

Could I possibly ask that you advise Legion members of a new website that honours nine Canadian Servicemen?

The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the WWI Armistice on November 11, 2018, saw the launch of a website containing three World War Timelines, one for each of three villages in Oxfordshire, England, that tell in sequential order the strategic story of the two World Wars and the highly individual stories of a total of eighty-eight men and women who were killed in those wars.

A distinctive feature of the work is that it treats as equal the sixty-four local people who went away from the three villages and were killed on land or in the sea or air - and twenty-four men from far away who came and were killed in air crashes on or over the three villages in WWII, six of whom were Canadians.

The three villages are Kingston Bagpuize, Longworth and Hinton Waldrist.

The three WWI soldiers emigrated from the same area in England, to Canada just before WWI. They all enlisted in Ontario (Toronto, Hamilton and Niagara) and served in the Canadian Expeditionary Force and fought and were killed alongside their former village friends in Belgium and France.

The six WWII Canadian Airmen were born in -

Ontario (Toronto & Fort William),

Manitoba (Norwood),

Nova Scotia (Torbrook Mines),

Saskatchewan (Moose Jaw),

Quebec (Lachute).

They were all posted to England and killed in crashes on or over the three villages.

The individual stories get as close as it is possible to get to the circumstances of each person's family life, service and death.

I am sure that your members will find it interesting to read their stories against the backdrop of war which was their lot - and perhaps also for the first time learn what really happened to the men.

Their stories are told in the web site [www.readtheirstories.com](http://www.readtheirstories.com)

I should perhaps add that there is no commercial aspect to this. The research has been done voluntarily and the website paid for privately. The sole purpose of the web site is *“to give life to those who gave life”*.

I hope that you will feel comfortable about using this material.

The attached photograph was taken at the Memorial Crescent in Kingston Bagpuize, Oxfordshire, after the Service on November 11, 2018.

You can read about the Memorial Crescent on the website.



Yours sincerely,

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