mary Wawrynychuk, Sgt. at Arms. **BACK ROW:** Effie Shalagan, Edna Stefanyk, Frances Yaremco, Phyllis Kruhlak, Stella Kutney, Pearl Marceniuk, Colour Bearer.
MISSING: Ruth Lupul, Executive and Colour Bearer.

1972 EXECUTIVE



FRONT ROW: Florence Romanchuk, Treasurer; Ellen Bobowsky, Secretary; Isabel Lupul, Past President; Anne Kozak, President; Leona Kashton, 1st Vice President; Mary Wawrynychuk, 2nd Vice President; Anne Bayrak, Sgt. at Arms. **BACK ROW:** Mary Plawiuk, Colour Bearer; Ruth Lupul, Edna Stefanyk, Frances Yaremco, Phyllis Kruhlak, Stella Kutney, Effie Shalagan, Pearl Marceniuk, Colour Bearer.

1973 EXECUTIVE



FRONT ROW: Ellen Bobowsky, Secretary; Isabel Lupul, Past President; Anne Kozak, President; Leona Kashton, 1st Vice President; Anne Bayrak, Sergeant at Arms.
BACK ROW: Mary Plawiuk, Colour Bearer; Joan Drusul, Ruth Lupul, Eunice Elashuk, Stella Kutney, Effie Shalagan, Muriel Anderson, Mary Poohkay, Colour Bearer.
MISSING: Mary Wawrynchuk, 2nd Vice President; Florence Romanchuk, Treasurer.

1974 EXECUTIVE



FRONT ROW: Mary Dascavich, Treasurer; Ellen Bobowsky, Secretary; Anne Kozak, Past President; Leona Kashton, President; Florence Romanchuk, 1st Vice President; Alice Stepa, 2nd Vice President; Anne Bayrak, Sgt. at Arms. **BACK ROW:** Mary Plawiuk, Colour Bearer; Ruth Lupul, Anne Kaptey, Edna Stefanyk, Doreen Sorochan, Isabel Lupul, Mary Poohkay, Colour Bearer. **MISSING:** Stella Kutney, Executive.

1975 EXECUTIVE



FRONT ROW: Mary Dascavich, Treasurer; Ellen Bobowsky, Secretary; Anne Kozak, Past President; Leona Kashton, President; Florence Romanchuk, 1st Vice President; Alice Stepa, 2nd Vice President; Anne Bayrak, Sgt. at Arms.
BACK ROW: Mary Plawiuk, Colour Bearer; Stella Kutney, Ruth Lupul, Anne Kaptey, Edna Stefanyk, Doreen Sorochan, Isabel Lupul, Mary Poohkay, Colour Bearer.

1976 EXECUTIVE



FRONT ROW: Mary Dascavich, Treasurer; Ruth Lupul, Secretary; Leona Kashton, Past President; Alice Stepa, President; Stella Kutney, 1st Vice President; Joanne Kutney, 2nd Vice President; Isabel Lupul, Sergeant at Arms. **BACK ROW:** Mary Plawiuk, Colour Bearer; Anne Bayrak, Anne Kozak, Frances Yaremco, Edna Stefanyk, Anne Plytka, Florence Romanchuk. **MISSING:** Mary Poohkay, Colour Bearer.

1977 EXECUTIVE



FRONT ROW: Mary Dascavich, Treasurer; Ruth Lupul, Secretary; Alice Stepa, Past President; Florence Romanchuk, President; Stella Kutney, 1st Vice President; Joanne Kutney, 2nd Vice President; Isabel Lupul, Sgt. at Arms. **BACK ROW:** Mary Plawiuk, Colour Bearer; Leona Kashton, Anne Plytka, Anne Kozak, Anne Bayrak, Ellen Bobowsky. **MISSING:** Frances Yaremco, Mary Poohkay, Colour Bearer.

1978 EXECUTIVE



FRONT ROW: Olga Chorny, Treasurer; Anne Kozak, Secretary; Alice Stepa, Past President, Florence Romanchuk, President; Stella Kutney, 1st Vice President; Joanne Kutney, 2nd Vice President; Isabel Lupul, Sgt. at Arms. **BACK ROW:** Mary Plawiuk, Colour Bearer; Leona Kashton, Jean Ongurian, Tillie Ostrowercha, Anne Bayrak, Ann Losinski, Mary Poohkay, Colour Bearer. **MISSING:** Frances Yaremco.

1979 EXECUTIVE



FRONT ROW: Olga Chorny, Treasurer; Ellen Bobowsky, Secretary; Florence Romanchuk, Past President; Stella Kutney, President; Joanne Kutney, 1st Vice President; Mary Plawiuk, 2nd Vice President and Colour Bearer; Anne Mandrusiak, Sgt. at Arms.
BACK ROW: Anne Bayrak, Ruth Lupul, Anne Kozak, Isabel Lupul, Ann Losinski, Mary Poohkay, Colour Bearer. **MISSING:** Tillie Ostrowercha.

1980 EXECUTIVE



FRONT ROW: Mary Plawiuk, 2nd Vice President and Colour Bearer; Joanne Kutney, 1st Vice President; Florence Romanchuk, Past President; Stella Kutney, President; Ellen Bobowsky, Secretary; Olga Chorny, Treasurer; Anne Mandrusiak, Sgt. at Arms.
BACK ROW: Leona Kashton, Ann Losinski, Tillie Ostrowercha, Anne Kozak, Lorna Symic, Suzanne Borosevich, Mary Poohkay, Colour Bearer.

1981 EXECUTIVE



FRONT ROW: Elizabeth Mlynarchuk, Treasurer; Ellen Bobowsky, Secretary; Stella Kutney, Past President; Joanne Kutney, President; Mary Plawiuk, 1st Vice President and Colour Bearer; Olga Chorny, 2nd Vice President; Mary Poohkay, Sgt. at Arms.
BACK ROW: Leona Kashton, Emily Boychuk, Phyllis Kruhlak, Lorna Symic, Suzanne Borosevich. **MISSING:** Helen Repka, Anne Mandruslak, Colour Bearer.

1982 EXECUTIVE



FRONT ROW: Elizabeth Mlynarchuk, Treasurer; Ellen Bobowsky, Secretary; Stella Kutney, Past President, Joanne Kutney, President; Mary Plawiuk, 1st Vice President and Colour Bearer; Olga Chorny, 2nd Vice President; Mary Poohkay, Sgt. at Arms.
BACK ROW: Francis Hayduk, Adeline Kinasewich, Helen Repka, Eunice Elaschuk, Emily Boychuk, Suzanne Borosevich, Anne Mandrusiak, Colour Bearer.

1983 EXECUTIVE



FRONT ROW: Elizabeth Mlynarchuk, Treasurer; Effie Shalagan, Secretary; Joanne Kutney, Past President; Mary Plawiuk, President; Olga Chorny, 1st Vice President; Leona Kashton, 2nd Vice President; Mary Poohkay, Sgt. at Arms.
BACK ROW: Lorna Symic, Colour Bearer; Francis Hayduk, Ellen Bobowsky, Emily Boychuk, Anne Plytka, Isabel Lupul, Helen Repka, Anne Mandrusiak, Colour Bearer.

1984 EXECUTIVE



FRONT ROW: Leona Kashton, Treasurer; Emily Boychuk, Secretary; Joanne Kutney, Past President; Mary Plawiuk, President; Olga Chorny, 1st Vice President; Ellen Bobowsky, Sgt. at Arms. **BACK ROW:** Anne Mandrusiak, Executive and Colour Bearer; Nancy Danyluk, Helen Paran, Isabel Lupul, Helen Repka, Mary Papirnik, Mary Poohkay, Colour Bearer.
MISSING: Effie Shalagan, 2nd Vice President.

1985 EXECUTIVE



FRONT ROW: Leona Kashton, Treasurer; Ellen Bobowsky, Secretary; Mary Plawiuk, Past President; Olga Chorny, President; Emily Boychuk, 1st Vice President; Anne Plytka, 2nd Vice President; Isabel Lupul, Sgt. at Arms. **BACK ROW:** Florence Romanchuk, Colour Bearer; Nancy Danyluk, Aurela Rebus, Edna Stefanyk, Helen Repka, Helen Schulha, Mary Papirnik, Mary Poohkay, Colour Bearer.

1986 EXECUTIVE



FRONT ROW: Ruth Lupul, Treasurer; Rose Kay, Secretary; Mary Plawiuk, Past President; Ellen Bobowsky, President; Emily Boychuk, 1st Vice President; Leona Kashton, 2nd Vice President; Isabel Lupul, Sgt. at Arms. **BACK ROW:** Florence Romanchuk, Colour Bearer; Nancy Danyluk, Joanne Kutney, Olly Walusko, Adeline Kinasewich, Helen Repka, Mary Papirnik, Mary Poohkay, Colour Bearer.

1987 EXECUTIVE



FRONT ROW: Ruth Lupul, Treasurer; Rose Kay, Secretary; Mary Plawiuk, Past President; Ellen Bobowsky, President; Leona Kashton, 2nd Vice President; Isabel Lupul, Sgt. at Arms.
BACK ROW: Florence Romanchuk, Colour Bearer; Sharon Fedak, Phyllis Kruhlak, Mary Harasim, Olly Walusko, Alice Stepa, Anne Lemiski, Mary Poohkay, Colour Bearer.,
MISSING: Emily Boychuk, 1st Vice President.

1988 EXECUTIVE



FRONT ROW: Ruth Lupul, Treasurer; Sharon Fedak, Secretary; Ellen Bobowsky, Past President; Emily Boychuk, President; Anne Mandrusiak, 1st Vice President and Colour Bearer; Anne Plytka, 2nd Vice President; Mary Poohkay, Sgt. at Arms.
BACK ROW: Florence Romanchuk, Colour Bearer; Isabel Lupul, Mary Plawiuk, Mary Harasim, Olly Walusko, Eileen Mykitiuk.

1989 EXECUTIVE



FRONT ROW: Ruth Lupul, Treasurer; Sharon Fedak, Secretary; Emily Boychuk, President; Ellen Bobowsky, Past President; Leona Kashton, 1st Vice President; Mary Poohkay, Sgt. at Arms. **BACK ROW:** Florence Romanchuk, Colour Bearer; Eileen Mykitiuk, Mary Plawiuk, Mary Harasim, Phyllis Kruhlak, Olly Walusko, Isabel Lupul, Executive and Colour Bearer. **MISSING:** Anne Plytka, 2nd Vice President.

1990 EXECUTIVE



FRONT ROW: Lorna Symic, Treasurer; Ellen Bobowsky, Secretary; Emily Boychuk, Past President; Mary Plawiuk, President; Sharon Fedak, 1st Vice President; Anne Plytka, 2nd Vice President; Mary Poohkay, Sgt. at Arms. **BACK ROW:** Florence Romanchuk, Colour Bearer; Helen Repka, Isabel Lupul, Mary Harasim, Ruth Lupul, Rose Kay, Leona Kashton, Anne Mandrusiak, Colour Bearer.

LIST OF EXECUTIVES

(NOT INCLUDED WITH PICTURES)

1949 EXECUTIVE

Emily Svarich	President	Mary Marchyshyn	1st Vice President
Winnie Lesick	Secretary	Adelle Kereliuk	Treasurer
Jennie Stetsko	Sgt. at Arms		

Executive

Tini Andrews	Mary Holychuk	Irene Prestupa
Sophie Rybak	Helen Tomick	Pearl Warshawski

Colour Bearers

Helen Orobko	Stella Stetsko
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1950 EXECUTIVE

Emily Svarich	President	Sophie Rybak	1st Vice President
Mrs. Kuchenko	2nd Vice President	Winnie Lesick	Secretary
Rose Malanchuk	Treasurer	Tini Andrews	Sgt. at Arms

Executive

Mary Holychuk	Anne Melnyk	Helen Orobko
Irene Prestupa	Jennie Stetsko	Rene Cwihun

1951 EXECUTIVE

Helen Tomick	President	Winnie Lesick	1st Vice President
Mary Holychuk	2nd Vice President	Emily Svarich	Past President
Gloria Kupchenko	Secretary	Rose Malanchuk	Treasurer
Tini Andrews	Sgt. at Arms		

Executive

Mary Marchyshyn	Ann Melnyk	Irene Preston
Jennie Stetsko	Stella Stetsko	Rene Cwihun

Colour Bearers

Jennie Stetsko	Rene Cwihun
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1954 EXECUTIVE

Mary Marchyshyn	President	Ruth Lupul	1st Vice President
Rose Malanchuk	Past President	Anne Bayrak	Secretary
Stella Stetsko	Treasurer	Rose Prystupa	Sgt. at Arms

Executive

Tini Andrews	Phyllis Kuchar	Anne Lemiski
Rose Romaniuk	Marion Troock	Olly Walusko

Colour Bearers

Natalka Melnychuk	Alice Stepa
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1955 EXECUTIVE

Ruth Lupul	President	Olly Walusko	1st Vice President
Mary Marchyshyn	Past President	Virginia Faryna	Secretary
Stella Stetsko	Treasurer	Rose Prystupa	Sgt. at Arms

Executive

Olga Check	Phyllis Kuchar	Natalka Melnychuk
Rose Romaniuk	Alice Slipec	Alice Stepa
Jennie Stetsko	Emily Svarich	

Colour Bearers

Marie Osinchuk	Mary Poohkay
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1956 EXECUTIVE

Olly Walusko	President	Amelia Kucher	1st Vice President
Emily Svarich	2nd Vice President	Ruth Lupul	Past President
Virginia Faryna	Secretary	Anne Bayrak	Treasurer
Mary Poohkay	Sgt. at Arms		

Executive

Anne Hryvnak	Mary Marchyshyn	Marie Osinchuk
Irene Preston	Rose Prystupa	Alice Slipec

HONOURARY PRESIDENTS

Lena Ewanchuk	1949 to 1952
Mrs. Patterson	1954
Zonia Greschuk	1955
Ann Sereda	1956 to 1957
Zonia Greschuk	1958 to 1991

HONOURARY VICE PRESIDENTS

Mrs. Patterson	1949
Mary Melnyk	1951
Kay Miskew	1958 to 1982
Pearl Hawrelak Porter	1983 to 1991



LIFE MEMBERS

5. *Life membership*

(a) Article II of the General By-laws states in part as follows:

- (1) For outstanding service, any ordinary member may be admitted to life membership after ten years of ordinary membership upon nomination of the branch of which he is a member and approval by his provincial command. The membership period required is ten (10) consecutive years immediately prior to the date of nomination.

Anne Bayrak	1974
Ellen Bobowsky	1975
Ruth Lupul	1975
Anne Kozak	1976
Isabel Lupul	1976
Olly Walusko	1977
Winnifred Lesick	1978
Leona Kashton	1978
Tini Andrews	1979
Rose Prsytna	1980
Mary Poohkay	1981
Anne Lemiski	1983
Florence Romanchuk	1984
Alice Stepa	1986
Joanne Kutney	1986
Stella Kutney	1987
Mary Plawiuk	1987

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Certificate of Merit

Certificates of Merit may be issued to members of The Royal Canadian Legion, ladies' auxiliaries and fraternal affiliates or to persons outside of the Legion in recognition of service rendered to or on behalf of the Legion.

Mary Plawiuk	1975	Elizabeth Rawluk	1983
Joanne Kutney	1976	Nell Godwin	1983*
Zonia Greschuk	1977	Rose Yusak	1984
Kay Miskew	1977	Rose Prystupa	1984
Frances Yaremco	1978	Dora Chamaschuk	1984*
Earl Lockhart	1978*	Stella Kutney	1986
Isabel Lupul	1979	Anne Mandrusiak	1986
Florence Romanchuk	1981	Eileen Mykitiuk	1987
Mary Dascavich	1981	Eunice Elaschuk	1988
Leona Kashton	1981	Phyllis Kuchar	1988
Ellen Bobowsky	1982	Phyllis Kruhlak	1988
Anne Losinski	1982	Marion Troock	1988
Francis Hayduk	1982	Nellie Conn	1989
Effie Shalagan	1983		

* Denote Non-members

SERVICE MEDALS ~ 1976

Awarded to members whose service has been recognized in celebration of the 50 years of the Royal Canadian Legion

Tini Andrews	Ann Bayrak
Ellen Bobowsky	Leona Kashton
Anne Lemiski	Winnie Lesick
Isabel Lupul	Ruth Lupul
Mary Poohkay	Rose Prystupa
Alice Stepá	Olly Walusko

DIAMOND JUBILEE AWARDS ~1985

Awarded to members whose duty to the Legion has been exceptional in celebrating the Legion's Diamond Jubilee in 1985.

Tini Andrews

Anne Bayrak

Ellen Bobowsky

Emily Boychuk

Olga Chorny

Nancy Danyluk

Mary Dascavich

Zonia Greschuk

Frances Hayduk

Leona Kashton

Adeline Kinesewich

Anne Kozak

Joanne Kutney

Stella Kutney

Anne Lemiski

Winnie Lesick

Isabel Lupul

Ruth Lupul

Ann Mandrusiak

Elizabeth Mlynarchuk

Mary Papirnik

Mary Plawiuk

Anne Plytka

Mary Poohkay

Rose Prystupa

Aurela Rebus

Helen Repka

Florence Romanchuk

Sophie Rybak

Effie Shalagan

Doris Stablyk

Edna Stefanyk

Alice Stepa

Olly Walusko

Frances Yaremco

Rose Yusak

MEMBERSHIP LIST

This list represents all ladies who ave been ordinary members of the Ladies' Auxikliary since the Auxiliary was formed in 1949.

This list has been complied from our record in the minute books.

The names with an asterisk (*) denotes that those persons are still members of the Auxiliary in 1990.

Agotte, Monica	Donyluk, Vivian
Anderson, Diane	Drusal, Joan
Anderson, Muriel	* Dunbar, (Plawiuk), Valerie
* Andrews, Tini	* Elashuk, Eunice
Andritz, Donna	Elock, Anne
Basaraba, Jean	* Emsky, Anne
* Bayrak, Anne	Evans, Debbie
* Bilinske, Anne	Evans, June
* Bobowsky, Ellen	Ewasiuk, Anne
Bodnar, Nadeya	Faryna, Virginia
* Borosevich, Suzanne	* Fedak, Sharon
* Boychuk, Emily	Fedoruk, Tillie
Bykowski, Helen	* Foley, Cathy
Capowsky, Yvette	Forester, Marilyn
Chamaschuk, Mary	* Gordichuk, Nadine
Charnetski, Mrs. A.J.	Gurba, Ramona
Check, Olga	* Halisky, Katherine
Cheladyn, Monica	Hanson, Janice
Cherniawsky, Ollie	* Harasim, Mary
Cherwoniak, Olga	Harrison, Mary
Chilibeck, Pauline	Hayduk, Frances
* Chrmiliar, Helen	* Hnatyshyn, Lorna
Chopp, Doreen	Holychuk, Mary
* Chorny, Olga	Horinek, Lillian
Ciz, Helen	* Hrushka, Olga
* Conn, Nellie	Hrychuk, Viola
Cwihun, Irene	Hryvna, Anne
* Danyluk, Nancy	* Huley, Anne
* Dascavich, Mary	* Hyduk, Georgina
Dolan, Lucille	

- Jacknisky, Julia
- * Kashton, Leona
 - * Kay, Rose
 - Kereluik, Adella
 - Kinasewich, Adeline
 - Klimchuk, Kathy
 - Kliparchuk, Helen
 - Kocil, Ina
 - * Kozak, Anne
 - * Kruhlak, Phyllis
 - * Kuchar, Phyllis
 - Kuchar, Vicki
 - Kucher, Amelia
 - * Kuchka, Mary
 - Kupchenko, Gloria
 - * Kutney, Joanne
 - * Kutney, Stella
 - Lazaruk, Ruth
 - Lechky, Ann
 - * Lemiski, Anne
 - * Lesick, Winnie
 - Letwenuk, Mary
 - Lopatynski, Anne
 - * Losinski, Ann
 - Lozoway, May
 - * Lupul, Isabel
 - * Lupul, Ruth
 - Madock, Hilda
 - * Makowecki, Mary
 - Malanchuk, Rose
 - * Malayko, Mary
 - * Mandrusiak, Anne
 - * Marceniuk, Pearl
 - Marchyshyn, Mary
 - * Mazur, Nadia
 - * Melenka, Rosalie
 - Melnychuk, Nataalka
 - Mlynarchuk, Elizabeth
 - Mintenko, Rose
 - * Mykitiuk, Eileen
 - * Nadon, Peggy
 - Odynski, Vicki
 - * Ongurian, Jean
 - Orobko, Helen
 - Osinchuk, Marie
 - Ostapek, Alma
 - Ostrowercha, Tillie
 - * Ozamitny, Amy
 - * Papirnik, Mary
 - * Paran, Helen
 - Pawluk, Mary
 - Pilip, Rose
 - Pisesky, Anne
 - Plawiuk, Annabelle
 - * Plawiuk, Mary
 - * Plytka, Anne
 - Poohkay, Alice
 - * Poohkay, Mary
 - Poshtar, Fran
 - Preston, Irene
 - Prystupa, Rose
 - * Purych, Olga
 - * Rawluk, Elizabeth
 - * Rebus, Aurela
 - * Repka, Helen
 - * Ripko, Victoria
 - * Romanchuk, Florence
 - * Romanchuk, Sylvia
 - Romanchuk, Zennie
 - * Romaniuk, Joanne
 - * Romaniuk, Rose
 - Rudyk, Louise

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| Rybak, Sophie | * Svarich, Emily |
| Swallows, Edna | * Sweryda, Nellie |
| * Samycia, Natalie | * Symic, Lorna |
| * Schulha, Helen | * Sytar, Lucy |
| * Selover, Edna (Stefanyk) | Szalylo, Bridget |
| Seniuk, Helen | Szymiec, Mary |
| Shalagan, Effie | Tomick, Helen |
| * Shalagan, Victoria | Tomyn, Marion |
| Shapka, Elizabeth | Treschuk, Nellie |
| * Skoreiko, Helen | * Troock, Marion |
| Skoreyko, Helen | Tymchuk, Ludwena |
| Slipec, Alice | Tymchuk, Janice |
| Sobkiw, Mary | |
| * Sorochan, Doreen | * Verbitsky, Margaret |
| Spivak, Clara | |
| Spivak, Dolly | * Walusko, Olly |
| Stablyk, Doris | Warshawski, Pearl |
| Starchuk, Lillian | Wawrynychuk, Mary |
| Steffin, Anne | West, Steffanie |
| * Stepa, Alice | Woroschuk, Melia |
| Stetsko, Jennie | Yaremchuk, Jean |
| Stetsko, Stella | Yaremco, Frances |
| Sumka, Bernice | Young, Katherine |



DECEASED MEMBERS

(Those who died while members of the Auxiliary)

Mary Sobkiw	1969
Zennie Romanchuk	1970
Helen Tomick	1970
Helen Kliparchuk	1971
Mary Holychuk	1973
Lillian Starchuk	1974
Lucille Dolan	1983
Kathy Klimchuk	1983
Kay Miskew	1983
Louise Rudyk	1984
Sophie Rybak	1987
Frances Hayduk	1987
Frances Yaremco	1987
Anne Elock	1989
Annabelle Plawiuk	1989

