

"C" Force - The Hong Kong Story

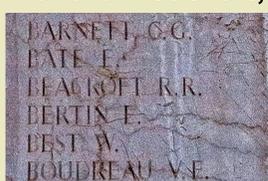


"C" Force Members of the Niagara Peninsula



Soldiers from the Counties of Lincoln and Welland

Ronald Beacroft, B87858



1st Battalion Royal Rifles of Canada
Originally enlisted with the Dufferin & Haldiman Rifles, transferred to the Lincoln & Welland Regiment
Birth date October 10, 1910
Died December 19, 1941, Battle at Lye Mun Gap, Shamshuipo

Ronald Beacroft's name is engraved on the Sai Wan Memorial

Lawrence Dowling, B32015

Royal Canadian Corps of Signals
Birth date July 26, 1919, St. Catharines, Lincoln County
Prisoner of War at Shamshuipo



Victor Fehr, B68310

1st Battalion Royal Rifles of Canada
Born November 12, 1919
Niagara Falls & Fort Erie, Welland County
Prisoner of War at Stanley, North Point, Shamshuipo, Tsurumi and Ohashi, Japan



Albert Graham, B40622

1st Battalion Royal Rifles of Canada
Originally enlisted with the Lincoln and Welland Regiment
Birth date unrecorded, Niagara Falls, Welland County
Prisoner of War at Stanley, North Point, Shamshuipo, Tsurumi and Ohashi, Japan



Arthur Randall, B40750

1st Battalion Royal Rifles of Canada
Birth date July 23, 1920
Port Colborne, Welland County
Prisoner of War at Stanley, North Point, Shamshuipo, Niigata-Rinko and Niigata-Tekko, Japan



Harvey Lafferty, B41445

1st Battalion Royal Rifles of Canada
Originally enlisted with the Lincoln and Welland Regiment
Birth date January 1, 1920
Merriton, Lincoln County
Killed in action December 25, 1941, buried at Sai Wan War Cemetery



Jack Porter, B40638

1st Battalion Royal Rifles of Canada
Birth date unrecorded
Niagara Falls, Welland County
Prisoner of War at Stanley, North Point, Shamshuipo



Nicholas Stepanchuk, B40630

1st Battalion Royal Rifles of Canada
Birth date December 22, 1917
Port Colborne, Welland County
Prisoner of War at Stanley, North Point, Shamshuipo, Tsurumi and Yumoto, Japan



Harold Smith, B40918

1st Battalion Royal Rifles of Canada
Birth date March 6, 1921
St. Catharines, Lincoln County
Prisoner of War at Stanley, North Point, Shamshuipo, Niigata-Rinko and Niigata-Tekko, Japan



John Todd, B40690

1st Battalion Royal Rifles of Canada
Originally enlisted with the Lincoln and Welland Regiment
Birth date October 23, 1922
Stamford Centre, Welland County
Prisoner of War at Stanley, North Point, Shamshuipo and Niigata-Rinko, Japan



Percy Wilmot, B40839

1st Battalion Royal Rifles of Canada
Originally enlisted with the Lincoln and Welland Regiment
Birth date November 18, 1891
St. Catharines, Lincoln County
Prisoner of War at Stanley, North Point, Shamshuipo



Gerald Sunstrum, B68309

1st Battalion Royal Rifles of Canada
Originally enlisted with the Royal Regiment of Canada
Birth date September 16, 1917
Niagara Falls, Welland County
Prisoner of War at Stanley, North Point, Shamshuipo and Tsurumi, Japan



Peter Wing, B317

1st Battalion Royal Rifles of Canada
Born July 31, 1920
Welland, Welland County
Prisoner of War at Stanley, North Point, Shamshuipo, Tsurumi and Ohashi, Japan



Walter Young, B38369

1st Battalion Royal Rifles of Canada
Originally enlisted with the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry, Born December 22, 1908
Merriton, Lincoln County
Prisoner of War at Stanley, North Point, Shamshuipo, Tsurumi and Yumoto, Japan

Soldiers from other parts of the Niagara Peninsula

Member from the Argyle & Sutherland Highlanders of Canada



Donald, Geraghty, B45551

1st Battalion Royal Rifles of Canada
Born December 31, 1923
Hamilton, Ontario
Prisoner of War at Stanley, North Point, Shamshuipo

Members from the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry Regiment



Edward Bolton, B38358

1st Battalion Royal Rifles of Canada
Born March 28, 1913
Prisoner of War at Stanley, North Point, Shamshuipo and Fukoka, Japan



Frank Bowerbank, B38342

1st Battalion Royal Rifles of Canada
Born May 2, 1897
Prisoner of War at Stanley, North Point and Shamshuipo



Lawrence Wilson, B38366

1st Battalion Royal Rifles of Canada
Born February 23, 1918
Prisoner of War at Stanley, North Point, Shamshuipo and Tsurumi, Japan



Robert Fleming, B38364

1st Battalion Royal Rifles of Canada
Born August 9, 1921
Prisoner of War at Stanley, North Point and Shamshuipo



Ronald Gover, B38359

1st Battalion Royal Rifles of Canada
Born January 8, 1921
Prisoner of War at Stanley, North Point, Shamshuipo
Killed in action January 19, 1944, buried at Sai Wan War Cemetery



Peter Burns, B38357

1st Battalion Royal Rifles of Canada
Born March 1, 1921
Prisoner of War at Stanley, North Point and Shamshuipo

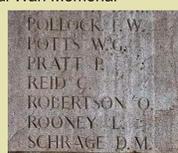


Russell Poag, B38160

1st Battalion Royal Rifles of Canada
Born February 2, 1910, Caledonia
Killed in action December 25, 1941, buried at the Sai Wan War Cemetery

David Schrage, B38365

1st Battalion Royal Rifles of Canada
Born October 6, 1903, Bialykamien, Tarnopol, Poland, Died October 31, 1941 en route to Hong Kong, David Schrage's name is engraved on the Sai Wan Memorial



Donald Innes, B38350

1st Battalion Royal Rifles of Canada
Born May 2, 1922
Prisoner of War at Stanley, North Point, Shamshuipo and Fukoka, Japan



Percy Weaver, B38362

1st Battalion Royal Rifles of Canada
Date of birth unrecorded
Prisoner of War at Stanley, North Point, Shamshuipo, Osaka and Nagoya, Japan



Frederick Thirlwell, B38367

1st Battalion Royal Rifles of Canada
Born August 31, 1904
Prisoner of War at Stanley, North Point, Shamshuipo and Yoshima, Japan

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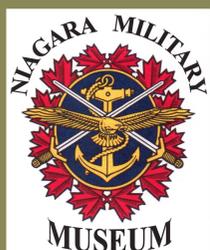
Sailors aboard the HMCS Prince Robert



Jack Hunter, Virgil, Ontario - St. Catharines Standard, August 12, 1995, - courtesy St. Catharines Museum and Archives



H.M.C.S. PRINCE ROBERT COVERS HOME - Three years and two months after H.M.C.S. Prince Robert captured Canadian troops in Hong Kong, the crew of the ship were back in the great home town of St. Catharines. From left to right: John Hester, Navigator; A.B. Frank, Coxswain; A.B. Robert, Gunner; A.B. Paul, Gunner; A.B. George, Gunner; A.B. John, Gunner; A.B. Earl, Gunner.



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