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1944\*

Bldg/January 1, 1944, 3: Building in  
Victoria Gains...; 15: Many new houses  
erected in 1943...

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V/January 1, 1944, 5: photo, Acting  
Lieutenant-Commander James R Genge, son  
of Laurence A & Elizabeth Genge, born in  
Victoria, now stationed at RCN College,  
Royal Roads. He attended Cranleigh High  
School, Brentwood College & St John's  
College, Cambridge. He joined RCN in  
1937. [wife's name: Dorothy]

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V/January 1, 1944, whole edition covers  
honours lists for the armed forces and  
civilians..., includes many photos... RCN  
list: John Moreau Grant, acting captain, Oak  
Bay; Trevor William Kensington, Oak Bay;  
Henry Alexander McCandless, Weald Rd,  
Oak Bay; Harold Morse Rosser, Oak Bay;  
Captain Leonard H Johnston, chief officer,  
Empress of Asia, given OBE [Officer of the  
Order of the British Empire] after the ship  
sank under ruthless attack of planes near  
Singapore...

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Died January 2, 1944 at Victoria, BC, Sarah  
Ellen Wright, born in England, resident here  
24 years. Widow of Francis Edmond  
Wright, survived by 2 daughters. M 071 E  
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No editions shown for January 2 or 3, 1944.

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V/January 4, 1944, 2: J14187 Robert  
Ormond Marrion, 26, son of Arthur H &  
Helen Marrion, Victoria, reported missing  
after air operations over Europe on  
December 30 Born in Victoria, educated at  
Margaret Jenkins & Victoria High Schools

and Victoria College. Trained as a navigator  
he went overseas in 1942 and had made over  
20 operational flights. A sister, Isabel  
Dorothy [Mrs Walter Hay] Norie, and  
brother, Herbert J. [January 30, 2: photo,  
Prisoner of War #3266]... March 9, 3:  
parents receive a letter from son, Prisoner of  
War at #33, Stalag Luft 4, Germany. April  
13, 3: J14187 Flying Officer R Ormond  
Marrion, RCAF navigator of Halifax  
bomber, writes to his Victoria parents  
Arthur H & Helen Marrion, reports he is  
adequately fed and housed, but will spin a  
grand yarn when he gets home. In the same  
crew was another Victoria boy, Charlie  
Peasland, who was killed.

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V/January 4, 1944, 3: Thomas Scott, of  
Victoria, has been advised from Ottawa that  
his son, Private William B Scott, 23, PPCLI,  
was killed in action in Italy on December  
15, 1943. Born 1921 in Victoria, he was  
educated at University School. February 3,  
9: killed in action, Private William Scott,  
son of Thomas Scott, Victoria, BC.

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V/January 4, 1944, 11: photo, Leading  
Seaman Daryl L Coates, 21, RCN, now  
officially presumed dead. He had been listed  
as missing since HMCS St Croix was sunk  
in the North Atlantic September 10, 1943.  
He leaves parents, Harry E & Elizabeth E  
Coates, 3 brothers in service: Arthur, in the  
army; Harry; and Norman, RCAF. There are  
also at home 2 brothers, 4 sisters. Born in  
Victoria he attended Sir James Douglas &  
Victoria High Schools before enlisting 3  
years ago.

February 29, 11: William Henry Coates  
celebrates 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Born in Ontario, he  
came to Victoria in 1883. In his early days  
here he was employed by Albion Iron  
Works. He has 5 sons. A 6<sup>th</sup> son, James, was  
killed in the Great War. A grandson, Daryl,  
was lost in this war with the torpedoing of  
HMCS St Croix. 5 members of his family

are in the active forces: Sergeant A Coates, in Italy; Leading AirCraFtman G Coates, in West Africa; Private HM Coates; Leading AirCraFtman Coates & Ordinary Seaman R Coates. March 2, 2: photo. April 15, 3: photo, Sergeant AF Coates, recently wounded while serving in Italy with RCA, son of HE Coates, born and educated at Victoria, he has been overseas 4 years and has a wife and son, Michael, in England. Two brothers in uniform are Harry, RCOC, and Norman, RCAF. Their brother, Daryl, was lost at sea in 1943.

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January 4, 1944, 12: died January 2 at Oak Bay, BC, Susan Maddeford McFadden, 73, born at Toronto, Ontario, resident here 45 years. Leaves daughter, 3 sons, 2 sisters. Cremate, R 099 E P.

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V/January 4, 1944, 14: photo, Brigadier Charles Foulkes, made Commander, OBE [Officer of the Order of the British Empire]. His wife, Phyllis, and son reside with her mother, Mrs Helen E Beck, Oak Bay.

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V/Died at sea January 4, 1944, Petty Officer Frank Lawrence. Poem

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V/Killed in action January 4, 1944, 160725 Flying Officer Wireless Operator Air Gunner Stanley Dawson, 22, RAF, of Victoria, BC. Target, Brunswick, Germany, one of two aircraft lost in same area. Buried in Limmer British Cemetery, Hanover, Germany.

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V/January 5, 1944, 7: photo, now Squadron Leader Gerald 'Jerry' F Bell, Distinguished Flying Cross, news received by Victoria parents, HE Bell and his wife, former Miss Margaret Reynolds, Oak Bay [living with her parents]. A veteran of many hours on operations over Europe, he has been in the Mediterranean area for some months, but has recently returned to England for new

duties.

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V/January 5, 1944, 11: photo, missing... [killed in action December 29, 1943, J23633 Flying Officer Bomb Aimer Charles Willcox Peasland, 22, of Victoria, BC. Born 1921 in Manitoba, son of late Albert George & of Mrs Williamina 'Minnie' Willcox Peasland, of 2644 Cavendish Avenue, Oak Bay, BC. Educated at Oak Bay High School. March 21, 3: photo, he was on staff of Bank of Montreal at enlistment. He graduated as an observer last year and was commissioned as a pilot officer. A sister, Sheila, formerly with Bank of Montreal, is a nurse-in-training at Royal Jubilee Hospital. May 24, 3: death confirmed... Buried Albergen, Tubbergen, Overijssel, Holland. Name inscribed on Oak Bay Memorial.

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January 5, 1944, 12: died yesterday at Santa Barbara, California, Florence Carry Graham, born Islington, England, formerly of Victoria. Widow of William [they married 1900 at Victoria] she leaves 2 sisters, and a brother [Gladding].

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V/Killed in action January 6, 1944, R181089 Warrant Officer2 Air Gunner Harry Norman Dunnett, 19, of Saanich, BC [son of Harry N & Charlotte Dunnett]. Shot down at Lueskow, Germany while engaged in night operations. January 19, 2: photo, he had been overseas 1 year and serving as a middle gunner on a bomber. Educated at Lampson Street, Craigflower & Mount View High Schools. Buried in Berlin War Cemetery, Charlottenburg, Germany.

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V/Died in air operations over the Atlantic Ocean January 6, 1944, 42468 Squadron Leader Pilot Anthony James (Tony) Pinhorn, 28, Distinguished Flying Cross, RAF, son of Harold J & G Mollie Pinhorn]. Quotation. [from Victoria, BC, Fortress aircraft failed to return from anti-sub patrol

in Azores. February 16, 3: Squadron Leader Anthony James Pinhorn, RAF, missing after a submarine patrol from an Azores base. He came here as a boy, educated at University & Sprott-Shaw Schools and went to England to join RAF in 1939. No known grave, name inscribed on Runnymede War Memorial, Egham, England.

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V/January 6, 1944, 3: to serve with the RN is one of the finest things that can happen to any seaman, according to Lieutenant Stuart Slade, Victoria-born officer, who has seen 2 years' service on a fleet minesweeper...

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January 6, 1944, 4: Canada's Honour Roll; Jan 7, 4; Jan 9, 8; Jan 12, 3; Jan 14, 4; Jan 15, 14; Jan 21, 4; Jan 22, 13; Jan 23, 20; Jan 26, 3; Jan 27, 2; February 3, 8; Feb 4, 14; Feb 5, 5; Feb 8, 14; Feb 10, 10; Feb 11, 5; Feb 16, 5; Feb 19, 8; Feb 22, 8; Feb 23, 8; Feb 25, 14; March 1, 5; Mar 3, 7; Mar 5, 10; Mar 9, 8; Mar 10, 3; Mar 12, 10; Mar 14, 2; Mar 15, 5; Mar 16, 5; Mar 17, 3; Mar 18, 3; Mar 19, 12; Mar 21, 5; Mar 22, 5; Mar 23, 8; Mar 24, 3; Mar 25, 5; Mar 28, 16; Mar 29, 3; Mar 30, 3; Mar 31, 14; April 1, 2; Apr 2, 28; Apr 4, 3; Apr 5, 4; Apr 6, 15; Apr 7, 4; Apr 9, 9; Apr 11, 15; Apr 12, 16; Apr 13, 3; Apr 14, 2; Apr 15, 4; Apr 20, 4; Apr 21, 16; Apr 23, 19; Apr 26, 17; Apr 28, 18; Apr 29, 10; May 2, 4; May 3, 14; May 4, 4; May 7, 24; May 9, 15; May 11, 18; May 12, 5; May 13, 5; May 16, 14; May 17, 4; May 18, 5; May 19, 14; May 20, 3; May 24, 5; May 26, 10; May 27, 3; May 30, 16; June 1, 10; Jun 2, 8; Jun 3, 4; Jun 4, 9; Jun 6, 22; Jun 8, 8; Jun 9, 14; Jun 11, 13; Jun 13, 5; Jun 14, 8; Jun 15, 8; Jun 16, 14; Jun 17, 8; Jun 20, 14; Jun 21, 4; Jun 22, 10; Jun 23, 8; Jun 24, 14; Jun 29, 16; 19; Jun 30, 10...

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January 6, 1944, 5: born on Salt Spring Island before Confederation, Abraham Reed Bittancourt, 76, died January 4 at Ganges, BC. Coming to Victoria as a young man, he

took up carpentry as a trade. He was with Canada Customs for 18 years, serving aboard a patrol boat and working among the Islands. He later operated a general store at Ganges. Leaves wife, 2 sons. [marriage, spelling Bittencourt]

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V/January 6, 1944, 5: photo, Petty Officer John Pierre David Mason, son of W Mason, MBE [Member of the Order of the British Empire], RCN & Mrs Mason, recently promoted. He was born in Victoria attending Lampson Street School, Esquimalt. He joined when he was 17 ½ years old and was serving overseas on his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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January 7, 1944, 2: died suddenly January 4 at his Victoria, BC, office, James Drummond, 74, resident here since 1908, well known in logging and sawmill industries. In recent years he was a timber broker and real estate agent. Born in Belfast, Ireland, he came to Canada with his wife in 1905. His wife died in 1936. He leaves son, daughter. Colwood

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V/January 7, 1944, 11: word received by Mrs Elizabeth Jackson, of Victoria, BC, that her husband, Sergeant Edward FM Jackson, is seriously ill from wounds received December 23, 1943 in Italy. Attached to 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment, he went to England, but came back to Canada in 1942 as an instructor. On his return to England he transferred to Seaforth Highlanders. Educated at Oaklands School. His father was killed 1916 during action at the Somme in the Great War.

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V/January 8, 1944, 2: photo, Major Samuel Henson retires... His career began in 1913 when he joined the 88<sup>th</sup> Victoria Fusiliers. Going active August 4, 1914 he was transferred to 30<sup>th</sup> Battalion. He went overseas in the Great War in early 1915 and was drafted to 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> BC

Regiment in France at the end of April, 1915. Twice a casualty he gained his commission in the field... He returned to Canada in 1919... [died January, 1967. Cremate]

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January 8, 1944, 3: photo, died December 31, 1943 at Victoria, BC, Mrs Eliza Sturgeon, 94, born in England, resident here 20 years. Widow of William, she leaves daughters, 2 sons.

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V/January 8, 1944, 12: died accidentally at Prince Rupert, BC, Private Reginald Francis Caffery, born at Victoria, educated at Lampson Street & Esquimalt High Schools. He joined Royal Canadian Ordinance Corps in 1941 at age 17. Leaves mother, [nee Margaret Edith M Walker], Mrs William Derbyshire, at Sooke, and was a grandson of Lady Emily & Reverend Reginald E Walker. January 9, 3: photo. January 11, 11: military funeral... buried beside his father, late Francis Caffery, who served overseas in the Great War in 72<sup>nd</sup> Battalion. A 12 man firing party and fellow soldiers served as pallbearers. St Mary's Church, Metchosin.

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January 8, 1944, 13: died January 6 at Victoria, BC, William Ewart Gladstone McLagan, 59, born in Methven, Perthshire, Scotland, resident here 31 years, late residence St Andrews Street, Oak Bay. He leaves widow, Ethel, daughter [Elizabeth A, a chemist], son, James W, RCAF, stationed in Canada, siblings.

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V/January 9, 1944, 8: photos, Sherwood brothers serving in RCAF, sons of Edward George & Ima Sherwood, Currie Road, Oak Bay. Pilot Officer CH, a graduate of Oak Bay High School, is serving overseas. Flight Sergeant AE, who served in the RN in the Great War, is stationed at Boundary Bay, BC.

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V/January 9, 1944, 8: 40409 Squadron-Leader Pilot Robert Seayears May, 27, RAF, formerly listed missing after air operations and now presumed dead was born and educated in Victoria. Son of Mrs Mary Jane May and late Robert Seayears O May. He went to England in 1936. Killed in action April 27, 1943 when his Stirling aircraft was shot down. No known grave, his name inscribed on Runnymede War Memorial, Egham, England.

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January 9, 1944, 18: died January 7 at Victoria, BC, Frank Brundridge, 55. Born in Ontario, resident here 45 years. Leaves son, Melvin Frank, serving with Canadian forces in Ontario, daughter.

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January 9, 1944, 18: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Alexander McLeod, 79, born in Kincardine, Bruce County, Ontario, resident here 21 years. Leaves 3 brothers, 3 sisters.

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V/January 9, 1944, 22: photo, Lieutenant Donald S Macrae, US Army Air Force, son of Mrs LP Macrae, Victoria, BC,. Born at Victoria, educated at Boys' Central & Victoria High Schools, has returned to the US after service with a Liberator bomber squadron in North Africa and over southern Europe. He visited his mother before reporting again for duty at Santa Monica. With 50 operational flights to his credit, he has the Air Medal with Silver Cluster and the Distinguished Flying Cross. He gained promotion to his present rank overseas.

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V/January 11, 1944, 3: R109235 Warrant Officer2 Pilot Cecil John Edgar Kindt, 21, of Victoria, BC, reported missing after air operations over Europe on November 26, 1943. Son of Peter Harold & Dorothy Irene Kindt, Saanich, BC. He has been overseas since January, 1943. He also has 2 sisters at the family home. A brother, a private in the

Calgary Highlanders, has been overseas 4 years. [see 1943] January 18, 11: photo, Kindt, 21, born at High River, educated at Calgary, he joined RCAF in 1941, received his pilot's wings in 1942, and was overseas in January, 1943. His parents came to Saanich from Alberta last year with his 2 sisters. Buried Berlin War Cemetery, Charlottenburg, Germany.

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V/January 11, 1944, 3: now presumed dead, killed in action July 25, 1943, R150887 Flight Sergeant Air Gunner Edward Kenneth White, 21, of Victoria, BC. Son of Harry E & Theresa White, View Royal, BC, he had taken part in many heavy raids on Germany and had almost completed a tour of operations (30 flights). Target, Essen. Buried Ten Boer, Groningen, Holland.

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V/January 5, 1944, 12; January 11, 3: died January 1 of pneumonia at Esquimalt Naval Hospital, X2062 Chief Petty Officer George Charles Green, 54, RCN. His wife, Charlotte, is a Saanich resident. Born in London, England. He also leaves 2 daughters, son, 3 sisters. Veterans' Cemetery, B-09-0222 [motor accident]

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V/January 11, 1944, 11: photo, Private George William Cragg, son of George & Elizabeth Cragg, Lulie, Oak Bay, reported wounded in action in Sicily December 20, 1943. Cragg has 2 other sons in the services: Flight Officer Jeffrey D, RCAF; and Ronald, an RCN chef, both on active service.

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V/January 11, 1944, 11: 4 missing after RCAF bomber off west coast of Vancouver Island...

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January 11, 1944, 12: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Mrs Teresa Belleau, 95, born in Belgium, resident here 42 years. Widow of George, she leaves 3 daughters, brother

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V/January 12, 1944, 2: word received by Mrs David Jackson, of Sidney, BC, that her son, Acting Lance Corporal Stephen Jackson, PPCLI, was killed in action in Italy December 6, 1943. He was born 1919 in Sidney and educated there. He enlisted 4+ years ago.

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V/January 12, 1944, 3: died of wounds December 27, 1943 in Italy while serving with a paratroop unit, Captain Miles Alexander Cotton, son of late Miles Penner Cotton, of Victoria. After RCMP service, he joined Canadian Scottish early in the war. A brother, Lieutenant-Colonel Harry Cotton, Cowichan, is reported in command of a western Canada infantry unit.

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WC/January 12, 1944, 11: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Henry Wilson, 94, retired marine engineer, resident here 54 years. He also owned ships and at one time had 2 schooners in the sealing trade. He was employed by RCN at the Esquimalt Naval Yard during the Great War. Following the armistice he retired and devoted his time to photography. He leaves 3 sons, daughter. Family plot, M 035 W 02.

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January 12, 1944, 11: died suddenly last week at Glendale, California, Peter B Steele, son of Peter & Minnie Steele. Born in Victoria, educated at Victoria West High School. Leaves widow, son, daughter, parents, 3 sisters, brother.

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V/January 12, 1944, 12: died January 9 at Victoria, BC, Edmond Germain, 89, born in Ottawa, resident here many years. He served overseas during the Great War with 67<sup>th</sup> Battalion. Royal Oak Burial Park

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V/January 13, 1944, 2: photos, Homecoming for Wounded Island Men: Lieutenant SS

White, Oak Bay, an officer with Canadian Scottish, son of Dr Stephen AK & Mrs Julia White. He is now at Shaughnessy Hospital. He was educated at Monterey & Oak Bay High Schools. He was with RCMP on the prairies before enlisting, his father is a retired veterinarian; Sapper VK Weaver, Ladysmith; Sergeant HD Brown, Duncan; Gunner FG Wright, Alberni; Private Robert Rae, Crofton; Private A Hamilton, Nanaimo...

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V/January 13, 1944, 6: photo, Corporal Kitty Lake, CWAC, daughter of Sir Richard & Lady Lake, Oak Bay, BC. She enlisted 1941 and worked as cook at Esquimalt Military Hospital, later as receptionist at Victoria Military Hospital, now in Vancouver as a clerk. She has 3 brothers in the services.

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V/January 13, 1944, 11: funeral for Robert Hugh McBrady, 48, born in Victoria, nephew of Premier John Hart. He died in San Rafael, California this week. Son of late Daniel Patrick McBrady & Delia Hart McBrady, educated at St Louis College, he enlisted in 1914, aged 18 and served in the Great War overseas. Leaves wife, 2 brothers, aunt, 2 uncles. U 075/076 E 50

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V/January 13, 1944, 15: photo, Chief Petty Officer George H Jones, RCNVR, Great War veteran who won't be 42 until next month, has arrived overseas according to word received by his wife at Sooke. He was in France with the Forestry Corps at age 14. His twin 18-year-old sons, Leonard & Stanley, are training as RCN engine room artificers.

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January 14, 1944, 3; 4: photo, died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Mrs Margaret Leighton McMicking, 94, born at Garmouth, Scotland, her father was related to the famous artist, Sir Frederick Leighton. In

1852 the family left Britain for California, her father having accepted a post with Pacific Mail Steamship Company at Benecia, near what is now San Francisco. Their trip around the Horn, required 9 months.

In 1863 her father died and the family came to Victoria, being met at Esquimalt by Dr William Tolmie, father of late Simon Fraser Tolmie. She attended Angela Ladies' College & St Ann's, graduated from there in 1866. An uncle, Thomas Buie, lived at Lytton and she spent her holidays there. It was during one of these holidays that she met Robert Burns McMicking, whom she married at Lytton in 1869.

They made their home at Yale and the next year he became superintendent of BC Telegraph Line. He held this post for 10 years, until BC Telephone Co was started.

Later the family came to Victoria and she soon became active in community life... She was particularly keen on the IODE... She was known to hundreds for her impersonations of Queen Victoria in pageants.

For her services in connection with Belgian relief during the Great War, the Belgian government conferred a decoration upon her. Widow of Robert, she leaves a brother, JB Leighton, daughter, 2 sons. 4: editorial... Family plot, M 084/085 W I.

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January 14, 1944, 6: photo, engagement announced of Mrs Margot Calvert, elder daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel F & Mrs Evelyn A Homer-Dixon, Oak Bay, and Captain Lieven. Her late husband, Harold Philip Parkinson Calvert [son of Peter Parkinson Calvert & Annie Prevost] was an observer with RAF and lost his life in 1942. Their daughter, Maureen is aged 10. The marriage will take place in London. Lieven is a Russian prince, but seldom uses his title. Mrs Calvert is currently a motor transport driver with St John Ambulance Brigade in

England. February 22, 6: wedding...

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V/January 14, 1944, 8: photo, Ordinary Seaman Robert W Curtis, 18, former Colonist apprentice printer, now training at HMCS Cornwallis. Only son of Henry W & Maud Curtis, he was born and raised in Victoria, attending Boys' Central, George Jay, Central Junior & Victoria High Schools.

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January 14, 1944, 12: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Mrs Laura Eaton, 82, born in Devonshire, England, resident here 45 years. Widow of George. She leaves son, sister. Royal Oak Burial Park

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January 14, 1944, 12: died January 11 at Victoria, BC, Gertrude Graham Winn, 67, born in Ontario, resident here 33 years. Leaves husband, Eldon SH Winn, daughter. Cremate

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January 14, 1944, 12: died January 12 at Victoria, BC, Robert Vipond, 64, born in Nanaimo and resident of Vancouver Island all his life. Leaves his widow, Blanche, in Victoria, 5 brothers. Colwood

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V/January 14, 1944, 12: died recently at Victoria, BC, Arthur M St Clair, 62, born in Victoria, late residence Old Esquimalt Road. He served overseas in the Great War. Colwood

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January 14, 1944, 12: died in a fire at her Saanich residence Ethel Sally Corbett, 59, born at Cheltenham, England, resident here 18 years. Leaves 3 brothers, 3 sisters. January 16, 15: inquest verdict, accidental death...

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V/January 15, 1944, 2: photo, Squadron Leader Vernon Woodward, Distinguished Flying Cross and Bar, has left his squadron in the Mediterranean area to take a staff college course at Middle East Force

Headquarters. Son of Edmund & Dorothy Woodward, of Victoria. He has been in Mediterranean area 3 years and was in Greece in 1941 and had a hard time escaping through Crete. After a year as an instructor in Rhodesia, he went on 'ops' again with 8<sup>th</sup> Army. His wife, Noreen, is serving with US Air Force in the Middle East.

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V/January 15, 1944, 3: photo, Private Gustav Nordling, well known in Vancouver Island logging circles, has been reported killed in action December 20, 1943 in Italy while serving with Seaforth Regiment. He was 25 and worked as a logger in various Island camps for many years. He leaves parents [father, Otto Gustav Nordling], brother, 2 sisters all in Sweden.

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January 15, 1944, 4: recent death of Robert Dowswell, 86 [died January 12] marks the passing of one who stood out as a landmark among pioneer hotelkeepers of BC. In his younger years he was known to hundreds of travellers along the CPR as proprietor of Leland Hotel at Kamloops. Later he owned and managed the Leland in Vancouver, and finally was proprietor of the Brown Jug here in Victoria. 'Bob', as he was known to his intimates, was a genial soul with a host of friends. Though his years ran to 86, his faculties were unabated and he never lost his interest in things about him. As a hotelkeeper he was noted for the orderliness of his house and would tolerate no rowdiness. For the past 20 years or so since his retirement he was an ardent lawn bowler and few days in the season saw him absent from the Beacon Hill greens... James Morton

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V/January 15, 1944, 12: died January 13 at Oak Bay, BC, Percy Fletcher, 78, born at Grantham, England, resident here 35 years. Leaves widow, Florence, 3 daughters. He was a veteran of Great War. January 16, 15:

he qualified as a teacher at Cambridge, came to Victoria and taught at University School. Cremate, V 012 W 48.

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January 16, 1944, 1; 2: photos, police and soldiers haul car from waters of Inner Harbour... disappearance of 5 Victoria men, missing since January 1, was solved yesterday when they were found in waters at the Industrial Reserve. Identified as Dan Bethune, Saanichton; Frank Masters; Joseph Marino & Clifton Rooms. These men, with 2 others, Frank Brundridge and Robert P Duncan had not been seen... Brundridge's body was recovered from the Inner Harbour last week... The body of Duncan, owner of the car, is still missing... All of the men were shipyard workers...; January 21, 11: Coroner's jury finds scene of accident not protected...; February 15, 11: RP Duncan's body found January 22, 11: died accidentally, Francis Patrick Masters, 51, born in England, resident here 3 years. N 034 W K

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Bldg/January 16, 1944, 3; 9: building restrictions now lifted...; building figures...

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January 16, 1944, 3: died recently at Pasadena, California, Frederick J McIntosh, former Victoria construction engineer who was in charge of early work at Patricia Bay when work was started on the airport there. He was taken ill while superintendent at Sidney Island range station and went to California. Leaves widow, daughter [Mrs VJ Bendrodt, Vancouver]

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WC/January 16, 1944, 12: name of creek puzzle to oldtimers... Lost Creek, now called Loss Creek...

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V/January 16, 1944, 12: photo, CW [Bill] Davies, son of William & Nora M Davies, of Saanich, leaves soon to report to RCAF, where he has enlisted for air crew. Born in

Victoria, educated at Burnside, Central & Victoria High Schools.

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V/January 16, 1944, 15: photo, Wing Commander W Newson, Distinguished Flying Cross, son of Lieutenant-Colonel HM & Gladys Newson, of Oak Bay. He joined RCAF in 1939. As pilot of heavy bombers based in Britain, he was cited for his ability as a leader and is credited with bringing a bullet-riddled aircraft back to base safely twice. Early in the war he was stationed at Patricia Bay as navigation instructor. His father is a retired RCMP officer.

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V/January 16, 1944, 15: photo, Wing Commander Launcelot de S Duke, Distinguished Flying Cross, RCAF, at Victoria, promoted from Squadron Leader recently. He had his early business life in Victoria. He went overseas early in the Great War with 88<sup>th</sup> Battalion, from which he transferred to Royal Flying Corps. He was awarded Distinguished Flying Cross for conspicuous gallantry when serving with #84 Squadron, one of the most famous fighter units of RAF, which was commanded by a young officer who became Air Chief Marshall Sir W Sholto Douglas. Duke, who was a director of National Motor Co, joined RCAF soon after the outbreak of this war, and was quickly chosen for admin and organizing duties in Ottawa. He is now liaison officer between RCAF and RAF Transport Command, Montreal. [husband of Armine, residents, Oak Bay, BC]

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V/January 16, 1944, 15: photo, Jack E Porter & David Jones, both of RCAF, have several things in common. Both are Victoria born and attended schools here; both worked at the Legislative Buildings and now they are together flying a Wellington bomber, Jack as pilot and Dave navigator. Jack, son of John J & Lillian Porter, of Saanich, is a graduate of Oaklands & Victoria High



Schools, he enlisted 2 years ago, receiving his wings last year. He went overseas where he met Jones unexpectedly. Dave, son of John R & Annie C Jones, of Victoria.

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Died January 16, 1944 at Seattle, Washington, Arnold E Forbes, 66, born in Nova Scotia. Cremate, O 068 E G

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January 18, 1944, 11: Private John 'Jack' Walter Sulsbury, RCAMC [Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps], dangerously wounded December 11, 1943 in Italy. His wife, Mrs Barbara Lynton Sulsbury, of Victoria was informed December 20. He joined 13<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance in Vancouver and 1940 and transferred to 4<sup>th</sup> when overseas.

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ChHx/January 18, 1944, 12: died January 2 at Victoria, BC, Sam Wing-Wo, 49, born in China, resident here 40 years. Leaves widow, 8 sons, daughter at home. He was past president of Chinese Freemasons of Canada and foreign secretary of Dart Coon Club. Chinese Cemetery

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V/January 18, 1944, 11: an airman killed when an RAF aircraft crashed and burned on Salt Spring Island will be buried tomorrow. Name of victim will be released when next of kin are notified.

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V/January 18, 1944, 11: Private Clarence Peter La Bounty, 25, PPCLI, wounded in the foot in Italy on December 12, 1943 and wrote from hospital to his sister in Victoria that he expected to spend Christmas in hospital. Educated at Keremos, BC he had lived in Victoria for several years. His father, William, is living at Milne's Landing.

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January 18, 1944, 12: died yesterday at Oak Bay, BC, Ann Ferguson Cruickshank, 66, born in Glasgow, Scotland, resident here

since 1906. Leaves husband George, 4 daughters, 2 sons. Colwood

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January 18, 1944, 12: died January 15 at Victoria, BC, Adam Edwards, 78, born in Devonshire, England, resident here 50 years. Leaves widow, stepson, sisters. Cremate

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January 18, 1944, 12: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Mary Olive Wescott, 77, born at Chatham, Ontario, resident here 45 years. Leaves husband, Elmer Elsworth Wescott at Victoria, 4 brothers [Handysides]. Family plot, Royal Oak Burial Park

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V/January 19, 1944, 2: photo, Stoker Petty Officer Richard F Tyler, RCN, of Victoria, in the service since 1938, has recently returned to his East Coast station after leave spent with wife, Amy, and child. He is one of the few divers in the RCN. He recently finished an Engine Room Artificer's course at HMCS Cornwallis.

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V/January 19, 1944, 3: photo, Officer Cadet Douglas Nelson, 25, son of Mrs Agnes M Nelson, of Victoria, awarded Canadian Efficiency Medal, with Bar, for efficient service. Born in Montreal, came to Victoria in 1928, attending Lampson Street & Victoria High Schools, graduating in 1935. He belongs to a soldiering family, he has been overseas since 1942.

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V/January 19, 1944, 3: photo, Lieutenant John O Hall, former BC Police officer, now serving in Italy with Westminster Regiment. Son of Sergeant Thomas Hall, city police & Mrs Florence Hall, of Victoria, he is a grad of Victoria High School. Major Thomas W Hall, his elder brother is a deputy asst adjutant-general with the Canadian forces in England.

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V/January 19, 1944, 3: photo, Sergeant HGE Warburton, son of Captain Harry & Mrs

Lillian Warburton, Victoria. A younger brother, Roger, recently joined RCAF and is at Edmonton.

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V/January 19, 1944, 7: photo, Ida C Moffatt, youngest daughter of Robert Hyde & Elizabeth Moffatt, Victoria, served with famous 8<sup>th</sup> Army throughout its victorious campaigns in Egypt, Libya and Tunisia, and is still serving overseas. She is a 1933 grad of Royal Jubilee Hospital... now stationed in North Africa. [later Mrs WH Greany]

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V/January 19, 1944, 10: unique Christmas card received from a German Prisoner of War camp to Captain Cyril Norman, Victoria, from his brother, Major R Norman, MC, Cheshire Regiment, who has been a prisoner since captured at Rouen in 1940...

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V/WC/January 19, 1944, 11: photo, Stoker KP Georgeson, recently arrived overseas, word received by his parents, Peter & Christine Georgeson, Albert Head Lighthouse. Before enlistment in RCNVR he learned the automotive trade. Educated at Salt Spring Island.

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January 19, 1944, 12: died yesterday at Saanich, BC, Catherine Pattenson Armstrong, 83, born in England, resident here 62 years. Widow of William, she leaves a brother in England. T 060 W 40

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V/January 19, 1944, 12: died yesterday at New Westminster, BC, Elizabeth Anne Fell, born 1856 in Iowa Hill, California, arriving in 1864 to Victoria as a small child, where she spent all her married life. Widow of Frederick James Fell, daughter of late Edwin John of Saanich. Her son and daughter also predeceased her, Robert being killed in the Great War and Marion Jacobson in 1939. New Westminster

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V/January 19, 1944, 14: auxiliary cruiser SS

Prince Robert has been refitted into an anti-aircraft auxiliary cruiser and has left the Pacific Coast for the Atlantic area...; January 27, 5: photos, HMCS Prince Robert in Battle of the Atlantic... convoy reached UK safely after being attacked by Nazi bombers...; January 28, 14: photos, in action...

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V/January 20, 1944, 3: photo, Midshipman TC Treherne, RCN, Victoria officer serving on HMS Jamaica, the RN cruiser that launched the final torpedo at Scharnhorst. Son of Mrs Edith M Treherne, of Victoria. Educated at St Michael's & Victoria High Schools and Victoria College.

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WC/January 20, 1944, 3: Vivian Arthur J Pallot, of Vancouver, addressing Victoria Branch of Channel Islands Society reported that the society had sent \$10,000 to England for the relief of women and children refugees from Jersey, Guernsey & Alderney...

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V/January 20, 1944, 5: photo, J87474 Staff Sergeant Air Gunner John Fraser, RCAF, son of Mrs HC Fraser, of Victoria, reported missing while on air operations over Europe. Born in Prince Rupert, educated at Sir James Douglas & Victoria High Schools, and Brentwood College. [Prisoner of War #270032]

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V/January 20, 1944, 5: photos, HMCS Chaudiere, commanded by Victorian, Lieutenant-Commander Charles P Nixon, RCN, 28, born in Kentville, NS, but his home is now Victoria. Joined RCN in 1925...

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V/Killed in active service January 13, 1944 in England, J20247 Flying Officer Navigator Harry James Kirton, 21, RCAF. Born at Cheadle, Alberta, educated there. He came to Victoria 5 years ago, enlisting in 1942, going overseas later that year. He leaves his

mother, Mrs R Gertrude Kirton, of Victoria, BC, brother, John, a recent RCAF recruit, 2 sisters, both of Vancouver. Beaufighter aircraft was on an operational scramble along the enemy coast when it went into a spin and crashed at Cambridge, England. Buried in Scopwick Burial Ground, Lincolnshire, England. January 21, 13; January 22, 3: photo.

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January 21, 1944, 13: died January 19 at Victoria, BC, Mrs Ellen Elizabeth Few, 86, born at Warwick, England, resident here since 1888. Widow of late Alfred, she leaves 2 sons, 2 daughters. Family plot, Royal Oak Burial Park

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V/January 21, 1944, 13: Flying Officer Wireless Operator/Air Gunner J6843 George Glover McGladrey, 21, Distinguished Flying Cross, RCAF, missing since a raid July 14, 1943, now listed as dead. Son of William & Elizabeth McGladrey, of Chemainus, BC. Buried at Venio, Holland, exhumed, moved to Jonkerbos British Cemetery, Nijmegen, Holland.

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V/January 22, 1944, 2: photo, Private Gordon Frederick Henry Paine, killed in action with Canadian troops in Italy. He served with Seaforth Highlanders, injured December 15, 1943 and died of his wounds 4 days later. Son of George Henry & Emily May Paine, now of Vancouver, he enlisted 1943, going overseas that year. Educated at St Louis College. Married to Doreen W Ryles Paine, with daughter, at Victoria.

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V/January 22, 1944, 4: 3 naval ratings, washed overboard from an RCN ship, now officially reported missing. Petty Officer Frank William Lawrence, 23, of Victoria, son of Frank & Margaret Lawrence; January 25, 12: enlisted in 1939 he was on Prince David 2 years, later on Saguenay and Fundy. Last year he was instructing at Naden and

Comox. He was first at Esquimalt 2 years ago. A brother, Edward, was killed at Dieppe. Another is in RCN, Halifax. Husband of Dorothy Stella Ready Lawrence, father of baby at Victoria. April 30, 28: previously reported missing, now presumed dead, Lawrence, Frank William. He was reported missing after being washed overboard. Born at Toronto, he joined RCN at outbreak of war at age 18, coming to Victoria with HMCS Prince David in 1942, and married July 4, 1942.

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V/January 22, 1944, 6: photos, Victorians wed English brides overseas: Lieutenant-Commander David Groos, RCN, 24, of Victoria, commander of HMCS Restigouche since 1943, marries Bridget Berdoe-Wilkinson; Private Moody, son of George H & Annie E Moody, Saanich, marries Edna Bloomfield. He went overseas with 3<sup>rd</sup> Petrol Corps in 1941. Born in Victoria, educated at George Jay & Central schools...

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V/January 22, 1944, 11: died January 19 at Victoria, BC, James Anderson Carson, 55, born in Ireland, resident here 30 years. A veteran of Great War [2137880, drafted 1918, Victoria], he leaves widow, Elizabeth, son, 4 daughters, sister. Colwood

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January 22, 1944, 11: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Marian Corke, 84, born in Kent, England, resident here 33 years. Leaves 3 sons, sister. Cremate

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January 22, 1944, 11: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Mrs Mary Elizabeth McQuade, 85, born in San Francisco, California, resident here 75 years. Widow of Edward A, she leaves son, Edward C. Family plot, C 040/041 W 24.

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V/January 23, 1944, 8: photo, Mrs Audrey Ann Homer-Dixon Taylor, wife of

Lieutenant Paul Dalrymple Taylor, RCNVR, and daughter, return to Victoria from Halifax, guests of her parents, Lieutenant-Colonel Fraser & Mrs Evelyn Homer-Dixon, Oak Bay, BC. She will remain in Victoria when Taylor returns to Newfoundland in 3 weeks

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V/January 23, 1944, 9: photos, Captain Arthur Southwell, RCOG, enlisted 1941, and son, John Dixon Southwell, 18, both of Saanich, BC. Son has left for RCAF school to become air gunner. Educated at Kimberley, BC and St Louis College, Victoria. His cousin, Private Gordon Frederick Henry Paine, died of wounds [nephew of Henrietta Paine, wife of Arthur].

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V/January 23, 1944, 20: photo, Captain Wilfred VT Allen, Canadian Efficiency Decoration, he enlisted with Rocky Mountain Rangers at Kaslo in 1908. After the outbreak of the Great War he joined RCR in 1914, and served in the ranks with that unit. On transfer to Royal Berkshire Regiment he was commissioned on the field and saw service in France, Bermuda and England. After the war he returned to Canada... On start of current war he joined 3<sup>rd</sup> Division Petrol Co, Royal Canadian Army Service Corps in 1940, later became supply officer, now on staff of Pacific Command as audit officer for Vancouver Island. Born in Berkshire, England, he and his wife, Stella, are residents of Oak Bay.

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V/January 25, 1944, 5: photos, brothers, Corporal Leslie Clarke, RAF, and Pilot Officer Norman Clarke, RCAF, sons of AJ Clarke, of Victoria. Leslie enlisted in 1938, stationed in England, but now to serve 2 years in Canada. Educated at Mount View, Oak Bay & Mount Tolmie High Schools. Norman has just arrived safely overseas, he enlisted in 1942. They have not seen each other for 5 years.

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V/January 25, 1944, 5: photo, J93543 Sergeant William Duff McCaghey, RCAF, only son of William T & Helen McCaghey, of Victoria. Born and raised here he attended Oaklands & Victoria High Schools. He enlisted 1942, overseas since 1943. February 22, 3... [Prisoner of War #270063]

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January 25, 1944, 13: died yesterday at Saanich, BC, Adelaide Woodward, 82, born in England, resident here 56 years. Widow of Arthur J, she leaves 4 daughters, 5 sons, 3 sisters, brother. Family plot, Q 085 W Y.

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V/January 26, 1944, 3: photo, Flight Lieutenant Percy Greenway, RCAF, arrived in Victoria for leave after more than 2 years' service overseas as a pilot, during which he made 63 operational flights. Son of Frank G & Betty Greenway, Oak Bay, BC. His squadron served with 8<sup>th</sup> Army in North Africa and later bombed Sicily and Italy. He enlisted in 1941. Born at Saskatoon, he was educated at Willows & Oak Bay High Schools. While serving in the Mediterranean area he met several Victoria men, including Flight-Sergeant Edward de Blaquiere, 33. January 26, 11: Mrs Julia de Blaquiere was overjoyed to hear news of her only son. Born here, educated at Victoria High School. March 1, 3: Greenway goes to Edmonton after his leave, he expects now to be made a test pilot. He has done that work before in various types of aircraft.

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January 26, 1944, 12: died January 24 at Victoria, BC, Miss Anna M Cornelia Cofflard, 84, born in Amsterdam, Holland, resident here since 1898. Leaves sister, Miss Agatha, at home. Royal Oak Burial Park

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January 26, 1944, 12: died January 24 at Victoria, BC, Mrs Louisa Nixon, 78, born in Halifax, England, resident here since 1912. Widow of John, she leaves 2 sons, 3

daughters. Royal Oak Burial Park

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January 26, 1944, 12: died January 24 at Ganges, BC, Mrs Elizabeth Wakelin, 81, born in Bruce County, Ontario, resident of Salt Spring Island, 51 years. Leaves 2 sons [EM Wakelin, at Tara, Ontario], daughter. St Mary's Churchyard, Ganges. ??

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V/January 28, 1944, 11: photo, Flight Officer RJC Tait, Victoria-born RAF flyer, now spending leave with parents... Educated at St Michael's & Oak Bay High Schools and Victoria College, he enlisted in RCAF in 1941, going overseas in 1942.

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V/January 28, 1944, 11: found dead in garage yesterday at Esquimalt, BC, Alexander George Renton, 55, civil employee at HMCS Dockyard. Born at Napier, New Zealand, he served with RN in the Great War and with RCN for 7 years after that war. He was a Chief Petty Officer, Engine Room Artificer at discharge in 1927. Leaves wife, Kathleen, 2 sons, both in RCN, 3 daughters. January 30, 15: accidental death, carbon monoxide poisoning... Naval Cemetery, Esquimalt, B-09-0223.

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V/January 28, 1944, 14: killed January 11 in action, Staff Sergeant Herbert Melvin Paige, 26, in Italy. News received by his sister, Mrs Eleanor Agnes Slater, Victoria. Born at Fort Saskatchewan in 1917 he lived in Victoria many years. He joined here in 1936 and transferred to RCOC in 1940. His parents, William Melvin & Marie Lumina Paige, live at Kamloops.

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V/January 29, 1944, 2: photo, J23604 Flying Officer Bomb Aimer Charles Travers, 29, officially listed as missing, word received by his mother, Mrs Anna Travers, Royal Oak, BC. His father, Oliver, was killed overseas in the Great War. His wife, Dale Louise Sykes Travers and son live in Vancouver.

Killed in action January 21, Lancaster missing during night operations against Germany. Buried in Berlin War Cemetery, Charlottenburg, Germany. March 12, 3: photo, Flying Officer Charles Travers, now reported as Prisoner of War in Germany. Before joining RCAF he was logging on Vancouver Island. His 1<sup>st</sup> experience of enemy action was being torpedoed on the way to England... ??

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V/January 29, 1944, 2: photo, Leading AirCraftman Bobby Wilkinson, 19, only son of George & Dorothy Wilkinson, Oak Bay, now training Edmonton, RCAF. Born in Victoria, educated at Monterey & Oak Bay High Schools & Victoria College. A well known athlete.

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V/January 29, 1944, 2: photo, killed in action January 25, R221524 Sergeant Air Gunner George Donald Mitchell, 19, of Victoria, BC, son of Harold Frederick & Helen Mitchell. Educated at George Jay & Central Junior High Schools, he joined RCAF in 1943, graduated from bombing & gunnery school and arrived overseas last November. He is brother of Gunner Raymond Mitchell, 21, who is in England with RCA. Wellington aircraft lost while on a leaflet-dropping operation over Granville, France. Buried Lessay, Manche, France.

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V/January 29, 1944, 2: photo, Officer-Cadet Glenn E Smith, 24, son of F Smith, Esquimalt, recently awarded Canadian Efficiency Medal. Overseas since 1942, he is now training in Wales for a commission. Born in Manitoba, educated in San Francisco and Victoria, graduating from Victoria High School in 1927. He joined 5<sup>th</sup> BC Coast Brigade when 16, he went active a week before war was declared. A friend also training in Wales, Officer-Cadet Douglas Nelson, of Victoria, recently won the same decoration.

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V/January 29, 1944, 2: killed in action in Italy December 16, 1943, Lieutenant Timothy W Huntington, Grenadier Guards, born in London, England, he spent his boyhood in Cowichan district. He enlisted in England in 1941. A brother, Jack, is with RAF, and a younger brother, Robin, is at school in England. Jack and Robin are former Shawnigan Lake School students.

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V/January 29, 1944, 2: Acting-Lance Corporal G 'Cap' Thorsen, former Times reporter, wounded in Italy January 21. Word received by his sister, Mrs Stuart G [Nellie] Geddes, Victoria. Enlisting in 1940, he went overseas with Canadian Scottish Regiment and went to Sicily with another unit last year.

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WC/Marine/January 29, 1944, 5: Captain Roy W Perry, chief officer gives testimony of Northholm foundering off Cape Scott, January 16, 1943...; January 30, 9: reserve judgment...

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WC/January 29, 1944, 11: died December 31, 1943 at Frimley, England, Marguerite Athalie Fraser, 73, widow of late James DeWolf Fraser, formerly of Alberni, and Victoria. Born at Middlesex, England, she first came to Victoria from California about 40 years ago, residing with her mother, late Mrs Phyllis Perrier... [father, John] She married Fraser who was on staff of Provincial Library. [Victoria relatives: Oxendale; Bowman]

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January 29, 1944, 12: died January 26 at Victoria, BC, John Hector Fulton, 43, of Oak Bay, born in Victoria. Leaves widow, Gertrude, 2 daughters, son, mother, Mrs Elizabeth A Fulton, sister, brother. He was a well-known druggist in Victoria. Royal Oak Burial Park

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V/January 30, 1944, 2: George Leith recently promoted to flying officer, only son of William G & Mary Leith, Oak Bay. Educated at Lampson Street & Esquimalt High Schools, Victoria College. He enlisted in RCAF 1941, and is a flying instructor in Alberta currently. February 4, 2: promoted to flight lieutenant...

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V/January 30, 1944, 2: after over 3 years' service overseas with RAF and RCAF, Corporal Donald H Miller, wireless mechanic, is spending leave with his parents, Mr & Mrs TM Miller. He came to Victoria aged 17, attended Sprott-Shaw School until enlisting in 1940, going overseas that year.

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V/January 30, 1944, 2: killed in action in Italy December 28, 1943, Sergeant Terence GH Watts, Canadian Provost Corps. Son of Mrs Eva G Watts, View Royal, BC. One of 100 RCMP officers who enlisted at Regina early in the war, he was in France in 1940. He was recommended for a commission in 1942 but rejected it to stay with his company.

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V/January 30, 1944, 2: photo, wounded for 2<sup>nd</sup> time January 21 in Italy, Donald E, husband of Doris Mabel [Maycock] Jones, Esquimalt. Coming to Victoria with his family in 1931, he attended North Ward School. Serving with PPCLI, he was previously wounded in 1943. Two brothers are also in Canadian army.

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V/January 30, 1944, 2: Signaller Bill Bean, RCNVR, now on leave from Atlantic service for 1<sup>st</sup> time in 13 months, now in Victoria. Son of Bombardier Cameron M & Alicia M Bean, Victoria, he has 4 years' naval service behind him. He has been serving on a corvette. Prominent in sports and other activities at Victoria High School. A brother, Robert, a Victoria High School

student, and brother-in-law Leading Telegrapher JH Greaves, of Victoria, is at an East Coast station.

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V/January 30, 1944, 3: portrait, Corporal JD Morgan, 22, youngest son of Victoria's Alderman William L & Mrs Mary E Morgan, back in US after seeing service in the tropics, with 561<sup>st</sup> Paratroop Infantry, US Army. He has now transferred to US Air Force. An older brother, Lieutenant WL Morgan, is serving with RN in Adriatic area.

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Bldg/January 30, 1944, 7: photo, Mrs Lavinia Shotbolt celebrates 90<sup>th</sup> birthday... Daughter of late Thomas [John?] & Mary Parmiter, she came out with her parents from Dorsetshire, England 82 years ago. Their 1<sup>st</sup> home was in the present site of Victoria West firehall. Sister of Mrs William Archer, Vancouver, 92; Mrs Dan Woodward, 81, Sidney; Mrs William McBride, 70+, Vancouver.

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V/January 30, 1944, photo, Lieutenant JA Dunn, RCNVR, of Victoria, who was temporarily in command of HMCS Snowberry when the corvette helped destroy a U-boat and took some prisoners.

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January 30, 1944, 15: Joe Green, 84, celebrates 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Brigadier Sutherland Brown was chairman at gathering. [wife's name not given]

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January 30, 1944, 18: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Alexander Lawson, 77, of Oak Bay. Born in Ontario, and before coming here 30 years ago, practised medicine in Manitoba for 40 years. Leaves son. Family plot, Royal Oak Burial Park

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January 30, 1944, 18: died January 28 at Victoria, BC, Walter Stanley Thornett, 28, born in Victoria, residing here and at Rocky Point. Leaves parents, Phillip and Florence

W Thornett, 3 sisters. Colwood

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V/January 30, 1944, 22: photo, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish, names given...

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Bldg/January 30, 1944, 22: CNR finishes freight building, built at west end of Johnson Street bridge by LG Scott...; February 1, 2: 53 building permits...

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V/February 1, 1944, 2: Corporal Thomas Henry Smith, 25, Saskatoon Light Infantry, wounded December 22, 1943, writes to Oak Bay parents. He attended Beacon Hill & Oaklands Schools, prominent in sports, and at enlistment was door porter at Empress Hotel. With militia before the war, he went on active service in 1939 with 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish.

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V/February 1, 1944, 2: photo, Private William Arthur Knight, 26, killed in action in Italy with an infantry unit on January 21. Word received by wife, former Kathleen Dobbie, Victoria, BC. He enlisted 1943, arrived overseas same year and went to Africa in December. Educated at Tolmie, Victoria West & Mount View High Schools. Leaves wife, 2 children, parents Albert T & Annie G Hitt, brother, John M Knight, who arrived in England last month, and grandfather, John Manson. Two brothers-in-law, Donald & Douglas Dobbie, are serving in Italy, and another, Gordon Dobbie, in England.

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V/February 1, 1944, 2: Pilot Officer Richard T Merrick, son of Thomas N & Gladys Merrick, Victoria, BC, came here 20 years ago as a baby, later attended Victoria College after graduating from Victoria High School. He enlisted in 1942.

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V/February 1, 1944, 2: Sergeant Douglas J Bailey, 21, RCAF, now on leave with parents, Thomas & Isabel Bailey, of

Saanich, BC. Born in Victoria, educated at Boys Central & Victoria High Schools, he was a VMD employee for 4 years before enlistment.

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V/February 1, 1944, 2: a graduate of University School, Victoria, Private William D Kerfoot, 29, son of DI Kerfoot, Alberta, was killed in action in Italy with Loyal Edmonton Regiment December 23, 1943. A brother, Captain James Kerfoot, is in the Indian Army.

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V/February 1, 1944, 2: photo, Trooper Howard Painter, son of Fred V & Henrietta Painter, Victoria, BC, has arrived overseas. Born in Victoria, he attended Victoria West & Victoria High Schools.

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V/February 1, 1944, 2: photo, Sergeant Air Gunner GH Tapley, RCAF, youngest son of Mrs Elsie E Tapley, Victoria, BC, has recently arrived overseas. Born 1922 in Victoria, he was educated at George Jay School.

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February 1, 1944, 6: Oak Bay holds 1<sup>st</sup> Teen-Age Dance, under supervision of Miss Frances Borde...

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V/February 1, 1944, 7: photo, Mrs Annie Skinner McVie, Esquimalt, hosts hundreds of armed forces guests... this past year she fed some 1,300 members... Her son, Lieutenant James A McVie, is now posted to Nova Scotia; a 2<sup>nd</sup> son, Sergeant-Major Robert McVie, 3<sup>rd</sup> Medium Regiment, RCA; 2 daughters, Dorothy Fanny Cockrell, is a welder in a local shipyard; and Margaret is passing rivets at another shipyard. Barbara, the youngest, is decoding in RCN Dockyard.

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V/February 1, 1944, 8: photos, RCN promotions to Engine Room Artificers: John Alexander Baillies, born in Victoria, son of Mrs Flora Baillies; Leslie Bestwick, born in

Ocean Falls, son of Leslie & Agnes Bestwick, Saanich; Norman Allan, born in Revelstoke, son of W Allan, Victoria.

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V/February 1, 1944, 8: photo, Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> class George 'Bud' Thompson, visits uncle Joe North. Bud, is currently on a US aircraft carrier, as parachute expert...

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Bldg/February 1, 1944, 8: photo, Connaught Seamen's Institute...

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February 1, 1944, 9: died January 30 at Victoria, BC, Daniel Patrick O'Connell, 18, 3<sup>rd</sup> son of John & Margaret F O'Connell, Victoria. He had been ill since last fall. He leaves parents, siblings. He was a star athlete of St Louis College. Leaves parents, 3 brothers, 3 sisters. February 2, 9: photo... Family plot, U 082 W 48.

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V/February 1, 1944, 11: photos, Private EC 'Ted' Jackman, 19, and Private RA 'Bob' Jackman, 21, sons of ET Jackman, of Victoria & Nelson...

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WC/V/February 1, 1944, 11: photo, died suddenly January 30 at Victoria, BC, John Edward Day, 79, former RN, a hotelkeeper from the 1890s and latterly managing director of Victoria Phoenix Brewing Co Ltd. Born at Gibraltar, he joined RN at age 15, and served 1<sup>st</sup> on royal yacht Victoria & Albert. Later he transferred to HMS Triumph, transporting troops to the Far East. In 1883 he came to Victoria in HMS Amphion, and in 1892 returned in HMS Warspite. Obtaining his discharge, he purchased the Esquimalt Hotel, which he owned until it was taken over by RCN last year. He leaves wife, Elizabeth A, nephew, Lieutenant-Commander Ivan Day, in Victoria; stepdaughter, Mrs Walton Smith, and a granddaughter at Esperanza. Family plot, H 069/070 E 21

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V/February 1, 1944, 11: died January 29 at Oak Bay, BC, Mrs Edith Mary Davis, born in England, resident here 32 years. Leaves husband, Ernest, 4 sons, all on active service: Lieutenant Ralph Davis, RCAF; Lieutenant Donald Davis, RCNVR, on Atlantic seaboard; Flight Lieutenant Wilfrid Davis, RCAF; and Warrant Officer Lawrence Davis, RCA, Halifax. February 3, 13: photo. Royal Oak Burial Park

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February 1, 1944, 14: died at Victoria, BC, John Robert Clements, 87, born in Ireland, resident here 34 years. Leaves widow, Amelia. M 071/072 W 07

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February 1, 1944, 14: died January 30 at Victoria, BC, Mrs Isabella Russell Todd, 93, born in Lanarkshire, Scotland, resident here 33 years. Leaves 4 sons, 3 daughters. N 026/027 E S

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February 1, 1944, 14: died January 29 at Saanich, BC, George Robert Twamley, 86, born at Wicklow, Ireland, resident here 20 years. Leaves widow, Mary, 3 sons, 2 daughters [Mrs R Turner, Chesley, Bruce County, Ontario]. Colwood

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V/Killed in action January 30, 1944, R122398 Warrant Officer 2 Navigator Bomb Aimer George Norman Matthews, 21, of Victoria, BC. The plane appears to have flown into the ground in fog at Bilsham Corper, England. Buried at Brookwood Military Cemetery, Woking, England.

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V/Killed in action January 30, 1944, 151215 Pilot Officer Bomb Aimer Albert Henry Ashford, 24, RAF, of Victoria. Target, Chemnitz. May 14, 5: photo, his wife, now of New Westminster has been informed that he is believed killed. They married in 1943. Educated in Australia, he went to England to join RAF in 1939. Coming to Canada for training, he was stationed at Patricia Bay,

where he met his wife, then a school teacher in the area. Buried at Charlotteberg, Germany.

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V/February 2, 1944, 2: missing after air operations now presumed killed according to word received by his wife, Mary, at the home of her parents, James & Isabell Loudoun, Oak Bay, BC. Son of Ernest McTaggart, Vancouver, he married in November, 1942. Killed in action December 16, 1943, J14784 Flying Officer Navigator George Ernest McTaggart, 21. Lancaster shot down at Lingen/Ems, Germany during an operation to Berlin. Buried at Lingen/Ems, exhumed, and reburied in Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Kleve, Germany.

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V/February 2, 1944, 2: Sergeant Frederick EM Jackson, Seaforth Highlanders in hospital in the Mediterranean area, has written his wife, Elizabeth M, of Victoria. He suffered a gunshot wound and had been listed as seriously wounded. A member of the militia before the war, he went active with 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish, in 1939. After a period overseas, he returned to Canada for instructional duties in 1942, then went back to England and was posted to Seaforths. Before the war he was employed at Cedar Hill golf links.

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V/February 2, 1944, 2: Lieutenant Herbert Wain King, 23, son of Colonel Charles H & Mrs Ethel King, Oak Bay, suffered shell wounds on December 24, 1943 while serving in Italy with Hastings & Prince Edward Regiment (Ontario). Educated in Ottawa, he visited his parents here when they moved to Victoria after his enlistment. His father is a retired RCMP deputy commissioner. King's wife, Enid M, is resident at London, England.

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V/February 2, 1944, 2: J6826 Flying Officer

Pilot John Stanbridge Bird, 23, RCAF, missing since Mediterranean air operations last year, is now presumed dead, according to word received by his parents, Ernest S & Mabel Bird, Saanich, BC. He had been based at Cairo with a reconnaissance unit, doing aerial photography. A skiing instructor at Banff before enlistment he had visited Victoria before going overseas. No known grave, his name is inscribed on Alamein War Memorial, Egypt.

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V/February 2, 1944, 2: photo, J94231/R221635 Sergeant James Neil Atkinson, 19, has returned to base after leave with his parents, Neil A & Annie Gimmell Atkinson, Oak Bay. Born at Victoria, educated at Central & Victoria High Schools, he gained his wings at Quebec. Killed in action November 21, 1943 while returning from a night attack over Germany when it crashed ½ mile from the aerodrome at RCAF Station, Tholthorpe, England. Buried in Stonefall Cemetery, Harrogate, England.

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V/February 2, 1944, 2: missing after overseas air operations, word received by ?parents WW Cook, Mount Tolmie. He was only recently awarded DFM [Distinguished Flying Medal]. He is a former student of Mount Douglas High School. Killed in action January 28, 168676 Flight Officer Pilot Roy James Cook, 22, Distinguished Flying Medal, RCAF, of Victoria, BC. Lancaster aircraft lost during a trip over enemy-held territory. A memorial window with his name on it has been installed in St Luke's Anglican Church, Saanich. Buried in the French National Cemetery, Marissel, France.

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WC/V/February 2, 1944, 3: 3 men missing with a twin-engine medium bomber from a west coast station of RAF. They disappeared while on a navigational training flight. A

widespread search is under way over lower Vancouver Island. Missing are R191291 Sergeant Wireless Operator/Air Gunner Edward Gerald Quigley, 22, RCAF; and Pilot Officer WR Dishman, RAF; and Sergeant RF Watson, RAF. No known graves, names inscribed on Ottawa War Memorial, Ottawa.

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WC/V/February 2, 1944, 5: photo, Leading Seaman Brian Hanson, RCN, Port Alberni sailor with 5 years naval service, for 2 years has been on HMCS Prince Robert, which was recently in action in an Atlantic convoy. His wife lives in Victoria with her parents, JR Downey. His parents are Major HA Hanson, Royal Canadian Army Service Corps, of Alberta, and Mrs Hanson, of Port Alberni. He was born and raised there. He is a survivor of the sinking of both HMCS Fraser and Margaree in 1940. He is serving now as a torpedo operator.

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V/February 2, 1944, 9: photo, Private Les Kennedy, well known Victoria athlete, has arrived safely overseas. Son of Mrs Vlasta M Kennedy, Victoria...

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V/February 2, 1944, 11: killed instantly January 31 while on manoeuvres at Sooke when struck by a snag while driving on an old logging road. Name to be released soon. February 3, 13: Rifleman Omer Thiebodeau, of New Brunswick.

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February 2, 1944, 11: died recently at San Francisco, California, Robert E Trainor, formerly of Victoria. Leaves sister, Mrs George Edward [Mary] Hartnell, of Victoria. The family came here many years ago from Prince Edward Island.

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February 2, 1944, 12: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Walter Birnie Anderson, 87, born in Cathlamet, Washington Territory, resident here since 1860. He was, at one

time, BC inspector of Indian orchards and always keenly interested in politics. Son of late Alexander Caufield Anderson, he came here when the city was newly incorporated. Leaves widow, son, daughter, 3 cousins [Harvey, Gaudin, Anderson]. St Stephen's

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February 2, 1944, 12: died January 29 at Central Saanich, BC, Maurice Butler, 65, born in England, resident here 18 years. Leaves widow, Harriet, 2 sons, 2 daughters. Shady Creek

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February 2, 1944, 12: died January 31 at Victoria, BC, Miss Janet Jamieson Muir, 87, born in Waterford, Ireland, resident here 38 years. She was a sister of late Douglas D Muir. Family plot, M 033 W 03.

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V/February 3, 1944, 5: Private Lewis Wilfred McLaren died of wounds received while serving with a Saskatchewan regiment in Italy recently. Son of Mrs Alma McLaren, of Victoria. His widow, Margaret A, resident at Tunbridge Wells, England.

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V/February 3, 1944, 5: Leading AirCraftman Robert E Wilkinson, RCAF, now on leave with parents, George & Dorothy Wilkinson, Oak Bay, after training. He will next be posted to a flying school. A prominent athlete, he was also one of a musical group who entertained troops in Victoria area in the last 2 years. The others also enlisted. One of them, Selby Taylor, was killed in an air crash last year.

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V/February 3, 1944, 5: photo, Flight Officer Jack W Neil, RCAF, mentioned in dispatches. Son of John Neil, Nanaimo, BC.

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V/February 3, 1944, 5: Warrant Officer Class II Air Gunner, R138499 Alfred Norman Gott, 25, reported missing after air operations overseas. Son of Mrs Joseph Henry & Florence Winifred Tatham Gott,

Victoria. Halifax aircraft lost. Buried in War Cemetery, Durnbach, Germany.

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V/February 3, 1944, 5: photo, Sergeant William Edward Ellington, PPCLI, son of John William & late Mrs Ellington, wounded for 2<sup>nd</sup> time in 1943 while serving with PPCLI. Educated at North Ward School. His father has had no word from him since he was informed in January of the 2<sup>nd</sup> wounding. Father served with 72<sup>nd</sup> Seaforth Highlanders in France in the Great War.

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V/February 3, 1944, 5: photo, Ordinary Seaman Charles Ian Duncan, son of Charles Duncan, Victoria. Born in Alberta, joined RCN in 1943. He is now headed to East Coast after spending leave with his parents.

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V/February 3, 1944, 14: died January 31 at Victoria, BC, John James Beatley, 85, of Saanich, BC, born 1858 in Plymouth, England, resident here many years. He was a retired naval veteran, joining RN in 1878, discharged on pension at Esquimalt November 30, 1898. He served on several ships well known here, including Triumph, Warspite and Imperieuse. She was chief armourer on Imperieuse at time of his discharge. Naval Cemetery, Esquimalt, B-09-0224.

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V/February 4, 1944, 2: Lieutenant David Alan Harper, 27, in North African hospital for treatment of machine-gun wounds received in December 1943, son of Alan & Marjorie Harper, Victoria. 1942 grad of UBC, he went overseas in 1943 with Seaforth Highlanders. He was temporarily in command of a company of 48<sup>th</sup> Highlanders when wounded. From December 23 to 26 his unit was cut off from the main Allied forces, without food. He was in the Ortona sector. A brother, Pilot Officer John W Harper, 22, a radar specialist is with RCAF.

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V/February 4, 1944, 2: Acting Lance Corporal Walter Edmund Gariepy, 29, Royal Edmonton Regiment, suffered burns in December in Italy. Son of Mrs Lance T Smith [Mabel J], Oak Bay. He has a wife, child in England.

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V/February 4, 1944, 8: US Distinguished Service Cross awarded posthumously to Captain FT Peters, VC, DSC, DSO and Bar, presented to his mother, Mrs Fred Peters at Nelson, BC... He was killed November 13, 1943 when the plane he was travelling in crashed into the sea while en route to England... his other medals were awarded to him in the Great War and the Victoria Cross and bar to the British DSC for actions in this war.

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February 4, 1944, 12: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Thomas D Allnut, 82, born in England, resident here 35 years. Leaves widow, Martha, brother, sister, all of Victoria.

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V/February 5, 1944, 2: Flying Officer John Francis Cadman, RCAF, recently shot down a Junkers 88, elder son of Mrs George Severs [Frances], Victoria. Enlisted in 1942, trained as a navigator, commissioned and sent overseas. He was promoted flying officer last year. A brother, Harold Severs, 21, son of George & Frances Severs, is serving as a radio officer in a British merchant ship.

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V/February 5, 1944, 2: Pilot Officer Donald George Collis, RCAF, now on leave staying with his parents Douglas P & Ida Collis, Victoria, BC, he recently graduated and was commissioned. Born here, educated at Beacon Hill, South Park & Victoria High Schools. He enlisted 1942.

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V/February 4, 1944, 2: Word received by his

wife, June Davis, of Victoria, BC. Educated here, he was attending Central & Victoria High Schools, Victoria College before enlisted in 1942. He leaves wife, baby son, parents EM Davis, June Byrom Davis, sister, Mrs JA Irving. Killed January 30 J28949 Pilot Officer Bomb Aimer Edward Addy Davis, 24, of Victoria, BC. February 8, 3: photo, born here in 1919. Wellington aircraft caught fire, exploded in mid-air and crashed near Wellesbourne, England. Buried in Stratford-On-Avon Cemetery, Warwickshire, England.

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V/February 4, 1944, 2: J86226//R118145 Pilot Officer Wireless Operator/Air Gunner John Robert Charlton, 20, RCAF, missing after air operations over Europe January 31. Word received by his mother-in-law, Mrs Frank Hazlehurst, Victoria, BC, yesterday. His wife, former Winifred Hazlehurst, left last September, hoping to join him in England, but has been unable to secure passage from Halifax. Halifax aircraft shot down during night operations. Buried at Frankendorf, exhumed, reburied in Berlin War Cemetery, Charlottenburg, Germany.

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V/February 4, 1944, 2: Petty Officer Stoker Murray H Minkler, RCN, has returned to Atlantic convoy duty after leave spent with his parents Charles Harold & Eva Minkler, Oak Bay, BC. His 4 years' naval service include a period in the Mediterranean.

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February 4, 1944, 2: Word that Mark King, former Shanghai policeman and his wife, now imprisoned in Japanese prison camps are well, has been received by Mrs Elizabeth King, Mark's mother...

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V/February 4, 1944, 2: funeral services will be conducted for Nursing Sister Catherine Elizabeth Pierce, veteran Great War nurse, who died in Shaughnessey Military Hospital February 3. A 1909 graduate of Royal

Jubilee Hospital, Victoria, she went overseas in January, 1915, returning May, 1919. Most of this time was spent in France and the fighting front. She was awarded the Royal Red Cross Medal for devotion to duty. [daughter of Mr & Mrs Samuel Pierce. [Born Bruce County, Ontario]

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February 4, 1944, 3: photos, Island Netherlanders Greet Their Princess Juliana...

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February 4, 1944, 7: photo, James & Sara Wilby celebrate 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Married in Victoria, he was born in Esquimalt, she, nee Flemming, born in Folly Mountain, Nova Scotia. He was in BC government printing dept for 30+ years.

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V/February 5, 1944, 2: recent enlistees: John Waruk, Willows Camp, whose wife lives at Oak Bay; Joseph Anthony Lindsay, Lockley Road, whose wife lives at Nelson; Clare Walker James Walsh, wife at Victoria.

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V/February 5, 1944, 2: photo, Major RD Travis, awarded Long Service & Efficiency Medal. His wife lives at Oak Bay. He served in the Great War and has been identified with military affairs ever since. Before this war he was with Canadian Scottish. He has been overseas since 1939 and is at present at Debert, Nova Scotia with 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Training Battalion.

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V/February 5, 1944, 7: photo, Wren Gwynneth M Griffith has arrived to spend leave with her parents EW Griffith, Oak Bay. She attended Oak Bay High School & Victoria College.

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V/February 6, 1944, 7: Lieutenant Nursing Sister Grace Hay, RCAMC [Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps], only daughter of Mrs C Hay, New Westminster. Educated at Lampson Street & Esquimalt High Schools, grad of Columbia Hospital.

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February 6, 1944, 8: photo, Mrs Clifford Large and daughter have arrived in Victoria from Shanghai. Mr Large is still interned in the Far East and was with Nestles Milk Products prior to the occupation. Mrs Large will reside with her mother, [Vivian] Mrs James SC Fraser, and her sister, Frances.

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V/February 6, 1944, 10: 4 men killed when an RCAF sea plane crashed near Port Alice, BC yesterday...; February 8, 5: 3 Vancouver men: Major Moore, 28, RCA; R109183 Warrant Officer II Pilot James John Eccles, 21, RCAF [from Nelson, buried at Capilano View Cemetery, West Vancouver; Lance Bombardier Edward Charles Scrivener, 36, RCA...; February 9, 5: bird cause of crash...

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V/February 6, 1944, 15: photo, Sergeant Conway H Pelly, PPCLI, recently awarded Canadian Efficiency Medal. Medal & clasp were sent to his wife, Gladys, at Victoria. He enlisted in 1939 and has been on active service since. Born in Armstrong, BC. His brother, Sergeant Jack Pelly, is with Canadian Scottish, and a sister, Mrs Norman Worsley lives in Oak Bay.

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February 6, 1944, 15: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, William N Tompkins, well known city hotelman and owner of Portland Hotel. Born in England, he came to Canada as a young man, and after a period spent in the Alberta cattle business he went first to Seattle, where he owned a picture theatre. In 1917 he came to Victoria and spent the next 26 years here. He had owned and managed several Victoria hotels. Leaves wife, Ethel, 4 step-children [Norcross] and a sister. February 10, 13: photo. Colwood

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V/February 8, 1944, 3: Gunner James McAllan, RCA, and Signalmen Bill McAllan, RCCS, serving overseas, both have had treatment in hospital, says their

mother, Mrs Janet Beaumont, Victoria. James, overseas 3 ½ years, received burns from an shell in Italy. He previously had malaria after going through the Sicily campaign. Bill, overseas 4 years, was injured last May in England and in hospital and convalescent home until December, now back with his unit.

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Bldg/February 8, 1944, 7: Esquimalt orders house demolished...

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February 8, 1944, 12: died February 6 at Victoria, BC, Francis Edwin Aitkins, 73, of Saanich, BC. Born at Highcliffe, England, resident here 32 years. Leaves wife, Mary Katherine, son, Squadron Leader F Charles Aitkins, 2 daughters, 4 brothers. St Luke's churchyard

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February 8, 1944, 12: died February 6 at Victoria, BC, Robert J Scott, 79, born in Connecticut, resident here 24 years. Leaves 4 step-daughters. Family plot, H 080/081 W 16.

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February 8, 1944, 12: died yesterday at Comox, BC, Mrs Charlotte Larissa Pope, 90. Widow of Dr Steven D Pope, of Victoria, she leaves 2 sons, 3 daughters. February 13, 9: photo, born in Oregon City, Oregon she came to Victoria with her parents in 1873. They had crossed the plains to Oregon City in a covered wagon. Family plot, R 075/076 W S

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Bldg/WC/February 9, 1944, 1: His Honour Lieutenant-Governor WC Woodward buys historic first farm settled on Saanich Peninsula, the old MacPhail place...; February 13, 15: photo, sketch: over 88 years ago Angus MacPhail, retired HBC factor, who had served at Stikine and Skeena, came to Victoria, where he placed his girls in school, then looked around for a beautiful spot in which to spend his

remaining years. He chose a site overlooking the Arm and the Malahat on the west, and a lovely valley to the east, and built a sturdy house, the 1<sup>st</sup> white settler on Saanich Peninsula.

The original house still stands on the farm of Larry C Hagan, which was purchased by Woodward last week. The straight heavy sills and upright sticks of the house are unchanged, but some of the planks between have been removed, exposing the inner sheath of lumber. One can see the grooves cut by a master axeman, the length of the sticks; into 3 planks or shakes were slid, one on top of the other to form a strong, fort-like wall, without benefit of nails...

A house occupied by Hagan and his 2 sisters, Misses Rose & Helen Hagan, whose father bought the farm in 1872, after spending 10 years in the Cariboo. Their house is built on the spot of the 1<sup>st</sup> Saanich Hotel, built by Peter Lind.

MacPhail sold his farm to R Porter, and he, in turn, sold to Alphonse Verdier, MacPhail's son-in-law. It was from Verdier that James Hagan bought the farm and his son Larry took over in 1913 when his father died, and has lived there ever since. Verdier's nephew, Frank, lives a short distance south of the Hagan place, where Hagan Creek runs into the waters of the Arm...

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V/February 9, 1944, 3: J16508 Flight Lieutenant Pilot George Reginald Burdick Roe, 22, RCAF, mentioned in a recent dispatch for overseas service... He is well known in Victoria where he attended Sir James Douglas School. He went overseas as a bomber pilot more than 2 years ago. His sister, Leading AirCraftswoman Kathleen Roe, is with Women's Division, RCAF. His grandparents, George H & Edith Roe, live at Ten Mile Point, they have been Island residents 50+ years. Son of Edward Price Fitzgerald Roe & Matilda Henrietta Nex

Roe, now of Vancouver, BC. Killed in action June 25. Stirling aircraft missing during a trip to Ruisseauville, France. Buried Military Cemetery, Etaples, France.

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V/February 10, 1944, 1: photo, died suddenly today at Victoria, BC, Alexander Thomas Stewart, 44, connected with The Daily Colonist for 25 years. He enlisted with RCAF in the Great War and went to Texas for his pilot's training. However, hostilities ended before the squadron had a chance to go overseas. When the present war started he was a captain in Canadian Scottish Regiment... He leaves widow, Agnes, and a young son. February 11, 4: son of late Alexander Stewart, former Mayor of Victoria. He was born in 1899, educated in Victoria schools. H 083 W 10

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V/February 10, 1944, 3: photos, Victoria's Norton Family Serves... 3 sons in the army overseas, their parents and 2 sisters employed in shipyards here... Private Thomas A, 19, had just left Tillicum School when he joined Canadian Scottish Regiment 3 years ago. Private John Phillip Norton, 21, joined Royal Canadian Army Service Corps in 1942, and Gunner WJ Bill Norton, 23, was logging up-Island before enlistment in RCA. All are Victoria born. Their father, William Victoria, BC, is a painter at Yarrows. Mrs Florence L Norton, besides her home duties, works 8 hour shifts at Yarrows canteen. In the Great War the father served in France with 88<sup>th</sup> Battalion. Previously he served 10 years with Royal Marines. Their daughters, Eileen, 18 and Florence, 24, have introduced a friendly competition into their war work. Eileen works as a passer at VMD, and Florence is a marker at Yarrows.

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V/February 10, 1944, 3: Sergeant-Pilot RJ Pellow, RCAF, has arrived overseas for 2<sup>nd</sup> time, word received by his wife at Victoria.

Overseas with Royal Canadian Army Service Corps, he transferred to RCAF air crew in 1942 and trained at Pensacola, Florida.

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WC/V/February 10, 1944, 5: body of an airman recovered off west coast of Vancouver Island yesterday after his plane had crashed while on routine patrol. The body was found in a dinghy.

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February 10, 1944, 14: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Mrs Susan Ann Renfree, 87, born at St Agnes, Cornwall, England, resident here 57 years. Leaves 2 sons, 2 daughters. Family plot, B 044 E 38.

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V/February 10, 1944, 14: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Captain Eustace de Burgh Agmondisham Vesey. Born in Lisburn, North Ireland. In the Great War he served in the IWT in Mesopotamia. He leaves widow, Eilis Neill Vesey, son, siblings.

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V/February 11, 1944, 11: photo, Arthur SG Musgrave, municipal engineer of Oak Bay [resident at Newport Avenue]. Native of Ireland, educated at Trinity College, Dublin... He qualified as a BC land surveyor in 1919, during the Great War he was with Canadian Engineers, 4<sup>th</sup> Field Co, and later with Royal Engineers as a captain. He was awarded MBE [Member of the Order of the British Empire] and mentioned in dispatches. [wife Olive]

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Bldg/February 11, 1944, 12: died yesterday at Duncan, BC, Samuel Jennings, 82, of Saanich, born in Liverpool, England, resident here 58 years. He was a well known brick manufacturer for over 50 years. Leaves son, daughter, brother. Family plot, M 069 E 06

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V/Killed in action February 11, 1944, 650538 Flight Sergeant Flight Engineer

Nairne Edwin Plaxton, 23, RAF, of Saanich, BC. May 28, 5: photo, son of NE Plaxton, Saanich, missing since RAF operations from Italy on February 10. He was awarded DFM [Distinguished Flying Medal] last year, joined RAF in 1939, going to England under Captain Seymour Biggs' auspices. He was married in South Africa, and his wife and son live in England. His only sister, Leading Aircraft Woman Nora Plaxton, RCAF, is in England. Liberator aircraft lost while dropping supplies for partisans. Buried at Belgrade, Yugoslavia.

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Bldg/February 12, 1944, 1: Victoria City Social Welfare administrator believes that overcrowding in Chinatown poses threat of epidemic...

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V/February 12, 1944, 3: died February 8 at Vancouver, BC, Sergeant James Patrick Nealon, 58, veteran of 3 wars. His widow, Mabel, is resident of Victoria. Born in Dublin, he was with Imperial army in Boer War and in the Great War served with the Imperials in Egypt and India. He enlisted in RCOG and left Victoria in 1940, returning in 1942.

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V/February 12, 1944, 3: photo, killed February 8, J28219 Flying Officer Navigator John Riddell, 24, of Victoria, BC. Son of James D & Mabel C Riddell, Victoria. He was born in Victoria, and went overseas in 1943. Previous to enlistment he was employed by Cunningham Drug Store, having won his degree in pharmacy in 1942. His father, who served with 67<sup>th</sup> & 102<sup>nd</sup> Battalions in the Great War, was badly wounded at Vimy. Besides his parents he leaves a sister, Mary, brother, Gordon. Wellington aircraft in a mid-air collision with a Mosquito aircraft before it crashed in Southbourne, England. Buried West Thorney, Thorney Island, England.

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Bldg/February 13, 1944, 1: sketch of new Central Junior High School, proposed as postwar project...

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V/February 13, 1944, 3: photo, Pilot Officer Donald MacMillan, son of Percival & Carrie A Macmillan, Saanich, a Victoria-born boy, left here last week to take an advanced aviation course with RCAF. He enlisted in 1942. Married [wife, Jean], he has 2 sons, also residents of Victoria.

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V/February 13, 1944, 3: Lieutenant Charles D Carnegie commissioned at Sandhurst College, England. Only son of C Carnegie, Langford, born at Langford, attended Langford, Colwood & Victoria High Schools.

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V/February 13, 1944, 3: ERA 5<sup>th</sup> class, JA Baillies, RCNVR, son of Mrs Flora Baillies, Victoria, and late JA Baillies, recently promoted. Born here in 1923, he attended South Park & Victoria High Schools, and was a shipyard worker here before his naval course in 1942.

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V/February 13, 1944, 3: photo, J27779 Flight Lieutenant Alastair Cormack reported missing following recent air operations over Germany. Son of Alan Cormack, Victoria, he was born in Scotland, educated in Ocean Falls & Vancouver, and has been with Bomber Command since 1943. He joined Canadian Scottish early in 1940 and transferred to RCAF in 1941. March 7, 3: photo, now Prisoner of War #3301, word received by his father. April 19, 3: Cormack's father, Alan, heard from fellow prisoner's father [Warrant Officer Chambers, RAF]...

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February 13, 1944, 3: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Mrs Mary Ella Macabe, 74, born nee Beaven in Pictou, Nova Scotia, she came here at age 18 [occupied the same



house in James Bay for 50 years]. Her father was a carriage maker here. In 1894 she married Thomas Brennan Macabe, who was superintendent of lithographing in The Daily Colonist for 30 years. He died in 1917. She leaves son. P 093/094 E U

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V/February 13, 1944, 6: photo, Lieutenant Nursing Sister Marjorie Thomas, daughter of David O & Winifred Thomas, Victoria, BC, has recently arrived overseas.

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V/February 13, 1944, 6: photo, Dorinda Bowen-Colthurst, Acting Leading Wren, daughter of Captain John Bowen-Colthurst, of Sooke, joined Wrens 1943, and is now stationed in England. She was born at Sooke, educated at Strathcona Lodge & Shawnigan Lake Schools.

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V/February 13, 1944, 6: photo, Lieutenant Nursing Sister Gladys K Foster, now attached to 14<sup>th</sup> Canadian General Hospital in Italy. She graduated from Esquimalt High School in 1938 and graduated from Royal Jubilee Hospital in 1941. She joined RCAMC [Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps] at Work Point Military Hospital and was attached to Nanaimo Military Hospital before going overseas in 1943. She left England for Italy, when her ship was torpedoed in the Mediterranean. Another Victoria girl, Lieutenant Nursing Sister Wendy Benson, was on the same ship. The nurses had to clamber up 60 feet of scramble net to the rescue ship in a rough sea with enemy planes overhead. They are not very far from the front lines in Italy and see considerable action. She is the daughter of WH Foster, Vancouver, who resided in Victoria until 2 years ago.

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V/February 15, 1944, 3: Private Alfred Austin Burton, PPCLI, injured in December, 1943 in Italy, is now in an English hospital. Husband of Violet Alma Burton, father of 2

daughters.

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V/February 15, 1944, 3: photo, Chief Petty Officer Percy Swetnam, RCN, with 20 years' service, recently promoted. Born in England, resident of Victoria since 1912, attending Oaklands School. He enlisted in the permanent navy in 1924, and had served on most destroyers until outbreak of war. Married, he and his wife, Margaret [Hunter, RN] live at Westholme Hotel. Son of William W Swetnam, Cordova Bay, BC.

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February 15, 1944, 12: died February 13 at Victoria, BC, John Ralph, 89, born in Cornwall, England, resident here 42 years. Leaves widow, 3 sons, 3 daughters. L 012 E A

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V/February 16, 1944, 3: Squadron Leader EW Ted Blenkinsop, son of Hubert W & Winsome Blenkinsop. Ted earned his wings in 1940, served as navigation instructor in Canada and New Zealand until November, 1942, and went to Africa last July.

April 21, 2: photo, Distinguished Flying Cross awarded to Squadron Leader EW Blenkinsop of Victoria.

June 1, 3: photo, J3467 Squadron Leader Edward Weyman Blenkinsop, listed as missing after air operations. Son of HW Blenkinsop, Victoria, he joined RCAF in 1940, commissioned in 1941. He received Distinguished Flying Cross in 1943, for meritorious service and promoted to present rank. He has seen service in New Zealand, North Africa and over Germany.

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V/Killed February 6, 1944, R138020 Flight Sergeant Wireless Operator Allan Menzies Johnston, 25, of Victoria, BC. February 16, 3: photo, son of William B & Ethel C Johnston, Victoria, BC, born here in 1918, raised on Pender Island, he came back to the city in 1937. He enlisted in 1941 as a wireless/air gunner and took operational

training at Patricia Bay before going overseas in 1943. He has 3 brothers in service: Leading AirCraftman Robert A Johnston, RCAF, in Northern Ireland; AirCraftman1 Murray W Johnston, Calgary; Gunner Fred J Johnston, Reserve Royal Canadian Army battery here. Engaged in a training flight when the Wellington aircraft blew up and crashed near Drim, Scotland. No known grave, Runnymede War Memorial, Egham, England.

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V/February 16, 1944, 3: photo, Leading AirCraftman Donald E Porritt, son of Basil E & Jane Porritt, Victoria, has arrived safely in England. He attended Victoria High School & Victoria College, joined RCAF in 1942.

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V/February 16, 1944, 3: Leading AirCraftman Frank Bossom, Victoria airman, now RCAF transport driver. Son of Fred & Fanny Bossom, Cordova Bay, he is son-in-law of Frank Merryfield, Victoria magician. Before enlistment he was a star roller skater and appeared in many shows for serviceman. [wife, Frances Myrtle Merryfield]

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V/February 16, 1944, 3: photo, Warrant Officer Frank R Laughlin, 22, son of Francis J & Marguerite J Laughlin, Victoria, BC, soon on leave after 2 ½ years' service overseas with RCAF. He was based in Egypt and took part in the defence of Malta.

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February 16, 1944, 5: photo, died February 14 at Victoria, BC, Constable Patrick Burke, 67, RCMP, of Sidney. Born in Manitoba, he was with the force in Saskatchewan, but left the force to go into the South African War and when he returned to Canada he took up farming. He came to Victoria 8 years ago and rejoined RCMP. He was 8 when his father, then in RNWMP was fatally wounded in 1885 at Battle of Cut Knife Hill.

Patrick joined RCMP aged 18 as a trumpeter. One of 5 sons, they all joined the RCMP. Four of them were in the South African campaign and 2 in the Great War. He leaves his widow, former Minnie Wells, brother. Royal Oak Burial Park

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V/February 17, 1944, 3: photo, C16683 Pilot Officer Air Gunner Joseph Horace Addison, 21, missing since June 26, 1943, now officially presumed dead. His wife, Emily, is resident of Saanich, parents, Horace N & C Melanie Addison, of Oak Bay. He was a Victoria city police motorcycle traffic officer before enlistment in 1939, an outstanding sprinter and one of Canada's best quarter-milers. He went overseas with Canadian Forestry Corps and transferred in 1940 to RCAF. He also leaves daughter, aged 7. [see 1943]

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February 17, 1944, 3: died February 15 at Saanich, BC, Henry MacDonald Ozard, 61, born in Chatham, Ontario, resident here 25 years. His family are well known in the Victoria area, he had been a farmer. Leaves sister, brother. Family plot, T 077 E 44

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V/February 19, 1944, 3: photo, Norman L Lucas, RCNVR, 4<sup>th</sup> son of Mrs Ellen Defty, Victoria, has arrived overseas. Born and educated here, Boy's Central & Victoria High Schools, he joined in 1942. A brother, Pilot Officer Larry Lucas, RCAF, is also overseas.

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V/February 19, 1944, 3: photo, Sergeant John Reid, a Nelson, BC man, but his wife lives with her mother at 1955 St Ann Street, Oak Bay [Pugh?].

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V/February 19, 1944, 3: photo, Corporal Douglas Price, elder son of Alex J & Emma Price, Victoria, BC, who was wounded

February 5 in action in Italy. Price is with 5<sup>th</sup> Division. Formerly of Youbou, he is one of 4 brothers in uniform.

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V/February 19, 1944, 3: Missing, now officially presumed dead. Killed in action June 23, 1943 R122089 Flight Sergeant Air Gunner Gordon Leslie Tucker, 22, son of Edward & Jessie Tucker, of Saanich, BC. ?

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V/February 19, 1944, 3: died on active service, Private Robert Stewart Renfrew, RCOC, husband of Mrs Gladys M Renfrew, Saanich, BC.

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V/February 19, 1944, 12: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Norman Nimrod Folbigg, 59, of Saanich, BC. Born in England, resident here 32 years. He enlisted with 19<sup>th</sup> Ammunition Column and served in France during Great War. Leaves widow, Violet. Royal Oak Burial Park

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V/February 20, 1944, 3: About 15 soldiers and others, returning after service overseas, arrived yesterday for a month's leave: Sergeant Andrew Wyatt, son of George Wyatt, Victoria, has seen action in Africa, awarded African Star, his service of over 6 years in the army includes battle experience in North Africa last year; photo, after 2 years together overseas with RCAMC [Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps], Privates William Lloyd Davis & Robert Taylor Davis are visiting their parents, WA Davis, Victoria; photo, Victoria naval officer promoted while in command of a Fairmile sub-chaser on the east coast, Lieutenant EU Anderson, 21, son of Mrs JB Anderson, Saanich, BC. He enlisted from Victoria College in 1942, graduated from Royal Roads last Spring. His brother, Lieutenant Jack Anderson, is navigation officer on a frigate.

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V/February 20, 1944, 3: photo, Victoria

airman has arrived overseas, Sergeant John E Bath, 23, son of George Bath, Victoria. Educated at Boys' Central & Victoria High Schools. He served his time as apprentice machinist at VMD when he enlisted in 1943. His brother, AirCraftman1 Jim Bath, 19, an aero-engine mechanic, has been home on leave. Both were born here.

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V/February 20, 1944, 3: photo, Sergeant Walter Ewing, recently graduated as a pilot, now on leave with mother, Mrs AA Ewing, Oak Bay. He came here in 1940, attended Shawnigan Lake School, enlisted 1942. His father is in England.

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V/February 20, 1944, 3: photo, Trooper Leonard Rowe, 22, youngest son of Harry J & Lydia M Rowe, Victoria, who has been in England with Tank Corps as a dispatch rider. Enlisted 1940 with 5<sup>th</sup> BC Coast Brigade, he later went to Montana under Major Oliver with a Canadian paratroop contingent. He was injured in the US and spent some time in hospital, then returned to Canada. He is a brother of Sergeant Henry 'Hank' Rowe, one of Victoria's Dieppe heroes, and Sergeant Wally Rowe, RCOC Reserve. June 2, 1944, 6: Hank Rowe weds Jane Berry, daughter of Mrs Anna M Trotter, Victoria...

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V/February 20, 1944, 6: photo, Lieutenant Nursing Sister Helen F Unsworth, of Victoria, has recently arrived overseas. She is daughter of William P & Dorothy M Unsworth. Before leaving she was attached to various military hospitals in the area and Vernon.

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V/February 20, 1944, 6: photo, Sergeant Anita Polyblank, WCAC, now stationed in England. She enlisted in 1941. She attended Royal Oak & Mount View High Schools. Her mother, Mrs Katherine Clarissa Polyblank, lives at Elk Lake.

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V/February 20, 1944, 6: Royal Jubilee Hospital grad, Lieutenant Nursing Sister Hilda Rendell has arrived overseas. Her mother, Mrs CM Rendell lives in Vancouver.

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February 20, 1944, 7: photo, Harry L & Sophia Kemp celebrate 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Married in England, they came to Canada in 1911. He was with B&K Milling Co for 20 years.

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February 20, 1944, 20: died February 18 at Victoria, BC, Robert Christian Amorsen, 86, born in Denmark, resident here 58 years. He spent most of his life on the sea and served in the Great War. Leaves 3 daughters. Royal Oak Burial Park

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February 20, 1944, 20: died February 18 at Victoria, BC, Matthew Arbuckle 78, of Saanich. Born in Kilmarnock, Scotland, resident here since 1891. Leaves widow, Janet M, sister. Family plot, Royal Oak Burial Park

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V/February 20, 1944, 20: died yesterday at Victoria Military Hospital, Saanich, BC, Signaller Arthur Donald Irvine, 40, son of Mrs Mary Ann [Frederick] Steitz and late Donald Irvine. Born in Victoria, he also leaves son, sister, grandmother, Mrs Charlotte McNeill. Mountain View Cemetery, Vancouver.

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February 20, 1944, 20: died February 18 at Seattle, Washington, Mrs Eliza Harris, 88. Born in Ontario, daughter of Charles & Sarah Brown Brewster, pioneer family of Victoria, but resident of US for 35 years [married Robert Harris, 1897, Victoria]. Leaves daughter, 2 sons, siblings. Seattle

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February 20, 1944, 20: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Alice Wainwright, 78, of

Saanich, BC. Born at Lancashire, England, resident here 32 years. Leaves husband, Albert, daughter.

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February 20, 1944, 20: died at Victoria, BC, February 15 George Watkins, 83, born in England, resident here 60 years. Leaves sister. Royal Oak Burial Park

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V/February 22, 1944, 3: Cadet WJ Russell, son of Major William R [RCMP] & Mrs Jeanie Russell, Oak Bay, home on leave. With 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish, he has been overseas 2 ½ years. Educated at Duncan.

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V/February 20, 1944, 3: Flight Lieutenant J Birnie, RCAF, who was employed by Island Weavers, Victoria, before enlistment, took part in a recent attack on a pack of German submarines attempting to enter the Mediterranean. Three subs were destroyed. Birnie, a wireless/air gunner graduate, went overseas in 1942.

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Died February 20, 1944 at Vancouver, BC, Elizabeth Courtenay Johnston, 84, born in Ontario. O 067 W G

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February 22, 1944, 11: Thomas Southron, 25, of Victoria, missing from tug Marmion, near Prince Rupert. Son of George C & Edith Eliza Southron, Victoria.

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February 22, 1944, 11: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Mary Anastasia Rowan [Sister Mary Joseph-Edward], 64, born at Rawdon, Quebec she came west in 1928 and since then worked in Victoria, Kamloops and Vancouver academies. She leaves a brother, George, sister, both in Quebec. U 055 E 53

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WC/February 22, 1944, 14: died February 19 at Victoria, BC, Mrs Eliza Richards, 82, widow of Joseph Riddle Armstrong Richards, an hotelman. Born in Royal Oak,

Saanich, daughter of Edmund Austin & Amelia Rebecca Williams. They came from England on the 2<sup>nd</sup> voyage of Norman Morison. After her marriage in Victoria she lived for a time at Nanaimo and later in the Nootka area. Cremate

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V/February 22, 1944, 14: died at Victoria, BC, George Jack West, 86, born in England, resident here many years. He served overseas in the Great War with Royal Canadian Engineers. Colwood

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February 23, 1944, 11: died recently at Vancouver, BC, Helen Storey Keyworth, RN, 27, born in Cranbrook, BC, daughter of Reverend Thomas Keyworth. A brother, Melbourne, is a prisoner of war in Tokio. June 7, 14: Word has been received that Signalman Charles M Keyworth, son of Thomas Keyworth, is a prisoner of war in a Tokyo internment camp. He was injured recently in a typhoon. He served with 5<sup>th</sup> BC Coast Brigade, RCA, before going overseas. She was a 1939 grad of Royal Jubilee Hospital and well known in Victoria and Sidney. Shady Creek

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V/February 23, 1944, 12: died February 21 at Victoria, BC, George Taylor, 57, born in Scotland, resident here 26 years. Leaves widow, Margaret, 2 daughters, 2 sons, siblings. He was a veteran of the Great War. Royal Oak Burial Park

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V/JT/WC/February 23, 1944, 14: Private George John Gill, son of Mrs Alma Gill, of Alberni, and Private David William Vanstone, whose wife, Evelyn M, lives at Campbell River, BC, has died of wounds suffered in Italy. Private Harry T Vanstone, also of Campbell River, was recently wounded in Italy. All are listed with a BC regiment.

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V/February 23, 1944, 14: Flight Lieutenant

Robert Stanley Ballantyne, DFM [Distinguished Flying Medal], RAF, missing after air operations February 21, word received by Dr John Sturdy at Victoria. Stationed as an instructor at Patricia Bay for some months before returning to active duty last year. He was known to many in Victoria. Before his posting here he had been on 38 raids as air gunner. He was in France and Dunkerque.

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V/February 23, 1944, 14: Gunner Cyril E Sid Galt wounded in action in Italy February 12, son of AE Galt, Saanich, BC. Educated at Tillicum School, he enlisted February 12 and went overseas last summer.

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V/February 23, 1944, 14: Cadet David Allen, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment, has recently returned to Victoria from 2 ½ years' overseas service, to take officers' training. He is spending leave with his mother, Mrs CA Boyd, Oak Bay. A brother, Sergeant Wireless/Air Gunner John Allen, RCAF, whose wife, Agnes, and baby live at Oak Bay also, recently returned from overseas and is taking an officer's course in Ontario, and another, Able Seaman Pat Allen, RCNVR, is serving on a Fairmile based here. March 5, 3: photo, Warrant Officer 2 John A Allen, recently promoted to that rank overseas. Victoria-born he attended Shawnigan Lake & Cobble Hill Schools.

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V/February 24, 1944, 3: Flying Officer L Keith Firth, RCAF, has arrived overseas. Son of Louis & Mary Firth, educated at Sir James Douglas & Victoria High Schools & Victoria College, he joined RCAF ground crew section in 1937 and was an instructor for a year before remustering to air crew 18 months ago. A brother, Leading AirCraftman Jack Firth, is also in RCAF. Cousins, Sergeant Jimmy Firth, RCAF overseas, and L Douglas Firth, RCN, are sons of Mrs Winifred Firth, also of Victoria.

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V/February 24, 1944, 3: Sergeant-Major Walter W Hall, RCAMC [Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps], on leave with Victoria family, having crossed Canada on a troop train as medical attendant. In that capacity he has made 26 voyages to England and back on troop ships in over 2 years. Son of a pioneer Victoria druggist, he was a druggist before enlisting.

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V/February 24, 1944, 3: photo, Cadet D Heinekey, has returned from England after 2 1/2 years service overseas, now on leave visiting parents, Gordon Patrick & Lily Heinekey, Victoria. He enlisted in Canadian Scottish Regiment at the outbreak of war. Born on Salt Spring Island. Brother, Victoria-born: George, RCA; Pat, RCA, overseas. Their father served in Boer War, 1906 Zulu War, Great War, when he was commissioned in the field.

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V/February 24, 1944, 3: missing on active service since July 25, 1943, now officially presumed dead. Formerly of Kelowna, he joined PPCLI in Victoria in 1938, transferred to RAF after going to England early in the war. A sister, Joan, is in CWAC, a brother, AVH, is at Trail. Killed in action July 25, 1943, 155751 Pilot Officer Pilot Anthony Agar, 25, RAF, of Victoria, BC. August 5, 11: official confirmation of the death of Agar. No known grave name inscribed on Runnymede War Memorial Egham, England.

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WC/February 24, 1944, 3: photo, died suddenly yesterday at Brentwood, BC, Lawrence Christopher Hagan, 71. Born 1872 in Victoria, he was taken to the old MacPhail place when he was 6 months old and lived all his life on the same farm. He was highly respected in Saanich... The Hagan farm was recently sold except for 10 acres on which Hagan and his 2 sisters

planned to retire. Oldest farm in Saanich... He leaves 4 sisters: Misses Rose & Helen at home; Mrs HC Lovick; and Sister Mary Lucretia, St Ann's Academy.

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February 24, 1944, 13: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Mrs Eliza Graham Ely, 90, born in Clonfeacle, County Tyrone, Ireland, resident here 60 years. She was married in 1889 at Victoria by late Bishop Cridge. Widow of Robert Frederick Ely [engaged on CPR construction when Port Moody was the terminus. Sole surviving daughter of late Thomas & Sarah Graham, sister of Richard Graham, of Parson's Bridge. She leaves 2 sons, at Victoria. February 25, 11: photo. Family plot, G 049 W 15

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February 24, 1944, 13: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Miss Edith Renfree, 58, born in Nevada, US, resident here 57 years. Leaves 2 brothers, sister. Family plot, B 044 E 38

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V/February 24, 1944, 13: died February 18 at Victoria, BC, George Jack West, 85, resident of Victoria for many years. He served overseas in the Great War with Royal Canadian Engineers. Colwood

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V/February 24, 1944, 13: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Matilda Ward, 79, born in Liverpool, England, resident here 33 years. Leaves 2 sons, 2 daughters. A son, Frank M, was in the air force and killed in Great War.

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V/February 24, 1944, 16: photo, award of Czecho-Slovak Military Cross to Commodore William BL Holms, RCN, of View Royal, BC...

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V/February 25, 1944, 3: photo, Lieutenant Victor Campbell Moore, 26, reported missing in action of the Italian front February 13. Son of Lieutenant-Colonel Frederick WL & Mrs Ruby Moore, Saanich.

Commissioned in Canadian Scottish Regiment, he is an exchange officer serving with Seaforth Regiment. He was studying for BA at UBC, when, at the outbreak of war he joined the Scottish as a private. He returned to UBC to finish his course, then rejoined and received his commission. He went overseas in 1941. As a school boy in Victoria he was a prominent athlete, [Oak Bay Wanderers]. April 25, 3: photo, now listed as Prisoner of War, he had been wounded in the leg & foot and was still in hospital, but doing well and expected to be out soon. First word of him was received April 23.

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V/February 25, 1944, 3: Leonard George Coverdale, 18, son of John H & Alice Coverdale, Victoria, has joined the army. Grad of Victoria High School last year. A brother, Able Seaman Frank Coverdale, 21, has been in RCN several years, including a 2-year period overseas. Now with combined operations at Comox.

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V/February 25, 1944, 8: died February 18, R138495 Corporal Lorne Emerson Dixon, 21, of Victoria. Born and educated at Victoria, son of Orin W & Elena B Dixon, he also leaves 2 sisters and maternal grandparents [James Johnson] at Victoria. A motor mechanic with marine division, RCAF. Drowned when he fell into the harbour while returning to his marine craft at Pubnico, Nova Scotia. Royal Oak Burial Park

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V/February 26, 1944, 3: Captain William Hall, MC, RCE, 35, son of William Hall, Victoria, has lost a foot due to high explosive wounds received in Italy on December 3, 1943. In 1940 he secured a transfer to Royal Engineers and went to England. Posted to 8<sup>th</sup> Army in Egypt he served throughout the North African & Sicilian campaigns as a staff officer. He

gained his MC in Sicily. He is a bachelor of science graduate from UBC.

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V/February 26, 1944, 3: Squadron Leader Gerald W Bell, Distinguished Flying Cross, RCAF, is the only navigator in RCAF Bomber Group overseas to be appointed flight commander son of HE Bell, Victoria, his wife, F Margaret, lives in Oak Bay. February 29, 5: photo. He is doing his 2<sup>nd</sup> tour of operations...

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JT/V/February 26, 1944, 3: photo, Courtenay airman recently awarded Distinguished Flying Cross for destruction of a U-boat while serving as navigator of his aircraft. Son of RL Matthews, Courtenay, born at Alert Bay, he enlisted 1941, shortly after matriculating. He went overseas in 1942, posted to Coastal Command and commissioned. His great-grandfather, John Matthews came to Victoria in 1867, and his grandfather, John Paul Matthews, operated a grocery in 1892 at the junction of Government & Douglas Streets.

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V/February 26, 1944, 3: Warrant Officer2 Harold MacLean, 28, RCAF, is returning from England on medical leave. Another brother, Samuel MacLean, 30, was recently honourably discharged from RCAF and is now with Dept of Munitions & Supply. He is a UBC grad. Harold was educated at Victoria High School & Victoria College. Both are Victoria born.

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Marine/V/February 26, 1944, 8: photo, died February 24 at Victoria, BC, Captain John Arnold Philipsen, 68, born in Copenhagen. He choose the sea as a career early in life and served his apprenticeship in sail aboard Danish & British ships, later working up through the various grades of seamanship to master status. Forsaking sail for steam, although he always spoke of the good old sailing ship days, he became identified with

the Blue Funnel Line, operating between England & the Far East. It was while in that service that he saw an opportunity to better himself in a shoreside capacity with shipping and he embarked in the stevedoring business, operating mainly in Yokohama, Japan. His business was pretty well disrupted in the great earthquake there in the 1920s. He had many graphic tales to tell of what happened when the quake and fire laid the city waste and took a heavy toll of life.

Leaving there in the late 1920s he relocated to Victoria. Unable to sever all association with the sea he took on position as assistant harbourmaster and also coached young mariners for deck officer certificates. It was while connected with the harbourmaster's office that he, with other kindred spirits, formed the Thermopylae Club, to perpetuate memories of sailing ship days. He also was a noted builder of sailing ship models, this hobby being responsible for a number of miniature replicas of famous clipper craft. During his time here he also became interested in the Navy League and Rainbow Sea Cadets... It was no great surprise to him when the current war started. Although well entitled to sit back and let the younger men offer their services, it wasn't long before he was at sea, delivering ships from this coast to Australia and England. Subsequently he was attached to the RCAF at Patricia Bay, where he gave instruction in navigation to airmen, and for a time managed Prince Robert House. All in all, one could not do better than quote Shakespeare - he was a man. He leaves his widow, Emily Annie, at Oak Bay, BC, a son, Squadron Leader Arnold Piers, RAF, now a prisoner of war in Germany, daughter. February 29, 5: funeral from St Mary's Church, 200 lads of all ranks parading in uniform, they lined up on the street and steps of the church, while 10 of the blue-jacketed lads served as an escort detail, meeting the funeral cortege on Oak Bay Avenue. The cadets accompanied the

remains to Royal Oak Burial Park, where a bugler of the corps sounded Last Post.

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V/February 29, 1944, 11: 3 Victoria soldiers who went overseas together in 1941 with 62<sup>nd</sup> Light AA Battery graduated together as lieutenants recently in Llandiadrod Wells, Wales. Lieutenant Victor H Eaton, 23, youngest son of R Eaton, Victoria, BC, ; Ronald W Edmonds, 22, only son of Percy J & Frances L Edmonds, Victoria, BC, and Lieutenant Adrian Stone, 24, only son of Mrs B Stone, Oak Bay. Eaton & Stone, together since 1941, have been posted now to the same battalion. It is not known if Edmonds is also in that unit. He enlisted in 1939, in 5<sup>th</sup> BC Coast Brigade and later transferred to 62<sup>nd</sup> Battery. Eaton was educated at Boys' Central & Victoria High Schools and Victoria College. Edmonds was educated at the same schools. Stone was educated at Cranleigh House & Monterey and Oak Bay High Schools. Edmonds went overseas as a sergeant, the others as privates. Photo, Eaton.

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February 29, 1944, 12: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, John Francis Dawson, 61, born at South Saanich, resident here all his life. Leaves wife, Catharine P, son, mother, Mrs Mary Anderson, brother, sister. March 4, 4: funeral... Royal Oak Burial Park

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V/February 27, 1944, 3: photo, Leading Steward Wilfred D Price, RCNR, has served over 4 years' naval service, arrived safely overseas last week. His wife and parents reside at Victoria. Enlisting in 1940 he was posted to HMCS Prince Robert, and was aboard when she captured the German freighter Weser in South American waters in 1940. He has 2 brothers also serving: Lieutenant RA Price and Sub-Lieutenant Byron Price, RCNVR on the east coast.

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V/February 27, 1944, 3: photo, now listed as



prisoner of war in Germany, J87474 Staff Sergeant Air Gunner John Fraser, RCAF, son of Mrs HC Fraser, of Victoria, reported missing while on air operations over Europe. Born in Prince Rupert, educated at Sir James Douglas & Victoria High Schools, and Brentwood College. [Prisoner of War #270032]

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V/February 27, 1944, 5: photo, Flight Sergeant Edward de Blaquiére, RCAF, Victoria airman, son of Mrs Julia de Blaquiére, Victoria, BC, writes of the condition of the Italian people...

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ChHx/February 27, 1944, 5: photo, Mah Waylson, 74, has worked 38 years at Royal Jubilee Hospital. Known as Jim, he is shown at his own particular task, ironing the starched caps of hospital attendants. He has lived in Victoria for so many years that he doesn't quite remember how many. At first he worked for a Dr Hazell and in 1906 he joined the hospital staff. He went to China 3 years ago to see his wife and family of 3 sons, 4 daughters, since then he has heard no news of them.

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V/February 27, 1944, 11: photos, Flight Lieutenant Frederick Walter Shorrock, RCAF, attached to RAF, has been a prisoner of war in Germany for almost 3 years. His parents, Walter Walmsley & Fanny McIlveen Shorrock have recently received a current photo. Writing to his parents he stated that were it not for Red Cross food parcels the men would suffer from lack of essential food. He attended Oak Bay & Victoria High Schools. He was reported missing in July, 1941. A brother, Sergeant Observer WH Shorrock, has also been prisoner of war for 2 years. Their father is sanitary inspector at Saanich.

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February 27, 1944, 18: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Marie Louis Francois, 81, she

was born in France, resident here 30 years. She leaves son, Lieutenant John Francois, RCNS.

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V/February 29, 1944, 3: Sergeant Leonard E Stevens, RCAF, wireless air gunner, has arrived in Britain. Son of Percy H & Isabella Stevens, Victoria. Born and educated here he attended Burnside, Central Junior & Victoria High Schools. He enlisted 1941.

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WC/February 29, 1944, 4: death of Leonard Frank, of Vancouver, removes a figure widely known in BC. For many years until his retirement he specialized in industrial photography. His photos of BC logging, mining, fishing and other scenes were celebrated, and they have appeared all over the world. The cut files of this newspaper and others in BC bear eloquent testimony to the art and industry of a man who was a patient, tireless craftsman and a master of his calling.

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V/February 29, 1944, 12: died February 23 at Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia, Mary Patricia Giles, 33, wife of Lieutenant FC Giles, RCNVR, and only daughter of Francis & Margaret Hawkins, of Saanich. She also leaves brother. Royal Oak Burial Park

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February 29, 1944, 12: died February 27 at Vancouver, BC, Cecil Ray Robinson, born 1903 in Victoria, son of Dr Alexander & Mrs Robinson, Saanich. He also leaves wife, 2 children, brother, Major H Robinson, 5 sisters.

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February 29, 1944, 12: died February 25 at Los Angeles, California, William Richmond, 86. Born in Yorkshire, England, he came to Victoria in 1882. Leaves widow, daughter, 7 sons. Los Angeles.

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V/March 1, 1944, 3: Corporal Ronald Rolla,

RCAMC [Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps], is on sick leave at his Saanich home with his wife. He has been in England with 12<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance since 1942.

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V/March 1, 1944, 3: Flight Officer Gray Pearse, 23, son of Charles & Marion H Pearse, Oak Bay, has written to them from North Africa, where he is stationed with an RAF squadron. He mentioned that he had met Flight Lieutenant Percy Greenway, another Oak Bay man, not long ago in Algiers. Pearse has been overseas 2 years, half of that time in Africa.

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V/March 1, 1944, 3: photo, Lieutenant Robert E Bobby Moss has returned overseas after officer training. His wife, Ella, resides at Victoria. First overseas in 1942, he came back to Canada with rank of sergeant. Educated at Cloverdale & Mount View High Schools, he was employed with Dept of Lands here. Royal Canadian Army Service Corps

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March 1, 1944, 12: died February 28 at Victoria, BC, Mrs Frances Josephine Clarke, 91, born 1852, nee MacWilliams in Saint John, NB, resident here since 1890. Leaves 2 sons, 3 daughters. March 4, 13: photo. Her memories dated back to visit of future King Edward VII, and the US Civil War. March 4: 13, full obituary. Family plot, O 083/084 W O

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March 1, 1944, 12: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Ruther C Wilson, 71, born in Victoria, son of late Alexander & Mary Wilson, pioneer residents. He attended Victoria High School. Was sole proprietor of A&W Wilson, plumbers and tinsmiths. Leaves widow, Bertha Agnes Hartley Wilson, 2 daughters, son, 4 sisters, 2 brothers. H 079 W27

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V/March 2, 1944, 2: died yesterday at

Victoria, BC, Mrs Erica Isabel Fensham, 65, of Saanich, BC, born in Somerset, England, resident here since 1911. Leaves husband, Henry L, daughter, Lieutenant-Colonel Joan Kennedy, CWAC, and a son, Colin Oswald. Cremate

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V/March 2, 1944, 3: photo, RCN Lieutenant John M Mac Leeming, 32, Oak Bay, BC, serving on a warship escorting convoys in the Atlantic. He is eager for transfer to the Pacific. He was with the Shanghai Municipal Police from 1934 to 1940. [son of Gordon & Elizabeth Leeming]

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March 2, 1944, 3: photo, died February 29 at Victoria, BC, William H Gardiner, 84, son of Captain & Mrs John Allan Gardiner, who arrived here in 1856. He was born in Fort Victoria in 1859. When CPR construction began he went to Yale and was with stores dept of Onderdonk organization... On completion of the railway he made an inventory of all equipment, he then worked with CPR starting at Haney.. and retired in 1920...

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WC/March 2, 1944, 5: 90 whales taken by Consolidated Whaling Co vessels last year...

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JT/V/R138002 Warrant Officer 2 Pilot John David Owen, of Comox, BC, killed in action March 2, 1944. May 2, 4: son of PL Owen, Victoria, listed as missing in 870<sup>th</sup> casualty list released yesterday. Missing over Holland during a night operation to Berlin. Buried at Tubbergen, Overijssel, Holland.

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V/March 3, 1944, 3: Staff-Sergeant Gregor McKenzie, RCOC, and Gunner Kenneth McKenzie, RCA, sons of HW McKenzie, Langford, are both in Italy. Gregor enlisted in 1939, left here 1940 and went to Mediterranean 1943. His brother joined a light ack-ack battery in 1942, went overseas last year, and was sent to Italy.

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V/March 3, 1944, 3: Flight Officer Cyril P Axhorn, RCAF, Victoria-born veteran of many raids over Germany, has returned to Canada and is expected in Victoria soon with his English wife. Son of Charles & Susan H Axhorn. Trained as an observer, he has been overseas 3+ years. March 7, 6: photo.

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V/March 3, 1944, 4: poem, 'Alick', written by father, Roger Humphries... May 28, 5: missing since September, 1943, is officially presumed dead, according to word received by his mother, Mrs AJ Humphries, View Royal, BC. He enlisted in a tank unit in 1941, transferred to RCAF in 1942 and took his aircrew training in England. Victoria-born he attended Sir James Douglas & Victoria High Schools. His wife, Betty, and son live in Saanich. [R225311 Sergeant Air Gunner Alick Victor Douglas Humphries, 22, of Victoria, BC. See 1943]

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March 3, 1944, 6: wedding described of Victoria Kathleen, younger daughter of Mrs E Redgrave, and late Inspector Stroud Lincoln Redgrave, to Corporal Francis H Dover-Masters, RAF, 2<sup>nd</sup> son of Henry H Dover-Masters, of Bassett, England...

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March 3, 1944, 11, 13: died suddenly yesterday at Victoria, BC, James Ogden Grahame, 92, born 1850 at HBC, son of late James Allan Grahame and his 1<sup>st</sup> wife, Susan Birnie, chief factor, at Fort Vancouver, now Vancouver, Washington. It is believed he was named for Peter Skene Ogden... After schooling abroad, he joined HBC in 1866, and rose in 1870 to be chief factor. After his mother's death, Graham Sr married Mary Work in 1860. They lived for some time at Allandale, on part of the Hillside Work estate... Cremate, T 031 W 46.

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V/March 3, 1944, 14: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Commander John Stobart Hincks, 59, born in Yorkshire, England. He trained on the old Britannia, he was a reservist living in BC when the Great War began. Called up, he served in RN and after Armistice returned to Canada. He leaves his widow at Saanich, brother, 4 sisters.

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V/WC/March 5, 1944, 2: photo, R92088 Flight Sergeant Pilot Harry Edward Mayer, RCAF now officially presumed dead in air action June 29, 1943. Son of Mr & Mrs HG Mayer, Parksville, formerly of Sidney & Victoria. Born in Alberni, educated in Australia and India. He enlisted in 1941. An aunt, Mrs Josephine B Beckerleg, is resident of Oak Bay.

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V/March 5, 1944, 3: photo, Gunner Blanshard, grandson of Mrs Henry Pike, of Langford. Fred attended Langford School for a time. His parents now live in Edmonton. He joined US Navy shortly after Pearl Harbor, now serving as gunner on a US merchant ship.

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V/March 5, 1944, 3: photo, Sergeant Wireless Air Gunner John Dixon Southwell, 18, son of Captain Arthur Southwell, RCOC, and Mrs Henrietta Southwell, of Saanich. Enlisted 1942.

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V/March 5, 1944, 3: photo, Coder WT Collier, 19, son of Allan W & Margaret Collier, Victoria, BC, on active service with RCN. He attended Victoria High School.

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V/March 5, 1944, 3: Private Jim Murdoch, 21, Lorne Scots Regiment, son of William & Mary Murdoch, Ruby Road, Saanich. He attended Mount Newton High School when his family was living at Tod Inlet. He enlisted in RCOC 2 years ago...

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V/March 5, 1944, 3: photo, Sergeant Pilot

Mervin Walter Howden, who suffered an accident overseas last year and arrived in Canada is expected in Victoria soon. His wife, Margaret Elizabeth, resides here with her mother, Mrs M Genevieve Brady. He is at present in the RCAF hospital at Ottawa.

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V/March 5, 1944, 4: Acrostic containing names of 26 Victoria men who served in the Boer War, of whom 3 are alive today. Written by late Thomas Harman in 1900, he was a former deep-sea diver, well known here...

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V/March 5, 1944, 8: Leading AirWoman Jane Hutchings, RCAF, now on leave with her mother, Mrs CB Ford, Oak Bay, from her station at PEI. She is a driver and has been in service for 2 years. Her brother, Graeme, is serving with RCAF in England.

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V/March 5, 1944, : Wren Geraldine Paterson, stationed at HMCS Stadacona, Halifax, with communications branch of WRCNS. She is on leave now with her mother, Mrs Mabel [Peter H] Paterson, Victoria.

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V/March 5, 1944, 8: a dietitian with RCAF, AirWoman1 'Babe' Sampson, now on leave with parents Mr & Mrs JE Harris, of Victoria. Her husband is a wireless air gunner stationed at Guelph, Ontario.

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V/March 5, 1944, 8: en route to Victoria is Rita Brown, 24, she has the distinction of probably being the 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian girl to help bring down a Nazi plane. She served in England with ATS and her gun downed a Dornier bomber which crashed close to her gunpit. She has been discharged due to ill-health. March 12, 10, returned home...

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V/March 5, 1944, 9: photo, Leading Seaman Geoffrey Charles Neville, HMCS Kenogami, writes to Saanich parents

[Geoffrey C & Mary Batt Neville] of rescue of himself and shipmates from a torpedoed vessel... He attended Tillicum School. The Nevilles are a military family. His father was at Gallipoli with the British Army in the Great War. Mrs Neville has served in both wars. When her younger son, Gunner Arthur Edward Neville, joined up and went to Alaska, later to the Italian front, she joined CWAC, after 2 years she obtained her discharge because of her husband's ill health.

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V/March 5, 1944, 14: photo, Flying Officer Stan 'Busher' Jackson on leave in Victoria. He joined RCAF in 1942. He played for Victoria Dominoes when they won the Canadian senior cage crown in 1939 and was with them for 4 seasons. He later played for Montreal Oilers. He is 2<sup>nd</sup> son of IW Percy & Annie C Jackson, and has 2 other brothers in the services, Rex, RCAF overseas, Allan, petty officer, RCNR in eastern Canada.

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WC/V/March 5, 1944, 15: Sooke fisherman found dead aboard his salmon troller 3 miles south of Nitinat... Died suddenly March 3 on his boat, Mermaid, Cecil Roy Randall, 53. Born in England, resident of Victoria and Otter Point 31 years. Leaves mother, Mrs FH Randall, daughter, 2 sons, siblings. Member of the Marine Engineers' Assn and a veteran of Great War. March 8, 5: inquest... Saseenos Cemetery

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March 5, 1944, 20: died February 28 at Saskatchewan, Mrs Laura Ellen Oliver, 70, born in Victoria. Leaves husband, Len, daughter, sisters, brother [Copeland]. Cremate

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V/March 7, 1944, 2: photo, Victoria born and schooled, Lieutenant-Colonel Cyril Houlton Neroutsos, 39, in command of a Canadian armored regiment, has been

awarded DSO. Son of Captain Cyril D & Mrs Ada Neroutsos, of Victoria, husband of Mrs Edythe Wilson Neroutsos, and 3 sons, who live in Vancouver. He attended Kingston Street, Victoria High & Collegiate Schools. He won a CPR scholarship at McGill and studied engineering there. He joined the army in 1939... [details of DSO included]

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V/March 7, 1944, 2: Victoria-born [1921], Lieutenant John Francis Wallace, Canadian Armored Corps, has been awarded Military Cross. He enlisted 1939. His mother, Mrs EE Wallace, now resides at Barrie, Ontario. [citation included]

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V/March 7, 1944, 3: photo, Bruce McDowall, son of CP McDowall, Victoria, BC, went overseas with 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish, in 1939, and has been on active service ever since. He attended Sir James Douglas School and before the war was on the clerical staff, Empress Hotel. Yesterday his father received the Canadian Efficiency Medal. His father is a veteran of Boer & Great Wars.

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V/March 7, 1944, 3: Flight Sergeant Joseph Bertram Spark, 26, is now Prisoner of War in Germany, according to word received by his parents, Gerry & Barbara Spark, after they had been informed earlier that he was missing. Educated at Tillicum & Mount View High Schools. He enlisted 1940. Spark, JB, Warrant Officer2, R157607, Prisoner of War#1081, Victoria. April 30, 3: photo, Petty Officer Gerald G Spark, RCN, of Saanich, enlisted 1939, served on minesweepers, patrol vessels and auxiliary cruisers.

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JT/V/March 7, 1944, 3: Private George Harry Seville, serving with a BC regiment in Italy, was recently wounded. Son of George & Sophie Pielle Seville, Squirrel Cove,

Cortes Island. [GH Seville died 1985, Quadra Island]

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V/March 7, 1944, 3: killed February 29, J26289 Flying Officer Navigator George Lindley Muskett, 31, born at Victoria, educated at old Collegiate School. Son of Henry Joseph Salisbury & Winnifred Janet Walker Muskett, now of Vancouver, and his aunt, Mrs AD [Marjorie] Muskett, Victoria. His father was private secretary at Government House for 24 years [1904-1926], his eldest brother, James, and another, Arthur, is with BC Police at Port Alice. His also has 2 sisters. March 16, 5: photo. He was the great-grandson of late Sir Henry & Lady Crease, of Victoria. [married Joan Elizabeth Richardson, 1941, Vancouver] Halifax aircraft fell out of the clouds, out of control, and crashed at a farm near Bronhton, Yorkshire. Buried in Stonefall Cemetery, Harrogate, England.

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V/March 7, 1944, 6: photo, Private MM Pinnington, CWAC, recently arrived overseas. She enlisted in 1941, attached as a stenographer to Victoria Military Hospital. Daughter of Mrs Alice Cramsie, Pinnington & late William Pinnington, Victoria, BC..

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Marine/March 7, 1944, 10: died suddenly March 5 at his Victoria home, Captain Douglas Brown, 75, born in Waltham, England, he came to BC in 1890, where he was associated with CPN and later with CPR. After serving as captain of many local ships, his last command on this coast was Princess Alice before he transferred to Nelson in 1917, where he served as superintendent of CPR BC lake and river service until he retired in 1931, and returned to Victoria. He leaves 3 daughters. Family plot, S 015/016 E 37.

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March 7, 1944, 12: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Mary Anne Bailey, 80, born in

London, England, resident here 50+ years. Widow of HH Bailey, she leaves 4 daughters, 3 sons, sister. Family plot, B 008 W 34

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March 7, 1944, 12: died yesterday at Uplands, Oak Bay, BC, Mrs Emma Elizabeth Paterson, 79, born in St Catherine's, Ontario, resident here 50 years. Widow of ex-Lieutenant-Governor TW Paterson, she leaves adopted son, Gordon B Paterson, Victoria. Family plot, H 094 E 25.

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March 8, 1944, 3: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Mrs Elizabeth Hambleton, 77, born in England, resident here 55 years. Leaves husband, Humberson G, daughter, 2 sisters. Colwood

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March 8, 1944, 3: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Mrs Fanny Margaret Hichens Smith, 89, resident here 50+ years, born in England. Widow of Walter, she leaves 2 sons, 2 daughters.

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V/March 9, 1944, 3: Private Sidney Edward Fry, invalided home to Victoria, BC, after 2 ½ years overseas with 3<sup>rd</sup> Division Petrol Co. Son of Sidney & Effie Fry [husband of Mina]. In England he was in charge of a 70-piece band that he formed at Debert. The band played on BBC programmes and at funerals of men of the unit. Responsible for securing the instruments was Colonel JRWT Bessonette, former Victoria man, [son of Rupert & Maude Bessonette], OC of that unit. A brother, Able Seaman George Fry, RCN, is on the East Coast.

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V/March 9, 1944, 3: photo, Private Jack E Court, son of Harry & Hilda Court, of Saanich, BC. He was born in Victoria, attended Oaklands School. His wife, Alice, also resides in Saanich.

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V/March 9, 1944, 3: photo, Leading

AirCraftman John Leiper, 18, son of Mrs Marjorie Mainprice Leiper [& late John Leiper], of Saanich, BC. Born in Victoria he attended Cloverdale & Mount View Schools.

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Marine/March 9, 1944, 9: died March 7 at Victoria, BC, Augustus Charles Kick, 83, born in England, resident here 52 years. He came as an engineer on the old Empress of Japan on her maiden voyage. Later he was associated with CPR, in both ashore and aboard ships on the coast. He was also connected with Marine Iron Works, VMD and Victoria Tugboat Co. During the Great War he went to England with a group of engineers to do war work, and following this he worked with several shipping companies on the east coast and conducted a marine engineering school at Halifax. He leaves son, 2 daughters. Royal Oak Burial Park

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V/March 9, 1944, 9: youngest destroyer captain in RCN, Lieutenant-Commander Charles P Nixon, 26, of Victoria, has arrived in Britain to take his new appointment. Now to command destroyer HMS Hero, which has been handed over to Canada.

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March 9, 1944, 14: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Ronald House, 83, born in Trinity Bay, Newfoundland, resident here 24 years. Leaves 3 daughters, 2 sons, all of Victoria. Family plot, Colwood.

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V/March 9, 1944, 17: photos, son & daughter of Alex D & Marion Robertson, Saanich, BC. Art, born in Victoria and their daughter Phyllis M was born in Sidney. They attended Tillicum & Mount View Schools. Phyllis is stationed at McLeod, where she works in the bakery, she was formerly employed with McLean's Bakery here.

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V/March 10, 1944, 1: photo, Captain Victor

P Alleyne, RCN, RN retired, presented with investiture at his Esquimalt home by Lieutenant-Governor Woodward...; March 12, 7: photo.

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V/March 10, 1944, 2: photo, Last Great War air ace dies... Captain A Roy Brown...

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V/March 10, 1944, 3: Leading Aircraftman Hugh Reston, RCAF, son of Oak Bay police chief Hugh CF & Elizabeth Reston, posted to Edmonton to a navigator's course.

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WC/V/March 10, 1944, 3: recent recruit, Harold Thornton, Ucluelet

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March 10, 1944, 10: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Mrs Louise Elizabeth Langley, 73, born in San Francisco, California, resident here since 1878. Leaves husband, George F, sister, Miss Marie George. Family plot, M 074/075 E 07

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V/March 10, 1944, 10: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Walter Frederick Hislop, 59, of Oak Bay. Born in London, England, resident here 32 years. He was one of Victoria's oldest postman. He served with RAF in the Great War. Leaves wife, Amelia, daughter, son, sister. Colwood

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V/March 11, 1944, 12: two Victoria men die in same plane... They had served in the same crew since August, 1943, and had made a number of operational flights. Both came to Victoria as babies, they attended Tillicum & Mount View High Schools. March 12, 28: photos.

Killed March 3, R110015 Warrant Officer<sup>1</sup> Wireless Operator/Air Gunner Francis James Leech, 22, of Victoria, BC. Son of Sam F & Eva Leech, Saanich, his wife & son reside in Victoria. Born at Estevan, Saskatchewan. He also leaves a sister, Air Woman<sup>1</sup> Muriel Leech, RCAF, at Ottawa, and brother, William, on lighthouse tender

Estevan. Lancaster crashed near Rochester, England. Buried Stonefall Cemetery, Harrogate, England.

Killed March 3 R166685 Sergeant Bomb Aimer John Simms, 23, son of Bertram William & Elizabeth Simms, of Saanich, BC. Lancaster crashed near Rochester, England. Buried at Harrogate, Yorkshire, England.

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V/March 12, 1944, 1: promoted to Brigadier, John F Bingham, 32, son of Lieutenant-Colonel RF Bingham, a veteran of South African & Great War. John went overseas with Canadian Armored Corp and has commanded a unit since June, 1942.

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V/March 12, 1944, 2: photo, Private Norton Adamson, 27, has arrived overseas, word received by parents, Robert L & Alice Adamson, Oak Bay, BC. Born here he attended St Louis College & Collegiate School.

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V/March 12, 1944, 3: Acting Corporal Granville Pryce Thomas, wounded, son of Mrs Fred [Jennie] Peach, Oak Bay. One of 3 brothers in uniform, Leading Stoker Reginald P Thomas, who has made 9 voyages to England; Gunner Glanffridd J Thoms, Canadian Army, England, and daughter, Private Belle Ada Coburn, CWAC. She married shortly before going overseas last year.

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V/March 12, 1944, 5: photos, of Victoria Merchant Navy Men, decorated: Chief Engineer W Neilson, OBE [Officer of the Order of the British Empire], Engineer Officer WB Harris, MBE [Member of the Order of the British Empire], for stopping the main engines of a CPR vessel sunk in the Mediterranean before coming on deck, preventing the spread of fire among

lifeboats; Engineer Officer EE Stewart, MBE [Member of the Order of the British Empire], [same as Harris]

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V/March 12, 1944, 17: photo, J88532//R158392 Pilot Officer Bomb Aimer William Latham Alder, 20, killed in action February 25, Lancaster aircraft missing while engaged in operations against Schweinfurt, Germany. Born and educated in Saskatchewan, his parents moved to Victoria 2 years ago. He enlisted on his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, 1942 and went overseas in 1943. Buried in Durnbach War Cemetery, Germany.

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V/March 12, 1944, 17: photo, Flight Lieutenant Frank H Mylrea, Distinguished Flying Cross, on leave with parents, Reginald D & Violet Mylrea, in Saanich, BC...; June 6, 7: photos, Warrant Officer Reginald Mylrea, 27, joined RCN 3 years before outbreak of war, and has seen varied duties in Canada, England and on the Atlantic. He is now a physical training instructor on the East Coast; Stoker Russell Mylrea was lost at sea when HMCS Margaree went down. He had been in RCN months prior to war; & Sergeant Douglas Mylrea, 29, Royal Canadian Army, has spent 4 years in the army and is now serving in Italy. Sister, Phyllis is with RCAF, Women's Division. Mylrea family came to Victoria 4 years ago from Regina, where the father was in business. June 6, 11: photo, AirWoman1 P Mylrea, while stationed with RCAF, at Boundary Bay is employed in the flying control tower. Last all she enlisted as a wireless operator and recently transferred to this branch. A Victoria girl, she was with HBC as a cashier before joining up.

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Bldg/March 14, 1944, 2: photo, Kinsmen home, corner Oak Bay Avenue & St Patrick

Street, Oak Bay [2323 Oak Bay Avenue]... Raffle, full description of house...; March 26, 5...; April 4, 7: photo, home now open for inspection...; April 16, 1; 2: Mrs Dorothy McVie, wife of Petty Officer Thomas McVie, winner of home. He is at Royal Roads Naval College... April 18, 10, photo, receives key to new home...

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V/March 14, 1944, 3: photo, Wrangham Eric Pickering, RCN, born at Victoria, recently promoted chief petty officer. Serving aboard HMCS Prince Robert. [died 1976, Fisheries Officer]

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V/March 14, 1944, 3: photo, Flying Officer Observer Colin Finlayson, RCAF Mosquito squadron, England. Son of Forbes L & Elizabeth Finlayson, Victoria, he has been in many operations over Europe since going overseas in 1942. His pilot is an American. They recently flew over Paris and shot down 3 German aircraft.

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V/March 14, 1944, 3: Sergeant Charles Leslie Leedam, 28, previously reported missing in Italy, is now reported killed in action. His parents, Charles Wilman & Jessie Halford Leedam, live in Courtenay, his wife at Haslemere, England. He was with a BC regiment.

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March 14, 1944, 7: Mrs D MacLoud re-elected president of Royal Jubilee Hospital Alumnae...; March 17, 7: photo...

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March 14, 1944, 12: died March 11 at Victoria, BC, Frederick Charles Dillabough, 61, born in Keewatin, Ontario, resident here 40 years. Royal Oak Burial Park

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March 14, 1944, 12: died suddenly at Oak Bay, BC, George Cameron Howell, 68, born in England, resident here 48 years. Leaves



wife, Roberta.

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V/March 14, 1944, 12: died suddenly at Saanich, BC, William Henry Lee, 60, born in Shropshire, England, resident here since 1943. A veteran of Great War, he served with 30<sup>th</sup> Battalion. Leaves wife, Margaret, daughter, 6 sisters. Royal Oak Burial Park

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March 14, 1944, 12: died March 11 at Victoria, BC, William Henry Newham, 88, of Parsons Bridge. Born in Ottawa, resident here 35 years. Leaves wife, Agnes Annie, 3 sons, daughter. Colwood.

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V/March 14, 1944, 12: died March 10 at Victoria, BC, Richard Simpson Oliver, 66, of Happy Valley, born in Yorkshire, England, resident here 30 years. He was a veteran of South African War. Leaves widow, Margaret, 2 sons, daughter. Colwood

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V/March 16, 1944, 5: photo, Lieutenant Adrian B Sanderson, RCNVR, whose wife, Eleanor, resides in Oak Bay, graduated from UBC in civil engineering. He enlisted 1941 and has served 1 ½ years on ships engaged in convoy escort.

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V/March 16, 1944, 5: photo, J9365 Squadron Leader Pilot Howard Elsey, 27, killed February 24, 1944, in flying operations over Grottaglio, Italy. Son of Percy & Sarah F Elsey, Oyster River, BC. Born in Vancouver, he was with BC Forest Service before enlistment. He attended UBC and studied forestry economics at University of Washington. Overseas 2 years, he was promoted this year. His wife resides at Edmonton. Marauder aircraft's port engine cut out during an air test. It crashed at the airdrome. Buried in Bari War Cemetery, Bari, Italy.

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V/March 16, 1944, 5: photos, Sub-Lieutenant DB Perrins, RCNVR, of Victoria, who was serving onboard HMCS Goderich when it rescued 44 survivors of a torpedoed tanker in the North Atlantic has been praised by Captain. Also praised is Sub-Lieutenant JC Finlay, RCNVR, of Victoria. Details have just been released, though the incident occurred a year ago.

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V/March 16, 1944, 5: AE Akenhead, son of Wilfred E & Isabelle Akenhead, Victoria, promoted captain while serving with a Canadian armoured division in Italy. He went overseas 3 years ago with Canadian Forestry Corps. Born at Ladysmith, he attended Normal School here. A brother, Flight Sergeant Charles Akenhead, RCAF, is in England.

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V/March 16, 1944, 5: Sergeant Eric G Parker, 52, overseas with Veterans' Guard of Canada, has been confirmed in this rank. His wife and family reside at Victoria. He served in the Great War for 4 years in CFA. He was signals officer in the Durham Regiment from 1921 to 1927, then lived in California until outbreak of war. He enlisted at Victoria in 1940.

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V/March 16, 1944, 5: Flight Officer Edward Taylor, 20, son of A John Taylor, Saanich, yesterday intercepted 3 German Junkers over the Aegean Sea and shot down 2. He is a pilot in a Beaufighter squadron. He came to Victoria 9 years ago, attended Cloverdale and Mount View High Schools.

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March 16, 1944, 11: died March 14 at Vancouver, BC, Mrs Caroline Watson Richardson, 76, born in England, she came to Victoria in 1888, where she lived until 3 years ago.

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March 16, 1944, 12: died March 14 at Victoria, BC, James Boydell, 71, born in Lancashire, England, resident of Saanich 32 years. Family plot, Q 024 E V

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V/March 16, 1944, 12: died March 14 at Victoria, BC, David Evan Jones, 71, of Oak Bay, BC. Born in Barmouth, Wales, resident here 7 years. He was a member of the Alberta Provincial Police for 13 years and saw service in the Boxer Rebellion, China; also in India, Mediterranean, South Africa and Great War. Royal Oak Burial Park

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March 16, 1944, 16: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Charles Mudge, 82, resident of BC 30 years. A son, who fought in the Great War with 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion and was a prisoner of war for 4 years, died in 1924 of an illness contracted in German prison camps.

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V/Killed in action March 16, 1944, J27697 Flying Officer Bomb Aimer Moody Albert Siddons, 30, of Victoria, BC. Lancaster aircraft missing from night operations over Germany. No known grave, Runnymede War Memorial, Egham, England.

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V/March 17, 1944, 2: photo, killed March 14 C838 Wing Commander Pilot Kenneth Franklyn MacDonald, 29, of Victoria, BC, son of Hazel & late Percy John, of Oak Bay, BC. His wife is a resident of Nanaimo, BC. He had been here on leave 2 months ago. Born and educated at Victoria he graduated from UBC. He enlisted before the outbreak of war. In 1939, when he was a flying officer, he was married at Sydney, Nova Scotia to Nan M Rowebottom, daughter of Fred Rowebottom, of Nanaimo. She was a teacher at Nanaimo High School. Oxford aircraft in mid-air collision, then crashed near the Kidlington airfield. Buried in Brookwood Military Cemetery, Woking,

England.

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Marine/V/March 17, 1944, 2: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Captain Leonard Backler, 81, an old-time resident and a former RN officer. In 1913 he retired from the RN and came to Vancouver Island. He 1<sup>st</sup> took a place at Langford, then Sidney and finally the family home at 768 Newport Avenue, Oak Bay, BC. Born at Gosport, England he entered RN as midshipman aged 14. He took his initial training on HMS Victory, Nelson's old flagship, and on HMS St George. He served on warships all over the world. For 3 years he was in charge of the British China coast torpedo depot at Kowloon, and one of his ships was HMS Bellerophon.

He was captain of HMS Indefatigable, which made a 2-year tour of North American ports and escorted, on part of their world tour, the Duke & Duchess of Cornwall, who later became King George V and Queen Mary. He was with Sir Roger Keyes in command of HMS Venus at Gibraltar. In 1908 he was in Quebec for the Tercentenary.

He was once a shipmate of Lord Jellicoe.

He leaves widow, Florence, son, Leonard and his wife, Jean, who is a corporal in BC Police and resident of Oak Bay. Another son, Lionel, was killed just before the present war fighting for the Loyalists in Spain. Cremate, ashes to be cast on Pacific Ocean from deck of a Fairmile commanded by Lieutenant Ralph Linton....

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V/March 17, 1944, 3: photo, Pilot Officer EL Corcoran, RCAF navigator, who has been on Atlantic patrol for 22 months, recently promoted. Son of Pat E & Ann Corcoran, of Oak Bay. He is now stationed at Gander, Newfoundland. A brother, Sergeant Joe Corcoran, RCAF, overseas 2 years, and

Company Quartermaster Sergeant, Alfred Corcoran, RCAMC [Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps], at Vancouver.

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V/March 17, 1944, 3: photo, Flight Officer Geoffrey A Deeprise, son of late Fred H Deeprise, Saanich, who has been promoted to flying officer. Educated at Colwood & Mount Douglas High Schools, he enlisted in 1941. March 19, 3: photo, Pilot Officer Donald Deeprise, RCAF, now posted to Patricia Bay...

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V/March 17, 1944, 3: Pilot Officer Charles W Nash, RCAF, recently graduated as a pilot in Calgary, now spending leave with his wife, Bernadette, and her parents, Pat E & Anne Corcoran, of Oak Bay. His mother, Mrs Hilda Nash, lives at St Mary's Priory. He was overseas as lieutenant in the RCOC and returned last year for air-crew training. March 23, 3: photo.

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V/March 17, 1944, 3: now presumed killed in action June 23, 1943, R149306 Flight Sergeant Air Gunner Osborne David Thompson, 20, of Victoria, BC. Son of DO Thompson, of Victoria, he has been missing since a raid on Germany. Born in Alberta, his parents came to Victoria last December. Trained as an air-gunner, he won a silver bullet as best marksman, and was best revolver shot at initial training school. He was a rear gunner in a Halifax at the time of being posted as missing. [see 1943]

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V/March 17, 1944, 3: photo, Flying Officer Roy E Maynard, only son of George H Maynard, Saanich, who is taking a course in transport flying at Patricia Bay. In RCAF since 1940, he has been stationed at England, Malta and Egypt and has also had a period as instructor in Canada. He attended Victoria High School and was with

Canadian Scottish Regiment before joining RCAF.

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March 17, 1944, 10: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Henry Arthur White, born in Newfoundland, resident here 36 years. He went up to the Klondike during the famous gold rush, and later tried the sealing and whaling vessels, he was a shooter on the latter. Since then he had been associated with Brackman & Ker for 43 years. Leaves widow, son, daughter, brother, sister. Royal Oak Burial Park

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V/March 18, 1944, 2: photo, Flight Sergeant JB Gravelet-Chapman, 25, now back in Saanich home after 27 operational flights over Germany and France. He has been overseas almost 3 years. Son of Reverend PW Chapman, Saanichton. He went overseas as a wireless operator and re-mustered as bomb-aimer in England... He wears the 1939-43 Star and the 'ops' badge for completion of 1 tour of operations.

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V/March 18, 1944, 3: photo, now Flying Officer WA Bill Cotton, recently promoted. Son of Mrs Ada E Cotton, Victoria. He joined RCAF about 2 years ago. He is attached to an RAF bomber squadron in Britain.

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V/March 18, 1944, 3: Sergeant Robert G Chambers, RCAF, now on leave with his parents, Corporal & Mrs Ray Chambers, Victoria. Educated at Duncan & Victoria. His father, overseas with Canadian Forestry Corps for 2 years, recently returned home.

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V/March 18, 1944, 3: photo, Major RM Horsey, Victoria-born soldier now serving in Italy. Son of Edward N & Flora Horsey, Victoria, he went overseas as a lieutenant in

1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Scottish, later transferred to Carleton & York Regiment. Educated here.

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V/March 18, 1944, 3: photo, Pilot Officer Frank R Laughlin, now on leave with his parents Francis J & Marguerite J Laughlin, Victoria. He was promoted overseas last month. A wireless operator with long service at Malta and North Africa, he returns overseas next week.

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V/March 18, 1944, 3: Lieutenant Alastair Gillespie, RCNVR, son of Errol P & Catherine Gillespie, Victoria, has secured a transfer to RCNAS and hopes to train as a pilot. He has a personal score to settle as his younger brother, J14698 Flying Officer Pilot Ian George Gillespie, is posted as missing following an air attack on a German convoy off Norway [see 1943]. Alastair was at one time sports officer at Royal Roads here.

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V/March 18, 1944, 3: photo, Leading AirCraftman JF Borrowman, RCAF, son of Mrs JB Borrowman, now on leave with her at Victoria. He was born in Winnipeg and attended Monterey & Oak Bay High Schools.

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March 18, 1944, 6: photo, Miss Sara Spencer...

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V/March 18, 1944, 10: died recently at New Westminster, BC, Percival William Rudling, a naval veteran of the Great War. Born in London England, he came to Canada in 1902 leaves sister, nephew, Gunner Robert Earl, with Canadian Army overseas, and a niece, Mrs John, of Cordova Bay, BC.

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March 19, 1944, 2: Wilson & Cabeldu ad, Oak Bay...

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V/March 19, 1944, 3: photo, Trooper Tom Brooks, overseas with 9<sup>th</sup> Canadian Armored Regiment for 2 years. His unit is attached to 8<sup>th</sup> Army. Born in Victoria, he was educated at Mount Newton High School.

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V/March 19, 1944, 3: Flight Lieutenant George Warnock, RCAF, now on leave, staying with his mother, Mrs Sarah Warnock, Oak Bay. Before enlistment he was on staff at Fairbridge Farm School.

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V/March 19, 1944, 3: photo, Leading AirCraftman James G Johnstone, 19, son of John G & Martha Johnstone, Victoria, now training at Saskatoon. Born in Victoria, he was educated at North Ward School.

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V/March 19, 1944, 3: photo, Leading AirCraftman PR Bob Williams, youngest son of Mrs Kingsley Morgan, Esquimalt, graduated, now at Bombing & Gunnery School. Born in Vernon.

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V/March 19, 1944, 3: Private Dudley Brinkman, Canadian Army, on leave with wife, Mollie, after 2 ½ years away from Victoria. He went overseas with 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Scottish Regiment in 1941 as a signaller. Because of a pre-war injury he was re-categorized in England and posted to the 1<sup>st</sup>-aid section of an infantry unit where he served 2 years. Returning home he was an orderly helping look after stretcher cases while crossing the Atlantic. He came to Saanich from Alberta with his parents, James & Marie Brinkman, when he was a child and attended Tolmie & Mt View High Schools.

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March 19, 1944, 4: editorial...; 5: died suddenly March 17 at Victoria, BC, Frank Pagett, 62, born at Great Yarmouth,

England, resident here 31 years. He joined 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment, CGA, through the interest of General Sir Arthur Currie. He joined The Times news staff 20 years ago and was well known as the reporter who covered Saanich municipal activities. Leaves widow, Nellie, daughter.

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V/March 19, 1944, 6: photo, Lieutenant Royce Stanley Marshall, Canadian Scottish, married in England. Only son of late Mr & Mrs Thomas William Marshall, Victoria. He was educated at Sir James Douglas, Victoria High Schools & Victoria College. He went overseas with his unit in 1941. [Bride, Lillian Maud Finch, RN, Hereford, England]

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V/March 19, 1944, 18: died March 17 at Victoria, BC, Francis Richard Dart, 76, born in England, resident of Saanich 30 years. Leaves wife, Belinda, and a brother. He was a veteran of Boer War. Shady Creek

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March 19, 1944, 18: died March 13 at Victoria, BC, Miss Mary A Ellison, 83, born in Sweden, resident here 56 years. Cremate

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March 19, 1944, 18: died March 17 at Victoria, BC, Richard Henry Kendall, 75, resident of Cadboro Bay 18 years. Leaves widow, Laura, son, Osmond. Colwood

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March 19, 1944, 18: died March 17 at Victoria, BC, Mrs Mary Webster, 78, of Oak Bay, BC, born in Scotland, resident here 33 years. Leaves 4 daughters, son, brother [Turnbull]. M 036 E 02

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March 21, 1944, 2: photo, flowering plum trees, Cornwall Street, Victoria...

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V/March 21, 1944, 3: killed in action January 2 R157603 Warrant Officer II Theodore

Wesley Myers, 28. Son of Reverend & Mrs Frank Myres, of Saskatchewan. Ted, as he was known here, came to Victoria in 1938 and was active in amateur actors' groups. He joined Medical Corps in 1940, and later transferred to RCAF, leaving Victoria in March, 1942. Lancaster aircraft missing during night operations against Germany. June 24, 3... Buried in Berlin War Cemetery, Charlottenburg, Germany.

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V/March 21, 1944, 3: killed in action July 24, 1943 P4319 Flight Sergeant Roy Henri Drouillard, 31, seaman. Lost at sea off BC Star. One of 16 lost when the vessel sank off Vancouver Island. His wife, Ethel, resides on Galiano Island. No known grave, his name is inscribed on Ottawa War Memorial, Ottawa.

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V/March 21, 1944, 3: photo, Lieutenant Rex Carey, MC, well known Victoria soldier, posted missing in Italy in December, 1943, now listed as prisoner of war, in word received by his mother, Mrs Alice M Carey. [see 1943]

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V/March 21, 1944, 3: Captain RFS Robertson, of West Vancouver, has been honoured by the King for gallantry in Italy, winning the Military Cross, is a former Victorian. Son of FWR Robertson, who used to live here, he attended St Michael's & Oak Bay High Schools. A grad of UBC, he was with COTC and enlisted in 1940 with PPCLI, going overseas that year. He is at present in an Italian hospital having been wounded December 7, 1943.

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V/March 21, 1944, 3: K62329 Lance Corporal James William Lawrie, 23, who died in Halifax Military Hospital March 13, will be buried with military honours here. He served overseas for 3 years with 1<sup>st</sup>

Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment, and returned to Canada aboard hospital ship Lady Nelson. He leaves parents, William T & Alice Lawrie, Oak Bay, 2 sisters, Betty, with RCAF at Jericho Beach and Kay. March 26, 3: photo. Name inscribed on Oak Bay Memorial. Royal Oak Burial Park

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March 21, 1944, 13: died March 19 at Victoria, BC, Mrs Frances Ellen Hunter, 86, resident here 60 years. Daughter of late Honourable John Robson, Premier of BC 1889-1892, and widow of Joseph Hunter, member of 1<sup>st</sup> House of Assembly of BC following Confederation. He died in 1936. Leaves 2 sons, John L, and Dr JD Hunter, both of Victoria. March 23, 13: funeral. H 059/060 E 27

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V/March 22, 1944, 3: photo, recent grads spending leave at Victoria homes: Sergeant Observer Allen S Dennison; Pilot Officer Walter George Hughes, 30, son of GT Hughes, Oak Bay [Victoria-born and educated and grad in forestry from University of Washington, was with BC Forest Service before enlisting in 1943. A brother, Sergeant J Rex Hughes, 21, is with Royal Canadian Army Service Corps on this coast. Walter is to take a course at Patricia Bay]; Sergeant FR Robbie Morris, 21, son of FO Morris [born and educated at Victoria, was with forest service before enlistment].

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V/March 22, 1944, 3: killed in action in Mediterranean area March 5 J89245//R143428 Pilot Officer Navigator Harry Alexander Edward Gordon Smith, 23, RCAF, son of Alexander Gordon Smith, principal of Mt Newton High School, and Mrs Delphia J Smith, of East Saanich Road. Navigator of a Halifax bomber, he had been overseas since 1942, and recently had been based in North Africa. Born in Victoria he

attended Oaklands & Victoria High Schools, and studied at Victoria College before joining Royal Bank here. He later went to Vancouver and enlisted in 1941. March 25, 3: photo. A brother, Gordon, honourably discharged from RCAF, has a civilian post with Ordnance Dept at Esquimalt, and 3 sisters also live in Saanich. Halifax aircraft engaged in special operations when they encountered bad weather and crashed shortly after take-off near the aerodrome at Blida. Buried in Dely Ibrahim War Cemetery, Algeria.

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V/March 22, 1944, 3: missing after air operations overseas... Killed in action March 15 J86764//R133352 Pilot Officer Bomb Aimer Douglas Raymond Eley, 20. Lancaster aircraft lost from night trip to Stuttgart. Son of Mabel Eley, 2607 Lincoln Avenue, Oak Bay, BC, brother of Corporal Fran Eley, RCAF, a wireless technician, stationed near Vancouver. Born at Cranbrook, resident of Victoria 7 years before enlisting in 1941, he attended Oak Bay High School. March 23, 3, photo. May 14, 5: now believed killed. Buried in War Cemetery at Durnback, Germany. Name inscribed on Oak Bay Memorial.

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V/JT/March 22, 1944, 3: Lieutenant Colin Mouat, who recently returned from overseas service, has been spending a short leave at his Ganges home before going to Kingston Military College for training.

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V/March 22, 1944, 3: died March 19 at Victoria, BC, Major Samuel Robinson, 90, former assistant director of Canadian Army veterinary services. Born in Ireland, he lived here 15 years. In the Great War he had served with Killarney Rangers, the 1<sup>st</sup> CMR, and as a captain in the Manitoba Dragoons, and was a member of Army & Navy

Veterans of Canada. His wife, Edith, survives him here. Royal Oak Burial Park

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March 22, 1944, 3: died March 20 at Victoria, BC, William Hall, 70, resident here 35 years. Leaves 2 sons, Ernest in Venezuela and Captain William Hall, MC, Canadian Army, who recently lost a foot in action in Italy. Also leaves daughter, Mrs John Rodd. Cremate.

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V/March 23, 1944, 3: Sergeant Leslie Ross, Royal Canadian Army Service Corps, Vancouver Island Coach Lines driver on the Jordan River run before enlisting early in the war, was returned to Canada recently and is undergoing treatment at the Military Hospital here. Born and educated in Victoria, son of John Ross. His wife, Myrta, and daughter live at the Leland Apartments, Douglas & Bay Streets. He has been overseas over 3 years.

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V/March 23, 1944, 3: photo, Chief Petty Officer Russell John Fitzsimmons, 24, [married 1939, Esquimalt] whose wife, former Norma C Emery, lives at Victoria, BC, has arrived overseas. He joined RCN in 1937 and has served on ships HMCS St Laurent, Comox, Nootka, Buctouche, Kelowna, Outarde & Frontenac. On loan for a period to RN, he was on HMS St Kenon. On Frontenac, his most recent ship, he was coxswain. His wife's parents are William Frederick & Grace Emery.

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V/March 23, 1944, 3: photo, Sergeant RG Chambers, recent wireless air gunner graduate, left yesterday for the East after spending leave with his mother, Mrs Ray Chambers. His father, Corporal Ray Chambers, Canadian Forestry Corps, was one of a large number of men of that unit who returned to Canada last year after

service in Scotland.

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V/March 23, 1944, 3: photo, Leading AirCraftman Edward P Mangin, 19, recently finished wireless training and spent leave with his parents Hubert C & Joyce W Mangin, Oak Bay. Born at Kelowna, educated at St Michael's & Oak Bay High Schools.

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V/March 23, 1944, 3: photo, confirmed killed in action December 5, 1943 in Battle of Mount Defensia, Italy, Sergeant Maurice Louis Charles de Macedo, 23, son of Louis Ernest Charles & May Augusta de Macedo, Victoria. A paratrooper, he was attached to a US unit. Born here, educated at Strawberry Vale School & St Louis College, he enlisted in 1941. A cousin is serving with RCAF in India.

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V/March 24, 1944, 12: died March 22 at Victoria, BC, Hobart Engnes, 71 of Saanich. Born in Norway, resident here 27 years. Veteran of Great War, he served with 10<sup>th</sup> CMR leaves widow, Ethel, son, daughter. Royal Oak Burial Park

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March 24, 1944, 12: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Percy James McCulloch, 63, born in London, England, resident of Esquimalt 38 years. Leaves widow, son, Lorne MCCulloch, RCAF, daughter. Royal Oak Burial Park

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V/Killed in action March 24, 1944, J85700//R115006 Pilot Officer Pilot William George Adamson, 28, of Victoria. Beaufighter aircraft lost while engaged over Burma. April 7, 3: William G Adamson, reported missing following air operations in India. His mother is reported to be living in Oak Bay and his father, Private George G Adamson, is with Royal Canadian Army

Service Corps, at Camp Borden. Before enlistment he was employed at Youbou and Duncan. May 2, 4: parents, George Melville & Annie Ella Simpson Adamson, Victoria. A sister lives at Port Alberni. No known grave, name inscribed on Singapore War Memorial, Malaya.

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V/March 25, 1944, 3: photo, reported missing, son of Frederick R & Margaret Bland, of Victoria. Born here, attended Victoria West & Victoria High Schools before enlistment. He went overseas May, 1943. He has 2 elder brothers in uniform, Sergeant Ronald J Bland, Canadian Scottish overseas, and Alfred, in an anti-aircraft unit of RCA. Killed in action March 15, J24016 Flying Officer Bomb Aimer Leonard Alvin Bland, 21, of Victoria, BC. Halifax aircraft lost from operations over enemy territory. Buried in War Cemetery, Durnbach, Germany.

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V/March 25, 1944, 3: photo, Captain Arthur McKibben, recently promoted to this rank in Italy. His wife, Lucille, is resident of Victoria, BC. He went overseas 2 ½ years ago with 3<sup>rd</sup> Division Petrol Co., and is now with a general transport company of Royal Canadian Army Service Corps.

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V/March 25, 1944, 3: Captain Robert Edward Maze, Royal Canadian Army Service Corps, Victoria, has been on active service since the outbreak of war. His wife, Dympna M Owens Maze, is resident of Saanich, mother, Margaret, at Victoria. His father, Thomas, was killed in action in Great War, serving with 67<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Western Scots.

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V/March 25, 1944, 3: Major John Henry William Pope, Canadian Infantry Corps, killed in 1943 action, mentioned in

dispatches. [see 1943]

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V/March 25, 1944, 3: Sergeant Maurice James de la Mothe, RCAF, of Oak Bay, BC, recent navigator graduate.

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V/March 25, 1944, 3: two Victoria airmen recently graduated as wireless air gunners, now posted to Patricia Bay. Sergeant George H Allan, 19, son of J Allan, Victoria, and Sergeant Philip A Barber, 20, son of Harry Barber. Barber was educated at Willows & Oak Bay High Schools.

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V/March 25, 1944, 3: Able Seaman Allen D Hardy, 20, son of Albert Hardy, Victoria, serving on HMCS Forrest Hill, a British-built corvette that is the newest one added to RCN. Hardy was educated at Burnside School, enlisting in 1940 and has been on convoy duty since then. A brother, Albert, with Royal Canadian Army in England, suffered a severe hand injury in an air raid last summer and is still receiving hospital treatment. Their father was honourably discharged from RCN last year as chief petty officer after 23 years service. He was previously 20 years in RN. March 26, 3: photo.

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March 25, 1944, 10: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, George Hewett Hughes, 71, born in England, resident here 50 years, leaves wife, son. Cremate

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March 25, 1944, 10: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Reginald Scarborough, 88, born in Norwich, England, resident here since 1908. Leaves 2 sons. Family plot, U 049 W 47.

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V/March 26, 1944, 3: photo, L Bdr Roy Green, son of Arthur V & Gertrude M Green, Saanich, has suffered a spine injury



in Italy. He has been with Royal Canadian Army since May, 1937, when he joined 5<sup>th</sup> Coast Regiment, and went overseas in 1941. He has a wife in Brighton, England. An elder brother, Sergeant Dwight Green, 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Paratroop Battalion, wrote from England that General Montgomery had spoken to him during an inspection tour. Dwight joined Canadian Scottish in 1937.

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V/March 26, 1944, 3: photo, Gunner Ernest Frank Jagggers, recently wounded in Italy, serving with a heavy artillery unit. Son of Henry V & Lillian M Jagggers, Victoria. He enlisted from Duncan over 3 years ago, joining 17<sup>th</sup> Searchlight Battery here and transferring to artillery in England. He has a wife in London, England.

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V/March 26, 1944, 3: Pilot Officer Barry E Hall, RCAF, has arrived overseas. Son of ER Hall, Dominion Experimental Station, Saanich. He attended Victoria schools, Victoria College & Guelph Agricultural College.

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V/March 26, 1944, 5: photos, recently graduates at Kings College, Halifax. All probationary sub-lieutenants, RCNVR. Walter S Blandy, son of RF Blandy, Oak Bay; ER Whitehouse, married, his wife lives in Montreal; WG Scott, son of Mrs WM Scott, Victoria; DW Brown, son of Mrs GJ Brown, grad of UBC; JC Melville, wife, resident of Victoria.

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V/March 26, 1944, 7: photo, Wren Geraldine Paterson, WRCNS, has returned to Halifax, after spending leave with her mother, Mrs Mabel [Peter H] Paterson, Victoria. She recently spent a day on a minesweeper studying signals apparatus.

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V/March 26, 1944, 7: photo, Wren Patsy Beard, daughter of Commander Charles T & Kathleen Kemp Beard, of Oak Bay. She has since returned to an Eastern WRCNS establishment, where she is employed with the motor transport section.

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WC/March 26, 1944, 16: battered by heavy seas off Cape Beale recently, the barge Malahat, with a load of logs aboard, is in Barkley Sound, where she was towed by tug Commodore. Malahat is owned by Gibson Brothers, and was bound from Kyuquot to Victoria when the storm overtook the barge and its tug. Repairs are already underway, pumping and salvage equipment having been forwarded through Port Alberni by owners of Commodore, Straits Towing & Salvage. March 28, 5: the checkered career of the log barge Malahat has come to an end after the vessel foundered in a gale. Formerly a 5-masted sailing schooner, Malahat spent her best years as a notorious rum-runner. She operated as 'mother' ship for the vessels which carried liquor ashore off the California coast. Built in 1918, by Cameron Genoa Mills Ltd, of Victoria, she was constructed for the lumber trade to Australia. Malahat and the cargo of spruce logs she was carrying last week represent a combined loss of some \$40,000, Clark Gibson, of Gibson Brothers said today.

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March 26, 1944, 19: died suddenly yesterday in a fire, James Harold Le Page, 59, optometrist. Born in Winnipeg, he was in the optical business in Victoria for 36 years. A widower, he leaves 2 sons, 2 daughters, sister, brother. P097/098 WM

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March 26, 1944, 19: funeral for Thomas Neil Rolfe, 83, who died March 24 at Victoria, BC. Born in England he came to Canada in

1880, Victoria 1889. Leaves 2 daughters, son. Family plot, P 122 W I

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V/March 28, 1944, 2: Commodore CR Slemon, senior staff officer, Canadian Bomber Group, saw the Canadians in action last night when he went on the raid to Belgium. He flew with Wing Commander Bill Newson, of Victoria, of Iroquois Squadron on this action...

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V/March 28, 1944, 5: missing after air operations overseas, killed in action March 25, J25768 Flying Officer Bomb Aimer Ernest William Terence Mellander, 21, of Victoria, BC. Lancaster shot down at Rimke, Germany during operations to Berlin. Son of Ernest George & Margaret Ridgway Wilson Mellander, Oak Bay, BC. Educated at Lampson Street, Monterey & Oak Bay High Schools & Victoria College, he enlisted in 1942. He has 2 brothers, CP & JA Mellander, both in ROCOC. March 30, 3: photo, grandson of Lieutenant-Colonel W Ridgway Wilson. Buried in Limmer British Cemetery, Hanover, Germany. Name inscribed on Oak Bay Memorial

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V/March 28, 1944, 5: killed in action August 24, 1943: H17379//R92255 Pilot Officer Air Gunner John Williams, 22. His father is John S Williams, Cumberland, BC. Buried Berlin War Cemetery, Charlottenburg, Germany

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V/March 28, 1944, 5: died March 22, John Francis Barrow, 68, an authority on Indian paintings and relics, and resident of BC 40+ years. Born in Caterham, England, he graduated from Trinity College, as a mining engineer. He collected a large number of Indian relics for the Smithsonian Institute at Washington, DC, and contributed a series of articles to National Geographic magazine. In addition he was the author of

several pamphlets on Indian lore. Prior to the Great War he served as a guide on the coast to Dr G Genness, Dept of Anthropology, Ottawa. Barrow served in France with Royal Engineers during the Great War, and was range officer, No 2 Company, Pacific Coast Militia Rangers, at the time of his death. He also acted as an instructor in marksmanship to many members of RCAF, RAF, Army Medical Corps and artillery. Leaves widow, Amy, and his brother, who surveyed the site for Prince Rupert. Cremate

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V/March 29, 1944, 3: photo, Wing Commander W Newson, Distinguished Flying Cross, Victoria pilot of a Halifax in Iroquois Squadron, RCAF Bomber Group, who had Air Commodore CR Siemon in his bomber on a raid. Son of RCMP Lieutenant-Colonel Henry Montgomery Newson & Mrs Gladys Wain Newson, Oak Bay.

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V/March 29, 1944, 3: Lieutenant Charles Davidson Carnegie, Canadian Armoured Corps, recently graduated from Sandhurst Military College. His wife, [nee Elsie Margaret Hutchison, married 1939 at Oak Bay] and parents, Charles Gordon & Margaret Davidson Carnegie, live at Langford. Educated at Colwood & Victoria High Schools. He joined 3<sup>rd</sup> Division Petrol Co here in 1940 and went overseas with 3<sup>rd</sup> Division Headquarters Staff.

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V/JT/March 29, 1944,3: Squadron Leader Pilot Frank Ernest Carter, 24, recently was made commander of a flight in the Bluenose Squadron, RCAF Bomber Group. Pilot of a Halifax bomber, he recently made his 17<sup>th</sup> attack on enemy targets. He has been 3 times over Berlin, and many more over other German targets. He joined RCAF

in 1940 and went overseas as pilot officer in 1943. He received the 2 rings of a flight lieutenant last October. He tells of having all 4 engines go dead from icing up at 22,000 feet over the Baltic. 'That one really gave me a scare'. The flight engineer regulated the heating apparatus and all 4 motors cut in again at 16,000 feet. He has a wife, and a son he has never seen. Son of Ralph R & Annie Carter, Courtenay. J13993 FE Carter, of Courtenay, killed in action February 15. Halifax aircraft failed to return from night operations. No known grave, name inscribed on Runnymede War Memorial, Egham, England.

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March 29, 1944, 7: James Charles Bendrodt, Victoria-born, now of Sydney, Australia, has a campaign to save dogs from lethal chamber [meat rationing]...

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March 29, 1944, 12: died March 27 at Victoria, BC, Mrs Louisa Ellen Norah Bayliss, 74, born in Jamestown, Ontario, resident here 27 years. Leaves 2 sons, James E, overseas; Albert Ernest, RCAF, 3 daughters. M 092 E I

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March 30, 1944, 2: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Dr Ernest William Hetherington, 45, born 1898 here to Robert & Elizabeth Hetherington, he had been a dentist for 25 years. He was outstanding in the profession here, past president of Victoria Dental Society. Leaves his wife, resident of Oak Bay, son at UBC and aunts and uncles in this city.

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V/March 30, 1944, 3: photo, Sub-Lieutenant Denis Worsfold Brown, 28, RCNVR, teacher at Mount View High School, Saanich for 2 years and previously at Cumberland High School, has been appointed sports officer at HMCS Chippewa, Winnipeg naval

barracks. Son of late William, & Mrs Olive J Brown, he was born in Victoria, educated at Victoria schools, Victoria College & UBC. He went on divisional strength in 1942. He married Miss Phyllis Parsons this year, she is now with him in Manitoba.

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V/March 30, 1944, 3: Sergeant Air Gunner Maurice N Cownden, 19, RCAF, who recently left Victoria for the East coast, has 4 brothers in uniform. Sons of Arthur Anthony & Ellen Morris Cownden, Victoria, they are: Leading Cook Arthur Anthony Cownden, 25, RCN, aboard a corvette [married Lucille Lawless, 1941, he died 1990, resident of Oak Bay]; Electrical Artificer Albert Bernard Cownden, 24, on loan to RN [married Veronica West, 1940]; Petty Officer Walter Charles Cownden, 23, steward, HMCS Restigouche [married Mavis Lawless, 1942]; Vincent Cownden, 21, RCAF air gunner, overseas. April 12, 11: photos of 5 sons...

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V/March 30, 1944, 3: Sub-lieutenant Justin W Greene, RCNVR, 19, son of Wilfred Arthur de Puisaye Greene & Elizabeth Bull Greene, Saanich, educated at Cloverdale & Mount Douglas High Schools & Victoria College. He enlisted as an ordinary seaman last year and trained in the East. His father served in Great War as a pilot in RAF. [resident of Bothel, Washington 1967]

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V/March 30, 1944, 3: Lieutenant Robert Byrl Mainprize, who has been serving overseas with Canadian Infantry Corps, recently volunteered to be attached to the British Army. His wife, nee Grace Annand, lives at Victoria. Born in BC in 1915, he lived at Victoria before the war and went on active service 1939. Son of Albert & Frances Mainprize. A sister is in the WAC, in the US. [he died 1997, Saanichton]

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V/March 30, 1944, 3: Lieutenant Kenneth Wills, RCNVR, has returned to Atlantic duty after leave here with his wife, and his parents, Alderman Archie Henry & Lydia Mary Knapp Wills.

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V/March 30, 1944, 6: married March 18 at Portland, Oregon, Lillian Scott and Major George Edwin Bucklin, US Army, only son of US Consul-General & Mrs GA Bucklin, who resided in Victoria from 1924 to 1935...

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V/March 30, 1944, 8: photo, Victoria RCN diver, Warrant Boatswain Lawrence Chaney, receives commendation for fine work in convoy...

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V/March 31, 1944, 3: photo, Gunner James Laurence Auchterlonie, 19, recently in Victoria on leave to visit his mother, Mrs Florence Newnham [Thomas S Newnham]. Son of late Laurence Wallace Auchterlonie]. He lived on Pender Island for 12 years and was educated there and at Lampson Street & Esquimalt High Schools. [see 1945]

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V/March 31, 1944, 3: reported missing after air operations, only son of Captain DW O'Brien. He was a veteran of 14 operational flights over enemy territory. Born in Seattle, he came to Victoria aged 6 weeks. He was educated at Vancouver College. His father saw service with RN aboard HMS Warspite at Esquimalt. He was a chief petty officer in the torpedo branch. He joined the Grand Trunk Pacific, and was skipper of Prince Albert Henrietta. April 1, 3: photo. Killed in action March 22, J86201//R110065 Pilot Officer Wireless Operator Daniel John O'Brien, 21, of Victoria, BC. Halifax aircraft missing from night operations over Germany. Buried War Cemetery,

Rheinberg, Germany.

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V/March 31, 1944, 3: Lance-Corporal Bill Houston, RCOG, whose wife lives at Victoria, is now serving overseas. Born here, he is a former employee of VMD. He enlisted in 1942. His mother, Mrs Jemima Ure Russell Dick Florence, Victoria [Houston widow].

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V/March 31, 1944, 3: Flight Sergeant Albert Taylor, who went to England in 1938 and was accepted as a fitter, and in 1942 attained his ambition to train as a pilot, now has been on more than 20 operational flights as pilot of a Mitchell bomber. Son of J Taylor, Saanich, he was in France with Wing Commander DS Bader's squadron in 1940.

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March 31, 1944, 7: photo, Miss Alice Ravenhill, celebrates 85<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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V/March 31, 1944, 13: photo, Captain Roy Murdock, well known Victorian, now attached to the New Zealand Army. He will undergo a course in jungle warfare and gain battle experience with front-line units... Born in Northern Ireland, he went to New Zealand with his parents as a boy and graduated as a journalist there. A keen yachtsman, he sailed with 2 companions some years ago for North America. After his arrival in Victoria he joined The Colonist staff. He married Ruth Hamersley in 1940 at Oak Bay, BC. She is daughter of Hugh Francis & Ethel Lea Hamersley, Victoria.

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V/Killed in action March 31, 1944, 54310//650536 Pilot Officer Pilot Leslie George Kellow, 25, RAF, of Victoria. April 6, 3: reported missing, word received by parents, A Kellow?, Saanich. He has been 4 ½ years in RAF, going to England in 1939.

He trained for ground crew service, was attached to a Spitfire squadron in the early defence of London, was posted to South Africa for a time, then returned to England for pilot training. Educated at Royal Oak, Cedar Hill & Mount Douglas High Schools. Two brothers serving in England, who he was able to meet several times, are Corporal Robert Kellow, Canadian Forestry Corps, & Private Bernard Kellow, RCOC. April 9, 3: photo, now listed as missing. Engaged in his 31<sup>st</sup> operation when his Lancaster went down during a night trip to Nuremberg [1 of 108 Allied aircraft lost that night]. Buried in Limmer British Cemetery, Hanover, Germany.

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V/April 1, 1944, 3: photo, Lieutenant John Mustard, with Royal Canadian Dragoons, 8<sup>th</sup> Army. Born in Victoria, educated here and at UBC, he is only son of Dr Henry Mustard, Vancouver, BC. His grandmother resides in Victoria. His wife, formerly Pauline Roy, RN, and daughter resides with her parents at Port Mouton, Nova Scotia.

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V/April 1, 1944, 3: Privates George A English, PPCLI, & Jack R Stacey, 2 Victoria soldiers have returned home with injuries suffered in England. English is spending leave with wife, Carrie, and daughters here before reporting to Little Mountain Camp, Vancouver. He left here in 1940 and was 44 months overseas. He has 2 sons in the RCN, ERA Roy English & Able Seaman Barrie English. Stacey, son of Percy Stacey, of Saanich Inlet.

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V/April 1, 1944, 3: Air Gunner Raymond H Potentier, 20, RCAF, son of Harold & Rosalie Potentier, Victoria, and Mrs Robert Fletcher [Florence Ellen Salonen?], Vancouver, missing on air operations.

Educated at Duncan before enlisting in 1942. He had been on more than 20 operational flights.?

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April 1, 1944, 10: died March 30 at Victoria, BC, Janet Mary Martin, 73, of Oak Bay. Born in Scotland, resident of BC 50 years. Leaves husband, 2 daughters. Colwood

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V/April 1, 1944, 13: Victoria area airmen decorated: Squadron Leader RJ Lane, DSO, Victoria; Flight Lieutenant BG Crew, Distinguished Flying Cross, Oak Bay; Petty Officer GM Ewan, Esquimalt, Distinguished Flying Cross; Warrant Officer AR Haines, Victoria, Distinguished Flying Cross; Flight Lieutenant J Hudson, Victoria, Distinguished Flying Cross; Lieutenant RJ Lane, Victoria, Distinguished Flying Cross; Petty Officer EV Miller, Oak Bay, Distinguished Flying Cross; Warrant Officer, FH Mylrea, Victoria, Distinguished Flying Cross; Petty Officer JR McDonald, Victoria, Distinguished Flying Cross; Squadron Leader WFM Newson, Oak Bay, Distinguished Flying Cross; Petty Officer RW Taylor, Victoria [now presumed dead], Distinguished Flying Cross; Sergeant RG Bell [since killed], DFM [Distinguished Flying Medal]; Flight Sergeant D McCabe, Oak Bay, DFM [Distinguished Flying Medal]; Flight Sergeant HD Weaver, DFM [Distinguished Flying Medal]; RR Oliver, Victoria, DFM [Distinguished Flying Medal]. Victorian in RAF: Flight Lieutenant WW Campbell; Distinguished Flying Cross; Pilot Officer AC Pitt Clayton [Distinguished Flying Cross with Bar, son of Dr WB Clayton, Duncan]; Flight Officer JB Latta; Flight Officer JR Urwin-Mann [Distinguished Flying Cross with Bar]; Flight Officer VC Woodward [Distinguished Flying Cross with Bar].

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V/April 2, 1944, 1: Pilot Officer Navigator D Briscoe, Victoria, participant in Burma operation by transport aircraft and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tactical Air Force...

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WC/April 2, 1944, 1: William Babcock, storekeeper, Luke Hagan & Lloyd Halliday, loggers, missing in densely timbered country near Port Renfrew...; April 4, 3: men found... search party: Clifford Halliday, Pat Robertson, Bert Stewart, Roland Baird, Tom Brewer, Archie Aitken, George Orr...

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V/April 2, 1944, 3: photos, Petty Officer Gordon Watson, 19, RCNVR, home on leave from the East, and his brother Lance Corporal Royston Watson, 20, RCE, now in Italy, are sons of J Watson, Victoria. An elder brother, Gunner Nolan Watson, 25, RCA, is in England. All 3 sons were born in England.

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V/April 2, 1944, 3: photo, Private William McDermott, injured by concussion of a bomb in England, now recuperating with parents John & Margaret McDermott, Victoria. He saw many raids and brought back with him tinfoil strips that were dropped from German bombers to counteract British radio-location devices. He enlisted in Calgary and saw his parents for the 1<sup>st</sup> time in 16 years when he came here on leave.

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V/April 2, 1944, 3: Company Sergeant Major FS Ross, 44, PPCLI, who went through the Sicily campaign is now spending furlough with wife and son at Esquimalt. A veteran of Great War, he was with Middlesex Regiment. He reports that the fighting was hard in Sicily despite the fact that the enemy was kept in retreat... he has been overseas 4 ½ years...; April 9, 2: photo, Company Sergeant Major FS Ross,

describes Sicily campaign... now on leave with his wife at Esquimalt...

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April 2, 1944, 3: photo, Lieutenant WH 'Bill' Smith, 33 year veteran of Victoria Fire Dept has retired...

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V/April 2, 1944, 3: photo, Captain Alec Landale, recently awarded Canadian Efficiency Decoration overseas, where he has been serving since 1940 with RCA. Son of Major & Mrs A Condie Landale, Oak Bay.

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V/April 2, 1944, 6: photo, Lieutenant-Colonel Roger Wilson and his wife, Joyce Wilson, a Nursing Sister from New Zealand. He is son of CE Wilson, Uplands, Oak Bay... She was aboard hospital ship Newfoundland when it was bombed... [September 13, 1943]

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Bldg/April 2, 1944, 17: City building substantial...

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April 2, 1944, 17: died March 31 at Victoria, BC, William Dee, 78, old-time Victoria telegrapher. Born at Hundelby, England, he came to Canada as a boy and served his apprenticeship with Canadian Pacific Telegraphs at Toronto & Chicago. Working his way west as a dispatcher, he arrived here in 1867. He was successively manager of Victoria office; manager of Western Union; district superintendent of Dominion Government Telegraphs here, and district superintendent at Ashcroft. He retired 12 years ago, residing at Saanich. He leaves widow, 3 sons, John S; Henry D; & Flight Officer William S, RCAF; 2 daughters. Cremate

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ChHx/April 2, 1944, 17: found dead yesterday in Room 31, Theatre Alley, Cee Wah Kai, 80.

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April 2, 1944, 21: photo, Flying Officer C Finlayson, Victoria, RCAF intruder crew...

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April 2, 1944, 24: died March 31 at Sidney, BC, Mrs Bessie Armstrong, 83, born in Scotland, resident Sidney 55 years. Leaves 3 sons, daughter, 2 sisters, brother. Holy Trinity

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April 2, 1944, 24: died March 28 at Victoria, BC, Captain Daniel Vincent Kenney, born Clark's Harbour, Nova Scotia, resident here 26 years. Leaves 3 sons, 4 daughters. Great War veteran? Colwood

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April 2, 1944, 24: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Mrs Amy Augustus Sim, 89, born in Victoria. Leaves 3 sons, 2 daughters, sister. Colwood

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April 2, 1944, 24: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, George Brown Milne, 50, born in Barre, Vermont, resident here 32 years. Leaves widow, Dorothy, daughter, mother, Mrs J Milne, 2 brothers, sister. Colwood

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WC/April 2, 1944, 28: ad, Howard L McDiarmid, Optometrist, HBC store, Victoria.

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V/April 4, 1944, 3: photo, Pilot Officer JF Judiesch, granted a commission after serving as sergeant pilot of a Halifax bomber on 15 flights over Europe. 2<sup>nd</sup> son of TC Judiesch, Victoria, he went overseas in 1943. Born in Saskatchewan, he came here with his family several years ago, enlisted in 1941. His elder brother, R115925 Flight Sergeant Wireless Operator/Air Gunner Thomas Clarence Judiesch, 25, has been missing since a Ferry Command flight in February, 1943. [see 1943 obit]

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V/April 4, 1944, 3: now presumed dead, C6701 Pilot Officer Pilot Clarence Gordon 'Bud' Kirchin, son of Evelyn Page & Mary Isobel Kirchin, of Victoria, husband of Therese Kirchin, of Ottawa, Ontario. Missing since August, 1943. [see 1943 obit]

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V/April 4, 1944, 3: Leading AirCRAFTman Jack Inglis, RCAF, spending leave with his mother, Mrs Alice Richardson, Victoria. His brother Staff-Sergeant William Inglis, was here recently too.

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V/April 4, 1944, 3: Corporal Dick Stursberg, Canadian Armoured Corps, brother of Peter Stursberg, CBC war correspondent, is spending leave with his parents WA Stursberg, ?Oak Bay.

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Bldg/April 4, 1944, 3: should demolish temporary wartime houses...; 11: bldg permit, Topaz Ave...

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April 4, 1944, 11: died after being kicked by a horse at Willows Park Stables on April 2, Frank Hammond, shipyard worker and race horse owner. Leaves wife, 2 very young children.

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April 4, 1944, 12: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Gladys Blanche Simmons, 59, born in Bath, England, resident here 36 years. Leaves husband Richard H, 2 daughters, 3 sisters. Colwood

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V/April 5, 1944, 3: photo, Flight Officer RL Christison, 24, a prisoner of war in Germany, according to word received by parents, Alexander Roe & Jane Christison, Saanich. He had been listed as missing for a month after operations of an RCAF Pathfinder squadron. Born at Regina, educated there.?

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V/April 5, 1944, 3: Pilot Officer Frank Kennelly, RCAF, now on leave with his parents Sergeant T Kennelly,? BC Police... Born at Vancouver, educated at South Park & Victoria High Schools. He enlisted in 1943.

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V/April 5, 1944, 3: Private Gordon Thomas Hill, PPCLI, wounded March 24 while serving as sniper and scout on the Italian front. Word received by mother, Mrs PJ Hill, Esquimalt. He went overseas with PPCLI in 1939, and married a London girl in 1942. He served throughout the Sicily & Italy campaigns, attached to 8<sup>th</sup> Army. Before the war he was for 3 years with 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment. Educated at Esquimalt schools, he afterwards was employed at HMC Dockyards.

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V/April 5, 1944, 3: photo, Sergeant Wallace Jeune, on leave with parents, HH Jeune, Saanich.

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V/April 5, 1944, 3: Corporal GC Dingwall, wireless operator with a unit of 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Corps Signals in Italy. Son of George C Dingwall, Canadian customs examiner here, and Mrs Dingwall, of Oak Bay. He went active at the outbreak of war, when he was 18, and is the youngest NCO in his unit. Educated at Willows, Monterey & Oak Bay High Schools, he was in 5<sup>th</sup> Coast Brigade for 2 years before the war. His father was a captain in 28<sup>th</sup> Battalion in the Great War, enlisting in 1914. He transferred to RAF in 1917.

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V/April 5, 1944, 3: J93463 Flight Officer W Rex Jackson, 23, RCAF, has been reported on the Berlin radio as being a prisoner of war in Germany. Son of IW Percy & Annie C Jackson, Victoria. He was recently listed as

missing. He is brother of Pilot Officer Stan Jackson, another brother, Petty Officer Allan Jackson, is with RCN on the east coast. April 7, 3: photo. He attended Langford, South Park & Victoria High Schools. June 14, 5: photo, now confirmed by International Red Cross. Prisoner of War#4102

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V/April 5, 1944, 4: The Red Chevron and Its Meaning...

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V/April 5, 1944, 8: photo, Victorians in action as HMCS Waskesiu destroys U-boat in Atlantic: Lieutenants Jack Holmes; Edward Williams & JF Rennie; Petty officers EH Wood; WJ Goudie; AL Grover... [Waskesiu 1<sup>st</sup> frigate built at Yarrows plant, Victoria]

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WC/April 5, 1944, 12: died April 3 at Shawnigan Lake, BC, Antonio Luckovich, 82. Leaves wife, Kate [nee Lucky], 5 sons, Felix & Bertrand, Granite Bay; Edwin Angus [born at Hesquiat] & Augustus [born at Hesquiat], Washington State, Bill at Tofino, and 7 daughters: Hilda Magdalen Weimer [born Alberni]; Mrs Irene Elizabeth Johnson; Ethel Josephine Linskill [born at Hesquiat], Kathleen Gertrude McArthur, Thelma Florence Wells [born Victoria], Margaret Petra Davidson [born at Hesquiat], Anita Luckovich. April 15, 4: after a voyage of 82 years through life's varied seas an old-time West Coaster of the Island moored his bark in the last port of call when the mortal remains of late Anton Luckovich were laid to rest in the cemetery adjacent to St Francis church. The Very Reverend W Lemmens officiated. Pallbearers: A Sutton, PG Cudlip, Jim Davidson, Bert McArthur, George Berg, Elmer Wolf. Luckovich was born in Centinje, on Lake of Scutari, in



Montenegro, in 1861. When aged 10 he went to sea with his father, who was owner and captain of a small merchant vessel, sailing the Mediterranean and calling at ports in many countries on the Mediterranean coast. He had his eyes on the water that heaved and ebbed beyond the Pillars of Hercules and at age 20 he was eager to sail other seas. At Marseille, France, he took passage on a windjammer as boatswain. The next port of call was Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Then the ship turned its bow south, along the coast, around the Horn, beating its way for 25 days into the Pacific, making calls as business demanded, on all ports on up to San Francisco, and, at long last casting anchor in Victoria harbour in August, 1881, 106 days out of Marseille.

The adventurous young man soon after landing found employment with Captain Spring, 1<sup>st</sup> at fishing, then sealing in the Bering Sea for 2 years. Learning his sturdy qualifications, Spring put him in charge of a store at Ucluelet on the west coast. After 5 years the enterprising store clerk took over Captain Spring's store at Hesquiat, trading there in the inner harbour with Indians, prospectors and timber cruisers, from 1883 until 1908, in which year he engaged in government service as lighthousekeeper at Estevan Point.

Later, he bought a small dairy farm in the Shawnigan Lake district, where he reared a large family. He is survived by widow, Katharine, 5 sons, 7 daughters. His oldest son, Austin, while guiding 3 coal prospectors, in a canoe along the coast, was drowned with several companions off Sunday Rock, some 20 years ago. The large attendance at the last rites and many floral wreaths were the mute evidence of the high esteem in which he was held. Mill Bay

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April 6, 1944, 2: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Mrs Elizabeth Gravlin, of 1937 Oak Bay Avenue, Victoria, nee Kenney, born at Brookborough, Ireland, she came to Victoria 53 years ago. Widow of Herbert Thomas Gravlin, she leaves 3 sons, 2 daughters, 2 brothers. Colwood

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V/April 6, 1944, 3: photo, Sergeant HM Butt, recently awarded Canadian Efficiency Medal after serving overseas with 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment, since 1941. Son of CH Butt, Glen Lake, born and educated here. His English wife and their son are expected to arrive here soon to make their home.

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V/April 6, 1944, 3: photo, Lieutenant Peter C Pearce, has volunteered for service with British Army, with a number of other Canadian infantry officers. Son of Mrs HC Pearce, he was born in Victoria in 1920. His wife and daughter live in Scotland with her parents.

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V/April 6, 1944, 3: photo, Lieutenant Leon Edward Hall, recently volunteered for service with British Army. Son of Edward A & Gertrude Hall, Victoria, he went overseas with Canadian Forestry Corps. Born 1920 at Victoria, he attended St Louis College & Victoria High School.

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V/April 6, 1944, 3: photo, Lieutenant Albert G Anderson, also volunteered for service with British Army. Born in Moose Jaw in 1917, he enlisted in Victoria in 1940. His wife resides here.

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ChHx/April 6, 1944, 8: HMCS Capilano to be launched this week. The ship will be sponsored by a representative of the Chinese Allies, Miss Mary Lim, a Chinese girl who has been in the employ of Yarrows

since November, 1942, when Yarrows first commenced to employ women. She is a qualified electric welder, and has worked on practically all of the welding jobs. She was born in Sidney, BC, one of 12 children, all of whom were born in Canada. She has 2 brothers working at VMD and another brother at a Vancouver shipyard... April 11, 5: photos, Miss Mary Lim at naval launching ceremony...

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April 6, 1944, 12: died April 4 at Victoria, BC, Andrew Campbell Armour, 85, born in County Antrim, Ireland, resident here 33 years. Leaves son, daughter. Colwood

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April 6, 1944, 12: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Joseph Cass, born in Yorkshire, England. He leaves widow, Nancy, of Oak Bay, 2 brothers, 3 sisters. April 7, 3: he came to Canada as a boy, and was a pioneer farmer in the Armstrong district. He came to the Island in 1911 and was one of the 1<sup>st</sup> to settle in the Bowker Avenue District, Oak Bay. He operated a farm there until the land became residential, and has lived since at 2200 Bowker Avenue. Royal Oak Burial Park

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April 6, 1944, 12: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Mrs Rosaline Madden Tinkley, 78, born in North Saanich, daughter of John Madden. Widow of John William Tinkley, she leaves 2 sisters, Mrs Margaret Iris Hicks Lannon & Mrs B Weeks. Royal Oak Burial Park

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April 6, 1944, 12: died April 4 at Victoria, BC, Annie Malone, 84, born County Down, Ireland, resident here since 1900. Widow of Patrick Francis Malone, she leaves son, 2 daughters. Ladysmith burial

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April 7, 1944, 2: Henry Cathcart, BC Deputy

Minister of Lands celebrated completion of 60 years in BC civil service. Born 1870 in Ireland, he came to Victoria as a boy. He was hired as a messenger at age 13, later as a stenographer and clerk, and in 1905 was made chief clerk... [son of Henry & Elizabeth Cathcart]

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V/April 7, 1944, 3: photo, Lieutenant Henry Victor Zala, Canadian Scottish Regiment and Corporal Arthur Ernest Zala, RCOG, overseas, sons of Henry T & Rosa Newell Zala, Victoria.

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V/April 7, 1944, 3: photo, Warrant Officer Charles W Tolson, RCNVR, recently promoted, he left for an East Coast port. Previously he was attached to Captain D's staff, Esquimalt. In the Great War he was in the Scots Guards and was with the army of occupation in Germany. His mother, Mrs Evelyn G Ritchie, his wife, Marjorie, and 3 sons, all live at Oak Bay.

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V/April 7, 1944, 3: Lance Corporal Frederick Gordon Buxton, PPCLI, wounded in Italy March 26, word received by his wife, Marie Josephine Gillespy Buxton, at Esquimalt. He went overseas several years ago and is attached to an armoured unit. His brother, Will, well known as a boxer, is also in Italy. Other brothers in uniform are Kenneth Edward, overseas with an anti-tank unit [wife, Leslie], and James Rodney, training in RCAF. They are all sons of Percival Herbert Bertram & Phoebe Mildred Wells Buxton, Esquimalt. April 25, 3: Private Frederick Gordon Buxton, serving with an infantry unit in Italy, has been slightly wounded. His wife, Marie Josephine Gillespy Buxton, lives at Esquimalt. Son of Percival Herbert Bertram & Phoebe Jane Wells Buxton.

May 3, 5: Mrs Billy Buxton and son, arrive in

Victoria to live with his parents. Private Buxton, now in Italy, married her 2 years ago in England. Royal Canadian Army.

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April 8, 1944: no paper that day.

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V/April 9, 1944, 3: photo, Lieutenant George Gransden Weeks Little, born at Victoria, educated at Cloverdale & Mount Douglas High Schools, he went overseas 4 years ago with RCOC and is now with an armoured unit, attached to 8<sup>th</sup> Army, writes to his wife, Mysie Gwynneth Perry Little...

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V/April 9, 1944, 3: photo, Private Lawrence Gibson Huck, recently enlisted. Attended Prospect Lake & Mount Newton High Schools. His elder brother, Arthur, is with the Canadian army in Italy.

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April 9, 1944, 3: photo, died yesterday at Victoria, BC, James Henry Fletcher, 69, of Oak Bay. He was a music dealer, 2<sup>nd</sup> son of late Thomas W & Martha Fletcher. Born 1874 in Victoria, he attended Boys' Central School. His father retired in 1896 and James saw the music firm grow until it embraced many stores in BC. This is only the Victoria store now. He leaves son, daughter, Margaret, serving overseas, 2 brothers. Cremate

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April 9, 1944, 5: died April 7 at Victoria, BC, Robert Spouse, 79, born in Scotland, resident here 33 years. He operated a fish-curing business in England for 30 years before establishing a plant here. He operated a stall at the Public Market for 31 years. Leaves widow, Lucy Crawshaw Spouse, 4 sons, stepson, 5 daughters. Colwood

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V/April 9, 1944, 6: photo, wedding of Lieutenant Jack Okell, RCA, and Myrtle

Lyle, 2<sup>nd</sup> daughter of late Mr & Mrs D Lyle, Victoria. Guard of honour by Victoria Girls' Drill Team... He is son of James William Okell, Victoria

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V/April 9, 1944, 6: photo, Wren Robin F Baugh-Allan, now with signals section, WRCNS at Moncton.

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V/April 9, 1944, 16: photo, Sergeant Danny Thompson, 19, son of Dan Thompson, Victoria. Well known in local sport circles before enlisting in RCAF. Born in Vancouver, but resident here past 18 years, he attended Boy's Central & Victoria High Schools. His father in an old RN man.

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V/April 9, 1944, 17: photo, recent grads as RCAF pilots: Sergeants Jack Vincent Kent-Fawkes & Arthur Young, of Esquimalt; Sydney G Watson & Hedley J Rowell, Victoria...

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V/April 9, 1944, 17: photo, Mrs Arthur M Cooke, ex-naval nurse who served in the Boer War and has been working as a VAD nurse at Royal Jubilee Hospital for past 10 months, was overjoyed recently to hear that her son, missing for more than a year, is safely back in England. He is Sergeant Ronald Arthur Cooke, Royal Winnipeg Rifles, has been overseas 4 ½ years. A 2<sup>nd</sup> son is in training in Canada. A military family, she served 2 ½ years under Lord Roberts & Sir David Beatty in South Africa. Trained at Guy's Hospital, London, she was awarded South African, Royal Navy & King's Medals for service, which she received from King Edward VII, in the Boer War. She also served in the Great War for a time, and has worked as a private nurse in Victoria for 12 years. April 11, 3: Cooke safe in England...

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ChHx/April 9, 1944, 24: died April 1 at Victoria, BC, Leung Kiu, 61, born in China, resident here 31 years. Chinese Cemetery

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ChHx/April 9, 1944, 24: died April 5 at Victoria, BC, Mrs Chan Moi Kit, 70, born in China, resident here 50 years. She leaves son, daughter, of Victoria. Chinese Cemetery

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V/April 10, 1944, 2: Mrs Nancy Eleanor [James V] Bell, of Saanich, will leave soon for Ottawa to receive the DFM [Distinguished Flying Medal] awarded her son in 1942. Pilot Officer Pilot Ronald George Bell was to have received the award from the King on November 24, 1942, but he was killed in action November 9. Bell was born 1915 at Kelowna, lived here for several years, attended UBC and enlisted at Edmonton. He made 27 raids over Europe. April 28, 6, photo, Mrs JV Bell. Pilot Officer Bell awarded DFM [Distinguished Flying Medal] after skilfully crash landing his battered bomber following a raid, during which he was badly cut by anti-aircraft shrapnel.

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V/April 10, 1944, 3: photo, Leading Seaman Jack Knowles, 20, youngest son of William Henry & Annie Knowles, Victoria, has returned from 19 months service overseas with RCN, to spend leave with his parents. Veteran of 3 years' active service, most of it spent at sea. A brother, Sergeant Billy Knowles, with 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment, stationed overseas. WH Knowles, the father, was decorated for bravery in Great War.

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V/April 11, 1944, 3: photo, J7020 Squadron Leader Jerrold Walton Bell, 30, Distinguished Flying Cross, missing following recent air operations, according

to word received by his wife, Frances Hilda Margaret Reynolds Bell at Oak Bay, and his Victoria parents, Harry Edward & Fannie Walton Bell. He lived here 8 years, enlisted in 1940, went overseas in 1941 and was on many raids while based in England and Mediterranean. May 3, 5 : photo, now listed as Prisoner of War. He had been transferred to England from the Mediterranean area. [Prisoner of War #4131]

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V/April 11, 1944, 3: Private Stephen Wallis, PPCLI, wounded in Italy March 27, his mother, Mrs Alice Marie [Stephen] Wallis, Victoria, has been officially advised. Victoria born, he enlisted at the start of the war and has been overseas 4 years. He was in the Sicily campaign with 8<sup>th</sup> Army.

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V/April 11, 1944, 3: Private James Edward Stahl, RCAMC [Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps], who father is listed as living at Victoria, has been slightly wounded in Italy.

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V/April 11, 1944, 3: photo, Lieutenant John G 'Jack' Ruttan, RCNVR, now loaned to RN for 6 months. Son of Mrs Beatrice & late AC Ruttan, Oak Bay, BC, he is a junior member of legal firm of Straith, Pringle & Ruttan. He has been 3 years on active service, 2 of them on Atlantic patrol. Brothers are Surgeon Commander Henry Ruttan, RCNVR, overseas, and Lieutenant Charles Ruttan, RCNVR, on the Atlantic Coast [all residents of Oak Bay]. June 8, 8: photo...

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V/April 11, 1944, 6: photo, Gunner Arthur Raymond Beech and his English war bride, Judith Elsie Phillips Beech at Victoria, BC. He enlisted here in 1939, and was wounded at Constantine, near Mt Etna last year. He wears Crusader's Cross, 8<sup>th</sup> Army.

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April 11, 1944, 11: died April 9 at Victoria, BC, Henry Martin Austin, 64, born 1879 at Departure Bay, BC, resident here 50 years. He was 44 years with E&N Railway, beginning as an engine wiper in 1985, rising to chief locomotive engineer. Born on Jesse Island, he leaves his wife, Marion Wood Austin, sister, step-sister. Colwood  
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April 11, 1944, 11: died April 9 at Victoria, BC, Peter Karas, 60. He came to Victoria from Vancouver 31 years ago. He owned the Candy Kitchen, Yates Street, and later bought the Liberty Café, also on Yates Street. Leaves wife, Marion, son. He was born in Greece. April 12, 5: photo. He came here in 1912 with his brother-in-law Kosmos Essihos... Royal Oak Burial Park  
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V/April 12, 1944, 8: photo, includes Flight Sergeant Edward H B de Blaquiere, son of Mrs Julia de Blaquiere, Victoria, RAF Wellington squadron in Italy...; June 23, 3: photo, promoted while on active service overseas to Pilot Officer... Educated at Victoria High School, enlisted 1941. Flying with famous Wimpy Squadron from bases in Italy, he recently completed his tours of operations, now posted as an instructor...  
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V/WC/April 12, 1944, 8: Sapper MC McNaughton, RCE, former Victoria, recently awarded Military Medal for service in Italy, word received by his aunt, Mrs Margaret Rose Nairne, Oak Bay. He worked here several years ago, with Nitinat Lake Logging Co. Brothers in the army are Lieutenant DR McNaughton & Sergeant-Major WG McNaughton, overseas with Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders.  
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V/April 12, 1944, 8: photo, Lieutenant Leonard Archibald Pryke, of Victoria &

Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, is in Britain on overseas service with RCN. An engineer officer he joined RCN in 1928 and has nearly 11 years at sea [ERA, husband of Mabel Jean Thorpe].

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V/April 12, 1944, 8: Sergeant Air-Gunner Hugh A Noakes, RCAF, now serving overseas. Son of Arthur O & Winnifred Noakes, Oak Bay.

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V/April 12, 1944, 8: photo, Pilot Officer John G Heggie, recently commissioned. Younger son of Robert Michael & Ann Wolfe Heggie, Langford, he was educated there and at Victoria High School.

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V/April 12, 1944, 8: photo, Chief Petty Officer Harold H Smith, Victoria serving in RCN as instructor in physical training, recently promoted. He enlisted at Esquimalt in 1937 and served 4 years on vessels Fraser & Ottawa. Son of Harold H & Annie Smith, Royal Oak, educated at Mount View High School. A brother and sister are in RCAF.

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V/April 12, 1944, 8: photo, Flight Officer Richard George Fernyhough, RCAF, overseas since 1941, is expected home to Saanich on leave soon. He was on operations through most of 1942, was hospitalized at the end of that year, then piloted a Halifax bomber from July to December, 1943. He recently underwent several operations. He enlisted in 1941 and received his wings aged 19. A brother, Pilot Officer Pilot Walter Fernyhough, RCAF, has been overseas since 1943, and is piloting a Lancaster. Another brother, Leading AirCraftsman Billy Fernyhough, is taking his final pilot's training. April 18, 11: photo, now here on leave... [sons of Richard Josiah & Flora Brazington Fernyhough, Saanich].

June 1, 1944, 3: Pilot Officer Pilot Walter Fernyhough, son of R Fernyhough, Saanich, has been commissioned in RCAF overseas. He attended Mount View High School and went directly to Air Training School, enlisting in 1942, overseas 1943. He has been piloting a Lancaster bomber in the recent raids on Germany. A brother, Flight Officer Richard Fernyhough has recently returned from England, now stationed in Ontario. Another brother, William, is taking his pilot's training.

Killed in action June 29 near Metz, France, J85610 Pilot Officer Pilot Walter Fernyhough, Distinguished Flying Cross, 21, of Victoria, BC. Halifax aircraft missing during night operations against Metz, France. Buried in Communal Cemetery, Criel, Oise, France

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V/April 12, 1944, 8: 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Herbert S Moore, 20, son of Lieutenant Amos L Moore, Veterans' Guard of Canada, and Mrs Hilda B Moore, Victoria, recently won his commission. He is now home on leave. He went to Oaklands & Victoria High Schools. An elder brother, Captain James E 'Eddie' Moore, is with an infantry unit on this coast.

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V/April 12, 1944, 8: photo, Ward-Master Lieutenant Peter A Gleave, RCN, who was at Naden for more than 20 years, now overseas. His wife, former Nellie Parkins, lives at Esquimalt.

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V/Died April 10, 1944 at Saanich, BC, Harry Arthur Francis, 90, MRCS, LRCP, of London, England, born May 16, 1853. A pioneer of Victoria and Sooke district, whose kindness and charity will always be remembered. Leaves daughter, son.

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V/April 12, 1944, 14: died April 10 at

Victoria, BC, George Anderson, 76, born in Forfar, Scotland, resident here 69 years, he worked for Melrose Company as a painter and decorator. He joined BC Garrison Artillery Band in 1895, and later became one of the original members of the 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment Band. He was also with 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment Band. He was known as an accomplished clarinetist, and a bicycle racer of repute in the 1880s Leaves wife, son Frederick Charles, now overseas, sister. Family plot, F 005 E 19

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V/April 13, 1944, 3: Sergeant-Pilot Sandy Thomson, RCAF, has left for the East after spending leave with his mother, Mrs Annie Lockhart Thomson Blakey, Oak Bay. Born at Victoria, he attended Sir James Douglas, Victoria High & University Schools and Victoria College. He took a premedical course at UBC before enlisting last year.

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V/April 13, 1944, 3: Lieutenant-Colonel John S Adam, staff officer in Italy, has been promoted to this rank. Former teacher at Sir James Douglas & George Jay Schools, he was in 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish, before the war, and went overseas in 1940. His wife, Catherine, and children reside at Oak Bay. April 16, 3: photo.

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V/April 13, 1944, 3: photo, Lieutenant Leon E Hall, now on loan to British Army overseas. Son of EA Hall, Saanich, BC, he first went overseas with Canadian Forestry Corps in 1940. He attended Victoria High School...

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April 14, 1944, 2: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Mrs Mamie Veronica McQuade, 51, born in Woodstock, Ontario, resident here since 1908 when she came with her parents, late Mr & Mrs George Fraser. At

one time her father operated a drug store on Government Street. During the Great War she was a featured artist in many light operas and theatrical performances in aid of charitable organizations. She leaves husband, Edward, and an aunt. Family plot, C 041/042 E 23

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V/April 14, 1944, 3: Sergeant Douglas Crowe, 19, RCAF, son of Harold T & Mabel Crowe, Esquimalt, now serving in England. Educated at Esquimalt schools.

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V/April 14, 1944, 3: Warrant Officer 2 Harold J Price, RCAF, on leave with parents, Mr & Mrs A Price, Oak Bay. He went to Oaklands & Victoria High Schools.

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April 14, 1944, 6: Mr & Mrs Harry F & Amelia Bishop, celebrate 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. He was born in Portsmouth, England and came with his parents to Victoria in 1870. She was born in Quebec and came West with her parents in 1874. They married at New Westminster. They have 2 sons, 2 daughters.

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V/April 14, 1944, 7: photo, Private Frederick George Bradstock, youngest son of John B & Edith Bradstock, Victoria, on active service with Royal Canadian Army Service Corps, married Peggy M Scardifield, in England...

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V/April 15, 1944, 3: photo, Petty Officer WA Billy Mair, 29, RCNR, on leave with parents, William & Margaret Mair, Victoria. Coxswain with combined operations, he has been overseas 2 years and took part in the landings in North Africa, Sicily & Italy. He went to Victoria schools. A brother, James, 19, was killed in action with RCAF in 1942. Another brother, Bob, is to receive his pilot's wings soon.

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V/April 15, 1944, 3: photo, Captain Robert Edward Maze, on leave with wife, Dymrna Mary Owens Maze and son in Oak Bay after service in Sicily & Italy, for which he was recently mentioned in dispatches. Maze was called out for active service at the start of the war, and entered Royal Canadian Army Service Corps as 2Lieutenant.

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April 15, 1944, 7: registered nurses meet for 32 years...

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April 15, 1944, 10: died April 13 at Victoria, BC, Jonathan 'Johnnie' Alderson, 74, born in England, resident here 55 years. Leaves wife, sister at Victoria. Royal Oak Burial Park

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April 15, 1944, 10: died April 12 at Vancouver, BC, Mrs Annie Sparks, 72, of Victoria, born in England, resident here since 1891. Leaves husband, Thomas, son, 2 daughters. Colwood

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Bldg/April 16, 1944, 2: photo, historic Tolmie House to be converted to apartments, mansion built by Dr William F. Tolmie 85 years ago, has stood almost forgotten in all its picturesque serenity since 1937... [interesting history of house, trees, family...; April 16, 18, Greater Victoria building figures...; April 18, 1; 4: plans announced for Jubilee Hospital maternity pavillion...; April 23, 3: building figures...

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V/April 16, 1944, 3: photo, Pilot Officer Patrick Henry Raymond Lee English, serving with RCAF in England. Son of Mrs Daisy Moody English, Pat attended Victoria High School. He enlisted 1942. His wife, Olga J Parker English, and son live in Nanaimo.

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V/April 16, 1944, 10: list of 201 Canadian merchant seamen who have lost their lives while serving in vessels of UK registry... names given...

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April 16, 1944, 18: photos, Thomas Hadfield & Malcolm McDuff, both of Yarrows Ltd, received models of the handmade pewter submarine for their work in ship construction. The model is of a Netherlands submarine that escaped to England from the Nazis.

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V/April 16, 1944, 23: photo, killed accidentally by a grenade during training in England, Lieutenant Frederick Pemberton Thompson 'Fred' Winslow, 21, son of Francis Edward & Margaret A Winslow, Victoria. Born at Victoria he attended Boys' Central & Victoria High Schools & University School. He received his commission at Kingston, Ontario. His brother, Edward Thompson 'Bud' Winslow, with 1<sup>st</sup> Army Corps headquarters staff, Italy.

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JT/April 16, 1944, 25: died April 11 at Campbell River, BC, Florence Adelaide Adye, 65, nee Ashwell, born in London, England, resident of Victoria 26 years. Widow of Oscar Adye, she leaves 2 daughters, son.

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April 16, 1944, 25: died April 13 at Harrison Hot Springs, BC, Joseph Francis Gawley, 55, born in Victoria. Leaves 2 sisters, 3 brothers. Family plot, G 027/028 W 9.

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WC/April 16, 1944, 25: died recently at San Francisco, California, Ray Hillier, 44. Leaves widow, Freda, sister, 4 brothers [including Jack at Alberni]

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April 16, 1944, 25: died April 14 at Victoria,

BC, Edwin James Kendall, 68, born in Preston, England, resident here 2 ½ years. Vancouver burial

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V/April 18, 1944, 5: photo, Lieutenant-Commander ET Simmons, DSO, Distinguished Flying Cross, is in Victoria on leave to visit his mother, Mrs EC Simmons. For leading a party that boarded the sinking U-501 in 1941, when he was executive officer of HMCS Chambly, he received Distinguished Flying Cross. In January, 1943, he directed the destruction of an Italian submarine, as commanding officer of HMCS Port Arthur, and received DSO.

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V/April 18, 1944, 8: photo, Trooper Lawrence Brooks, 21, Canadian Armoured Corps, and Flight-Sergeant Clifford Brooks, 26, sons of Fred & Sarah Brooks, Saanich, BC. Lawrence joined an ack-ack unit in Victoria in 1942, transferred to armoured corps 1943, and took a motor transport course. Clifford joined RCAF in 1938 and is a senior aero-engine mechanic in Alberta.

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V/April 18, 1944, 8: photo, Lieutenant Montague Edward Tucker, 28, died of wounds March 26 in Italy. Son of Mrs WA Tucker, and late Mr Tucker. Born in Victoria, educated in Vancouver. He enlisted in Seaforth Highlanders in 1939, was in Britain from 1940 to 1943, trained at Gordon Head OTC and returned overseas last year. He leaves 3 brothers, 2 sisters.

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V/April 18, 1944, 8: photo, Gunner's Mate Bill Mundie, in Victoria on leave for 1<sup>st</sup> time since 1940, and is staying with his wife and child. He joined RCN in 1929 as an ordinary seaman, he was a gunnery instructor at HMCS Naden when war broke out. Since then he has been overseas 2 years, and was



aboard Assiniboine for a time, and for the past year has been in Newfoundland.

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V/April 18, 1944, 8: photo, Corporal GE Cooper, RCE, serving in England since 1942, has sent a short verse to his mother, Mrs Annie Cooper, Esquimalt, saying that she, rather than her soldier son, should be saluted. His father, CPO John 'Jack' E Cooper, RCN, was called from the retired list at the outbreak of war and is now at Naden II.

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V/April 18, 1944, 8: Flight Sergeant Robert 'Red' Mason, RCAF, has been commissioned pilot officer. Son of James L & Rhonwen Mason, Victoria, educated at South Park, Sir James Douglas & Victoria High Schools. He joined RCAF in 1940 and has been stationed at Ceylon since 1941. He has 2 brothers and a sister in the armed forces: Leading Seaman JL Mason, HMCS Naden; Lance Corporal JE Mason, 28<sup>th</sup> Armoured Corps, and Mrs Rhonwen Bennett, CWAC, stationed at Victoria [wife of Milton Ray Bennett, RCA].

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April 18, 1944, 11: died April 16 at Victoria, BC, Sister Mary Emmanuella, nee Manuella Mary Colbert, 36. She leaves parents, Mr & Mrs EA Colbert, and her sister, Bernadette O'Connor. Born in Victoria in 1907, she attended St. Ann's Academy & Provincial Normal School, and made profession as a sister in 1927. She was on teaching staffs of St Ann's & Little Flower Academy. In 1936 she was on teaching staff of St Ann's at Juneau, but returned to Victoria on account of ill health. Sisters' plot, U 055 E 53.

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April 18, 1944, 12: died suddenly April 16 at Victoria, BC, Henry James Kidd, 66, of Saanich, BC, resident here 34 years. Leaves son, daughter. Family plot, Colwood

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V/April 19, 1944, 3: Pilot Officer Archibald W Murphy, RCAF, has left Victoria after leave with wife, Linda, and family. He joined 13<sup>th</sup> Light Field Ambulance in 1940 and went overseas, and secured a transfer to RCAF in October, he took his initial training in England. Two brothers are stationed in Vancouver, they are sons of W Murphy.

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V/April 19, 1944, 3: J24417 Flight Officer James Talbot Smith, is missing after air operations in word received by his father, H Smith, of Saanich. Educated at Royal Oak & Mount View High Schools & Victoria College, he enlisted 2 years ago. A brother, Chief Petty Officer HH Smith, is on navy service, and a sister, Mrs RN Ruth McGinn, RCAF, is at Sea Island. [Prisoner of War #4115]

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V/April 19, 1944, 3: photo, Lance Corporal Robert Austin Acres, Canadian Armoured Corps overseas, who was chosen to serve in guards of honour [Montgomery & King George]. Son of Richard G & Edith Thair Acres, he attended Victoria High School, and was well known in bicycle racing here. A brother, Lance Bombardier FJ Acres, RCA, is at Prince Rupert. [wife Maiza Brodie Orr Acres]. Killed in action September 5 in France, Robert Austin Acres, 24.

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V/April 19, 1944, 3: Sergeant R Dobree, and Wing Commander HO Madden, formerly of Victoria, were among RCAF personnel who received decorations from Lieutenant-Governor WC Woodward recently. Dobree, now at a coast operational base, received the BEM for saving a pilot from a burning aircraft. He attended Oaklands & Victoria High Schools. Madden received the AFC for

outstanding and meritorious service. Officer in charge of a coast squadron since May, 1943 he was previously on ferry service. A brother, Flight Lieutenant WR Madden, RCAF, is at Ottawa.

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V/April 19, 1944, 3: Sergeant Air Gunner Gordon DK Christensen, 19, son of KW Christensen, born at Victoria, educated at Esquimalt High School, employed at Yarrows before enlisting last year.

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V/April 19, 1944, 3: Lieutenant A Fraser Shepherd, son of Mrs May Corbett, Oak Bay, BC, has been made assistant adjutant with RCE headquarters of an armoured division in England. His brother, Reginald Alastair Shepherd, is at Halifax. [Reginald, see 1945]

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Marine/April 19, 1944, 13: died yesterday at Sidney, BC, John Cameron, 65, general manager of Yarrows. He came here 36 years ago and has been general manager at Yarrows since 1930. Born at one of the great ship-building cities of the world, Darlan, Jarrow-on-Tyne, he was an apprentice serving his time with Hawthorn, Leslie Co. Early in life he went to the US and was associated with ship-building at New London, Connecticut. From there he went to San Francisco, still engaged in ship-building, and in 1906 came to Esquimalt. He joined BC Marine Railways, operated by the Bullen Brothers. When this business was taken over by Yarrows in 1914, he continued with that firm as chief draughtsman. He leaves a brother in Newcastle. April 22, 2: shipping men attend funeral...; April 23, 10: photo, friends mourn with shipyard... Royal Oak Burial Park

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V/Died April 19, 1944 at Vancouver, BC, Selby Alfred Codd, 68, born July 16, 1875 at

Winnipeg, Manitoba, son of Lieutenant-Colonel Alfred Codd. Enlisted Great War February 1, 1915 at Moose Jaw.

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V/April 20, 1944, 3: Trooper Norman Tipper, Canadian Armoured Corps has returned to duty after spending leave with his parents, Robert William Tipper.

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V/April 20, 1944, 3: Lieutenant-Colonel Arthur Lancelot Cornish, RCAMC [Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps], former Victoria doctor and a veteran of Great War, has been appointed commanding officer of RCAMC [Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps] personnel aboard Lady Nelson, a Canadian hospital ship, according to word received by his wife in Victoria. [died 1984, Ganges, BC]

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V/April 20, 1944, 3: Harold Knappett, 18, son of Arthur James & Nellie Cooper Knappett, left recently to start pilot training. He attended Lampson Street & Esquimalt High Schools.

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V/ChHx/April 20, 1944, 3: phot, Pilot Officer Hong Y Tso, RCAF, left for the East yesterday after a short leave with his father and younger brother, John, at Victoria. Graduating as a pilot recently. Born at Canton, he came to Victoria aged 4. Popular among Chinese young people here. Two sisters, Joan & Mary, and brother, Bobby, live in Vancouver.

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V/April 20, 1944, 3: photo, Pilot Officer Verity Everest, 19, only son of Mrs Muriel Catling, [and late Arthur Sydney Everest] Metchosin, recently graduated as an air gunner and was commissioned immediately. Born in Ontario, he came to the Island as a baby, living up-Island for 10 years before coming to Victoria. He was

educated at Qualicum Beach Private & Victoria High Schools. He enlisted in 1941. April 21, 3: now overseas. June 20, 3: photo, missing after overseas air operations, only son of Mrs Ernest C Catling, Metchosin. He has lived on the Island since he was a baby. He was in Victoria High School Air Cadet Corps before enlisting in 1943. Killed in action, June 13, J41055 Pilot Officer Air Gunner Verity Everest, 18, of Victoria. Mitchell aircraft lost during night operations against the Marshalling Yards near Caen, France. Buried at Eure, France.

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V/Killed in action April 20, 1944, J85859//R122453 Pilot Officer Pilot Raymond Gale Leonard, 22, of Crownsnest Pass, BC. Halifax aircraft shot down near Dieppe, France. No known grave, name inscribed on Runnymede War Memorial, Egham, England.

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V/April 21, 1944, 3: photo, Lieutenant TKL Rowe, naval officer who enlisted in 1940 is now overseas. He served on destroyer HMCS Ottawa, which was torpedoed and sunk in the North Atlantic. His wife lives in Toronto.

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V/April 21, 1944, 3: John E Elves, 19, a saw filer at Yarrows for past 2 years; Richard John Poirier, 28, at Yarrows blacksmith shop, and Edwin Cammidge Loughlean, 31, also a Yarrows man, were among recent Canadian Army recruits at Victoria. Elves was educated at North Ward & Burnside Schools, son of Lawrence Edward & Elizabeth Hitchin Elves. A brother, Signalman Lawrence Elves, has been overseas 3 years with RCCS. Poirier's wife, Vera, and children live here, as do Loughlean's young family [wife, Florence Anderson Loughlean].

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V/April 21, 1944, 3: Lance-Sergeant H Ralph Seymour, PPCLI, who besides suffering hand wounds in Italy, had an attack of pneumonia and malaria, is now at Shaughnessy Hospital. Son of Mrs Alice Little Seymour, Saanich. His father, L Carl Seymour, with Veterans Guard at Lethbridge and 2 brothers, Private Raymond Carl Seymour, PPCLI, Italy, and Gunner Desmond Seymour, RCA, England. His wife and son are in England, but expected to come soon to Canada.

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V/April 21, 1944, 3: Wounded veterans of Italy battles, Sergeant WOD Crawford, 22 & Private C 'Doc' Scott, have reached Victoria and are recuperating at their homes here. Corporal Tom H Smith, only son of JH Smith, Oak Bay, is to arrive here today. Private John Walter Sulsbury, Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps, is resting at Shaughnessy after his trip from England which aggravated stomach and chest wounds received at Ortona. His wife, Barbara Lynton Sulsbury, resides at Victoria. Sergeant Crawford, suffers from paralysis of his legs as a result of sandfly poisoning, and is still on crutches. Scott, who is from Oregon but enlisted at Victoria received machine gun bullets in the chest and arm at Ortona. Smith, former Empress Hotel door porter, suffered shrapnel wounds in the left arm and hip at Ortona.

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V/April 21, 1944, 3: photo, Lieutenant-Commander AR Turnbull, joined RCN in 1920, has had 15 years at sea on British & Canadian ships, now is on overseas duties. His wife lives at Victoria.

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V/April 21, 1944, 5: photos, Canadian naval personnel have now manned 2 escort aircraft carriers of RN...

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April 21, 1944, 11: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Sister Mary Francis of Jesus, nee Mary Agnes McCaffrey, 66, former Superior of St Ann's Academy. Born 1878 at Farrelton, Quebec, she entered congregation at Lachine in 1906 and came to BC in 1917. She was on the teaching staffs at Victoria; Dawson, Alaska, Vancouver & Duncan. Appointed Superior in 1927 until 1933... She leaves a brother, William at Quebec. U 054 E 53

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April 21, 1944, 12: died April 17 at Victoria, BC, James McIntosh, 68, born in Aberdeen, Scotland, resident of Sooke 32 years. Leaves brother, George, of Sooke and siblings at Vancouver. Colwood.

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April 22, 1944, died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Duncan John Mason, 78, born in Ontario, resident here 42 years. He married Janet Sutherland in Winnipeg. He was associated with Cameron Lumber Co, and later operated a fleet of trucks, retiring 15 years ago. Leaves his widow, 2 daughters, son. P 114 W H

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V/April 22, 1944, 3: photo, R122275 Warrant Officer 2 Bomb Aimer Kenneth Douglas Wellwood, 21, son of Wilmot Bryant & Helen Whittington Wellwood, of Victoria, BC, now presumed dead, word received by his parents. Educated at Victoria schools, Victoria College and Provincial Normal School, he taught in the Cariboo and at Errington before enlistment. He graduated as an observer. When lost he was air-bomber in a Lancaster crew. An elder brother, Robert W Wellwood, works in Quebec, and a younger brother, Ernest, is a student at Victoria College. [see 1943]

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V/April 22, 1944, 3: photo, Lieutenant Harold R Horne, Prisoner of War in Oflag

7B, Germany, has passed a law exam there with 2<sup>nd</sup> -class honours. His parents, William Henry & Joan Margaret WM Stevenson Horne, Oak Bay. Captured June 2, 1941, while serving with Royal Artillery in the Middle East, he has taken several educational courses through the Red Cross. An outstanding student of Oak Bay High School & Victoria College, he went to England in 1939 to study law, and enlisted at the outbreak of war.

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V/April 22, 1944, 3: Leading AirCraftman Lionel Brownsey, 20, son of Albert J & Emily M Brownsey, Victoria, is overseas with RCAF. Grandson of Duncan pioneers, born there, he attended Sir James Douglas & Victoria High Schools. He has 2 Duncan cousins serving, Sergeant Reg Brownsey, RCOC, and AirCraftman Kenneth Arnold Brownsey, RCAF.

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V/April 22, 1944, 10: died April 19 at Victoria, BC, Thomas Little, 73, born in Bolton, England, resident of BC 30 years. He was a member of 87<sup>th</sup> Battalion in the Great War. Royal Oak Burial Park

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V/April 23, 1944, 3: Sergeant-Pilot David Cowper-Smith, RCAF, son of Mervyn George & Mabel Pomfret Smith Cowper-Smith, Victoria, is overseas. Educated at Boys' Central & Victoria High Schools he gained his wings last year.

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V/April 23, 1944, 3: Leading Writer Ronald John Edmund Kay, RCNVR, has left HMCS Givenchy for Halifax. Son of Edmund Percy & Alice Theresa Kaltenbach Kay, born at Victoria, BC, attended St Louis & Victoria Colleges before enlisting in 1943. His wife, Dorothy Margot Freeman Kay, and twin girls live here.

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V/April 23, 1944, 3: Sergeant Robert G Pearce, RCA, has been wounded in action in Italy. Son of H Pearce, Victoria, he has been overseas 4 years.

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April 23, 1944, 8: photo, IODE renews pledges at Victoria cenotaph...

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V/April 23, 1944, 11: photo, Miss Wendy M Perkins, has joined WRCNS and is stationed at HMCS Discovery, Vancouver. Daughter of Alfred W & Dorothy G Perkins, graduate of Quadra & Victoria High Schools.

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WC/V/April 23, 1944, 11: Leaving soon to join ranks of WRCNS will be Mrs Joan Agnes Campbell Golby, widow of Lieutenant-Commander Thomas Maitland Wake Golby, RCNR, who was killed in action following the sinking in the Mediterranean of HMCS Weyburn.

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Bldg/April 23, 1944, 17: photo, new wing for Esquimalt High School...

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V/April 23, 1944, 17: Frederick W Smith, wounded at Dieppe, honourably discharged from service...

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April 23, 1944, 22: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Harry Douglas Anderson, 77, born in England, resident here 35 years. Leaves widow, Julia, son, 3 daughters. Colwood

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ChHx/April 23, 1944, 22: died April 19 at Victoria, BC, Dong Ping Chew, 56, born in China, resident here 30 years. Leaves widow and family in China. Chinese Cemetery.

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ChHx/April 23, 1944, 22: died April 19 at Victoria, BC, Chan Hoo, 86, born in China, resident here 20 years. Leaves brother

here. Chinese Cemetery.

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ChHx/April 23, 1944, 22: died April 18 at Victoria, BC, Fung Jong, 88. Born in Canton, China. Chinese Cemetery

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April 23, 1944, 22: died April 21 at Victoria, BC, Miss Eleanor Jane Pennell, 60, born in Dudley, England, daughter of Joseph Shakespear & Emma Jane Mansey Pennell, resident here 33 years. Leaves mother, 2 sisters, all of Victoria. Family plot, Royal Oak Burial Park

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Bldg/April 25, 1944, 1; 3: photos, fire destroys Willows Sports Centre & Ice Arena...; 2: arena fire causes roof damage when sparks drifted to 2600 block, Musgrave Street... fireman R Bryden suffers broken arm...

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V/April 25, 1944, 3: photo, Sergeant-Major Donald Owen Mulcahy, who, after 4 1/2 years as a clerk with RCOC on this coast, has been transferred to Toronto... Before leaving with his wife, former Marjorie Lantinga [Registered Nurse] for duty there, he visited his mother, Mrs Clara Morrow MacDonald Mulcahy, Victoria. [father William Andrew Mulcahy]

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V/April 25, 1944, 3: killed April 12, 1944, J9204 Flight Lieutenant Pilot Victor Silvio Ruocco, 27, RCAF, whose wife, Mary Elizabeth MacPherson Ruocco, is listed as living at Stelley's Crossroad, Brentwood. Born March 10, 1917 to Pietro & Lucia Ruocco. Crew of Beechcraft crashed at Whidbey Island, Washington. Buried at Mountain View Cemetery, Vancouver, BC

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V/April 25, 1944, 3: photo, killed in action September 6 R157548 Flight Sergeant Wireless Operator/Air Gunner Jack Richdale

Trace, 27, son of John Henry & Florence Isabel Richdale Trace, Oak Bay, reported missing September, 1943. He enlisted 2 years ago, leaving his work at Naval Dockyard, Esquimalt, to join RCAF. A brother, Harold, 23, is with Royal Canadian Artillery. [see 1943]

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WC/April 25, 1944, 5: Privateer would set up iron & steel plant at Zeballos...

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JT/April 25, 1944, 12: married April 19 at Huntsville, Ontario, Captain Frank Archibald Milligan, to Leading Air Woman Clara Bernice 'Bunny' Pidcock, youngest daughter of Magistrate & Mrs Pidcock, of Courtenay, BC.

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April 25, 1944, 12: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Mrs Louisa Fullerton, 77, born at New Westminster to John & Minnie Cox, resident here 72 years. Widow of William Francis Fullerton, she leaves 3 sons, 3 daughters, 3 sisters [Tobin/Rennie/Borde], 2 brothers. April 26, 11... Family plot, B 049 E 36.

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April 25, 1944, 12: died April 23 at Elk Lake, BC, Mrs Lillian Emma Maynard, 53, born in Wells, England, resident here 35 years. Leaves husband, George Hammett Maynard, son, daughter, her father, EJ Collins at Victoria, 2 sisters. Royal Oak Burial Park

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V/Killed in action April 25, 1944, J89946//R204537 Pilot Officer Air Gunner Theodore Phillip Bourque, 20, of Victoria, BC. Halifax aircraft missing during operations against Germany. Son of Wilbert & Helen Muriel Smith Bourque. Buried in Communal Cemetery, Benestroff, Moselle, France. Name inscribed on Oak Bay Memorial.

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V/April 26, 1944, 1; 4: tail from the crash of a Liberator bomber into a densely-populated tenement district of Montreal claimed 15 people, with rescue workers still searching the ruins of smashed home. The known dead included the 5 RAF members bound for United Kingdom from Dorval, a policeman, and 9 occupants of the old brick houses...

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V/April 26, 1944, 3: recently graduated as pilots: Pilot Officers LC Lake, 19, son of Sir Richard & Lady Lake, Oak Bay; RT Bob Mair, son of Mrs R Mair, Victoria; LH Hughes, 19, son of TL Hughes, Oak Bay; CC Holt, 24, son of George Holt, Saanich; Jack Relf, 24, son of Albert Edward & Jessie Holt Relf, Saanich; JE Jones, 21, Brentwood.

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V/April 26, 1944, 3: Leading Aircraftman Kenneth King, RCAF, a bombardier graduate, is spending leave with his parents, Major & Mrs E King. Born in Halifax, he came to Esquimalt in 1938 and attended Esquimalt High School & St Louis College. April 30, 3: photo.

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V/April 26, 1944, 3: photo, Lieutenant Robert Thornton McKean, with RCNVR and has been stationed in Trinidad on loan to RN for past 8 months, now enroute to visit wife, Mary Jessica Pearce McKean & parents, Robert Alexander & Gertrude Daley McKean, Victoria.

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V/April 26, 1944, 3: two of the 5 navy sons of Richard & Elizabeth Heaney Angus, Oak Bay, are now spending leave here. They are Lieutenant David Angus, 29, RCNVR, a torpedo officer, who has lately been attached to RN at Gibraltar, and Lieutenant Ian Angus, 27, RCNVR, until recently executive officer of a destroyer. Their 3

brothers are Lieutenant Forrest Angus, 24, who joined RCN in 1942, was on convoy service and transferred to a naval commando unit in 1943, Lieutenant Richard Angus, 30, who enlisted in 1940, and Ordinary Seaman, JA Angus, 20.

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V/April 26, 1944, 5: photos, 4 brothers in services, sons of Herbert Briton & Bertha Blanch Shea, Cordova Bay. Trooper CH Shea, 26, now overseas with 28<sup>th</sup> Canadian Armoured Regiment, enlisted 1942, in a tank unit; Sapper EN Shea, 22 overseas with RCE where he is taking special training in road construction, enlisted in 1942, overseas 1943; Leading AirCraftman Erwin H Shea, 20, RCAF, enlisted 1942, now a wireless instructor at Quebec; Ordinary Seaman GH Shea, 18, RCNVR, enlisted 1944, now at HMCS Cornwallis.

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April 26, 1944, 15: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Joseph Barlow, 63, of Saanich. Born in Edinburgh, Scotland, resident here 36 years. He leaves widow, Annie, 2 sons, 2 daughters.

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April 26, 1944, 15: died accidentally, fell from a truck at Metchosin, April 24 Alexander Crawford Pover, 65, of Saanich. Born in Dumbarton, Scotland, resident here 34 years. He was a veteran of South African & Great War. Leaves widow, Jessie L, 3 sisters. Inquest: April 26, 12...

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V/April 27, 1944, 2: photo, Lieutenant-Commander John Hamilton Stubbs; 31, HMCS Athabaskan; Commodore HG de Wolf, HMCS Haida, & Lieutenant-Commander HS Rayner, DSC, HMCS Huron... these ships teamed with British warships to sink a German destroyer in the English Channel yesterday... Germany claimed to have sunk Athabaskan

in 1943...; May 2, 1; 2: Daring rescue marked sinking of Athabaskan, skipper Stubbs stayed on raft rather than endanger sister ship, Haida.

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V/April 27, 1944, 3: photo, Mother and son now serving in CWAC & RCAF. Sergeant Alice Abbott, whose husband lives at Victoria, was one of the first 100 to join CWAC, was at Signal Hill for 2 years, and is now in charge of quartermaster's stores at Prince Rupert. Pilot Officer MG Abbott, 19, enlisted 1943, now stated at Calgary. He attended Quadra & Victoria High Schools. He has 2 uncles overseas, Corporal Thomas Abbott, Canadian Scottish Regiment, England, and Private JR Abbott, same unit, attached to a regiment in Italy. His father is a veteran of Great War.

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V/April 27, 1944, 3: Trooper Raymond C Briggs, Canadian Armoured Corps, now serving overseas. Son of Claude Grasley & Eleanor Healey Briggs, Victoria, he attended Oaklands & Victoria High Schools. April 30, 3: photo.

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V/April 27, 1944, 3: Flight Officer AW Henry, wounded by a machine gun bullet from a Nazi U-boat, now convalescing at Victoria home. He was waist-gunner in a Liberator aircraft that dropped a stick of bombs on the submarine and probably sank it. The submarine's guns put 16 holes in the aircraft, which had trouble reaching base. He will have more hospital treatment.

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V/April 27, 1944, 3: photo, Quartermaster Sergeant Henry George Minty, RCOOC, arrived at Esquimalt home after 3 years overseas. A veteran of the Great War he left for England in 1941 and is now back in Canada to be an instructor.

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V/April 27, 1944, 3: photo, Leading Seaman Robert Dalzell, 22, son of RJ Dalzell, Victoria, is serving aboard HMCS Athabaskan, the destroyer that took part in the sinking of a German destroyer yesterday. His wife lives at Victoria.

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April 27, 1944, 3: Oak Bay to widen Hampshire Road...

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V/April 27, 1944, 5: J90947//R192536 Sergeant Air Gunner Kenneth Peter Campbell, 22, RCAF, son of Mrs Campbell, Saanich, BC, and late Peter R Campbell, who was killed in an accident on the Malahat. Peter was born and educated at Victoria, he enlisted in RCAF 2 years ago. While he served his mother, sister and aunt have been engaged in war service at home as employees at VMD Shipyards. His mother is working in the foundry, his sister, Patricia, is in the plate shop and his aunt is Mrs GW Freer, Victoria. April 30, 3: photo... killed April 24 when his Halifax aircraft crashed. Buried in Stonefall Cemetery, Harrogate, England.

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V/April 28, 1944, 1: Saanich airman, Flight Officer Edward A Taylor wins Distinguished Flying Cross: March, 1944 he was detailed for a meteorological flight. Having completed this task, he then flew on to seek enemy aircraft and succeeded in engaging and destroying 2 Junkers. At all times this officer has exhibited exceptional courage and determination...; May 30, 3: photo, son of AJ Taylor, Saanich, he came to Victoria 9 years ago, attended Cloverdale & Mount View High Schools. He is in a Beaufighter squadron.

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V/April 28, 1944, 1; 2: HMCS Sioux commissioned... Lieutenant-Commander Boak, 26, son of Eric Wellesley & Dorothy

Chrysler Edsall Boak, Oak Bay, joined RCN in 1934. He was one of 6 Canadians to go to England to train with RN that year. He has had 4 years on convoy duty, HMCS Ottawa, Skeena, of which he was made captain last year. He was then the youngest captain in RCN. His wife, former Phyllis Jesse, of Victoria, and their son reside at Halifax.

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V/April 28, 1944, 3: Sub-Lieutenant Alan 'Pen' Campbell, RCNVR, and Pilot Officer RB 'Dick' Campbell, RCAF, arrived home to Victoria after travelling halfway across Canada on trains 20 minutes apart. They are sons of Alan J & Alvena Campbell and were both recently commissioned. Pen, after service on a sub-chaser and a corvette on the Atlantic coast, has just finished a course at HMCS Cornwallis. Dick graduated as a pilot recently. Educated at Victoria High School, Victoria College & UBC, Pen was employed by HR MacMillan Co before enlistment 2 years ago. Dick enlisted from UBC. They did not know they were travelling home on the same day until they happened to meet at Kamloops.

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V/April 28, 1944, 3: reported missing HK Langrish, who had nearly completed his tour of 30 operational flights as navigator of a Lancaster, is missing after air operations April 23. Son of Harold & Bessie Addy Langrish, Sooke. Educated at Prospect Lake & Mount Newton High Schools, he was employed on his father's farm before enlisting 2 years ago. He went overseas in 1942, and had been attached to RAF. His elder brother, Corporal Kenneth G Langrish, 28, is with a regiment in Italy, attached to 8<sup>th</sup> Army. He enlisted in 1940. Killed in action April 23, J22574 Flying Officer Navigator Harold Keith Langrish, 25, of Victoria, BC. Lancaster shot down at Berge, Germany, during night operations.



Buried in Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Kleve, Germany.

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V/April 28, 1944, 3: photo, Lieutenant John D Forbes, former Victoria civil servant, in PPCLI since 1939, is one of a group of Canadian officers who have volunteered for service with the British Army. He was born 1916 in Victoria. His mother is Mrs Grace Forbes, Oak Bay.

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Marine/April 28, 1944, 14: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Captain Donald Beatty McKay Cantell, 45, born in Jersey, Channel Islands. He trained on HMS Conway, was in RN during the Great War, afterwards in the merchant marine and with Coast Service in BC for past 8 years on cableship Restorer, on which he was captain at the time of his last illness. He leaves wife, Christine, daughter, brother. Cremate

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WC/April 28, 1944, 14: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, John Hartwick Kvarno, 76, of Saanich. Born in Norway, son of Jorgen & Helena Hansen Kvarno, he had resided for many years at Ucluelet before coming here 4 years ago. Widower of Betsy Kvarno, he leaves widow, Mary Ann Lilly Elizabeth Stewart Kvarno, daughter, Helen Ignis [Mrs Allan H McKinley], of Nelson, BC. Cremate

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April 28, 1944, 14: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Harold Francis Mitchell, 34, of Central Saanich. Born at Kelowna, resident here 30 years. Leaves widow, Beatrice, parents, Arthur Francis & Frances Maud Dawming Mitchell. Royal Oak Burial Park

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V/April 28, 1944, 14: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Frederick George Smith, 58, born in Wills, England, resident of Esquimalt for many years. Veteran of Great War. He leaves widow. Son, Cadet Glenn O

Smith, now overseas.

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V/April 28, 1944, 14: died April 26 at Victoria, BC, George Herbert Swainson, 71, born in England, resident here 40 years. Leaves wife, Mabel Wiard Hicks Swainson, son, Petty Officer Stoker Arthur James Hicks, RCN, 3 daughters, sister, brother. Colwood

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V/Killed in action April 28, 1944, R157147 Warrant Officer<sup>2</sup> Bomb Aimer Arthur John George Barnes, 22, of Victoria. Halifax aircraft did not return from special operation. No known grave, Runnymede War Memorial, Egham, England

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WC/April 29, 1944, 2: search for plane continues... Killed April 25, R79593 Leading Aircraftman Murray Thomas Robertson, 24, of Patricia Bay, BC. Crew of Ventura aircraft were engaged in a night navigation flight between Tofino and Patricia Bay, when they crashed on the side of a hill west of Cowichan Lake. The aircraft was located April 30. His wife, Leading Air Woman SH Robertson, is stationed at Patricia Bay, BC. May 3, 4: burial service at scene of crash where 6 airmen were killed last week. May 6, 6: Airmen buried on Mount Bolduc... RCAF padres and others making up the party of 12 climbed 10,500 feet to perform the last rites. A hard climb, it took 3 ½ hours to traverse the distance from base camp to the peak with deep snow covering much of the route. In the hollow chosen the rocks had been blasted to make the large grave. A cross on which the names of the 2 officers and 4 airmen were inscribed and placed at the head of the grave, which was also decorated with evergreens and a rock cairn was erected. Mrs Dorothy Kelly, residing at base camp owned by a logging company, made 2 2-foot wreaths of spruce

and wild flowers which were placed upon the cross. A tall spruce tree stands sentinel alongside the grave. Buried on summit of Mt Bolduc, name inscribed on Ottawa War Memorial.

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May 28, 1944, 4: poem 'A Tribute', to memory of air crew killed April 25, 1944:

No flash of gunfire filled the air,  
No bursting flak

The midnight sky was still and yet  
He'll not be coming back.

So there will be no great acclaim,  
Nor deeds of valour done.

No laurel wreath

For airborne victories won.

But, where the names of those

Who fought are blessed,

His name - and theirs -

Will be among the rest.

By KF Wallace, Victoria

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April 29, 1944, 4: poem, Uplands in Spring...

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V/April 30, 1944, 3: photo, Trooper AM Watson, son of Chrissie, Mrs James S Hayhoe, of Saanich, BC, writes from Italy...

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V/April 30, 1944, 3: Able Seaman Norman McClellan, 20, on leave with Victoria parents, Lancelot M & Gilberte E McClellan, after more than 18 months' convoy duty, during which he saw plenty of action.

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V/April 30, 1944, 3: photo, Sub-Lieutenant Forrest Angus, now serving overseas with a naval commando unit. Son of Richard & Elizabeth Angus, Oak Bay, he is one of 5 brothers in RCN, enlisting in 1942, and was on western Atlantic convoy service.

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V/April 30, 1944, 3: photo, Sergeant RG Chambers, son of Mrs Ray Chambers,

Victoria, now serving with RCAF in Britain.

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V/April 30, 1944, 3: photo, Lieutenant ML Tyrwhitt Drake, Canadian infantry officer, one of a group on loan to British Army. Son of Brian Halsey & Constance Tyrwhitt Drake, born 1922 in Victoria, he enlisted in Montreal in 1943, entering the army as 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant.

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V/April 30, 1944, 3: photo, David Miller, RCA, now on leave with his Victoria parents, Mr & Mrs JMC Miller. Born in London, England, he came here as a boy, attended Glenlyon & Victoria High Schools, and on enlisting was a medical student at University of Washington. He will take a course in the Survey Wing after leave.

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April 30, 1944, 10: photo, Chris Wensley brought engine to a stop at the E&N station recently where he was congratulated on 47 years service... Born 1879 in England he came to Canada in 1887 with his parents [William & Corinna Taylor Wensley] and began 'wiping' on E&N in 1890s.

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Bldg/April 30, 1944, 17: Greater Victoria building figures highest...; Oak Bay issues 20 permits...

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April 30, 1944, 17: Don Carley, of Victoria Riding Academy, has extended his thanks to the general public for saving his horses and equipment during the fire which destroyed the Sports Centre...

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April 30, 1944, 22: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Benjamin William Brown, 78, born in Victoria. Leaves widow, Eliza Ellen Walsh Brown, 3 sons, daughter. Royal Oak Burial Park

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V/May 2, 1944, 1; 2; 4 : photos, daring

rescue marked sinking of HMCS Athabaskan, Lieutenant Commander JH Stubbs, DSO...; Five Victoria, Esquimalt men survive Athabaskan...; Victoria survivors; V7827 Petty Officer George William Thomas, husband of Rose Casswell... May 6, 2: he was 1 of 3 men taken to Britain in a cutter; 40844 Harry Bilton Neaves, ERA3, son of Mrs Eliza Neaves, Victoria...; May 3, 3: Missing Victoria men include: Lieutenant TD Izard [photo]; Leading torpedoman Edgar Anthony Cookman, born in Esquimalt, educated at Lampson Street & Esquimalt High Schools, he left school aged 17 to join RCN. He served 3 years aboard HMCS Ottawa and left Esquimalt aboard that ship at the outbreak of this war. He was posted to Athabaskan when she was commissioned. May 4, 2: photo. ; Able Seaman Joseph A Bell: born in Saskatchewan, educated there. He joined RCN here when he left school aged 18, and became crew member upon commissioning of Athabaskan. May 9, 8: photo.; 2563 Chief Petty Officer Charles Edwin Sweet: husband of Elsie Sweet, Victoria. Coxswain Sweet, widely known among naval personnel as a physical training instructor. Born in Devonport, England, he came to Canada aged 12. He joined RCN aged 17 and became an Able Seaman a year later. He took the training course in 1938, serving his months in England to qualify. At the outbreak of this war he served aboard HMCS St Laurent on convoy duty. He then went to Kingston to instruct cadets. Returning to this coast he was instructor at Naden & Royal Roads for 3 years. Asking for more active service, he was sent to HMS Lightfoot as coxswain, thence to Athabaskan. He has a son, his parents live in England and a brother is serving aboard HMS Jamaica. May 9, 8: photo.;

Chief Petty Officer Thomas Henry Goldsmith, husband of Dolly, son of Major & Mrs TC Goldsmith, of White Rock. He served aboard HMCS Ottawa for 13 months and was transferred before she was sunk. He had been overseas 2 years and aboard Athabaskan for 13 months. Educated in Vancouver, a UBC graduate. A brother, William, 21, was a member of HMCS Fraser, and was lost aboard HMCS Margaree. May 4, 2: photo;

Leading Seaman Robert G Dalzell [photo], his wife arrived in Victoria 2 months ago to live with his parents, Mr & Mrs HJ Dalzell. He was formerly on HMCS St Croix, posted to Athabaskan as a radar operator after taking a course at Halifax.;

Chief Engine Room Artificer Ernest G Mills, 27, his wife and children live at Saanich. Son of Mrs Ivy Mills, Victoria, and late John Mills. He joined RCN 7 years ago after an apprenticeship at Naval Dockyard. Before being Athabaskan crew member he served aboard HMCS St Laurent 4 ½ years and left Esquimalt aboard that ship at the outbreak of war to serve on the Atlantic. A brother, Chief Engine Room Artificer Leslie Mills, 25, is also with RCN, and another brother, Jack, was lost when HMS Hood was sunk in 1941. May 9, 8: photo. ;

Chief Stoker William D Mitchell, son of Mrs Margery Mitchell, Victoria, his wife, Mabel, lives in Vancouver. He joined the army as a bugler in the Great War, but only got as far as Halifax. Previous to joined RCN he was an engineer on Canadian Pacific steam ships coastal boats for 1 years;

V47397 Stoker Eric Edward Lea, born and educated in Victoria, he was prominent in sports. Before the war he worked with his father at Hickman Tye Hardware. His parents, Albert E & Edith M Lea, Oak Bay. May 7, 3: photo;

Chief Petty Officer Steven Travis Dunnell,

husband of Agnes. She had recently received a wire from him. He joined RCN 3 years ago after 13 years with Victoria city police, chiefly as a motorcycle officer. May 9, 8: photo;

Izard had been in charge of engine room. He was educated at St Michael's & Oak Bay High Schools. He joined RCN in 1935 and left for Great Britain for training in HMS Frobisher. He was later chosen to train as an engineer officer at Keyham, Devonport, where he spent 4 years. He then served as sub-lieutenant in HMS Sheffield, seeing action in the Mediterranean. In 1941 he was appointed to HMS Indomitable, under construction at Barrow, and later commissioned in this ship. After serving on that ship, he received his 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian appointment as assistant instructor in engineering at RCN College, Royal Roads, and from there was appointed in 1943 as engineer officer, HMCS Athabaskan. Eldest son of Edward W & Eleanor Izard. His wife, former Pamela M Cather, resides in Saanich with his parents. Died April 29 at sea with HMCS Athabaskan, Lieutenant Theodore Douglas Izard, 26. [January 23, 1947 - 2 brass vases presented to Royal Roads Naval College by parents, Mr & Mrs Edward Whitaker Izard, in memory of their son. The vases were placed in the college chapel.]

Joy for 5 Victoria homes: Chief Petty Officer Charles Thomas Burgess, among survivors. Born in Saskatchewan, he came to Esquimalt and joined RCN in 1929. He married here and has 2 sons. Formerly with HMCS Assiniboine, he left that ship to take a torpedo gunner's mate course, and then went to Athabaskan. May 4, 2: photo. June 1, 15: it is believed that he is still in hospital in England ;

Petty Officer George WT Caswell, whose mother resides in Saanich, his father, also in RCN, stationed at Esquimalt. May 4, 2:

photo;

Leading Telegraphist Henry J Bennetts, son of Henry A & Dorothy Bennetts, of Esquimalt, 6 years in RCN, formerly aboard HMCS Ottawa, but was transferred before she sank. He has been with Athabaskan since Athabaskan was commissioned. A younger brother, Leslie, also a petty officer, has been in Egypt with the Middle East command and in other war theatres for 3 years. May 4, 2: photo;

Petty Officer Robert George Backus, formerly of Alberta, enlisted in 1939, served aboard HMCS Prince Robert when she was 1<sup>st</sup> commissioned, then on a minesweeper for 9 months, being posted to Athabaskan this March. His wife, Hazel E, resides at Victoria. May 4, 2: photo.;

Chief Petty Officer Harry Bilton Neaves cabled directly to his sister, Britta, that he was safe and well in England. His mother, Eliza, lives at Keating. Educated in Victoria he later became an instructor at Auto Mechanics School, Kings Rd. He enlisted in November, 1940.

May 4, 2: 11<sup>th</sup> Victorian missing: V30291 Leading Stoker William McGregor. His wife, Grace, and daughter, of Victoria, and his parents, Malcolm & Cecilia McGregor, of Saanich. Born in Scotland, he came to Canada aged 10. He enlisted 3 years ago in Victoria. Previous to being posted to Athabaskan 2 months ago he served on corvette Dunvegan and HMS Seymour. May 6, 4: photo

May 4, 2: Lieutenant HR Hayward, RCN, of Duncan, missing. He was serving on Athabaskan in 1943, when she was bombed and badly damaged, she was able to reach port under her own power. The vessel was attacked at that time by planes in the Bay of Biscay, and put up a gallant fight. She was struck by a German glider bomb. Hayward was cited in reports as among

those particularly responsible for saving the ship. His sister, Nancy, is serving with WRCNS, stationed at Ottawa. May 5, 2: 4 more Victoria & Island men among missing: Lieutenant-commander John Hamilton Stubbs, official list gives St John's, Newfoundland, but he was formerly of Kaslo & Victoria. May 6, 2: Victoria skipper cheers men with song as Athabaskan sinks...;

Chief Petty Officer Raymond Bruce Stenning, 26, brother of 40848 Guy C Stenning, Victoria. He enlisted early in the war, was a cook at Esquimalt and then went overseas, and was stationed for a time in Scotland, also as a cook. Posted to Athabaskan 2 months ago, and was made CPO shortly after. He was single. May 9, 8: photo;

A survivor is Stoker Petty Officer Claude Alexander Mancor, 25, RCN, Esquimalt-trained seaman, word received by his aunt, Mrs Jennie West. He joined RCN in 1937 and has been on convoy duty aboard several ships, 1<sup>st</sup> going overseas on minesweeper Comox when she was commissioned. May 6, 4: photo;

21532 Stoker Petty Officer Douglas Thomas Landless Laurie, of Port Alberni, his wife resides there;

V3074 Leading Seaman John Robert Kobes, his wife, former Joyce Wardell resides at Victoria. His parents live in Vancouver. Joined RCN 7 years ago aged 17, he trained at Esquimalt and served on HMCS Restigouche, HMCS Prince Henry & HMS Verity before being transferred to Athabaskan at her commissioning.

May 7, 3: photo, complete list of 202 names of missing, May 5, 5. May 6, 2: ... the captain 'was singing and talking and got the rest of us to sing', said one of the survivors who reached London. He thought the skipper's hands were burned but said

that didn't seem to bother him.

Survivors also brought the story of a 100-mile dash to Britain by a motor cutter from HMCS Haida with her 3-man crew and 3 survivors. The cutter's engine at 1<sup>st</sup> refused to start and her dirty, tired crew and passengers had only seconds in which to decide between certain safety on the French coast 3 miles away, or risking the fickle English Channel waters to reach England. They chose England. 100 miles and 15 hours later they were taken in tow by a British rescue launch a few miles off the home coast. The cutter was launched after the blazing Athabaskan sank, crew included Able Seaman Jack Hannam of Victoria. They rescued 6 men, including 2 of Haida's crew who had been washed overboard before she headed for Britain. 3 of the men made the trip in the cutter and others were taken aboard Haida. One of the 3 rescued men was Petty Officer G Casswell, of Victoria. Today these men told the story of the battle and journey, described by RCN as 'one of the epic voyages of this war.' Crew said that the roar of our engine was the sweetest music I will ever hear. We scooted north, steering by the North Star, which was still just visible. About 2 hours after we started our motor conked out again. We rigged a makeshift sail from 2 pieces of tarpaulin. The motor got going again but we only did about 4 knots. Two Messerschmitts swept low over the boat, attracted by the waving sailors who had mistaken them for Spitfires, but the enemy planes left them alone.

About 7 in the evening we saw 2 planes coming in the same way and thought they were the Jerries coming back. Then we saw the old bulls-eye RAF insignia. They stayed for an hour and were relieved by 2 more and a big Lancaster bomber. Then we saw a ship coming. It was an air rescue launch.

Signalman Roy Chedsey, of Vancouver, advanced the theory that the 1<sup>st</sup> shell which struck and stopped Athabaskan, leaving her wounded and an easy mark for torpedoes, was not fired by German destroyers she was pursuing as the effects of that 1<sup>st</sup> shell hit was so terrific that I think it might have come from a heavy shore battery.' May 6, 4: editorial, HMCS Athabaskan...; May 9, 3: Petty Officer George W Caswell, of Victoria, Athabaskan crew member to talk on radio tonight...; May 9, 8: the list of 202 men missing has names of 16 Vancouver Island men, the majority from Greater Victoria. Others who passed through this port in training had friends and relatives here. Names of some of them may appear soon as prisoners of war, for German reports claimed 85 men were picked up and taken prisoner. The 46 men rescued included 5 from this district. May 19, 1: 1<sup>st</sup> Athabaskan Prisoner of War reported, Able Seaman George Campbell, of Nova Scotia.

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V/May 2, 1944, 3: airmail sent by son, Roy Green, RCA, to parents, Arthur V & Gertrude Green, Saanich, BC, to tell of being flown from Italy where he suffered a spine fracture in February and is still in hospital.

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May 2, 1944, 7: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Jessie Elizabeth Graves, 79, born in Ontario, she came with parents, late Thomas A & Catharine Jane McLeod Kennedy, in 1912. She completed her education here and soon afterwards joined The Colonist staff. She married Sandham Herbert Graves in 1920 and they went on the 1<sup>st</sup> flying honeymoon in Canada. Leaves husband, daughter, sister, 2 brothers. Cremate

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V/May 2, 1944, 12: Life on a corvette can be

'pretty grim,' especially on the North Atlantic, which sailors call the 'home of all bad winds,' Lieutenant-Commander ET Simmons, DSO, DSC, RCNVR, told Gyro Club members at the Empress Hotel yesterday.

But it has its humorous side and that is what battle weary men in blue remember most, he said, relating numerous amusing incidents. 'Corvettes will roil even on dewy grass, and it takes a cowboy to ride them,' he stated, laughing. He said they used to be built like trawlers but had been considerably improved. However, Simmons declared he was delighted to be assigned to a frigate.

'You have developed a frigate which is pretty wonderful, and I am delighted to have been sent here to pick up Victoria's own HMCS Beacon Hill,' he assured the audience, adding that it was a very fine thing Victoria was doing in entertaining the boys who had followed a 'pretty grim life in Mediterranean & Atlantic seas.'

Morale must be considered for fighting efficiency; many of the men were green when they went to sea, but a big attribute of sailors was the way they kept they kept their sense of humour. A particularly amusing story he told concerned a small group of 4 MTB's whose senior officer, a sub-lieutenant, ran up signals for his own group forgetting to run up the group flag first. As a consequence, the big 'battle wagons of the English fleet which followed turned in formation,' obeying all the orders run up. 'It was a marvelous bit of work done with incredible speed for those big fellows,' he said. Afterwards an Admiral in command sent a congratulatory message to the little lieutenant.

The wolf packs were certainly broken up, he stated, describing times when Germans were 'hotting it up' in the Atlantic and

during 7 months on the Mediterranean.  
Allan Butchart introduced the speaker, who was born in Vernon, and told of his exploits on the corvettes, Chambly & Port Arthur. He spent many years working in Victoria, where his mother still resides. Hart Henderson moved the vote of thanks.

Among the guests were Robert Lacy Smythe, US Consul for Victoria, accompanying Major H Cuthbert Holmes.

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V/WC/May 2, 1944, 12: Governor-General & HRH Princess Alice will arrive from Vancouver today on their annual spring visit to the coast. Their 1<sup>st</sup> official engagement will be an investiture honoured by the King for bravery and devotion to duty... complete list included...; May 3, 1; 2: photos, investiture details... [photos included Lieutenant Garrard, MBE [Member of the Order of the British Empire]; Captain Grant, CBE, Lieutenant-Commander Simmons, DSO]. May 7, 18: presentation to ET Ted Simmons, DSO, DSC, planned... Civic medallion...

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May 2, 1944, 13: died accidentally April 30 in Saanich, BC, Samuel Thomas Waldron, 43, born in England, son of Samuel James & Annie Maria Waldron, resident here 36 years, lately in Esquimalt. Leaves wife, Ethel Beatrice Lewis, son James overseas, daughter, father, Samuel, 4 sisters. May 3, 11: coroner's jury... Royal Oak Burial Park

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May 2, 1944, 13: died May 1 at Victoria, BC, Olive Sofia Lamb, 72, born in Bruce County, Ontario. She moved to Yorkton, Saskatchewan in 1881, and came here 38 years ago. She leaves husband, Robert, 5 daughters, 4 brothers, 3 sisters. Cremate

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V/May 2, 1944, 13: died April 26 at Victoria,

BC, Alastair Alex Menzies, 61, born in Charleston, Scotland. He was severely wounded in the Great War and was employed at the Court House for the past 24 years. He leaves 2 daughters, 2 sons, daughter Jean, in WRCNS.

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V/May 2, 1944, 16: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Timothy Collins, 84, born at County Cork, Ireland. He joined Victoria Fire Dept in 1902 as steam engineer and left it in 1911 to work on small craft on the coast. With previous RN service, he entered the RCN in the Great War. He leaves 3 daughters.

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May 3, 1944, 2: died May 1 at Victoria, BC, Miss Ethel Anderson, 17, a member of Fairbridge Farm School, Duncan. Until quite recently she was a pupil in Oak Bay High School, living in Oak Bay. Duncan

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V/May 3, 1944, : Gunner Albert Wallace Robertson, 22, recovering from slight injury. Son of Mrs Sybil Agnes McNeill Robertson, Oak Bay. His father, Staff-Sergeant Alexander Wallace Robertson is an instructor in Canadian Army Trades School, Hamilton, Ontario. His brother, Private Neill Robertson, 23, Canadian Armoured Corps, is expected to be home this month after completing an NCO's course. He was a member of 17<sup>th</sup> Searchlight Battery here before the war.

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V/May 3, 1944, 5: photo, Lieutenant-Colonel RE Wilkins, RCE, promoted to this rank recently. His brother-in-law Lieutenant-Colonel T Stephenson, attached to a British paratroop unit, has just received a similar promotion, according to word received by his mother-in-law, Mrs Charles Swayne, also of Esquimalt. Wilkins, with permanent

army since 1936, served at Work Point Barracks and at eastern Canadian posts until going overseas in 1941. His wife is the former Eileen Swaney, whose father, late Charles Swayne, was editor of The Colonist. Stephenson served with Royal Signal Corps before being attached to the paratroops. His wife, formerly Kathleen Swayne, lives in London, England.

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V/May 3, 1944, 5: Captain Thomas E Baylis now serving in Australia, word received by his wife in Victoria.

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V/May 3, 1944, 5: Private Peter Eden Holmes, son of Mrs Emma Gertrude Holmes [and late Joseph Alan Holmes], Oak Bay, suffered a leg fracture in Italy. He went overseas last year and to Italy in November.

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V/May 3, 1944, 5: photo, looking at damage done by flak to the tailfin of aircraft during a flight over France, Flight Lieutenant Navigator Colin Finlayson, of Victoria...

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V/May 3, 1944, 12: died May 1 in Oak Bay, BC, Mrs Margaret Jane Maves, 67, born in Ontario, resident of Oak Bay, 26 years. Widow of Gustave A Maves, she leaves son, Carl Rembrandt Maves, RCAF, stationed at Cole Harbour, and daughter, Diana Barr.

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Bldg/May 4, 1944, 1: Military authorities come to rescue of local families facing eviction, Oak Bay & Patricia Bay Army camps, with accommodation for 200 families, will be made available...; May 5, 1: Victoria mayor claims building rules cause housing shortage...

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V/May 4, 1944, 3: photo, one of 5 sons of Arthur Anthony & Ellen Morris Cownden, reported missing. Born in Victoria,

educated at St Louis College, with RCAF for some time. Killed in action April 28, J88410//R197889 Pilot Officer Air Gunner Vincent Joseph Cownden, 20, of Victoria, BC. Halifax aircraft shot down during a night trip to Montzen, Belgium. Buried in Maastricht Cemetery, Holland.

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V/May 4, 1944, 3: Able Seaman Richard 'Dick' Russell, 19, RCNVR, Victoria-educated, enlisted 1942, now serving overseas. Eldest son of Major AL Russell, stationed at Kingston, and grandson of Frank & Elizabeth McKeon, Saanich.

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V/May 4, 1944, 3: Ken Fisher, RCNVR, injured on RN service, now on convalescent leave with parents, Mr & Mrs D Fisher, Victoria.

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May 4, 1944, 4: poem, May in The Uplands [Oak Bay]...

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May 4, 1944, 13: photo, Edward E Stewart, William Neilson & William B Harris, 3 Victoria merchant seamen who were invested with British Empire medals by Governor-General Neilson recently...

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May 5, 1944, 2: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Alfred Emery, 81, born in Staffordshire, England, resident here 60 years. Leaves widow, brother, 2 sisters, all of Victoria.

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V/May 5, 1944, 3: photo, Flight Lieutenant Douglas Patterson, recently promoted to that rank with Middle East Command, RAF, word received by his parents, William A & Violet Patterson, Oak Bay. Calgary-born, he attended Oak Bay High School, Victoria College and UBC. He articulated to firm of Heisterman & Manzer, and before enlisting he was in legal dept of BC Electric. He was



posted overseas in 1941.

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V/May 5, 1944, 3: now presumed dead, Mrs Gertrude E Flack, Oak Bay, BC, receives word of her nephew, RAF 43262//621170 Flight Lieutenant Pilot Reginald Frank Williams, 23, missing since Oct 9, 1943 after air operations over Germany. Son of Mr & Mrs Ralph W Williams, Whonnock, BC. He enlisted with RAF in 1938 and is a veteran of many operational flights over enemy territory. Buried at Harsewinkel, Germany, exhumed, and reburied in Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Kleve, Germany.

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V/May 5, 1944, 3: J14188 Flight Lieutenant Daniel Branch Quayle, RCAF, missing after operations over Germany March 16, now prisoner of war [#3756]. Son of Joseph L & Mary Branch Quayle, Ladysmith, BC. [Daniel died 1993, Nanaimo]

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V/May 5, 1944, 3: Warrant Officer Charles Gordon Steuart MacDonald, 21, RCAF, son of Mrs Grace MacDonald, Victoria, missing since Britain-based operations in early April. He enlisted in 1941 and went overseas in 1943. Born in Victoria, he attended South Park & Victoria High Schools and Victoria College. He was an engineering apprentice with CPR before enlistment. May 9, 3...; June 4, 3: now listed as prisoner of war.

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V/May 5, 1944, 3: died May 3 at Victoria, BC, Skipper Lieutenant John Daniel McPhee, 58, officer commanding HMCS Armentieres. Born in Prince Edward Island he lived in Vancouver before entering RCN 4 years ago. Leaves wife, Mary Elizabeth, 2 brothers, 3 sisters.

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V/May 5, 1944, 3: died yesterday at Nanaimo, BC, Andrew Thomas Wilson, 48,

born in Nanaimo, son of Jerome & Emma Jane Wilson. A veteran of Great War in Royal Flying Corps and gunners' instructor in Canada & Texas. He was a partner in the Scotch Bakery, a business established by his late father. [wife Margaret Coulter Watson Wilson]

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WC/May 5, 1944, 14: died yesterday at Port Alberni, BC, George Fraser, 89, retired horticulturist who came from Scotland to BC 60 years ago and after a period in Victoria went to Ucluelet nearly 50 years ago. He was born at Morayshire, Scotland. In Victoria he organized a horticulture business, he and his partners worked at the laying-out of Beacon Hill Park in the 1890s. Before going to Ucluelet he operated a large farm in the Mount Tolmie District. At Ucluelet he raised rhododendrons and heather, and developed several new varieties of rhododendron, including some 15 to 20 feet high. He was an invalid for the past 15 years. Mrs WB Fraser, Ucluelet, is a relative by marriage.

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V/May 6, 1944, 4: photo, J24014 Flight Officer Joseph J Rey, missing following overseas air operations, word received by parents, Alexis Xavier & Mary E Behan Rey, Duncan. Last winter he was the only survivor of an aircraft crash in England, and was confined to hospital for some time. His younger brother, Sergeant Francis Lawrence Rey, is also on RCAF Service [see 1945]. [Joseph, Prisoner of War #8571]. June 20, 3, listed as Prisoner of War in Germany by Red Cross. Missing May 5.

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V/May 6, 1944, 4: photo, Flight Officer JF Frank Cadman, 30, RCAF, former Victoria bank employee, navigates a Mosquito in a Britain-based Canadian squadron. Overseas since 1943 he has been on more than 15

operational flights and this year was mentioned in dispatches for shooting down a Junkers 88. Son of Mrs Frances [George] Severs, he was born and educated in Victoria. A half-brother, Harold Severs, is wireless officer on a merchant ship. Since graduating from Sprott-Shaw here and going to sea 3 years ago, he has not been home. However, he met his brother overseas.

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V/May 6, 1944, 4: Victorians received awards for acts of gallantry: Wing Commander SD Turner, Distinguished Flying Cross [citation: son of Mrs Isabelle Clarkson Turner and late Sydney Wyndham Turner, veteran of Great War. He attended Sir James Douglas School, enlisted years ago, and was pilot for late Sir Frederick Banting until being assigned to convoy work about a month before the Newfoundland crash in which the scientist was killed]; Sergeant RR Barker, BEM, of Oak Bay [included citation], remarkable courage and daring during an air crash at Port Alice, of which he was the sole survivor. Born here he attended St Michael's & Oak Bay High Schools. He enlisted in 1942.

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May 6, 1944, 7: photo, Mr & Mrs William A Willis celebrate 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary...

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V/May 6, 1944, 13: died May 3 at Saanich, BC, Howard Medley Harper, 69, born in Fredericton, New Brunswick, resident here 43 years. Leaves widow, brother, sister. Veteran of Great War. Cremate

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V/May 7, 1944, 3: Killed in action May 2, 1944, J38130 Pilot Officer Air Gunner George Graham Vipond, 21, of Nanaimo. Missing following raids over Germany. Buried in Oudenaarde Communal

Cemetery, East Flanders, Belgium.

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V/May 7, 1944, 3: Private Leonard Howe Stark now home with parents, Herbert Howe & Gladys Perry Stark, after being honourably discharged for shellshock received in the Sicilian campaign. He was well known as a champion swimmer before joining Canadian Scottish and leaving for overseas in 1942. [died 1947, accidental drowning, Salt Spring Island]

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V/May 7, 1944, 3: photo, Private Wilfrid Donald Wardell, serving overseas with Canadian Army, son of Wilfred Victor & Elsie May Pretoria Wardell. Enlisted 1943 in Royal Canadian Army Service Corps, and later transferred to the paratroopers. He was educated at Quadra Elementary & Boys' Central Schools.

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V/May 7, 1944, 4: editorial, Beacon Hill, Furnishing Ships...; 8: HMCS Beacon Hill, Victoria's warship, wants washing machines... Women's Canadian Club sending funds...; May 9, 4: Victoria is thanked in letter to editor by Simmons...; May 11, 19: Victoria YWCA sends \$100 to HMCS Beacon Hill; May 12, 7: to raise money for washing machines...; May 17, 11: bearing crest of city of Victoria and IODE with a suitable inscription on a silver shield, an oak plaque will be presented to HMCS Beacon Hill, Victoria-built frigate, at the commissioning ceremonies today...; May 18, 10: HMCS Beacon Hill to carry plaque into action. Victoria-built she will carry into battles not only the gifts of citizens but also a plaque indicative of the pride of this city and district in its shipbuilding accomplishments and its ardent hope for a successful fighting future for the frigate. Presentation to Simmons marked the climax of a ceremony at Naval Dockyard,

Esquimalt... Preceding the presentation the commander inspected the ship's company, and then gathered officers and men about him informally for a brief talk. 'Our job fundamentally is to go out and hunt the enemy, and kill the enemy,' he called upon the men for the utmost in teamwork. He emphasized the need for efficiency and for keenness, and for 100% support of the commanding officer, the officers and the non-commissioned officer. 'You play ball with me and I'll play ball with you,' Simmons pledged, assuring the crew of his keen personal interest in their welfare and inviting them to consult him...; May 19, 14: set of silver cutlery for the wardroom of HMCS Beacon Hill, and a cheque for \$57.60 for the men to use as best suits their needs, presented by BC civil servants... Seaman George Naligan represented the men of Beacon Hill... He had so far had no opportunity to express his thanks to all Victoria residents who had made gifts to the ship, Simmons said, but he and his officers and men were truly appreciative of them. Your yard here at Yarrows certainly builds a wonderful ship. It's a wonderful job, he declared. May 20, 13: photos, Simmons/McGavin, presentation climaxes naval ceremony...; May 21, 19: ad, Victoria Little Theatre, presents variety concert in aid of the crew of HMCS Beacon Hill; June 7, 16: HMCS Beacon Hill host to Victoria City Visitors... Simmons speaks...; June 8, 5: photo, Commissioning of Beacon Hill...

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Bldg/May 7, 1944, 5: Saanich building permits head district...

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May 7, 1944, 8: photo, Esquimalt's May Day Queen & Retinue, names, etc. given...; May 20, 6: photo, pageant pleases crowds at Memorial Park...

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V/May 7, 1944, 9: photo, RCAF Leading AirWoman Phyllis Corbett, now home in Oak Bay on leave with her parents, Henry Claude & Mabel Adams Corbett after 2 years service. [Henry died 1969, clerk accountant, Oak Bay municipality in 1944]

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May 7, 1944, 21: died May 5 at Oak Bay, BC, James Cameron, 63, born in Manchester, England, resident here 31 years. Leaves widow, Elizabeth. Family plot, So14 W 36.

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May 7, 1944, 21: died May 5 at Victoria, BC, Jessie Fotheringham Cotsford, 74, born in Ontario, resident here 30 years. Leaves husband John. Colwood

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ChHx/May 7, 1944, 21: died May 3 at Victoria, BC, Kon Jun Low, 73, born in Canton, China, resident here 43 years. Leaves family in China. Chinese Cemetery

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May 9, 1944, 2: Long career of public service at end in death of Arthur Wellesley Gray, 68, born in New Westminster. For years he starred with the famous Salmonbellies...

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V/May 9, 1944, 3: photo, Flight Lieutenant W 'Locky' Lock, attached to an RAF Spitfire squadron in Italy and one of the Canadian pilots helping to clear the Italian air of the Luftwaffe. Son of Frederick John & Isabel M Lishman Lock, he was born and educated in Esquimalt [Lampson Street & Esquimalt High Schools & Victoria College]. He joined in 1941. Since then he has seen service in England, North Africa, Egypt, Sicily and Italy, and is now on his 2<sup>nd</sup> tour of operations.

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May 9, 1944, 4: died yesterday at Esquimalt, Reeve Alexander Lockley, born 1879 at Liverpool, England, he came to

Canada in 1904 and to the coast in 1906. A building contractor by calling, he became a police commissioner in 1915. May 9, 12: photo... Leaves widow, Florence, 3 daughters, all at home. Colwood

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V/May 9, 1944, 6: wedding photo of Company Quartermaster Sergeant William Allan Paterson & Ida Florence Jellett, recently married in England. He is son of Mrs Barbara Kathleen Violet Allan Paterson Liddle, Oak Bay, and has lived here since he was aged 2. A sergeant with 16<sup>th</sup> Canadian Scottish Regiment before the war, he has been overseas for the past 4 years...

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V/May 9, 1944, 13: died accidentally May 7 in Esquimalt, BC, JX.514304 Ordinary Seaman Peter Alfred Reid, 18, RN, HMS Rance. Leaves father in Burchington, Kent, England. Veterans' Cemetery, Esquimalt, B-09-0225.

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V/May 10, 1944, 3: Leading Aircraftman Ronald W Thorpe, 19, RCAF, on leave with parents, William George & Ellen Wilkinson Thorpe, Victoria. He was a student of surveying after leaving Victoria High School.

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V/May 10, 1944, 3: Wing Commander David T French, 28, RCAF, son of George Thomas & Beatrice Louise Wakeford French, Victoria, awarded Distinguished Flying Cross. Besides piloting bombers in overseas raids, he took part in a raid on the Brenner Pass. Over Wuppertal his aircraft suffered extensive damage from flak and he received a foot injury. Previously with City of Bradford Squadron, he is now Officer-in-Charge of Ghost Squadron. Born in Calgary, enlisted in 1939, he was an instructor until going overseas 1 ½ years ago. His parents came to Victoria 30 years

ago.

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V/May 10, 1944, 3: photo, Private James Edward Hoare, now serving with a Canadian paratroop unit overseas. Stationed near Victoria with 17<sup>th</sup> Searchlight Battery since 1940, he married an Esquimalt girl, Phyllis May Bennett. She and daughter live here.

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Marine/May 10, 1944, 5: died recently at Seattle, Washington, Captain HC Hansen, 75, prominent in shipping on this coast. He came from Norway in 1916 and established yards for constructing sailing ships at Tacoma & Victoria He built 8 windjammers at various yards, including Cholberg Yard, Victoria.

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Bldg/May 11, 1944, 2: 6 lots sold by Oak Bay Council...

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V/May 11, 1944, 3: Reginald Clarke, of Victoria, a Great War veteran and a company sergeant-major in RCAAMC, Pacific Command for 3 ½ years until discharged last year, wonders whether his family holds a record in Victoria. He and 5 of his sons hold the Canadian Army Active Service Medal as volunteers. His youngest son, Herbert, 15, is a leading hand in the sea cadets, and his wife is active in Red Cross work. Sons are: Chief Petty Officer [gunner's mate] Jack Clarke, 25, RCN; Chief Petty Officer [Engine Room Artificer] Jim Clarke, 24, RCNVR; Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> Class Kenneth Clarke, 18, RCNVR; Physical Training Instructor Fred Clarke, RCN; Officer-Cadet Reginald Clarke, Canadian Armoured Corps. Jack enlisted 7 years ago and saw much sea duty before receiving his present instructor's post at Halifax. Jim, enlisted in 1940, and Kenneth, who enlisted 2 years ago, are on North Atlantic service.

Fred, who enlisted in 1938, and has been overseas, is at Esquimalt. Reginald was in the militia before the war, went active at the outbreak, and was the youngest sergeant in the Canadian Army. He is now at Sandhurst.

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V/May 11, 1944, 3: photo, Sergeant George RF Burrows, recently graduated as wireless air gunner. Son of Ernest Charles & Vernal rosalia Willey Burrows, Oak Bay. He has a brother, also in RCAF, and another in the army.

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V/May 11, 1944, 3: Pilot Officer Ronald W Neilson, 22, RCAF, visiting his mother Mrs Arley Christena MacDonald Neilson, Saanich. He attended Craigflower & Mount View High Schools, before enlisted with Canadian Pacific Air Lines.

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V/May 12, 1944, 3: Flight Lieutenant James Smith, 35, RCAF, overseas since November as a navigation instructor, has returned to Canada. Son of John Smith, Saanich, and late Mrs Smith, he is a UBC graduate. After teaching at Harwood & Esquimalt High Schools, he studied navigation at Esquimalt before joining RCAF, and was an instructor for 2 years at Alberta training schools. Before returning here he had a visit with his wife, an officer in the RCAF, Women's Division in Ontario.

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V/May 12, 1944, 3: Officer-Cadet Reginald Clarke, 19, Canadian Armoured Corps, son of Reginald Clark, Victoria, suffered shellshock 6 weeks ago when a bomb-loaded Messerschmidt crashed and exploded 100 yards from him in England. He has been in the army since the outbreak of war, and was within weeks of completing a course at Sandhurst.

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V/May 12, 1944, 3: Lieutenant Stirling Cashman Mason, RCNVR, is missing at sea, news received by his wife, Julia, daughter of Lieutenant-Commander & Mrs ERS Dickinson, Esquimalt, BC. Born at Tangier, Nova Scotia...

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V/May 12, 1944, 3: J18315//R106632 Pilot Officer Wireless Operator/Air Gunner Herbert Francis Maughan, 21, RCAF, reported missing in 1943, now presumed dead. Son of Wilfred Percy Stanley & Kate Mahala Skinner Maughan, Colwood, formerly of Esquimalt. May 19, 3: now presumed dead. Enlisted 1941, went overseas in a bomber in 1942. He was in on large raids over Germany. A brother, Sergeant Stanley Maughan, RCA, is stationed on the mainland. [see 1943 for full details]

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V/May 12, 1944, 5: photo, Flight Officer Gray Pearse, RCAF, son of Charles & Marion Pearse, Oak Bay. He is a pilot with an RAF squadron

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May 12, 1944, 5: 1<sup>st</sup> diesel marine engine made in BC, made by Heaps Engineering Co., New Westminster. 200hp, 6-cylinder engine...

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May 12, 1944, 8: 48 Jubilee nurses receive diplomas...

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May 12, 1944, 12: died May 10 at Victoria, BC, Arthur H Parker, 75, of Saanich, born in England, resident here 40 years. Leaves widow, Alice Elizabeth. St Luke's

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May 12, 1944, 12: died May 10 at Victoria, BC, Hannah Elizabeth Walker, 82, born in England, resident here 30 years. Leaves sister in England. Cremate.

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May 12, 1944, 12: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Dr John Wood, born in

Hamilton, Ontario. He served in Great War with 7<sup>th</sup> CMR and won rank of captain. He was a keen fisherman. Leaves widow, Mrs F Leyden Wood, sisters, 2 brothers. Vancouver burial.

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May 12, 1944, 12: died May 6 at St Albert, Alberta, Mary Elizabeth Churchill, 80, born at Bruce County, Ontario. She had resided in Victoria previously. Leaves husband, Reverend JW Churchill, daughter, son. Family plot, Royal Oak Burial Park

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May 12, 1944, 12: died May 5 at Victoria, BC, Frederick Cousins, 66, born in London, England, resident here 34 years. Leaves 3 sisters, brother. Royal Oak Burial Park

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V/Marine/May 12, 1944, 12: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Captain George Alexander MacFarlane, born 1897 Dublin, Ireland. He arrived here as a boy and took to the sea at an early age. He enlisted in 62<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, CEF, and served in France and Flanders. He then became well known as a tugboat captain on this coast, and at the time of his death was master of Nitinat Chief, owned by Nitinat Logging Co. He was a cousin of Lieutenant-General FN Mason-MacFarlane, Governor and Commander in Chief at Gibraltar. Leaves wife, Doris Gwendoline Flint MacFarlane, 2 sons, Chief Petty Officer George MacFarlane, RCN, now serving at sea, and Charles, daughter, Mrs Hilda Madeline MacFarlane Sluggett, [husband, Clarence Sluggett, Petty Officer shipwright, RCNVR, 2 brothers, sister.

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V/May 13, 1944, 3: photos, Lieutenant William Davenport, RCNR, naval officer with long merchant-service experience before enlisting 3 years ago, has been made captain of a frigate. He is the 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian without lieutenant-commander's rank to command a vessel of this size. His brother, Major H Davenport, is in charge of army

medical supplies in Military District 11, recently received the Efficiency Medal. Sons of William & Eleanor Davenport, of Oak Bay. They both attended Oak Bay High School. Major Davenport was overseas in the Great War and later was a pharmacist.

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V/May 13, 1944, 3: photo, missing in action J88775//R162681 Pilot Officer Bomb Aimer John Martin Burns Liebscher, 34, joined RCAF 2 years ago and went overseas in 1943. Son of Ferdinand Frank & Margaret Martin Liebscher. His wife, Marion A, resident of Victoria. For several years he was a golf pro in Vancouver, and is well known to Victoria golfers. Lancaster aircraft shot down at Marne, France during night operations. No known grave, his name inscribed on Runnymede War Memorial, Egham, England.

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V/May 13, 1944, 3: photo, J9683 Flying Officer Pilot Ian McIntyre, 21, missing since a Mediterranean flight July 11, 1943, now presumed dead, word received by his mother, Mrs Phyllis Carapata McIntyre Leeden, Victoria. He was leader of an attack on enemy shipping at Naples at the beginning of the Sicily invasion. The mission was entirely successful. On the return journey to his base in Tunisia they were attacked by fighters and he failed to return. A skilled torpedo bomber, he piloted a Bristol Beaufort. Educated at Vancouver, he worked for VMD before enlisting in 1941, and went overseas in 1942. Also leaves sister in Victoria and his father, William McIntyre, Vancouver. No known grave, his name inscribed on Malta War Memorial, Malta.

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V/JT/May 13, 1944, 3: two airmen killed: Flying Officer Bomb Aimer J28462 Richard Bertram Idiens, 34, son of Joseph & Elsie Cooper Idiens, Sandwick, BC. Two Albemarle aircraft collided mid-air April 28

during a night flight and crashed at Welford, England. Buried in Brookwood Military Cemetery, Woking, England. J29531/R107982 Flying Officer Pilot Clifford Douglas McIvor, 21, son of GH McIvor, of Lake Cowichan. Killed April 27. Halifax aircraft on practice bombing exercise when an engine failed and set up a severe vibration. McIvor ordered the crew to abandon the aircraft and attempted a landing. The Halifax went out of control and crashed at Marshfield, England. Buried Haycombe Cemetery, Bath, England.

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May 13, 1944, 3: photo, DE Anderson, son of Albert H & Edna Anderson, Oak Bay, recent UBC grad, left recently for Halifax to take naval officer's training.

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May 13, 1944, 4: editorial re: Gerald E Wellburn and stamp lectures...

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FN/May 13, 1944, 10: died May 7 at Brigham City, Utah, Felix T Paul, 30, born in Saanich, resided there until 2 years ago when he joined US Army service. Leaves father, Tommy Paul, 2 brothers, Chief Thunderbird & Chris, sister, Mrs Eliza Rooney, of California. West Road Cemetery, Saanich.

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JT/May 13, 1944, 10: died May 11 at Victoria, BC, Richard Barry Henshall, 21, born in Victoria, married 1943 at Redonda. Leaves widow, Effie Beatrice Haines Henshall, parents, George Rufus & Laura Williamson Henshall, sister, 3 brothers. Colwood.

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V/May 14, 1944, 2: photos, two Victoria-born boys returned recently from action in Italy with war disabilities. Corporal Thomas Smith and Staff Sergeant William Crawford, 22, PPCLI, later to 4<sup>th</sup> Princess Louise Dragoon Guards. He was in on the Italian campaign all the way from invasion

of Sicily to battle of Campobasso when he was halted by sand fly fever... his father and mother are both in the army overseas; Smith worked at Empress Hotel before enlistment in 1939, in Saskatoon Light Infantry, got as far as Ortona when he was stuck by fragments from a German mortar bomb. He was also with initial troops to land at Sicily...

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Bldg/May 14, 1944, 3: photos, newly constructed conservatory at HMCS Royal Roads, which houses miniature planetarium installed for instructing naval cadets in navigation...

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V/May 14, 1944, 5: photo, Roland Dodwell, RCNVR, recent UBC grad, now on his way East to take naval training. Son of Claude & Grace Dodwell, he attended Oak Bay High School & Victoria College.

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V/May 14, 1944, 5: Flying Officer Charles R Berry, 22, RCAF, son of A Roger & Elizabeth Berry, of Victoria, will soon be home from Mediterranean area, but he may be starting a new tour of operations. He was posted to Malta in 1941 and served in British Blenheim aircraft. Later with an air-sea rescue unit, he helped save many men at sea and on the desert. He mentioned meeting Austin Webster, a Victoria-boy in RAF, and John Vernon 'Jack' Davey, missing since May, 1942.

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V/May 14, 1944, 15: died May 12 at Victoria, Sergeant Alexander Dunbar, of Oak Bay, with Provincial Police. Born 1884 at Argyllshire, Scotland, he served overseas in the Great War with 2<sup>nd</sup> CMR until demobilization in 1919. He was awarded the Military Medal. He first enlisted in the Provincial Police in 1912, but resigned to join CMR's in 1914. Returning to Canada, he re-enlisted and in the years that followed served throughout BC. In 1923 he left the

force to join the federal Dept of Fisheries and served with them 5 years. In 1928 he came back to the police again, in charge of Police Motor Launch 6 at Victoria and 7 at Port Alberni. Royal Oak Burial Park

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May 14, 1944, 15: died recently at Ketchikan, Alaska, George Ashdown, for many years a member of International Longshoremen's Assn, at Victoria. He leaves wife at Klawock, Alaska.

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May 14, 1944, 15: Pupils at Monterey School, Oak Bay, are preparing to take up silkworm culture, and will receive a supply of eggs from Cecil French soon.

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V/May 16, 1944, 1; 2; 3: photos, loss of 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian escort ship in 9 months on North Atlantic convoy routes was announced today. New frigate Valleyfield had been torpedoed and sunk with 5 dead, 121 missing, 38 survivors. Victorians on Valleyfield: survivors:

Leading Seaman William Wilberforce Hocking, 25, & Signalman Laurence Almeric Hammick, 22; son of Laurence & Catherine Hammick, of Oak Bay. He attended Victoria High School. A brother, Dalziel, is also overseas with RCN. June 1, 15: survivors of Valleyfield sinking also arriving in Victoria to spend leave: Bill Hocking tumbled out of his hammock when the explosion awakened him. Finding his life jack gone, he pulled a 'zoot suit', padded coverall, over his shoulders and dashed on deck to find the ship already sinking. He reached a Carley float and was on it for an hour before being picked up. Oil on his bare skin saved him from pneumonia, he believes. He recalls there was no panic when the torpedo struck, and that only one man escaped from the aft part of the vessel. The ship's mascot dog, Irish, was kept ashore when it left on its last voyage, suffering, from distemper; Laurie

Hammick... Hammick enlisted 11940 and previously served on minesweeper Quinte and HMCS Columbia, had been on Valleyfield only 3 weeks. He was in the mess when the torpedo struck. 'I guess it was only a few seconds before I was on deck but she was sinking already.' he jumped overboard and got on a Carley float with 10 others. The moon was shining brightly and he had no trouble finding a raft. Coming to Victoria in 1938, he attended Victoria High School, and after enlistment trained at Esquimalt.

Missing:

Lieutenant John Edmund Storey, 27, only son of Lieutenant-Commander George & Mrs Amy Kathleen Storey, Esquimalt. Born in Victoria, he graduated from UBC. A sister, Kathleen, is RCN Nursing Sister. June 10, 5, photo, officially reported missing at sea from Valleyfield. He joined RCNVR during the final year at UBC and upon graduating in 1941 he left for Halifax. Later that year he was posted to a British cruiser, which he joined at Singapore, a month before that port fell to the Japanese. After a year of activity in the Far East, during which he saw action on several occasions, and in which his ship was severely damaged, he returned via South Africa to New York. The following months were spent on minesweepers on patrol work in the North Pacific. In 1942 he was transferred to the North Atlantic patrol and convoy duties, later was appointed engineer officer, Valleyfield; Lieutenant Sterling Cashman Mason, 23, wife, Julia, resident here, son of Lieutenant-Commander & Mrs ERS Dickinson;

Ordinary Seaman James Anthony Cornwall, 20, son of James Kennedy & Evelyn Beatrice Tierney Cornwall, Oak Bay. Killed in action aboard HMCS Valleyfield when it was torpedoed and sunk in the Atlantic on May 7, V53512 Able Seaman James Anthony Cornwall, RCNVR. Son of James



K & Evelyn B Cornwall of 2275 Oak Bay Avenue, Oak Bay, BC. Before enlistment he had been a seaman with the hydrographic survey out of Victoria. Born October 7, 1923 at Edmonton, Alberta. Name inscribed on Oak Bay Memorial;

Leading Seaman Walter Gordon Randall, 20, son of Mrs Isabelle Ruth Gordanier Randall, [and Sidney George Randall] Saanich. Photo, he joined RCN 3 years ago as a boy seaman. He attended Mackenzie Avenue School.;

photo, Ordinary Seaman William Davey, 20, son of Mrs Margaret Stuart Davey, born at Victoria, former lacrosse and baseball star, he attended Oaklands & Victoria High School. He has 2 brothers, Lieutenant Peter Davey, Royal Canadian Artillery & Stephen Chappel Davey, here, and sister. Lost at sea with HMCS Valleyfield, May 7, on convoy duty, William (Billy) Davey;

Stoker Petty Officer Roderick Arnold Wilson, 25, of Victoria. Son of Percy W & Nellie Wilson, born in Victoria, he attended Margaret Jenkins & Victoria High Schools. His wife, Helen E, resides in Vancouver. Missing, presumed dead, when HMCS Valleyfield was torpedoed and sunk May 7 by enemy action in the Atlantic, Roderick Arnold Wilson, 25, RCN. Born June, 1918 in BC, parents residents of 1837 Crescent Road, Victoria, BC. Name inscribed on Oak Bay Memorial.

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May 17, 3: photo.

This is 16<sup>th</sup> Canadian naval loss since war started. Valleyfield represented the original war duty - defensive escort duty. Athabaskan represented the new fighting navy - offensive blows at the enemy in his own waters. May 16, 3, photo: Also missing is the captain, Lieutenant-Commander DR English. May 16, 3: RCN list of Valleyfield casualties...;

May 20, 5: sailors display courage in Valleyfield sinking; photo,

Lieutenant-Commander C Petersen, RCNR, of Victoria, skipper of a corvette which picked up survivors...; 5 known dead were buried in Newfoundland... [2 column description of sinking and rescues...];

May 20, 5: photo, Chief Petty Officer John Armitage, RCN, of Victoria, 2<sup>nd</sup> officer of the watch aboard HMCS Giffard, watching as Valleyfield was hit...;

May 21, 2: full honours at military funeral, St John's...; May 23, 16: Survivors of Athabaskan home...;

May 24, 2: think shore gun hit Athabaskan...;

May 24, 2: George Caswell, Victorian tells how Nazi planes roared over boat from Athabaskan... Escaped in a small boat, chased by German minesweepers, surveyed by Messerschmitt fighters and escorted by Spitfires before landing safely in England.

May 31, 1944, 1: photo, the intrepid 3 'must-get-there's', of HMCS Haida's motorboat crew who made an epic voyage from the French coast to Cornwall, England, in full daylight with oil-soaked survivors from HMCS Athabaskan and 2 seamen from HMCS Haida. They are: Leading Seaman Leon McClure, of Wellington, BC, coxswain of the boat; Able Seaman Jack Hannam, 20, son of Mrs W Hirst, Albert Head Rd, Esquimalt; Stoker William Cummins, 27, of Toronto, who kept the engine going.

May 31, 3: one survivor of Athabaskan sinking, Chief Petty Officer HB Neaves, arrived in Victoria to spend leave, and 3 others are on their way. One of the others, Leading Telegrapher HJ Bennetts, expected today. June 1, 15: Bennetts arrived home yesterday for 60 days' leave. He believes he was the last man to leave Athabaskan when she was sunk, he stayed at his post in the main wireless office until the equipment was rendered useless by explosives. He plunged into the sea just as the rail was going under, and managed to get away before it capsized.

I cannot speak too highly of our life jackets... He said he was in the water more than an hour, holding on to a float part of the time. Finally a star-shell burst over him, 15 minutes later HMCS Haida appeared, and they swam to her after making sure she was not a German craft. Despite half-frozen hands and feet, he climbed most of the way up nets on her sides. His younger brother, Flight Officer Leslie H Bennetts, RCAF, has been serving as a pilot in England for 18 months. They met a week before he sailed; Petty Officer Robert G Backus, was delayed in Halifax. June 17, 5: photo, Backus, last of Victoria survivors from Athabaskan to reach home. He did not say much about the sinking. When the destroyer began to heel over after being blasted for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time, while engaging the enemy craft off the French Channel coast, Backus, who was forward at the time, jumped into the sea. He swam about until he spotted a float, climbed into it, and pulled several of his mates aboard;

Petty Officer George W Casswell is expected home soon. June 1, 15: Caswell, another survivor arrived yesterday. June 4, 15: photo, Mrs Rose Casswell, special recording of voice of her son, George Casswell...;

Neaves said yesterday that he believed many Athabaskan crewmen listed as missing are safe as prisoners of war. He remembers seeing Lieutenant-Commander JH Stubbs, Victoria commander of the ship, and other Victorians. June 2, 5: group photo, Victorians among Athabaskan survivors back in Canada... [names given]

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V/May 16, 1944, 2: 2<sup>nd</sup>Lieutenant Alvin Jackson Narod has entered Royal Canadian Army with that rank after graduating from UBC in civil engineering. Son of Jacob Hyman & Gertrude Schara Narod, Victoria, he was born in Vancouver, attended Victoria High School & Victoria College. [he died

1983, Vancouver]

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May 16, 1944, 2: died May 14 at Victoria, BC, Mrs Margaret Freel, 88, born in Glasgow, nee Jackson, resident here 50+ years. Widow of James Freel, she leaves daughter [Wille], son, brother. Family plot,

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May 16, 1944, 2: died May 13 at Victoria, BC, Mrs Edith Stevenson, 97, resident of Vancouver Island since 1896. Daughter of Reverend Stenning Johnson, Chichester, England. She leaves 2 daughters. Cremate

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V/May 16, 1944, 11: photo, died May 13 at Victoria, BC, Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Corbishly Bennett, 85, son of John Humphrey & Marian Bennett, DSO, VD. Born at Toronto, resident here 33 years. He served with distinction during Boer & Great Wars, retired from permanent army in 1922. Leaves widow, Ethel May Read Laing Bennett, [both widowers they married at Victoria 1911] 3 sons, 2 daughters. Cremate

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V/May 16, 1944, 11: photo, died May 14 at Victoria, BC, Harold Frederick Harman, 61, born in London, England, son of Edward Harman, an architect & surveyor. He arrived in 1902 to Canada, and followed farming, railway construction and logging before joining HBC land dept at Winnipeg... retiring in 1930. During the Great War he was attached to No 4 Casualty Clearing Station... He leaves widow, Marian Harley Ketchen at Ten Mile Point; 3 children, Zoe, a Nursing Sister in Cairo; Geoffrey, with RCAF in Canada, and Frederick, with RCAF overseas. June 8, 6: photo, Canadian nurses in Cairo, Miss Zoe Harman who went overseas in 1941, and was signally honoured in a report of the court of inquiry held in connection with a fire in the military wing of a Norther Cape Colony hospital, when she was complimented for her promptness and bravery. Royal Oak Burial Park

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May 16, 1944, 12: died May 14 at Victoria, BC, Margaret Ann Robson, 72, born in Glasgow, Scotland, resident here 30 years. Leaves husband, John, 2 sons, brother, 2 sisters. Cremate.

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V/May 17, 1944, 3: photo, Flight Lieutenant James Gratton Smith, 35, RCAF, returning to Canada after several months overseas, is welcomed by his wife, Section Officer Dorothy Genevieve Gratton-Smith, RCAF, Women's Division. She is daughter of Albert Thomas & Annie Elvira Murphy Farley, Esquimalt, and he is son of John Smith, and late Mrs Frances Jane Gratton Smith. He is a former Esquimalt High School teacher and has been in service 3 years. His wife transferred from Canadian Women's Army Corps to RCAF at the time of their marriage 2 ½ years ago.

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V/May 17, 1944, 3: J88694/R157900, Pilot Officer Bomb Aimer Harold Edward Quinn, 22, killed in action April 10. Lancaster aircraft did not return from a night trip over Germany. Born in Victoria, son of Ralph Hector & Edna Ray Curran Quinn, Vancouver and nephew of Alex J & Barbara Curran, Oak Bay. Buried in Fourfelt Cemetery, Jutland, Denmark.

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V/May 17, 1944, 3: Sapper Alfred Baguley, RCE, on leave after overseas service, has a son and 2 daughters in the army. Son, Sapper Fred Baguley, RCE, with whom he went overseas 3 ½ years ago. Daughters, Corporal Irene Baguley and Driver Olive Baguley, both with Canadian Women's Army Corps. Father, Alfred is a veteran of Great War, spent part of it as a Prisoner of War in Germany. His wife, Rose Elizabeth, served as a cook with British Auxiliary Forces in that war, and met him at Le Havre. The children were born in England.

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V/May 17, 1944, 3: Private James Alfred Sugden, with an infantry unit in Italy, has been wounded according to army's 458<sup>th</sup> casualty list. Son of Alfred & Kate Dowgill Sugden, Victoria. [died May, 1956, Veterans Hospital, Victoria, BC, 44, single. Veterans' Cemetery, D-17-0008]

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V/May 17, 1944, 3: funeral services for Flight Sergeant William George Fenwick, 29, administration, RCAF, died by natural causes May 13 at Vancouver, BC. He served for several years in RCAF signals branch. Born in Winnipeg, son of Thomas Jervis & Edith Mary Howland, he leaves wife, former Beatrice Louise Jones, Victoria. He will be buried with full military honours at Royal Oak Burial Park.

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V/May 17, 1944, 3: J85718 Flight Sergeant Hugh Mooney, RCAF, Victoria-born airman, missing after overseas air operations. Word received by brother, William A Mooney, Victoria. He enlisted at Vancouver in 1939, on ground crew service for 3 years before commencing navigator training in 1942. He graduated in 1943 and on going overseas flew in Halifax bombers in raids. His younger brother, Lawrence, RCN, died in 1942 following an accident at sea. [Prisoner of War#3682]

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V/May 18, 1944, 2: Sergeant WL McKay, of Victoria, who went overseas with PPCLI in 1939 and has been with them since, spies on Nazis from church in Italy...

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V/May 18, 1944, 3: photo, Colin R Lucas, has left for HMCS Cornwallis after graduating from UBC. Only son of Leonard Augustine & Elsie Lucas, he attended Oaklands, Margaret Jenkins & Victoria High Schools.

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V/May 18, 1944, 3: details of service for which Pilot Officer Colin Finlayson was

recently awarded Distinguished Flying Cross received by his parents, Forbes & Elizabeth Finlayson, Victoria. Navigator of a Mosquito he had nearly finished a tour of 30 operations when last writing home. Awarded for great gallantry to the performance of duty while with 418<sup>th</sup> RCAF Squadron.

May 21, 2: Victorian in long raid, RCAF fighters based in Britain shot down 15 German aircraft last week... Squadron Leader Charlie [Last Trip] Scherf, Distinguished Flying Cross & Bar, an Australian, destroyed 5 planes and damaged others. His navigator is J13956 Flight Lieutenant Colin Gowans Finlayson, 22, Distinguished Flying Cross, of Victoria, son of Forbes Leopold & Elizabeth Susan Finlayson.

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V/May 18, 1944, 3: photo, Captain Charles Frederick Ballam, serving with an Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps hospital unit. Victoria born, son of Charles & Maude Gladys Crighton Ballam, he was employed as a clerk before enlisting as a private in 1940. He earned his commission in 1942. A brother, Philip S, is with RCNVR. [He married Edith Frances Dent, 1942 at Victoria. Died 1987, resident of Oak Bay.]

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V/May 18, 1944, 3: John E Gush, came to North Saanich aged 4, with his parents, Mr & Mrs William John & Dorothy Burrows Gush, Bazan Bay Road. He attended school at North Saanich & Victoria College before going to UBC. He was commissioned Probationary Electric Sub-Lieutenant, RCNVR, on being posted East.

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V/May 18, 1944, 3: photo, Sergeant Allan E Jones, 21, recent grad as navigator. Son of Ernest Brierley & Bertha Bailey Jones, Victoria. He attended Sir James Douglas & Victoria High Schools & Victoria College.

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V/May 18, 1944, 5: photo, Regimental Sergeant-Major Stanley John Bichard, recently promoted to that rank, now serving overseas with Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps hospital unit. Born 1913 at Vancouver, married Muriel Holdridge, 1936, Oak Bay. He died 1970, Vancouver.

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V/May 18, 1944, 6: photo, Lieutenant JE Fonvana, nursing sister attached to hospital unit, RCAMC [Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps]. Born in Manitoba, she later moved to Victoria, where she entered the nursing profession as a private duty nurse. Daughter of Peter Fonvana, Victoria, she has a brother in RCAF.

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V/May 18, 1944, 6: photo, Lieutenant MJ Wilson, physiotherapy aide with hospital unit, RCAMC [Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps]. She joined the service in 1943, has served at Victoria Military Hospital. A brother is serving with RCNVR, and a sister attached to RCAMC [Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps]. Her father resides at Chapleau, Ontario.

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ChHx/May 18, 1944, 14: died May 13 at Victoria, BC, Miss Violet Fong Lore, 24, born here. She leaves mother, Fung Qua, 5 brothers, 4 sisters. Chinese Cemetery

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V/May 18, 1944, 14: died suddenly May 15 at Esquimalt, A571 ERA 3<sup>rd</sup> Class, Thomas Wilson, 54, born in Glasgow, Scotland, stationed at HMCS Naden past 4 years. Esquimalt Naval Cemetery, B-09-0226

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V/May 19, 1944, 1: photo, after a successful raid on Germany, a Canadian pilot was forced to take his huge 4-engine bomber into a loop to evade a German fighter. Navigator, charts, etc, floated to the roof of the Halifax bomber, in its corkscrewing evasive action. The mid-upper gunner, who was worried the turret bubble might give under his weight;

rear gunner, tossed about and Flying Officer Art Mauger, of Victoria, the navigator, who floated up to the roof with his instruments.

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V/May 19, 1944, 3: Private Ross Robertson, 24, Seaforth Highlanders, son of Mrs Margaret Robertson, Victoria, BC, missing from his unit in Italy. He came to Victoria in 1938, and was employed at the Empress Hotel before joining 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment in 1939. He transferred to Seaforths after going overseas 3 years ago.

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May 19, 1944, 7: word received in Victoria of death of John Harold Poff, October 26, 1943, in Jersey, Channel Islands, formerly resident here. Mr & Mrs Poff have been interned in Jersey since its occupation. She will be recalled as Miss Beatrice Constance Janion, sister of late Richard Cheshyre Janion, and Henry Cheshyre Janion.

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May 19, 1944, 8: died recently at Bella Coola, BC, William Vivian Bowron, 72, born 1872 in Barkerville, son of late John & Emily Edwards Bowron, government agent and gold commissioner there. He married Bertha Louise Kriesel at Barkerville in 1917, and widowed, he married Helen Agnes McLennan in 1940 at Bella Coola.

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Bldg/May 19, 1944, 13: many problems face rental court...; May 20, 13: rental decisions...; May 21, 17: Victoria tops weekly figures...

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V/May 19, 1944, 14: Canada's 4<sup>th</sup> Victoria Cross winner in this war, Duncan BC born, who rose from ranks to a commission in the British peacetime army, and who was killed in Burma. He was Major Charles Ferguson Hoey, 30, son of Ferguson & Mary Rudyard Simpson Hoey, Duncan. He attended school there and in 1933 went to England to enlist in the British Army. From the ranks he was sent to Sandhurst, and in 1937 was

commissioned... His brother, Lieutenant Trevor Ferguson Hoey, is overseas with Canadian Scottish Regiment [killed in action in France, July 21, 1944]. May 20, 1: photo. May 20, 4: editorial 'For Valour'...; May 26, 4: poem 'To My son', by his mother, Mary Hoey, Duncan, BC...

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V/May 20, 1944, 1: killed in action March 25, 1944, C1631 Flight Lieutenant Wireless Operator/Air Gunner Patrick Wilson Langford, 25, of Victoria, BC. Taken prisoner of war when Wellington aircraft was shot down July 28, 1942. He was one of 47 Allied Officers who were shot while trying to escape from Stalag Luft #3 Prisoner of War Camp near Dresden. Named as 1 of 6 Canadian airmen shot. Son of Captain Richard Wilson & Mrs Olive Mary Stevens Langford, of Field, BC, formerly of Victoria. His sister, Diana, graduated from Royal Jubilee Hospital Nursing School last week. He started training in 1940, was an instructor for a time, went overseas as a pilot in 1942. He was shot down over Hamburg in July, 1942. His father was overseas with Canadian Forestry Corps, and until he returned to Canada in 1942 they lived in Oak Bay. He is now chief forest ranger at Field. May 21, 1: escaped allied airmen shot 3 days after breakaway...; May 23, 1: dispatch says airmen killed in cold blood... May 30, 5: have facts on killing airmen...; June 24, 6: Angry Commons hears Eden brand Nazi killing of airmen as murder [including 6 Canadians...] Buried in Old Garrison Cemetery, Poznan, Poland.

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V/May 20, 1944, 3: Pilot Officer RB Campbell, 22, educated at Sir James Douglas & Victoria High Schools & Victoria College, left UBC to enlist; Pilot Officer TL Holding, 20, attended Vic West & Victoria High Schools; Sergeant EJB Baker, 19, son of Norman & Edith Baker, of Oak Bay, attended Oak Bay

schools & Victoria College. All recent RCAF graduates.

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V/May 20, 1944, 3: Gunner Kenneth Lake, RCA, son of Mr & Mrs JW Lake, Victoria, now serving overseas. Educated at Courtenay, Parksville & Oak Bay High Schools.

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WC/May 20, 1944, 4: federal government looks at west coast of Vancouver Island for seaside park. Proposed area to include Clo-oose to Cape Beale, and will be a post-war project...

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May 20, 1944, 6: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Mrs Minnie Dempster, 83. She came here with her husband, late Patrick William Dempster, from Hamilton, Ontario via San Francisco in 1883. They lived in James Bay, later moving to Vic West, then built their 3<sup>rd</sup> home on the site now occupied by Ormonds Ltd. She leaves 2 sons. Cremate

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V/May 20, 1944, 10: died May 15 at Victoria, BC, James Thomas Hodge, 86, born in Cornwall, England, resident here 42 years. Leaves widow, Hannah, 2 step-daughters. He was a veteran of Great War. Royal Oak Burial Park

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May 20, 1944, 10: died May 16 at Victoria, BC, Mrs Agnes 'Dollie' McGeorge Quick, 63, youngest daughter of James R & Annie Murdoch, and widow of Frederick George Quick. Born in Scotland, resident here since 1911. Leaves 2 sisters. Cremate

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V/May 21, 1944, 3: photo, missing after air operations over enemy territory, word received by his mother, Mrs HH Bell-Irving, Oak Bay. Born 1919 in Vancouver, he joined RAF in England in 1937. His father, a lieutenant-commander in RCN, is overseas. A brother, Lieutenant-Colonel HB Bell-Irving, DSO, is in England after service

in Sicily. 40201 MiD, Wing Commander Roderick Keith Faulkner Bell-Irving, 24, killed in action May 8. The crew of a Boston aircraft were engaged in a daylight low-level attack on a V1 launching site at Bois, France and took a direct hit from anti-aircraft fire. He was Commanding Officer of #98 Squadron and had been Mentioned in Dispatches. His family served Canada with distinction, he had 4 uncles who were all decorated pilots and survived Great War. His brother was a General in this war [and later was Lieutenant-Governor of BC for 4 years]. RKF Bell-Irving is buried in the Communal Cemetery Extension, Abbeville, France.

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V/May 21, 1944, 3: Lieutenant Lionel Philip Cockrell, Canadian Armoured Corps, graduated from Sandhurst. After serving in 5<sup>th</sup> BC Coast Regiment, RCA, at Signal Hill, he left for overseas in 1941. His troopship was torpedoed in the Atlantic and he is one of the 3 Victoria men who survived after spending 11 hours in the water. Wife, Dorothy Fanny McVie, son of Harold Patrick & Elsie O'Dale Cockrell.

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V/May 21, 1944, 8: photo, Miss Pat Wilson, entering WRCNS as a sick berth attendant. Only daughter of Sydney Lancelotte & Helen Forrester Mead Wilson, Oak Bay. Educated at South Park, Victoria & Oak Bay High Schools.

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V/May 21, 1944, 8: photo, Lieutenant Pamela McConnan, daughter of Edward Moore & Mary Agnes Nason McConnan, Oak Bay, now home on leave from Halifax where she works as watchkeeping cypher officer...

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V/May 21, 1944, 8, wedding photo, Warrant Officer Gordon Stanley Smith and bride, Rachel Jarvis. Born in Victoria, son of Gordon Stanley & Sarah Ann Carter Smith,

enlisted on leaving school, he attended Victoria High School, and has been overseas since 1943. [he died 1980, Central Saanich]

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WC/FN/May 21, 1944, 10: photo, George C Clutesi arouses comment with paintings...

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May 21, 1944, 14: Original UEL document 161 years old, original discharge paper of Sergeant Robert Stackhouse, dated 1783, is a treasured possession of his descendants: sisters, Mrs Mary Agnes Ap' John [George S] Yardley, Miss Olive Ap' John, and their maternal aunt, Miss Frances Mary Stackhouse, all of Victoria...

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May 21, 1944, 17: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Richard Kendall Creech, 89, born in Ontario, he came here aged 27. He was an employee of BC Electric from 1890 to retirement in 1932. Leaves 2 sons, 2 daughters. Family plot, F 024/025 W 21

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May 21, 1944, 21: Vacation Time; May 28, 9; June 4, 10; Jun 11, 12; Jun 18, 19; Jun 25, 10;

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V/May 23, 1944, 3: R143477 Sergeant Air Gunner Norman Frederick Alsop, 20, RCAF, who was in the 1<sup>st</sup> party of children to come to Fairbridge Farm School near Duncan, BC, in 1935, from England, killed in action May 16. Enlisting in 1941, he was posted overseas not long ago. Before enlistment he worked for a time with Buckerfield's in Victoria... single, his parents, Edward & Eva Eleanor Spence Alsop live in Darlington, England, and 2 younger brothers are at the farm school. Buried in Stonefall Cemetery, Harrogate, England.

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V/May 23, 1944, 3: photo, Flying Officer Maxwell Samuel Strange has made 7 flights over Europe as pilot of a Halifax since beginning duties last month. Son of Mrs

Mary Strange, Cordova Bay, and late John Maxwell Strange, he enlisted 2 years ago. His wife, Elaine Ethel Prowse Strange, resides at Toronto.

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V/May 23, 1944, 3: photo, RCN Chief Petty Officer N Alexander, 28, born in Victoria, promoted after 5 years' service to this rank. He attended Tillicum School. Son of John & Justina Alexander, Saanich, residents here 35 years.

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V/May 23, 1944, 3: photo, Lieutenant John W Green, RCNVR, enlisted 1941. He has 12 months sea time having served aboard ships engaged in minesweeping convoy escort and North Atlantic patrol duties. His parents, Frank Compton & Myra Hatt Green of Oak Bay. Father is BC's surveyor-general.

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V/May 23, 1944, 3: Sergeant-Technician Norman Dixon, RCAF, now on leave here after 3 years overseas, 1/2 of that time spent in India. Son of Mrs JV Dixon, served other half in England and six months at a North Atlantic base.

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V/May 23, 1944, 3: Flight Lieutenant Gordon Empey, RCAF, who has won Distinguished Flying Cross, now on leave and coming to Victoria soon. One of 4 children of Isaiah H & Minnie Quinn Empey, Esquimalt. The others, all overseas, are Nursing Sister Inez Empey RCAMC [Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps] [May 28, 7: photo; ; Lorne Empey, RCNVR, Irvine Grant Empey, Canadian Forestry Corps. Empey won his award as a wireless air gunner attached to RAF. May 26, 12: photo, Distinguished Flying Cross awarded 'his aircraft was extensively damaged when attacked by fighters. The inter-communication system was rendered useless. Under great difficulties he skillfully effected repairs.' He enlisted 3 years ago, and overseas was attached to RAF. May 27,

5: photos, Stoker Lorne Empey & Private Grant Empey, of Esquimalt. Lorne, 20, enlisted 2 years ago and is now aboard a minesweeper. Grant, 25, Canadian Forestry Corps, joined 5<sup>th</sup> BC Coast Brigade, RCA, shortly before war was declared. His wife, Ruth, lives with their children at Quesnel. He has been overseas 3 years. All Empey children were born at Rosetown, Saskatchewan.

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V/May 23, 1944, 3: Lieutenant Woodrow Ferris Sooman, Distinguished Flying Cross, US Army Air Force, now reported Prisoner of War in Germany. His wife, Nan Mary Violet Nello Sooman, lived in Oak Bay for 2 years until moving to Vancouver 10 days ago. He was born Nelson, BC to Roy Blane Sooman & Helena Bernice Pell.

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V/May 23, 1944, 8: died May 19 at Victoria, BC, Cornelius Fortune Nisbet, 65, born 1879 at Leith, Scotland, he settled in 1908 in Calgary, coming to Victoria in 1936. He served during the South African War with 7<sup>th</sup> Royal Scots, and overseas from 1914 to 1918 with 88<sup>th</sup> Battalion and 31<sup>st</sup> Alberta Battalion. Leaves widow, Robina, Esquimalt, BC, 2 sons, Neil, Victoria, and Flight Lieutenant Thomas Nisbet, RCAF.

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May 23, 1944, 12: died May 16 at Kelseyville, California, William Lennard Bertram Hill, recently of Victoria, born in England.

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V/May 24, 1944, 3: photo, Probationary Sub-Lieutenant WD McCauley, recent grad of UBC, he joined RCNVR 2 years ago. At Victoria High School & Victoria College he was active in sports. Son of Mrs Martha Alice [John Unwin] Kimmitt, Saanich.

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May 24, 1944, 10: died May 23 at Victoria, BC, Edith, born in Oxford, England, resident here 51 years. Leaves husband, Harvey B

Combe, of Oak Bay, 2 sons. Royal Oak Burial Park

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May 26, 1944, 7: wedding photo, married recently at Quebec City, Chief Petty Officer William Peter Miles Shaw & Miss Marjorie Edith Landman, both of Greater Victoria...

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May 26, 1944, 9: 88<sup>th</sup> Battalion dinner, names given...

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May 26, 1944, 12: Flight Lieutenant Grover A Berry, 22, RCAF, son of Mrs WG Foote, Saanich, has been awarded Distinguished Flying Cross. His citation mentions his great courage and determination and commendable achievements... 2 brothers serving, Lieutenant George Berry, overseas; Sergeant Jack Berry, with an infantry unit at Prince George. Full citation...; May 28, 17: photo, Berry writes to his mother, awarded Distinguished Flying Cross...

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May 26, 1944, 14: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, John Neal Matheson, 60, born in Prince Edward Island, resident here 34 years. He served in the Great War. Leaves widow, Sarah E, 2 sisters.

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May 26, 1944, 14: died suddenly May 24, Vernon Llewellen Denton, 63, born in New Brunswick, resident here 27 years. Leaves widow, Jane Elizabeth, 3 sons, daughter. Family plot, Royal Oak Burial Park

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May 26, 1944, 14: died recently at Mexico City, Mexico, Henry Anthony Russell Beck, eldest son of Mrs Herbert H Beck, and late Herbert Henry Beck, Oak Bay. Also leaves son John A Beck, RCAF, 4 sisters, brother. Royal Oak Burial Park

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May 27, 1944, 5: photo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Ian B Kay, recently graduated with that rank,



son of late Mr & Mrs John D Kay, Victoria, BC, he came here at age 2, attended South Park & Victoria High School, UBC for 2 years, then Glasgow University.

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May 27, 1944, 5: Lieutenant-Commander Roy Baker-Falkner, 27, DSC, Fleet Air Arm, RN, grand-nephew of Mrs Helen Caporn, Oak Bay, BC. He led the Barracuda air attack which left the battleship Tirpitz blazing. He dropped the 1<sup>st</sup> bombs on the vessel. Educated at Cranleigh House School and left Victoria aged 13 to attend Dartmouth Naval College.

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May 27, 1944, 5: Sergeant Francis Mitchell Kyle, 26, a casualty of the Ortona battle, will be home to Victoria shortly. Son of Frank & Julia Kyle, Saanich, BC. He went overseas in 1939 and was wounded early this year. May 31, 3: photo, Kyle home after 4 years service with PPCLI. Greeted by his mother and sister.

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May 27, 1944, 5: photo, 2 Victorians recent grads as navigators: Pilot Officer EC Roy Gonnason, 28, now on leaves with his wife, child in Saanich, and his mother, Mrs Alice Gonnason, Victoria. He enlisted in 1937 and trained as a rigger for 3 years before remustering to air crew last year; Pilot Officer Bertram Simms, 21, on leave with parents Bertram W & Elizabeth Simms, Saanich. Born and educated here he was training as a surveyor before enlistment. His elder brother, Sergeant John Simms, was recently killed in an air crash in England. [see March, 1944]

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Bldg/May 27, 1944, 5: photo, Oak Bay Tabernacle, corner Hampshire at Cranmore, Oak Bay, reopens its doors. Recently purchased, this is another branch church of Glad Tidings Tabernacle...; June 2, 3: home building is maintained...

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May 27, 1944, 10: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Mrs Agnes Jane Brooks, 74, born in England, resident here 63 years. Leaves 2 sons, brother [Edmonds]. Family plot,

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May 27, 1944, 10: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Annie Jane Embling, 76, born in London, England, resident here 23 years. Leaves husband, Thomas, 2 daughters. Colwood

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WC/May 27, 1944, 10: died May 25 at Victoria, BC, James Sloman, 80, born in Somerset, England, resident of Victoria 20 years. He was a veteran of Great War. Leaves his wife, Clara, son, Harold, of Tofino, and daughter, Mrs Motion, of Campbell River. Colwood

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WC/May 28, 1944, 1: there will be no logging in Cathedral Grove area by Victoria Lumber Co...

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May 28, 1944, 5: Lance-Sergeant EC Ted Clark, son of Mrs RP Clark, Vancouver, and late Brigadier General Clark, was recently killed in action in Italy. Enlisting in DCOR early in the war he went overseas in 1942 and to Italy in 1943, with another unit. He was educated in England, and in Victoria at University School, and at Vancouver. He has 2 brothers serving in Italy: Lieutenant Colonel Robert Clark and Major RP Clark. A sister, Lieutenant Enid Clark, CWAC, is in England. Another brother, Lieutenant Bruce C Clark, was accidentally killed in England in 1943.

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May 28, 1944, 5: Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> Class Roy Atkinson, 19, RCNVR, on leave with his parents, Thomas Atkinson, Oak Bay, after convoy service on the Atlantic. Born here, he joined RCN in 1942. Educated at Tillicum, Lampson Street, Monterey & Oak Bay High Schools.

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May 28, 1944, 5: missing since a raid on Germany April 22, son of JH Seedhouse, Saanich. Born in Toronto, educated in BC, he enlisted in 1942 and went overseas in 1943. He had been on a number of raids, including one on Berlin in March in which 73 bombers were lost.

Killed in action April 23J94385//R204543 Pilot Officer Air Gunner Harold Charles Seedhouse, 20, of Victoria, BC. Halifax aircraft missing from trip to Dusseldorf. Buried in War Cemetery, Heverlee, Brabant, Belgium.

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May 28, 1944, 6: photo, Mrs Mary E, widow of George H Maynard, celebrates 91<sup>st</sup> birthday. Born in London, England, she has lived in Victoria since aged 6, making the trip with her parents in 1860 'round the Horn' on the bark Grecian, and taking 9 months to travel that distance.

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May 28, 1944, 8: wherever the Princess Pats are, you'll hear their marching songs, 'The Colonel' and 'Rick-a-Dam-Doo'. Sung by Macgregor Macintosh, the records are on sale and proceeds go to PPCLI Auxiliary.

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May 28, 1944, 24: died suddenly May 25 at Vancouver, BC, Fanny Hanbury, 66, of Victoria. Born in Wales, resident here 47 years. Leaves husband, Charles, 3 daughters, son. Colwood.

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May 30, 1944, 3: photo, Cadet Douglas Nelson, 25, RCA, fractured skull caused by a motorcycle accident in England, word received by his mother, Mrs Agnes Nelson, Victoria. Born at Montreal, he came here in 1928, attended Lampson Street & Victoria High Schools, graduating in 1936. He was active with 5<sup>th</sup> BC Coast Regiment a week before the outbreak of war, and later transferred to an AA unit. He has been overseas almost 2 years and was to have

received his commission May 30. He received the Canadian Efficiency Medal with bar.

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May 30, 1944, 3: photo, Private William Cave, recently wounded in Italy, word received by his parents, William & Elizabeth Cave, Victoria. Born here, he attended Oaklands School, enlisted in a signals unit 1942, went overseas in 1943 and has been in the Mediterranean area almost a year.

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May 30, 1944, 3: died May 27 at Victoria, BC, Mrs Minnie Hansen, 78, born in Holland, resident here 61 years. Leaves 3 daughters, 2 sons.

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May 30, 1944, 3; 4: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Edwin Tomlin, 59, president of BC Cement Co Ltd. Born in Kent, England, he came to Canada in 1907... He joined Vancouver Portland Cement Co operated by late RP Butchart at Tod Inlet and remained with that firm until 1912... Former chairman of Oak Bay School Board... Resident of Saanich, he leaves widow, Olive Wilson Tomlin, 3 sons, daughter, mother, Mrs Helen Tomlin, England. Family plot,

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May 31, 1944, 3: photo, J25198 Flying Officer Navigator Walter Henry Matthews, 27, killed in action May 23, 1944. Only son of Mr & Mrs LL Matthews, Hedley, BC, and brother of Mrs Edna Provan & Miss ? Williams, both of Victoria. He was a teacher at Trail before enlisting 2 years ago. Educated at George Jay & Victoria High Schools, Victoria College, Victoria Normal School. Halifax aircraft shot down during night operations over France. Buried in West Cemetery, Le Mans, Sarth, France.

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May 31, 1944, 3: photo, Reginald Pitt-Brooke, 22, on leave with his mother,

Mrs Phoebe Pitt-Brooke, Cadboro Bay. He was formerly an officer in the Canadian Pacific Ocean Service, having served on former Empress of Asia since joining her, as a messenger in purser's office. Born at Medicine Hat, Alberni, educated at Penticton. He was onboard Empress of Asia when that ship, troop laden, was blasted by waves of Japanese bombers. He was later picked up and taken to Singapore. From there he helped man a small coastal vessel to Batavia. From there the Empress crew was taken to Australia, then they came to Canada. He is at present with the British Merchant Navy. His father, Major John A B Pitt-Brooke, is in photo.

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May 31, 1944, 3: photo, Sergeant Air/Gunner Norman G Wharf, reported missing in air operations May 23. Born & educated at Victoria, he is son of George WE & Katherine Wharf, Saanich. He joined 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish in 1939, later transferring to RCAF, and went overseas 1943.

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May 31, 1944, 3: airmen returning: Pilot Officer MSB Hull, overseas almost 3 years as pilot, son of Stan T & Sarah Hull, Victoria, newly married to an English girl; Flight Officer MW Bradshaw, Nanaimo; Flight Lieutenant HMB Sutton, Courtenay.

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May 31, 1944, 4; 5: died suddenly yesterday at Victoria, BC, WJ Taylor, King's Counsel, 85. Born in Ontario, he had practiced law here 50 years as a partner in Eberts & Taylor. Although retired he appeared 6 times before the Privy Council at London in the old days, and represented the City of Victoria there in damage claims arising out of the Point Ellice Bridge disaster. He had a host of friends. Before the Great War he had his own race track at his 600-acre Mallowmot Farm in North Saanich, where he bred and trained his horses, earning a

reputation as one of the chief horse breeders on the Pacific Coast. Leaves 2 daughters, son.

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May 31, 1944, 5: Major-General GR Pearkes, Pacific Command, has written the City Council seeking termination of the lease covering the rental of city-owned buildings and certain properties at the Willows Park, Oak Bay. Buildings under lease to the army are Manufacturer's; women's; restaurant; dog show buildings and Sports Centre. The latter building has since been destroyed by fire, together with the ice arena.

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May 31, 1944, 12: died May 28 at Victoria, BC, Alexander Stark, 71, born in Scotland. He served in Great War with 30<sup>th</sup> Battalion.

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June 1, 1944, 1: photos, Victoria officers direct attack on submarine... HMCS Chilliwack; Lieutenant Patrick Nixon; Lieutenant-Commander [not able to read page 1]. Page 4: Lieutenant Commander HVW Groos, 32, commanding HMCS Gatineau, son of Mrs Mabel M Groos, Saanich, educated at St Michael's & Oak Bay High Schools and Victoria College. His wife, daughter of Mrs Margaret G McIntosh, Victoria, resides in Halifax. He started naval service 14 years ago as a trainee with RN, going to England with Lieutenant Commander JH Stubbs, now missing. Groos was on HMCS Fraser when she was sunk, and later on HMCS Collingwood & St Francis. His younger brother, Lieutenant Commander David Groos, RCN, trained in England with Lieutenant Commander Patrick Nixon.

Lieutenant Commander Nixon, 26, RCN, commanding officer of HMCS Chaudiere, son of Mrs Arabella Boydell, of Saanich. He came to Victoria aged 1, educated at Shawnigan Lake School & Victoria College. Some years before the war he passed exams

to qualify for RN training. He has commanded his present vessel for about a year.

June 1, 5: photo, Lieutenant Ernest Maurice Chadwick, 23, RCN, 1<sup>st</sup> lieutenant aboard Gatineau during the action. Son of Canon Frederick & Mrs Creina Chadwick, Oak Bay, and was training with RN when war broke out. Before assigned to Gatineau last year, he was on HMCS Skeena. He was mentioned in dispatches. Educated at St Michael's School & Brentwood College.

June 1, 5: photo, Lieutenant Kenneth William Winsby, 28, 2<sup>nd</sup> officer of HMCS Fennel, son of Colonel William N & Mrs Edythe Winsby, Oak Bay. He joined RCNVR in 1940. Posted to Fennel 1943 after a period of RN service. Born at Victoria, educated at Oak Bay High School & Victoria College. His wife resides in Halifax.

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Killed June 1, 1944, R215319 Sergeant Air Gunner Thomas Goldie, 21, of James Island, BC. Halifax aircraft stalled and crashed in the Shielin Caenloch Forest, Scotland. Buried in Sleepyhilllock Cemetery, Montrose, Scotland.

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June 1, 1944, 2: PPCLI play big role in breaching of Hitler Line...

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June 1, 1944, 3: photo: DW 'Bill' Stewart, 20 and his brother CE 'Charlie' Stewart, 24, sons of Charles E & Evelyn Stewart, Saanich, are serving overseas with Scottish regiments. Bill with Seaforths in Italy and Charlie with 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Scots in England. Charles' wife and son also live in Victoria.

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June 1, 1944, 3: Captain ETY Barkley, missing at Singapore for last 2 years has officially been reported killed. Son of late Captain & Mrs Barkley, he was born and educated at Westholme and was a grad of UBC. He had been living in England before

the war and at the outbreak joined the British Army.

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June 1, 1944, 5: died May ? At Victoria, BC, Mrs Sarah A Goepel, 82, of Oak Bay. Born in Nanaimo to Mark Bate, 1<sup>st</sup> mayor there, she came to live in Victoria upon her marriage in 1880 to William John Goepel. She spent the remainder of her life here, except for 21 years' residence in Nanaimo, where her husband was a government inspector. They returned to Victoria and he was made deputy minister of finance. He died in 1936. She leaves 2 sons, 3 sisters, brother. Family plot,

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June 2, 1944, 6: photo, former Lieutenant Nursing Sister Ida Constance Moffat, daughter of Robert H & Elizabeth Moffatt, of Victoria, married Major Willoughby H Greany, MC, RAMC, Sudan Defence Force, March 30... She was born in Manitoba, attending schools in New Westminster. She entered Royal Jubilee Hospital training school in 1930, graduating in 1933. She left for England in 1940 and was accepted for service by Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service. After serving at Aldershot and Pinewood, she proceeded to Egypt in 1941 and was attached to the base hospital of 8<sup>th</sup> Army for 1 ½ years. She wears the coveted Africa Star, which is only worn by those participating in the 8<sup>th</sup> Army's North Africa campaign.

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June 2, 1944, 3: Private Ray Seymour, 18, PPCLI, son of L Carl & Elsie Seymour, Victoria, has been wounded in Italy. Born on Salt Spring Island, he was educated there and at Victoria High School. His brother, Lance Sergeant Seymour was returned to Canada 6 weeks ago, having sustained injuries in the Sicilian campaign, and is now in Shaughnessy Military Hospital.

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June 2, 1944, 3: Flight Lieutenant Eric

Willis, RCAF, son of J Willis, Duncan, recently promoted to this rank upon his return from Cairo to England. Their other son, Flight Lieutenant J Donald Willis, is a prisoner of war.

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June 2, 1944, 3: photo, Flight Sergeant Douglas Sam, who is taking part in the heavy air assault on invasion targets in Germany, Belgium & France. Sam, whose parents live at Victoria, was the 1<sup>st</sup> local Chinese to join RCAF for pilot training. He has a sister, Olive, and 8 brothers, all in Victoria. Word received by his mother, he expects to receive his commission soon. June 2, 4: editorial, Flight Sergeant Sam, 25, educated in Victoria schools, he has been in service since October, 1942. One likes to think of the young Chinese, at the controls of his warplane, getting his chance in some of the finest fighting company of the day. That he will do well there is shown in all of his previous record. That luck will attend him and bring him through safely will be the sincere wish of this community. Well done, Flight Sergeant Douglas Sam!

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June 2, 1944, 10: died ? At Sidney, BC, Richard Wylie, 74, born in Glasgow, Scotland, resident of Sidney 27 years. He was a veteran of the South African & Great War. Leaves widow, Lena, 3 sons.

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June 3, 1944, 2: Victoria sapper Ernest Dunstan, among men who prepared way for tanks...

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June 3, 1944, 3: photo, Chief Petty Officer Ronald Young, 22, youngest of that rank at Naden. When war started he was sent to Halifax for a short time before joining HMCS Fraser, later sunk in a collision. Returned to England, as a survivor, he was on his way back to Canada aboard another destroyer when it too went down. Finally, back in Halifax, he was posted to HMCS

Prince David, then patrolling Pacific waters, and left there in 1942 to take up duties at HMCS Naden. He has an elder brother, Alf, who was well known in Victoria as a rugger player. Alf lost his life when his ship went down in the North Atlantic. Ronald's wife resides at Victoria.

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June 3, 1944, 3: photo, Major Robert Love, recently left for overseas staff duties with the British army. Most of his life was spent in Saanich & Victoria, and before the war he served with 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Royal Canadian Army. At the outbreak of war he served in coast defence units and later as General Staff Officer 3, Pacific Command. Later he was appointed to staff of 7<sup>th</sup> Division in the Maritimes. Since returning to the coast he has been officer commanding the training wing of the artillery and anti-aircraft school at Work Point Barracks, Esquimalt.

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June 3, 1944, 3: photo, Sergeant CE Christie, officially reported killed in action, word received by his parents Major Albert E & Mrs Mary Christie, Victoria. Born in Saskatchewan, he attended Sir James Douglas School here, and graduated from Agriculture College, Guelph, Ontario. Before enlisting he was employed at Ocean Falls. He has 2 brothers, Jack, serving with RCAF in Newfoundland, and Thomas, of Victoria, and a sister, Mrs Betty Glass, Oak Bay.

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June 3, 1944, 3: photo, officially listed as killed in action May 23 in Italy, Lieutenant Frank Harlow Whiting, son of Mr & Mrs F Whiting, Oak Bay. His family moved here from Kamloops 3 years ago, he joined Seaforth Highlanders in 1939. His brother, Sergeant David Whiting, is stationed with RCAF in Montreal.

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June 3, 1944, 3: Lance-Corporal GN Gil Clayton, of Victoria, has been severely

wounded in action. Born here, he has been overseas 4 years and was serving in Italy with Canadian Engineers since October. His cousin, Bob Action, is a prisoner of war in Tokyo.

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WC/June 3, 1944, 4: West Coast Road, by Frank M Kelley... hiked from Victoria to Cape Beale in 1900... full article...

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June 4, 1944, 3: Quartermaster Sergeant Daryl Gibson Pringle, 28, RCOG, only son of Mrs Louise Pringle, Victoria, has been wounded in Italy. Born here, he attended North Ward & Victoria High School... He went active at outbreak of war and served in the Sicily campaign. June 4, 7: Pringle wounded in Italy.

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June 4, 1944, 3: photo, Trooper A Haut, 20, BC Dragoons, 20, enlisted 2 ½ years ago, reported missing in action, word received by parents Adrian & Ethel Haut, of Saanich. He attended Cloverdale & Mount View High Schools. He had been overseas 1 year. A brother, Lewis, recently discharged from RCN. June 23, 3: photo, Haut killed in action in Italy

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June 4, 1944, 6: photo, Mrs Emma Lovell has knitted almost 200 sweaters for the armed forces in the past 2 years and 85 pairs of socks. Now unable to knit owing to shortage of wool...

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June 4, 1944, 6: photo, Miss Isobel Clay, awarded Lieutenant-Governor's silver medal in 1<sup>st</sup> year physical education at McGill. Educated at Oak Bay High School and Victoria College, elder daughter of J Owen & Selina Clay, Oak Bay.

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June 4, 1944, 12: The canoe recently acquired by the BC Museum was originally presented to Captain CD Neroutsos, former manager of BC Coast Steamship Service, of

CPR, IN 1907. It was a personal gift, token of appreciation and friendship given by Chief Johnny, of Alert Bay. Later Neroutsos handed it on to CPR and has long been an attraction at the pier, but remodelling of the raised walk from CPR offices to pier made it impossible to display the long, brightly painted canoe to advantage.

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June 4, 1944, 15: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Alexander G McGregor, 53, born in Victoria, educated at North Ward School, he had always been interested in sports. He was with IOOF and Pro Patria, Canadian Legion. Leaves wife, brother, 2 sisters. Cremate

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June 6, 1944, 1; 2; 3; 4; 5; 8; 11; : Canadians in Action, Huge Armada of Allied Troops Lands in France...; Invasion 5<sup>th</sup> Landing For Overseas Canadians...; 2<sup>st</sup> Canadian Division landed in Britain December 17, 1939...; Canadian Paratroopers Among Invasion Forces...; RCAF Crews Softened Up Channel Coast...; RCN Ships Take Part In Landing Operations...; RCAF Fighter Wings In Allied Striking Force...; Canadian Nurses to Be Near Front-Line Troops...; photo, Wallace, mascot of 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Scottish, with his friend and keeper, Piper Andy McGeorge, of Victoria...; Victoria's own infantry unit has proud tradition, Canadian Scottish tuned to fighting pitch for attack on western Europe...; photo, Canadian Scottish as they left Victoria 4 years ago...; 3<sup>rd</sup> Success Against U-Boats Scored by RCN, Victorians take part in destruction of enemy submarine in North Atlantic...; Crerar sends personal message to Canadians on Eve of Great Event...

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June 6, 1944, 7: Aircraftman2 Gordon Poupore, RCAF, arrived in Victoria to spend leave with his mother Mrs WE Poupore. His father is a wing commander in the RCAF overseas.

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June 6, 1944, 7: Captain EC Talbot, 14<sup>th</sup> Canadian Armoured Regiment, has recently received promotion to this rank while serving on the Italian front. His wife is living with her parents at Victoria. His mother, Mrs HD Talbot, lives at Edmonton. He has been through Sicilian & Italian campaigns.

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June 6, 1944, 8: map, Rome liberated by Allies...

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Bldg/June 6, 1944, 10: photo, Mrs Hannah Wall, now 90. Came to Victoria in 1858, with her parents, Mr & Mrs Anthony Elliott, her 2 brothers, Tony & Jack, from San Francisco, where she was born in 1854. When they first arrived here they lived in tents on Fort Street, until their home was built of California Redwood on Johnson Street above Cook Street. Mrs Wall was one of the 1<sup>st</sup> pupils in St Ann's Convent, and her name, Amie Elliott and the date, 1860, may be seen today on the convent books.

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June , 1944, 12: group photo, Canadian nursing sisters at a casualty clearing station, Italian front... Includes Lieutenant Mary Angus, Victoria. She is a dietitian, and left for overseas in 1943. Daughter of Richard & Angus, Oak Bay.

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June 6, 1944, 12: died June 4 at Esquimalt, BC, Lancelot D Hall, 57, born in Montrose, Scotland, he came to Victoria in 1909 and worked for many years on construction projects. He was employed for the past 5 years at Esquimalt Naval Dockyard. He served overseas in the Great War with Victoria Fusiliers, in France and was wounded at Passchendaele in 1917. He leaves his wife, 2 sons [Craig with RCAF] , 2 [Irene with CWAC] daughters, sister, Mrs G Brown, CWAC, and family in England. Cremate

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June 6, 1944, 12: photos, Lieutenant J McCandless, RCNVR, who supervised the depth charge dropping when HMCS Swansea attached a submarine in the North Atlantic. The submarine went down under a hail of fire from HMCS St Laurent & Swansea. Mrs McCandless resides in Victoria. Photo, Lieutenant TH MacDonald, of Victoria, whose 5<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary fell on the day he helped destroy the U-boat. He led the rescue party from HMCS Swansea, which brought back prisoners during the action which saw the 3<sup>rd</sup> successful RCN U-boat attack...

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June 6, 1944, 12: group photo, some of crew of HMCS St Laurent which towed a Canadian corvette whose propellor fouled, put a party onboard a Swedish ship in whose holds a fire raged, and sank an enemy submarine from which prisoners were taken... photo includes Lieutenant-Commander Victor Glover, RCNR; Mr Fred Little, 29, RCN, Warrant officer gunner. His Victoria-born wife and children reside here. He enlisted 13 years ago and was stationed at Esquimalt; Petty Officer Elwyn Perkins, all of Victoria.

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June 6, 1944, 15: died June 4 at Victoria, BC, Mrs Jean Burns, 49, born here. She leaves husband, Robert, 2 sons, Harry & Stanley, overseas, daughter. Colwood

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June 6, 1944, 18: died June 3 at Victoria, BC, Mrs Fanny Merriman, 83, born in England, resident here 31 years. Leaves son, EW and stepson, JP Merriman. Colwood

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June 6, 1944, 18: died June 3 at Victoria, BC, Mrs E Goodfield, 88, born in Wales, resident here 44 years. Widow of Benjamin, she leaves son, 3 daughters. Family plot,

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June 6, 1944, 18: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Mabel Kathleen Kroeger, born in

Plymouth, England, resident here 25 years. Leaves husband, Henry, daughter, 3 brothers. Cremate

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June 6, 1944, 18: died June 4 at Victoria, BC, Ernest Vernon 'Dick' Tuson, 56, born in London, England, resident here since 1923. He served as regimental sergeant-major with 45<sup>th</sup> Australian Infantry Battalion in the Great War and was awarded Military Cross, Military Medal and twice mentioned in dispatches. He leaves widow, Gertrude, and a cousin.

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V/June 7, 1944, 1; 2; 3; 5: Canadians Smash Way Forward After Beachhead Battle...; photo, RCN Naval Commandoes Land With 1<sup>st</sup> Wave...; Victoria & Island Men Had Hand in Invasion Training...; Major Lewis Arthur Grover Rounding; Major EM Wightman, and Captains RS Gray, EA Stewart, J Fawcett & LS Henderson, all of Victoria. Canadian Headquarters Preparing and Building Up Over Two Years...; RCN Landing Craft Take Part...; Canada's 1<sup>st</sup> Paratroopers...

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V/June 7, 1944, 11: Eric George, Victorian and now president of IBM Corporation in Hawaii, is visiting his mother, Mrs Grace George, Victoria, sister, Alice and brother, Captain Richard B George. One of the youngest veterans of the Great War, in which his father, late Major Francis William B George, also fought, he went through the Pearl Harbor incident. Things were quieter now, but Hawaii was still in the Pacific front line. His wife, former Marjorie Verrinder, of Victoria, was unable to obtain passage so remained at their Hawaiian home.

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V/June 7, 1944, 11: Victoria City Police honoured: Constable Edwin Sturrock became a lieutenant in the Army Provost Corps, and was killed in a motorcycle accident; Constable Joseph Horace Addison,

29, flight sergeant in RCAF was reported missing June 26, 1943; Sergeant James Petterson; Sergeant George Varney; Sergeant Benjamin Acreman...

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V/June 7, 1944, 11: photo, Flight Officer Clayton S Grant, only son of Stanley & Nellie Grant, of Langford. Victoria-born he attended Willows & Victoria High Schools. Before going overseas he was posted at Patricia Bay.

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June 7, 1944, 4: poem, Pemberton Woods by Clara E Hill...

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June 7, 1944, 12: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, James Rutledge, 70, born in Cowichan, he was a well-known barber here and Duncan for 40+ years. He leaves 3 sons, 5 daughters [son Cliff, overseas], a brother, 2 sisters. June 8, 11: family information...

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V/June 7, 1944, 12: died June 5 at Victoria, BC, James Hose Stuckey, 82, born in London, England, son of James & Elizabeth O Stuckey, resident here 35 years. At the time of his marriage in 1914 he was a Signalling Sergeant, 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment. He was a member of Spencer's Remnants and held Long Service Medals from both British & Canadian armies. He leaves wife, Rosina Pettit, son, 3 grandsons with various armed forces in England. June 8, 11: funeral services...; June 10, 4: editorial, pioneer Victoria militiaman and veteran of 3 war periods, he was one of the 2<sup>st</sup> to join 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment, CGA. He was a noted rifle shot in his day, and had probably trained more artillery men than any other man in Canada. Cremate

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June 7, 1944, 12: died June 5 at Victoria, BC, Geoffrey Wilfred Yates, 68, of Oak Bay, born in England, resident here 20 years. Leaves wife, Annie L, 4 sons, 2 daughters, brother. Colwood



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June 7, 1944, 12: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Grace Evelyn Lundy, 53, of Oak Bay. Born in Hull, England. Leaves husband, Charles Weldon, 2 daughters, her mother, Mrs Mary Foster Shippam, 2 brothers.

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V/June 7, 1944, 12: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Mrs Anna Maria Millar, 81, born in Surrey, England, resident of Oak Bay 25 years. Leaves son, Lieutenant Thomas Millar, RCNVR, stationed at Newfoundland. Colwood

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V/June 7, 1944, 14: Skipper Flight Sergeant William Wood, of Esquimalt, was behind the controls of a Halifax bomber en route home after a mine laying job. Suddenly a rain of cannon shell & machine gun bullets tore into their aircraft. A German fighter had come up unobserved from underneath and let the RCAF machine have it. Fire broke out. Flames licked close to the gun position. Sergeant Petsche, mid-upper gunner crawled to an extinguisher and tried desperately to douse them. The wireless operator came up as soon as possible and lent a hand, and Petache returned to his gun position while Wood sent the bomber into violent evasive action. [they made it back]. June 24, 3: J86392 Pilot Officer Pilot William Edward Wood, 21, only son of Captain & Mrs W Wood formerly of Victoria, missing after air operations overseas. Born in Victoria, he was educated at Victoria West & Victoria High schools. He joined RCAF in 1942. After completing his training in England he was attached to Bluenose Squadron, piloting a Halifax bomber. He had received his commission earlier this month. He has 2 sisters at Saanich & Esquimalt. Killed in action June 13 his aircraft failed to return from a trip to Arras France. Four Canadians were taken Prisoner of War. Wood maintained control of the aircraft long enough for all of his crew to jump to safety,

he went down with the aircraft. No known grave, name inscribed on Runnymede War Memorial, Egham, England.

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V/June 7, 1944, 14: Captain Ronald H Brown, Victoria-born, US Army Air Force, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, US citation for extraordinary achievement as pilot of his Spitfire... His father, Lieutenant H Brown, was one of Canada's aces in the Great War, and when that war ended he moved to the US and continued flying commercially. At present he holds rank of squadron leader instructor in California.

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V/June 7, 1944, 16: Victoria Ships Take Assault Troops to Invasion Shores: HMCS Prince David; Prince Henry were used as infantry assault ships...

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V/Killed in action June 7, 1944, J88628/R153113 Pilot Officer Navigator John Robert Mawhinney, 27, of Sooke, BC. Lancaster aircraft hit by flak and exploded over the target in France. Buried Eragny, Seine-et-Oise, France.

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V/Killed in action in France, June 8, 1944 K57336 Private Maurice Michael Beedham, 25, Canadian Scottish Regiment, RCIC. Son of late John Arthur & Mrs Ruby Beedham, Victoria, BC. Name inscribed on Oak Bay Memorial.

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V/June 8, 1944, 1; 3: Canadian Fighters Blast 19 German Planes out of Air in 2 Days...

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V/June 8, 1944, 2: photo, Lieutenant JC Davie, of Duncan, BC... News of HMCS Prince Henry...; Canadian Ships in Forefront... HMCS Haida, Huron; Sioux; Algonquin and corvettes: Alberni, Calgary; Prescott & Mimico...

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V/June 8, 1944, 3: King's birthday list... includes: Major Phyllis Helena Lee Wright, of Victoria, OBE [Officer of the Order of the British Empire]; daughter of Colonel H Lee Wright, late of Royal Engineers, and Mrs Lee Wright, of Deep Cove. She joined CWAC in 1941. June 10, 6: photo.;

General Keiler, 41, whose wife and boys live at Oak Bay, has been overseas 4+ years. He entered RMC, Kingston in 1916.

BEM [British Empire Medal] to Lieutenant-Colonel Damerall Clarke, 62, son of Mrs Eva E Clarke, Oak Bay, and a brother of Mrs DCF MacArthur. Serving in the Great War with PPCLI and other units, he reached the rank of lieutenant-colonel, and remained with PPCLI until 1934. In retirement in England, at the outbreak of war, he was taken on strength in 1940 as major. June 11, 29: photo;

Regimental sergeant major Dunlop, 58, in charge of all mechanical and electrical installations in Pacific Command. A machinist and engineer by trade, he has had nearly 29 years army service. He has 2 sons in the Royal Canadian Engineers: Lance-Corporal George Dunlop, in England; and Lance-Corporal Richard Dunlop, Chilliwack;

Sergeant Major Green was a police constable at Port Alberni before enlisting in 1941. He was a commissioned officer in the Great War and is again overseas;

Quartermaster Sergeant, Christensen, brother of Esquimalt Councillor JPA Christensen, has been overseas 4 years. He joined the army 2 years before outbreak of war. His wife and son are in England;

2Lieutenant Stewart, now on leave with his parents, Robert M & Lottie L Stewart, Oak Bay; he joined 16<sup>th</sup> Canadian Scottish Regiment in 1933, was a piper at the outbreak of war. He returned to Canada last year for officer training after 3 years overseas. A brother is with Royal Canadian Army Service Corps at Red Deer. June 8,

11: photo, final tribute to former police officers...

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June 8, 1944, 3: 1<sup>st</sup> white child born 1876 at Point Atkinson Lighthouse, James Atkinson Woodward, 68, now resident of Rosetown, Saskatchewan. His father, Edwin Woodward, was 1<sup>st</sup> keeper of the little wooden lighthouse in the days when it had kerosene lamps. [mother Ann Salmon]

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June 8, 1944, 5: RCN Answers Signal 'Will You Have a Go?'...

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June 8, 1944, 5: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Charles Wilford Risteen, 89, UEL. He and his late wife came here 20 years ago from Winnipeg, having gone there from Fredericton in 1870, and was in charge of a construction train with CPR in 1880. He was the 1<sup>st</sup> conductor with McKenzie & Mann when they started construction to Dauphin, and was with CNR when he retired in 1920. Leaves brother.

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V/June 8, 1944, 7: Victoria & Island men on award list:

George Medal: Commodore Owen Connor Robertson, of Halifax, Victoria-born, son of late Captain George Robertson, superintendent of pilotage, & Mrs WE Gardner, Oak Bay. He took command of a vessel, loaded with explosives, which caught fire in Bedford Basin, Halifax Harbour, in 1943. The ship had been abandoned by her officers and crew. June 11, 29, photo.;

OBE [Officer of the Order of the British Empire]: Acting Captain Geoffrey Bateman Hope, RCN, Victoria; Acting-Surgeon-Commander Henry Robertson Ruttan, RCNVR, Victoria. His wife resides at Oak Bay, but is presently ill at Naval Hospital, Esquimalt; Warrant Officer [Steward] Leslie Charles Karagianis, RCN, Victoria, photo. June 10, 5: on 2 weeks leave here with wife, and his mother;

Sub-Lieutenant Leonard Idiens, RCN, Campbell River & Victoria. He was awarded for outstanding gallantry in effecting the rescue of 2 men from a drifting oil barge during a gale off the west coast of Vancouver Island in October, 1943. He and a seaman volunteered to undertake the rescue by means of a boat from HMCS Kultan, after all attempts had failed. Despite a gale and high seas, he manoeuvred the boat alongside the barge and took the men off;

British Empire Medal [BEM]: Chief Petty Officer Henry Biddle, RCN, Royal Oak. He enlisted from Regina. He has been coxswain of a corvette on North Atlantic duty since 1940. The navy cites his cheerful personality, and his extremely efficient performance of his duties; Able Seaman Albert Bruce Campbell, Royal Canadian Naval Reserve [RCNR], Victoria. He lived in Victoria before enlistment, and was the seaman who accompanied Idiens on the west coast rescue. His mother lives at Quesnel;

Mentioned in dispatches: Acting-Lieutenant-Commander Dudley Gowen King, Royal Canadian Naval Reserve Volunteer [RCNVR], Victoria. King has served since 1939, has commanded a corvette since 1942, and in encounters with the enemy has proved himself to be both cool and courageous;

Warrant Officer [Engineer] Sandon Alexander Karr, Chemainus & Victoria. He was in charge of the engine room of HMCS Quesnel for 2 ½ years on the North Atlantic. Mentioning his skill, organizing ability and devotion to duty, the navy states that at no time was the sailing of the ship delayed through an engine room defect.

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V/June 8, 1944, 8: photo, Flight Lieutenant Frank Harris, whose skillful navigation brought his place back to base despite badly-holed gasoline tanks, damaged oil system, smashed navigation and radio

equipment, a motor gone, and the inter-comm system interrupted. Following a raid on the railway yards at Metzen, Belgium, his plane was attacked by a German night fighter, which poured shells into the aircraft from stem to stern. Defensive action was impaired when the rear gun turret was smashed. Despite the condition of the bomber, Harris brought 'J-for-Johnnie' home. He is son of Patrick J & Ethel Harris, Victoria West. June 15, 3: the bomber he was piloting sustained damage to an engine, 2 petrol tanks and its rear turret, and caught fire when returning from a raid. Two crew members extinguished the flames and Harris, in the face of much difficulty flew the damaged aircraft to an airfield in Britain.

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V/June 8, 1944, 8: two brothers in the US services, Private Alan F Dunn, 19, and Able Seaman Francis M Dunn, 18, sons of AB Dunn, of California, and formerly of Victoria, recently met on a South Pacific island... The father was on composing room staff of Times, and he is son of late Robert Dunn, former member of The Colonist staff. Alan enlisted in US Marines in 1942, Frank in merchant marine 1943. The brothers had not seen each other since entering service.

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V/June 8, 1944, 8: photo, Lieutenant JB Anderson, 22, now serving as navigation officer, HMCS Swansea. Son of Mrs JB Anderson, Gordon Head, and has been serving on Atlantic convoy duty 4 years. Prior to enlistment he was at Victoria College. His brother, Lieutenant EU Anderson, is commanding officer of a Fairmile.

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V/June 8, 1944, 8: Distinguished Flying Cross's for up-Island men...

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WC/June 8, 1944, 11: Power plant for Zeballos urged for a proposed steel mill...

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June 8, 1944, 11: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, James Arthur McGregor, 59, born in Victoria and lived at his Bay street residence all his life. His only brother, Alexander, predeceased him last week. Son of late Mr & Mrs A McGregor, he attended North Ward School. He served 1914-18 in the Great War, and was wounded at Ypres. More recently employed at VMD as foreman of the burning department. Single, he leaves 2 sisters [J Edwards, JA Sjoberg]. Family plot,

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V/June 9, 1944, 1: Heavy Fighting...; Nazi Calais Radio Says Canadian 3<sup>rd</sup> Division in Fight...

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June 9, 1944, 1; 2: Andrew Gagnon, 14, son of Amedee & Janet Gagnon, killed by Work Point army truck and his 13 year old friend, Robin Sim, son of Mrs ER Sim, is in hospital... The boys were going to school...; June 10, 3: inquest... Gagnon also leaves two sisters, [Mrs C Rochfort, Vancouver]. His only brother, Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> Class William M Gagnon, perished when HMCS Fraser sank in 1940. June 10, 10: Esquimalt acts after accident...; June 11, 18: inquest into death of Robert Alexander Sim, 13, son of E Robin & Isabel Sim, Esquimalt, he also leaves 3 sisters and grandparents at Battleford, Saskatchewan. Double funeral. June 13, 3: 130 former Lampson Street schoolmates attend...; June 18, 15: accidental death verdict with no blame attached to the driver... Colwood

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V/June 9, 1944, 3: Victorians win decorations. Photo, DFM [Distinguished Flying Medal] awarded to Flight Lieutenant W Lock, Esquimalt, veteran of many attacks in which he destroyed enemy mechanical transport units... a fearless pilot, on one occasion chased and attacked an enemy force of 30 aircraft...

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June 9, 1944, 4: poem, Departure, written of the departure of The Canadian Scottish from Victoria at the outbreak of this war, signed, By A Veteran, Victoria, BC...

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June 9, 1944, 5: photos, 3 Brackett Brothers serving 2 years overseas, sons of CR Brackett, Pender Island. Raymond, 23, gunner in an artillery regiment; Lloyd, 20, with a reconnaissance regiment, both stationed somewhere in England, while Ross, the eldest, is with a forestry unit. The Brackett family pioneered on Pender. Their grandfather settled there many years ago.

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June 9, 1944, 5: Lieutenant Wilfred Davenport, RCNVR, a Victoria naval officer, was aboard HMCS St Laurent, when that vessel took part in a U-boat sinking in the Atlantic recently. He was an additional officer assigned to the ship.

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June 9, 1944, 11: died recently at Los Angeles, California, Mrs Elizabeth Jane Pedersen, born 1865 in Cornwall, England, and resident of Victoria 50 years before moving to US. Leaves a sister and son.

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WC/June 9, 1944, 12: died June 7 at Victoria, BC, Captain William John Stone, 78, born in Lakefield, Ontario, resident here 2 years, formerly of Port Alberni. He leaves his wife, 3 daughters, Mrs Luella M Rhodes, Mrs T Bennett & Mrs JV Donohue, Long Beach, BC, and son, Chester Stone, of Vancouver. His son, Captain Stuart Stone predeceased him over 10 years ago. Royal Oak Burial Park

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June 9, 1944, 12: died at Victoria, BC, Mrs Rebecca Smith, 56, born in Cardiff, Wales, resident here 32 years. Leaves husband, GH, 2 daughters, son, William, RCN. Royal Oak Burial Park

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June 9, 1944, 11: Lieutenant-Commander WJG Carr traces growth of RCN in a talk given to Rotary Club, Victoria... He joined RNR in 1914, trained with RN in cruisers, and served in the Great War in submarines...

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June 22, 1944, 3: photo, killed in action June 9 in France, Lance-Corporal Stanley Edward Kirchin, 23, only son of late William, Mrs Margaret Emily Kirchin, of Victoria. He was born here 1921, attended Mount Tolmie School, going overseas with an Island regiment 4 years ago. He also leaves 4 sisters, one of whom is a sergeant, CWAC. Served with Canadian Scottish Regiment, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion. Buried at Bretteville-sur-laize

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June 10, 1944, 1; 3: Canadians Fight Heaviest Battle of Armour So Far...; Photo, Canadians on the Invasion Coast of France...; photo, Lieutenant-Commander Eric Boak, RCN, Victoria officer in command of HMCS Sioux, at the invasion...; Canadian Ships Aid in Rout of Flotilla...; photo, Major-General Rodney FL Keller, reported as probably in command of 3<sup>rd</sup> Canadian Division now fighting on the Normandy beachhead. He was awarded CBE in the King's birthday honours list this week. His wife, Barbara, and 2 sons live in Oak Bay. Canadian 3<sup>rd</sup> Division now in Big Battle...;

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June 10, 1944, 3: photo, Wounded Canadians Awaiting Transfer to Hospital...

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June 10, 1944, 3: missing in Oliver, BC, Harold Ede, 52, formerly of Victoria. Son of Wilbur Ede, Colwood, he also has 4 sisters. Harold is a veteran of the Great War.

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June 10, 1944, 4: Poem, D Day, by F Sewell, Victoria... June 11, 4: The Beachhead, James Morton, Victoria...; June 14, 4: To Victoria, by Tom Colloway, Vancouver; June 15, 4: Peril of the Deep,

written by 'Sharkey', a member of RN, now stationed at Esquimalt...

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June 10, 1944, 4: letter to editor re: history of Esquimalt Naval Base & Pacific Station updates... by FV Longstaff, Oak Bay.

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June 10, 1944, 5: Canadians Capture Chateau Used as Nazi Headquarters...

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June 11, 1944, 1: photo, Victoria seaman plays important part in French coast landings, crew of HMCS Algonquin [Petty Officer Shipwright JT Down, RCNVR]; Canadian Formations in Hard Fighting on Normandy Front...

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June 11, 1944, 3: Canadians Taken Prisoner Talk Captors Into Giving Up... ; photo, Sub-Lieutenant Alastair R MacDonald, one of the Victoria officers aboard HMCS Prince David, which carried assault craft and troops to the beaches of north France. Son of John & Elizabeth M Macdonald, Oak Bay. His is grad of Royal Roads Naval College. Private Tom Linklater, who landed in France June 6, a veteran of Dieppe compares that landing with invasion...

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June 11, 1944, 5: Canadian Engineers, Assault Troops, Tanks Avenge Dieppe... Burial parties move through the dunes...;

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June 11, 1944, 5: died ? At Victoria, BC, Thomas Main, resident here 55 years. Born in Burghead, Scotland, he leaves his widow, 2 sons, daughter. Family plot,

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June 11, 1944, 6: wedding photo, Flight Officer John C Uthhoff, RCAF, son of Mrs Ina DD Uthhoff, Oak Bay, and Miss Joyce Evelyn Turle. He has been stationed in England 1 ½ years with RAF and RCAF fighter commands. Before enlistment with RCAF in 1941 he was a student at UBC.

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June 11, 1944, 10: photo, continuing patrols over the battle areas of France, RCAF fighters downed 2 enemy aircraft. One was shot down near Le Havre by Squadron Leader Richard Jephson, of Victoria, and his observer, Flight Officer CD Sibbett, of Vancouver... Jephson has been in RAF since 1937, when he went to England to enlist. Attached to an RCAF night-fighter squadron, he was promoted not long ago. Writing to his mother, Mrs Teresa Jephson... His grandparents, Dr & Mrs Alex Robinson, Saanich.

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June 11, 1944, 11: photo, Hugo Willner, 56, Victoria craftsman follows ancient art of violin making...

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June 11, 1944, 13: photo, landing craft from 'mother ships' HMCS Prince David & HMCS Prince Henry smashed their way through minefields and submerged booby traps to land units of the Canadian Army in 1<sup>st</sup> assault on French coast.

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June 11, 1944, 14: Aboard HMCS Haida at Sea... Athabaskan's partner ship helps to drive Nazi ashore...

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June 11, 1944, 18: Leon H Borde, compositor, BC Gazette, was honoured by his fellow workers at King's Printer building for his 43 years there. A son, Edgar L has been in the composing room of The Colonist for past 15 years.

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June 11, 1944, 20: War artist illustrates how invasion sectors are assigned to assault troops... full page

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June 11, 1944, 25: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Mrs Annie L Humber, 84, born in Napa, California, resident here 67 years. Leaves 4 sons, 2 daughters, sister, Mrs M E Jones. Cremate

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June 11, 1944, 29: 4 Corbett brothers of Pender Island, sons of Mr & Mrs P Corbett, an old and well-known family which has lived there 45 years. Lieutenant SP Corbett, 28, RCA, enlisted in 1940, and after serving on the coast graduated from Gordon Head OTC in 1942. Pilot Officer ES Corbett [see 1942] was killed in a flying accident near Halifax. He enlisted in 1941 and had served from a seaplane base on the Atlantic coast. Flight Sergeant WD Corbett, 20, joined RCAF in 1942, going overseas in 1943 and has now completed advanced training in England. Private John L Corbett, 24, with Canadian Base Ordnance in England, enlisted in 1941 and went overseas in 1942. All were educated on Pender and the wives and families are residing there.

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June 11, 1944, 29: Sergeant Major James S Dunlop, 58, has had 29 years of army service. Engineer by trade, he is in charge of all mechanical and electrical installations, Pacific Command. Two sons are in Royal Canadian Engineers, Lance Corporal George Dunlop, serving in England, and Lance Corporal Richard Dunlop, Chilliwack. June 16, 3: photo.

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June 11, 1944, 29: photo, Flight Lieutenant John D Ward, 25, youngest son of Mr & Mrs JS Ward, of Tasmania, formerly of Oak Bay, died May 17 of wounds received in action in Corsica May 15. Born in England he came to Victoria with his parents aged 6, educated at Willows & Oak Bay Schools. In 1939 he left Canada for Australia, and joined RAAF in 1941, receiving his wings and commission same year. He also leaves a brother, Flight Sergeant RG Ward, bomber pilot, RAAF, in England, and by 2 aunts, Mrs Annie Trickey & Miss G Greaves, both of Oak Bay.

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June 13, 1944, 1: Canadian Forces in Advance...

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JT/WC/June 13, 1944, 1; 2: Hydrographic survey vessel William J Stewart, hits Ripple Rock, lies wrecked... Crew of 65, 7 of whom are women, escaped unharmed... Built in 1932... Victoria actually fought the removal of Ripple Rock years ago, when it was thought a trans-Canadian railway system extending to Victoria was possible, using the facilities of the rock for a bridge pier. June 15, 9: hope to refloat Stewart Friday...; June 16, 15: Ship mishap described...; June 17, 8: photos...; June 24, 5: valuable charts salvaged...

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June 13, 1944, 2: photo, Lieutenant Sherwood B Marshall, RCNVR, who commanded one of the 4 motor torpedo boats which are credited with probable destruction of a German R-boat and damage to 3 others off Le Havre during the invasion. His wife, former 'Bunty' Sloan, resides with her parents, York Place, Oak Bay. He came to Victoria as a law student, being articled to WT Straith, KC. He gave up study of law to enter Royal Roads, and after grad was sent to the East Coast to serve on the Atlantic patrol. He went to England 8 months ago and was assigned to command a motor torpedo boat. He has 2 brothers in US Navy.

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June 13, 1944, 3: Canadian Brigade plays epic role in fierce combat...

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June 13, 1944, 3: Signalman Terence Edward Naunton, 33, RCCS, died suddenly overseas June 9, word received by his wife at Victoria. Son of HW Naunton, Royal Oak, leaves daughter, son, sister, 2 brothers overseas: Captain George Naunton, Canadian Provost Corps, and Gunner Hugh Naunton, RCA, who has been in Italy. He enlisted 1940, stationed at Work Point and Eastern Canada before going overseas in 1942. He was educated at Royal Oak School.

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June 13, 1944, 3: photos, 4 Jennings brothers serve: sons of Mrs GFW Jennings, Oak Bay, and late Captain Jennings, who served throughout the Great War with one of the oldest regiments in the British Army. Lieutenant Gordon Jennings enlisted with Royal Canadian Army 3 years ago and graduated from Gordon Head OTC 1942. He is stationed at Manitoba. RP Jennings, 22, has had 3 years in the army. He voluntarily relinquished his sergeant's strips to go overseas with an infantry regiment. Gunner MC Jennings, 19, has been with 8<sup>th</sup> Army in Africa and is now with that unit in Italy in the thick of the fight. Private TA Jennings, overseas for more than 4 years, is with Pioneer Corps. Since his arrival overseas he has married, and has had his category lowered because of injuries received when 'blown up' by a German bomb.

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June 13, 1944, 3: photo, Lieutenant Clarence H Lanigan, recently promoted to present rank. Son of Mrs Clara M Lanigan, Victoria. Born in Manitoba, he attended Victoria High School. He has been in RCN 3 years. A sister, Eileen Lanigan, is in RCAF, Women's Division.

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June 13, 1944, 3: Leading Seaman Ralph S Pontious, Sooke, was one of the crew aboard an RCN landing craft that ferried troops to the French invasion coast. He enlisted in 1942, and spent 18 months on small craft on the Pacific Coast before going to Britain.

June 13, 5: photos, Victoria sailors manned landing craft on historic D-Day. Leading Seaman RS Pontious, of Sooke, one of the crew...; Leading Seaman Coxswain Phil Jeffrey, crew aboard RCN invasion landing craft. Son of a disabled veteran of Great War. He attended Beacon Hill & South Park Schools, enlisted in 1942. He served with Fishermen's Reserve here.

June 13, 1944, 14: died June 11, Mrs Euphemia Muir, 85, born in Newmilne, Scotland, resident here 33 years. Leaves 4 sons, 2 daughters, sister. Royal Oak Burial Park

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WC/June 14, 1944, 1: Flying Officer CM Amos escaped with slight injuries and 8 other crew members were reported missing, presumed drowned, when their Canso RCAF aircraft returning from a patrol when it crashed into Ucluelet Inlet June 9 near its Vancouver Island base. Crew included: died accidentally off Ucluelet, BC, June 9, R60598 Warrant Officer 1 Wireless Operator/Air Gunner Charles Francis Coleman, 30, RCAF. Canso aircraft returning from a patrol when it crashed into Ucluelet Inlet. Born in Calgary, Alberta. Leaves wife Jane, daughter, father, mother, Mrs E J Kelsey, sister, brother. His wife and daughter live with her parents Major & Mrs Glen Holland, Victoria. He enlisted at Calgary, and has been at Island stations for 3 years. He was married 2 years ago. Soldiers' Section, Royal Oak Burial Park

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June 14, 1944, 1: Canadian forces experience lull, carry out night patrols...

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June 14, 1944, 2: Canadian nursing sisters as well as British and US nurses will be in France soon...

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June 14, 1944, 4: died ? At Victoria, BC, Miss Ellen Annie Dumbleton, 94, born at Georgetown, South Africa. She leaves sister, brother. Family plot,

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June 14, 1944, 5: photo, Sergeant George W Oakes, son of Mr & Mrs E Oakes, Saanichton. He is a veteran of the Dieppe raid, in which he was wounded. He enlisted during the 1<sup>st</sup> week of war and went overseas with his unit in 1940. Two brothers, Edwin & Stanley are with RCE

and RC Survey Regiment. Stanley has been overseas for 4 years and is now with 8<sup>th</sup> Army in Italy. Edwin went over in 1942 and is stationed in England. They all attended Mount Newton High School.

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June 14, 1944, 5: photos, Lieutenant WH Ball, RCE, appointed ADC to Lieutenant-General Crerar, Canadian Army commander overseas in April. Son of Mr & Mrs H Ball, Oak Bay. He enlisted 1941 and went overseas that year and was transferred to headquarters, 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Corps in 1942, in 1943 he topped an officers' training course in England and appointed to his present post. A younger brother, Flight Sergeant KH Ball, is a link trainer instructor with RCAF in Manitoba. Their father, Harry Ball, is a veteran of Great War. He served in France with 46<sup>th</sup> Saskatchewan Regiment and was wounded in action.

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June 14, 1944, 16: missing. Known to many Victorians, his father was YMCA secretary here for several years before leaving for a post in India 29 years ago. Later the family made several long visits here, and Beall spent leaves here while training. He has been overseas 14 months. His aunts reside here: Gladys Beall & Misses N & Winifred Scowcroft & Mrs D Davidson. June 25, 12: reported missing... son of Mr & Mrs HG Beall, formerly of Victoria, now of Montreal... Born in Bangalore, India, he came to Canada in 1928, enlisted with RCAF in 1939. Killed in action May 28, 1944, C1344 Squadron Leader Pilot Gordon Scowcroft Beall, 28, of Victoria, BC. Halifax aircraft missing during night attack against Bourg Leopold, Belgium. Buried Heverlee, Brabant, Belgium.

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June 14, 1944, 5: died June 12 in England, Cecil W Ward, 2<sup>nd</sup> son of late William C & Lydia Ward, born 1871 in Victoria, BC. He leaves wife, 2 sons, Colonel CLC Ward &



Major M Ward; 3 sisters in England, and a sister Mrs WE Oliver, Victoria, and a brother, Frank also of Victoria.

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June 14, 1944, 6: photo, Miss Sara Spencer...

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June 14, 1944, 7: photo, Pauline Moring, of Vancouver, BC, took passage to Britain in 1940 and enlisted in WAAF. Because of an extensive musical education in Milan and her experience with sound movies, she was trained as a wireless operator. Recently commissioned, she has since been entrusted to interrogate bomber crews upon their return from raids.

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June 14, 1944, 8: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Alexander Patterson, 75, born at Tyrone, Ireland, and spent 6 years in the Yukon during the gold rush. He was resident of Saanichton for 50 years before moving to Victoria in 1941. He leaves widow, Sarah, 8 brothers, 3 sisters.

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June 14, 1944, 8: photos, BC sailors distinguish themselves, photo: HMCS Prince Rupert; photo: 14 BC sailors, names, cities given...; photos: serving in HMCS Prince Rupert, which helped to sink a German submarine in mid-Atlantic, is Lieutenant Thomas Cook, RCNVR, of Regina. His wife and children live in Victoria. Lieutenant John O Lake, RCNR, of Vancouver and Victoria, was on the bridge of HMCS Prince Rupert, throughout her successful action. Local Men Take Part in Action...

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June 14, 1944, 12: died accidentally June 11 at Sydney, Australia, Squadron Leader Fabian Rockingham, 36, RAAF, elder son of WE Rockingham and late Mrs Rockingham.

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June 14, 1944, 12: died June 12, William James Ferguson, 80, born in Ayrshire,

Scotland, resident here 40 years. He leaves his widow, 2 daughters. Royal Oak Burial Park

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June 15, 1944, 1: photo, Canadians calm and unafraid as they near France...; RCN did and still doing marvelous invasion job...; Ferocious battles at both ends of line as Nazis counterattack, British & Canadian forces stand firm, but US lose hold on Montebourg...

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June 15, 1944, 3: photo, died suddenly overseas June 9, Signalman TE Nanton. Wife resident at Victoria.

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June 15, 1944, 3: photo, Flight Lieutenant JD Duncan, now overseas. Prior to leaving Canadian he was for 2 ½ years on staff of Director Medical Services, Ottawa. He enlisted in RCAMC [Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps], Work Point Barracks in 1933 and transferred to RCAF in 1940 on the formation of RCAF medical branch. June 16, 3: photo, son of Mrs William Duncan, Victoria...

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June 15, 1944, 3: Private Ronald Beale now on leave with his wife at Victoria. He worked at Yarrows shipyards before joining Rocky Mountain Rangers in 1943. He has since transferred to Brockville Rifles. A brother, sister live with their parents, Herbert & Muriel Beale, Saanich. June 18, 9: photo.

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June 15, 1944, 3: photo, Signalman George H Mannix, RCN, youngest son of Leonard & Flora Mannix, Saanich. Born and educated here he attended McKenzie Avenue & Mount View High Schools. He was employed at Yarrows before enlistment, and has an elder brother, Frank, a CPO in RCN at HMCS Givenchy.

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June 15, 1944, 3: Flight Officer H Harkley,

RCAF, recently promoted to that rank. Born in Victoria, he attended Victoria High School, Victoria College & UBC. He is on West Coast operations as an air observer.

June 15, 1944, 3: Lieutenant-Colonel FJ Thorne, formerly of Westholme, has been wounded in Italy. His wife is in Eastern Canada. Their only son, J9857 Pilot Officer Pilot John Oswald Thorne, 21, RCAF, was killed after take-off the aircraft struck some trees on the windward side of the field then crashed and burned in Manitoba, August 24, 1942. He is buried at Royal Oak Burial Park.  
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June 15, 1944, 3: Lieutenant Gordon D Campbell, 28, RCNVR, Victoria officer mentioned in dispatches in honours list, now overseas to take command of a new corvette after having commanded a minesweeper for some time. His wife lives in Victoria, his mother, Mrs Edith A Campbell, Oak Bay. He has been on sea duty throughout most of the war.  
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June 15, 1944, 3: photo, Able Seaman, W Boyles, who was one of the crew aboard RCN landing craft which ferried 1<sup>st</sup> troops to the French invasion coast. Son of T Boyes, Cobble Hill, he joined RCN aged 19 in 1941. Born in Victoria he attended Strawberry Vale & Cobble Hill Schools.  
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June 15, 1944, 3: Sergeant RB Bud Hamilton, RCAF, in English military hospital following a crash landing. Son of SB Hamilton, Duncan, BC.  
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June 15, 1944, 3: photo, Lieutenant EE Gridley, wounded in action on the French beachhead, word received by parents, Ernest & Emma Gridley, Saanich. He joined a rifle regiment in 1940, and was commissioned at Gordon Head OTC, 1942. His wife is at Fort William, Ontario.  
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June 15, 1944, 3: photo, Lieutenant CF

Usher, RCNVR, graduated recently from a command course. He joined RCN in 1940, and has served aboard 3 ships since enlistment and has more than 2 years sea time to his credit. His wife lives in Oak Bay.  
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June 15, 1944, 5: Canadian correspondents shelled from quarters...  
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June 15, 1944, 9: Sam Johnson, 85, colourful figure in the Klondike gold rush and generally conceded to be the basis of fiction characters created by Rex Beach and Robert Service, died recently at Prince George, BC. Service wrote 'The Faro Kid' after meeting Johnson in a gambling house at Dawson City. He had lived in Cariboo country during the mining rush there and was well known at Quesnel Forks & Barkerville.  
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June 15, 1944, 9: photo, Lieutenant-Commander JA Aldcroft, engineer officer, HMCS Prince David, one of Canada's invasion ships which carried assault craft and troops to France. With 20 years' service in the merchant marine, he transferred to RCNVR in 1940. His wife lives in Victoria.  
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June 15, 1944, 13: Sergeant-Major Roland Alexander Knight, 27, one of 4 brothers in a Victoria & Island battalion fighting in France, has suffered a bullet wound. His wife, daughter of Edward & Elsie Varney, Victoria. Son of Alexander & Emma Knight, he received the Long Service Medal this year for 10 years' service in NPAM and active army. He is presumably now in England. His brothers overseas are Sergeant Francis Knight; Private Allen Knight, and Private Donald Knight. June 17, 5: photo  
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June 16, 1944, 1: photo, Canadian gunners move quickly when in action...; Canada's bomber group in 1<sup>st</sup> daylight raid...; photo,

Villagers watch Canadian tanks pursue enemy...

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WC/V/June 16, 1944, 3: Ferry 1<sup>st</sup> troops to French coast: photos, Stoker Arthur Hambrook, Port Alberni; Able Seaman WM Campbell Moore, Courtenay; Leading Seaman JB Cloke, Ladysmith; Able Seaman William D Gray, Port Alberni.

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June 16, 1944, 3: photo, Lieutenant-Commander R Balfour, who watches over the engine room of HMCS Prince Henry... His wife and children, formerly of Halifax, now reside in Victoria.

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June 16, 1944, 3: photo, Lieutenant Ian Angus, graduated recently from command course. He joined RCN in 1939, has 3 ½ years sea time. He has 4 brothers in RCN. His parents, Richard & Elizabeth Angus, Oak Bay.

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June 16, 1944, 3: killed in action May 25 in Italy, Sapper Arthur W Lee, son of Mrs Margaret Lee and late William H Lee, Fulford Harbour, BC. Born on Salt Spring Island he enlisted in 1940. He was serving in Italy with an engineering unit. His father served with 58<sup>th</sup> Battery, CFA during Great War.

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June 16, 1944, 3: photo, Lieutenant Ian Douglas, RCNVR, 1<sup>st</sup> lieutenant, HMCS Prince Henry. His home is in Saanich.

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June 16, 1944, 4: poem, Beacon Hill Park, by Mary V Armstrong, Victoria...

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June 16, 1944, 4: 3 more wounded serving in France: 2 Island men and one seriously wounded while serving with a well-known Victoria & Island battalion. They are Private RA Bob Robinson, 29, born in Victoria, educated at Willows School. He enlisted in 1940 with his twin brother JE Robinson. The

twin later transferred to RCCS and recently to RCAF. Their mother, Mrs LE Robinson, of Victoria;

Private Douglas C Leask, 23, bullet wound in the head, parents C Leask, Victoria. With 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Scottish Pipe Band before the war, he enlisted with a Scottish regiment as a piper in 1939, and has been overseas 2 years. June 18, 2: photo;

Major GT MacEwan, who was reported as a casualty yesterday....

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June 16, 1944, 11: photo, Major RD Harvey, veteran of Great War & WWII, has retired from active army service on medical grounds. Resident of Oak Bay, he plans to resume legal practice as a barrister and solicitor. He has been a member of the bar since 1923... He has had long service with Canadian Scottish Regiment. Since the outbreak of war he has served as district judge-advocate...

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June 16, 1944, 11: died June 14 at Victoria, BC, William John Rowe, 74, born in Cornwall he came to Victoria in a sailing vessel via Cape Horn and San Francisco 73 years ago. He operated a hack business here before the advent of automobiles. Leaves widow, Margaret, at Saanich, 3 sons. Colwood

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June 16, 1944, 11: photo, died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Charles Eilbeck Wilson, youngest son of William & Isabella Wilson, born in Victoria in 1878. He attended Central & Victoria High Schools before going to Osgoode Hall, Toronto. Receiving his degree in law he returned to Victoria. He married Miss Dolly Sehl in 1906. He leaves his widow in Oak Bay, 2 sons, Eilbeck B Wilson, Oak Bay, & Lieutenant-Colonel Roger Wilson, RCAMC [Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps], Middle East Force, and a daughter, Gloria Marie Wilson, RN, his eldest brother, Joseph, and a sister, Mrs

JW Church. He was a member of municipal council of Oak Bay for 20 years, and was, for a time, reeve of that municipality... June 17, 4: editorial... Family plot,

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June 17, 1944, 1: photo, RCN torpedo boats help guard English Channel...

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June 17, 1944, 3: photo, Lieutenant Bruce McGregor, son of Fred McGregor, Oak Bay, who went overseas 1943, he is commander of landing craft 299.

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June 17, 1944, 5: photo, 2 BC airmen who destroyed a brace of enemy night fighters: Sergeant WL Falkner, Cranbrook, and Sergeant Ted Bowles, Saanich, it was their 3<sup>rd</sup> operational flight, and they had just finished bombing when attacked. Falkner, in the rear turret, opened fire together with the wireless operator air gunner, and Sergeant Bowles, the bomb aimer in the nose of the aircraft, saw both fighters crash.

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June 17, 1944, 5: photo, Sergeant Wireless Air Gunner PR Williams, joined RCAF in 1943. His mother, Mrs K Morgan, Esquimalt resident.

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June 17, 1944, 5: photo, Private Basil M Halhed, 24, killed in action May 23 in Italy. At the outbreak of war he enlisted in Canadian Scottish and trained on both coasts before going overseas. He was stationed Britain for more than a year and then saw action in both Sicily & Italy. He was born in Chemainus, where his parents reside. His wife and child are in London, England.

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June 17, 1944, 5: photo, Sergeant Wireless Air Gunner Robert McLaren, 18, son of MB McLaren, Vic West. He attended Vic West School before enlisting in RCAF.

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June 17, 1944, 5: Missing in action, Private William J Van Norman, Seaforth Regiment,

word received by his sister, Mrs Kenneth Vidal, Esquimalt. Another sister, Mrs James Forrest, lives at Sooke. He served with RCA, Canadian Forestry Corps, and the Seaforths, and was wounded in Italy in January.

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June 17, 1944, 5: RCN Torpedo boat flotillas fight courageously...; photo, RCN personnel make Germans stay at home...[torpedo boat crew, all names, hometowns given]

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June 17, 1944, 11: died recently at Pasadena, California, Mrs EA Praeger, born in England, well-known resident of Victoria in the 1890s. Her late husband, who died in 1898, was a European medical specialist, who practiced here and Nanaimo until moving south in 1892. She leaves daughter, son. Both of California.

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June 17, 1944, 12: died June 15 at Victoria, BC, William James Woodford, 58, of Colwood. Born in Sussex, England, he leaves widow, Avril, son, siblings. He served overseas in the Great War. Colwood

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June 18, 1944, 2: photos, Island men wounded in France: Captain James Else, RCA, of Duncan; Sergeant Robert Dickinson, son of JP Dickson, Victoria. Educated at Beacon Hill & George Jay Schools;

Sergeant WA Paterson, 27, son of Mrs E Liddle, Oak Bay. Born in Scotland, he attended Monterey & Victoria High Schools. His war bride lives in England;

Private Douglas Leask, in Royal Canadian Army since 1939, son of Mrs John Leask, Victoria.

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June 18, 1944, 5: died June 16 at Victoria, BC, George Stephen Green, 72, who served with RN and came to Esquimalt dockyards in 1898. Born 1872 at Littleham, England,

he served on HMS Warspite, Amphion & Victory. A skilled shipwright, he was drafted to the dockyards here in 1898 and was away from England 4 ½ years. On his return he obtained his discharge and came back to Victoria in 1907. Previously he worked on the 1<sup>st</sup> great battleship Dreadnought at Portsmouth dockyards. During the Great War he served as foreman carpenter at Esquimalt and continued work until last year, when ill health forced him to retire. He leaves widow, Bertha, at their Saanich home, 2 brothers in England. St Luke's Cemetery.

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June 18, 1944, 6: Happy Valley Roll of Honour Unveiled at Luxton Hall: 33 names: Edward Anderson, Elva Hobbs, Edwin Anderson, Edgar Blake, George Hutchison, William Hoskin, John Blenkinsop, George Heaslip, Edward Butt, Albert Lamb, John Caton, Alyce McLeod, Norma McLeod, Alexander Caton, Eric Clay, Ralph McKenzie, William McKay, Robert Clark, Samuel Hart, Alex McKay, Max Page, Fairy Welch, Wendell Ratcliffe, Norman Rhode, Lorne Welch, Wilbur Rhode, Thomas White, Lawrence Rhode, John Stockand, Kenneth Wright, Archie Reid, Jessie Reid.

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June 18, 1944, 9: photo, Pilot Officer Joseph J Mollison, reported missing in action Jun 11, word received by his parents, JJ Mollison, Esquimalt. Born in Winnipeg, he came to Victoria in 1941 and has been in RAF since 1942. He had 23 trips over enemy territory up to May 23.

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June 18, 1944, 9: photo, killed in action June 6 on invasion morning, J27853 Flying Officer Pilot Joseph Francis Terence, 21, of Kamloops. He is nephew of Joseph Beesley, Victoria. Buried in Brookwood Military Cemetery, Woking, England.

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June 18, 1944, 9: photo, Flying Officer NSB

Hull, on leave with parents, ST Hull, Victoria, after 3 years' overseas service. He has been flying in Jamaica Squadron, RAF, piloting a Mosquito bomber and has piled up many trips over Germany, including more than 12 on Berlin. He has married since going overseas, his wife being a WREN stationed in Scotland.

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June 18, 1944, 9: photo, Sergeant Robert G Knowles, has arrived overseas. An RCAF wireless air gunner, he attended Victoria West & Mount View High Schools.

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June 18, 1944, 9: Pilot Officer Alan B Macfarlane, commissioned recently. Born 1924 in Victoria he attended Willows & Oak Bay High Schools. He enlisted in 1943 after completing 1<sup>st</sup> year at UBC. Son of Mr Justice Arthur D Macfarlane & Mrs Macfarlane, Oak Bay.

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June 18, 1944, 12: photo, Canadians assemble on Normandy Beaches...

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June 18, 1944, 20: died June 16 at Victoria, BC, William John Furnstone [William Jones], 82, born in England, resident here 51 years. He served overseas with 62<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, during Great War. Colwood

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June 18, 1944, 20: died June 16 while visiting at Renton, Washington, Emily Keighley, 74, born in England, resident of Victoria since 1912. She leaves husband, Arthur, at Saanich home, daughter. Colwood

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June 18, 1944, 20: died yesterday while visiting in Winnipeg, Harry Hatfield Banks, 71, of Oak Bay, born in England, resident here 30 years. Leaves 3 daughters, sister.

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ChHx/June 18, 1944, 20; died June 14 at Victoria, BC, Chow Foo Yee, 75, born in China, resident here 50 years. Leaves relatives in China. Chinese cemetery.

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ChHx/June 18, 1944, 20: died June 18 at Victoria, BC, Fong Nine Yok, 64, born in China, resident here 39 years. Leaves family in China. Chinese cemetery

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June 20, 1944, 3: photo, Lieutenant Alastair M Allnutt, killed in action June 7 in France. Son of lieutenant Alex J & Mrs Agnes Allnutt, Esquimalt. Born in Scotland, while his father was serving with the Imperials in the Great War, he was killed the day before his 28<sup>th</sup> birthday. His wife and son, have lived with his parents since his arrival overseas 1 ½ years ago.

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June 20, 1944, 3: photo, Flying Officer George Bishop, writes to parents, John W & Mary Bishop, Victoria, that he is back on operations after enjoyed a brief holiday at the seaside. He is navigating a Beaufighter with an RCAF night fighter squadron. Bishop was a Victoria restaurateur before he joined RCAF 2 ½ years ago. He received his commission in 1943. His wife, Christiana is resident of Victoria also. Killed in action July 25, 1944, J23710 Flying Officer Navigator George Bishop, 32, of Victoria, BC. Mosquito aircraft failed to return from a Ranger operation over France. No known grave, name inscribed on Runnymede War Memorial, Egham, England.

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June 20, 1944, 3: listed as missing, son of Mr & Mrs R Alexander, Nanaimo, he had been in England almost 4 years and had completed 2 tours of operational flying. J17166, Flying Officer Bomb Aimer James Richard Alexander, 21, killed in action June 13. Only survivor, DH Crawford, later Prisoner of War: 'Plane was hit with a couple of engines on fire when our pilot ordered a fast bail out. As the rear air gunner I got out, and just as my chute opened there was a terrific explosion. An enemy fighter

aircraft had collided with ours and both blew up.' Buried at Givenchy, France, exhumed, reburied in Calais Canadian War Cemetery, Leubringen, France.

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June 20, 1944, 3: Ian Gordon Scott, 15, son of W Norman & Marie Scott, Victoria, has joined Royal Canadian Merchant Navy as cadet, and is making his 1<sup>st</sup> voyage with his brother, WN Scott, 23, serving as chief officer on one of the Park ships. Ian was born in Victoria, educated at South Park & Victoria High Schools. He completed his basic training with 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion Canadian Scottish.

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June 20, 1944, 3: Private JP Thomas, paratrooper, wounded in action June 12, necessitating amputation of right hand and part of left. His wife and 2 children, and father, W Thomas, all reside in Sidney, BC. Thomas has been overseas with his corps for a year.

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FN/June 20, 1944, 3: died suddenly June 17 at Victoria, BC, Jack Dick, 67, born on Songhees Reserve, he leaves brother, Harry, Esquimalt, and sister, Mrs Mary George, in US.

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June 20, 1944, 3: killed in action May 24 in Italy, Gunner PC Martin, 32, son of Mrs F Martin, Montreal, formerly of Victoria. He was born in Victoria, educated at St Michael's, Shawnigan Lake & McGill. He was in forestry service before enlisting 3 years ago.

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June 20, 1944, 3: Company Sergeant Major CM Kilner, killed during the early stages of the invasion at Normandy. Born in Victoria, he moved to Nanaimo with his parents at age 6. His mother, Mrs GE Kilner, and his wife live in Vancouver.

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June 20, 1944, 3: Lieutenant Jeffery W

Raven, son of S Wilson Raven, Esquimalt, recent grad from Sandhurst, England. Born in Ottawa in 1917 he came to Victoria in 1918 and was educated at South Park & Victoria High Schools. An elder brother, Sergeant JLW Raven, is with Royal Canadian Army Service Corps, Port Alberni.

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June 20, 1944, 3: Private Maurice Beedham, 25, killed in the fighting on the invasion front. Son of Mrs JA Beedham, Victoria. He enlisted in 1940, and went overseas in 1941. A cousin, Colonel CA Watson, is in charge of a Canadian hospital overseas. Beedham is also survived by 2 sisters.

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June 20, 1944, 3: died June 18 at Victoria, BC, Edwin Harold Pendray, 49, resident here 31 years. Leaves wife, daughter, mother, sister, 3 brothers.

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June 20, 1944, 5: died yesterday at Victoria West, Mrs Margaret Burnett, 87, born at Woodstock, Ontario, resident here 60 years. Widow of Evan Burnett, she leaves 2 sons, 3 daughters, brother [Morrison].

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June 20, 1944, 5: ... Canadian casualties in the Normandy invasion have been 'moderate' and below the figure estimated...

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June 20, 1944, 11: died June 18 at Victoria, BC, Peter Warren Wentworth Bell, 72, born in Ontario he came west as a young man, settling in Victoria 30 years ago.

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June 20, 1944, 11: Soldier drowned in Thetis Lake, 21, from an Eastern Canadian regiment died while swimming. Name withheld...

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June 20, 1944, 12: died June 18 at Victoria West, Mrs Mary Ellen Creed, 88, born in Walkerton, Bruce County, Ontario, resident here 56 years. Widow of George Creed, she leaves sister, Mrs AP Cody-Johnson. Family

plot, M 037/038 W 05

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June 20, 1944, 12: died June 16 at Victoria, BC, Mrs Hannah Whatman, 71, born in England, resident here 34 years. Leaves 5 grandchildren, sister, Mrs E Walton, Victoria. Colwood

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WC/June 20, 1944, 12: Married June 19 at Victoria, Christina McCormick to Kenneth Thomas, son of late Thomas Miller Baird, and Mrs AA Baird, Port Renfrew.

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June 20, 1944, 16: group photo, HMCS Haida engineers keep ship fit for fighting...[all names, ranks and towns given of group]

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V/June 20, 1944, 16: Flight Lieutenant William Evan 'Sonny' Walker, of Victoria has come home after more than [unreadable]... a mercy flight that has been given world-wide publicity. He has won Distinguished Flying Cross, he has flown bombers in Britain, North Africa, and in invasions of Sicily & Italy. He was interned for 3 months in Spanish Morocco... His flight across the Adriatic to carry blood plasma... Walker flew his Boston bomber from Foggia across the Adriatic to a tiny island off the Yugoslav coast. He said he still hasn't been told by RCAF why he was decorated. Son of Mr & Mrs WA Walker, of Victoria. Early in 1942 when he was flying an aircraft from Britain to North Africa, one of the motors died, and he landed in Tangiers, where he and his crew were interned for 3 months. He returned to action to see the fall of Tunis. Born in Vancouver.

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V/June 21, 1944, 3: photo, waiting to get a crack at the Japanese Fleet are Flying Officer Wireless Air Gunner L Lucas, 24, of Victoria, & Flying Officer Pilot GS MacDonald, of Vancouver. Both these men are flying Liberators on patrols. Lucas has

been in RCAF 3 years. Born in Victoria he attended public schools & Victoria High School. He married before going overseas. His wife, Irene, lives at Calgary.

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V/June 21, 1944, 3: photo, Killed in action June 11 in France, Lieutenant CI Hope, one of Victoria's well-known athletes. His parents, Percy & Emily Hope, Saanich. He was among the 1<sup>st</sup> units to land on the Normandy beaches. He attended Margaret Jenkins School.

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V/June 21, 1944, 3: photo, Captain Jack Bryden, killed in action June 9 in France. Son of Mr & Mrs J Bryden. He was an outstanding athlete. He also leaves 2 brothers, Jerry & Peter, both in RCA, and 2 sisters, both wives of servicemen. He went overseas in 1942, but was returned to Canada as an instructor during 1943, returning overseas that same year.

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V/June 21, 1944, 3: Pilot Officer Neil L Craig, dangerously wounded June 9 while on air operations overseas. He has been piloting a Lancaster bomber since January 1 and has been on many operational flights over Germany & France. He joined RCAF in 1942. Son of Mrs JK Woods, Victoria, he attended Lampson Street, Cedar Hill & Mount Douglas High Schools.

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June 21, 1944, 3: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Mrs Martha Janes, 82, born in Newfoundland, resident here 54 years. Leaves son, 2 daughters. Royal Oak Burial Park

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V/June 21, 1944, 3: Private JR Petterson, Nanaimo, killed in the initial invasion thrust at the French coast June 9. Mrs D Etherington, Nanaimo, received word that her husband, Private Douglas Etherington, has been killed in action.

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V/June 21, 1944, 3: photo, Warrant Officer2 CA Selfe, who brought an RCAF heavy bomber back to its base in Britain after an attack on a French target area despite the fact that a 500-lb bomb from an aircraft flying above had crashed through the wing of his plane. Born in Courtenay, he attended public school there, and graduated from Victoria High School in 1940. He enlisted in RCAF ground crew in 1941 and remustered to air crew in 1942. His mother, Mrs Irene Selfe, lives in Vancouver.

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V/June 21, 1944, 5: photo, HMCS Algonquin cleanup crew after bombarding a section of the Normandy coast on D-Day. Gathering up shell cases and sponging out the guns... [rank, names, towns given]

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V/June 22, 1944, 1: Canadians in Splendid Shape in Normandy: Eager for New Battle...

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V/June 22, 1944, 3: two more Victorians are listed among invasion casualties: Major K Osler, well known athlete, born in England, he came to Victoria with his parents in 1912, educated at Shawnigan Lake & Oak Bay High Schools, University of Washington. When war broke out he was at UBC; and, Private Herbert R Cooney, son of Mrs CR Cooney, of Saanich. Born at Victoria, he joined an Island regiment 18 months ago and has been overseas 1 year. His father is serving in Italy. His aunt, Mrs EL Tait, Esquimalt.

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V/June 22, 1944, 3: Private Walter Barber, wounded in action in France, son of Frederick Walter & Jennie Barber, Victoria. Born and educated here, he was 19 when he enlisted in Royal Canadian Army in 1941, going overseas in 1942. He has 3 brothers in the armed forces, Harry, overseas; Fred & Terry, still in Canada. Another brother, George, who enlisted shortly after war was declared, was recently discharged and is



now home. June 24, 1: photo, Barber, with 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment... formerly a page boy at Empress Hotel born and educated here, he enlisted aged 19...

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V/June 22, 1944, 3: Gunner SV Jock Martin, 32, killed in action in Italy May 24. Born in Victoria, educated at St Michael's & Shawnigan Lake Schools & McGill. His brother, Lieutenant HN Martin, Royal Canadian Army, is also serving in Italy.

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V/June 22, 1944, 3: photo, Corporal EJ Pete Tait, son of John H & Nellie Tait, Victoria. Born here, educated at Burnside & Quadra Street Schools. His father is a veteran of Great War.

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V/June 22, 1944, 9: photo, HMCS Prince David and landing craft off stern, during invasion...

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V/June 22, 1944, 13: Corporal Robert George Handley, now in the Normandy battle, writes to his father RG Handley, Victoria West. 'We have learned something in 3 days, and that is dig, dig, and you are OK.' Saying his outfit had been wondering how they would act when the actual invasion started, he writes, 'All doubts were removed when it came, we were too busy.' Referring to the infantrymen, 'Little Joe up front with a rifle is still king. The whole outfit is grand, the navy and the air force. Handley joined Signal Corps in 1939 then age 16. He has spent 3 years in England.

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V/June 23, 1944, 1; 7: Canadian Scottish Stormed French Invasion Beaches. Victoria Battalion took part in epic assault of 3<sup>rd</sup> Canadian Division...; 2: Victoria Officers Express Pride in Performance of Canadian Scottish...; names of Victoria & Island men killed or wounded with the battalion in France given; 4: editorial, The Canadian Scottish...

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JT/June 23, 1944, 1; 7: New Sayward Road will open up big Vancouver Island area...

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V/June 23, 1944, 2: Fierce Fight in Italy Thins Ranks of PPCLI...

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V/June 23, 1944, 3: photo, Pilot Officer B Thirlwell, of Victoria, attached to an RAF Typhoon fighter-bomber squadron overseas. He enlisted in RCAF in 1940, received wings in 1941. Previously with RAF Hurricane & Spitfire squadrons.

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V/June 23, 1944, 3: Lieutenant TB Robinson, Esquimalt, is the officer in charge of engine room, HMCS Sioux; Lieutenant Commander Eric Boak, commanding officer of Sioux. Robinson is a permanent officer in RCN, having joined in 1925. He went to England several times to help bring out new destroyers, including HMCS Vancouver, Skeena & Fraser. Before joining Sioux, he had been inspection officer at a Vancouver shipyard.

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V/June 23, 1944, 3: photo, missing since November, 1943, now officially presumed dead, Flying Officer Bomb Aimer Maurice Edmund O'Donoghue. Born here in 1923 he joined RCAF in 1942. He attended Margaret Jenkins & Victoria High Schools [see 1942]

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V/June 23, 1944, 10: full page map of France & Low Countries...

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V/June 24, 1944, 1: Canadian Army hospital train carried Lance Corporal ACE Blower, of Victoria, who was knocked from the fight in a bitter battle around Leonardo December 10, 1943. He was serving with PPCLI.

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V/June 24, 1944, 1: On way home from Italy... Lance-Corporal ACE 'Chuck' Blower, of Victoria, knocked from the fight in a bitter battle around San Leonardo

[Ortana] on December 10, 1943. He was serving with PPCLI. June 29, 5: photo, has arrived in Canada. Son of Albert T Blower, Sidney...

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June 24, 1944, 2: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Mrs Elizabeth Simons, 74, born at Strew, England, resident here 40 years. Leaves daughter, 3 sons.

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V/June 24, 1944, 2; 3: photo, Canadian Scots look over Normandy countryside... includes Sergeant AE Rhodes, Victoria, BC. Also Sergeant FEM Jackson, 27, reported seriously ill in December, 1943 from wounds to leg, suffered while serving with Seaforth Regiment...

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V/June 24, 1944, 2: Victoria & Island troopers in tank engagement in Italy... BC Dragoons [names, towns given]...

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V/June 24, 1944, 3: photos, Lieutenant William Ballantyne, of Saanich, well-known rugby, cricket; Warrant Officer EF Hagarty, 27, of Victoria, enlisted in 1941; Lieutenant William Ballantyne, of Courtenay; Able Seaman John R Davidson, Nanaimo.. All RCNVR serving aboard D Day invasion vessel...

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V/June 24, 1944, 3: photo, R143734 Warrant Officer2 Roderick McMillan, 24, listed as missing. Born in Victoria, graduated from Victoria schools & UBC. Overseas since 1942, he served with a night bomber squadron and had been on 60 operational flights until he took part in screening the invasion force. His parents live in Vancouver. Killed in action June 13. Lost in action over Venlo, Holland. Buried in Jonkerbos War Cemetery, Nijmegen, Holland.

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V/June 24, 1944, 3: photo Pilot Officer David Pudney 21, now overseas. Son of Mr

& Mrs JR Pudney, Vancouver. Educated at St Michael's & Oak Bay High Schools.

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V/June 24, 1944, 3: Gunner Eldon Reid, son of Mrs E Henkleman, Milnes Landing, has been wounded in the fighting in France. He joined the army at the outbreak of war and went overseas in 1942. He has a brother in the armed forces in Italy.

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V/June 24, 1944, 5: John Pennington, 31, of Metchosin, has won rank of squadron leader and is now chief ground instructor at a heavy conversion unit in Britain. He flew his tour as a navigator of Snowy Owl Squadron. One night his twin-engine bomber had nailed its target and was racing home across France. The moonlight made the aircraft a beautiful silhouette for attack from below, so his canny Scottish pilot took the plane down to low level. Attack from below was almost impossible at that height and it was practically invisible against the dark earth from above. Suddenly a chain of searchlights flashed and caught the aircraft. Flak guns spat. Shells, and tracers began ripping into the bomber. All the flying instruments were knocked out, but the crew escaped the hail of flying steel. The hydraulic system and one of the engines were hit. The injured undercarriage hung down. The pilot took a long chance and dove under the ground gunners' range. The flak, batteries and searchlights were left behind. When the aircraft touched down, its undercarriage buckled, making a crash landing. As the bomber skidded on its belly along the runway, the damaged engine fell off.

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June 24, 1944, 11: photo, died yesterday at Oak Bay, BC, William Campbell Muir, 77, retired general manager of Canadian National Express. He began a railroading career with American Express Company in Toronto in 1883. Leaves wife, Jean M, at

home, brother, 2 sisters. Cremate

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V/June 25, 1944, 1: photo, shortly before D Day, Wallace, mascot of 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Scottish, is seen bearing proudly the pipes of his master, Piper Andy McGeorge, of Victoria... Wallace went overseas with the Scottish in 1941... right now he is probably pining for his return to the pipe band because pre-invasion plans called for him to be left in England until he could be reunited with the battalion in France.

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June 25, 1944, 2: died June 23 at Victoria, BC, Jessie Thornton Morley, 87, born in England, resident here 69 years. Widow of HA Snow Morley, daughter of late James Fell, she leaves 2 sons, daughter. Cremate, S 003 W 36.

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V/June 25, 1944, 2: photo, Sergeant Tom Carney says every Canadian in invasion is a hero... He was among the shock troops of Canadian Scottish who stormed the Normandy shore defences... He admits he was frightened, but that did not stop him from taking over when his platoon commander was knocked out, and carrying on the attack. Carney writes to his wife [nee Rosalie Bernard], at Esquimalt Lagoon 5 days after D Day... Overseas since 1942, he came to Victoria while still very young from Prince Rupert, attended Sir James Douglas & Victoria High Schools...

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June 25, 1944, 3: photos, Mrs Cicely Matson and her daughter Miss Mary Matson, daughter of HT Matson, president of The Daily Colonist, Victoria, have been killed in an air raid on London. They had been living in England for a number of years. Mrs Matson is a sister of Captain Peter Simonds, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel & Mrs CB Simonds, Vancouver. Another brother is Lieutenant-General Guy Simonds, commanding a Canadian corps overseas.

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V/June 25, 1944, 6: engagement photos, Lieutenant Herbert Percival Rideout Brown, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, son of Thomas A & Isabel M Brown, Oak Bay, to marry Sylvia Louise Conyers at Bermuda, June 28...

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V/June 25, 1944, 12: violent tank battle in which a squadron of Shermans of BC Dragoons battled for 12 hours on the Italian front... Lieutenant Dick Sellars, Victoria and Sergeant R Robertson, Cowichan took part...

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V/June 25, 1944, 12: photo, Trooper JEL Adams, reported wounded in the advance on Rome. Hit by shrapnel in the ankle. Son of Mrs Muriel Adams, Saanich...

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V/June 25, 1944, 12: Stoker 2<sup>nd</sup> Class David George Porter, son of Binstead H & Mary Porter, Oak Bay, educated at Monterey & Oak Bay High Schools, now completing training at Cornwallis.

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V/June 25, 1944, 12: Private Joseph T Muir, paratrooper, son of Mr & Mrs RJ Muir, Saanich, BC, has been wounded in action overseas.

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V/June 25, 1944, 12: Petty Officer Ernest Johnson, 29, Victoria, awarded MBE [Member of the Order of the British Empire] medal. He has been in RCN for 8 years, he graduated from Victoria High School. On leave with his parents, Sid & Isabel Johnson.

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V/June 25, 1944, 12: photo Private Edwin Douglas Boothby, 22, killed in action, son of Edwin Harry & Eunice J Boothby. He enlisted in 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish in 1939 and went overseas in 1940. He was born here and attended Victoria High School.

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V/June 25, 1944, 12: Sergeant Dwight

Green wounded overseas, presumably in France, son of Arthur V & Gertrude Green, Saanich, BC. He enlisted in 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish, in 1937 and remained with that unit until 1942 when he transferred to a paratroop battalion. A brother, Roy, who enlisted with 5<sup>th</sup> BC Coast Regiment, RCA, in 1937, has been overseas for 3 years. Their father, a veteran of Great War, holds DSM [Distinguished Service Medal].

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V/June 25, 1944, 12: photo, Lieutenant Jeffery W Raven, recently graduated from Sandhurst, England. Is 3<sup>rd</sup> son of Sidney Wilson Raven & Gabrielle Lorna Jackson Raven, Esquimalt. Born 1917 in Ottawa, came to Victoria in 1918, educated at South Park & Victoria High Schools. He went overseas in 1940. Since arriving in England he has married. His wife and son live in Aldershot.

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June 25, 1944, 15: photo, one of the 1<sup>st</sup> automobiles brought to Victoria, and possibly the oldest in Canada, is shown in photo taken at National Motor Co. The machine is a DeDion, purchased in 1898 by Ian Mair, who lived at Goldstream. It is now owned by Fred B Pemberton, and at one time bore No 1 licence plate. It has a chain drive, low and high speeds, but no reverse... It had a speed of 6 miles per hour, and was in good running order up to 2 years ago when the Dunlop tires and tubes perished. It has a 1-cylinder poppet-valve engine with the radiator slung under the front axle.

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Bldg/June 25, 1944, 15: City building tops district...

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June 25, 1944, 15, ad: Blue Line Transit buses will take you and your family right to Willows Beach, Oak Bay...

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V/June 25, 1944, 18: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Richard Webster Day, 78,

born in Ireland, resident here 50 years. Leaves a sister in England. He was a veteran of Great War. Royal Oak Burial Park

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V/June 25, 1944, 18:

In loving memory of Daddy, Malgwyn Charles Ford [Mac] who gave his life in the loss of Canadian destroyer Fraser, June 25, 1940. Viola and Jerry.

In loving memory of Stoker William Miller Gagnon, who lost his life in action onboard HMCS Fraser, June 25, 1940. Ever remembered by his loving parents and sisters.

In loving memory of my dear son, Clifford M Logan, who lost his life on HMCS Fraser, June 25, 1940. Sadly missed by his mother and brothers.

In loving memory of my dear son, Petty Officer Thomas Watt, who was lost on HMCS Fraser, June 25 1940. Ever remembered by his family.

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V/June 27, 1944, 5: Victoria soldiers fight with Winnipeg men on French beach... under command of the Winnipegs for the assault was a company of Canadian Scottish, of Victoria, led by Major Desmond Gerald Crofton, of Salt Spring Island... he was with Canadian Scottish before the war, going active as soon as hostilities commenced. He went over with 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion in 1941 and has served overseas ever since. He was well known to many through his connection with Harbour House, Ganges. Mrs Ida Crofton, who was formerly Mrs Frank Corbet, lives with her daughter on Salt Spring. A son, John, is serving with RCAF. Major Crofton attended Colson's School on the Island. [he died 1977, Ganges]

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V/June 27, 1944, 6: photo, Queen Elizabeth & Colonel Charles Arthur Watson, RCAMC [Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps], a physician & surgeon of Victoria, BC. Before the war he was with the reserve army in

Victoria, attached to 13<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance in 1941, he left for overseas with 13<sup>th</sup> and as commanding officer of the corps left for Italy in 1943 and it was then known as 13<sup>th</sup> Field Dressing Station. Watson returned to England this year and has since been in charge of a Canadian general hospital. His wife, Bruce Mackelcan Gilmer Watson, resides at Oak Bay. [he died 1972, Victoria]

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V/June 27, 1944, 10: killed in action in France June 10, Lieutenant Ian Philip MacDonald, 24, only son of Dugald MacDonald, Fanny Bay. His father is a veteran of Boer War & Great War.

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V/June 27, 1944, 10: fatally wounded June 17 when a shell hit the Army Service Corps camp, France, Captain Harry Knight Eaton, 31, Victoria, attached to Army Service Corps, Canadian 3<sup>rd</sup> Division. His commanding officer [Bessonette] was killed by another shell which fell a moment later as he ran to assist Eaton.

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June 27, 1944, 13: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Herbert Maxwell Bruce, 67, born in Scotland, resident here 58 years. He leaves widow, Margaret, daughter, sister. Colwood

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June 27, 1944, 14: died June 23 at Victoria, BC, Robert Ford Verrinder, 79, MD, DDS of Ganges, BC. Born in Dane, Wisconsin, resident here 45 years. Leaves wife Edith Mae Harrison Verrinder, son, 3 daughters. Cremate.

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V/June 28, 1944, 1; 2: Canadian casualties in 15 days of invasion drive total 2,815... Losses in Italy until fall of Rome 11,340... includes figures for Hongkong; Sicily; Dieppe; France; Italy...

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V/June 28, 1944, 1: Flight Lieutenant WD Renton awarded Distinguished Flying Cross

for service with distinction overseas. Son of John & Margaret Lothian Dunbar Renton, Victoria. He went overseas in 1942 as a sergeant observer, later given a commission.

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V/June 28, 1944, 3: killed in action June 9 in France, Corporal Herbert Arthur Murfitt, 34, Seaforth Highlanders. Son of Charles William Murfitt.

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V/June 28, 1944, 3: photo, Warrant Engineer Edward Burnett, of Victoria, and Chief Skipper Roderick Graham, Merritt, took part in RCN minesweeping flotillas before D Day... Burnett went on active service with RCN 3 days before war was declared, the Battle of the Atlantic has meant months of service on many ships including destroyer Skeena. [wife: Marian Irene Clifford Burnett, he died 1986, Victoria]

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V/June 28, 1944, 3: photo, Victoria man, Lieutenant-Colonel John McIntosh Meldram, is the officer described in a dispatch from the Normandy beachhead which said, 'Troops in command of a Victoria man had to fight past 5 major casements and 15 machine-gun positions. Born here in 1900, son of Mrs Hattie May McIntosh Meldram & late George Gladstone Meldram. Educated in Victoria schools. Early in 1940 he joined the Canadian army and went overseas in 1941. [wife: 1<sup>st</sup> - Pauline Frances Gordon Meldram; 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage, Gwen Jonina Oddstad]

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V/JT/June 28, 1944, 3: photo, Sergeant Herbert L Mayer, in Canada for a year taking a flight engineering course after transferring from RASC to RCAF. Born in Port Alberni, he was educated in Australia and enlisted in England in 1939. He is a veteran of Dunkerque. He is on leave visiting his mother, Mrs Kate Isabel Guillod Mayer and relatives in Oak Bay.

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V/June 28, 1944, 3: Pilot Officer George Arnold Inverarity, son of Captain John D Inverarity, Victoria, has been awarded Distinguished Flying Cross after numerous flights and extensive action over France & Germany. Educated at University School, Mount Tolmie, he joined RAF in 1939. His mother is living in England.

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V/June 28, 1944, 3: photo, Private Harry Palmer, who landed in France on D Day with a RCOG unit. Son of Frederick G & Clara Palmer, Saanich. 'Hank' joined the army 2 years ago and has been overseas over a year. A local boy, born and educated here.

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V/June 28, 1944, 3: killed in action in France June 17 by an enemy shell which fell near him as he ran to the assistance of another officer, [Captain Harry Eaton], also of Victoria, who had been fatally wounded a few moments earlier. Lieutenant-Colonel JRWT Bessonette, son of Colonel Rupert V & Mrs Edith Maude Bessonette of Esquimalt, BC. His wife and 4 children are staying with her father in Halifax. He was educated here and attended Royal Military College, Kingston. He went overseas with 1<sup>st</sup> Division, wounded in the Coventry blitz, after which he spent months in a Canadian hospital. After returning to England, he commanded a unit which underwent commando training, and in 1942 was promoted to his present rank and placed in command of Royal Canadian Army Service Corps, Canadian 3<sup>rd</sup> Division. July 1, 3: photo, the two officers were buried in a little Normandy churchyard with guns firing a few fields away and fighter planes droning overhead. He leaves wife, Jean, 4 children, Joanne, June, David, John.

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V/June 28, 1944, 5: photo, died yesterday at Duncan, BC, William Egerton 'Reg' Corfield, 49, of Duncan and Victoria. Son of

late George Tuffry Corfield, Cowichan pioneers, he was born in London while his mother was visiting England, and brought here as a baby. In the Great War he enlisted at Victoria in 1914 with 88<sup>th</sup> Victoria Fusiliers, transferred to 7<sup>th</sup> Canadian Infantry Battalion at Valcartier, went overseas that year and to France in 1915. He was wounded at Ypres that April, and at Vimy in 1916... Leaves wife, daughter, son, 5 brothers. St Peter's Church, Quamichan.

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June 28, 1944, 11: died June 25 at Victoria, BC, Mrs Anna Augusta Custance, 70, born at Victoria. Leaves husband Travers T, 3 daughters, 2 sons. A 052 E 31

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June 28, 1944, 11: verdict of accidental death in case of Walter Frederick Lammers, 61, late of Oak Bay, who succumbed to injuries received during a mishap at Elder Logging Co, Sooke...

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V/June 28, 1944, 11: photo, killed in action during early hours of D Day invasion at Normandy beach, Corporal John William Wilton McDonnell 'Pat' Parr, Canadian Scottish. Word received by his wife, Calla Leslie Goldsmith, of Esquimalt, BC. He was born in India, where his father, a veteran of South African War, was employed with the civil service there. He is son of late Major & Mrs McDonnell William Randall & Belle White Parr, the family home here being Kildoon, Saanich. Parr left Victoria with PPCLI for England in 1940. He returned to Canada in 1943 as a sergeant instructor, leaving Canada again later that year where he joined Canadian Scottish and was with the regiment when it landed in France. Members of a fighting Irish family, an elder brother is at present serving with Australians in the South Pacific theatre, while a younger brother, Alec, who was recently mentioned in dispatches for conspicuous bravery in an affair with a Nazi U-boat, is serving with

RCN.

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June 28, 1944, 12: died June 26 at Victoria, BC, Margaret Esther Emily Winterburn, 35, born here to John J & Esther Rachel Robilliard. She leaves husband, Howard A, 3 daughters, parents, sister. Family plot, T 046 E 40.

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June 28, 1944, 12: died June 25 at Cobourg, Ontario, Mary Jane Roseyear, 70, born there, but lived in Victoria for many years. Leaves sister there. Family plot, ROBP

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V/June 29, 1944, 1: photo, Canadian anti-aircraft batteries got into action quickly when they set up their guns on Normandy beachhead...

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JT/June 29, 1944, 2: photos, Sayward & Kelsey Bay welcome 1<sup>st</sup> bus...

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V/June 29, 1944, 5: photos, children of Marguerite Elizabeth Price Gillan & late Charles Henry Gillan, Saanich, BC, have a fine service record. Petty Officer Arthur James Gillan, RCNVR, born here, joined in 1940, and has been stationed the East Coast. He was recently transferred to Esquimalt. Olive, his wife, and their son live in Saanich. Sapper Raymond Charles Gillan, RCE, born in England, joined the army in 1939. He has been overseas 18 months and is now in Italy attached to the British 8<sup>th</sup> Army. Private Ruth Elizabeth Gillan, CWAC, born here, entered service in 1942, and is with the motor transport here.

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June 29, 1944, 5: photo, Laurence Ernest Orchin, 17, son of Ernest & Kathleen Hudson Orchin, now serving as a merchant seaman. He joined merchant navy this year. Born at Ladysmith, educated at Victoria West School. [died 1987, Duncan, BC]

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V/June 29, 1944, 5: Sergeant Dwight

Norwood Green, son of Arthur Victor & Gertrude Mulvina Budd Green, Saanich, mentioned in dispatch from France. A paratrooper, he and the 6 men of his detail were credited with successfully ambushing German transports, motorcycles and lorries, which gave their unit a high degree of mobility. [died Vancouver, 1997]

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V/June 29, 1944, 5: Private Ian MacLeod, 24, Canadian Scottish, wounded in D Day invasion, son of John & Mary MacLeod, Oak Bay. He was born and educated here.

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V/June 29, 1944, 5: J16508 Flight Lieutenant Pilot George Reginald Burdick Roe, 22, missing since June 25 after air operations to Ruisseauville, France. Son of Mrs Matilda Brown, he was born 1921 in Victoria, enlisted in Vancouver. He has been overseas 3 years. Son of Edward Price & Matilda Henrietta Nex Roe. A sister, Kathleen Roe, RCAF is stationed in Alberta. Buried in Military Cemetery, Etaples, France.

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V/June 29, 1944, 5: photo, Lieutenant Ian H Williams, officer aboard minesweeper HMCS Minas. Joined RCN in 1941 and has 19 months sea experience in convoy escort and patrol duty on North Atlantic. He played a major role in rescuing 2 lifeboats of a torpedoed merchant ship while on a Canadian corvette. His parents reside in Victoria.

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Marine/June 29, 1944, 8: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Captain Mark Pike, 84, one of the last survivors of the company of sealing masters who operated out of Victoria during the last century. He sailed schooners from here to the sealing grounds off the California coast, into the Bering Sea and far across into Japanese waters. He was born in Newfoundland and went to sea aged 10, sailing in some of the celebrated square

riggers which crossed the Atlantic. He came here 54 years ago. When the Klondike gold rush began he went north and spent 6 years in that area. Since that time he commanded ships in coastwise trade, and for 10 years was port captain at Hecate, on the west coast of Vancouver Island. Leaves daughter, Florence. Family plot, B 001 W 31

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June 29, 1944, 8: Oak Bay may impose 15 mph zone at Willows Beach following complaint by G Murdoch, Beach Drive...

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Bldg/June 29, 1944, 17: Hubert Savage sketch, proposed duplex cottages for aged citizens... local architect, 2 sites considered...; building permits...

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ChHx/June 30, 1944, 1; 3: 350 fire fighters save 40 to 50 Langford homes but unable to save Goldstream Greenhouses, owned by Fook On Wing, Fisgard Street, Victoria, that loss estimated at \$30,000... Firemen included soldiers from Colwood Camp, naval ratings with a 500-gallon pumper, Civil Defence personnel, Pacific Coast Militia Rangers, BC Forest Service members and Langford, Colwood & View Royal fire departments...

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V/June 30, 1944, 3: missing following air operations. Killed in action June 25, J89892//R192969 Pilot Officer Air Gunner Francis Lawrence Rey, 19, son of Alexis Xavier & Mary Elizabeth Behan Rey, of Duncan. His brother, Flying Officer Joseph John Rey is Prisoner of War in Germany. Lancaster went down NE near target Prouville, France. Buried in Rougefay Communal Cemetery, France.

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V/June 30, 1944, 3: photo, Lieutenant Donald Davis, commanding officer, RCN minesweeper HMCS Malpeque, engaged in invasion minesweeping operations. Born at Victoria, son of Ernest & Edith Mary

Hitchcox Davis, he joined 1940, and has 28 months' sea time to his credit. His wife, former Betty Sheppard [married 1942] is resident of Oak Bay.

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V/June 30, 1944, 3: Walter Edmund Gariepy, son of Mrs Mabel J Smith, Oak Bay; and E Rosenberg, son of Mrs E Rosenberg, Victoria, have been listed as wounded in action.

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V/June 30, 1944, 3: photo, Lieutenant James Meharey Fields, one of Victoria naval men who eased Canadian minesweepers through the minefields off the coast of Normandy to make a sea lane for landing craft to follow. Son of Charles A & Mary Edith Meharey Fields, Victoria, he graduated from Royal Roads 2 years ago, and had previously served as Leading Stoker, having joined RCN in 1941. He attended UBC previously. He is currently on HMCS Blairmore. [died Prince George, 1991]

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V/June 30, 1944, 3: photo, Lieutenant Harold Casson, 24, now serving on RCN minesweeper which is taking part in invasion operations. He joined in 1942 after graduating from UBC. He attended Lampson Street & Victoria High Schools & Victoria College. He served aboard an RN destroyer and Canadian escort vessels. His father, John Edgar, is resident of Esquimalt. [mother: late Annie Elizabeth Casson]

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June 30, 1944, 13: LH Borde, 60, compositor, who joined King's Printer Dept in 1901, is one of 3 civil servants who will retire today... Others are William Rae, 63, with 34 years in service; and Norman James Ross, 73, who joined in 1913...

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June 30, 1944, 14: died June 27 at Victoria, BC, Miss Charlotte Axhorn, 35, born in Victoria. Leaves mother, Rose, uncle. Colwood



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V/Killed in action June 29, 1944, J87645/R196419 Pilot Officer Air Gunner David Neville Cotton, 22, of Esquimalt, BC. Halifax aircraft lost during night trip to Metz, France. Buried in churchyard at Juvincourt-et-Damary, Aisne, France.

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Died June 27, 1944 at Weyburn, Saskatchewan, Edith Emma Burgess, 72, resident of Victoria, widow of Harry Burgess. Leaves 2 daughters. Royal Oak Burial Park

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V/July 1, 1944, 2: Victoria Officers named in RCN list of promotions [names: photos, Acting Lieutenant Commander Garrard, MBE; Lieutenant-Commander Sivertz; Pay Lieutenant LD Hall, MBE; Acting Lieutenant-Commander Ian Angus; Lieutenant-Commander Fraser Forrest...; September 17, 5: photo, Ian Angus appointed commanding officer, HMCS Prestonian. Son of Richard Angus, Oak Bay, he went overseas in 1940 and on his return served aboard HMCS Grandby & Vision, holding appointment of executive officer in the former ship. He commenced his command course, then went to Bermuda as training officer, where he remained until August, when he returned to Canada to take up his new duties.

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V/July 1, 1944, 3: photos, Chief Petty Officer Lloyd D Watchorn; Lieutenant John Kincaid: long before dawn of D-Day, minesweeping flotillas of the RCN joined in the dangerous task of clearing away the minefields from the northern coast of France so the thousands of landing craft could proceed across the English Channel. Two Victoria men are: Kincaid, commanding officer of a minesweeper. A veteran seaman, he was with the Merchant Marine prior to joining RCN. Chief Engine Room Artificer Watchorn, of Saanich, is serving on HMCS

Blairmore.

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V/July 1, 1944, 3: photo, James Connor, son of Chief Petty Officer J Connor, RCNVR, is serving in foreign waters as a merchant seaman. Born in Victoria, he joined last April and was assigned to a Park vessel in May. His father has served North Atlantic convoys for 2 years and has been in RCN since the outbreak of war. He had previously worked on hydrographic ship William J Stewart. July 11, 15: photo and description of accident and return to Victoria...

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V/July 1, 1944, 3: photo, Petty Officer Edwin Crabbe, aboard HMCS Prince David, one of Victoria's ships which played a prominent part in D-Day invasion activities. His wife, Nellie, and family reside at Victoria.

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V/July 1, 1944, 3: Captain Ray Skelton Gray, adjutant, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment, was wounded in action in France on June 26, according to word received by his wife, Anne, at Oak Bay. His parents, Percy & Adela K Gray, William Head Quarantine Station. He enlisted at the outbreak of war and went overseas in 1942. Before enlisting he was in the Land Registry Office, Victoria. His wife is daughter of Major Maxwell & Mrs Winnifred Kirkpatrick-Crockett, Victoria. July 4, 3: photo.

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V/July 1, 1944, 3: photo, Sergeant Norman James Shepherd, 19, born in Victoria, attended Central Junior High School. He enlisted 1943. Son of William & Alice Shepherd.

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V/July 1, 1944, 3: photo, Lieutenant Peter Walter Parry, one of the naval officers who participated in the minesweeping operations off the Normandy coast on D-Day. Son of Walter & Margaret Parry, Sidney, BC. He

attended St Michael & Oak Bay High Schools, going to RCN in 1942.

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V/July 1, 1944, 3: photo, missing after air operations overseas, Flying Officer Pilot Edward Taylor, DFC. Son of AJ Taylor, Saanich, he came to Victoria 9 years ago, attended Cloverdale & Mount View High Schools. See May, 1944.

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Bldg/July 1, 1944, 9: opening of the children's garden library at the home of Mrs WW McGill, Tattersall Drive...; July 4, 6: photo, Book House...

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V/July 1, 1944, 10: photo, Honorary Squadron Leader Norman J Crees, RCAF, minister of Fairfield United Church before enlisting two years ago, is seen holding a service for ground crew members of the Moose Squadron in England. Two Victorians in the squadron: Flying Officer Donald Christian, son of Mrs Phyllis L Christian, Victoria; & Pilot Officer Charles Edwin Siddall, son of Edwin P & Blanche Siddall, Victoria. Crees has been overseas 1 year. His wife, Christina, and children reside here. September 20, 3: photo, Flying Officer Navigator Siddall awarded DFC for meritorious service overseas. Born here, educated at Sir James Douglas & Victoria High Schools, with RCAF since 1940, he completed his tour of operations before D-Day. His wife is daughter of Judge James & Jennie Roach Archibald, Kamloops.

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V/July 1, 1944, 11: unofficial list of names of 29 RCN officers and ratings identified as Prisoner of war from HMCS Athabaskan: include, photo, Ordinance Artificer2 Stephen Travis Dunnell, husband of Clara Agnes Dunnell, Victoria. July 14, 3: photo, writing to wife that he was hospitalized near the town of Orleans, recovering from burns and shrapnel wounds...; photo, 4993 Able Seaman Joseph Arthur Bell, son of Mrs

Eleanor Bell Victoria; photo, 4141 Leading Seaman Robert Gordon Dalzell, parents live in Victoria; A3042 Chief Stoker William Dixon Mitchell, husband of Mabel, son of Henry & Jean Mitchell, Victoria...; August 27, 3: Chief Petty Officer William D Mitchell, 42, who was taken Prisoner of war when Athabaskan was sunk last May, is now safe in England, having been liberated when the Allied forces captured Orleans, France. He suffered a broken leg and severe burns during the action and was taken prisoner with 3 other Victorians, Chief Petty Officer Steve Dunnell, Able Seaman JA Bell and Leading Seaman RG Dalzell, who were taken to prison camps while Mitchell went to hospital. Born in Scotland, he came to Victoria as a lad and attended Willows School, Oak Bay. He served on CPR coastal boats for 16 years prior to joined RCN. August 29, 16: Prisoners off Athabaskan back in UK: with 76 known to be Prisoner of war and 51 now safe, the list of missing stands at 106.

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Bldg/July 1, 1944, 15: Ritz Hotel to be converted into an apartment block for temporary housing of families of servicemen & war workers...; 17: big increase in building activity...

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ChHx/July 1, 1944, 15: Langford fire being probed [greenhouse fire, owner Fook On Wing]...

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July 1, 1944, 18: died June 30 at Victoria, BC, Margaret Ransford Moorhead, 51, born in Ontario, resident here 34 years. Leaves husband, Frank, daughter. Colwood

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V/July 1, 1944: Killed by accidental explosion of a mine while mine-laying in France, Sergeant John Joseph O'Connell, 26. Son of James & Mary (nee Kyle), born in Victoria, enlisted with 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment, arriving in

England in 1941. A brother, Lieutenant Martin O'Connell, with Royal Canadian Army Service Corps at Camp Borden, Ontario. Also brother, 2 sisters at home. Buried Calvados, France. July 14, 3: photo, he attended St Louis College & Victoria College. He enlisted in 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish at the outbreak of war, arriving in England in 1941. [parents buried at Ross Bay Cemetery, Victoria, W 023 E 51]

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V/Canada's Honour Roll: July 1, 1944, 21; Jul 5, 16; Jul 6, 8- 10; Jul 7, 16; Jul 8, 4; Jul 9, 4; Jul 9, 23; Jul 11, 3; 14; Jul 12, 3; 14; Jul 13, 16; July 14, 12; Jul 15, 14; Jul 16, 11; Jul 18, 14; Jul 19, 14; Jul 20, 8; Jul 21, 16; Jul 22, 5; Jul 23, 12; Jul 25, 14; Jul 26, 8; Jul 27, 10; Jul 28, 4; Jul 29, 5; August 1, 4; Aug 2, 16; Aug 3, 8; Aug 4, 12; Aug 5, 4; Aug 8, 14; Aug 9, 5; Aug 10, 9; Aug 11, 4; Aug 12, 4; Aug 13, 12; Aug 16, 8; Aug 17, 14; August 18, 14, 16; Aug 19, 15; August 20, 23; Aug 22, 5; Aug 23, 4; Aug 24, 8; Aug 25, 14; 16; Aug 26, 4; Aug 27, 10; Aug 29, 14; 16; Aug 30, 8; 14; Aug 31, 9; 16; September 1, 8; Sep 6, 16; 18; Sep 7, 11; 16; Sep 8, 16; Sep 9, 8; Sep 12, 8; 10; Sep 13, 14; 16; Sep 14, 10; Sep 15, 14; Sep 19, 8; Sep 20, 16; Sep 21, 8; 16; Sep 23, 8; 14; Sep 26, 18; Sep 28, 8; Sep 29, 10; October 1, 26; Oct 4, 4; Oct 5, 4; Oct 7, 4; Oct 8, 4; Oct 11, 10; Oct 13, 12; Oct 14, 12; Oct 18, 4; Oct 19, 16; Oct 20, 10; Oct 21, 5; Oct 22, 4; Oct 24, 8; Oct 25, 14; Oct 26, 5; Oct 27, 5; Oct 31, 16; November 2, 5; Nov 3, 4; Nov 5, 12; Nov 8, 8; Nov 9, 9; Nov 10, 4; Nov 15, 12; Nov 16, 13; Nov 17, 14; Nov 18, 12; Nov 19, 9; Nov 21, 15; Nov 23, 14; Nov 24, 16; Nov 28, 18; Nov 29, 3; Nov 30, 10; December 1, 14; Dec 2, 3; Dec 3, 5; Dec 5, 5; Dec 6, 8; Dec 7, 23; Dec 8, 18; Dec 9, 4; Dec 13, 16; Dec 14, 3; Dec 16, 4; Dec 19, 14; Dec 20, 15; Dec 21, 9; Dec 27, 10; Dec 30, 4; h/

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V/July 4, 1944, photo, Lieutenant-Colonel Fred N Cabeldu & Major Cyril Wightman, 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Scottish, wounded in action while fighting with the battalion on the Normandy beachhead... they both landed in France with the Scottish on D-Day and took part in the offensive... Cabeldu, formerly partner in a Victoria investment firm before going overseas. His wife, lives at Kelowna... Wightman, son of Wallace & Beatrice Wightman, Oak Bay. His wife resides in Sidney. July 5, 3: photo, Wightman. Both officers are believed to be in English hospitals.

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V/July 4, 1944, 2: photo, Captain Roy Murdock, of Victoria, a New Zealander, has spent time in the Solomon Islands with 3<sup>rd</sup> Division of New Zealand Expeditionary Force and later came to New Zealand... Murdock, formerly with The Colonist editorial staff, enlisted in 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Scottish over 3 years ago... Following disbandment last year of 2<sup>nd</sup>, he was posted to Pacific Command, and early this year went overseas for attachment to Empire forces fighting in the South Pacific areas.

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V/July 4, 1944, 3: photo, new paratrooper, Private BL Reid, Victoria...

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V/July 4, 1944, 3: photo, Sergeant EJ Baker, Oak Bay, receives his pilot's insignia from his uncle, Corporal EA Baker. Sergeant Baker, 19, attended Oak Bay schools...

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V/July 4, 1944, 3: Private Peter T Layton, 22, Victoria-born soldier serving with Sherwood Foresters, a British unit, in Italy, has been wounded and is dangerously ill in North Africa. He attended school here while his father, Douglas Layton, was with Dominion Observatory staff [mother, Mary Frances Tolson]. His parents now live in

West Vancouver. He enlisted 1941 in England. His brother, Gunner John D Layton, who trained at Island stations before going overseas, is serving in Italy. [Grandsons of Evelyn G Ritchie, Oak Bay]. July 7, 2: photos, Private Peter T Layton, reported wounded; Gunner John D Layton...

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V/July 4, 1944, 3: Private Fred T Etherington, 23, son of Mrs F Etherington, Victoria, has been wounded in the Invasion. He spent most of his life in US, but returned to Canada to join the army. He went overseas with 3<sup>rd</sup> Patrol Company in 1941. July 14, 3: photo...

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V/July 4, 1944, 3: Flying Officer M Gillespie missing after air operations overseas. Son of George K & late Josephine Gillespie, Lake Cowichan. He enlisted in RCAF in 1941, overseas in 1943. His elder brother, Flying Officer GH Gillespie, RCAF, is stationed in Canada, and a younger brother, Stoker AC Gillespie, has been in RCNVR for 4 years and is now overseas. July 5, 3: photo. [Flying Officer J21395 Gillespie, Malcolm Gerrard, POW#6297]. July 25, 3: photo.

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July 4, 1944, 6: 1,000 to attend RCN College graduation ceremony...

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July 4, 1944, 14: photo, stone found on Tolmie property, Cloverdale. Carved 'Removed from St Johnston, May, 1746'...

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July 4, 1944, 14: died July 2 at Victoria, BC, Mrs Janette Whittaker, 77, nee Whiteford, born in Ontario, resident here 55 years. She was mother of Norman W Whittaker, KC, Speaker of BC Legislative Assembly. She also leaves a daughter, Rita. Royal Oak Burial Park

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July 4, 1944, 15: died July 2, at Victoria, BC, Miss Clavilla June Caselton, 58,

formerly of Posy Shop, born in Victoria. Leaves mother, Mrs Elizabeth [Fred] Caselton, sister, Mrs Lillian Jones. H 078/079 E 21A

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V/July 5, 1944, 2: RCN cuts path to Cherbourg, aboard HMCS Malpeque, commanded by Lieutenant Donald Davis, Victoria, BC... [crew names, cities given...]

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V/July 5, 1944, 3: Lance-corporal W Bleackley, 26, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish, has been wounded June 23 in the fighting in France. Son of James Bleackley, born in Calgary, he went to Boys' Central School, Victoria, and Vancouver Tech. July 6, 3: photo.

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V/July 5, 1944, 3: photo, missing after air operations overseas June 29, Walter Fernyhough, 21, son of Richard & Flora Brazington Fernyhough. He attended Mount View High School and a special air training school in Vancouver before his enlistment in 1942. He had been overseas 15 months. A brother, Flying Officer Dick Fernyhough, RCAF, is in hospital in the East after completing 30 operational flights overseas. Another brother, Leading AirCraftman Billy Fernyhough, is taking pilot's training. Killed in action June 29 near Metz, France, J85610 Pilot Officer Pilot Walter Fernyhough, Distinguished Flying Cross, 21, of Victoria, BC. Halifax aircraft missing during night operations against Metz, France. Buried in Communal Cemetery, Criel, Oise, France

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V/July 5, 1944, 3: photo, Corporal Stanley Smith, killed in action June 10 in Normandy. He went overseas with 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish in 1941. Born in Saskatchewan he had lived in Victoria for some time. Two younger brothers are on active service, Private Andrew Smith, Canadian Army Medical Corps, overseas for 2 years; and Private Kenneth Smith, also

overseas. His sister is Mrs Jack Simmons, also of Victoria. December 2, 3: photo, Private Kenneth Smith, 31, Canadian Infantry Corps, after 5 days' leave with wife, leaves today for East....

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V/July 5, 1944, 3: photo, Chief Petty Officer Owen Robert Clover, with 15 years' service, has been awarded Long Service Badge & Good Conduct Medal. He also holds 1939 Star & Volunteer Medal. He was at the evacuation of Dunkerque in 1940, survived the sinking of HMCS Fraser & Margaree, and for the past 3 years has been instructing in Eastern Canada. He is expected home on leave in September from Cornwallis. His wife, Muriel, is resident of Victoria.

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V/July 5, 1944, 3: photo, Private Douglas Leask, son of Mrs John Leask, Victoria. She has received 1<sup>st</sup> letter since he was wounded during the initial stages of the invasion.

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V/July 5, 1944, 7: photo, Commander Isabel MacNeill, OBE, of Women's RCN Service, named in promotions list recently. She is commanding officer of HMCS Contestoga, WREN training establishment at Galt. Born in Halifax, she is the only woman captain of a ship in RCN.

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July 5, 1944, 14: diagrams, how Allied big bombers distribute their crews...

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JT/July 5, 1944, 15: Hydrographic vessel William J Stewart, may be raised this week. HD Parizeau, officer in charge has gone to Quadra Island to be present...; August 6, 15: Stewart repairs under way...; August 9, 14...; August 23, 5: finish repairs...

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V/July 6, 1944, 1: Victoria-built frigate sinks another U-boat. HMCS Swansea, assisted by an RN sloop, HMS Pelican...

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V/July 6, 1944, 1: bodies of 5 airmen lost in

the timberlands around Nanaimo Lakes were recovered and taken from the scene of the wreck yesterday. The crash occurred June 6...; July 8, 2: photos, remains of RCAF bomber & US Navy blimp, debris found strewn over rugged mountain face at 3,500 feet. 10 horses & 4 men of Army pack train there to carry out valuable salvaged equipment of the blimp. Wreckage of the bomber is beyond salvage...

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V/July 6, 1944, 1: photo, HMCS Antigonish commissioned at Esquimalt...

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V/July 6, 1944, 3: photo, Private Roland M Marquette, 21, killed in action on the Italian front. His family [Joseph T & Lorette?] reside in Victoria. He attended St Louis College. He enlisted 1942 and went overseas 1943.

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V/July 6, 1944, 3: Langrish parents of Sooke, have been notified that their younger son H K Langrish, RCAF, reported missing April 22, is now reported missing, believed killed. Killed in action April 23, J22574 Flying Officer Navigator Harold Keith Langrish, 25, of Victoria, BC. Lancaster shot down at Berge, Germany, during night operations. Buried in Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Kleve, Germany.

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V/July 6, 1944, 3: photo, Lance-Corporal GN Clayton wounded in action in France, son of Mrs Amy & late J Clayton, Victoria. Born in Victoria, he attended school here. In English hospital. September 16, 3: photo, wounded again, foot amputated... Overseas 4 years and in Italy since October, 1943.

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V/July 6, 1944, 3: Major R McC Horsey, son of Edward N & Flora Horsey, Victoria, BC, commanded a company of Carleton & York Regiment when they stormed the Hitler Line in Italy on May 16. They took 20 German prisoners.

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July 6, 1944, 5: died yesterday at Saanich, BC, Lawrence Basso, 62, born in Victoria. Leaves sister. Royal Oak Burial Park

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July 6, 1944, 7: photo, Mrs Elizabeth van Ness [nee Holdridge], 89, born 1855 in Derbyshire, England, coming to Victoria in 1908 to marry Mr Nicholas van Ness... [Nicholas died 1958, aged 92 at Oak Bay. She died May 14, 1951, 95. Royal Oak Burial Park].

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V/July 6, 1944, 9: photos: 1, 9: HMCS Swansea gets her 2<sup>nd</sup> U-boat. Lieutenant JE Millburn of Victoria, one of the officers serving aboard Swansea...; photo, Lieutenant Ian Macdonald, RCNVR, of Victoria, describes... 2<sup>nd</sup> in command of whaler which was lowered from Swansea to pick up German survivors...

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V/July 6, 1944, 9: HMCS Antigonish, another Yarrows-built ship commissioned for service...

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V/July 7, 1944, 1: photo, Canadian Scottish officers get battle orders... by Lieutenant-Colonel Frederick Norman Cabeldu who was wounded sometime after photo taken...

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July 7, 1944, 1; 2: Battered, hungry, nearly bankrupt, China fights into 8<sup>th</sup> war year...

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July 7, 1944, 2: photo, operational tour completed, Wing Commander WF Newson, DFC, of Oak Bay, BC, relinquishes command of Iroquois Squadron to his successor... son of Lieutenant-Colonel Henry M & Mrs Gladys Wain Newson, he joined RCAF in 1939 after graduating from Royal Military College, Kingston.

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V/July 7, 1944, 2: photo, brothers serve on HMCS Caraquet, now on minesweeping

operations: Stoker Petty Officers Bernard & William Earchy, both RCNVR. Bernard, of Victoria, left his work at a logging camp at Chemainus to join RCN in 1940, he has been on Caraquet since her Vancouver commissioning in 1942, while William, of Duncan, enlisted in 1941 and has been on Caraquet for a few months.

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V/July 7, 1944, 2: J85912 Pilot Officer Pilot Harold Oliver Rae, 23, listed as missing after air operations overseas. Son of Mrs Oliver M Rae, Chemainus. He went overseas in 1941. Bured Communal Cemetery, Rougefay, France.

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V/July 7, 1944, 2: photo, R92754 Warrant Officer2 Joseph Bertram Spark, Prisoner of war 4 months in German has received promotion to present rank. Son of Jeremiah & Barbara Spark, Saanich, born in Victoria, attended Tillicum & Mount View Schools. [#1081]

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V/July 7, 1944, 2: photo, Pilot Officer JD Taylor, RCAF Buffalo Squadron, took part in a Beaufighter attack on 3 enemy destroyers on D-Day, damaging 2 and destroying 3<sup>rd</sup>. He enlisted 1941. July 11, 3: photo.

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V/July 7, 1944, 2: photo, Cadet R Carle, promoted cadet captain at RCN College, Royal Roads. Son of James W & Ethel G Carle, Oak Bay, born in Shanghai, he came to Victoria with his parents in 1936 and attended Monterey & University Schools.

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V/July 7, 1944, 2: photo, Lieutenant JB Anderson, 23, navigation officer aboard HMCS Swansea. Son of Mrs JB Anderson, Saanich, he has been serving on Atlantic convoy duty 4 years.

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V/July 7, 1944, 2: photo, Flight Officer Bert Davidson, RCAF, recently returned from

operations over an enemy airfield in France. Before enlistment 2 years ago he was manager of the drug department of HBC, Victoria. His wife and son live in Victoria.

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JT/July 7, 1944, 8: WL Barton, 83, veteran diamond driller, has spent 10 years studying maps and charts of Ripple Rock... He made a plaster of Paris model of the area...; 8: beached hydrographic ship floats again...; September 13, 4: Ripple Rock, by Frank Kelley...

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V/July 7, 1944, 8: photos, Royal Roads grads: Cadet Captain Robert Wood, son of Mrs SF Wood, Oak Bay; Cadet Michael Ney, son of Major Frederick J Ney, overseas, and Mrs Helen Ney, Oak Bay; Cadet Duncan McLaurin, son of William McLaurin, Esquimalt; Cadet JS Gill, Victoria; Cadet Herbert Rowley, son of Lieutenant H Rowley, RCN, Victoria...

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July 7, 1944, 12: died suddenly yesterday at Victoria, BC, George Wilks Chapman, 89, born in London, England, resident here 26 years. Leaves widow, Anita de Macedo. Royal Oak Burial Park

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July 7, 1944, 12: died July 1 at Chicago, Illinois, Bertha Hartman Harris, born 1898 at Victoria. Mother, Ida, brothers Dr Leroy Hartman and Dr Albert Hartman. Daughter of Dr Sigfried M & Ida Rostein Hartman, pioneer Victoria dental surgeon, she was educated here, winning recognition as a singer, and joined Metropolitan Opera Co for a few years before marrying. Leaves husband, Bertram Harris, 2 sons, mother, brothers.

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July 8, 1944, 2: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Jessie Clara Ricardo, 73, born in Michipicoton, Ontario, nee Bell, wife of William Crawley Ricardo. She received her early education at Toronto and finished her

musical studies in Germany. She came here aged 18 with her sister, the late Mrs Mary Ann [Frederick B] Pemberton, to stay with their uncle, Major Charles Dupont. Their father was a chief factor of HBC, he was lost in SS Islander disaster. She married September 7, 1910 at Victoria. She leaves husband, son, step-daughter, 2 brothers. Family plot, T 061 E 45

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V/July 8, 1944, 3: photo, LE Watts, RCEME, serving in France since D-Day. Son of Mrs M Watts, Island Highway, born in Victoria, educated at Colwood School, enlisted 1943.

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V/July 8, 1944, 3: photo, Sergeant WR Williamson, was in Royal Canadian Army Service Corps invasion headquarters party the day Bessonette, commanding officer, and Eaton, both of Victoria were killed by enemy shells. Born in Victoria, he was one of the 4 Canadians picked as guard of honour for Tomb of Unknown Soldier in Westminster Abbey in 1941. Son of George Williamson, Central Saanich.

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V/July 8, 1944, 3: photo, James Peterson, joined merchant marine January, 1944, and since that time has made a round-the-world trip. Son of J Peterson, he was born in Victoria, attended South Park School.

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V/July 8, 1944, 3: photo, Leading AirCrafterman George Sinclair, 19, stationed in England. Son of George S & Anne Sinclair, he attended public school in Vancouver and Sir James Douglas & Victoria High Schools.

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V/July 8, 1944, 3: Trooper Elmer Bowerman, son of W Bowerman, Pender Island, wounded in action in Italy, June 27. Born and educated here he joined Royal Canadian Army Service Corps in 1942, aged 18 and went overseas 5 months later.

Veteran of Sicilian campaign.

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V/July 8, 1944, 3: Jack Dawes, 17, son of Mrs Elizabeth M & late PJ Dawes, Victoria, BC, is now serving as merchant seaman, joining 1943, assigned to a Park vessel. Born here, he was educated at South Park & Victoria High Schools.

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July 9, 1944, 1; 2: photo, killed yesterday near his Cedar, BC logging operations which he operated for 2 years, Ernest Hugh Harris, 37, also proprietor of Harris Bicycle store in Victoria since 1935. Born and educated in Victoria, son of late George Harris, who operated a bicycle business here for 30 years until he sold to George Robinson. He leaves widow, son. July 12, 2: accidental death, coroner's jury verdict... Family plot, H 086/087 E 24.

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V/July 9, 1944, 2: photo, Colonel George Christian Bloomfield, Canadian Postal Corps, personally delivered the 1<sup>st</sup> mail for Canadian soldiers in Normandy 4 days after D-Day... Writing to his wife, Isabella Patterson Bloomfield, in Victoria, he described robot bombs 'doodle bugs' falling in London area...

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V/July 9, 1944, 3: photo, cited as a 'brilliant piece of work', the story of the gallantry of a Canadian Scottish officer, Captain Robertson Hickman Tye, of Victoria, on D-Day was described recently... After landing with his battalion he went out with his revolver and brought in 17 German prisoners... Son of Beauchamp & Annie Tye, his wife, Margaret Enid Galliher Tye, lives at Oak Bay, BC, shares his letter of experiences...; December 5, 3: photo, suffered shell fragment wounds, remains on duty...

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July 9, 1944, 3: died yesterday at Calgary, Alberta, Mrs Grace Elizabeth Birney

Delahunty, 34, of Victoria. She was on a holiday trip with her mother, Mrs Sidney Owen Copas, and daughter. Also leaves husband, William John J 'Bill', daughter, 3 brothers.

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July 9, 1944, 3: died July 6 at Victoria, BC, Mrs Alice Maude Mellor, 67, born in England, resident here 45 years. She leaves husband, Frank, of Saanich, BC, 2 daughters. Cremate

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July 9, 1944, 5: died July 6 at Victoria, BC, Hugh Ogilby Stratford, 65, born in San Jose, California, resident here 60 years. Leaves 2 daughters. Royal Oak Burial Park

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July 9, 1944, 5: died July 8 at Victoria, BC, Mary Margaret Godson, 85, born in Weston, Ontario, resident here 53 years, widow of Ernest Godson. Cremate, V012 E 49.

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V/July 9, 1944, 5: Sergeant P L B Storey, Royal Canadian Army Service Corps, has been spending leave with his parents, Francis & Sarah E Beach Storey, Esquimalt, BC. He joined in 1940 and has recently been serving as an instructor. His father served in the Great War with RCE in Middle East.

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V/July 9, 1944, 5: photo, Gunner Walter W Calwell, now serving overseas with Royal Canadian Army Service Corps, only son of Police Inspector Walter & Mrs Ethel Grace Wilson Calwell, Victoria, born here, educated at Oaklands & Victoria High Schools.

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V/July 9, 1944, 5: photo, Company Sergeant Major Roland Knight, wounded by mortar shell on D-Day. His brother, Private Donald Knight, member of a 1<sup>st</sup> aid party, went to tend his wounds and found the man to be his brother. Neither of them had known that the other was on the beachhead. Both belong to Canadian Scottish Regiment, but Donald, as



a member of the band, was attached to the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps 1<sup>st</sup> aid party for the invasion.

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V/July 9, 1944, 5: Major DE Smith, of Oak Bay, BC, is serving in Great Britain. Well known here as the principal of Victoria High School before enlisting more than 3 years ago. Major Smith was army examiner at Pacific Command prior to going overseas. His work there is in connection with personnel selection. He is a former 3<sup>rd</sup> Canadian Scottish officer.

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V/July 9, 1944, 5: Flight Lieutenant Arthur Martin Barber, who has completed his tour of operations with RCAF overseas, is expected to arrive on the coast soon. He has been in RCAF since 1940, and has been overseas since 1941 as pilot of a Spitfire. His wife, Margaret J Chipper Barber, lives at Oak Bay, BC.

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V/July 9, 1944, 5: Private Harold D 'Spud' Hammond, son of B Hammond, of Zeballos, who joined Canadian Scottish Regiment at the outbreak of war has been reported wounded. Born and educated at Vancouver. His grandfather fought in the Fenian Raid. His brother, Eric is with RCAF.

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V/July 9, 1944, 6: photo, Corporal Dagmar Elizabeth Fagerberg, RCAF Womens Div, returning to the East after spending leave with her parents, Thor Axel & Therese Fagerberg, of Saanich. Born in Winnipeg she attended Royal Oak School. Before enlisting she worked at Royal Jubilee Hospital. [died 1992, resident of Oak Bay, BC]

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July 9, 1944, 6: photo, wedding of Margaret Vaughan [Douglas descendant] and Michael Douglas Jamieson...

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V/July 9, 1944, 7: photo, Barbara Herchmer,

Wendy Susan Musgrave & Mrs PC Musgrave visit Victoria to spend summer at residence of Mrs Oliver W [Helen Macdonald] Pauline, 936 Foul Bay Road. Mrs Musgrave is wife of Flight Lieutenant PC Musgrave, RCAF, also a former Victorian, now overseas...; July 20, 3: Musgrave, 24, in Victoria on 3 weeks leave after 1 ½ years as a Spitfire pilot in Britain... son of Captain AD Musgrave, RCN, and Mrs Musgrave, resident at Quebec.

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July 9, 1944, 10: Vacation; July 16, 20: photos, John Dean Park...; July 23, 19, photo, Bastion at Nanaimo...; July 30, 11: Sooke area featured...; August 6, 17

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July 9, 1944, 15: Jury to probe death of Shirley Marilyn Glover, 11, of Victoria. Thrown from a horse at Victoria Riding Academy... Daughter of Sydney Glover, she attended St Margaret's School.

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V/July 9, 1944, 20: died July 4 at Duncan, BC, Lewis Andrew Hodgins, 44, of Saanich, BC. Born in Gloucester County, New Brunswick. Veteran of Great War, well known on BC coast and Vancouver Island logging operations. Leaves wife, 2 sons, 2 sisters, 2 brothers.

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ChHx/July 9, 1944, 20: died July 3 at Victoria, BC, Ang Haw Yee, 21, born in Victoria. Leaves father and a brother at Fisgard family residence, and mother, brother, sister in China, and another brother in Vancouver. Chinese Cemetery

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Died July 8, 1944 at Victoria, BC, James Jackson Grant, 66, born in Nova Scotia, resident of James Island 31 years. Leaves 2 sisters in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, brother in US. Royal Oak Burial Park

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V/July 11, 1944, 1; 2: 2 died, 9 missing, as blast wrecks RCN motor torpedo boat off

the invasion coast of France. Commanding officer, Lieutenant David Allison Killam, DSC, RCNVR, of Vancouver, among missing [widow Elizabeth Hebb Killam].

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July 11, 1944, 1: Victoria proposes Sooke tunnel to connect Sooke Lake & Goldstream water systems...; July 12, 4: editorial...

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V/July 11, 1944, 3: photo, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment men gouge names in buildings still standing. Including H Anderson, Victoria...

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V/July 11, 1944, 3: photo, Garry Chater, enlisted in RCAF and gone East for training after graduating recently from Mount View High School. Born in Duncan he came here at early age. Son of Ernest Cyril & Ella Margaret Chater, Saanich.

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V/July 11, 1944, 3: Sergeant Leslie Harold Patrick Underwood, RCA, has been promoted to rank of Battery Sergeant-Major, and awarded 1939-1943 Star for his participation in the Dieppe raid. His wife, Emily Agnes, lives in Saanich. He has been overseas 3 ½ years, and has a young son whom he has never seen. Two brothers, Ernie Albert, has also received the Star, was wounded and captured at Dieppe and is Prisoner of War in East Prussia. Ghazi KG, a younger brother, has been in Italy nearly a year. His parents Major Ernest Brownlow Underwood, MC, DCM & Mrs Alice May Underwood, live in Oak Bay. July 14, 3: photo.

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V/July 11, 1944, 3: Captain Roy Murdock, Canadian Scottish, who in 1937 sailed a yawl from Auckland, New Zealand to Victoria, is one of a group of Canadian Army officers who will be attached to Australian field training units here for 6 months. Born at Bangor, Ireland, now a New Zealander, he married Ruth S Hamersley in

Oak Bay and later enlisted in Canadian Army. November 17, 5: photo, now in Victoria on leave. One of a group of Canadian officers who left Canada early this year to study jungle warfare and battle tactics in the Pacific battle areas... [died 1961, Victoria, The Colonist, City Editor]

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Bldg/July 11, 1944, 11: died July 9 at Sidney, BC, Frederick William Raines, 93, born in Ontario. He came as a child to Salt Spring Island. Many of the public buildings there were built by Haines, a contractor... He married Harriet Esther Robinson in 1887, they moved to Keating X Road 25 years ago. Leaves widow son, 3 daughters. Cremate

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July 12, 1944, 2: Charles Mynott, Victoria, known to thousands of visitors to Empress Hotel, retires after 25 years' service in the dining room there... [Married May Russell September 22, 1910, he died September 29, 1971, aged 88]

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V/July 12, 1944, 2: photo, awards to officers and men of 3 Canadian Tribal destroyers, Athabaskan, Haida & Huron... Including Distinguished Service Cross to Lieutenant-Commander John Hamilton Stubbs, 31, only son of Mrs Dorothy Bessie Airey Stubbs & late John Hamilton Stubbs, Sea View Road... and Distinguished Service Medal to Chief Petty Officer Douglas Abbott, both of Victoria... Mrs Lorraine G Abbott, resides at Victoria...

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V/July 12, 1944, 3: photo, Flying Officer WT Glass, bomb aimer on a crippled RCAF Halifax bomber returning from invasion targets on D-Day. Only son of Thomas E & Amy Glass, Victoria, notice with other members of the crew a twin-engine troop-carrying aircraft 'ditch' in the English Channel. He managed to fix its position and report it to flying control officers in England

and an air-sea rescue crew raced out and picked up the soldiers. He is a former Colonist carrier, going overseas about a year ago. Educated at Esquimalt public & high schools.

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V/July 12, 1944, 3: Sergeant William Garner, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment, was wounded on D-Day. Hit by a German motor bomb. He is regimental chiropodist, enlisting at the beginning of the war and overseas 3 years with 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Division. Wife and family reside at Victoria. July 19, 5: photo. [born 1905 England, died 1971, Veterans' hospital, Victoria. Son of Alfred William & Emma Barton Garner. Veterans' Cemetery, E-06-0065

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V/July 12, 1944, 3: Mrs Lillian B [widow of AH] Lund, Victoria, gets letter from son, Captain WH Lund, RCAPC.. 'I will not dwell on details, but just admit I am a very lucky person...'

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V/July 12, 1944, 3: Captain Douglas Gordon Cramb, RCOG, severely injured in Italy June 2, is improving. Son of George Douglas & Lillian Mary Graham Cramb, Esquimalt, he was wounded while driving in a jeep over unswept minefield in the Naples area. His father is on staff at Yarrows.

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V/July 12, 1944, 10: photo, Soldiers visit cemetery where Canadian casualties are buried... Included, Private Maurice George Newberry, Victoria. July 13, 3: son of George & Mary MacDonald Newberry, he was born 1921 in Victoria, attended Boys' Central & Victoria High Schools. He enlisted in 1940, going overseas 3 years ago, serving with 23<sup>rd</sup> Field Ambulance, Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps.

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V/July 12, 1944, 12: died July 9 at Victoria, BC, James Parson, 45, born in England. He served in Great War with Somerset Light

Infantry and in this war with Canadian Scottish Regiment. Royal Oak Burial Park

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July 12, 1944: Acting Chief Justice and Mrs Gordon McGregor Sloan, Oak Bay, become grandparents. Mrs Sherwood B Marshall (nee Bunty Sloan), wife of Lieutenant Sherwood 'Barney' Marshall, son. The new baby is, on the maternal side, one of a long line of Sloans, the 1<sup>st</sup> having arrived in Victoria in 1849 from Scotland. His great-great-great grandmother was the 1<sup>st</sup> white child born in Nanaimo [Margaret McGregor]. [Gordon McGregor Sloan born May 16, 1898, Nanaimo; died January 14, 1959, 60, Oak Bay]

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V/July 13, 1944, 1: photo, Regimental Sergeant Major Albert Edward Vincent 'Mike' Harman, Duncan soldier now in France with RCA unit in Normandy. Harman served in France with Royal Horse Artillery, from 1914 to 1918, was in Canadian Army for several years in 1930s, and served with China's Nationalist Army from 1929-1931. He came to Cowichan in 1938 and worked as a longshoreman before enlisting in September, 1939. He went overseas with 13<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment. His wife, Laney May Smith Harman, lives at Duncan. [died 1969, resident of Surrey, suicide]

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V/July 13, 1944, 3: photo, Gunner John Ashley Sparks, 22, Royal Canadian Army, son of Frances, Mrs Francis A Sparks, Oak Bay, now serving overseas. His wife, Elizabeth Nora Enoch Sparks, also resides at Oak Bay. Educated at St Aidan's & Oak Bay High Schools. [married March 1943, Victoria]

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V/July 13, 1944, 3: photo, Warrant Officer Leonard E Fitchett, 20, promoted to that rank. Son of Albert Edward & Jensine K Fitchett, Victoria, he joined RCAF in 1942 and went overseas in 1943. He has piloted

Spitfires and Beaufighters, now attached to 410<sup>th</sup> Mosquito Squadron. A brother, Ray, is with RCAF, training as air gunner. [father buried at Veterans' Cemetery, Esquimalt, D-25-0028]

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V/July 13, 1944, 3: Private Frederick George Buxton, 25, expects to leave military hospital in Vancouver soon to return home. He left Victoria in 1939...; July 21, 11: Buxton home... [son of Frederick G Buxton Sr, and Alice M Sheppard Buxton, husband of Eveline Pedneault Buxton]

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V/July 13, 1944, 5: photos, Canadian warships danced within reach of Scharnhorst... [Haida, Huron, Iroquois]

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July 13, 1944, 9: Madeleine, Mrs Rupert Frederick Soule elected trustee for Sooke District...

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V/July 14, 1944, 1; 3: photo, Reginald John Lane, 24, possibly RCAF's youngest group captain. Son of George E & Nora Lane, Victoria.

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V/July 14, 1944, 3: photo, Sub-Lieutenant George Rupert Monckton, 21, 1<sup>st</sup> Victoria man home from D-Day invasion. He sailed aboard HMS Emerald, now home on leave with parents, Phillip M & Lavender O'Hara Monckton, Oak Bay. His ship was assigned to escort landing craft of a British regiment... Born in Prince Rupert, educated in Victoria before joining RCN in 1941... A brother, Pilot Officer John Phillip Monckton, 23, RCAF observer was killed in a raid in 1943.

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V/July 14, 1944, 3: photo, Chief Engine Room Artificer Charles Frederick Rainsford, son of Charles Alexander & Florence Homersham Rainsford, Esquimalt, BC, mentioned in dispatches recently for service as gunner's mate aboard HMCS Haida.

Educated at Cedar Hill School. Haida was in action off French coast April 29.

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V/July 14, 1944, 3: Flight Sergeant Alfred M Simmons, son of Mrs Pearl Boede Simmons, Island Highway, missing after air operations overseas. Born at Victoria, educated at Colwood & Mount Douglas High Schools. He enlisted in RCAF in 1941, overseas in 1943. He has a sister at home. July 16, 3: photo. February 16, 1947: J89960//R151533 Pilot Officer Alfred Montague Simmons, Lancaster lost over France, only son of Mrs Pearl B Simmons and late Mr Alfred Montague Simmons, posthumously awarded Operational Wings of RCAF in recognition of gallant service in action with armed forces overseas. Died June 25, 1944, buried at Criquetot-sur-Longueville churchyard, Seine-Maritime, France.

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V/July 14, 1944, 3: photo, Leading Seaman Henry Mutter, 20, 4 years in navy, 10 months overseas. Now serving on HMS Belfast, which took part in invasion operations. Last spring he was with a piping party that piped the King aboard. Son of MK Macmillan, born in Duncan, educated there & Victoria High School.

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July 14, 1944, 10: died July 12 Christina Addie, at Victoria, wife of Alex Addie, born in Scotland, resident here 30 years. Leaves also son, 2 daughters. Cremate

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July 14, 1944, 10: died July 12, at Victoria, BC, Annie E Eilers, 82, born in Bruce County, Ontario, resident here 33 years. Survived by 3 sons, 2 daughters. Family plot, P 113 W T

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V/Killed in action July 14, 1944 R215186 Sergeant Air Gunner John Charles Anderson, 19, RCAF, tail gunner, when the aircraft went into a spin and crashed near

Morton In Marsh, Oxford. Declaration of name change from: Jack Overend Anderson to John Anderson. Poem. Buried in Brookwood Military Cemetery, Woking, England.

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July 15, 1944, 1: Zeballos steel plant unit is being put in by Privateer Mining Co...

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V/July 15, 1944, 2: photos, Sub-Lieutenant David George Anstey, 24, RCNVR, joined 3 years ago, served on HMCS Restigouche as ordnance artificer. He attended Victoria High School & Victoria College, member of Royal Victoria Yacht Club; & brothers Lieutenant Thomas H Anstey, 26, obtained Master of Science degree in agriculture from UBC in 1943, now attached to a British regiment overseas; & Signalman RS Anstey, 19, serving in Italy with RCCS. Attended Victoria High School, also yacht club member; sons of George & Ruth Anstey, Victoria.

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V/July 15, 1944, 2: photo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant William J Russell, son of Major William R & Mrs Jeanie Russell, Oak Bay, he went overseas with 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment in 1939, returning to Canada in 1943.

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V/July 15, 1944, 2: photo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Andrew Wyatt, son of Mrs J Matheson, Victoria. Went overseas 3 years ago with Canadian Scottish and early in 1943 proceeded to North Africa with British 8<sup>th</sup> Army. He holds North Africa Star. Educated at Lampson Street & Victoria High Schools. His wife lives in England.

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V/July 15, 1944, 2: photo, writing from Normandy after D-Day, Lieutenant Kenneth Wardroper, Canadian Scottish Regiment, son of Mrs Alice Lythall Wardroper & late Wilfred S Wardroper, Victoria...

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V/July 15, 1944, 2: Warrant Officer William E Varcoe, serving overseas with RCAF for 3 years is expected home on leave. Son of Ernest & Ada Varcoe, Saanich, BC. Before joining air force he was with 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment. Gunner Charles Varcoe, his brother, is with 13<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment, Royal Canadian Army, in France.

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Bldg/July 15, 1944, 5: front elevation and floor plan of proposed maternity wing, Jubilee hospital, Victoria...; July 16, 16: Saanich leads building...; August 6, 15: Plan to convert more buildings for apartments...; Victoria tops weekly building figures...

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July 15, 1944, 11: photo, Sergeant Thomas W Hall, retiring from Victoria police force. He joined in 1912...

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V/July 15, 1944, 11: photo, HMCS Iroquois officers, names given...

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V/July 15, 1944, 12: died July 13 at Victoria, BC, Arthur Illingworth, 73, of Saanich, BC, born in London, England, resident here 35 years. Veteran of Great War, served with Canadian Army Medical Corps. Survived by wife, Ethel, 2 daughters, Mrs J Pearse and Mrs J Murray. Royal Oak Burial Park

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July 15, 1944, 12: died July 14 at Victoria, BC, Charles Albert Post, 87, born in Belleville, Ontario, husband of Nellie [McIlmoyl], resident here 58 years. Leaves wife, 2 sons, 2 daughters. P 119 E N

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July 15, 1944, 12: died July 13 at Victoria, BC, Thomas Williams, 81, of Oak Bay. Born in North Wales, resident here 33 years. Leaves widow, sisters. Royal Oak Burial Park

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V/July 16, 1944, 1: photo, Key Men of 1<sup>st</sup>

Canadian Scottish now fighting near Caen  
[names given...]

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V/July 16, 1944, 1: RCAF bomber missing since it left a west coast station yesterday on a navigation flight...; July 20, 1: one of 6 airmen killed when plane crashed while taking off at Sea Island...; July 21, 8: investigating plane crash.... [all names given...]

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V/July 16, 1944, 2: photo, Sergeant Jack Hickman, of Victoria, serving with Royal Canadian Engineers, picking up a German mine... Son of Jesse J & Sarah E Hickman, Victoria, he is eldest of their 5 sons in the forces. Lance Corporal Bert Hickman, 22, RCOC, also in Normandy, Bert's twin, Craftsman Henry Hickman, is with an RCOC workshop in Italy, attached to 8<sup>th</sup> Army. Leading Seaman James & Norman Hickman, 20, also twins, are with RCN, James on this coast, Norman on Atlantic. Jack was married in England in May. He enlisted early in the war with No 11 Detachment.

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V/July 16, 1944, 3: photos, Lieutenant Roy Pallot Messum, 25, RCNVR, now stationed at HMCS Givenchy; and Flying Officer Stanley Messum, 27, RCAF, and Alex Messum, employed by Northern Alberta Railways united after 3 years. Sons of Harry G Messum, Saskatchewan. Stanley joined at the beginning of the war and has spent 2 years in the Middle East on tours of operations with fighter squadrons. He saw action with RAF over Malta and spent one year on air delivery from the Gold Coast, North Africa.

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V/July 16, 1944, 3: photo, Major Arthur Howard Plows, suffered shrapnel wounds during Normandy fighting. Born in Victoria, son of Fred & Mary Plows, educated at North Ward & Victoria High School,

Victoria College & Normal School. He was principal of Fairbridge Farm School near Duncan before enlisting in 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment.

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V/July 16, 1944, 3: photo, Major LS Henderson, 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Scottish, received recent promotion and has succeeded in command of a company of his battalion in France. Son of Mrs Violet [widow of George A] Henderson, Victoria, he joined Canadian Scottish in 1927, commissioned in 1928, he served with them until the unit was mobilized on a war footing.

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V/July 16, 1944, 3: Sergeant Thomas C Jenkins, RCAF, son of Francis W & Ruth E Jenkins, Victoria West, reported missing. He enlisted 1942, received his air gunner's wings 1943. Born here, educated at Victoria West & Victoria High Schools. December 21, 3: promoted to Pilot Officer, missing since July 5... Killed in action July 5, J90217//R197728 Pilot Officer Air Gunner Thomas Corson Jenkins, 24, of Esquimalt, BC. Halifax aircraft crashed during night operations, target, Villeneuve, France. Buried Laons, France.

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V/July 16, 1944, 3: Engine Room Artificer Lennox Clark, 19, son of Charles & Jessie Clark, Victoria. Recently at home on leave now back in Halifax. Born in Victoria, educated at Victoria High School & Victoria College. He enlisted 1943.

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V/July 16, 1944, 3: Captain Kenneth Sutherland Crabtree, 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Scottish, wounded in the invasion operations in Normandy. Son of Levi & Catherine Crabtree, Oak Bay, who was a veteran of Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, serving in the Sudan campaign of 1898, the South African War & Great War, wounded at Ypres, in 1916. His mother comes from a soldiering family, the daughter of late

Sergeant John Sutherland, who served through the Indian Mutiny, his great-grandfather was in the Scots Greys, and his great-great-grandfather, Sergeant John Wrigley, was a member of Fraser's Company of Artillery at the capture of Aires & Montevideo in 1807. [Kenneth died 1984, resident of Oak Bay. Cremate]

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July 16, 1944 21: died accidentally July 14, at Victoria, BC, Clive Redvers Hart Gardam, 44. Killed at work place, Victoria Machinery Depot. Leaves widow, Lillie, 3 brothers, 3 sisters. Cremate

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V/July 16, 1944, 21: died yesterday at Saanich, BC, Alfred Henry Dykes, 71, born in England, resident here 50 years. Leaves widow, Jeane, daughter, 2 sisters, brother. He served with RN for 4 years during the Great War. R 087 W Q

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July 16, 1944, 21: died July 14 at Victoria, BC, Charles Albert Post, 86, born in England, resident here 38 years. Leaves widow, 2 sons, 2 daughters. P 119 E N.

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V/July 16, 1944, 25: photo, Sergeant Ben McMillen, Royal Canadian Army, back in Victoria after 6 months overseas. He enlisted 1941, spent 6 months making observation of ack-ack guns in Britain... he returned with a prisoner of war escort... His wife resides at Victoria.

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V/July 18, 1944, 2: photo, Victoria men mentioned for services in U-boat sinking... HMCS Gatineau, including Lieutenant-Commander Harold Victor W Groos, commanding officer [photo]; and Lieutenant TC [Terence Charles?] Todd, Victoria, of HMS Fennel; photo, Lieutenant-Commander CP Nixon, commanding officer, HMCS Chaudiere... [Groos, born 1912, Louisiana, died 1978, resident of Oak Bay]

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V/July 18, 1944, 3: photos, Lieutenant William P Wickett, recently completed RCN command course. A UBC graduate before enlisting he taught school at Abbotsford. A brother, Lieutenant Francis D Wickett, RCNVR who graduated from Royal Roads in 1941, now overseas. They are sons of Francis & Lenora Wickett, Oak Bay. Lieutenant Richard H Angus, son of Colonel Richard & Elizabeth Heaney Angus, of Oak Bay, joined RCN in 1<sup>st</sup> year of war and has seen considerable sea service on Canadian warships. He has 4 brothers, Ian; David; Forrest & Sasha on active service with RCN.

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V/July 18, 1944, 3: Private A S Paradise, 21, writes to Oak Bay parents, Harold & Edith Paradise, of trip to invasion beachhead from England. Rough seas eased slightly by seasick pills issued before they left. Enlisted in 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish, 1940. His father is a veteran of Great War, having served with 78<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Winnipeg Grenadier Guards. July 22, 3: photo0.

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V/July 18, 1944, 3: photo, Corporal Jack E Kenworthy, formerly of Victoria, now with US Army Airborne Division. Son of Edward C & Eva Wood Kenworthy, born here. His grandparents, live at Saanich.

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V/July 18, 1944, 3: Lieutenant Stewart R Ross, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment, wounded in France July 9. Son of RS Ross, Duncan.

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V/July 18, 1944, 3: Lieutenant Duncan Lorimer, 23, wounded in action with 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment. Born in Victoria, educated at Sooke, he joined the army at start of war, served overseas for several years, and was returned to Gordon Head to take officer's training.

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V/July 18, 1944, 3: photo, Captain Charles

Edward Collie MacNeill, who landed in France on D-Day, has been wounded, now in English hospital. Son of late George W C MacNeill, and Mrs Daisy E Mayhew MacNeill, he lived here most of his life and was educated at Oak Bay schools. He joined Canadian Scottish Regiment aged 17, receiving his commission in 1936. July 26, 3: photo, recuperating...

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V/July 18, 1944, 6: photo, Victoria girls among nurses behind front lines in France... a number of nursing sisters from Victoria include Margo Parker & Jean May Ellis, widow of Lieutenant Henry George Ellis, RCNVR, she is among the 1<sup>st</sup> Red Cross nurses to arrive in France. Daughter-in-law of Captain William & Mrs Edith Ellis, Oak Bay... doctors included Lumir Louis Ptak, Victoria...

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V/July 18, 1944, 7: photo, wedding of Flight-Sergeant Edward Deloume, RAF, of Victoria, in Salisbury, Rhodesia. Son of Mrs Adeline J Deloume, Victoria, to Miss Isobelle McGregor, of Scotland...

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V/July 18, 1944, 8: HMCS Haida adds to victorious record in action off France...

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V/July 18, 1944, 8: photo, Ensign William S Marshall, US Coast Guard, and his brother, Lieutenant Sherwood B Marshall, of Victoria... they both enlisted in 1941, and 2 other brothers are serving in US Army. Lieutenant Marshall is son-in-law of Justice Gordon McG Sloan & Mrs Nancy Sloan, of Oak Bay. He came from California to study law at Victoria. He graduated from Royal Roads in 1942 and was on Atlantic patrol before going overseas on loan to RN last winter. His wife, Flora lives here.

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July 18, 1944, 12: died July 16 at Victoria, BC, Lawrence John Bradshaw, 56, born in England, resident here 36 years, leaves

widow Mary Bradshaw. Also leaves son, daughter, 4 brothers, 2 sisters. Royal Oak Burial Park

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V/July 18, 1944, 12: died July 14, 1944 at Victoria, BC, Wheatley Bell, 73, born in England, resident here 24 years. Was with Army & Navy Veterans of Great War. Colwood

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V/Killed in action July 18, 1944, J90068//R210514 Pilot Officer Air Gunner Douglas Alexander Carson, 20, of Victoria, BC. Halifax aircraft missing from night operations over France. Son of Thomas John & Helen Rodger Carson, Victoria. Buried in Bretteville-Sur-Laize Canadian War Cemetery, France.

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V/Killed in action July 18, 1944, J2317 Flying Officer Navigator John William Kirkwood Dunn, 35, of Saanich, BC. Son of Henry J & Caroline Patten Dunn. Halifax aircraft crashed on daylight trip to Paris. Buried Boran-sur-Oise, Oise, France.

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V/July 19, 1944, 5: photo, Wing Commander VC Woodward, DFC with bar, Victoria flying ace with RAF in Middle East, promoted to present rank. He is senior personnel staff officer at Cairo. Son of Edmund & Dorothy Woodward, Victoria, he has been with RAF for 6 years and has never been granted a furlough of sufficient length to permit him to get home. He has bagged more than 12 enemy planes in his operations in Mediterranean theatre. July 22, 10, born to VC Woodward & Mrs Woodward, July 19 at Cairo, Egypt, a daughter.

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V/July 19, 1944, 5: photo, Lieutenant Peter C Pearce, serving in France with British Army. 2<sup>nd</sup> son of Mrs Helen C [widow of FA] Pearce, Victoria, he was returned to Canada in 1943 after 2 years overseas to complete an officer's course and was among



1<sup>st</sup> volunteers to join British Army. He transferred to Queen's Own Highlanders in 1944 and proceeded on active service on D-Day. Born 1920 in Victoria.

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V/July 19, 1944, 5: Gunner Alan Wright, elder son of Vincent & Minnie Wright, Esquimalt, serving overseas attached to RCAF reinforcement unit. His wife, Dorothy resides in Saanich. A brother, Eric, sergeant in the field cash office, is serving in France.

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V/July 19, 1944, 5: photo, Stoker Thomas H Forrester, 1<sup>st</sup> known Vancouver Island man to be decorated on Normandy shores. A Nanaimo man, he was awarded Distinguished Service Medal in recognition of bravery in saving the lives of his shipmates. The historic beachhead investiture was held by HM the King. Forrester has seen action in the Allied invasions of Europe, North Africa and France. One of 9 children, he is son of Mrs Jeannie Houston Forrester & late Robert Forrester, Nanaimo. A brother, Charles, is also serving in RCN.

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V/July 19, 1944, 5: photo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant David Allen, son of Marjorie [Mrs Cecil A Boyd] & Wilfred Allen, Oak Bay, BC. Earlier this year he spent leave with his wife at Oak Bay. He has 2 brothers on active service, Flight Sergeant John A Allen, RCAF, Signalman Patrick M Allen, RCN, and sister Leading AirWoman Ann Allen, RCAF, Womens Div.

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V/July 19, 1944, 5: photo, Private William J Barker, who landed in France on D-Day, wounded in action, now at English hospital. Son of Mrs M Barker, Saanich. Born in Victoria, he attended schools here. He enlisted in 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment in 1943.

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V/July 20, 1944, 3: photos, Zala brothers reunited in London. Arthur Ernest Zala, 24, had been making a phone call in a booth, he completed his call, left the booth and bumped into his brother Lieutenant Victor H Zala, 29. Neither had known the other was in England. Sons of Henry T & Rosa Zala, Victoria. Both born here, Victor enlisted in Canadian Scottish Regiment in 1940, is on special services, while Arthur is with RCEME

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July 20, 1944, 3: photo, William James 'Bill' Herbert, former Colonist reporter, now a CBC overseas war correspondent, stationed at an advanced fighter base in Normandy. His reports on RCAF work is heard at Victoria. Son of Alfred W & Alice A Harris Herbert, Victoria. [married Nancy Morrow, 1942]

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V/July 20, 1944, 3: photo, Private JC Smith, serving in England with Royal Canadian Army Service Corps. Born in Victoria, educated in US. Son of Mrs M Smith, of Seattle, his wife and daughter reside at Oak Bay, BC.

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V/July 20, 1944, 3: ...2 navy planes unable to locate their carrier because of dense and sudden fog were forced down on North Atlantic waters. The crew of one plane was found lifeless in jackets in the water, but the other plane crew, consisting of 3 English lads, was located by HMCS Montreal after they had had a 12-hour battle with the cold and a leaking rubber dinghy. A member of the rescue crew was Able Seaman Harold Byatt, of Victoria. 'I don't know how we look to you, but brother, you're the best-looking fellow I've ever seen in my life', said one of the rescued seaman.

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V/July 20, 1944, 3: Sapper Robert Marshall formerly with Provincial Police here, is now in English hospital. He arrived in France on

D-Day with Royal Canadian Engineers, and 2 weeks ago injured while laying mines on the front near Caen. His wife resides here.

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V/July 20, 1944, 3: Private Cecil Lawrence Potts, son of Joseph H & Theresa Horne Potts, Esquimalt, BC, killed July 1 by a mine explosion in France while serving with 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment. Born 1914 at Spokane, educated at St Louis College, Victoria. He joined battalion in 1940 and went overseas later that year.

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V/July 20, 1944, 3: photo, Engine Room Artificer Joseph Hynes, now serving on corvette HMCS Barrie. Son of Mrs C Stella & late Francis Hynes, Victoria. Born here, he attended St Louis College before enlisting in RCN in 1942.

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V/July 20, 1944, 3: photo, Flying Officer JC Uthoff, who took his Typhoon fighter-bomber into the air to participate in one of the 1<sup>st</sup> sweeps over the invasion area after the initial troop landings had been made. Son of Edward J & Ina Campbell Uthoff, Oak Bay, he was a student in applied science at UBC before enlisting. He is with an RCAF squadron.

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V/July 20, 1944, 3: Private RW Trowsdale, 23, left Victoria with 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment, and later served in England with Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps units, returned here on leave. Son of William H & Margaret Muir Trowsdale, Saanich.

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V/July 20, 1944, 3: Private Alfred A Burton arrived at Victoria, home on leave. Formerly a logger at Port Renfrew, he left here in 1939 with PPCLI, was wounded at Ortona, Italy.

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July 20, 1944: Alexander Halkett, Vancouver, retires after 30 years link with

Victoria's harbour development. He came here in 1912, was engineer for Outer Harbour work, including construction of breakwater and Ogden Point piers. He made preliminary surveys to determine the present site of Esquimalt drydock. He was responsible for surveys for uniform deepening of Inner Harbour, and had charge of the removal of Hospital Rock. He also had charge of dredging here until 1918... [married Lily Elizabeth W Glass, 1913 at Victoria. He died May 15, 1960, 82 at Victoria]

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V/July 21, 1944, 3: photo, Canadian airmen, including Flight Officer Navigator Victor Francis Painter, Victoria. He was formerly with Victoria fire department and at one time held the Uplands Club golf championship. He has been overseas for over a year. [died 1968, resident of Falkland Road, Oak Bay]

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V/July 21, 1944, 3: photo, Lieutenant Hall, son of EA Hall, Victoria, wounded in action in France, now in London hospital. Educated at St Louis College & Victoria College, he enlisted at the outbreak of war in the Forestry Corps and went overseas in 1940. He took his Canadian Officers Training Course in 1942 and returned to England 4 months ago, and has been serving with a British regiment.

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V/July 21, 1944, 3: photo, Leading Telegrapher W Simmons, who left with Canadian Scottish Regiment in 1940, transferred to RCN in 1941, and spent the following year on HMCS Restigouche in the Battle of the North Atlantic, and saw action on HMCS Brandon in the North African push in 1943. Well known in Victoria, Otter Point & Sooke, he joined RCN as an Ordinary Seaman, and has risen in rank in 2 years. He is now on HMCS Sioux, which was inspected by the King this year and has

been engaged in invasion 'ops' since D-Day.

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V/July 21, 1944, 3: photo, Drummer Charles E Stewart, husband of Rose Muir Stewart, of Victoria, who received word of him being wounded in Normandy. He is with 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment. Son of Charles E & Evelyn Stewart, of Saanich.

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V/July 21, 1944, 3: Lance Corporal William John H 'Bill' Knight, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment, son of Henry E & Catherine Gard Knight, Chemainus, killed in action in Normandy. His wife, Mabel Thorneycroft Knight, lives at Nanaimo. He has 2 brothers, Eric & Leslie, with the Scottish in Normandy, and another, Harold, in RCNVR.

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V/July 21, 1944, 3: J93177//R133415 Pilot Officer Air Gunner Thomas James Brewer, 21, son of Thomas R & Ella Brewer, Shawnigan Lake, listed as missing this February, now reported to Prisoner of War in Germany. July 27, 3: photo, educated at Shawnigan Lake & Cobble Hill High Schools. He enlisted with RCAF in 1941 and has been overseas over a year. Killed in action February 20. Lancaster aircraft lost during operations over Germany. November 17, 5: word received by his parents that their son, at first declared missing after operations over Germany, and since reported to be a prisoner of war, must now be presumed dead. He also leaves 3 sisters, brother, Lewis, who is awaiting admission to merchant marine as a radio operator, and his grandmother, Mrs E Wilkinson. Buried in Oud Leusden Cemetery, Amersfoort, Utrecht, Holland.

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July 21, 1944, 11: died July 19 at Ganges, BC, William Ernest Losee, 84, born in Coburg, Ontario, of United Empire Loyalist [UEL] stock. Married Rebecca Peveritt October 13, 1891 at Victoria. Resident here

for 55 years, was superintendent of BC Cement Co plant at Tod Inlet for many years. He leaves to mourn his loss a brother, Robert, sister, Mrs F Peveritt, and daughter-in-law Stella Maud Losee. Family plot, P 117 W U

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July 21, 1944, 11: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Albert Onions, 82, born in England, resident here 52 years. Leaves widow, 3 brothers, sister. Colwood

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V/July 21, 1944, 12: in loving memory of our dear son, Petty Officer Bob Patterson, lost at seas July 21, 1943, while on convoy duty. Poem...

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V/Killed in action July 21, 1944, 40623 Squadron Leader Pilot Richard Stanley Jephson, 26, RAF, of Victoria, BC. Mosquito aircraft went missing in the Caen area, France. Buried in War Cemetery, Bauneville-la-Campagne, Normandy, France. August 1, 3: photo, reported missing, son of Ernest Stanley & Teresa Robinson Jephson and grandson of Dr A & Mrs Emma Robinson, Saanich. Victoria-born and educated. He left for England in 1937 to join RAF and won his wings prior to outbreak of war. Attached to an RCAF night fighter squadron, he was reported to have shot down Nazi aircraft near Le Havre last month. November 24, 3: photo, Squadron Leader Richard S Jephson, previously reported missing following air operations overseas, now reported killed. Son of Mrs Teresa Jephson. Last word received from him was July 27 when he radioed his base that he was having engine trouble after downing a Junkers 88 near Caen, and would have to make a forced landing. Born in Victoria, educated at Oak Bay & Victoria High Schools, he enlisted with RAF in England in 1938. He had his wings before the outbreak of war, but a serious accident prevented him from flying

for 2 years before he was again fit for service. His widow resides at Stourbridge, England.

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V/July 22, 1944, 3: photos, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant James D Heinekey & 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Ian Rennie, recent grads, both of Victoria.

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V/July 22, 1944, 3: photo, Flight Lieutenant JF Judiesch, 24, recently promoted, son of Thomas C & Ada Bunn Judiesch, Victoria. Enlisted in RCAF in 1941, overseas since 1943, he has completed more than 38 operational flights over enemy territory.

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V/July 22, 1944, 3: Petty Officer Robert James 'Bob' Eagle, RCNVR, returning east after spending leave with parents, George & Rebecca Eagle, Victoria. He enlisted 1942, has served this last year with HMCS Sherbrooke, a corvette, on Atlantic convoy duty. Wife, former Mary Allen Dobell, of Vancouver, has been serving overseas with RCAF Womens Div since last December. She was recently promoted to rank of corporal. A brother, Engine Room Artificer Frederick W Eagle, is serving with RCN. He is a survivor of HMCS Ottawa torpedoing.

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V/July 22, 1944, 3: William [Richard?] & Florence Birch, Saanich, have been notified that their youngest son, Private Harry Birch has died of wounds sustained July 8 during the fighting in France. He left here with 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment at the beginning of the war. His eldest brother, Dick, is fighting in Italy, and another brother, Ben is training in Canada. He also leaves another brother here and 4 sisters. Killed in action in France, July 9, Harry Birch. July 23, 3: photo. Poem

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V/July 22, 1944, 3: Sergeant Joseph Roy Cain, 24, son of George & Esther Cain, was wounded July 4. Born here, educated at South Park School. He joined Canadian

Scottish Regiment, An older brother, Lance Corporal Jerrold Cain, is also overseas.

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V/ChHx/July 22, 1944, 6: Victoria-born Private Wing Hay, 36, Port Alberni soldier serving with the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment, in Normandy, captured an even dozen Germans when the Scottish occupied a village near Caen.

The soldier, known in pre-war days as a boxer, rooted the Nazis out of a hideout where they were apparently trying to catch up on some of the sleep they had lost since the start of the week.

His wife runs his taxi service at Port Alberni, and their son and his mother, Mrs Quon Yack, also live there. In a recent letter he told his wife: 'I have had quite a few narrow escapes.'

He was boxing champion of his unit when stationed at Debert, Nova Scotia, and was lightweight champion of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Division in England.

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V/July 22, 1944, 10: died accidentally off Ucluelet, BC June 9, R60598 Warrant Officer1 Wireless Operator/Air Gunner Charles Francis Coleman, 30, RCAF, of Vancouver, BC. Son-in-law of Glen Holland, born in Calgary, Alberta. He leaves wife, Jane, daughter, father, Dr CE Coleman, mother, Mrs E Kelsey, of California, and a sister, Mrs Rodd Kelsey, brother, Edward J Kelsey. #44 Bomber Reconnaissance Squadron, Canso aircraft #A11019 was returning from a patrol when it crashed at Ucluelet Inlet. Buried Royal Oak Burial Park.

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July 22, 1944, 10: died July 21 at Victoria, BC, Albert George Judd, born in South Africa, resident here since 1913. Leaves wife, 2 sons, 1 daughter. Cremate

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July 22, 1944, 10: died July 20, 1944 at Victoria, BC, Ada Mary Moore, 71, of Oak

Bay, BC, born in Aylesbury, England, resident here since 1892. Widow of Frederick Moore, nee Coker, they married August 11, 1896. Leaves 2 sons, daughter. Royal Oak Burial Park

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Died July 22, 1944 at Essondale, BC, Rowena Richmond, 58, born in Castle Blaney, County Monaghan, Ireland, resident here since 1906 [nee Adair], beloved wife of Frederick William Richmond. N 050 W I

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July 22, 1944, 10: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Doris Grace Thomas, born in Hong Kong, China, resident here 25 years. Widow of Captain Arthur F Thomas, she leaves 3 daughters, son. Family plot, Royal Oak Burial Park

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July 22, 1944, 10: died July 19 at Victoria, BC, Robert John Stewart, 40, of Saanich, BC. Born in Glasgow, Scotland, he leaves his wife, son, and parents, Robert J & Catherine Stewart, Esquimalt. 2 101 W 28

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ChHx/V/July 22, 1944, 13: Victoria-born Private Wing Hay, 28, of Port Alberni soldier... Officer gives sidelights on soldier's life in Normandy, including account of Private Wing Hay's capture of 12 Germans and a story of how an Oak Bay soldier, McKenzie Grieve, risked his freedom for fresh eggs, written by Lieutenant Wardroper, Duncan soldier, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment. August 26, 3: photo, Lieutenant WK Wardroper, wounded in action on Normandy front August 15. He joined 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment, in 1941 after attending UBC. November 25, 3: Private Wing Hay, 36, of Port Alberni, with 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment reported wounded in The Netherlands thrust...

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V/July 23, 1944, 2: photo, Private Fred Button, 22, son of late AF Button, and Mrs

Sadie C Button, Oak Bay, BC, writes his account of the Invasion. He is with 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment, in Normandy... the British soldiers consider the Scottish a crack unit... Educated at Mount Tolmie & Central Junior High Schools, was a CPR messenger boy for 3 years before joining 17<sup>th</sup> Searchlight Battery in 1939, transferring to the Scottish in 1941 here. July 25, 6: photo, Leading AirWoman Peggy Button, serving as a plotter for student bomb aimers. She joined RCAF WD in 1942. Educated at Mount Tolmie & Central Junior High Schools. He elder brother is with 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment in France. Killed in action in France, August 15, K13089 Lance Corporal Frederick Sidney Button, 22, of Victoria, BC. Buried in France. Born 1921, son of late Arthur F & Mrs Sadie C Button, 1600 Hampshire, Oak Bay, BC. August 29, 3: photo. He landed in France on D-Day and was promoted to Lance Corporal there. Name inscribed on Oak Bay Memorial.

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July 23, 1944, 2: died July 21 at Seattle, Washington, Maurice L Grunbaum, 75, associated in the furniture business since 1891. He was born in Victoria, BC. Leaves widow, 3 sons, daughter.

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V/July 23, 1944, 3: photo, Able Seaman Harold Byatt, one of a boat crew that picked up 3 stranded RAF men in the Atlantic recently. Son of Mrs Mary Byatt, and late Thomas Byatt, he is serving on HMCS Montreal. Born in Vancouver, he attended Sir James Douglas School. He joined RCN as a boy seaman aged 17 in 1940. Before being posted HMCS Montreal he served on HMCS Ottawa, on shore patrol at Halifax and in motor launches in Labrador.

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V/July 23, 1944, killed on active service overseas in France recently Private William Maurice Duncan, 20, son of Adam & Irene

Duncan, of Saseenos. Born in Saskatchewan educated at Sooke, he enlisted 1941 and went overseas with Calgary Highlanders, later transferring to a reinforcement unit. [father a Great War veteran?]

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V/July 23, 1944, 3: Captain Douglas Palmer, serving in Normandy with 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment, has been promoted to that rank. Born in Victoria to Edward & Helen Palmer, educated at private schools here and UK. [wife Mary V Lindgren Palmer]

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V/July 23, 1944, 3: Pilot Officer JE Jones, 21, RCAF, posted to Gimli, Manitoba. Son of JE Jones, Saanichton, he left UBC in 1943 to enlist. He has 2 brothers and a sister on European battlefronts.

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V/July 23, 1944, 3: photo, son of Charles & Grace Scharff, of Oak Bay, recently promoted overseas. His RCAF Typhoon wing, which covered the Canadian army landings in Normandy, is now based there. He was born and educated in Victoria and attended Victoria College before enlisting in 1940. August 25, 3: photo, missing, believed killed in action August 19, J7814 Flight Lieutenant Pilot William Kenneth Scharff, 25, of Oak Bay, BC. He had completed 50+ operational flights with an RCAF Typhoon squadron, including covering of Canadian troop landings on D-Day. He had been flying from a Normandy base since that time. Born in Victoria he joined RCAF in 1940. Engaged in an armed reconnaissance between Lisieux and Vimoutihres, France when his plane was hit by flak. The aircraft went into a spin and was seen to explode on striking the ground. No known grave, name inscribed on Runnymede War Memorial, Egham, England.

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V/July 23, 1944, 4: photo, Lieutenant-Colonel Frederick Norman

Cabeldu, Assault on Normandy, the story of the landing of 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment, on D Day...; August 13, 1: photo, awarded DSO...

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July 23, 1944, 4: The Oaks of Beacon Hill [tree poem by James Morton, Victoria...]

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V/July 23, 1944, 6: wedding photo, RCNVR Lieutenant Herbert Percival Rideout & Mrs Sylvia Louise Conyers Brown, at Bermuda. He is son of Thomas A & Isabel M Brown, Oak Bay, BC...

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Bldg/July 23, 1944, 15: Saanich heads building list...

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V/July 23, 1944, 15: photo, Canada's 13<sup>th</sup> RCAF winner of DSO is Flying Officer Maxwell Samuel Strange, son of John M & Mary Yorkow Strange, Cordova Bay, who piloted his battered Halifax bomber after repeated attacks by enemy night fighters had seriously injured his rear gunner and set his plane ablaze... Born in Alberta he attended school in Edmonton & Victoria. He won his wings in 1943 and then went overseas.

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V/July 23, 1944, 17: photo, Japanese prison camp described by Lance-Corporal Charles Melbourne Keyworth, of Victoria & Sidney, BC... Captured when Hong Kong fell in 1941, he is one of several Island men who are Prisoner of War. He was a steward at Royal Colwood Golf Club. Son of Reverend Thomas Keyworth & Mrs Helen Hughes Keyworth, nephew of Staff-Sergeant Edward S & Stella Blair, Oak Bay.

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July 23, 1944, 20: died July 21 at Victoria, BC, Albert George Judd, 79, born in South Africa, resident here since 1912. Leaves wife, 2 sons, daughter. Cremate

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V/July 23, 1944, 24: Lieutenant Ernest Edward Kinney, RCNR, a Victoria officer

who had years experience in merchant service before entering the navy at the outbreak of war, is skipper of the recently commissioned minesweeper Rossland. Born 1902 at Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. His father, late Captain Charles P Kinney, of Victoria, was a well known master mariner on the BC coast. [his mother, Annie Alameda Kinney, died 1950. Ernest died 1961, aged 59, resident of Saanich, 6 years as foreshoreman, Royal Victoria Yacht Club, husband of Florence Elsie Cull]

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July 25, 1944, 1; 2: MGM to begin making 'Son of Lassie' movie here next month...; August 6, 17: dog star in Victoria with trainer...

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V/July 25, 1944, 3: photo, Lieutenant W Lloyd Morgan, 25, RCNVR, has arrived in Victoria to spend leave with his parents, Alderman William & Mary Morgan, Victoria. He has been away for 2 ½ years, during which time he took part in the Dieppe raid, the transportation of Prisoners of War from Tunisia and the landing of Canadians in Sicily & Italy. Ferrying Canadians across the Straits of Messina, he met several Victoria men in the Seaforth Regiment & PPCLI, and he also encountered some Victoria navy men during his overseas service. Educated here, he was studying mining in the US before returning here to attend Royal Roads 3 years ago. A brother, Corporal John Daniel Morgan, is with a US Army paratroop unit.

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V/July 25, 1944, 3: Sergeant J Stafford Horne, son of Thomas Stafford & Janet A Gibson Horne, Saanich, BC. Now home on leave before going overseas. He attended Quadra Street & Central Junior High Schools and before joining RCAF he was a lance corporal in 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment.

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V/July 25, 1944, 3: photo, Corporal James Mitchell Mutter, 22, killed in action in France July 18. Son of James Islay & Jean van Norman Mutter, Victoria. Born in Duncan, educated at Sir James Douglas & Victoria High Schools. He joined the tank corps in 1941. Leaves parents, sister. He was grandson of late Major James M & Isabella Morrison Mutter, Duncan.

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V/July 25, 1944, 3: Pilot Officer Gordon Howard Atkinson, 20, RCAF, son of Albert F & Lily Atkinson, Saanich, BC. Born at Nelson, BC, he came here as a boy attending Cedar Hill & Mount Douglas Schools & Victoria College. He had been overseas 3 months. He also leaves a brother, sister and an aunt here. July 26, 3: photo. Killed July 19, J41958 Pilot Officer Pilot Gordon Howard Atkinson, 20, of Victoria. Oxford aircraft crashed near Kemble, England. Buried Brookwood Military Cemetery, Woking, England.

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V/July 25, 1944, 3: Able Seaman Joseph Arthur Bell, RCN, of Victoria, taken Prisoner of War when HMCS Athabaskan was sunk off France, has informed his parents, James & Eleanor Bell, Victoria West, BC, that he is in a camp at Orleans, France. His hands were badly burned and his letter had to be dictated. Chief Petty Officer Stephen T Dunnell, former Victoria City policeman, who was also on Athabaskan, is in the same camp.

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V/July 25, 1944, 3: Sergeant Victor D Miller, 28, who joined 102<sup>nd</sup> Battery, Royal Canadian Army, in 1939, later transferring to an anti-aircraft regiment has been awarded Canadian Efficiency Medal, now serving in France.

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July 25, 1944, 4: letter to editor by Frank R Barnsley, Peterborough, Ontario - re: photo of early auto in Victoria, now owned by Mr

Pemberton, caption stated 'and at one time bore No 1 licence plate.' I am interested because I have in my possession licence No 1, dated February 28, 1904... this licence was issued to my father, late John Barnsley, a Victoria pioneer. [John married Elizabeth Jane Collister, December 25, 1887]

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July 25, 1944, 5: died suddenly yesterday at Nanaimo, BC, Thoms Edwin Pendry Harris, 53, born there but resident of Esquimalt. He was foreman of the Plate Shop, Yarrows, but was visiting Nanaimo. He leaves widow, Agnes, 2 sons [Jack, Chief Petty Officer, RCN], 2 daughters, his mother, Sarah Jane [Mrs Pendry Harris], brother, 3 sisters.

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V/July 25, 1944, 5: died July 23, at Victoria, BC, Cecil Edward Archibald Leslie Ley, 56, born in London, England. He lived here since the Great War, in which he won the Military Cross. He had been on teaching staff of St Michael's School in recent years. He leaves his wife Marjorie, at Oak Bay residence, 2 sons serving overseas, a son at home, 1 daughter. He and wife, Ada Marjorie Price were married April 5, 1915 at Fulford Harbour, BC. Royal Oak Burial Park

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V/July 25, 1944, 12: died July 22 at Duncan, BC, Anna Maria Lundahl, 80, widow of late Carl B Lundahl. Leaves son, Major Carl Bernard Lundahl, Canadian Dental Corps, overseas, daughter, Lieutenant Nursing Sister Thelma Lundahl, Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps, overseas, and a daughter in Duncan, 2 sisters. St Peter's Cemetery

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July 25, 1944, 12: died July 23 at Victoria, BC, John Nicholson, 85, born in England, resident here 40 years. Leaves wife, Minnie, daughter.

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V/Killed in action July 25, 1944 at

Tilley-la-Campagne, France, Hugh Ivor Parry, North Nova Scotia Highland Regiment. Son of Owen Parry, Victoria. Poem

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V/Presumed killed in action July 25, 1944 overseas, Private Loren Gerald Welch, 18, son of Harry L & Ruby Welch, of Victoria, BC. Bayeux Memorial, Calvados, France.

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V/July 26, 1944, 3: photo, died of wounds received July 8 in Normandy, Private William John Holness, 23. He joined 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment in 1940 and went overseas with his regiment in 1941. His wife, Doris Jackson Holness resides at Victoria, his parents, William G & Mary Holness, live in Vancouver.

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V/July 26, 1944, 3: photo, Major Robert Dimma Travis, who went overseas with 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment, and who has for the past year been brigade major at Debert, Nova Scotia, is home on leave. He saw service with 58<sup>th</sup> Battery in France during the Great War. On his return following the armistice he was granted a commission in the Scottish and when the present war broke out went active with 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion. He was in England for 3 years. His wife, Anna Bradshaw Travis resides at Oak Bay.

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V/July 26, 1944, 3: photo, Pilot Officer H Allen Hudson now in Calgary posting after leave with Oak Bay parents, Richard Hudson. Educated at Craigflower, Monterey & Oak Bay High Schools, he enlisted 1943.

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V/July 26, 1944, 3: Lieutenant Vernon Arthur Ridgway, wounded in Normandy July 21. With Scottish militia here before enlisting in 1941, he transferred from the Scottish to Cameron Highlanders in 1942. He arrived in France July 12. [wife, Ethel Phinney Ridgway]



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V/July 26, 1944, 3: photo, Lieutenant James A Skellern, well known athlete, has left Victoria after spending leave with his wife Veronica Hartley Skellern and daughter here. He enlisted with Royal Canadian Army Service Corps over 3 years ago, going overseas with his unit in 1942. A brother, Leading AirCraftman Jack Skellern is serving overseas with RCAF. They are sons of Mrs Jean & late James A & Jean Skellern, Oak Bay.

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V/July 26, 1944, 5: Warrant Engineer John H Raynsford, RCNVR, of Victoria is Chief Engineer of new Canadian corvette, HMCS Kincardine... Before being appointed to Kincardine he served in several Canadian ships [HMCS Armentiere; Wetaskiwin; Restigouche]. He came to Canada from Kenya, Africa, where he was with a timber company there, to join RCN in 1940.

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July 26, 1944, 11: Army to continue leave at Willows, Oak Bay...

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V/July 26, 1944, 11: Armament Quartermaster Sergeant Darrel Gibson Pringle, 28, RCOC, son of late Ira G and Mrs Lillian C Bragg Pringle, Victoria, BC, mentioned in dispatches. He suffered an injury in Italy and still in hospital there. He served in the militia here before the war, and has been overseas several years. He married an English girl shortly before leaving for the Sicily invasion. November 22, 3: Armament Quartermaster Sergeant Darrell Gibson Pringle, 28, who was put out of action in the Cassino area of Italy in May, has returned home for leave with his mother. Born here and educated at North Ward & Victoria High Schools, he went active at the outset of this war.

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FN/July 26, 1944, 12: died July 24 at Patricia Bay, BC, George P Jones, 29, born

in North Saanich. Leaves grandparents, Peter Jones, 3 uncles.

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Died July 26, 1944 at Victoria, BC, Annie McNaughton, 78, born in Glasgow, Scotland, resident here 31 years, widow of late Alexander McKinnon. Leaves 3 sons, daughter. Colwood

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V/July 27, 1944, 3: photos, Sergeant Charles A Bruce, 27, son of Henry S & Phyllis Smith Bruce, of Esquimalt, who graduated from Victoria College in 1938 and then taught school in the Peace River area, he enlisted at Victoria in 1943; and, Sergeant Douglas K Taylor, 27, son of WW Taylor, Victoria, graduated from UBC in 1939 and University of Alberta in 1943, he enlisted in 1943.

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V/July 27, 1944, 3: Navigator Robin Hayward, reported as missing since the sinking of HMCS Athabaskan, is Prisoner of War in Germany. Son of Harold B & Betty Bazett Hayward, Duncan.

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V/July 27, 1944, 3: on July 18 Herbert H & Gladys Perry Stark, Victoria were notified that their son, Signalmen Ronald Howe Stark, 32, reported killed in the June 16 fighting in France. On July 24 they received another message stating that he is in good health and with his unit at the present time. [he died 1982, Victoria] His brother, Private Leonard Stark, is a veteran of the Sicilian campaign. [he died 1947, accidental drowning at Salt Spring Island]

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V/July 27, 1944, 3: photo, Rifleman William P Parkes, 20, wounded July 15 in France. Son of JE Parkes, Victoria, born here he attended Oaklands & Central Junior High Schools, and was employed as an electrician at VMD before leaving here with a Canadian Armoured Corps unit. He later transferred to a rifle unit. His father is a

staff-sergeant in RCOC.

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V/July 27, 1944, 3: Private Geoffrey Gordon Blaney, 22, killed in action in France June 18. Son of Sydney R & Nancy Blaney, Saanich. He was attached to the intelligence branch, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment. His brother, Alan James, 23, is serving in France with same unit. Born at Radium Hot Springs, educated at Margaret Jenkins & Victoria High Schools.

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July 27, 1944, 5: photos, 1<sup>st</sup> patients are now at RCAF convalescent home at Royal Colwood Golf Club, and a number more, including overseas veterans, are expected to arrive soon... [names given]

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V/July 27, 1944, 14: died July 25 at Victoria, BC, John Wallace McKenzie, 72, born in Scotland, resident here 33 years. He was a member of Veterans of France, also a veteran of Boer War and Great War. Leaves widow, Gertrude, son, daughter. Royal Oak Burial Park

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July 27, 1944, 14: died July 25 at Victoria, BC, Mrs Emma Dorothy Speed, 50, born in England, resident here 31 years. Leaves husband, George, 2 daughters, son, 3 sisters. Colwood

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V/July 28, 1944, 3: photo, Flight Sergeant Flight Engineer Nairne Edwin Plaxton, 23, killed in action February 11 [see details in February, 1944]. His wife is in England, they married in South Arica... before going to England he was in the 16<sup>th</sup> Canadian Scottish Militia in Victoria.

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V/July 28, 1944, 3: Private Joseph Rackham, 34, son of George A & Fanny Rackham, Saanich, BC, has died of wounds received in the 1<sup>st</sup> day of D-Day invasion. His wife and daughters live in Calgary. He enlisted in 1942 and went overseas in 1943.

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V/July 28, 1944, 3: Sergeant WD Robertson, was the tail-turret man in a Halifax bomber squadron that survived an assault by a Folker 190, and that fought and destroyed another enemy fighter recently... Born in Victoria, son of late T Robertson. Educated here, joined RCAF in 1943.

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V/July 28, 1944, 3: Corporal DE Harris, 28, RCEME, left here 1940 with 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Survey Regiment, will arrive home to spend leave with his parents, Lieutenant-Colonel A Ernest & Mrs Leila Harris, of Esquimalt.

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V/July 28, 1944, 3: Sergeant Donald Grant, RCAF, son of Constable & Mrs Andrew Grant, Lake Cowichan, missing after air operations over France. He was an air gunner on his 1<sup>st</sup> operational flight on D-Day.

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V/July 28, 1944, 3: Lieutenant Trevor Ferguson Hoey has died of wounds received in Normandy July 20. His brother, Major Charles Hoey, was awarded the Victoria Cross posthumously. They were the only sons of Ferguson & Mary Hoey, Duncan. Trevor was serving with 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment when he joined in 1940. Word received by his wife, former Marjorie Hughes, of Victoria. He went overseas in 1941.. Born 1916 in Duncan. July 29, photo.

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V/July 28, 1944, 3: Corporal Robert Martindale, Black Watch, wounded in France July 20. Son of Mrs H Martindale, Victoria, he joined Canadian Army in 1939, and is a veteran of the Dieppe raid. He was in hospital recently recovering from a leg injury.

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July 28, 1944, 4: Island Gold, by Frank M Kelley, Saanich Inlet to Port Renfrew, Leech River...

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July 28, 1944, 10: died July 26 at Oak Bay, BC, Mrs Alice Virginie Wollaston, 71, born in Victoria, daughter of late Eli & Elizabeth Harrison, who crossed the continent in a covered wagon in the 1860s, she was born here, educated at Bishop Cridge's school. She was prominent in musical circles and took an active interest in Victoria Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Societies. She was, for 20 years, on the teaching staff at Monterey School, Oak Bay. She married Francis Henry Wollaston [son of Percy & Catherine] at Victoria, April 17, 1901. Survived by son Francis Ottley Wollaston, and 2 daughters, Catherine and Nancy. Also 2 sisters: Mrs E Mae Verrinder, Mrs Elizabeth Gillihan. T 022 E 45

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July 28, 1944, 14: Mosquito wonder planes known as 'Cavalry of the air'...

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Bldg/July 28, 1944, 13: Oak Bay controls building design...

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V/July 29, 1944, 2: Mrs Cecil Davidson, Victoria, has been informed that her brother, Lieutenant George A McDermott, of Hamilton, Ontario, who won the Military Medal for his exploits at Dieppe while serving with an Ontario Regiment, has been killed in action in Normandy where he was on loan to the British Army.

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V/July 29, 1944, 2: photo, Sergeant Air Gunner Norman George Wharf, reported missing last May, now listed as a German Prisoner of War. Son of George W & Katherine Wharf, Saanich. He has been overseas 14 months. [born 1920, Victoria, died 1990 resident of Oak Bay]

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V/July 29, 1944, 2: photo, 3 Victoria officers appointed to rank of captain in South Saskatchewan Regiment: Captain John Lothian Gates, 28, only son of Mrs

Agnes M Gates, Metropolis Hotel, Victoria; Captain Ted Colgate, son of Mrs S Colgate, Victoria, and Captain Harry William, son of Horace C & Florence Williams, Victoria. They all enlisted with Canadian Scottish Regiment 3 years ago and went overseas with that unit, transferring recently to their present regiment. They are in action on the French front. August 27, 3: photo, Gates, reported missing July 20, now official killed in action. His mother, runs the hotel. Captain Ted Colgate, of Victoria, has written to tell her of Gates being buried by men of his unit. Born at Fernie, BC, he was educated at Vancouver and came to Victoria 6 years before enlisting in Canadian Scottish Regiment early in the war. [death date incorrect on his death registration]

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V/July 29, 1944, 2: Private Henry Fedun, Victoria, injured in action in Normandy. With 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment, he was one of the 1<sup>st</sup> to land on French soil D-Day. July 30, 3: photo. October 12, 3: has died in England from injuries received in action. Son of Stephen Fedun, Shawnigan Lake, he had been employed by Jones Logging Company before enlistment. He had been overseas 18 months.

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V/July 29, 1944, 2: photo, Private Donald MacLeod, 24, son of John & Mary MacLeod, Oak Bay, recovering from leg amputation in England. He was injured June 14 while serving in France with 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment. Born and educated in Victoria. He went active in 1939. August 12, 3: died of wounds. Born and educated here he transferred from militia to active army in 1939. His twin brother, John, is serving in Canadian Merchant Marine and another brother, Gunner Alastair MacLeod, 23, is overseas with 13<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment, Royal Canadian Army. All three were in the militia

before the war.

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V/July 29, 1944, 2: photo, Lieutenant RF Campbell, injured while in action in France, now recuperating. He went overseas in 1941 with 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment, returned overseas to rejoin his unit. Born 1920 in Victoria, a pupil of Margaret Jenkins & Victoria High Schools.

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V/July 29, 1944, 6: photo, overseas promotion of Lieutenant Faith Cornwall, CWAC, Victoria, to rank of captain... Her grandfather, Clement Francis Cornwall, came to BC from England in 1862, and founded Ashcroft Manor at Ashcroft, named after his English home. He was Lieutenant-Governor of BC from 1881-1887. Her maternal grandfather was Reverend Michael Charles Browne, latterly at St Luke's Church, Cedar Hill...

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V/Killed in action July 29, 1944 J29847 Flight Officer Navigator James Harrington Doe, 21, of Victoria, BC. Born December, 1922, Alberta. August 6, 3: photo. Reported missing, son of Joseph E & Mary Doe, Oak Bay, BC. A navigator graduate, he received his commission and went overseas in 1943. His brother, Robert, is an RCN officer. Target, Stuttgart. Lancaster aircraft #L7576 went down near Petitmont, France during a night operation against Germany. No known grave, name inscribed on Runnymede War Memorial, Egham, England. Name inscribed on Oak Bay Memorial.

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V/July 30, 1944, 2: photo, Company Sergeant Major William T 'Bill' Pearson, son of William J & Mary Pearson, Oak Bay, devises stretcher-carrying jeep... He was awarded MBE for his initiative early last year. Writing to his parents and his wife, Jessie Thomson Pearson, also of Oak Bay... Born here, educated at Oak Bay schools, he

was with Oak Bay Fire Dept before enlisting in 1940. Overseas 3 years, he is with an Royal Canadian Army Service Corps unit attached to 14<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance. The jeep, long on the secret list, carries 4 stretchers, taking casualties from the fighting zone to real ambulance vehicles. Some are being used for training in Canada, and Victoria's reserve unit of Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps has a slightly different adaptation of the original model.

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V/July 30, 1944, 3: photo, Gunner Stanley Eugene Bennett, 25, died of wounds overseas July 22. Born in Victoria, son of Thomas & Rachael Bennett. He joined Royal Canadian Army at the outbreak of war and had been overseas nearly 2 years. He was educated at Oaklands School.

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V/July 30, 1944, 3: Private Frank 'Curly' Costello, of Victoria, wounded in action in France. He enlisted 1943, went to France with Calgary Highlanders. Educated at St Louis College. August 1, 3: photo, Private Costello, son of Alfred & Catherine Costello, Victoria, has been wounded in the fighting in France. He sustained multiple shell fragment wounds.

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V/July 30, 1944, 3: photo, Leading Telegrapher WA Simmons, writes to Mrs LE Clendenan, Victoria, describing D-Day operations of his ship HMCS Sioux. He left Victoria in 1940 with 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Scottish and transferred in 1941 to RCN.

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V/July 30, 1944, 3: photo, J23117 Flying Officer Navigator John William Kirkwood Dunn, 2<sup>nd</sup> son of Henry J & Caroline Patten Dunn, Saanich, an outstanding athlete, is missing over Europe since July 19. He was navigator of a Halifax bomber and had participated in major raids on the Continent, including D-Day attacks. He enlisted in RCAF early in 1942, posted overseas 1943.

Buried in Communal Cemetery,  
Boran-sur-Oise, Oise, France

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July 30, 1944, 4: photo, charts, harbour  
wanted for deep sea shipping...

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V/July 30, 1944, 6: photo, Lieutenant  
Wendy Pinhorn, now serving with Canadian  
Army Medical Corps overseas as a  
physiotherapist, daughter of Harold &  
Gwendolen Blackwell Pinhorn Pinhorn.  
Educated at St Margaret's School.

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Bldg/July 30, 1944, 15: Oak Bay leads  
building figures...

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V/Died July 31, 1944 at Victoria, BC,  
Joseph Green, 82, born in Darlington,  
England, resident of Saanich 34 years.  
Survived by wife, 3 sons, 1 daughter. He  
was a veteran of Great War, member of  
Army & Navy Vets and Antediluvian Order  
of Buffaloes. Royal Oak Burial Park

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V/August 1, 1944, 3: photo, Sergeant  
Wilfred Grimshaw, killed in action in Italy.  
He was with 8<sup>th</sup> Army at the time of his  
death. He left Victoria with PPCLI in 1940  
for overseas duty. He leaves his mother & 4  
brothers in England.

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V/August 1, 1944, 3: photo, Gunner  
Cameron Craib, 22, killed in action in  
Normandy July 23, word received by  
Victoria parents, Alex C & Lydia Craib.  
Born in Toronto, he enlisted in Victoria  
while on a visit with his parents. He went  
overseas in 1943 and went into France on  
D-Day with the invasion forces.

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V/August 1, 1944, 3: Private Walter  
Morrice, son of William & Kathleen Dunbar  
Morrice, Bon Accord, Cordova Bay, BC,  
killed July 15 in France. Born and educated  
in Trail, he joined PPCLI in 1940, later  
transferred to 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian

Scottish Regiment. Leaves parents, wife in  
Winnipeg, brother, William in Italy, and  
sister, Mrs Margaret Couture, Victoria.  
August 3, 3: photo.

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V/August 1, 1944, 3: photo, Company  
Sergeant Major WR Williamson, wounded  
in action in Normandy. Overseas with Petrol  
Co in 1941, he landed with the advance  
headquarters party of Royal Canadian Army  
Service Corps on D-Day. Williamson, is son  
of George S & Martha Williamson,  
Esquimalt.

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V/August 1, 1944, 5: photo, Lieutenant  
Richard Wakeford, Hampshire Regiment,  
awarded Victoria Cross 2 weeks ago for his  
part in a battle in May near Cassino, is  
nephew of George T French, Victoria, BC...

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V/August 1, 1944, 6: Lieutenant Nursing  
Sister Rosamond Margaret Turner, of  
Victoria, BC, has arrived in Italy for jobs in  
Canadian General Hospitals. A 1942  
graduate of Royal Jubilee Hospital, daughter  
of James Turner, Sayward Farm, Keating.  
She attended Willows & Oak Bay High  
Schools.

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V/August 1, 1944, 7: Airwomen from  
Canada continue to arrive in Britain. A  
recent draft, hearing the flash that D-Day  
had dawned while on the high seas, stepped  
ashore in high spirits for the jobs ahead.  
From Victoria, Leading AirWoman Phyllis  
Corbett. Three previous trips to Britain had  
robbed the crossing of some of its  
excitement. Her brother George was killed  
in the Battle of Britain while fighting with  
RAF.

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V/August 1, 1944, 8: RCN tells of 2  
Canadian motor torpedo boats braved heavy  
shelling from shore batteries in the English  
Channel to remove the crew of a 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Canadian torpedo boat which had been hit,

and took it in tow to a safe beaching point. One of the rescue vessels was commanded by Lieutenant Barney Marshall of Victoria. He brought the bow of his boat to the bow of the stricken vessel while the stern was filling with water and settling fast. The crew passed safely from bow to bow while 4 remained to attach a tow line. The other vessel meanwhile swept up and down between the 2 boats and shoreline, laying a heavy smokescreen and dodging shells from the coast...; August 12, 3: photo, Lieutenant Sherwood Barney Marshall, wounded as reported to his wife Flora, who resides at Oak Bay with her parents, Justice Gordon McG Sloan & Mrs Nancy Sloan. He enlisted here and graduated with the 2<sup>nd</sup> class to leave Royal Roads. He and other men who engaged German R-boats during invasion operations were congratulated in June.

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August 1, 1944, 11: died suddenly July 30 at Victoria, BC, James Mullard, 78, born in Shrewsbury, England, resident here 34 years. For many years he operated a garage and service station at Shelbourne & Landsdowne. Leaves 5 sons, 2 daughters. Colwood

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August 1, 1944, 14: died July 29 at Victoria, BC, Alberta Starr, born in Piedmont, Virginia, resident here since 1889, widow of Albert E Starr. She leaves 2 daughters, Mrs Geraldine Macrae, Mrs Helen K Tisdall. Family plot, Royal Oak Burial Park

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V/Died July 31, 1944 at Vancouver, BC, Sapper Martin John MacDonald, 45, born in Truro, Nova Scotia, resident of BC 20 years. Leaves wife and daughter, Leila at home. Veterans' Cemetery, Esquimalt, D-06-0159

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August 1, 1944 - engagement announced of Theodora Mary, daughter of late J L Tait, and Mrs Tait, to George, 3<sup>rd</sup> son of Mrs O Metro, Victoria.

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V/August 1, 1944: Charles Conyers appointed to succeed Alfred Huxtable as surveyor of customs and excise. Born in Bermuda Islands, he went overseas in the Great War with 62<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, CFA, later to 58<sup>th</sup> Battalion in England. He was member of Arion Club. His only son, James, is graduate of Victoria High School who joined RCN. [Charles Conyers died November 21, 1949, aged 58 - Royal Oak Burial Park].

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August 1, 1944, 14: died July 29 at Coquitlam, BC, Miss Anita Thain, 82, born 1863 in Victoria. She leaves nephew, W Engelhardt and other relatives in US. Vancouver cremate. A 071 E 31

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Bldg/August 2, 1944, 1; 2: new military hospital to be erected here for veterans...; 11: Greater Victoria building figures show large increase...; August 3, 1: new contracts awarded for new maternity building...; August 19, 11: photo, maternity pavilion start...

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V/August 2, 1944, 3: photo, Victoria brothers serve: Pilot Officer David R Hurdle, RCAF & Engine Room Artificer Robert Hurdle, sons of Mrs Louisa Pitts Hurdle and late David R Hurdle, they attended Sir James Douglas & Victoria High Schools.

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V/August 2, 1944, 3: photo, Flight Lieutenant J Prendergast, who before the war was an Island basketball player, but is busy now flying Mustangs on fighter reconnaissance sweeps into France. In England for more than a year he spent considerable time as an instructor before arriving overseas.

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V/August 2, 1944, 3: Flight Officer Charles Berry, 22, RCAF, who went overseas in

1941, and served in England, Malta & Middle East, is now on his way home to visit parents, Ainger R & Elizabeth Worman Berry, Victoria. In 1941 he took part, as wireless/air gunner in a large raid on Cologne. He has served for 2 ½ years with the air/sea rescue service. August 6, 3: nice to be home...

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V/August 2, 1944, 3: Gordon, eldest son of William C & Lily Fraser, of Oak Bay, and husband of Audrey Hadow Fraser. He was commissioned after passing 2<sup>nd</sup> in his class and had been overseas since last December. His youngest brother, Wilfred, also in RCAF, has been instructing at Wireless School. Another brother, Victor, is serving in RCN on the Atlantic. Killed July 29, 1944, J29239, Flying Officer Wireless Operator/Air Gunner Gordon Fraser, 29, of Victoria, BC. Halifax aircraft struck trees while in a low circuit after take-off and crashed. Buried Killead, County Antrim, Ireland.

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V/August 2, 1944, 3: Flying Officer Ronald Lewis Fiddick, son of Harry & Violet Fiddick of Victoria, BC, has been reported missing after air operations overseas. His wife, Ethel Kirkpatrick Fiddick, and daughter reside at East Wellington [near Nanaimo].

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Died August 2, 1944 at Santa Barbara, California, Joseph Frederick Salloway, 86, born in London, England. He taught at Victoria for 30 years before retiring in 1930... California burial.

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Died August 2, 1944 at Victoria, BC, Clara Matilda McQuarrie, born Milwaukee, Wisconsin, a pioneer of Kootenay district, resident of Vancouver for 20 years. Widow of late Mayor M R McQuarrie, of Nelson, BC. Leaves a daughter, Clare McAllister, Victoria, 2 sisters: Mrs H T Hayden, Mrs H

Robbins. Cremate

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Died August 2, 1944 at Willows Exhibition Grounds, Oak Bay, BC, Robert Munro, 76, a race horse trainer.

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V/August 3, 1944, 3: Captain Thomas Walton Moore, Royal Canadian Army, son of Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas & Mrs Moore, Oak Bay, has been listed as missing in action. At the outbreak of war he was a 4<sup>th</sup>-year science student at University of Manitoba. He enlisted in Royal Canadian Army and proceeded overseas in 1942. He was promoted to rank of captain of his 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday. His father is manager of Prince Robert House, a Victoria naval hostel. He is a veteran of the Great War, and was once himself reported missing in action.

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V/August , 3, 1944, 2: Canadian Scottish long in front line fighting...; 3: Canadian 2<sup>nd</sup> Division battles best of Germans...

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V/August 3, 1944, 3: photos, Flight Officer George Bishop, reported missing July 25, son of John Wark & Mary Leila Bishop, Victoria. His brother, Flight Sergeant Jack Bishop, left Victoria 6 years ago to join RAF, and has been serving in Burma & India for past 2 years. During his time in Burma he was unable to send any letters owing to the nature of the operations he was engaged in. George Bishop's fighter squadron was recently 'adopted by the City of Victoria. He joined RCAF 2 ½ years ago. Killed in action July 25, J23710 Flying Officer Navigator George Bishop, 32, of Victoria, BC. Mosquito aircraft failed to return from a Ranger operation over France. August 27, 3: photo. A Victoria restaurateur before enlisting 2 ½ years ago, he was commissioned in 1943. His wife, Christina O Topley Bishop, resides in Victoria. No known grave, name inscribed on Runnymede War Memorial, Egham,

England.

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V/August 3, 1944, 3: killed in action July 29, J23139 Flying Officer Navigator Bomb Aimer George Gordon Bradshaw, 31, formerly stationed at Patricia Bay. Crew of Canso aircraft #11062 were on anti-sub patrol, flying in bad weather, when they flew into a hill and crashed on Foula Island NW of Scotland. Son of Reverend George Karn & Mrs Florence Edith Watts Bradshaw, of Ontario. Husband of Margaret Doreen Bradshaw, of Oak Bay, BC. He had been based in Iceland, and more recently had been on Atlantic patrol. Buried in New Cemetery, Lerwick, Shetland Islands, Scotland.

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V/August 3, 1944, 3: photo, Pilot Officer Douglas Sam, 1<sup>st</sup> Chinese to join RCAF as a pilot, is listed as missing after air operations. Son of Mr & Mrs Sam Wing, Blanshard Street, Victoria, he began training in 1942, and has seen considerable service as a bomber pilot over enemy territory. A graduate of North Ward & Victoria High Schools, he worked with his father at a whaling station at Roche Harbour before enlisting. A sister, Olive, and 8 brothers, reside here. September 26, 3: photo, now reported safe and in England...; November 1, 14: Pilot Officer Douglas Kam Len Sam, 26, born 1918, a Victoria-Chinese boy, arrived here for a brief furlough with his family. Shot down on his 28<sup>th</sup> operational flight over Germany he was listed as missing for more than 2 months. He was rescued when the Allied liberation troops swept through France. He was given shelter and food by friendly Free French underground forces prior to his rescue. A banquet was given in his honour at the Mandarin by members of the Chinese Free Masons and Dart Coon Club... Before joining RCAF 2 ½ years ago he was a prominent member of the Victoria Chinese Young Assn. November 3, 3: photo,

son of Mrs Sam Wing, Blanshard Street, Victoria. November 3, 4: editorial...

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V/August 3, 1944, 3: missing after air operations, Flight-Sergeant James Cook, 18, son of James & Georgina Cook, Victoria. He was sent overseas as an air gunner in 1943. Within 4 trips of completing his 1<sup>st</sup> 4 of operations he was reported missing. Born in Nanaimo. Killed in action July 29, J88728//R197723 Pilot Officer Air Gunner James Cook, 20. Target, Hamburg, Germany. Halifax aircraft failed to return from night operations over Germany. No known grave, name inscribed Runnymede War Memorial, Egham, England.

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V/August 3, 1944, 3: Corporal Charles A Rivers, 21, only son of Charles E & Marian Rivers, Victoria, is fighting in Italy with Seaforth Highlanders. Victoria born, he attended St Louis College. He went through Sicilian campaign and has had 1 year of service on Italian front.

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August 2, 1944, 5: photo, Fred Lawrence, who during the past 4 years was resident secretary of RVYC, is going back to sea again. He has been posted to a ship of the Canadian-Australasian Line... 'Mrs Lawrence will pinch hit for me until I return...'

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V/August 3, 1944, 6: photo, Catherine Macdonald, daughter of Major & Mrs Douglas Macdonald, of Duntulm, Sidney, BC. Attached to a Canadian General Hospital in England since 1943...

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V/August 3, 1944, 8: photo, Captain Ralph McKern Sketch, English-born army officer who came to Canada with his wife in 1940 from New Zealand, and joined 16<sup>th</sup> Light AA Battery in Victoria. He went overseas 3 ½ years ago, in Normandy since June 6 with 4<sup>th</sup> Light AA Battery. His wife Marian &



daughter live at Uplands, Oak Bay, BC.

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August 4, 1944, 2: died August 2 at Victoria, BC, Mrs Regina Elizabeth MacLean, 82, born in Nova Scotia, resident here 50 years. Widow of Peter Alexander McLean, she leaves 3 daughters. Nee Franz. Family plot, R 088/089 W M.

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V/August 4, 1944, 3: photo, Lieutenant Earl Henry Harcourt, son of Colonel Percy V & Mrs Bertha Harcourt, Brentwood. Reported killed in action July 19 at Harcourt, Normandy, the home of his ancestors. Born at Halifax, he was on loan to the British army from his regiment, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Highland Light Infantry. His father, Colonel Percy V Harcourt, OBE, had 46 years' service in the army before he retired recently. A brother, Sub-Lieutenant PWE Harcourt, RCNVR, and a sister, Corporal Florence Harcourt.

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V/August 4, 1944, 3: Staff Sergeant Harry A Rogers, Victoria eligible for Long Service Efficiency Decoration. He is a veteran of Great War and was mentioned in dispatches and received Military Medal for outstanding conduct at Cambrai in 1918. Major-General GR Pearkes, VC, CB, DSO, MC, now GOC, Pacific Command, enlisted in the same company and received training under Rogers. Rogers has a son training as a pilot in the East, and a daughter, Muriel, in WRCNS at Halifax.

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V/August 4, 1944, 3: HE Naylor, Victoria, has received word from his son in 3 years. Howard Edward Naylor has been interned as a Prisoner of War in Japanese hands since fall of Hong Kong in 1941... Aged 18 at the time he was sent to Hong Kong with RCCS. Born in Victoria, he attended Victoria High School. An elder brother, Jack, has been overseas with a signal unit for 2 ½ years. August 6, 3: photo.

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V/August 4, 1944, 3: missing after air operations, Flight Officer John Armstrong, RCAF, son of Guy & Frances Ruth Armstrong, Victoria. He graduated in 1943 and was attached to Ferry Command on the Atlantic Coast before being posted overseas. Killed in action July 13, J24240 Flight Officer Navigator John Frederick Armstrong, 21, of Victoria. Lancaster aircraft crashed while on operations against target, Culmon, France. Buried Churchyard, Haute-Marne, France.

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V/August 4, 1944, 3: Lieutenant Donald H Yardley, Royal Canadian Engineers, has been wounded in the fighting at Caen July 26. Son of William H & Claire A Yardley, Victoria. Born at Saskatchewan he graduated in mining engineering at Queen's University. His wife resides in the East.

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V/August 4, 1944, 3: Brother of Mrs C Mangian of Victoria, and son of Colin F MacDougal of Nelson, BC is reported missing. He has been overseas since 1943 and flying with Goose Squadron. Killed in action July 29 J28550/R162833 Clarence Francis McDougal, 30. Flying Officer Air Gunner McDougal was buried near the crash site, exhumed, and reburied in Kiel War Cemetery, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany.

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V/August 4, 1944, 3: Gunner Ronald B Simmons, RCAF, wounded in action in Normandy. Son of Honourable William C & Mrs Simmons, former Chief Justice of Alberta, and Mrs Mary W Simmons, Uplands, Oak Bay, BC.

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August 4, 1944, 5: a Davis raft containing 1,800,000 feet of spruce logs is being broken down at Victoria for sawmills. It is believed to be the largest raft to enter Victoria port from Queen Charlotte Islands. The spruce will be used in the manufacture

of Mosquito planes.

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V/August 5, 1944, 1: photo, Pilot Officer Thomas A Rhodes, son of William A & Edith Rhodes, Victoria, examining a model of an airborne lifeboat such as is dropped to flyers floating, or in dinghies. His unit, Iroquois Squadron, fly Lancasters and recently have been concentrating on raids on flying-bomb targets in France. He previously piloted Halifax aircraft before transferring, and before the invasion trained in towing gliders. He has 2 brothers in RCN and one in RCAF.

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V/August 5, 1944, 3: photo, Flight Officer John Frank Cadman, who has been flying with Canadian Intruder Mosquito Squadron overseas, and who last spring was mentioned in dispatches for shooting down a Junkers88, has been posted home after completing a tour of operations. Son of Mrs Frances Severs, Victoria. August 24, 11: photo, Cadman home on leave...

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V/August 5, 1944, 3: photo, Private William MacDonald Cool, 19, eldest son of Walter & Ada Cool, Victoria, fought with 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment, in the battle for Caen. He left Victoria in 1944 for overseas service and joined Scottish in England. His father is a veteran of Great War, having spent 3 ½ years overseas.

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V/August 5, 1944, 3: photo, Corporal Douglas A Price, son of Alex J & Emma Price, Victoria, has received word that their son is back on active service after spending 5 months in an Italian hospital. Formerly of Youbou he has 2 brothers in the RCAF and one in RCN.

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V/August 5, 1944, 3: J42808 Pilot Officer Pilot Keith Mayhew Joyce, 20, died August 1 near Fingal, Ontario. Well known at Victoria, Duncan & Port Alberni, receiving

his education at Burnside School here and at Port Alberni High School. He leaves father, HW, 2 brothers at Duncan. Buried in Holy Angels Roman Catholic Cemetery, St Thomas, Ontario.

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V/August 5, 1944, 3: Private Evens Poulsen, 27, Danish-born Victorian, seriously wounded in France July 25 while serving with North Nova Scotia Highlanders. Son of Axel & Valborg Poulsen, Victoria. Two brothers are also serving, Shipwright Alex Poulsen, RCN & Private Waldo Poulson, Royal Canadian Army.

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V/August 5, 1944, 3: Gunner Herbert W Pigot, 22, Royal Canadian Army, son of Henry Pigot, Victoria, seriously wounded during the fighting in France. Born in Victoria, he was with the militia before the war and went active when war was declared. He attended Oaklands School. August 6, 3: photo.

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V/August 5, 1944, 3: Captain WL Stewart MacLeod, 4<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment, Royal Canadian Army died on July 20 of wounds received in Normandy. He was the only son of Mrs MacLeod, Cobble Hill, BC.

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V/August 5, 1944, 3: missing after air operations, Flying Officer Michael RF Oliver, 25. Born in England, he received his education at Shawnigan Lake School & Victoria College. Only son of Sydney M & Edith Oliver, now of Vancouver, BC. Enlisting in 1940, he served in the marine section, RCAF on this coast before transferring to air crew in 1942. He had been serving as navigation officer of an RAF heavy bomber squadron since his arrival overseas in 1943. August 6, 3: photo. Killed in action July 29, J28500 Flying Officer Navigator Michael Richard Frewin Oliver, 25, of Victoria, BC. Lancaster missing during operations against Germany. Buried

in Charmes Military Cemetery, Essegney, Vosges, France.

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V/August 5, 1944, 3: photo, George Lawrence Fieldhouse, recently arrived overseas. Son of Lawrence & Mary Fieldhouse, Esquimalt. He enlisted with RCN 1943. Born in Victoria, he attended Craigflower & Esquimalt High Schools.

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V/August 5, 1944, 3: Gunner John Joseph McLaren, 23, youngest son of Lawrence H & Sadie McLaren, Victoria, injured in action and died July 26 of his wounds. Born in Saskatchewan, he was educated there and at South Park School. He was a militia member prior to the war and went active at the outbreak. He served overseas 3 ½ years as a dispatch rider. Leaves parents, 3 sister, brother. August 6, 3: photo.

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V/August 5, 1944, 12: died enroute from Winnipeg recently Stanley Llewellyn Cotton, 24, son of Ernest L & Alice Cotton, Victoria. Late of RCNVR. He leaves parents, 3 brothers, 4 sisters. Royal Oak Burial Park

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V/August 6, 1944, 3: missing after air operations overseas, son of Richard Edward & Jane Gardner, Saanich. Killed in action July 29, J87758/R172207 Pilot Officer Wireless Operator/Air Gunner John Edward Gardner, 20, of Victoria, BC. Halifax aircraft missing during a night operation to Hamburg. No known grave, name inscribed on Runnymede War Memorial, Egham, England.

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V/August 6, 1944, 3: Private Vernon Pollard, son of John W & Annie Lord Pollard, Victoria, is serving in France with Royal Canadian Army Service Corps. He went overseas in 1943.

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V/August 6, 1944, 3: Sergeant-Pilot Howard

Baker, 19, RCAF, son of Alfred N & Annie Baker, Oak Bay, BC, is serving overseas.

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V/August 6, 1944, 3: photo, Private LB Goodwin, 18, on leave to visit his mother, Mrs Nellie C [widow of late George] Goodwin, now returns to training. Born here he attended North Ward & Victoria High Schools.

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V/August 6, 1944, 3: photo, Captain Robert B Mainprize, son of Albert & Frances Mainprize, husband of Vera, all of Victoria. Writes that his unit has been withdrawn from the front fighting in Normandy and now having a well-earned rest. Joined army in 1935, he went on active service 1939 and is currently on loan to British Army. October 29, 3: photo, Mainprize wounded in Holland...

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August 6, 1944, 3: photo, C85137 Flying Officer Air Gunner Connaught Kelway, 31, Victoria airman who as mid-upper gunner of a Halifax bomber helped strafe enemy troops, tanks and radio installations in France. His wife, Irene, lives in Victoria.

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V/August 6, 1944, 6: photo, Miss Enid Fox, daughter of Mrs JG Fox, of Oak Bay, BC, leaves for Prince Rupert, where she has accepted a position with US Army Services...

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V/August 6, 1944, 7: photos, Victoria Women Take Lead in Red Cross Corps on Normandy Battlefront [Mrs Jean Ellis nee MacLachlan, Oak Bay; Mrs Eileen Wilkins, nee Swayne; Miss Catherine Macdonald; Mrs Pauline Griffiths, nee Hayes; Mrs Sheila Moffat, nee Swift... Already serving overseas include Marian Bigelow, in Italy; Helen Gowan, in England; Joan Raymond. Photo, Lieutenant Nursing Sister Rosamond M Turner, serving with Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps in Italy. She joined in

1942, and has been stationed at Basingstoke Plastic Surgery Hospital, England, since this January. She tells of having nursed many Victoria boys while there. Daughter of Mrs James Turner, Sayward Farm, Keating, she was educated at Willows & Oak Bay High School, graduated from Royal Jubilee Hospital 1941...

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August 6, 1944, 20: died August 4 at Victoria, BC, Gertrude Maud Doyle, 56, born in Roslyn, Washington, resident here 54 years. Leaves husband, William, 3 daughters, stepfather and mother, Mr & Mrs Samuel James Jackman, 6 brothers: John, Clifford and Lynn Coverdale; and James, Joseph and John Jackman. Royal Oak Burial Park

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V/August 6, 1944, 20: died suddenly August 3 at Victoria, BC, Peter Black Kerr, Machine-Gun Corps, 57, born in Scotland. Great War. Colwood

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August 6, 1944, 20: died August 4 at Victoria, BC, Margaret Driscoll, 75, born in Belfast, Ireland, resident here 28 years, widow of James Driscoll. Leaves 2 sons, 2 daughters. Colwood

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ChHx/August 6, 1944, 20: died July 28 at Victoria, BC, Lun Lowe, 64, born in China, resident here 30+ years, he leaves a family in China. Chinese Cemetery.

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V/August 6, 1944, 17: Squadron Leader JR Jack McDonald, 27, DSO, DFC, RCAF, Victoria pilot of a Lancaster is returning home on leave after completing 2 tours of operational flights overseas. He has been away almost 3 years. Son of Michael & Helen McDonald, Victoria West, BC... He represented Canada in the British Empire Games in Australia. August 8, 3: McDonald home for rest...; August 9, 11: photos...

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ChHx/August 6, 1944, 20: died July 30 at Victoria, BC, Mrs Chee Chan, 40, born in China, resident of Metchosin. She leaves husband and 11 children. Chinese Cemetery

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August 6, 1944, 20: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, George Pirie, 78, born in Scotland, resident here 46 years. Leaves wife, Nellie, stepson [Wood], 3 sisters. Colwood

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V/August 8, 1944, 1; 2: photo, HMCS Algonquin takes 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Army Staff to France...; Famous Canadian Destroyers Help Sink Nazi Escape Convoy [Haida & Iroquois]...; August 8, 3: foremost man in photo of Canadian men boarding ship for France is Private David M Rankin, 27, son of Robert Rankin, of Sidney. He was educated at George Jay School, enlisting in 1942. He is a bandsman attached to an infantry unit. A brother, Private John Rankin, 30, Nova Scotia Highlanders, was wounded in France recently. Another brother is a welder at Yarrows.

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V/August 8, 1944, 3: Private Leslie Kershwell Bolitho, 19, infantryman, wounded in action, now in English hospital. Son of Mrs May & late John R Bolitho, Victoria, he was born in England, worked at VMD before enlisting in 1943. December 22, 3: home soon. A brother, Aubrey, is in Italy with Seaforth Highlanders. He will have treatment here at a military hospital.

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V/August 8, 1944, 3: Lieutenant Roy Pattison, Royal Canadian Army, killed in action in Normandy July 29. Son of RC Pattison, Oak Bay, BC.

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V/August 8, 1944, 3: photo, Lieutenant Ralph Edmond Sparks, now on leave following a course at HMCS Cornwallis. Resident here since 1924, his wife, Vera resides at Oak Bay, BC.

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V/August 8, 1944, 3: Major Robert H Green, Royal Canadian Army Service Corps, has returned to Victoria from overseas to spend leave with wife Margaret and family. A veteran of the Great War he went active when this war was declared. He proceeded overseas 1943 and saw Hitler's rocket bombs when they were 1<sup>st</sup> directed against England.

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V/August 8, 1944, 3: Lieutenant Roger P O'Connell, now commissioned in Canadian Armoured Corps. He is 2<sup>nd</sup> son of HM O'Connell, Victoria. He enlisted 1940 and has been overseas 3 years. Educated at St Louis College.

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V/August 8, 1944, 3: James & Rachel Entwistle, Victoria, receive news that their son, Lieutenant Leslie Entwistle, 28, Calgary Highlanders, is missing after recent action in France. Born and educated here. His wife, Eleanor, and son also reside here. He has a brother stationed on this coast with Royal Canadian Army. August 9, 3: photo...

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August 8, 1944, 11: Only 2 Projects Remain to Complete Malahat Highway Programme...

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August 8, 1944, 16: died August 6 at Victoria, BC, Rowland Fennings Taylor, 78. He came here in 1908 to open the Merchants Bank, it was he who selected the site now occupied by Bank of Montreal, corner Yates & Douglas Streets... He retired to take over management of Bankers' Trust Co, and later was associated with Cathels & Sorenson, Vancouver Island logging company. He leaves 2 brothers, and cousins [Nash].

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August 8, 1944, 11: Oak Bay Schools Will Be Crowded...

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August 8, 1944, 12: died August 6 at

Victoria, BC, Samuel John Laity, 62, born in England, resident here 30+ years. Leaves widow, son, Bernard, RCN, 4 daughters: Mrs Herbert Sinnott, Mrs Bernard Ryall, Mrs Arthur Elliott, Mrs A McDermid. Royal Oak Burial Park

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V/August 9, 1944, 3: photo, Lieutenant Victor C Moore, 26, youngest son of Lieutenant-Colonel Frederick WL & Mrs Ruby Moore, Saanich, listed as missing on the Italian front on February 13 while serving with Seaforth Highlanders. First direct word was received last April from a Prisoner of War camp in Germany. A letter received from company commander praising Moore for his good work in the field. September 19, 12: photo, 41 Canadian prisoners of war to return to Canada. Lieutenant Victor C Moore, Canadian Scottish Regiment, among returning men.

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V/August 9, 1944, 3: Private John Rankin wounded in action at Normandy July 25. His wife, Dorothy is resident of Saanich. He enlisted in 1943 with 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment. A brother, David M, is also serving overseas.

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V/August 9, 1944, 3: Trooper Earl Albert Hynes, 22, son of Elmer J & Julia Hynes, Victoria, is now in hospital in England suffering from numerous burns received in action in Normandy in July... His brother, Urban Hynes, 19, serving with Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps in Italy.

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V/August 9, 1944, 3: photo, Flying Officer Roy H Temple, 32, son of James H & Etta Temple, Saanich, BC. Educated at Cloverdale & Victoria High Schools, he taught at Nelson High School before enlisting in 1942 with RCAF. His wife resides in Vancouver.

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August 9, 1944, 5: died August 7 at

Victoria, BC, Botelea Johanna Tyler, 50, born in Victoria, daughter of Peter & late Ingeborg Bugslag. Leaves husband, Alfred George Tyler, father, 2 sisters, 3 brothers. [married December 31, 1916] Family plot, A 043b044 W 28

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August 9, 1944, 12: died August 7 at Victoria, BC, Bernard Francis Julin Ward, 73, of Oak Bay, BC. Born in England, resident here 34 years. Leaves his wife, Kathleen, daughter, brother, 2 sisters. Family plot, T 031 W 43.

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August 10, 1944, 3: two deaths were presumed by Supreme Court. 1<sup>st</sup> was that of Joseph O'Donnell, of Schmelt Bay, Cortes Island, who is believed to have fallen or jumped off a Union Steamship en route to Refuge Cove August 1, 1943. 2<sup>nd</sup> was Roy Norval Geldfart, former Victoria projectionist, who has not been seen or heard of by his family since he met them in 1922 at a New Year's celebration.

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V/August 10, 1944, 3: photo, Lieutenant George Stephen Covernton, RCNVR, in on the kill of German battleship Scharnhorst, and on D-Day took part in the landing of Allied forces on the Normandy beachheads. Now home on leave after service on loan to RN. Son of Dr Charles & Mrs Gladys Covernton, Vancouver, his wife, Vera Smith Covernton & son reside at Oak Bay, BC. He was attached to HMS Savage... he expects to take up an appointment with RCN after this leave. August 13, 6: family photo. Wife has been residing at Oak Bay home of her mother, Mrs GE Kennedy-Smith...

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V/August 10, 1944, 3: Sub-Lieutenant John RH Ley, RCN, now on leave with his parents, Captain Richard & Mrs Therese Ley, Victoria, after 3 years' naval service overseas. As 3<sup>rd</sup> officer of a landing craft [infantry] he took part in the landing in

Normandy on D-Day and for 3 weeks after. He is a graduate of Shawnigan Lake School, leaving here in 1941 for training at RN College, Dartmouth, England. He was assigned to aircraft carrier HMS Eagle, and survived its sinking in 1942. He later spent a year on HMS Malaya, a battleship in the Mediterranean, transferred to HMS Keppel, he was in the same convoy when HMCS St Croix was sunk last year. During that action Keppel sank one U-boat and credited with possible sinking of another. His sister, Wren Sage Ley, is in training in Quebec. August 13, 5: photo, after 3 years' naval service overseas climaxed by 3 weeks of invasion operations.

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V/August 10, 1944, 3: photo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant HW Thompson, son of W Thompson, Victoria, BC, now home on leave. Born here, educated at George Jay & Victoria High Schools, he joined Canadian Armoured Corps 1942...

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V/August 10, 1944, 3: Private Robert Robertson, 24, son of H Robertson, Victoria, officially reported wounded in action overseas August 2. Born in Victoria, educated at South Park School, he left for overseas with 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment, later transferring to Royal Hamilton Light Infantry. A brother, Leading AirCraftman George Robertson, is in RCAF, and a sister, Lieutenant Florence M Neale, is serving in England with CWAC.

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V/August 10, 1944, 6: Married Nursing Sisters Stay in England... in one ward, Inez Williams [nee Empey], of Victoria, arranged the hospital ward to accommodate twice as many patients, she admitted she didn't have much time to worry about her engineering husband, Major John Williams...

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Bldg/August 10, 1944, 10: photo, Victoria's 1<sup>st</sup> pre-cut house, 2830 Prior Street, nearing

completion...; August 10, 12: Oak Bay Council plans new works...; August 11, 13: building permits...; August 13, 15: Victoria total leads building figures...

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V/August 11, 1944, 3: photos, Dennis Pugh, 22, RCNVR & Petty Officer Reginald Pugh, RCN, & Private William H Pugh, 23, Royal Canadian Army Service Corps, sons of William & Edith Pugh, Victoria. Dennis & William were born here, educated at Oaklands School. Dennis has been on convoy duty out of Halifax, William has been stationed recently at Nanaimo. Reginald, 30, now a steward at HMCS Givenchy, was born in England attended George Jay School here. He enlisted in RCN at outbreak of war. Reginald & William are both married.

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V/August 11, 1944, 3: photo, Private Leslie Kennedy, died of wounds received in the fighting in France. Son of Vlasta M Kennedy & late HH Kennedy, Saanich. He joined Royal Canadian Army 1943 and left for England this year. A well-known Victoria athlete... Fighting with a rifle regiment he died July 25. He also leaves 3 brothers, sister.

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V/August 11, 1944, 3: photo, J13956 Flight Lieutenant Navigator Colin Finlayson, has received a bar to his DFC for outstanding work while on flights over enemy territory. Son of Forbes L & Elizabeth Finlayson, Victoria. With his flying partner, Lieutenant J Luma, Helena, Montana, he recently destroyed a Heinkel 177 over Germany. On another occasion they brought their ship back to its base after flying 600 miles on a single engine. He hopes to have leave at home before going on his next tour as he has been instructing since completing a tour.

October 25, 3: photo, missing in action October 18 at Austria, J13956 Flight Lieutenant Navigator Colin Gowans

Finlayson, RCAF, 23, of Victoria. Lost during a bombing operation in Austria. Buried in Belgrade, British Military Cemetery, Yugoslavia. Overseas since 1942, he was awarded DFC & Bar for outstanding work while on flights over enemy territory. December 10, 1947: awarded DFC & Bar received by his parents Forbes Leopold & Elizabeth Susan Finlayson. Born in Victoria, educated here, an employee of Royal Bank prior to enlisting in 1941. [father, born in Ontario, resident here 20 years, died April 30, 1948, 65. He leaves 2 sons, 3 daughters, 2 sisters, brother - Royal Oak Burial Park]

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V/August 11, 1944, 3: Private Sidney Emmerson, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment, sends souvenirs home to his parents, Sid & Gudrun Emmerson, and sister Gwen, all of Oak Bay. He attended Esquimalt High & Lampson Street Schools. He enlisted at the outbreak of war, went overseas 3 years ago, and took part in the invasion landings on the French coast.

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V/August 11, 1944, 3: photo, Lieutenant John D White, son of AE White, Saanich, has been overseas since 1942 and has been serving on the French front with Royal Canadian Army Service Corps since D-Day. Born in Waldo, BC, educated at Fernie & Mount View High Schools.

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V/August 11, 1944, 3: Captain Harry Jarvis-Peacy has been reported killed in action July 25. Son of Mrs MJ Peacey, Oak Bay. An inspector for Manitoba government before the war, he received his captaincy in the field only 5 days prior to his death. His wife resides at Winnipeg.

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V/August 11, 1944, 3: Gunner Allan Fairbairn, who enlisted in the artillery 4 years ago is fighting with his unit on the Normandy front. Born in Saskatchewan, he came to Victoria as a lad and was brought

up by his aunt and uncle, Jack Dorman, Victoria, after the death of his parents.

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V/August 11, 1944, 8: photos, Naval Service Headquarters reports 3 more Island men of Athabaskan crew Prisoner of War in German hands. The list brought to 80 now known to have been taken prisoners when pierced by a torpedo during a pre-invasion sweep in April. HMCS Haida rescued 46 from the sinking vessel and later it was announced that 187 officers and men were missing... Awards for men of Haida & Athabaskan given [includes full list of names, addresses...] Chief Petty Officer Raymond Bruce Alan Stenning, 25, was stationed at Esquimalt as a cook before going overseas; Petty Officer Stoker Douglas Thomas Landless Laurie, Port Alberni, wife, Mrs IM Laurie. Nine Victoria men besides Lieutenant-Commander Stubbs, previously reported missing, have not yet been reported by Ottawa as Prisoner of War: Lieutenant TD Izard, Leading Torpedoman EA Cookman; Chief Petty Officer CE Chuck Sweet; Chief ERA EG Mills; Stoker Eric Dea, CPO TH Goldsmith, Leading Seaman JR Kobes; Leading Stoker William McGregor. Photo, Lieutenant Robin Blakeney Hayward, of Duncan.

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August 11, 1944, 10: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Dudley Howe Anderson, 65, born in Brighton, England, resident here 48 years. Survived by brother, B H. August 13, 4: editorial... Poet, scholar and gentleman. Royal Oak Burial Park

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August 11, 1944, 10: died August 9 at Victoria, BC, Albert Sidney Emmens, 62, of James Island. Born in Kent, England, resident of James Island 33 years. Leaves wife, Lillian, siblings. Family plot, Royal Oak Burial Park.

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August 11, 1944, 10: died August 9 at

Victoria, BC, Mrs Mary Ellen Shepard, 61, born on Salt Spring Island and resident of Sidney for many years. Leaves 3 sons, Edward, Royal Canadian Army Service Corps, George, RCN and Alfred in Sidney; 3 daughters, 3 brothers, 2 sisters. West Saanich Catholic Cemetery

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V/August 12, 1944, 2: Major-General Rodney FL Keller, commanding officer, 3<sup>rd</sup> Canadian Division in France, was wounded this week. Wife Barbara, resident of Oak Bay. He was evacuated to England, which will provide his 1<sup>st</sup> respite from action in France since he led his division in its landing on the Normandy beaches June 6. [accidental US bombing caused injuries to Keller]

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V/August 12, 1944, 3: Lieutenant Arthur Rice-Jones, well known Victoria athlete, has been wounded in action in France. He was taking an officers' course in 1942 when the Army team was looking for a new goalie. He was signed and helped the team through to Allan Cup finals. Another member of that team, Mel Lunde, was killed in action in France.

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V/August 12, 1944, 3: photo, J26543 Flying Officer Bomb Aimer Peter Joseph Biollo, 20, son of Mrs W Allan, Island Highway. He graduated as a bombardier and commissioned in 1943. He enlisted in RCAF at Vancouver. Born in Edmonton, he was formerly employed at Pacific Sheet Metal Works, Victoria.

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V/August 12, 1944, 3: killed in action K74360 Gunner Geoffrey Byatt, 26, Royal Canadian Army. Born 1917 in England, son of Archibald & Maude M Byatt, 2425 Lincoln Road, Oak Bay, he was educated at Willows & Oak Bay High Schools. He worked at David Spencer Ltd before enlisting in 1941. His only brother, Chief



Petty Officer Archie Byatt, has been in RCN since 1938, having spent most of his time on Atlantic convoy duty. Killed overseas in France, July 29, 1944. Poem. August 13, 5: photo. Name inscribed on Oak Bay Memorial

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V/August 12, 1944, 3: 4<sup>th</sup> RCN seaman to undergo an appendectomy at sea, Stoker Petty Officer John Howard Colley, Victoria, is now in good health... His wife, Miriam, and son live with his parents, Thomas W & Ina B Colley. He has been in RCNVR since early in the war, and for past 2 years has been on convoy duty in the Atlantic. August 18, 3: now home on leave... [marriage dissolved 1945, he died 1996, Victoria]

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V/August 12, 1944, 5: fresh from a knock-down and drag-out fight with 4 armed German trawlers off the invasion coast of France, a group of officers and men of HMCS Saskatchewan are back in Canada, en route to their homes on leave. The action, 1<sup>st</sup> in the war at sea in which a flotilla made up wholly of Canadian units engaged the enemy, was fought off Brest, within range of German guns on the shore... HMCS Saskatchewan; Qu'Appelle; Restigouche & Skeena... Victoria men include Michael Bowgin, Lieutenant PW Forbes, RCNR...

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V/August 12, 1944, 7: Lieutenant Jean May MacLachlan Ellis, of Victoria, widow of Henry George Ellis [killed in action in 1942] was with 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian women in Normandy. She went overseas as a member of Canadian Red Cross Corps, was stationed in London for some time and is now welfare officer with the Canadian hospital in Normandy. Letter to a friend is included...

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August 12, 1944, 10: died August 11 at Oak Bay, BC, Mrs Mary Ann Penketh, 79, resident here since 1888, born in Cheshire, England. Widow of late George Penketh,

she leaves 3 daughters, Mrs J V Johnson; Miss Harriet, and Mrs Frank Jeeves, and son T A. Family plot, B 068 E 34.

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V/August 12, 1944, 10: died August 11 at Sidney, BC, Charles Ernest Sayer, 54. Survived by wife, Ada, parents, Mr & Mrs Arthur Sayer, 4 brothers, 4 sisters. Veteran of Great War. Royal Oak Burial Park

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JT/August 12, 1944, 13: died accidentally August 8 at Quathiaski Cove, Lucy James, 6, daughter of Arthur David & Vera Maud Grey James...

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V/August 13, 1944, 3: photo, Flight Lieutenant Jim Prendergast, Mustang pilot in Normandy, who is remembered in Victoria as a prominent basketball player... son of Robert B & Lucille Prendergast, Saanich. He enlisted in 1941, overseas 1942. Before the invasion he was doing largely the same work that he is now - reconnaissance and photography. Born here he attended McKenzie Avenue & Mount View High Schools.

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V/August 13, 1944, 3: photo, Pipe-Major Archie J McMillan, Victoria, 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Scottish Regiment, compares the tartan of Pipe-Major RA Brown, Balmoral, Scotland, with his own tartan. McMillan is serving in France. His wife, Margery, lives in Victoria.

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V/August 13, 1944, 5: photo, Private Alfred F Nelson, wounded in action while fighting on the French front with Calgary Highlanders. Son of Mrs Ellen Augusta & late Alfred Nelson, Victoria.

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V/August 13, 1944, 5: Leading AirCraftman Charles William 'Bill' Davies, 19, RCAF, left here for Calgary after spending leave with parents, [William Davies], Victoria.

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V/August 13, 1944, 5: Petty Officer Harold

J Price has been promoted to that rank. He is now a flying instructor. Son of Albert Edward & Dorothy May Price, Oak Bay. Before joining RCAF in 1942 he worked in BC income tax branch.

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V/August 13, 1944, 5: photo, Private Stanley Ingram, 21, killed in action in France July 21. Son of Charles & Elizabeth Ingram, Victoria, he enlisted in Rocky Mountain Rangers, transferring to Royal Regiment of Canada while in England. He has an elder brother, Norman, also in army.

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V/August 13, 1944, 5: photo, Chief Petty Officer James Bertram Connor, has been in RCNVR since 1939, served on convoy duty for 2 years and is now at a British base. His wife, Isabella, and family reside at Victoria. One son, James, 15, is serving in Canadian Merchant Service.

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V/August 13, 1944, 5: photo, Company Sergeant Major Gordon Hall, son of WE Hall, Arrowhead, has been serving in Italy for past year. Born in Revelstoke, educated at Margaret Jenkins & Victoria High Schools. He was employed with Privateer Mines. His present unit is fighting with British 8<sup>th</sup> Army.

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August 13, 1944, 5: driftwood and peat fire on smaller of the 3 islands in the Trial Island group, is still blazing and will have to burn itself out, according to HF Chamberlain, lighthousekeeper at Trial Island...

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V/August 13, 1944, 7: photo, Lieutenant Barbara Nation, daughter of Major Madelein Nation, CWAC... Barbara is now overseas and has had a reunion with her brother, Lieutenant George Nation, RCNVR, since his participation in action off Normandy coast. Barbara is niece of Mrs RHB Ker, and granddaughter of S Nation, Victoria.

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V/August 13, 1944, 12: RCNVR Lieutenant Forrest Angus, Victoria on ship bringing men and equipment ashore on the beaches of Normandy...

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August 13, 1944, died August 11 at Victoria, BC, Daniel Wesley Campbell, 76, born in Ontario, resident here 30 years. Leaves widow Frances Elizabeth, daughter. Royal Oak Burial Park

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August 13, 1944, 19: Visitor remembers Victoria skylarks...

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August 13, 1944, 20: died suddenly yesterday at Victoria, BC, William Denton Murgatroyd, 48, born in McGregor, Manitoba, resident here 30 years. Leaves widow, Beatrice, 2 daughters, sister.

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August 15, 1944, 1944, 2: earthquake shocks damage Lasqueti Island Sisters lighthouse...

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V/August 15, 1944, 3: photo, Lance Corporal Robert Simpson, wounded in fighting in France August 4, word received by sister, Mrs Frank Ray. Enlisted 1940 with 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish, he later transferred to Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders. A member of Colwood Golf Club, he is well known on local fairways.

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V/August 15, 1944, 3: photo, Bandsman AL Stevens, 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Infantry Corps Band, only member from Victoria, recently lead the parade of famous 22<sup>nd</sup> Regiment through the streets of Rome to Vatican City for an audience with the Pope. His wife lives here.

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V/August 15, 1944, 3: photo, Private John R Robertson, 24, listed as missing from his unit in Italy, is now reported to be Prisoner of War in Germany. Son of Mrs M Robertson, Victoria, he was employed at Empress Hotel before enlisting with 1<sup>st</sup>

Battalion Canadian Scottish Regiment in 1939. He transferred to Seaforth Highlanders after going overseas over 3 years ago.

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V/JT/August 15, 1944, 3: photo, Sergeant AL 'Bud' Frost, awarded Military Medal for gallant action during invasion operations. An Alberni man, he is with 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Scottish Regiment. Wounded July 9, he is still in hospital. Before enlistment he was a Provincial Police constable at Alberni & Campbell River.

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V/August 15, 1944, 5: HMCS Canso, commanded by Lieutenant John Kincaid, Victoria, now on leave...; Island men serving in famed HMCS Gatineau [Lieutenant-Commander Harold VW Groos; Lieutenant E Morris Chadwick; Able Seaman William Batley; Leading Storesman Gordon Cummings; Chief Petty Officer William Holmes; William Hutchings; Petty Officer E Jackson, RCNVR; Petty Officer Richard Marsh; Able Seaman Leslie Peterson, RCNVR, Leading Seaman Peter Smith, RCNVR]; Canadian Ships Destroy Enemy...

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V/August 15, 1944, 5: Victoria area flyers receive bar to DFC for distinguished Service: photos, Wing Commander WF Newsom, Oak Bay, son of Lieutenant Colonel & Mrs HM Newson, he won his DFC in 1943. His parents have had no news of him since D-Day and do not know what the new award is for; & Flying Officer CG Finlayson, Victoria, who has been on instructional duties after finishing a tour of 30 operations, served as navigator in City Of Edmonton Mosquito Squadron. Son of Forbes & Elizabeth Finlayson.

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V/August 15, 1944, 11: Victoria naval officers in news: 2 brothers, both RCN lieutenant-commanders, DW Groos, HMCS

Restigouche, and HVW Groos, HMCS Gatineau; & lieutenant-commander RP Welland, Distinguished Service Cross, who was stationed at Esquimalt before taking command of HMCS Assiniboine... Groos brothers are sons of Mrs Mabel M Groos, Saanich, and Mrs Welland is staying at Patio Court, Oak Bay...

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ChHx/August 15, 1944, 11: Army call-up for Chinese reveals many from Victoria already serving...

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V/August 16, 11: Lieutenant Parry, son of Walter Parry, Oak Bay & Able Seaman Gallop, 22, born and educated here, son of HW Gallop, Victoria; are on their way home to spend long leaves. Lieutenant Kincaid, Victoria captain, is spending leave with his wife at Halifax. He is son of Dr Fred Kincaid, Saanich. Canso carried out minesweeping duties in the English Channel during the invasion.

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V/August 15, 1944, 11: photo, many Victorians on crew of HMCS Saskatchewan, now off Brest, France: Leading Stoker James Connor; Petty Officer John Leahy; Supply Assistant Victor E Fraser; Petty Officer Stoker David Naysmith; Chief Cook Gordon Dark; Petty Officer Cook Laurence Thomas...

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V/August 15, 1944, 11: promotion of Lieutenant-Colonel John Merideth Rockingham, 32, former commander of Royal Hamilton Light Infantry, to rank of Acting Brigadier. Born in Australia he came to Victoria as a boy and educated here... His wife, Mary Carlyle Hammond, lives with her mother, Mrs HR Hammond, Saanich.

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August 15, 1944, 12: died August 13 at Victoria, BC, Henry Burns Ball, 77, born in St Catherines, Ontario, resident here 55 years. Survived by widow, 2 daughters, Mrs

Lonnie Crawford, and Mrs Bernice Griffith.  
Family plot, G 021 W 09

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August 15, 1944, 12: died August 14, at  
Victoria, BC, Herbert Jackson, 62, born in  
Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire, England,  
resident here 33 years. Survived by widow,  
sons Robert and Arthur and daughter, Mrs L  
Stonier. Colwood

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Died August 14, 1944 at Victoria, BC,  
Frederick Dickens, 70, born in England,  
resident here 35 years. Survived by relatives  
in England. Colwood

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V/Died August 15, 1944 at Saanich, BC,  
Mary Margaret Mossery, 65, born London,  
England, widow of Charles Mossery. A  
Great War widow, they married here  
December 17, 1914. [daughter of William  
Hack & Mary Margaret Smith]. Cremate

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V/August 16, 1944, 3: photos, Leading  
AirCraftmen Donald SM & Hugh HM Price,  
26, twin sons of Alex J & Emma Price,  
Victoria, now on leave. They have been in  
RCAF since 1941. Donald is married  
[divorced 1954].

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V/August 16, 1944, 3: photo, Sergeant  
Major AF Coates, son of Harry E &  
Elizabeth Coates, Victoria, he has a wife in  
England. Earned his promotion to this rank  
on the battlefields of Italy. He has been in  
uniform 6 years and overseas for past 4  
years. His brother-in-law Warrant Officer  
Colton Haggarty received his promotion in  
Halifax. On the east coast for 3 years, he  
served aboard HMCS Prince Henry, which  
took part in the invasion operations on  
Normandy coast.

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V/August 16, 1944, 3: Gunner William  
McGregor, 29, son of John McGregor,  
Victoria, reported killed in action in France  
July 20. He had been overseas 5 years.

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V/August 16, 1944, 3: photo, Able Seaman  
Michael Bowyer, HMCS Saskatchewan.

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V/August 16, 1944, 3: 6 Victoria men recent  
RCAF graduates: Pilot Officer HC Reston,  
son of HCF Reston, Oak Bay police chief, &  
Mrs Elizabeth Reston, commissioned as  
navigator; Sergeant Air Bomber RH  
Warburton, 19, son of Harry & Lillian  
Warburton, his brother, Sergeant Graham  
Warburton, RCAF, is overseas; Wireless Air  
Gunner PJ Comeau; Sergeant Wireless Air  
Gunner George Faulkner; Sergeant Air  
Gunner CA Johnstone...

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V/August 16, 1944, 3: Chief Petty Officer  
Donald Kerr, 24, RCNVR, serving on  
HMCS Prince Robert, which took part in  
invasion operations. Son of Mrs C Kerr,  
Saanich, he enlisted 3 years ago.

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FN/August 16, 1944, 4: Chief Dick, 72,  
Nitinaht Band, Clo-oose, died August 7.  
Seven years ago he rowed and sailed an  
18-foot canoe along 80 miles to Victoria.  
His son, Archie, had died in a Victoria  
hospital and SS Maquinna would not be  
southbound in time for the funeral. Short but  
stocky and reputed to be a very strong man  
in his prime. His solemn expression would  
often light up with a merry twinkle in his  
eye. His wife, Susie, predeceased him 1 ½  
years ago. His son, Morris Dick, and  
daughter Helen [Mrs James Thomas], live in  
Bamfield. His brother, Peter Dick, and  
sister, Mrs Willie Jack, live at Clo-oose.  
Whyac Indian Cemetery, mouth of Nitinat  
Lake. [letter to editor by William Rickaby]

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August 16, 1944, 5: seeking a charter for  
private interests to construct a road to finally  
link Port Renfrew with Victoria, RS Gallop,  
has interviewed government departments...

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V/August 16, 1944, 16: photos, HMS

Puncher, at Vancouver, shipyard, constructed so that after services as a fighting ship, the super-structure and flight deck can be removed leaving a modern hull in the postwar period. It is manned by RCN...

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V/August 17, 1944, 3: photo, Gunner Allan Fairbairn, of Victoria on the Normandy front. He has been with his unit 4 years. Born in Saskatchewan, he came to Victoria as a lad and was brought up by his uncle & aunt, Jack Dorman, after the death of his parents.

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V/August 17, 1944, 3: photo, Lieutenant VR Schjelderup, serving in 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Scottish Regiment in France, has been awarded Military Cross for outstanding action on D-Day. Son of V Schjelderup, Courtenay, he attended Monterey School, Oak Bay, Courtenay schools and Gordon Head graduate, he went overseas in 1942. He was wounded June 6 and returned to his battalion July 21.

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V/August 17, 1944, 3: photo, Pilot Officer Robert Mair, RCAF, has returned to East after leave with his parents, W Mair, Victoria. Formerly with Victoria city police, he enlisted 1942. A brother, Able Seaman William Mair, RCNVR, has seen service in Africa, Sicily & Italy, is now with naval shore patrol at Halifax.

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V/August 17, 1944, 3: photo, Sergeant George Faulkner, RCAF, of Victoria, enlisted 1943.

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V/August 17, 1944, 3: photo, Private Evens Poulsen, Danish-born Victorian, seriously wounded July 25 in France with North Nova Scotia Highlanders, now in English hospital. Son of Axel & Valborg Poulsen, he went overseas in 1944.

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V/August 17, 1944, 3: photo, Able Seaman Patrick Graham, serving aboard a Bangor class minesweeper, HMCS Thunder, which helped to keep clear the waters of English Channel for the continual flow pouring across to the French invasion fronts.

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Bldg/August 17, 1944, 11: JH Todd & Sons, of Victoria, now own 510 feet of waterfront property on Wharf Street, passing from HBC to Mr Lindsay, to Todd. August 20, 2: Saanich leads in weekly building...; August 24, 11: provide 28 suites with conversion of 6 houses...; August 27, 17: Victoria tops weekly building figures...; September 2, 4: building figures show gain...; September 3, 10; 11; 12: house building page...; September 8, 11: Allies Hotel, corner Pandora & Blanshard, to be converted into 28 suites by National Housing...; September 10, 15: Saanich leads building figures...; September 17, 12: full page...;

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August 17, 1944, 12L died August 15 at Victoria, BC, Joseph McRoberts, 63, born in Glasgow, Scotland. Leaves widow, Williamina, 3 sons, daughter. He served overseas in the Great War from 1916 to 1918 with 239<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Calgary. Royal Oak Burial Park

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August 17, 1944, 12: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Alfred Halsey, 72, born in England, resided here 33 years. Leaves widow, Ellen, 3 sons, daughter.

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V/August 18, 1944, 1; 2: 2 dead, 27 missing when HMCS Regina lost in action...; all names given...; 2: photo of ship, 17<sup>th</sup> warship lost in this war...; 3: Ordinary Seaman John Pringle, survived sinking, son of Mrs Rose Haworth, Nanaimo, only Island man on vessel's crew.

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V/August 18, 1944, 3: Private Howard W Davies, 21, wounded August 8 in France.

Son of George Davies, Otter Point, enlisted with Calgary Highlanders in 1942, overseas 1943. He was employed with Elders Logging before enlistment. August 19, 2: photo.

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V/August 18, 1944, 3: Private Stuart Hodgson, 22, wounded August 1 while fighting with 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Canadian Scottish Regiment on Normandy front. Born in Victoria he went overseas with regiment in 1941. Educated at Strawberry Vale & Mount View High Schools. He is in English hospital.

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V/August 18, 1944, 3: Pilot Officer Ian H Dobbin, 26, RCAF, awarded DFC... Born in Qualicum, educated there and Victoria...

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V/August 18, 1944, 3: photo, Lieutenant Jack Davie, who took part in his 4<sup>th</sup> invasion operation when southern France was invaded this week. Son of CF Davie, KC, of Duncan, the young RCNVR officer commanded landing craft previously in amphibious assaults on North Africa, Sicily and Normandy.

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V/August 18, 1944, 6: Reverend EM Smiley officiates at marriage of her daughter, Miss June Smiley to Lieutenant Roland S Braley, son of Herbert E & Dora Braley, Oak Bay, BC...

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V/August 18, 1944, 11: 8 seamen & 11 soldiers returning to Vancouver Island homes by hospital ship Lady Nelson...: Petty Officer Emerson Holt, 34, formerly of Regina, was employed on CPR 'triangle run' prior to war, and at outbreak was called from Naval Reserve. He was aboard HMCS Prince Robert during his 1<sup>st</sup> year of action and has seen considerable activity as gunnery petty officer on various ships; Coder William Henry Killeen, 19, son of Sergeant Major Killeen, he has been in RCN

2 years, overseas 1 ½ years. He has been on convoy duty on the north Atlantic and more recently served on a corvette during the initial stages of the Normandy invasion; Warrant Engineer JE Rawson, RCNR for 3 years, he has been serving aboard HMCS Woodstock; Able Seaman W Arnold; Petty Officer James V Dovey, son of Mrs Dorothy Dovey; Able Seaman Eric D Ross, Oak Bay; Petty Officer Eric Slegg; Stoker Douglas V Mawrer, son of Mrs Marjorie Mawer, Saanich; soldiers: Private WJ Barker, son of Mrs Mabel B Barker, Saanich; Gunner WJ Denisuk, son of John Denisuk, born in England, enlisted in Winnipeg in 1941 and went overseas 1943...; Lance Sergeant Dwight Green, son of Mrs Gertrude M Green, Saanich, a paratrooper who landed in France 4 hours before the main invasion and suffered a leg injury; Trooper H Metzner; Private Joseph T Muir, 21, son of Robert T Muir, Saanich, one of the 1<sup>st</sup> group of Canadian paratroops to train in Georgia, he was an athlete here working on CPR coastal boats and in the merchant marine. A sister, Betty, is soon to enter the army as a nurse; Gunner Kenneth Ogden, 32, son of Mrs Florence Ogden, serving with Royal Canadian Army Service Corps in Italy, born in England, he attended Royal Oak & McKenzie Avenue Schools, enlisted 1939; Private LA Swire; Private FD Warman, wounded July 8 while serving with 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Scottish Regiment, born in England, educated at Salt Spring Island, enlisted 1939. His wife lives at Victoria; August 23, 5...; August 24, 5: photo, Private Joseph Muir; August 25, 5: Victoria Veterans of Battles in France Now on Leave here...; August 26, 13: photos, wounded Victoria veterans return to their families [Muir; Warman; Ogden; Barker; Ellington]

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August 18, 1944, 12: die suddenly August 12 at Lynwood, California, Arthur Phillips, 38, born in Alberta, son of late Mr A

Phillips, and Mrs Phillips, Saanich, BC. Leaves wife, 3 children, 5 sisters, 3 brothers. Lynwood

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V/August 19, 1944, 2: photo, Able Seaman Maurice Arnold, veteran of naval action in Mediterranean and D-Day operations off Normandy coast, son of John M & Elizabeth Arnold, is now in a Newfoundland hospital recovering from injuries sustained when struck by a bus. He joined RCN in 1940.

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V/August 19, 1944, 2: Private Harold Van Buskirk, 4 years in uniform with Canadian Army concert company, is severely wounded in Normandy. Son of Mrs Van Buskirk, Victoria, & WH Van Buskirk, Salt Spring Island.

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V/August 19, 1944, 3: HMCS Iroquois in 2<sup>nd</sup> Engagement...

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V/August 20, 1944, 1: photo, Victoria pipers, led by Pipe Major AJ McMillan, of Victoria, parade through a Norman village...

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V/August 20, 1944, 3: photo, Lieutenant James C Finlay, has Atlantic convoy duty for 19 months, now on leave at home of his parents, Isaac & Elizabeth Finlay, Victoria. He joined RCN in 1941 as an ordinary seaman, received his commission the next year and has since served on a minesweeper. He recently participated in the rescue of 44 survivors of a torpedoed tanker. Educated Central & Victoria High Schools.

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V/August 20, 1944, 3: Flight Lieutenant Walter Deveson, RCAF, son of Alfred G & Alice King Deveson, Sidney, recently promoted from flying officer. Born here, he attended North Saanich High School and Victoria College. He captains a Halifax bomber. A brother, Corporal AC Deveson, is in Italy.

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V/August 20, 1944, 3: photo, Private Samuel Clark, 19, son of Mrs JB Clark, born in Victoria, attended Sir James Douglas & Victoria High Schools prior to enlistment in 1943. Now serving overseas in Royal Canadian Army Service Corps.

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V/August 20, 1944, 3: Sergeant James Albert Romain, Royal Canadian Engineers, who enlisted at Work Point 2 days before war was declared, has been awarded Military Medal for leadership in clearing 700 yards of the Normandy beach on D-Day. Son of Arthur & Mabel Romain, Sidney, formerly of Victoria, he has been overseas 3 ½ years...

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August 20, 1944, 5: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Charles Arthur Fields, 72, born in England, resident here 35 years. He first engaged in the timber business on arrival in 1908, and for the past 10 years has been in real estate. His mother died a few years ago aged 100. Leaves his widow, Mary [nee Meharny], 5 sons, daughter, 3 brothers, sister.

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V/August 20, 1944, 6: wedding photo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant CH Lister & Margaret F Buchanan, only daughter of late Dr Franklin Buchanan, and Mrs Buchanan, of Victoria. [she is also in military uniform]

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V/August 20, 1944, 12: photo, Victoria girl riveters set aircraft record at Victoria plant of Boeing Aircraft. Muriel Marshall & Evelyn Brailsford... Evelyn, born in Alberta, she has a brother and 11 other relatives on active service...; Muriel was born in Victoria. Her brother, Albert Walter Marshall had served 3 ½ years with RCN, and was in on the Bismarck kill. He was killed in the sinking of HMCS Caribou [wife, Hazel Emma Marshall, Victoria]. These girls are so good at riveting that another girl has been added to the team to do

the reaming, hanging of skins and applying waterproofing ahead of the riveters.

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August 20, 1944, 12: engine repairs on SS Princess Maquinna expected to last 6 weeks, are now underway. In order to do this work, a section of the ship's deck will be cut away, allowing the engines to be hoisted out...

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August 20, 1944, 20: died August 17 at Victoria, BC, Alexander Smith, 57, of Saanich. Born in Australia he had lived in Victoria and district 55 years. Leaves brother in Vancouver. Vancouver burial

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V/August 20, 1944, 20: died August 17 at Los Angeles, California, Mary Grace Young, 88, widow of John Young, and a resident of Victoria for many years before moving to California 22 years ago. Born in Ontario. She leaves 4 daughters, son. Los Angeles

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V/August 22, 1944, 1: photo, US Ambassador to Canada, piped ashore after inspecting HMCS St Stephen at Naval Barracks. Lieutenant-Commander Charles Petersen, RCNR, Victoria, commanding officer...

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August 22, 1944, 4: Pacific Station, by Major FV Longstaff. "Since the publication of my 'History of Esquimalt Naval Base & the Pacific Station', in 1941, I have compiled a list of flagships and the dates of their commissioning, being an addition to Chapter VI, which I think owners of the book would like to insert in their copies. It is as follows..."

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V/August 22, 1944, 5: photo, Sergeant Douglas Oliver Mylrea, son of Philip D & Marguerite L Mylrea, Victoria... Brother, Sergeant Russell Mylrea, lost at sea when HMCS Margaree went down. Warrant Officer Reginald P Mylrea, 27, RCN, is a

veteran of 8 years naval service, and a sister, Phyllis, is with RCAF WD.

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V/August 22, 1944, 5: Lieutenant Edwin R Kercher, 27, reported killed in action in France August 5. In the army since 1939, he went overseas with South Saskatchewan Regiment in 1940, wounded at Dieppe he returned to Canada in 1943, graduated from COTC, Gordon Head and went back overseas. His widow resides at Cassidy, BC. August 23, 3: photo.

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V/August 22, 1944, 5: photo, J21433 Flight Lieutenant Pilot John Chester Valk, 27, missing after air operations August 17, word received by his wife Molly [nee Mackenzie] at Oak Bay, BC. He is son of J Valk, Vancouver, he was stationed at Patricia Bay before going overseas 18 months ago. He was serving as a bomber pilot. His wife's sister, Section Officer Kythe Mackenzie, is in RCAF WD. Halifax aircraft shot down and crashed in the sea off Sonderburg, Denmark during night operations against Germany. No known grave, name inscribed on Runnymede War Memorial, Egham, England.

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V/August 22, 1944, 5: photo, Staff Sergeant Charles G White, wounded during action in France, word received by his wife, Adelaide, in Saanich, BC. Son of George C & Maria Gibbard White, also of Saanich. He went overseas with Canadian Scottish Regiment in 1941 and later transferred to Royal Canadian Electrical & Mechanical Engineers.

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V/August 22, 1944, 5: J14109 Flying Officer Pilot William Ronald Campbell, 22, son of James H & Florence Angell Campbell, Prince George, formerly of Victoria, and grandson of Mrs W Campbell, Elk Lake, listed as missing. He graduated as a pilot in 1942, he took part in air operations



at Kiska and flew a Spitfire in the assaults prior to D-Day landings. Born and educated in Vancouver. He has a brother, Ray, in RCAF. His aircraft was engaged in an armed reconnaissance SE of Caen, France when it was hit by flak. He was last seen as he bailed out of his aircraft. Buried in War Cemetery, Banneville-la-Campagne, Normandy, France.

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August 22, 1944, 11: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Mrs Nellie Lewis Dickson, 79, born in New York state, she was widow of James Thomson Dickson. Resident here 40 years.

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V/August 22, 1944, 12: died August 20 at Victoria, BC, William Percival Brown, 59, of Saanich, born in England. He was an Imperial veteran of Great War, serving in RFC on the Italian front. Leaves widow, 6 sons, 5 daughters, 2 sisters, brother. Royal Oak Burial Park

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V/August 22, 1944, 16: photo, engine room staff of HMCS Skeena while on night action in English Channel; includes Stoker Petty Officer George Hall, Victoria...

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Died August 20, 1944 at Victoria, BC, Nellie Lewis, 79, widow of James Thomson Dickson. He was born in Inverness, Scotland. She was born in New York, residents here 40 years. 1 102 E 25

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V/August 23, 1944, 2: Canadian prisoners from Hong Kong held in Japan...

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V/August 23, 1944, 3: photo, Major Robert S Wells, reported missing overseas. Commissioned a lieutenant in 1939 he has been overseas 4 ½ years. He was wounded at Dieppe in 1942. Sergeant-Major W Wells, a brother is stationed in Regina. His wife and family reside at Saanich, BC. August 27, 3: photo, killed in action July 20 while

serving in France with South Saskatchewan Regiment.

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V/August 23, 1944, 3: photo, Glen Donald Underwood, 23, left for East after leave with his wife, Noreen, at Esquimalt. Born in Winnipeg, educated at Cloverdale & Mount View High Schools here. An elder brother, Company Sergeant-Major Charles Underwood, is in France.

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August 23, 1944, 3: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Samuel Turpel, 71, resident here 63 years. He attended school here, went into the shipbuilding business with his father, late William Turpel, who had come here from Nova Scotia.

In 1888 the Turpel shipyard was established and one of the 1<sup>st</sup> contracts was for building of SS Joan, for the Dunsmuir interests. The yard also built many well-known sealing schooners, Victoria then being the centre of the coastal sealing industry. One of these ships, Sadie Turpel, was named after daughter of Mr Turpel, who outfitted and dispatched the vessel to the sealing grounds. After the death of his father in 1926 at age 83, Samuel continued the shipyard operation near Johnson Street bridge with his brother, Emerson. Some years ago they sold out to Point Hope Shipyards.

Survived by his widow, Margaret Jeanette, 2 daughters: Mrs Fred Allan, and Miss Rena; 3 sons, one in Victoria, one in Bamberton and one at Wainwright, Alberta, and sister, Miss Sadie Turpel. Family plot, M 074 W H.

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V/August 23, 1944, 4: died August 20 at Victoria, BC, William Henry Youhill, 78, born in London, Ontario, resident here 15 years. He leaves a brother in California. He was a member of the International Typographical Union for 54 years. He was a sniper for more than 3 years with the 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Division, Great War.

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August 23, 1944, 6: Captain Annie J Hartley, Royal Red Cross, veteran nursing sister of Great War died yesterday at Brantford, Ontario.

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August 23, 1944, 6: photo, link with General Sir Bernard Montgomery, is photo of his late father, Bishop Sir Henry H Montgomery, in possession of Archbishop MTM Harding, who now lives in Victoria...

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V/August 23, 1944, 11: body of R164074 Flight Sergeant Pilot Laurence Richmond Carter, RCAF, listed as missing 2 months ago, has been washed ashore on an island near the English coast. New received by his aunt, Mrs Bessie Abigail Starmer, and uncle John R Stovel, both of Victoria. As a lad he spent considerable time at the home of his grandmother, late Mrs R Carter, Victoria. His parachute was found on him, unopened. Nothing has been learned of the other Canadians reported missing at the same time. [buried at Chester, England]

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V/Died August 22, 1944 at Victoria, BC, George Wood Irvine, 44, born Leith, Scotland, resident here 19 years. Leaves wife, Jessie, 2 brothers. Veterans' Cemetery, Esquimalt, B-10-0233

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Died August 20, 1944 at Victoria, BC, Mrs Jeanie Blythe Barr, 53, resident here 30 years, born in Paisley, Scotland. Leaves husband Peter, 3 daughters: Mrs M B Moore, Mrs M B Luscombe, Mrs D A Bossom.

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August 23, 1944: Believed to be greatest single Red Cross worker in BC, Mrs Annie Codville, of Pointer Island lighthouse, has set a record believed unbeatable in Canada. Since the 1<sup>st</sup> of this year 1,158 articles, including 250 knitted pieces, have come from this worker who is practically a

one-woman Red Cross branch. She works with a hand sewing machine, she has no interruptions, for she has no neighbours. [married Benjamin John Codville, July 12, 1919 at Pointer Island, BC [nee Slade] she died April 12, 1968, 83,Victoria]

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V/August 24, 1944, 2: Canadian Scottish Regiment has outstanding record of achievement in Normandy, photos, Major LS Henderson; Pipe-Major AJ MacMillan; Mascot, Wallace...

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V/August 24, 1944, 3: photo, Private Luke Reed, 22, Royal Regiment of Canada, wounded in action on the Normandy front August 13. Only son of Luke & Ethel Reed, Victoria. Born in England, educated here at Central High School. He enlisted 1941, overseas 6 months. His father, with RCN since the outbreak of war, is now stationed at Givenchy.

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V/August 24, 1944, 3: Private Victor Joshua Brailsford, son of Joshua & Bertha Brailsford, Sooke, listed as missing in action August 1. With Calgary Highlanders since 1943, he had been overseas for 6 months and in France since June. August 26, 3: photo. [killed August 1 in France]

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V/August 24, 1944, 3; 11: photo, Squadron Leader Jack Hudson, 26, DFC, RCAF, expected home today on leave, word received by his parents, Charles & Eleanor Hudson, Oak Bay, BC. He enlisted 1940, has been overseas 3 years. He won his DFC in 1943 with Alouette Squadron. Educated at Monterey & Oak Bay High School, he enlisted in 1940. August 26, 6: photo, with mother...

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August 24, 1944, 4: BC Archives receives history up to 1858 of Church of Scotland Mission in BC...

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August 24, 1944, 4: Oak Bay Boathouse will be improved, operated by John S Bowker...

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August 24, 1944, 5: HMCS Iroquois helps sink 8 enemy craft, under Commander JC Hibbard, who won Distinguished Service Cross aboard HMCS Skeena earlier in the war...

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V/August 24, 1944, 6: photo, Sergeant Marjorie Louise Todd-Finney, daughter of Ernest Dain & Ethel Todd, Oak Bay, BC, is dispatcher for RCAF communications flights at Northwest Air Command... She enlisted with CWAC and later transferred to RCAF, WD... [divorced 1948, name changed to Todd]

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V/August 24, 1944, 11: photo, Flight Lieutenant William Brodigan, 23, now in Victoria on leave, son of Mrs Florence Brodigan, Victoria. Left here in 1940 to train as RCAF pilot.

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August 24, 1944, 11: died August 21 at Victoria, BC, Charles Alvin McKinnon, 59, born Prince Edward Island, survived by son Alvin, brother William A, 3 sisters: Mrs E McLeod, Mrs J W Whitehead, and Mrs T Brown. Cremate

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V/Died August 22, 1944 at Oak Bay, BC, Claude Henry Dodwell, 55, born in Surrey, England, resident of Williams Lake 21 years prior to coming to Victoria 7 years ago. He had been a semi-invalid for years, he served with 16<sup>th</sup> Scottish Battalion in Great War. Leaves wife, Grace, daughter, son.

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August 24, 1944, 12: died suddenly yesterday at Saanich, BC, Kate Jones, 79, resident here 60 years, wife of George Lester Jones. Leaves also 3 daughters, brothers [Bradbury], sisters. Colwood

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August 24, 1944, 12: died yesterday at

Victoria, BC, Henry Coe, 76, of Saanich, BC. Born in England, resident here 21 years. Leaves widow, Sara Marla, son, Mate CN Coe, RCNR, 2 daughters, 5 brothers, sister.

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V/August 25, 1944, 3: photos, Captain RE Macdonald, Gordon Highlanders & Sergeant Geoffrey Macdonald, RCCS, sons of Dr John D & Mrs Minnie Macdonald, Victoria, both serving on the northern front in France. Born in Victoria they were educated at Oak Bay & Victoria High Schools.

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V/August 25, 1944, 3: Sergeant Ronald Bland, 24, 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Scottish Regiment, seriously wounded in Normandy August 15. Son of Frederick R & Margaret Bland, Victoria. Born here, educated at Victoria West & Victoria High Schools, he joined the militia in 1939, and went active with the Scottish at the outbreak of war. His brother, Flying Officer Bomb Aimer Leonard Alvin Bland, has been listed as missing since March. Their father lives at Wellington. August 26, 3: photo. [see Leonard's obit, March, December, 1944]

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V/August 25, 1944, 3: photo, Signalman Arthur Raymond Squires, has been Prisoner of War in Japanese hands since the fall of Hong Kong in 1941. His wife, Mrs Marianne Ringland Dobbin Squires, Victoria, has received 2 letters from him... He joined the forces in 1940 and spent 6 months with Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps before transferring to RCCS. He left with the Canadians for Hong Kong in 1941, and was in the fighting there until wounded December 24.

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V/August 25, 1944, 3: Private Hugh Ivor Parry, 22, North Nova Scotia Highlanders, was killed in France July 25. Only son of Owen & Olive Parry, Victoria. Born 1922 in Manitoba, he was educated at Quadra & Victoria High Schools. August 27, 1944, 3:

photo.

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August 25, 1944, 11: photo, Oak Bay nurtures unique wild plant park... Mrs Ada G [widow of HR] Beaven, 6 years ago presented more than ½ acre of her property to Oak Bay, and since 1938, she and the municipality have developed and maintained the small park...

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August 25, 1944, 12: died August 23 at San Rafael, California, Nanette Joy, wife of Thomas Gus Akins, youngest daughter of Mrs Vyvyan Grant, granddaughter of Agnes Jane [Mrs William W Bolton].

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V/Killed in action August 25, 1944, J36786 Flight Officer Allan William Campbell, 26, of Strathroy, Ontario. Was attacking barges on the Seine River when his aircraft was hit by flak. It was last seen in a dive at 4,000 feet. Buried in Bretteville-Sur-Laize Canadian War Cemetery, France.

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V/August 26, 1944, 3: photo, Petty Officer John 'Jack' Albert Mayar, RCNVR, recently promoted from leading supply assistant at a west coast naval station. Graduate of Victoria High School, he enlisted 1942. Son of Louis & Florence Mayar, [married to Marjorie H Barnes Mayar].

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V/August 26, 1944, 3: photo, RCAF Pilot Officer Wireless/Air Gunner Marcus Gordon Grant, commissioned overseas. Son of James E & Sybil Haultain Grant, Saanich, he has 2 brothers, Eric & Romaine James Grant, also in RCAF.

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V/August 26, 1944, 3: Trooper John 'Mac' Page, Duke of York's Hussars, wounded in France August 9. Son of Alexander Page, educated at Victoria. August 27, 3: photo.

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V/August 26, 1944, 3: Mrs JP Merriman, Victoria, has received word that her brother,

Sergeant James Deigan, missing in action since July 25 at Normandy. He enlisted in 1939 with Black Watch of Montreal. He was born at Work Point Barracks, Esquimalt, received his early education at Lampson Street School before moving to Halifax. His father, and his wife live at Montreal.

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V/August 26, 1944, 3: Rifleman Glenn Manzer, Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, son of Archibald G Manzer & Marion Glenn Bertram Manzer, Vancouver, formerly of Duncan, is missing in action in France. As a boy he lived for a time in Victoria. His father is well known as a logging operator at Sooke and elsewhere on the Island. September 1, 3: not missing, only wounded and in a French hospital.

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V/August 26, 1944, 3: Private Robert Oswald Barr, reported wounded in action in France. He joined South Saskatchewan Regiment in 1942, and has been overseas only a short time. Born and educated at Victoria, he is well known in sport circles.

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August 26, 1944, 10: died August 24 at Victoria, BC, John Flynn, 75, born in England, resident of Esquimalt for many years. Royal Oak Burial Park

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V/August 26, 1944, 13: photo, Judge William Edward Fisher, was admitted to the bar 50 years ago in Victoria... he began his career in the Cariboo district... he has 2 sons in the army, Lieutenants William H & Edward P Fisher, both in Royal Canadian Artillery. He was born in Victoria in 1871, and educated here. He was articled to late CE Pooley.

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Killed in action August 26, 1944 at Caen, France, Sapper Edgar Norman Shea. Poem

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V/August 27, 1944, 3: Captain Douglas Ian Palmer, 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Scottish Regiment,

who suffered spinal injuries on 43<sup>rd</sup> day of Normandy battle, has arrived in Canada. He was promoted to that rank in the field. He was educated at St Christopher's School, Oak Bay, and in Scotland. His wife, former Mary Lindgren, lives at Thetis Lake. August 29, 5: D-Day found Palmer in the thick of battle. He had little to say tonight about the 42 days of fighting he saw in France, but he didn't want to talk about it. Accompanying the men home was Nursing Sister Lieutenant Myrtle AG O'Leary...

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V/August 27, 1944, 3: photo, Leading AirCraftman Kenton Wilson, son of Albert F & Daisy Vera Kenton Wilson, Oak Bay, now in England attached to RAF. Born and educated in Kamloops, he has been in RCAF since 1941.

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V/August 27, 1944, 3: photo, brothers, Private William J Boshier, Royal Canadian Army Service Corps & Staff Sergeant Herbert A Boshier. Bill returned to Victoria this week after 4 years overseas, latterly in Sicily & Italy campaigns. Bert is still serving in Italy with Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps, and was previously in action in North Africa & Sicily. Their parents, John E & Jane Reading Boshier, live at Sidney...

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V/August 27, 1944, 3: Lieutenant Malcolm Keith Lorimer, 27, 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Scottish Regiment, wounded in France. With the Scottish since the outbreak of the war, he was born in Victoria, son of William K & Edith Lorimer. His wife, Edith E Zuur Lorimer, also lives here. August 31, 5: photo, his brother, George, recently died of wounds overseas.

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V/August 27, 1944, 3: photo, Pilot Officer William F Griffiths, 29, recovering from emergency appendectomy. Son of Owen Griffiths, Victoria. He enlisted with RCAF in 1942 and has been overseas 1 ½ years. An

air gunner he has completed one tour of operations and has been instructing in England six months.

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August 27, 1944, 3: review of book of poetry by Major Dick Diespecker...

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V/August 27, 1944, 7: photo, Leading AirWoman Gwynn MacAfee, younger daughter of GG MacAfee, Oak Bay, now posted to Ottawa...

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V/August 27, 1944, 7: Private Doreen Swayne, CWAC, daughter of Mrs Charles Swayne, Esquimalt, now serving in France...

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August 27, 1944, 8: photo, Mrs Ina DD Uthoff at work in her studio...

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V/August 27, 1944, photos, HMCS Charlottetown, commanded by Lieutenant-Commander J Harding, born at Colwood, he attended Lampson Street School, Esquimalt. Two brothers also serve in RCN, Chief Petty Officer William R Harding & Petty Officer Frank E Harding. John, their father, is a veteran of the South African war, resides in Victoria, and their sister, Mrs Louise Punser, at Esquimalt.

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August 27, 1944, 17: died August 25 at Victoria, BC, Mrs Clara Eleanor MacLachlan, 85, born 1898 at Victoria. Was resident of 1032 Mason street for 53 years. Daughter of late William H Croghan [HBC] and Amy Thomas Croghan, both born in England. During her girlhood she lived at Fort Langley, Salt Spring Island, Maple Bay and other HBC posts, and often made the journeys between them in Indian-manned canoes. She married Captain Daniel MacLachlan in 1881. He operated trading vessels in North Pacific waters, in addition to being member of the firm of MacLachlan Brothers & Lee, owners of lime quarries and kilns on San Juan and Orcas Islands.

Disposing of these interests in 1882, he conducted a grain business here until 1896, when he entered the services of the Indian Department. At the time of his death in 1916 he was employed by Dominion Public Works department. She leaves son, Robert Douglas MacLachlan, and a large number of nephews and nieces and other relatives. Pallbearers: Dr S F Miles, Ralph Cruikshank, James N Givens, Joseph Levy, Harry Sheppard, James E Jones. Family plot, G 029 W 10.

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August 27, 1944, 17: photo, funeral for Alfred Smith Huxtable, 67, well-known Port of Victoria customs and excise officer. Born in Victoria, son of William & Ann Jane Huxtable, who came here in 1863, their family home was at Fort & Quadra Streets. Educated at Central & Victoria High Schools & Stanford University, California he returned to Victoria to begin his career. His 1<sup>st</sup> job was with M W Waitt Co, well known music dealers. From the music business he turned to the typewriter trade, and for 10 years was with Remington Co... Leaves widow, son, brother, sister, all of Victoria. August 29, 4: editorial... Royal Oak Burial Park

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V/August 27, 1944, 24: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, William Rennie, 64, born in Scotland, resident here 27 years. Leaves widow, Isabella McWilliams Rennie; 2 sons, Sergeant John Lindsay Rennie, PPCLI in Italy, wife, Kathleen, resident at Oak Bay; Quartermaster Sergeant Gordon G Rennie, Victoria, brother, 3 sisters. Colwood.

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August 27, 1944, 24: remains of late Mrs Emily Mary Baird, 78, who died August 21, will be forwarded to Port Renfrew.

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August 27, 1944, 24: died August 25 at Victoria, BC, John Swann, 63. Survived by widow, Edith, 2 daughters, Mrs W Heaton,

and Mrs Frederick Hick, and son Corporal CJ Swann, overseas.

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August 27, 1944, 24: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Ernest Henderson, 73, born in Newcastle-on-Tyne, resident here since 1919. Survived by daughter Johan, and son, Jasper, RCOC. Royal Oak Burial Park

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V/August 29, 1944, 1: photo, 40 hours before RCN assault craft mother ship, HMCS Prince Henry, landed troops in southern France, ship's company gathered...

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August 29, 1944, 3: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Walter Cook Hembroff, of Oak Bay, BC, born in Paisley, Bruce County, Ontario, resident here 32 years. For some time he was known in the automobile tire business. Leaves 3 daughters. Cremate

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V/August 29, 1944, 3: photo, J14164 Flying Officer Navigator Arthur John Brown, reported missing in 1943, now presumed dead. Born in Victoria, he graduated as a navigator in 1942. He established the brilliant record of 99% in his final exam. Son of Arthur J Brown, educated at Central & Victoria High Schools & Victoria College. [see November, 1943]

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V/August 29, 1944, 3: photo, J20231 Flying Officer Navigator Stanley Edgar Crosby, 26, reported missing in 1943, now presumed dead. Son of SJ Thorn, he attended Oaklands & Victoria High Schools. He was an observer with RCAF Lion Squadron. [see October, 1943]

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V/August 29, 1944, 3: photo, J16142 Flying Officer Ramsay H Milne, son of RG Milne, Metchosin, listed as missing after air operations over France August 19. He has been flying with Beaver Typhoon Squadron from a Normandy base since D-Day, covering the advance of the Allied forces.

Prisoner of War #86448

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V/August 29, 1944, photo, Trooper Jack Gorton, wounded in action in France August 14. Son of G Gorton, Saanich, BC. With Tanks Corps since 1942, he went overseas with his unit that year and transferred to a reconnaissance group on arrival in England. Born here, he attended McKenzie Avenue School. His elder brother is an acting petty officer on convoy duty with RCNVR.

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V/August 29, 1944, 3: photo, Major Desmond Gerald Crofton, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment, wounded during action in France. Son of Mrs Frances N Crofton, Ganges, BC. Born here, he has a brother, Major Patrick Donovan Crofton, PPCLI, who was wounded in Italy 1943.

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V/August 29, 1944, 3: Trooper Stephen Eugene Maxwell, 33, previously listed missing in France August 9, now reported killed on that date. Son of David & Clara P Trage Maxwell, Fulford Harbour, Salt Spring Island. He enlisted with 28<sup>th</sup> Canadian Armoured Regiment.

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V/August 29, 1944, 4: photo, Driver Andrew Kenneth Ogden, injured at Ortona, Italy, now on leave with his parents Andrew & Florence Ogden, Victoria. Brought here from England as a baby, he attended Saanich schools, he enlisted in 1939.

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V/August 29, 1944, 3: photo, Private John Dempster, son of John & Margaret Dempster, Saanich, BC, wounded in fighting in France August 14. Born in Victoria, he attended local schools, enlisting in 1943. He was attached to Royal Regiment of Canada. His father is a veteran of the Great War, wounded on the Somme.

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V/August 29, 1944, 3: death confirmed of Flight Sergeant Cecil John Edgar Kindt,

RCAF, son of Peter H Kindt. Listed as missing since a large raid on Germany in 1943. A brother, Private Victor Kindt, Calgary Highlanders, is in France. [see January, 1944]

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V/August 29, 1944, 3: Flight Lieutenant David Henry Evans, reported missing over France 6 weeks ago, has returned safely to his unit. Son of James Evans, Nanaimo, this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> time since 1940 he has been on the missing list.

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ChHx/V/August 29, 1944, 6: photo, silver set presented to HMCS Capilano by Miss Mary Lim, who has been a welder at Yarrows shipyard for nearly 2 years.

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V/August 29, 1944, 8: Acts of heroism aboard lost corvette, HMCS Regina... [2 dead, 27 missing...]; September 13, 5: Regina survivors home...

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V/August 29, 1944, 10: Lieutenant Jack Leonard Shadbolt, of Victoria, is with the historical section of the Canadian Army... One of 10 artists to proceed overseas...

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August 29, 1944, 11: died August 27 at Victoria, BC, Edward Ernest Wootton, 78. Born October, 1865 in Victoria he practised law for 50 years. Son of late Captain Henry Wootton, a shipmaster and postmaster of Crown Colony of Vancouver Island, he was born in an old colonial house at the corner of Quadra & Courtney streets, which still stands. He was articled to D M Eberts, KC, being called to the bar in August, 1888. Married almost 51 years to Frances Amelia Smith, he leaves 5 sons, all of whom served in Great War or the present World War, and 4 daughters: Henry; Edward A; Francis W Y; Arthur; Robert A B; Mrs Jessie A S Rugg; Mrs Bertha Stewart; Mrs Kathleen V Clark; Miss E Mary Wootton. August 30, 4: editorial... B 083 E 32

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August 29, 1944, 12: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Arthur Albert Bryant, 75, of Saanich, BC. Born in England, resident here 25 years. Leaves widow, Delia, brother. St Michael's Churchyard.

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August 29, 1944, 12 died August 27 at Victoria, BC, Amy Elizabeth Mould, 69, born 1875 in North Saanich. She leaves husband, Thomas, 2 daughters, 2 sisters, 3 brothers [Williams]. Royal Oak Burial Park

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V/August 30, 1944, 3: Pilot Officer Archie McLellan, RCAF, was an electric ship welder at Esquimalt Dockyard before enlisting. Today, as a Thunderbird Squadron rear gunner, with one tour behind him... He was in his bomber on D-Day and also when RCAF Bomber Group pounded positions at Caen that were holding up Canadian troops.

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V/August 30, 1944, 3: photo: Sergeant Roy B Hingley, [son of John B & Lola Hingley] Oak Bay & Sergeant GF Snelling, 19, Victoria, he attended school at Ladysmith; Willows & Victoria High Schools; recent RCAF graduates...

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V/August 30, 1944, 3: photo, Pilot Officer Joseph John Mollison, reported missing after operations over France, now safe in England. Son of Joseph J Mollison, Esquimalt. It is thought he had been held prisoner in one of the French towns liberated by the Allies...

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V/August 30, 1944, 3: photo: Brigadier General John Meredith Rockingham promoted to that rank recently. Born in Australia, he came to Victoria as a young man. He was commissioned in Canadian Scottish Regiment in 1935 and proceeded overseas as a major in 1941. His wife, Mary Carlyle Rockingham, resides with her mother, Mrs HR Hammond, West Saanich.

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V/August 30, 1944, 3: Sergeant George Lorimer, 26, has died of wounds received in France. His wife, Alberta Aitken Lorimer, resides in Victoria, he is 2<sup>nd</sup> son of William K & Isabella Gibson Lorimer, also residents here. Born at Calgary, he spent most of his life in Sooke where he was educated. He joined Canadian Scottish Regiment at outbreak of war and went overseas with his unit in 1941. Three brothers are in the service, 2 of whom are overseas with Canadian Scottish Regiment.

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V/August 30, 1944, 3: Corporal Kenneth Robert Marsland, 23, Royal Winnipeg Rifles, former YMCA leader at Victoria, missing in action in France [killed in action August 8]. Son of Frederick W & Jean F Marsland, Victoria, he enlisted in 1941 with Canadian Dental Corps before transferring. His twin brother, Pilot Officer Douglas Marsland, is a wireless officer with RAF in India.

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V/August 30, 1944, 3: photo, Lieutenant Peter C Pearce, wounded August 8 in France, son of Mrs FA Pearce, Victoria. Now in #24 Canadian General Hospital, England. He had transferred from Canadian army to a British Regiment, Queen's Own Highlanders.

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V/August 30, 1944, 3: photo, missing [killed] following action in France August 8, Gunner Charles Henry 'Chuck' Farrant, 26, only son of George & Gladys Farrant, Victoria. He had served in Alaska before going overseas in 1943 with an anti-tank battery.

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V/August 30, 1944, 3: returned men: Lieutenant TA Forbes; Major LW Johnson, of Victoria; Major James Albert Bennell, of Oak Bay [born 1897, born England, wife, Ruby]...



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V/August 30, 1944, 3: 4 Victorians among recent casualties: Private James Thomas Livingstone, 31, killed in France August 1, born in Manitoba, he came here as a lad, educated at local schools. His father, late James, was a veteran of Great War [mother, Mrs Margaret Livingstone]; Lieutenant Thomas Neil, RCCE, wounded in France August 4. His wife, Pearl at Esquimalt. In Canadian Army 12 years, he was originally with PPCLI and transferred to RCCE at outbreak of war; Private JE Court, 27, wounded August 12 in France. Son of Jack & Alice Court, Saanich. Born and educated here he has been overseas 5 months. August 31, 5: photo, Court...

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August 30, 1944, 5: photo, located at Oak Bay rose park at Newport & Currie, is a large sundial believed to be 200 years old. It was sent here a few months before the war started from Brentford, England, historic seat of Duke of Northumberland. The rose park contains nearly 100 different varieties of roses, opened in 1938...

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August 30, 1944, 5: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Richard James, 84, of Oak Bay, born in Cornwall, England, resident here 64 years. Survived by daughter Mrs Walter B Colvin, 4 sons: Garfield, Richard, Walter and Fred. Also sister, Mrs Mary Waters. Family plot, T 032 W 44.

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V/August 30, 1944, 8: photos, 5 Victoria sailors win awards for D-Day action [HMCS Huron & Haida and in Canadian-manned torpedo boats]: Bar to Distinguished Service Medal, Chief Petty Officer Douglas Abbott, Haida, son of Lawrence & Martha Abbott, joined RCN in 1930 aged 16. He served on several destroyers after being on Robert when she captured German freighter early in the war. Was awarded after Haida's part in action in which HMCS Athabaskan was

sunk; Chief Petty Officer Telegraphist LS Stone, has been in RCN 17 years. Son of George W & Clara Stone, Esquimalt. His wife, former Sylvia Wright, now lives in Nova Scotia, Huron. August 31, 5: photo; Chief Ordnance Artificer Magnum Pederson, Haida, his wife resides at Saanich; Mentioned in dispatches: CPO RA Barker, Haida, wife resides at Esquimalt, has been on Haida since her commissioning in England last year.; Signalman GH Mannix, Saanich, of Haida, youngest son of Leonard N & Flora Mannix, born in Victoria, attended McKenzie Avenue & Mount View High Schools...

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August 30, 1944, 12: died August 28 at Victoria, BC, Mrs Violet Louisa Owen, 48, born in Victoria, survived by husband, Edward Reginald, mother, Mrs Emma Maria Anderson, son & daughter. Royal Oak Burial Park

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V/August 30, 1944, 12: died August 28 at Vancouver, BC, as a result of a motorcycle/car accident at Bellingham, Washington, R197695 Leading Aircraftman James David Syme, 21, RCAF, youngest son of Mrs Mary L Syme, Milne's Landing, BC, and late John Syme, chief of Oak Bay police, born in Victoria. Leaves mother, brother, John A and 2 sisters, Corporal Janet Syme, CWAC, and Mrs C S Leving. September 1, 3: attended Willows, Oak Bay High & Victoria High Schools. Prior to enlisting in 1942 he was employed at the Boeing Aircraft plant in Vancouver, VMD & Yarrows. Name inscribed on Oak Bay Memorial. Colwood.

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V/Killed in action August 30, 1944, R58680 Warrant Officer1 John Benjamin Gravelet-Chapman, 25, of Saanichton, BC. Target, Stettin, Germany. Buried Arnholt Cemetery, Island of Arnholt, Denmark.

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V/August 31, 1944, 5: photo, killed in action June 30, Corporal Howard Ford, he came to Victoria in 1937 and joined the militia here just before the war. He went overseas in 1941 with Canadian Scottish Regiment, and landed in Normandy on D-Day.

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V/August 31, 1944, 5: photo, J87688 Acting Pilot Officer Dick Miller, 20, RCAF. Educated at Lampson & Esquimalt High Schools, he joined NPAM in 1932 and went overseas with Anti-Tank Corps in 1940, transferring to RCAF 1941. He is a veteran of more than 22 operational flights. Son of James & Jessie Miller, Victoria. His father has had 28 years service with armed forces; 12 years with Royal Navy, 16 with Royal Canadian Army, one year of which was in this war. September 30, 3: photo. His wife, former Doris Buxton, resides here. Prisoner of War# 52774. November 25, 3: photo, now listed as prisoner of war in Germany.

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V/August 31, 1944, 5: photo, Trooper Donald Burnfield, now serving overseas with Canadian Armoured Corps. Born in Victoria, educated at Cedar Hill School. [see 1940, George William Burnfield, sons of William & Hazel Burnfield]

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Killed August 31, 1944, J3472 Flight Lieutenant Pilot Michael Kidston McGuire, 21, RCAF, of Victoria, BC. Halifax aircraft crashed while on a training flight. Buried Blacon Cemetery, Chester, England.

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Died of wounds received in the field in Italy on September 1, 1944, Ronald Tatlow Cornwall, born April 8, 1916, in BC, son of Fitzalan Victor Cornwall, grandson of Clement Cornwall & Charlotte Pemberton.

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V/September 1, 1944, 3: Corporal George More Christison, 23, 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Parachute Battalion, killed August 17 in action in France. Son of Alexandre R & Jane

Christison, Saanich. He bailed out of with paratroop spearhead of invasion forces well before the dawn of D-Day. Before enlisting 3 years ago he had been overseas for a year. Born in Saskatchewan.

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V/September 1, 1944, 3: photo, Leading AirCRAFTman George Gordon Cliff, at RCAF airport, Whitehouse, Yukon Territory. His wife, Evelyn Muriel, resides at Victoria. He is an airframe mechanic.

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September 1, 1944, 3: Josephine E Drader has joined ranks of Canadian Women's Army Corps.

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V/September 1, 1944, 3: photo, Flight Officer Wilton Stott, son of Wilton Stott, Victoria, BC, now home on leave after service in South Pacific. He was with RCAF in England in 1941, loaned to New Zealand Air Force. On completing his leave he expects to be returned to England...

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V/September 1, 1944, 3: Lieutenant Arthur Rice-Jones, former Victoria hockey goalie in the Allan Cup finals of 1943, has been reported missing following action in France.

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V/September 1, 1944, 3: Private Roy James Parlee, 21, youngest son of George Parlee, Cowichan Station, has been killed in action with 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment, in France. There are 2 other sons, Fred & George, in RCAF. September 2, 3: photo, son of Mrs S Green, Victoria. He was with his battalion when they landed in Normandy on D-Day. Educated at Central High School, enlisted 1941, overseas 1 year.

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V/September 1, 1944, 11: Staff-Sergeant Joseph Tatham, 24, of Victoria, serving in France, was a member of a special detachment of No 2 Canadian Tank Troop Workshop... he came here in 1930, attended South Park & Sir James Douglas Schools.

He went overseas 4 years ago.; Staff-Sergeant Ralph Benjamin Kelleway, son of Peter & Edith Kelleway, was in the same group...

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September 2, 1944, 1: 3 drown off Campbell River: John Law Sr; George Thomas Law and wife, 31 [Vera Natalie McKeown?]....

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V/September 2, 1944, 3: photo, Private William James 'Bill' Gunn, 22, killed in action August 15 in France. Born in Saanichton, son of Mrs AG Gunn, educated at Mount Newton High School. He enlisted with an anti-tank unit in 1942, and had been overseas only 2 months. A brother, Donald, has been overseas 4 years with Dental Corps.

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V/September 2, 1944, 3: photo, Gunner James Harry Brooks, 22, wounded in action August 5. Son of Charles & Amy Brooks, Oak Bay, educated at Monterey & Oak Bay High Schools. A brother, Corporal John Charles Brooks, is with RCAF in France, attached as a metal mechanic to a Mustang squadron. September 3, 3: photo.

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V/September 2, 1944, 3: photo, Staff Sergeant Reuben William Lamb, 32, Victoria soldier wounded and died 3 days later. He enlisted 1939, went overseas 1941 and landed in France on D-Day with Royal Canadian Army Service Corps. Born in Regina, he came to Victoria in 1929. His wife, Mary Jean Scott Lamb, resides at Victoria]

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V/September 2, 1944, 3: photo, Private Harry S Barber, wounded while fighting in France. Son of Frederick Walter & Gladys M Collison Barber, Victoria born, attended Victoria Junior High & Victoria High Schools. He joined Canadian Scottish Regiment 1941, overseas 1942. Three brothers are serving in CSSR, Fred; Walter

[wounded on D-Day in Normandy], and Terry Spence Barber. Another brother, George William, recently received his discharge from Canadian Scottish Regiment.

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September 2, 1944, 12: in memoriam notice for dear mother, Sarah Cooper, by George, Austin, May & Louise.

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V/September 3, 1944, 3: photos, Flight Officer Robert V Ostler & Lieutenant William L Ostler, sons of Leonard Cyril & Jane Windsor Morry Ostler, Victoria, who are serving in RAF & RCN respectively. Robert left here 1939, en route for England, where he worked as a mechanic for 3 years. He then applied for a pilot's course and received his wings & commission in South Africa. William is 2<sup>nd</sup> in command of HMCS Peterborough. He left here 1941 and is now on convoy duty. December 8, 3: photo, Robert, 24, son of LC Ostler, listed as missing following air operations overseas December 4. He has been serving as skipper of a bomber. December 31, 3: photo, now reported safe

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V/September 3, 1944, 3: Petty Officer Eric Whitehouse, 30, RCN, has died in enemy action. He joined the navy in 1930, serving on convoy duty for 2 years on the Atlantic. His wife, Alice McKay, resides in Saanich. September 6, 5: photo.

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September 3, 1944, 5: Canadians waiting for word of Vimy Memorial...; September 6, 3: photo, undamaged...

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September 3, 1944, 15: Dr Thomas Arthur Rickard, 80, resident of Esquimalt, BC...

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No paper September 5, 1944.

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September 6, 1944, 4: Sooke property of late William Alexander Jameson, founder of WA Jameson Coffee Co has changed hands after

being in the family 50 years. Now owned by a Washington couple. Jameson established a pre-emption on a quarter section in 1889...

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V/September 6, 1944, 5: photos, Flight Lieutenant John Edward Porter, who with his friend, Flight Officer David Richard Jones, are listed as missing following air operations overseas. Both Victoria-born, they attended local schools and both worked at Legislative Buildings before enlistment. Training in the same flying schools, they were members of the same aircrew when reported missing. Porter, son of John James & Lillian E Parkinson Porter, Mt Tolmie, enlisted 1942; Jones, son of John Richard & Ann C Main Jones, Victoria. Killed in action August 25, J25808 Flight-Lieutenant Pilot John Edward 'Jack' Porter, 22, RCAF, of Victoria, and his Lancaster crew. Target, Russelsheim, went down over France during a night attack. Buried in Ardennes, France. Also killed on this flight was J25750 Flying Officer Navigator David Richard Jones, 22, also of Victoria. He is buried at Boulton-aux-Bois, Ardennes, France.

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V/September 6, 1944, 5: Brian Dean Freeman, 19, son of Mrs Marion Freeman & Edward D Freeman, killed on active service. Born in Victoria, educated here and in England. He had been overseas 4 months. Killed August 30 J40506 Flight Officer Brian Deane-Freeman, 19, of Esquimalt, BC. Wellington aircraft engaged in circuits and landings, crashed shortly after take-off near Leicestershire, England. September 7, 3: photo. Buried at Woking, England.

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V/September 6, 1944, 5: Lieutenant Laurie McHugh, Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, wounded during action in France. His wife, Eileen, lives at Victoria.

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V/September 6, 1944, 5: 3 brothers, Gunners Douglas, Donald James & Gordon Lynn

Dobbie, sons of Alexander L & Ethel Beatrice Wright Dobbie, Victoria, have had a recent reunion in Italy. Douglas & Donald, twins, have been in Italy since 1943, Gordon arrived there early this year.

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V/September 6, 1944, 5: J89892//R192969 Pilot Officer Air Gunner Francis Lawrence Rey, 19, son of Alexis Xavier & Mary Elizabeth Behan Rey, of Duncan. Now presumed dead. He went overseas in 1943. A sister, Katherine, attends St Ann's Academy, Victoria. [see June, 1944] September 7, 3: photo.

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V/September 6, 1944, Lieutenant Edward Knight 'Bud' Pangman, Royal Canadian Army, MC, wounded while serving with Canadian 1<sup>st</sup> Division in Italy. Son of Charles Wentworth & Eileen Kertland Pangman, Oak Bay. His wife, Lillian Noel Earle Pangman, resides at Penticton. [he died 1973, North Vancouver]

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V/September 6, 1944, 5: Pilot Officer Donald V Thompson, 26, navigator, overseas since 1942, now on leave with wife at Saanich, BC. He served for a year on coastal command in Iceland and has also served with transport section of RCAF.

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V/September 6, 1944, 7: Lady Emily Walker, Victoria, receives word of 2 family members. Aunt, Lady Georgina Home-Dummond, died at Scotland and nephew, Lieutenant Frank Seymour, RN, killed in action...

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September 6, 1944, 9: photo, died yesterday at Victoria, BC, James Forman, UEL, businessman with more than 50 years in the financial life of Victoria. Born 1860 in Londonderry, Nova Scotia, he came to BC in 1890. Partnered with Bernard Heisterman. Leaves daughter, 2 sisters, 3 brothers. Royal Oak Burial Park

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September 6, 1944, 9: killed recently in an airplane crash in eastern US, Dr Wallace Widnell Dinsdale Knott. His wife, former Cecilia Vallance Nairn Shaw, of Nanaimo, is sister of Mrs CN Westwood, Cadboro Bay Rd. Son of Wallace J & Margaret A Dinsdale Knott, grad of UBC he attended public school & Victoria High Schools. He taught for a time at Oaklands School... He leaves widow, son, 2 brothers, aunt, Mrs William Moore, Uplands, BC. Royal Oak Burial Park

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September 7, 1944, 2: funeral services for Mrs Mabel Alberta Ridgley, 52, who died September 5 at Victoria. Born here, she leaves husband Percy; father, John Irvine, [mother Alice Whittiker], sister, Mrs WW Moore, 2 brothers, Roy and Delbert, now serving with Royal Canadian Army in France.

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V/September 7, 1944, 3: photo, died of wounds received August 16 in France, Gunner Stanley F Kenward, 25, son of AJ Kenward, Victoria. He enlisted 1940. Two brothers also serving, Lieutenant Arthur G Kenward, and Trayton Kenward, RCNVR. Another brother, Captain Kenneth Kenward, was recently discharged from Royal Canadian Army on medical grounds.

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V/September 7, 1944, 3: Private Harold Johnson, son of HL Johnson, Ceepeecee, BC, reported killed in action overseas. He enlisted with Seaforth Highlanders, transferring to Calgary Highlanders overseas. Educated at Victoria.

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V/September 7, 1944, 3: reported missing. He enlisted 1942, had been overseas 11 months. A brother, Geoffrey, serving in RCAF, and a sister, Zoe Winfield Harman, a nursing sister in South Africa. Killed in action August 31, J89312//R172392 Pilot

Officer Navigator Frederic Cuthbert Harman, 31, RCAF, of Cadboro Bay, BC. Target - Ile de Cezembre, France. During this low-level attack the released bombs exploded causing Halifax aircraft to stall and crash in the sea. Son of Harold Frederic Harman, stepson of Marion H Parlett Harman, both of Saanich. September 8, 5: photo. No known grave, name inscribed on Runnymede War Memorial, Egham, England and Oak Bay Memorial.

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V/September 7, 1944, 3: photo, Lieutenant C Rutherford, son of Colin Henry & Amy Julia Ronald Rutherford, Oak Bay, BC, wounded in action in France August 29. He went overseas in 1942, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment, then attached to Royal Regiment of Canada. Educated at St Michael's & Oak Bay High Schools, he was with 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment before enlistment.

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V/September 7, 1944, 3: veteran of 34 operational flights, Pilot Officer Edward Steele, 26, recently promoted to this rank. Born at Nanaimo, he worked at Victoria Super Service before enlisting in 1941, overseas for 1 ½ years.

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V/September 7, 1944, 3: killed in action August 24 in Italy, Lieutenant Forbes Thoburn McIntosh, 30, Royal Canadian Artillery. Predeceased by brother Captain Douglas E McIntosh, he leaves wife, Dorothy at Esquimalt, BC, parents, Judge John Charles & Eva Bond Thoburn McIntosh, of Oak Bay, 3 sisters, Mrs Eva Bond Tisdall, wife of Lieutenant Ernest Patrick Tisdall of HMCS Skeena, and Misses Helen and Betty at home... His father was elected Unionist MP for Esquimalt in 1917, and later was appointed County Court judge here.

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September 7, 1944, 4: editorial, West Coast

road, by Frank M Kelley...

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September 7, 1944, 5: died September 4 at Victoria, BC, Walter Milligan Foster, 74, born in Bradford, England, resident here since 1907. Leaves wife, Alice, 6 sons, 2 daughters. St Michael's churchyard.

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V/September 7, 1944, 17: HMCS Haida helps sink submarine and capture her entire crew...; RCN played great part in invasion...; photo, RCAF Lieutenant Charles Bendall, of Victoria, officer commanding ground instruction school, PEI...; September 15, 1: HMCS Haida & British destroyer Eskimo score U-boat...

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V/September 8, 1944, 1: photo, Canadian heroes of Dieppe raid re-enter in triumph...

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V/September 8, 1944, 3: died September 6 at Mill Bay, BC, Colonel Arthur Hubert Panet, 67, a permanent force soldier most of his life. He served with Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps 35 years, retiring in 1935. He was in Halifax when the explosion occurred during the Great War. Leaves wife, Marjorie Wilson Panet, son, 3 brothers [all military]. He was son-in-law of Mrs HC Wilson, Oak Bay. St Francis Xavier Churchyard

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V/September 8, 1944, 5: photo, Lieutenant Andrew Fraser Shepherd wounded August 27. Son of Mrs May Allen Havergal Corbett, Oak Bay. A brother, Bombardier Reginald A Shepherd, is also in army, and another brother, Pilot Officer John A Shepherd, RAF, who went overseas to enlist in 1938, was killed in 1940. September 13, 3: Shepherd write to his mother...

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V/September 8, 1944, 5: photo, Pilot Officer John Sewell 'Jake' Findlay, after leave with parents, John N & Sarah Findlay, Oak Bay, has left. He attended Willows & Oak Bay

High Schools, Victoria College.

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V/September 8, 1944, 5: BSM Robert McVie, Royal Canadian Army, son of Robert H & Annie Skinner McVie, Esquimalt, wounded in action in France August 28. Born here, he attended junior schools here & Esquimalt High School.

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V/September 8, 1944, 8: photo, Petty Officer Stephen Guy Cornish, RCNVR, of HMCS Prince Robert in Naples..

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September 8, 1944, 12: died suddenly September 6, Charles Ibbetson, 80, born in Yorkshire, England, resident of Saanich 35 years. Leaves son, daughter. St Stephen's churchyard.

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V/September 9, 1944, 3: photo, Captain VS Godfrey, RCN, as captain, HMCS Prince Henry, helped put ashore invasion troops between Toulon & Nice. His ship carried Canadian & US troops and included in the crew were Victoria men: Petty Officers John Mason, E Leckie, Ronald Harry Sears [been in RCN since 1928, son of George & Ellen Eliza Sears], AJ Keep, Leading Seaman GB Olson, Lieutenants DP Lambert, George RE Gilmer [wife, Edith, resident of Oak Bay]...

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V/September 9, 1944, 3: Lieutenant David Alan Harper, 27, Seaforth Highlanders, wounded for 2<sup>nd</sup> time in Italy. Son of Alan & Marjorie M Harper, Victoria... a brother, Flying Officer John W Harper, is a radar officer in England. September 10, 3: photo.

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September 9, 1944, 12: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Miss Gertrude Marion Beal, 36, born in New Brunswick, resident here 32 years. Leaves parents, Ernest B & Araminta Beal, 7 brothers, sister. Royal Oak Burial Park

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September 9, 1944, 12: died yesterday at

Victoria, BC, Selina Mabel Brown, 61, born in England, resident here 30 years. Leaves husband, Captain Walter Brown, 2 sons, daughter, 4 brothers [Easterbrook], sister. Royal Oak Burial Park

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Killed in action September 8, 1944, C2921 Flight Lieutenant Navigator Robert Fraser Logie, 26, RCAF, of Saanich, BC. Mitchell aircraft returned from a bombing attack over France and had some hung-up bombs explode when landing at RAF Station, Dunsford. Buried in Brookwood Military Cemetery, Woking, England.

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V/September 10, 1944, 3: 3 Victorians serving in RCN meet up for 1<sup>st</sup> time in 6 years when they met at Halifax. Petty Officer Harry Kilvington, 25, in RCN since 1939 [resident of Oak Bay on return from war]; Leading Seaman Thomas, 21, enlisted in 1941, & George Kilvington, 23, sons of Bertie & Ellen Sharp Kilvington. Another brother, Robert, is at RCN College, Royal Roads, and a 5<sup>th</sup>, Arthur, is with and RCAF operational unit. Thomas' twin sister, Nellie, is employed at Boeing plant, Victoria.

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V/September 10, 1944, 3: photo, BSM Howard Slessor, 27, son of Mrs Gladys Slessor, Glen Lake, died of wounds received in France on August 22. Enlisted 1940, overseas in 1942, he had been in France only 3 weeks.

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V/September 10, 1944, 3: Sergeant Douglas James Hopkins, 26, died of injuries received overseas. Son of Mrs Dorothy Page Fairhurst, Victoria, born in Saskatchewan, educated at Lampson Street & Esquimalt High Schools. Overseas with RCOC 1941, he was a commando instructor. Also leaves wife, Muriel, son, 3 sisters, all of Victoria. September 12, 3: photo.

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V/September 10, 1944, 4: poem 'In Vimy

Cemetery', by GH Wallace, Vancouver... [Great War]

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V/September 10, 1944, 7: Dieppe hero, Lieutenant-Colonel JE McRae, DSO, and wife to make home in Oak Bay... Daughter attended Oak Bay High School...

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September 10, 1944, 20: died September 8 at Victoria, BC, Philip Henri Harrison, born in London, England, resident here 38 years. Leaves wife, Bertha, daughter. Colwood

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September 10, 1944, 20: died September 8 at Victoria, BC, Clara Hannah Webber, 78, born in Kent, England, resident here 35 years. Widow of Captain John Webber, she leaves sister, 3 daughters. She left England in 1889 arriving in Victoria aboard the old Islander. Her 1<sup>st</sup> marriage was to James Stanley Keefe in 1890, it was the 1<sup>st</sup> Salvation Army wedding in Victoria. M 038 039 W 03

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V/September 12, 1944, 1; 9; 17: HMCS Alberni sunk; 55 listed as missing... only 31 of the ship's 90-man crew survived the sinking... 2 Island men, Leading Stoker John Arthur Culpepper, 29, RCNR, wife, Edith Adela Tindall Culpepper, resident of Oak Bay; and ERA3 Donald B Grais, RCNVR, of Nanaimo are among missing... list on page 17. September 13, 4: editorial, HMCS Alberni...;

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V/September 12, 1944, 3: Flight Lieutenant William Embrey, 30, RCAF returning from long overseas service. Son of Mrs William Murray Neil [Mary], he enlisted in 1940, trained as an observer and sent overseas in 1941. He served in Egypt, West Africa and Britain. Born in Alberta, he came here as a boy, attended Victoria High & Sprott-Shaw Schools. He served as purser on cables ship Restorer for 2 voyages. A brother, Gunner TH Tuck Embrey is serving in France. A

step-brother, Lieutenant Thomas Neil, is recovering in England from wounds while serving with a reconnaissance unit in France.

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September 12, 1944, 13: died September 10 at Victoria, BC, Arthur Greenslade Peatt, 60, born 1884 at Colwood, Esquimalt District. Leaves widow, Harriett Ley Peatt, sister. Colwood

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Killed in action September 11, 1944, J86658 Pilot Officer Pilot Ronald Ward Smith, RCAF, of Esquimalt, BC. Returning after operations over Germany when the pilot attempted to overshoot the landing with the outer prop of the Halifax aircraft feathered. It crashed on the RCAF aerodrome at Linton. Buried at Harrogate, England.

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V/September 13, 1944, 3: Leading AirCraftman Harold Temple, 19, now on leave with parents, Shirley W & Pearl L Temple, of Saanich. Educated at Cloverdale & Mount View High Schools, he enlisted 1943.

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September 13, 1944, 6: photo, Quiz Kids receive Indian Sweaters...; bldg/page 11, photo, taken from Royal Athletic Park, houses in background...

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September 13, 1944, 6: Naval war brides to be welcomed to Victoria...

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September 13, 1944, 12: died September 10 at Victoria, BC, Mrs Nancy Revercomb, 80, of Saanich. Born in Pictou County, Nova Scotia, resident here 36 years. Leaves 3 sons, 5 daughters. Family plot, Colwood.

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September 13, 1944, 12: died September 9 at Victoria, BC, John Philippe Martin, 76, born in Jersey, Channel Islands, resident here 40 years. Leaves wife, Laura, brother, Edward John Martin. Royal Oak Burial Park

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V/September 14, 1944, 5: Arthur Hadley Thomas, 35, lost at sea due to enemy action September 3. He was chief engineer aboard a merchant ship on the Atlantic. His widow, resident at Newfoundland, is a former Victoria girl [Gestiana Evans], well known in local musical circles.

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V/September 14, 1944, 5: Lieutenant David J Rose, 22, son of David Angus & Nora Birkett Rose, Saanich, home on leave. He left UBC 2 years ago to enlist in Royal Canadian Artillery, he is a radar expert. His mother was a Nursing Sister [died 1962] and his father was with Royal Canadian Engineers in Great War.

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V/September 14, 1944, 5: 3 sons, son-in-law, grandson, granddaughter in the forces is George & Ellen Eliza Balls Sears, Victoria West. Chief Petty Officer Gordon A Sears, 25, joined RCN 9 years ago, serving aboard Skeena; St Laurent on continuous Atlantic convoy duty, and HMCS Sackville when it was captured by a German U-boat. Chief Petty Officer Ronald Harry Sears, with RCN since 1938, was on Givenchy, now HMCS Prince Henry. Sergeant Stanley Sears, with RCOC. Petty Officer Richard Williams, HMCS Jamaica, he was wounded on Saguenay when she was torpedoed 3 years ago.

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September 14, 1944, 8: HW Beer, owner of Poodle Dog Café, Victoria, has bought Shady Creek Farm in East Saanich from HB 'Barney' Olson and plans to keep race horses there...

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September 14, 1944, 14: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Emily Little, 79, born in England, resident here 28 years. Leaves husband, George, son, Captain George GW Little [overseas], grandson, Phillip. Colwood



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V/September 15, 1944, 5: Flight Lieutenant Linton W Queale, 28, of Victoria, who recently finished 2 tours of operations as a Lancaster navigator, has been awarded DFC. Son of Mrs Mabel R Queale, Saanich, he has been in RCAF since 1937. After 4 years as airframe mechanic he transferred to aircrew, went overseas in 1943, and after a month began operational flying. His wife also lives here. He attended Burnside, North Ward & Victoria High Schools. His brother, Ellison, has a radio supply store here. September 16, 3: photo, born in Saskatchewan, he came here as a child.

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September 15, 1944, 5: Private Ronald Tatlow Cornwall, 26, youngest son of FV Cornwall, Saanich, died September 1 of wounds received in Italy. Born in Ashcroft, he went overseas from Victoria in 1939 with PPCLI.

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September 15, 1944, Trooper George William Cox, son of Arthur Cox, Cadboro Bay, wounded in action September 5. Born in Edmonton, resident of Victoria 16 years, educated at Cedar Hill & Mount Douglas High Schools.

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September 15, 1944, 5: Battery Sergeant-Major Robert McVie, 3<sup>rd</sup> Medium Regiment, Royal Canadian Army, suffered leg fracture recently in France. Educated at Esquimalt schools, he was in militia here before the war and has been on active service since outbreak of war. Son of Robert McVie, Esquimalt, his brother, Lieutenant James A McVie, Royal Canadian Army, is at a coast station. Their father retired this year after 28 years' army service. September 16, 3: photo.

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September 15, 1944, 5: Private Albert Galloway, 21, Calgary Highlanders, wounded in France August 26. Born in

Victoria, educated at Quadra Street School.

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September 15, 1944, 5: photo, J90352//R221630 Pilot Officer Air Gunner Walter Dennis Robertson, 19, only son of Mrs CE Robertson, formerly of Shawnigan Lake, BC, has been promoted to pilot officer with effect from July 27, 1944. He has been missing in operations since July 29. Born in Victoria he attended Central Junior High School, and worked on cableship Restorer in Alaskan waters prior to enlistment. He received his wings November, 1943, and went overseas the following month. Killed in action July 29. January 19, 1945: photo. Buried in Becklinger War Cemetery, Soltau, Germany.

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V/September 15, 1944, 5: Pilot Officer WH Wardell, 25, only son of BJ Wardell, Esquimalt, awarded DFC after 16 months of overseas service. He has been flying with 429<sup>th</sup> Squadron. September 17, 5: photo.

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September 16, 1944, 1: transportation of race track fans to and from Willows Park, Oak Bay, in taxis is being investigated by enforcement branch of Wartime Prices & Trade Board... At present taxi cabs are allowed 450 gallons of gas every 3 months, to be used only for essential trips in Greater Victoria. It is unlawful to use taxis for transportation to places of amusement...

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V/September 16, 1944, 3: photo, Lieutenant Robert Charles Foster, killed in action August 24 in Italy. His widow, Jeanne E, lives with her parents, Dr & Mrs Herbert E Chatham, Saanich. He went overseas in 1942, had been with 8<sup>th</sup> Army since Ortona.

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V/September 16, 1944, Lieutenant John Dodson, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment, killed in exercises at Debert, Nova Scotia September 14. Overseas from 1941 to 1943. His parents, Alfred K & Jessie

Dodson and sister live in Saanich, his widow, Clare, at Debert. September 17, 5: photo. Full military funeral. September 20,12: Royal Oak Burial Park

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V/September 16, 1944, 3: photo, Trooper Joseph Piercy, wounded September 4. Born in England, he lived at Cumberland for several years before coming to Victoria, enlisting in 1943. His wife, Ida, resides here.

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V/September 16, 1944, 3: Captain George Pirkis Kidd, 27, severely wounded overseas. With Cameron Highlanders, enlisting 1940. One of 3 sons of G Kidd, Esquimalt, BC, he has brother, Lieutenant William Kidd, RCN, aboard HMCS Skeena, while another brother is studying medicine in the east.

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September 16, 1944, 4: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Mrs Ada Olive Duck, 72, born in Wellington, New Zealand, resident here 63 years. Leaves husband, William, son, Dr CW Duck, Oak Bay, daughter, brother, Joe North. September 17, 3: photo. Family plot, P 113 E K

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V/September 16, 1944, 13: R222101 Leading AirCraFtman Wireless Operator Air Gunner Lawrie Everet Atkinson, 20. Coroner's jury investigating death of Atkinson, RCAF, Ucluelet, drowned August 19, his body was recovered recently by Marine Section, RCAF. Ruled accidental death by drowning. In company with RA Greig, RCAF, was crossing from Ucluelet to Bamfield Cannery, and drowned when their rowboat shipped water and submerged. Greig swam to shore and reported the fatality. Buried Mountain View, Vancouver.

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V/September 17, 1944, 5: Gunner Lorne Murray, RAC, wounded in France while serving with Canadian 1<sup>st</sup> Army. Son of A Murray, Victoria, two older brothers are: Private John Murray, in England, and

gunner Alex Murray, serving in Canada.

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V/September 17, 1944, 5: Provost Sergeant Stanley James, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment, returned home from overseas in April, is at present in Shaughnessy Military Hospital. His wife, Margaret, resides at Victoria. Well known here as a singer and boxer, he served in the Imperials in Great War.

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V/September 17, 1944, 5: photo, Sergeant Lorne Glassford, went from Victoria High School to RCAF, son of Mrs Ethel Glassford [and late John James Glassford]. A brother, Captain LJ Glassford, is with Canadian army overseas.

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V/September 17, 1944, 5: photo, Captain Robert L 'Bob' Caldwell, 2<sup>nd</sup> son of LJ Caldwell, has been wounded in France. Born in Alberta, educated there and at Victoria High School. His wife, child live in England. A brother, Staff Sergeant-Major William Caldwell is an army instructor in England, and another brother, John 'Digger' Caldwell, remembered as a local racing car driver, was injured overseas in 1942 and now resides at Victoria. October 8, 3: photo, not wounded as reported earlier...

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V/September 17, 1944, 5: Corporal Howard David Taylor, 24, reported killed in Italy August 31. Son of WW Taylor, Victoria. His father served in Great War.

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V/September 17, 1944, 5: photo, Chief Stoker Sidney Allan Nex, promoted to that rank at Newfoundland. He joined RCN 1940 and has been on Atlantic convoy duty 3 years. His wife, Marjorie, resides at Victoria.

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V/September 17, 1944, 5: Bert Fenton, joined Royal Canadian Army 3 years ago, recently honourably discharged, has

returned to his former position as evening clerk, Metropolis Hotel, Victoria.

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September 19, 1944, 3: Old Oak Bay High School may be used as community centre...

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V/September 19, 1944, 3: photo, Sergeant A Douglas Graham, wounded in Italy, died September 7. His wife, Mrs DH Graham, Elk Lake. Born in Scotland.

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V/September 19, 1944, 3: Lieutenant Alan Gray Hudson, 24, killed in action in Normandy July 9, son of Mrs JW Hudson, formerly of Victoria. Born here, he was educated here and graduated from UBC. He enlisted 1942, served overseas with Canadian Scottish Regiment. His brother, Lieutenant J William Hudson, is with Royal Canadian Army in Canada.

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V/September 19, 1944, 3: Corporal William George Denman, 25, PPCLI, elder son of William G Denman, Saanich, and Mrs Kathleen Denman, Gordon Head, killed in action in Italy September 2. He joined the army at the outbreak of war and was through the Sicilian & Italian campaigns.

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V/September 19, 1944, 3: Private William Simpson, 24, Seaforth Highlanders of Canada, killed in action in Italy August 26. Son of Joseph Simpson, Moresby Island. Bor in Manitoba, he attended school on Pender Island & Cedar Hill & North Saanich schools. Enlisted 1941, overseas 1942. He was in the invasion of Sicily and saw action in Italy. He also leaves 2 sisters, 3 brothers.

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V/September 19, 1944, 3: Flying Officer Frank Holmes, 23, veteran of service in Middle East and England, comes home to Victoria for 1<sup>st</sup> time in 3 years. Born in Victoria, he enlisted in RCAF 4 years ago, having attended Victoria High School & Victoria College. Married to an English girl.

After this leave he expects to be returned to duty overseas.

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V/September 19, 1944, 14: died September 17 at Victoria, BC, Mrs Marguerite Emma Erb Hutchins Banister, 34, born in Victoria. Leaves husband, Sergeant Roy Ronald Banister, 112<sup>th</sup> LAA Battery in France, daughter, son, 2 sisters, grandparents [Bigelow], 3 uncles, 2 aunts. Royal Oak Burial Park

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V/September 19, 1944, 14: died September 17 at Vancouver, BC, Herbert Cox, 63, born in England. He was a veteran of Great War, serving with 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion in England and France 1916-1919. Colwood

September 19, 1944, 14: died September 16 at Seattle, Washington, Mrs Emma Susanna Warner, 87, born in England, resident of Victoria 26 years. Leaves 3 sons, 6 daughters. Royal Oak Burial Park

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September 19, 1944, 14: died September 17, Martha Gibbons, 73, born in England, resident here 32 years. Leaves husband, Walter, son, daughter, 6 step-children. Cremate

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V/September 20, 1944, 3: photo, Pilot Officer John Elmer Curtis, 19, born in Victoria to Jack Curtis. Attended Central & Victoria High Schools. On leave here he was commissioned as a navigator last month.

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V/September 20, 1944, 3: Gunner HW Naunton, son of Mrs Mary N Naunton, Saanich & Sergeant William Allan Paterson, 27, son of Mrs Barbara K Liddle, Oak Bay, battle casualties return home from overseas...; September 22, 3: now in Shaughnessy Hospital...; September 23, 3...; September 24, 3: photo, Paterson and mother. A sergeant in the militia prior to the war he went overseas with Canadian

Scottish Regiment 4 years ago and was amongst the 1<sup>st</sup> Canadians to wade ashore on the Normandy beachheads on D-Day. He was wounded by shrapnel June 9. As soon as arrangements can be completed Paterson expects his wife to arrive from England, where they married in 1943.

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V/September 20, 1944, 5: photo, Lieutenant-Commander Robert Philip Welland, Distinguished Service Cross, RCN, of Victoria, now holds command of HMCS Assiniboine, Canada's famous 'ramming' destroyer...; September 22, 2...

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September 20, 1944, 11: Harold Earl, 62, died suddenly September 18 at Victoria, BC, born in England, resident here 50 years. Leaves wife, daughter, 3 brothers, 3 sisters. V 013 E 48

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September 20, 1944, 12: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, George Murray, 96, born in Pennsylvania, resident here 54 years. Leaves son, 2 daughters. Colwood

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V/September 21, 1944, 3: photo, Wing Commander Arthur Howard Kirkman McCallum, who saw action in the air in the Great War and among the 1<sup>st</sup> to enlist in the present war. A brother, Major Eric McCallum, resides in Victoria.

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V/September 21, 1944, 3: Gunner Gordon Durrell, 25, Royal Canadian Army, wounded in action overseas, son of Ernest & Florence Durrell, Oak Bay. He attended Monterey School. He has 3 brothers, Jack, RCAF, stationed on the West Coast, Billy, RCAF, overseas, and James, resident here. September 23, 3: photo...

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FN/V/September 21, 1944, 3: Private Edward John Clutesi, 26, of Opetchiset Indians living in the Somass River district near Alberni, has been listed as killed on

active service overseas August 29 in France.

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V/Died September 21, 1944, J24002//R130417 Flying Officer Navigator Reginald Cuthbert Gibbs, RCAF, 21, of Victoria. Stirling aircraft shot down September 19 while engaged in a supply drop for paratroops at Arnhem. Taken prisoner of war he died soon after. Buried Airborne Cemetery, Arnhem, Holland.

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V/September 22, 1944, 3: photo, Squadron Leader Maxwell Samuel Strange, DSO. He won his award on an operational flight in which his Halifax bomber, Elaine, named after his wife, Elaine Ethel Prowse Strange, was heavily damaged while bombing railway yards in France. Despite extensive damage, he managed to set the plane down at the home base in England at a landing speed of 183 miles per hour. He received his decoration from the King, who visited his station. His parents, JM Strange, Cordova Bay, educated here.

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V/September 22, 1944, 3: photo, C85137 Flying Officer Connaught Kelway, 32, enlisted in army in 1940 later transferred to RCAF and is serving as air gunner.

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V/September 22, 1944, 3: J90227/R221948 pilot Officer Air Gunner Wilber Lee Moxley, 19, missing overseas. Grandson of Mrs EC John, Oak Bay, he was born in Victoria, enlisting 1942, going overseas 1943. Younger son of Lee Nathaniel Moxley and late Mrs Edna C John Moxley. His brother, Fred, is in France with an anti-tank regiment. Lancaster bomber went down near Fosses, Belgium during a night raid against Darmstadt, Germany. Buried War Cemetery, Leopoldsburg, Limburg, Belgium.

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September 22, 1944, 10: died September 20 at Victoria, BC, William Babb, 77, born Newfoundland, resident here 45 years.

Leaves widow, Mabel, 2 daughters. Royal Oak Burial Park

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V/Killed in action on the field at Belgium September 22, 1944, George Scott Fraser Coulson, son of George S & Anne Fraser Coulson, of Carrick Street, Oak Bay Avenue, Oak Bay, BC. [His parents married at St Columba Church, Oak Bay, he was born July 21, 1916]. October 8, 3: ...born here he attended Willows & Oak Bay High Schools. He enlisted in 1943 and went overseas 2 months ago. A brother, Corporal Clifford Coulson, has been overseas 3 years. He left with 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment, and transferred in England to Royal Canadian Engineers.

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V/September 23, 1944, 3: Chief Petty Officer Vernon Hartley Tupman, 26, RCNVR, has recently arrived in Scotland for special duties. Born in Victoria, to Frank & Ida Tupman, Saanich, he attended Mount View High School and has been with RCN 3 years. His wife, Muriel B Soares Tupman, resides here.

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V/September 23, 1944, 3: photo, Major GE Colgate, wounded in France September 11, son of Mrs Maude Mary Colgate, Victoria. He left here with 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment 2 years ago, later transferred to South Saskatchewan Regiment. Born in Victoria, he enlisted 1941. He was a well known golfer here, with Colwood Club. [father, late Sidney Colgate]

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V/September 23, 1944, 3: photo, J87474 Flying Officer John H Fraser, a prisoner of war in Germany, recently promoted. Son of Mrs Kathleen H Fraser, Victoria, he enlisted in Royal Canadian Army aged 18, later transferred to RCAF and graduated as an air gunner. Overseas he took part in operations over Berlin and was reported missing earlier this year. #270032

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September 23, 1944, 12: died September 20 at Victoria, BC, John Walter Henley, 75, born in Ontario, resident here 40 years. Leaves brother. Royal Oak Burial Park

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September 23, 1944, 12: died yesterday at Oak Bay, BC, Kenneth McLeod Miller, 79, born in Ontario, resident here 37 years. Leaves widow, Valgerdur, 3 daughters. Colwood

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September 23, 1944, 12: died September 21 at Victoria, BC, Mary Adell Frances O'Brien Perks, 73, born in Dublin, Ireland, resident here 33 years. Leaves husband, Captain John Vincent Perks, brother [O'Brien], sister.

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V/September 24, 1944, 2: died suddenly yesterday, Walter Fletcher Loveland, 72, born in England. He served overseas in the Great War as a captain in Canadian Forestry Corps in France. He had also served in the Boer War in which he was wounded. His wife, Louise A, died 2 years ago. October 1, 4: an appreciation by Mrs Edgar Browne...

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V/September 24, 1944, 3: Lieutenant WJC 'Bill' Johnston, 24, 1<sup>st</sup> Field Regiment, Royal Canadian Army, killed September 12 while serving with 8<sup>th</sup> Army in Italy. His parents, Lieutenant-Colonel & Mrs AC Cooper Johnston, Victoria.

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V/September 24, 1944, Surgeon-Lieutenant JW Hackney, RCN, one of 3 Canadian doctors studying tropical medicine in British Guiana. Son of Dr & Mrs William Hackney, Victoria. Educated at University School, McGill...

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V/September 24, 1944, 3: Major AJ Jacobs, an officer with more than 30 years' continuous service with Canadian Army, now promoted to lieutenant-colonel.

Enlisted as a private in the Great War, promoted to sergeant in 1920 and in 1940 commissioned. His mother, Mrs Lavinia J Jacobs, resides with her daughter, Mrs Lillian Clarke, Roslyn Road, Oak Bay.

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V/September 24, 1944, 3: photo, Gunner Frank Mitchell, Royal Canadian Army, suffered injury during action in Italy. His wife resides in Victoria. He had lived here 15 years, educated at Margaret Jenkins School, enlisting in 1942, overseas 1 ½ years. His mother, Mrs E Mitchell, also resident here.

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V/September 24, 1944, 3: photo, Petty Officer EJ Perkins, RCN, awarded Distinguished Service Medal for gallantry in action and devotion to duty. His contribution in the sinking of an undersea raider while aboard HMCS St Laurent and his voluntary service of fighting fire for 2 days aboard a Swedish freighter were considered for the award. Son of S Perkins, Victoria, he has a record of 5+ years in RCN, most of which has been served on St Laurent on North Atlantic convoy duty. He saw action in the evacuation of Dunkerque and in many pre-invasion sweeps.

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V/September 24, 1944, 3: photo, Private Raymond Scoular, 19, shown with newly-won paratrooper's wings. Only son of Thomas M & Margaret Scoular, Victoria, he was born here, attended Quadra & Victoria High Schools.

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V/September 24, 1944, 3: Expected home 4 RCNVR officers who participated in the Normandy invasion landings of D-Day: Lieutenants John Shaw who had his landing barge holed 3 times on the Channel run. He beached his craft just in time to get the men ashore with only 1 wounded. After the barge was patched he turned it into a hospital ship for the return run was in command of an

invasion craft; John Godfrey Wenman, a prominent Victoria athlete who took part in the combined landing operations. He played Rugby for the Victoria rep team and the Canadian Scottish Regiment, and was a cricketer. His parents, Gordon Head [his wife, Freda P Wenman, resident of Oak Bay]; William Ballantyne, also served with landing craft in invasion operations is from Courtenay; Bruce McGregor, Son of Frederick M & Lillian McGregor, Oak Bay, and one of the early class grads of HMCS Royal Roads.

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V/September 24, 1944, 6: photo, David, son of Lieutenant Sherwood B Marshall, RCNVR & Betty Gordon Sloan Marshall, daughter of Honorable Mr Justice Gordon Sloan & Mrs Sloan, Oak Bay... His ancestors came to Vancouver Island on SS Harpooner, leaving Scotland in 1848, the trip took nearly 7 months...

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Bldg/September 24, 1944, 15: Suggests plan for new homes...; September 26, 10: building figures...; September 27, 1: photo, Kiwanis Crafts Building for TB patients...; October 1, 17: Civilian building activity passes 2Million mark here...

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September 24, 1944, 17: 80-foot seiner Western Cruiser ran hard aground in fog in Quatsino Sound while carrying 70 tons of pilchards. Crew of 4 are safe.

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September 24, 1944, 20: died September 22 at Victoria, BC, Mrs Grace Seward, 72, of Sooke, BC. Born in Guelph, Ontario, resident of this district 34 years. Leaves son, daughter. Family plot, P 090 E K

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September 24, 1944, 20: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Jane Theodosia Sweatman, 81 of Metchosin. Born in London, England, resident here 50 years. Leaves husband, William O, sister, Mrs AW Ward. St Mary's

Churchyard, Metchosin

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V/Killed in action September 24, 1944, J26546 Flight Officer Bomb Aimer Ian Hector Maclean, RCAF, 22, of Victoria, BC. Son of Hector & Isabella MacLean, of Victoria. November 1, 3: youngest of 3 sons, he was born here and graduated from Victoria High School & Victoria College. His brother, Bruce, is a pilot in training, while another brother, Donald, is a flight lieutenant serving in India and Burma. November 9, 3: photo, he had completed 21 sorties over Europe. He enlisted in 1942 and went overseas 1943. Lancaster aircraft went down in the sea off Norfolk during a night attack against Germany. Buried at Woking, England.

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September 26, 1944, 1: charged with murder of her daughter, Patricia Margaret, Mrs Edith May Cruickshank, Victoria...; September 27, 1...; September 29, 11; October 4, 13: Murder case...; October 13, 2: Mother must face trial...; November 18, 2: Mrs Cruickshank judged by an Assize Court jury to be unfit to stand trial...

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V/September 26, 1944, 2: awards for overseas service: DSO: Lieutenant Roland Stephen Edward Waterman, 30. He was stationed at Esquimalt for about 20 years with PPCLI, going overseas with that unit early in the war, now Officer in Command of West Nova Scotia Regiment in Italy. His wife [Mabel E Douglass Waterman] lives at Metchosin. Canadian Infantry Corps; MC: Captain Jack S Orton, 28, Royal Canadian Artillery...; September 26, 3: son of Mrs Gladys Speck Orton, Victoria, and late Reverend John S Orton. He has 2 brothers, Anthony C, at UBC, and Fred, serving with RCN aboard HMCS Runnymede.

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V/September 26, 1944, 3: photo, Flying Officer M Wood, listed as missing following

operational duties overseas. In RCAF since 1940, son of Albert & Elizabeth Elder Hallworth, Oak Bay.

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V/September 26, 1944, 3: Gunner Hugh W Naunton, Royal Canadian Army, veteran of Italian battlefields, now at Saanich home recuperating from wounds. A brother, Sergeant Terence Edward Naunton, 33, died June 9 while on manoeuvres in England [wife Christina], and another brother, Corporal George H Naunton, is serving in France with Provost Corps.

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V/September 26, 1944, 3: photo, Captain JO Hall, son of T Hall, Victoria, recently promoted. He has served in Italy with 5<sup>th</sup> Armored Division. Born in Victoria, attended George Jay & Victoria High Schools. He has been overseas 3 years. A brother, Major TW Hall, also of Victoria, is serving with the same regiment.

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September 26, 1944, 3: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Mrs Eleanor Alice Carlow, 59, born in Olympia, Washington, resident here 56 years. Leaves 3 daughters, 6 sons, 2 brothers [Barker]. Colwood

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September 26, 1944, 5: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Mrs Amanda Pamela MacKenzie, 77, born in Prince Edward Island, resident here 31 years. Leaves husband George, 2 daughters, 3 sons.

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September 26, 1944, 7: died September 24 at Victoria, BC, Mrs Hannah Rose Mutlow, 77, born in England, resident here 55 years. She leaves sister, brother [Hotland]. Family plot, T 050 W 45

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V/September 26, 1944, 8: photo, Shore Patrolman Leonard G Labrun, RCNVR, receives long service medal. He served with Saskatoon Light Infantry for 6 years and transferred to RCN in 1936. Previous to

joining shore patrol recently when he was pronounced unfit for sea duty he had served in minesweepers and frigates here and on the Atlantic.

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V/September 26, 1944, 13: Corporal JA Therault, RCAF, Ottawa, sentenced to 2 years in Okalla when he plead guilty to a charge of breaking into the military post office at Tofino...

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September 26, 1944, 14: died September 24 at Victoria, BC, David Thomson Lawson, 71, of Saanichton. Born in Dundee Scotland, resident here 39 years. Leaves son. St Stephens Churchyard.

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September 26, 1944, 14: died September 23 at Saanich, BC, John Morley, 78, born in Kent, England, resident here 38 years. Leaves son, 2 brothers, 2 sisters. Family plot, N 051 W E

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V/September 27, 1944, 3: photo, Private Joe Bayley Jr, 25, son of Joe Bayley, Esquimalt, killed in action in Italy while serving with New Westminster Regiment. Born and educated in Esquimalt & Victoria, he enlisted with Rocky Mountain Rangers 2 years ago and has been overseas for a year. Killed in September 13 in Italy, Joseph Alexander Bayley, only son of Joseph Stanley & Effie Elizabeth Bayley of Victoria. Westminster Regiment, RCIC, Motor Division. His father was born September 19, 1889 at Esquimalt, he was holder of Canadian lightweight boxing championship previous to the Great War, and besides the fight game he was well known in soccer and lacrosse. During his boxing days he played professional football for Ladysmith. He married Effie Gouge November 11, 1915 in Victoria. [His parents Joseph Bayley & Francis E Colclough, married September 13, 1889 at Victoria. B 083 E 32]

Bayley Jr is buried ½ mile east of Cortano, 10 miles southeast of Rimini, on the ground which he helped to take.

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V/September 27, 1944, 3: Lieutenant James Esmond Clark, 25. Victoria-born to Esmond G & Dorothy Broughton Clark, died of wounds received overseas August 8 in France. He went to Kaledon, BC with his family as a boy. He went overseas as a sergeant in 1940, returning to take officers' training at Gordon Head...

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V/September 27, 1944, 3: photo, Trooper Robert Austin Acres, 23, son of Richard G & Edith Thayer Acres, Victoria, killed in France September 5. Victoria born and educated.

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September 27, 1944, 10: died September 25 at Victoria, BC, John Coyne, 82, of Rocky Point. Born in Ireland, resident here 30 years. He leaves no relatives. Colwood

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September 27, 1944, 10: died September 25 at Victoria, BC, Alice Jane Morrall, 77, born in Birmingham, England, resident here 54 years. Leaves husband, Frank, daughter, brother FW Thomas. Family plot, T 081 E 45

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September 27, 1944, 10: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Elsie Irene Marguerite Jamieson, 58, born in Victoria to William Fitzherbert & Anne Bullen, of Esquimalt. She leaves husband, Michael Robert Jamieson, son, Michael Douglas Jamieson, mother, brother.

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September 27, 1944, 12: Evans, Coleman & Johnson Bros purchases Baker Brick & Tile Co plant, 3191 Douglas Street... Baker Co began in 1888, 2 firms, Parfitt Bros & Luney Bros have been operating the plant since 1926...

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V/September 27, 1944, 14: photo, tribute to Catalina flying boat by Pilot Officer Alan Mayhew, son of Robert W & Grace Mayhew, Oak Bay. He has been missing since his Catalina crashed near India in 1943. His widow and family also reside in Oak Bay. Extracts from letters written before his death...

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V/September 28, 1944, 2: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Robert Love Philips, 74, born in Scotland, he was on Victoria Library staff 25 years. Before coming to Canada he lived in South Africa, and served with Imperial Light Horse & Driscoll's Scouts during South African War. Leaves wife, Annie. Royal Oak Burial Park

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V/September 28, 1944, 3: Lieutenant Victor C Moore, of Victoria, with Seaforth Highlanders, wounded in Italy and spent time in hospital while a prisoner of war in Germany...; son of Lieutenant Frederick WL & Ruby E Moore, Saanich. He was seconded from Canadian Scottish Regiment to Seaforths...

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V/September 28, 1944, 3: photo, killed in action in Italy, August 30, Private Albert Steven Lacoursiere, 24, born in Ladysmith, BC, son of Albert S Lacoursiere & Mrs Eva May Dee Doige, Victoria. Educated at George Jay School, he enlisted 1943 and went overseas same year. He also leaves 3 sisters. With Cape Breton Highlanders. Poem

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V/September 28, 1944, 3: photo, Sapper Joseph E Downey, son of Joseph R & Lucy Cowan Downey, Victoria, suffering from shell shock, following a year in action on the Italian front...

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V/September 28, 1944, 3: photo, Midshipman H Rowley, serving overseas with RCN. His parents, Lieutenant & Mrs H

Rowley, Victoria.

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V/September 28, 1944, 3: Private Evelyn Cecilia Connor, 24, CWAC, died from injuries sustained in a bus accident in London, England. Daughter of James & Elizabeth Connor, Esquimalt, BC, she was born in Victoria, educated at North Ward School. She enlisted 3 years ago, overseas 14 months.

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V/September 28, 1944, 3: photo, Sergeant Norman George Wharf, prisoner of war in Germany since being shot down last May. He writes to parents, George W & Katherine Davis Wharf, Saanich, to say he is being treated well. He joined 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment in 1939, later transferred to RCAF, overseas 16 months. [died 1990, resident of Oak Bay]

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September 28, 1944, 12: born September 27 at Victoria, BC, to David Eric & Edna Victoria Anderson Pite, son.

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Bldg/September 29, 1944, 1: Prepare plans for buildings totalling over 3-million...

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September 29, 1944, died September 26 at Victoria, BC, Christopher Raper, 76, born in Yorkshire, England, resident here 32 years. Leaves daughter. Family plot, Colwood.

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September 29, 1944, 3: died September 26 at Victoria, BC, Mrs Jessie Purdie Wood, 78, [nee Riddle] born in Jedburgh, Scotland, resident here since 1881. Leaves husband, James, daughter. Family plot, K 014/015 E

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V/September 29, 1944, 5: photo, Leading Seaman Brian Aldon Hanson, serving aboard HMCS Prince Rupert, born at Port Alberni, 5+ years' service with RCN. He credits his athletic activities for bringing him safely through 2 'dunkings' he experienced

in the early days of the war. He took a boxing title at Esquimalt at age 17. His first dunking was after HMCS Fraser was sunk off Bordeaux. He was sleeping below, well under the waterline and awakened to find water flowing in from a gaping hole in the side of the ship. With not much time to do anything else, he just 'swam through the hole'. Fully clothed, he had to keep himself afloat for an hour or so before rescuers arrived. He learned a lesson, when at sea, he is never more than 6 feet from his life jacket. His father is Major Horace A Hanson, Royal Canadian Army Service Corps. His wife, Thyra Mary, resides with her parents [Downey] at Victoria. A leading torpedo operator he has a fine record which has earned him a chance to try for his commission.

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V/September 29, 1944, 5: photo, Midshipman John S Gill, Victoria, son of J Stan & Edith Gill, serving overseas with RCN. Recent grad of HMCS Royal Roads.

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ChHx/September 29, 1944, 5: recent Victoria enlistments: Paul Leung; Duck W Fon; Paul Chan; Toy Chan; Kam F Cheng; Nen W Chow; Choa S Low; Dick Lam...; October 6, 3: Sammy Soong; Juy E Quan; Harvey C Lim; Kin Q Won; Fook E Chow; John Wong; Victor E Wong...

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September 29, 1944, 12: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Harry Freake Bishop, 87, born in Portsmouth, England, resident here 74 years. He was former postmaster of Victoria. Leaves widow, Amelia, 3 daughters, 2 sons. IOOF. September 30, 11, photo, came with his parents in 1870, 3 days before Franco-Prussian War broke out, arriving at Esquimalt via Isthmus of Panama. Before joining postal service he was with Canadian Pacific Navigation Co and later with CPR... He was purser on Islander when she was wrecked in Lynn Canal with a number of

goldminers aboard. The ship was reputed to have been carrying large quantities of gold at the time. October 1, 4: editorial... Family plot, M 051 W 05

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V/September 29, 1944, 12: died September 27 at Victoria, BC, James Henry Holland, 58, born in England, resident here 16 years. He was a veteran of Great War. Leaves widow, son, 2 daughters. Cremate

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September 29, 1944, 12: died September 26 at Victoria, BC, Edward Williams, 87, of Esquimalt, BC. Born in Ontario, resident here 65 years. Leaves widow, Rachel, son, James, HMCS Sioux, 3 daughters, son, Jack, lost HMCS Margaree, 2 brothers, 4 sisters. Colwood

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V/September 30, 1944, 3: photo, Lieutenant DAW Kirkpatrick, killed in action in France. Son of Mrs JA Kirkpatrick, of Saanich. With Royal Winnipeg Rifles. Also leaves wife, daughter, 3 sisters.

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V/September 30, 1944, 3: Private R Seymour, 19, wounded September 1 in Italy, son of L Carl & Alice Seymour. This is 2<sup>nd</sup> time he has been wounded. Educated in Victoria, he went overseas last year with PPCLI.

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V/September 30, 1944, 3: photo, Engine Room Artificer Arthur J Hall, writes to parents Warrant Patrol Officer & Mrs Arthur Hall, Victoria, that he is in hospital in Scotland. He served overseas on HMCS Algonquin in action off the Norwegian coast and in the English Channel, and was with the naval forces in the D-Day invasion sweeps. He has followed the sea since 1932, being employed before the war in the trans-Atlantic trade on Imperial Oil tankers and with the Marine Section, RCMP. He transferred to RCNR on the day war was declared and has served on corvettes,

minesweepers and destroyers on Atlantic convoy duty. An accomplished linguist he speaks 5 languages fluently. He was educated in Belgium before his parents moved to Canada. His wife resides in Cape Breton.

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V/September 30, 1944, 3: Trooper Christopher G Hives, 22, killed in action in Italy, son of Mrs Dora Hives. Born and educated in Calgary.

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V/September 30, 1944, 5: Commander Lambert E Goode, Victorian serves with US Navy... Educated at Quamichan Lake School, University of California, and spent 3 ½ years in France during the Great War with the Canadian Army as a dispatch rider. He then went to US and served with the old Pacific Mail Steamship Co until 1930. He then returned to Vancouver Island and joined Canadian Army in 1939. Medically discharged, he enlisted in US Navy, on technical staff... His mother, Mrs L Goode resides in Victoria, his wife, also Island born, now lives at Vancouver.

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September 30, 1944, 6: Colonel & Mrs George Hunter Ogilvie of Oak Bay, BC celebrate 50 years of marriage. Married in Quebec City, her bridesmaid was her sister, Mrs Crow Baker...; October 1, 6: photo...

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September 30, 1944, 6: photo, Monterey Avenue School's Sericulture Club, Oak Bay...

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V/September 30, 1944, 7: Wren Phyllis Bell, daughter of George & Harriet A Bell, Oak Bay, enlisted in Women's RCN in 1943... Now busy as a plotter in Ottawa.

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V/September 30, 1944, 15: photo, Lieutenant-Colonel Roland Stephen Edward Waterman, formerly of PPCLI and now commanding West Nova Scotia Regiment in

Italy, has been awarded DSO. His wife, Mabel E Douglass Waterman, and sons reside at Briarholm, Metchosin....

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V/October 1, 1944, 2: Lieutenant-Colonel Alexis Ernest Harris, 60, Royal Canadian Army, of Esquimalt, BC, and had been living in retirement since 1931, died September 29. Born 1883 in US he was a graduate of Royal Military College, Kingston. He was formerly stationed at Work Point Barracks, Esquimalt in 1926-27. He leaves widow, former Leila Wadmore, daughter of Colonel Lyndhurst Wadmore, 3 sons, and his mother, Mrs FS Harris. Cremate

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V/October 1, 1944, 3: photo, Pilot Officer AE Rowe, 21, of Victoria, recently commissioned overseas. Son of James A & Mary A Rowe, educated at Margaret Jenkins & Victoria High Schools, enlisted 1942, winning his wings as a navigator that year. He went overseas and now has many operational trips over Europe. His squadron has taken a prominent part in Allied air operations over France since D-Day. He was a flight sergeant before being promoted.

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V/October 1, 1944, 3: photos, Gunner Babington Sparrow, 20 & Private James Sparrow, 21, son of Mrs Alice Erwin Sparrow, Victoria, and late John Christian Sparrow. Gunner Sparrow enlisted with Royal Canadian Army in 1941 and has been overseas over a year. Educated in Burnaby. Private Sparrow, PPCLI, overseas 4 years now, wounded 3 times. The latest was August 27, he has lost a leg, and is recovering. Both were born on Salt Spring Island.

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October 1, 1944, 5: photo, died September 26 at Oak Bay, BC, Herbert Carmichael, 77, born in County Down, Northern Ireland, resident here since 1889. He was the 1<sup>st</sup>

public analyst for province of BC, retaining his connection with the government for 24 years.

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October 1, 1944, 13: died recently near Theodore, Saskatchewan, Oliver Adamson, 78, born at Kincardine, Bruce County, Ontario, he spent 60 years in western Canada, including 9 years at Ladysmith, BC. Leaves widow and daughter at Victoria, and 4 more daughters, 2 sons, siblings in Canada.

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October 1, 1944, 22: died September 7 at Tacoma, Washington, Humphrey Arthur Fowler, 82, born in Victoria, resident of Tacoma from age 17. Leaves wife there, and a sister, Mrs CE Brown, of Victoria.

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V/October 3, 1944, 3: photo, Private John Gosnell, 26, Royal Canadian Army Service Corps, son of Mrs Nellie Isobel Burnham Gosnell and late John F Gosnell, Victoria, serving with his unit in Italy. Born in Marigold, he attended McKenzie Avenue School and has been overseas 2 ½ years.

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V/October 3, 1944, 3: Flight Officer WJ Hartrick, Victoria navigator with RCAF overseas, recently in crew of a Liberator that attacked a U-boat in the English Channel. He spotted the submarine when the aircraft was only 1/4 mile away. Evasive action was taken when the sub opened fire, and depth charges were dropped astern of the sub from a low level.

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V/October 3, 1944, 3: photo, Leading AirCraftman William Reid, overseas with RCAF since 1942. Victoria born to James & Florence Reid. His brother, Private Roy Reid, 19, recently graduated as a paratrooper. The brothers attended North Ward School.

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V/October 3, 1944, 3: photo, ??? eldest son

of Joseph S & Constance Barker, Saanich, BC, Lieutenant DJ Barker, 24, recent grad of Sandhurst. Born in Victoria he attended Victoria High School and enlisted in 1940. A brother and brother-in-law are overseas: Signalman Gordon Barker in Italy and Corporal Richard McGaw [husband of Verna A Barker] in France.

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V/October 3, 1944, 3: Private George Murtagh, 34, PPCLI, veteran of Italian and Sicilian battlefields, now home after 4 ½ years overseas...

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V/October 3, 1944, 3: Lieutenant Victor C Moore, 26, 1<sup>st</sup> BC soldier to be repatriated from a prisoner of war camp in Germany, son of Lieutenant-Colonel & Mrs FW Moore, Saanich, BC. Wounded and taken prisoner in Pescara, Italy he was sent to Dresden where he was hospitalized. October 29, 3: in Vancouver hospital, appeals for radio...

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October 3, 1944, 13: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Elizabeth Patterson, 78, born in Guelph, Ontario, resident here 38 years. Widow of Edward, she leaves son, 4 sisters. Cremate

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V/October 4, 1944, 3: photo, Gunner George M Haslam, Royal Canadian Army, returns home after 3 years' overseas service. He married a Manchester girl, Katherine Coffey, last year, who is expected to join him here soon. He attended Sir James Douglas School and went overseas in 1941.

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V/October 4, 1944, 3: photo, Corporal Jerrold Fred Cain, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Canadian Scottish Regiment, landings on Normandy beachheads on D-Day, he survived the raking fire which killed 3 of the men with him, only to be hit by bullets and shrapnel 3 weeks later near Caen. A brother, Sergeant Joseph Roy Cain, wounded in the Normandy

push in July is back on the fighting line with his unit. Son of George & Esther Cain, Victoria. He is with wife, Anne, also of Victoria.

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V/October 4, 1944, 3: Gunner Alastair Angus MacLeod, 23, son of John & Mary MacLeod, Victoria, BC, has been wounded overseas. He has been overseas 3 ½ years. A brother, Private Donald I MacLeod, 24, died this year as a result of wounds sustained during the Battle of France.

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October 4, 1944, 5: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, James Wilmshurst, 68, born in Yorkshire, England, resident here 40 years. Leaves widow, 3 sons, brother. Cremate

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V/October 5, 1944, 3: photo, Lieutenant-Commander DH Fairney, served aboard HMCS Kootenay as engineer officer. Formerly with Cunard, he joined RN in 1940, transferred to RCN 1941. He served in a British battleship, and Canadian destroyer, minesweeper and an armed merchantman before joining Kootenay in 1943. Since she has been turned over to Canada, Canadian personnel have seen action against submarines, enemy planes and surface craft.

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V/October 5, 1944, 3: photo, Lieutenant JA Cathie, home after 5 years overseas. Served in Sicily and Italy with a tank unit. He went overseas in 1939 with PPCLI, commissioned after serve in the tank unit. His wife and daughter reside in Esquimalt.

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V/October 5, 1944, 3: returning home Lieutenant Douglas Hatch, in PPCLI since before the war. He served in Italy. Lieutenant RJ Weir; Private BA Coburn; Sergeant JRD Falconer; Corporal R Martindale; Private J Roberts...

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V/October 5, 1944, 3: Pilot Officer Hugh

Sutton, 23, of Victoria figures he and his squadron, Bluenose, were lucky. They survived 13 fighter attacks in this tour without a man being hurt. With 13 attacks in 37 flights, the wireless air gunner regards flying battles as 'almost' commonplace.

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V/October 5, 1944, 3: Private Ernest Randall, of Ladysmith, listed as missing following action overseas September 14. His parents have 5 boys overseas and a 6<sup>th</sup> at Ladysmith home on leave; December 9, 3: now reported as prisoner of war...

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V/October 5, 1944, 3: Gunner W Paul, joined Royal Canadian Army 2 years ago, now serving in Italy. Born and educated in Victoria. A brother, Engine Room Artificer H Dick Paul, RCN, serving overseas, he enlisted at the outbreak of war. Sons of Valissarias Paul, Victoria.

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V/October 5, 1944, 3: Lieutenant James Ewart Macarthur, Royal Canadian Army died from wound received in Italy September 30. Son of Mrs FE Macarthur, Victoria. He also leaves wife, Audrey, daughter, sister. He was attached to 7<sup>th</sup> Canadian Anti-tank Regiment

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V/October 5, 1944, 3: photo, Lieutenant William Edward Williams, navigation officer, HMCS Waskesiu, a Victoria-built frigate [Yarrows]. Credited with sinking a German U-boat on her maiden voyage overseas. He is currently in Halifax, but expects to be home for Christmas. His wife, Mary, resides at Victoria. In RCNVR since 1941, he served aboard HMCS Miramichi for 18 months.

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October 5, 1944, 6; 7: local YMCA history...

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October 5, 1944, 14: died October 3 at Victoria, BC, Kate Cox, 83, born in Ontario, resident here 28 years. Widow of

CF Cox, she leaves daughter, Geraldine. October 11, 4: letter of tribute by Mrs FV Longstaff, Oak Bay. R 080 W N

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V/Killed October 4, 1944, 1163223 Sergeant Pilot Lewis Phillip Willets, 32, RAF, of Victoria, BC. Liberator aircraft crashed at Boundary Bay, BC. Royal Oak Burial Park

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V/Killed at sea October 4, 1944, 3611 Leading Seaman Daniel MacFarlane McLeod Reid, 24, RCN.

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V/October 6, 1944, 3: photo, HMCS Kootenay crew members returned to Canada, includes: Petty Officer Steward Gordon Osborne, RCNR; Chief Petty Officer Edward DeCosta, RCN; Leading Seaman Bill Exley, RCNR, Leading Signalman Stanley Hawkes, RCN; Able Seaman John Hole, all of Victoria; Chief Petty Officer Robert Turner, RCNVR, SPO James Hay, RCN, Esquimalt...

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V/October 6, 1944, 3: J26844 Flying Officer Air Gunner Richard Charles Parry, 20, reported missing in February, now reported killed. His Lancaster aircraft was lost in the sea during a night trip to Berlin. Born in Winnipeg, son of LR Parry, of Prince Rupert, formerly of Victoria. His sister and grandmother, Mrs Florence Whatman are residents of Victoria. His body was recovered from the sea and is buried in the Berlin War Cemetery, Charlottenburg, Germany.

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V/October 6, 1944, 3: Brigadier General Duncan Anderson included in Christmas honours list... He is brother of Dr HR Anderson, of Victoria Normal School. An older brother, Captain Hugh Anderson, was killed in France during the Great War.

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V/October 6, 1944, 3: 150218 Flying Officer Pilot Richard Archer Boyson Slee, 24, son

of Mrs & late Arthur B Slee, Victoria, formerly of Duncan, has been missing on operations over France since September 17. Born in Malaya, he came to Cowichan in 1930, attended school there and Vancouver, and joined RAF in 1941. Buried at Bergh, Zeddum, Holland.

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V/October 6, 1944, 3: Engine Room Artificer John Frederick Tate, of Victoria, has been mentioned in dispatches for good service against enemy coastal forces in action off the French coast. He is serving on HMCS Qu'Appelle, which with other Canadian ships engaged a fleet of Nazi armed trawlers off Brest. Quicker on the draw, the Canadians scored an early advantage, and closing at 800 yards, pumped shell after shell into the enemy. His wife, Grace Allen Tate and children reside at Victoria.

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V/October 6, 1944, 3: photo, Chief Petty Officer Robert A Barker, coxswain, HMCS Haida, veteran of months of surface action in the Channel and invasion waters, coming home to Victoria on leave. With 20 years' service in RCN, he served on all Canada's peacetime naval ships and was 4 years with RN. Recently mentioned in dispatches for devotion to duty, he will spend leave with his wife, Lillian, at Esquimalt.

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October 6, 1944, 10: died October 4 at Victoria, BC, Herbert John Leonard, 33, born in Victoria. Leaves parents, Edmund J & Gertrude M Leonard, 2 brothers, sister, grandmother, Mrs TM Leonard. Family plot, M 058 W D

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October 6, 1944, 10: died October 4 at Saanich, BC, Herbert William Sutton, 30, born in Victoria, only son of Herbert W & Martha Sutton. Leaves wife, Dorothy Smith Sutton at home and his parents. He was the city and island champion boxer

featherweight class, and Victoria A1 driver at Langford. He attended Boys' Central and Willows Schools. Cremate

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V/October 7, 1944, 3: photo, Pilot Officer Joseph John Mollison, 21, now in Victoria on 30-day furlough at home of his parents, John Joseph & Ann Going Mollison, Esquimalt. On the last trip of his tour of operations he was forced to bail out with 6 others of his bomber crew over enemy territory in France. Listed as missing in June, his mother received a cable from him in August stating he was safe. His experiences are censored but he did mention that he had received help from the French in reaching Allied lines... He enlisted in RCAF in 1941, proceeded overseas in 1943.

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V/October 7, 1944, 3: photo, Private Ronald George Birch, 24, PPCLI, died from wounds received in action with 8<sup>th</sup> Army in Italy. He went overseas with 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment, later transferred, being in the campaign in Sicily and Italy. His mother, Mrs Georgina Birch resides at Oak Bay, his wife and son at Prospect Lake. He also leaves a brother, Stanley, in RCN, and a sister, Georgina, WRCNS.

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V/October 7, 1944, 3: Private Byril Ada Coburn, 23, CWAC, wife of Lieutenant W Coburn, now fighting in Italy, returns to Victoria... She will stay with her mother, Mrs Fred Peach, Oak Bay until her husband is discharged...

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V/October 7, 1944, 6: photo, Victoria girl, former Corporal Elsie Morris, marries Leading AirCraftman Bruce Johnston, RCAF, in England...

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ChHx/October 7, 1944, 10: died suddenly October 4, Mrs Eva Yipp, 42, born in Victoria. Leaves husband, Jack, son, 7 daughters, parents, Mr & Mrs Lowe Mon, 5

brothers, 3 sisters, all of Victoria. Royal Oak Burial Park

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V/October 7, 1944, 10: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Lieutenant George Frederick Wragg, RCN, 62. Born in England, resident here 32 years. Leaves wife, son, daughter, 2 brothers. October 12, 5, funeral service... Esquimalt Naval Cemetery, B-10-0232.

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V/October 8, 1944, 2: Restigouche, 'Luckiest Ship' in Canadian Navy, Comes Home...

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V/October 8, 1944, 3: photo, Gunner Alastair MacLeod, wounded in action in France. Born and educated in Victoria, he was in the militia prior to the war and went overseas 3 ½ years ago. His brother, Private Donald Ian MacLeod died August 3 of wounds received in Normandy, and his other brother, Jack, formerly of 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment is now serving with Canadian merchant navy. They are sons of John & Mary MacLeod, Victoria.

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V/October 8, 1944, 3: photo, AirWoman1 Joan M Carrington, has spent leave at Victoria home of her parents, Chief Petty Officer Arthur J & Mrs Gladys Carrington. She joined RCAF 1943, now serving as a wireless operator. Her father is serving onboard HMCS Chaudiere overseas.

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V/October 8, 1944, 3: photo, R87686 Warrant Officer 2 AFA Dawkins, Prisoner of War#27710, Victoria. Prisoner in Germany for past 20 months, he has written to tell of camp life... Son of Mrs Elizabeth J Dawkins, Victoria [widow of James F Dawkins]. Born in Vancouver, educated at Boys' Central & Victoria High Schools, and joined RCAF in 1941...

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V/October 8, 1944, 3: Sapper EO Olson, 25, severely wounded when a German mine

exploded by a friend walking a few feet ahead of him in France in August. Married in Victoria in 1942, he went overseas that year.

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October 8, 1944, 4: Renfrew Road, by Frank M Kelley...

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Bldg/October 8, 1944, 5: photo, plans for conversion of former Allies Hotel into 28-suite apartment... Built in 1891 at corner of Pandora Avenue & Blanshard Street...; October 15, 12: City tops weekly building figures...

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V/October 8, 1944, 6: photo, former Doris Bischlager, only daughter of Reverend Arthur & Mrs Bischlager, of Cumberland, marries Captain James Moir. She graduated from St Joseph's Hospital, and is one of 300 Canadian nurses who enlisted in the South African Medical Nursing Service. She went to Johannesburg in 1942 and has served in Egypt and Italy. [brother, R74903 Sergeant pilot Harold Bischlager, 20, killed in action December 18, 1941. Buried Coningsby Cemetery, Lincolnshire, England.]

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October 8, 1944, 9: the telescope and observatory equipment of H Boyd Brydon, Oak Bay, have been purchased by Victoria Centre, Royal Astronomical Society...

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October 8, 1944, 18: died October 6 at Victoria, BC, Mrs Kathleen Maud Ward, 74, of Oak Bay. Born in India, resident here 32 years. Leaves daughter, sisters. T 031 W 43

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October 8, 1944, 24: Erskine Hawkins coming to Victoria...

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V/Killed in action October 10, 1944 in Holland, Corporal John William Witty, 22, son of Mrs A Hughes. [buried in Holland] Poem

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October 11, 1944, 3: photo, Commander Ted Simmons, serves country well...

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V/October 11, 1944, 3: Private Peter T Layton, 22, killed in action in Italy. Son of Mr & Mrs DM Layton, Vancouver, nephew of Mrs CW Tolson, and grandson of Mrs W Scott Ritchie, both of Oak Bay, BC. October 12, 3: photo. He was serving with Sherwood Foresters, a British army unit. He was born at Victoria. His brother, Gunner John Layton, Royal Canadian Army, is serving in Italy.

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V/October 11, 1944, 3: Corporal Robert Martindale, 24, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Black Watch Regiment, Montreal, arrived in Victoria to spend leave with his mother, Mrs H Howard, Victoria, before receiving his discharge. He suffered injuries in Normandy.

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V/October 11, 1944, 3: Colonel Walter Bapty, of Victoria has arrived at his Victoria home, after studying new methods in medicine and surgery at Toronto. He was resigned from the army last spring, after serving 4 ½ years. He was formerly Officer-in-charge, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment.

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V/October 11, 1944, 3: photo, Lieutenant Leslie Entwistle, reported missing following action near Caen July 20, now reported prisoner of war in Germany. He was originally with Canadian Scottish, transferred to Calgary Highlanders later. He has been overseas 10 months. A brother, Albert, is with Canadian Army. They are sons of James & Rachel Kay Entwistle, Victoria. [he married Eleanor Grace Calwell, 1942, Victoria]

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V/October 11, 1944, 3: photo, Private Edward 'Nip' Sage, overseas 2 years with Canadian Army, will celebrate his 25<sup>th</sup>



birthday today. Son of Albert W & Gladys Hilliers Sage, Esquimalt, BC. He was a well-known athlete here.

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V/October 11, 1944, 3: photo, Pilot Officer Theodore Scott Forbes, RCAF, commissioned overseas. Son of T & Jessie Scott Forbes, Sidney, BC. [died 1970 at Vancouver, pilot, Japan Airlines]

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October 11, 1944, 5: Duncan E MacKenzie, 75, died recently at New Westminster, BC. Born in Kincardine, Bruce County, Ontario, he came to BC in 1882 with his parents. He was a telegraph operator at Hope and later went into the grocery business... He leaves 2 sons, 3 daughters, one, Lieutenant Dorothy MacKenzie, Victoria.

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October 11, 1944, 5: died October 9 while visiting friends at Saanich, Walter Oscar Miller, 82, former superintendent of CPR at Vancouver. Born in Ontario he retired after 50 years' service in CPR he sent the famous message, 'It is completed,' to Queen Victoria in 1885 on the dispatching of the 1<sup>st</sup> train into Port Moody. He leaves wife, 3 daughters, all of Vancouver.

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V/October 11, 1944, 6: photo, Wren Marion Wingate, daughter of Captain Walter & Rowena Wingate, Victoria...

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October 11, 1944, 6: Mr & Mrs LH Borde and their daughters, Mrs K Smith & Miss Frances Borde have returned from Seattle.

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October 11, 1944, 14: died October 7 at Santa Cruz, California, Lawrence, 3<sup>rd</sup> son of Sir A Ashburnham, late of Lake Cowichan & Victoria. Leaves wife, daughter. Santa Cruz

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V/October 11, 1944, 14: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Arthur Allen Cook, 72, born in Ontario, resident here 3 years. He served

in the Great War with 88<sup>th</sup> Battalion from Red Deer, Alberta. Royal Oak Burial Park

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October 11, 1944, 14: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Mrs Mary Jane Seward, 72, born in Ontario, resident here 14 years. Nee Rogers. Royal Oak Burial Park

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ChHx/October 11, 1944, 14: died suddenly yesterday at Victoria, Mrs Eva Yipp, 42, born here. She leaves husband, Jack, a son and 7 daughters, parents Mr & Mrs Lowe Mon, 3 sisters, 5 brothers. Royal Oak Burial Park

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October 11, 1944, 17: died October 9 at Victoria, BC, Mrs Jane Bryce, 80, born in Paisley, Bruce County, Ontario, resident here 55 years. Widow of James Bryce, she leaves son, Dr WW Bryce, Victoria, daughter, Mrs GS Merryfield, Los Angeles.

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October 12, 1944, 1; 4: Oak Bay proposes arterial highway...

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V/October 12, 1944, 3: reported as missing following a raid in April of this year, Pilot Officer Raymond Potentier is now reported safe in England. He had taken part in 22 operational flights before his bomber was reported missing. Born at Cowichan Station, son of Harold & Louise Potentier.

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October 12, 1944, 6: war bride Mrs J Aylan-Parker and her 2 children are expected to arrive from Britain soon. Daughter of RO Alexander, Oak Bay.

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October 12, 1944, 14: died October 7 at Leechtown, BC, Allen Carl Gill, 58, born in Victoria. Leaves father, William, at Victoria, 3 brothers, sister. Royal Oak Burial Park

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October 12, 1944, 14: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Edith May Matthews, 24, born in Victoria. Leaves husband, Edwin,

daughter, mother, Mrs Ellen C Vesey, Saanich, 3 brothers. Colwood

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October 13, 1944, 1: wooden coastal freighter Squid, well known in Victoria-Vancouver-Howe Sound trade for past 40 years, now at the bottom of Gulf of Georgia with a cargo of dynamite & detonators [rammed in the fog by SS Princess Joan]...; October 15, 9: investigate crash of Joan & Squid...

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V/October 13, 1944, 3, photo, Commander Writer George Edward Whitwell Woodford, of Esquimalt, has returned to the East after spending leave from overseas with his wife, Jean Sturrock Woodford, and children. In the RCN since 1929, he served on every Canadian destroyer prior to the outbreak of war and since that time has served in naval establishments on both coasts before appointment overseas aboard HMCS Niobe and bases in Northern Ireland.

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V/October 13, 1944, 3: Tiger Squadron's new flight commander is Squadron Leader Norman Loudoun, Oak Bay, BC, son of James & Isabelle Loudoun. With RCAF since 1941 he has been overseas since 1943, and has almost completed his tour of operations. Formerly a Times' newspaperman he has 2 brothers also serving, Wilson in RCNVR and Maurice with RCAF. October 18, 3: photo, DFC awarded to 2 Oak Bay men: Squadron Leader N Loudoun and Flying Officer HK DeBeck... When Loudoun was sailing to England his freighter was torpedoed and he was among 16 airmen who were rescued by a British corvette from rafts being tossed by 6-foot waves. October 19, 1944, 3: DeBeck, son of Edwin K & Marie DeBeck, Oak Bay, he has completed 32 operational flights over Germany. A younger brother, Sergeant Pilot Fred DeBeck, was injured while flying overseas this year.... [drowned 1957,

Kamloops]; October 26, 3: photo.

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V/October 13, 1944, 3: Pilot Officer Donald Knight, formerly of Victoria, whose parents now reside in Burnaby, is home on leave after graduating as a wireless air gunner. Educated at Monterey & Oak Bay High Schools, he enlisted in 1943.

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V/October 13, 1944, 3: photo, Leading Seaman Daniel Reid, 24, RCN, has been reported missing after action overseas. Son of Norman & Jeannie Reid, Oak Bay. Serving aboard frigate HMCS Chebogne. Educated at Willows School, he worked at BAPCO before he was called with 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment, reserves at the outbreak of war. With them for 6 months, he transferred to the navy. His wife, May, and son live at Halifax. October 26, 3: photo, Leading Seaman Daniel MacFarlane McLeod Reid, 24, RCN, reported missing following action overseas when his ship engaged a German submarine, now officially reported killed in action. An ex-pupil of Willows School, he was called with 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment reserve at the outbreak of war. His wife and son live at Halifax.

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V/October 13, 1944, 3: Captain Thomas Ernest Baylis, King's Own Rifles of Canada, has returned from service in Australia & New Guinea to spend leave here with his wife, Ethel Watson Baylis and son. While in the South Pacific he sustained injuries.

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October 13, 1944, 10: died October 11 at Victoria, BC, Mrs Emily Hopkins, 82, born in England, resident here almost 40 years. Widow of Neville John Hopkins, she leaves 2 sons. Family plot, Royal Oak Burial Park

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October 13, 1944, 10: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Miss Ada Lacey, born in England, resident here 34 years. She leaves

nephew, Everett Lacy, Saanich. Royal Oak Burial Park

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October 13, 1944, 13: Chart shows proposed breakwater to protect Victoria Harbour...; October 15, 1: Mayhew proposes new Victoria Harbour plan...; October 21, 1: Harbour survey to obtain more data...

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V/October 14, 1944, 2: Lieutenant David Wood, who has served aboard HMCS Swansea 4 months, has returned to Victoria on a short leave to visit parents, D Wood. With RCN 3 years, he graduated from UBC in mining engineering...

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V/October 14, 1944, 2: photo, Flight Commander M Strange, 28, DSO, recently promoted. Son of Mrs JM Strange, Cordova Bay, he was awarded DSO for outstanding action in piloting his badly damaged bomber back to his base. December 29, 3: photo, awarded Distinguished Flying Cross. His wife is staying with her mother, Mrs WH Prowse, Victoria. He won his wings in 1943.

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V/October 14, 1944, 2: Chief Petty Officer George Sidney Jewett, 35, RCN, missing since October 4 while serving aboard HMCS Restigouche. Little hope is held for his safety. Wife, Mary Samson Jewett, and children live in Esquimalt. He joined RCN in 1927, and has served aboard St Laurent, Fraser & Athabaskan on convoy duties since the start of war.

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V/October 14, 1944, 2: Private Earl Green wounded in Italy in September. Son of Frank Green, Saanich, BC. He enlisted 1943, overseas in 1943, and has been in Italy for past 6 months. Born in Manitoba, he made his home here 16 years.

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October 14, 1944, 10: died October 11 at Victoria, BC, David Charles Isbister, 65, of Esquimalt, resident in Victoria and district

all his life. Leaves 2 brothers, Captain J, of Vancouver, and William, of Esquimalt, and 2 sisters, Mrs Annie C Pauline, Victoria; and Mrs AW Stewart, Esquimalt. Cremate

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V/October 15, 1944, 3: photo, Pilot Officer Ralph S Shepherd, 25, son of Mrs S Francis, Victoria, recently promoted after 2 years' service overseas as an air gunner. Born in Saskatchewan, educated at Central & Victoria High Schools.

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V/October 15, 1944, 3: Sapper Percy M Williams, Royal Canadian Engineers, wounded October 7 in France. Son of F Williams, educated at Victoria West & Victoria High Schools.

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V/October 15, 1944, 3: photo, Leading Seaman William Boyles, RCN navy commando, now on leave with parents at Cobble Hill. In on the initial invasion thrust June 6, he was stationed at HMCS Niobe in Scotland for some time. Born in Victoria, educated at Cobble Hill. Overseas 3 years.

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October 15, 1944, 20: died suddenly yesterday at Saanich, BC, William B 'Casey' Jones, 60, born in Hong Kong, China, resident here 40 years. Leaves daughter, Mrs Peter Davey.

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October 15, 1944, 20; 23: died October 13 at Victoria, BC, Mrs Clara Sloman, 74, of Victoria. Born in Weston-super-mare, England, resident of Victoria 20 years. Widow of James Sloman, she leaves son, Harold, of Tofino, BC, and daughter Mrs Gordon Motion, Campbell River, BC. James Sloman was a well-known trader & trapper of Tofino. Colwood

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October 15, 1944, 20: died yesterday at Oak Bay, BC, Miss Maud Le Gallais, 80, born in Newfoundland, 2<sup>nd</sup> daughter of Reverend Walter Le Gallais. She was founder and

principal of St Michael's School at Vernon, BC, retiring 12 years ago. She leaves 2 sisters in Victoria. Royal Oak Burial Park

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October 15, 1944, 20: died October 13 at Victoria, BC, George Sheard, 79, of View Royal. Born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, resident here 30 years. Colwood

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V/Died while in the service of his country in the United Kingdom, October 15, 1944, Major J T Harper, Manitoba, PPCLI.

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V/JT/Killed in action October 15, 1944, J29197 Flying Officer Pilot Charles Trevor Leighton Pidcock, 26. Halifax aircraft went down east of Hasselt, Belgium during a night operation against Germany. He, as pilot, maintained control of the aircraft long enough for all of his crew to bail out. It appeared that he tried to save himself after his crew got out but stayed too long because his body was found with his parachute half opened. One crew member also died, but the others were either evaders or were taken prisoners of war. Target, Duisburg, Germany. December 8, 3: photo, Pidcock, only son of William Edward & Marian Jane Duncalfe Pidcock, of Victoria & Vancouver. Born in Victoria he attended St Michael's & Oak Bay High Schools. He also leaves a sister, Mrs EM [Peggy] Thomson, Vancouver. Buried at Mechelon, Belgium, exhumed, reburied in War Cemetery, Heverlee, Brabant, Belgium. Name inscribed on Oak Bay Memorial

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Bldg/October 17, 1944, 1: Oak Bay requires land for Oak Bay High...

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October 17, 1944, 2: photo, schooner St Roch completes northwest trip in 86 days...

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October 17, 1944, 2: died yesterday at Saanich, BC, Mrs Elizabeth Jones, 53, born in Victoria, she leaves 2 sons, daughter,

sister, brother [Lundy]. V006/007 E 48

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V/October 17, 1944, 3: photo, Major Cyril Wightman has arrived by plane from England to spend leave with his parents, WH Wightman, Oak Bay, BC. He is a former assistant advertising manager of Daily Colonist. His wife and son reside at Sidney. He was wounded in June. October 24, 3: photo, Major Cyril Wightman, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment, wounded in France, now leaves for new post after a short leave with his wife, Kathleen, in Oak Bay, BC. He had been assistant advertising manager of Daily Colonist before going overseas at the outbreak of war. He was wounded at the same time as Brigadier Cabeldu... He went across the Channel with his unit on D-Day, helping to establish the beachheads, which extensive training as shock troops had prepared them to take. Son of Wallace H & Beatrice Wightman, Oak Bay.

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V/October 17, 1944, 3: photo, Trooper John Francis Bean, 22, killed in action in France, September 29. Husband of Mrs JB Bean, Victoria, born in England he lived here 6 years, before enlisting 2 years ago. He was overseas 1 ½ years. His brother, Albert, is with Royal Canadian Army. Son of Frank William Bean, Saanichton.

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V/October 17, 1944, 3: photo, Pilot Officer AW Taylor, injured in an operational flight over Germany. Son of J Taylor, Mount Tolmie. His aircraft was struck by ground gunfire October 4. He joined RAF in 1938, trained as a fitter, and was re-mustered to air crew in 1942. He served in France in 1940 with Wing Commander DS Bader's squadron.

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V/October 17, 1944, 3: photo, Brigadier John N Rockingham, invested with DSO by HM the King October 13. He went overseas

in 1941 with 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment... His wife, Mary C, and children reside at Victoria.

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V/October 17, 1944, 3: photo, Able Seaman Ray Douglas, with RCNVR, now on leave with his parents, William & Emily Douglas, Esquimalt. Serving with LCIL's he took part in the invasion operations on D-Day.

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October 17, 1944, 12: died October 15 at Saanichton, Annie Mary Maxwell, 64, born in England, resident of Saanichton 30 years. Leaves husband, Francis A, mother, Mrs Louisa Burrows, brother, 2 sisters. Royal Oak Burial Park

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V/October 17, 1944, 12: In Memoriam, Sergeant Robert Carter, 23, PPCLI, killed in Italy October 17, 1943, ever remembered by his wife, Ann, parents, siblings.

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V/October 17, 1944, 12: In Memoriam, in memory of our brother, Fred and uncle, Horace Merle Webb, who lost his life October 22, 1940, on HMCS Margaree. Poem.

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V/October 18, 1944, 1: Warrant Officer Douglas Moran, RCAF, home on leave after 41 operational flights over Germany, injured in car crash...; October 19, 14...

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V/October 18, 1944, 3: Flight Lieutenant RT Obee & Flight Officer WB Newman [photo] of Victoria awarded DFC. Newman, 24, a navigator, born in Victoria, attended Oaklands & Victoria High Schools. His parents, William & Millicent Newman, reside here...

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V/October 18, 1944, 3: photo, Lance-Corporal Sydney Clifford Duffill, wounded August 31 while serving with Canadian Army in France, is now recovering in hospital in England. Enlisting

early in the war he was stationed here 4 years and went overseas 1943. His wife, Lillian, resides in Victoria. December 29, 3: photo, wounded, now back in action with his unit in Belgium. [He died 1980 at Oak Bay, BC]

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V/October 18, 1944, 3: photo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant John Clayton, commissioned in England. Born 1918 in Calgary he attended Victoria & California schools and enlisted in Royal Canadian Army 1939, overseas 1941. His wife, Mrs WF Clayton lives at Royal Oak, his mother, Mrs Winifred Clayton, at Elk Lake.

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V/October 18, 1944, 3: photo, Sergeant Kenneth King, recent sergeant bombardier graduate, returns to duty after spending leave with his parents, Major & Mrs E King, Esquimalt. He attended Esquimalt High School & St Louis College.

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October 18, 1944, 5: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Mrs Martha Ernestine Herburger, 76, born in Poland, resident here 55 years. Leaves husband, August, daughter, son. Royal Oak Burial Park

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October 18, 1944, 5: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, John Chow, 82, born in Ontario, resident here 54 years. Leaves wife, Elizabeth, 3 daughters, brother, sister.

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V/October 18, 1944, 8: HMCS Ottawa & Kootenay bag submarine in English Channel...; photo, HMCS Restigouche crew members [all BC men, includes James Luke, Victoria]

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October 18, 1944, 10: died October 16 at Victoria, BC, Miss Violet Rachel Simms, 65, born in England, resident here 30 years. Leaves 3 sisters, 2 brothers. Colwood

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October 18, 1944, 10: died October 16 at

Victoria, BC, Mrs Martha Ann Kirchin, 66, born in England, resident here 33 years. Widow of George Kirchin... Family plot, Colwood

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V/October 18, 1944, 12: Awards to Airmen: names, home towns given...

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V/October 19, 1944, 3: photo, Gunner George W Tanner, has served aboard HMCS Ottawa since 1943, when the ship, formerly RN vessel Griffin, was commissioned for RCN. He has been with RCN since 1930, and with other crew members of his ship is now home on leave.

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V/October 19, 1944, 3: Captain George Kidd, 27, Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada, son of Commander GW Kidd, RCN and Mrs Kidd, of Esquimalt, is one of a number of wounded soldiers coming home. He suffered extensive injuries August 8 in Normandy and is still a stretcher case. He attended St Michael's School, Brentwood College & UBC. He enlisted in 1941. A brother, Lieutenant WM Kidd, RCN, is serving on HMCS Skeena... December 31, 3: Captain G Kidd, 27, Cameron Highlanders, and brother, Lieutenant N Kidd, 23, RCN, who enlisted at the outset of war and has been serving aboard a destroyer, have arrived Esquimalt home of parents...; Also returning are Lieutenants PM Fox, Victoria; John Hall, Victoria West...

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V/October 19, 1944, 3: photo, Sapper Edgar N Shea, killed overseas August 26 overseas. One of 4 sons of H Shea, Cordova Bay serving. Buried in the Canadian Military Cemetery, Mandeville, France. He went overseas 1943.

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V/October 19, 1944, 3: Corporal Robert Martindale, Black Watch Regiment, Montreal, has arrived home from overseas

suffering from injuries received at Normandy. His mother, Mrs H Howard resides at Victoria.

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V/October 19, 1944, 3: J37872 Flying Officer HRL English reported missing following air operations overseas. Son of Mrs Daisy L English, Victoria. His wife and son at Nanaimo. Prisoner of War.

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V/October 19, 1944, 3: Chief Petty Officer George Candy, Victoria, serving aboard HMCS Ottawa, now on leave in Victoria. He reports watching the English Channel spew up debris after 3 depth charges hit a German U-boat.

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October 19, 1944, 12: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, William Trevellick Edwards, 75, of Saanich, BC. Born at Scilly Isles, Cornwall, England, resident here 32 years. Known as the pioneer of the daffodil-growing industry here. He started his large daffodil farm on Marine Drive, Gordon Head, in 1912, and its expanse of blooms was a familiar sight to motorists each spring. He operated the farm until ill health forced him to sell it this year. He was 1<sup>st</sup> president of the old Gordon Head Athletic Organization, and an original member of Gordon Head Fruit Growers' Assn. Leaves 2 daughters, Mrs FM Jupp & Miss Pomona Edwards, brother. St Luke's churchyard

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October 19, 1944, 12: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Charles Fry, 81, born in England, resident here 33 years he leaves his brother-in-law Thomas Obee, 5 nieces [Mrs A Luckovich, Seattle]... He served many years as a soldier in the British Army, both at home and abroad, joining Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment of Infantry in 1881. Colwood

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Buried at Victoria, Terence William Ernest

Harris, 24, born in Victoria, died July 18, 1934 at Montreal, Quebec. T 029 E 45

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V/October 20, 1944, 3: photo, Lance Sergeant MC Jennings, recently promoted following service with 1<sup>st</sup> Anti-Tank Regiment in Italy. Son of Mrs Mary P Jennings, Oak Bay, and late Captain GFW Jennings. He has 3 brothers in the army overseas.

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V/October 20, 1944, 3: photo, Flight Lieutenant Philip Holmes, promoted last month, 2<sup>nd</sup> son of Major & Mrs Cuthbert Holmes, Oak Bay. He received his wings in 1943, now flying with a squadron of Halifax bombers. His brother, Lieutenant W Holmes, with Royal Engineers.

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V/October 20, 1944, 3: photo, William J 'Bill' Herbert, taking charge of English-Italian unit of CBC, succeeding Peter Stursberg, after service with a CBC unit in Normandy. Son of William Herbert, Victoria, he is a former Colonist reporter. He recently recovered from pneumonia suffered in France.

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V/October 20, 1944, 3: Mrs F Corbett, Oak Bay, has received news that her brother-in-law, Captain James E Bain Moncreff, died suddenly in England. Her son, Lieutenant Fraser Shepherd, is recovering in 22<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Hospital, England, from wounds suffered during recently action in France. Her elder son, Reginald Alan, is in Belgium.

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V/October 20, 1944, 3: missing following action in France on August 17, son of Mrs Martina Copley, Victoria. Born in Ottawa, educated there, he enlisted with Grenadier Guards in 1941, overseas 2 years. Prior to joining the army he had served with the Marine Section, RCMP.

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V/October 20, 1944, 3: Lance-Corporal Kelly Kellington, of Victoria, has recently completed 5 years with Canadian Army overseas and his 9<sup>th</sup> year in the army. He is with PPCLI, anti-tank platoon, Italy.

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V/ChHx/October 20, 1944, 3: recent enlistments: Char Lowe; Wa & Wong Young...

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V/October 20, 1944, 4: HMCS Uganda, editorial...

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V/October 20, 1944, 7: photo, Lieutenant Katherine GF Lake, now on leave to visit parents, Sir Richard & Lady Lake, Oak Bay. CWAC

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October 20, 1944, 12: died October 17 at Victoria, BC, Frederick Crowe, 76, born in London, England, resident here 25 years. Leaves 3 sons, daughter. Colwood

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October 20, 1944, 12: died October 17 at Victoria, BC, October 17, Mrs Mary Ann Littler, 90, born in Ontario, resident here 25 years. Leaves son, brother [Bickie]. Family plot, Colwood

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V/October 20, 1944, 16: Chief Petty Officer Robert Sprinkling, Petty Officers Roy MacDonald; Robert Leason; Harry Dovey; and Able Seamen James O'Neill & B Redgrave, son of Bertie H & Ada Redgrave, all home on leave after strenuous war service aboard Canadian-manned British baby flat-top carrier Nabob... MacDonald was formerly head bellman, Empress Hotel... Dovey, former crew member of HMCS Ville de Quebec when she sank an enemy U-boat in Mediterranean in 1943..

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V/October 21, 1944, 1: photo, Lieutenant-Colonel Frederick N Cabeldu, 48, of Victoria, formerly commanding Canadian Scottish Regiment overseas,

promoted to Acting Brigadier... He went overseas as a major with Canadian Scottish. In 1942 he was appointed 2<sup>nd</sup> in command of the regiment and 1943 he was given command and promoted to lieutenant-colonel. He led his unit into France on D-Day and was wounded in July...; November 8, 3: Victoria officer rewarded for leading counter-attack...

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V/October 21, 1944, 3: photo, Group Captain RJ Lane, DSO, DFC, and Pilot Officer RJ Taylor, mentioned in 1<sup>st</sup> official Canadian air history of this war [RCAF Overseas, the First Four Years]...

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V/October 21, 1944, 3: photo, missing following action in Belgium October 7, Private Leonard Adams, 19, son of William H & Elizabeth Adams, Victoria. He enlisted 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment in 1942, aged 15 and was 16 when he went overseas. Born in England, he came to BC aged 3 and attended schools at Natal. An only son, he was one of 5 BC boys to tour Canada on the 'equipment train' in 1942. His father is a veteran of both Great War and this war, recently discharged from Royal Canadian Company of Engineers.

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V/October 21, 1944, 3: Captain Ian M Grant, 24, awarded DSO in the field in Italy in September. Son of Mrs Lesley Maud Jessie Grant, Victoria. Born and educated here he attended UBC. Overseas for over 2 years, he is in charge of a company of tough Indian fighters, Gurkhas.

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October 21, 1944, 4: letter to editor, re: PPCLI, by Jean I Colquhoun...

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Bldg/October 21, 1944, 5: photo, new officers' wardroom & quarters, HMCS Naden...

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October 21, 1944, 7: photo, Miss Moira

May, only daughter of GH May, of Dunmora, Mount Newton, who, after 2 ½ years as VAD at Jubilee Hospital, transferred to ambulance driving, and is now overseas. Born here, her eldest brother, Midshipman Peter May, RCN, is also overseas. He graduated from Royal Roads.

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October 21, 1944, 11: Japanese, Chinese now serving with active forces of Canada should be given the right to vote after the war... Naval Veterans Branch, Legion...

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V/October 22, 1944, 3: photo, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Gordon A Bell, Tacoma, nephew of Sam & William Bell, both of Vancouver Island, awarded US Air Medal after flying 134 missions. Born 1923 in Vancouver...; December 5, 3: photo, killed in action October 12 over Italy. He lived in Tacoma from childhood, came to Canada as soon as he could join RCAF, subsequently transferring to US Army Air Force...

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V/October 22, 1944, 3: died suddenly in London, England, Major JT Harper, 51, MBE, veteran of 34 years' service. Born in England he served from 1910, 16 with Canadian Army. Serving with PPCLI he was for 9 years an instructor at Kingston. Commissioned with his regiment in 1939 he served as instructional officer at Canadian Training School, England. Two sons, Jack & Leonard, are with services overseas. October 25, 3: photo...

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V/October 22, 1944, 3: Sub-Lieutenant Jack Gibbs, RCNVR, coming home on leave after 14 months' service with RCN in the Atlantic. Only son of Phillip A & Margaret Gibbs, Oak Bay, he is a graduate of HMCS Royal Roads... October 24, 3: photo, served aboard HMCS St Catharines when she sunk a German undersea raider...

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V/October 22, 1944, 3: photo, Major Horace



Palmer Williams, killed September 24 in Belgium. Born in Victoria, son of Horace C & Florence Williams, he leaves widow, Gwendolyn and son Ross, and a brother. Educated at North Ward School... His father was a veteran of Great War.

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V/October 22, 1944, 3: Private Frederic Charles Anderson, 19, officially listed as missing following action with 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment, in Belgium. His mother, Mrs Helen Anderson. Born in Victoria he volunteered for overseas service with Canadian Scottish Regiment aged 16, proceeding overseas 3 years ago. October 24, 3: photo...; October 28, 3: now reported safe with his unit...

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V/October 22, 1944, 3: Petty Officer George Cyril Moon, Distinguished Service Medal, of HMCS Haida, now on leave with his wife and daughters. Awarded Distinguished Service Medal for gallantry in action against a German destroyer when HMCS Athabaskan was sunk off the French coast, he aided in the rescue of survivors.

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V/October 22, 1944, 3: Leading Aircraftman William Tuthill, 19, RCAF, now on leave with Victoria family. Educated at Margaret Jenkins & Victoria High Schools. His brother, James, is stationed at Port Alberni. October 25, 3: photo...

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V/October 22, 1944, 3: Flying Officer Thomas Stanley Horswill, RCAF, recently awarded DFC for gallantry and high devotion to duty while flying overseas as navigator of Halifax bombers. He has completed 36 operational flights over enemy territory and at present is navigation officer at a Northern Ireland base. A brother, Richard Sydney Horswill, was killed overseas while serving with RCAF. His parents, Algernon & Margaret, live in Nelson, BC.

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V/October 22, 1944, 3: Pilot Officer Austin L Craven, son of Captain A Craven, MC, and Mrs Craven, promoted. A wireless air gunner he was educated at Victoria West School...

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V/October 22, 1944, 7: photo, Wren Gwynneth M Griffith, now in Victoria on leave. Daughter of Edgar W & Dorothy Griffith, Oak Bay, educated at Oak Bay High School & Victoria College.

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Bldg/October 22, 1944, 10: building figures led by Oak Bay...; October 24, 3: photo, Terry's building...

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October 22, 1944, 18: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Mrs Annie Ellen Cooper, 76, born in England, resident here 32 years. Leaves 3 daughters, son, sister.

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ChHx/October 22, 1944, 18: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Chan Keen, 70, born in Canton, China, resident here 40 years. Chinese cemetery

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October 22, 1944, 18: died October 19, Sarah Elizabeth Matheson, 61, born in New Brunswick, resident of Victoria 30 years. Widow of John Matheson, she leaves siblings in Fredericton. Colwood

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October 22, 1944, 18: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Ernest Charles Jones, 74, born in England, resident here 27 years. Leaves widow, Florence L, 2 sons, 2 daughters. [Son, Warrant Officer Victor Jones, RCN] Royal Oak Burial Park

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V/October 22, 1944, 18: In Memoriam notices for Stanley Gordon Day; James G Kelly; Desmond Scott McKinnon & Horace Merle Webb, all lost in sinking of HMCS Margaree, 1940...

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V/October 24, 1944, 3: photo, Corporal Leonard Roland Bailey, 23, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment, who left with his unit in 1941, was killed in Belgium in September. Son of William J & Florence Bailey, Saanich, BC. Born in Saskatchewan, he attended McKenzie Avenue & Mount View High Schools here prior to enlistment at age 18.

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V/October 24, 1944, 3: photo, Lieutenant Ralph J Cosier, 25, wounded while serving in France with 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment. Husband of Joyce Campbell Crosier, Saanich, born in Victoria, educated at local schools & Victoria High School before enlistment in 1940. Son of James H & Louisa Cosier, Victoria.

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V/October 24, 1944, 3: Lieutenant John Maddison Bond, 27, recently wounded in action in France. Stationed on west coast of Vancouver Island before proceeding overseas. Formerly attached to Lorne Scots Regiment, he transferred overseas to Highland Regiment of Canada. His wife, Mary, resides in Oak Bay, BC. November 21, 3: now recovering. He enlisted 3 years ago, overseas 1 year.

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V/October 24, 1944, 6: Lieutenant PM Fox, of Victoria, a nursing sister, one of 22 wounded veterans arrives at Shaughnessy Military Hospital for treatment. She spent a year on duty at Taplow Canadian Military Hospital in England.

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October 24, 1944, 12: died yesterday at Port Alberni, BC, John Sidney Byrom, 73, of Victoria. Born in New Jersey, US, he leaves widow, May Sybil Byrom, 4 daughters, son. Retired superintendent of BC Coast Service, CPR, he began his seafaring career when he joined sailing schooners in Scotland, later coming to Victoria and going to sea on SS Islander. He saw service on many of the

coastal routes and followed the Yukon gold rush in 1898, but returned to his old love, the sea, in 1901.... Family plot, V 025 E 46

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October 24, 1944, 12: died October 23 at Victoria, BC, Thomas Renfrew, 73, born in Scotland, resident here 49 years. Leaves nephews, nieces. IOOF

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V/October 25, 1944, 3: Lieutenant Robert C Hall, son of John Hall, Victoria, who was seriously wounded in France, now in Shaughnessy Hospital. Smashed by a machine gun hail while leading a platoon of men, he fell in a field of wheat where he lay for 18 hours while Nazi patrols moved all about him...

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V/October 25, 1944, 3: photo, Pilot Officer Jerome L Armitage, 19, youngest son of HW Armitage, Royal Oak, born in Victoria, educated at Prospect Lake School & St Louis College, he has 2 brothers in the services: Chief Petty Officer John Armitage, RCN and Private Jim Armitage, with the invasion forces in Belgium.

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V/October 25, 1944, 3: photo, Cadet Officer AF Impey, Merchant Navy, recently in Victoria on leave with parents, Louis C & Bertha Impey. Born here he was educated at South Park & Central Schools...

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V/October 25, 1944, 3: killed December 25, 1942, after volunteering for operational patrol, Warrant Officer Benjamin Edward Bailey was posthumously granted promotion to that rank effect November, 1942. The promotion is based on a policy inaugurated by RCAF whereby aircrew members who had been recommended previously for higher rank, and who would have received the promotion but for an untimely death, are promoted to that rank 6 months after the date of their last promotion. On Christmas leave when he stepped forward for volunteer

duty, he was son of Clarence B & Edna Bailey, Oak Bay, and met his death when his plane crashed near Sydney, Nova Scotia.

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V/October 25, 1944, 11: photo, Victoria ratings who served aboard HMCS Waskesiu during her varied experiences: Leading Signalman Arthur Burton, RCNVR; Leading Clerk Thomas McArthur, RCNVR; Bernard Delamere, RCNVR; and Petty Officer William Gandie, RCNR.

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V/October 26, 1944, 3: photo, 'Bill' A Dale, & Trevor G Jones, both of Saanich, recent RCAF graduates...

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V/October 26, 1944, 3: photo, Pilot Officer Neil L Craig, 21, sustained injuries overseas in June when the Lancaster bomber he was piloting crashed in England following a raid over enemy territory. He had 17 operational flights to his credit. Now home, now on leave with his mother, Mrs JK Woods, Victoria, before proceeding to RCAF convalescent hospital.

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V/October 26, 1944, 3: Acting Major Lenney Herbert Gage, 31, Royal Regiment of Canada, succumbed to wounds received in action in Holland recently. Leaves widow, Evelyn, at Victoria.

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V/October 26, 1944, 3: Lieutenant Lionel Philip 'Jack' Cockrell, 23, Canadian Armored Corps, has been wounded in action in France. His wife, Dorothy Fanny McVie Cockrell resides at Esquimalt. He was commissioned at Sandhurst College. He is one of 3 Victoria survivors of sinking of SS Nerissa in the Atlantic early in the war.

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V/October 26, 1944, 3: Private DS McKay, 23, son of Mrs Catherine McKay, Victoria, and A McKay, Calgary, reported killed in action while serving with Seaforth Highlanders in Italy. He also leaves sister, 2

brothers.

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V/October 26, 1944, 3: Engine Room Artificer Leslie CB McLean, one of several crew aboard frigate Swansea, to receive an award for good service in the destruction of an enemy submarine. He received mention in dispatches. His wife, Mrs Helen M McLean, resident of Victoria.

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October 26, 1944, 5: Colin McKinley Blain, 73, born Ontario, resident of Victoria from 1892 to 1906, recently died at Seattle. He was a member of Victoria fire department. Leaves widow, Annabelle Russell Blain, son, daughter.

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Bldg/October 26, 1944, 11: visitors admire alterations at Sir James Douglas School...

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October 26, 1944, 12: died October 24 at Victoria, BC, Mrs Margaret Ann Farquhar, 76, born in Scotland, resident here 32 years. Widow of John H, she leaves 4 sons, daughter. Family plot, Colwood

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October 26, 1944, 12: died October 23 at Victoria, BC, Eva Nicholichuk, born in Austria. Leaves husband John, 10 daughters, 5 sons [4 on active service], sister. Royal Oak Burial Park

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October 26, 1944, 12: died October 22 at Vancouver, BC, Miss Mabel Harriet Gray, 80, born in Victoria. Family plot, H 062 W22

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V/October 26, 1944, 12: died yesterday at Saanich, BC, Clara Alice Morfitt, 68, born in England, resident here 27 years. Leaves daughter, son, Lieutenant Percy Dutton, overseas, brother [Beason]

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V/October 27, 1944, 3: photo, Major Eric A Henderson, who arrived in France as a lieutenant with 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion in the Great

War and was wounded at Drocourt in 1918, and who has been overseas with 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment since 1941...

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V/October 27, 1944, 3: photo, Leading Seaman Allen D Hardy, son of A Hardy, Victoria West, now home on leave after 14 months' convoy duty on Atlantic. Born in Halifax, he attended Burnside School here. He enlisted in 1941 with RCN. His brother, Albert, is with Canadian Army overseas, and his father is an ex-chief petty officer, RCN & Imperial Navy with 43 years' service to his credit.

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V/October 27, 1944, 3: photo, Squadron Leader Gordon C Walsh, RCAF Demon Squadron, promoted to this rank recently. Son of Casey G & Edith Walsh, Victoria, he has been on active air operations for 2 years as a night bomber, he has flown missions to France, Holland, Italy and Iceland. Born in Victoria, he enlisted in 1941.

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V/October 27, 1944, 3: photo, Petty Officer Strang Gurney, serving as radar operator aboard the 1<sup>st</sup> cruiser to be taken over by the RCN, HMCS Uganda. With RCN since 1939, he enlisted as a boy seaman and had several years' service on convoy duty aboard ships, including HMCS Restigouche. Loaned to RN he served aboard HMS Glasgow until July, 1944, taking part in D-Day invasion and subsequent action. Son of Syd G & Madeline Gurney, Victoria, he attended Quadra & Victoria High Schools

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V/October 27, 1944, 7: crew of HMCS Prince Robert back from war zones...

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October 27, 1944, 8: Art Knapp, part-owner of Maple Leaf tally-ho, fined for selling tickets on a sidewalk...

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October 27, 1944, 10: died recently at

Tunbridge Wells, England, Ethel Anderson, late of Oak Bay, BC. She leaves 2 sons, 2 daughters, sister.

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October 27, 1944, 10: died yesterday at Vancouver, BC, Margaret Gowen, 85, she spent most of her life in Victoria except for last 20 years at Vancouver. Widow of Charles Napier Gowen, she leaves sister, daughter, son. Family plot, B 087 E 29

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October 27, 1944, 10: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Mrs Ellen Mary Hood, 74, born in London, England, resident here 34 years. Widow of George Hood, she leaves son. Colwood

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October 27, 1944, 10: died October 25 at Victoria, BC, Robert Oliver Lamb, 71, born in Devon, England, resident here 36 years. He was well known here in the cartage business for 36 years. Widower he leaves 5 daughters, 5 sisters. Cremate

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V/October 27, 1944, 10: died October 25 at Victoria, BC, Joseph Thomas Lambert, 78, born in England, resident here 59 years, late of Esquimalt. For some time he drove the Sooke & Otter Point mail stage, and later was coachman to Lieutenant-Governor Nelson & Colonel EG Prior. Leaves widow, Mabel, 3 sons, William & George overseas and Joseph with RCN, 2 sisters. He served during Great War with 67<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Canadian Western Scots. Royal Oak Burial Park

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V/October 28, 1944, 3: Lieutenant William Robert Colwell, 24, Regina Rifles, reported missing in action, now officially listed as killed in action. With the Scottish prior to the war, he went active the day was declared and went overseas with his unit in 1940. Born in Iraq, educated in India, his family settled in Nanaimo in 1933. Son of Dr Harry H & Mrs Annie Colwell, Vancouver, brother

of Miss Lorna Colwell, RN, at Ontario and Mrs EW Allen, RN, Victoria, and brother, J10418 in Belgium. Flight Lieutenant John H Colwell, navigator, RCAF, shot down in 1943, now Prisoner of War [#973].

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V/October 28, 1944, 3: 5 wounded Victoria men [Sicily, Italy & Normandy] to arrive home... Private John Schultz, 27, overseas 2 ½ years; Private William I McMurdo, PPCLI, whose wife and child live here; drummer CE Stewart, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment, wife & son reside in Saanich; Corporal RS McConnan; Private AR Macdonell...

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V/October 28, 1944, 3: Private Eugene Atkinson, 19, killed in Italy September 17. His parents live in Edmonton, a sister, Mrs Irma Beckley, Saanich.

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Bldg/October 29, 1944, 3: new buildings for Chinese proposed...; October 29, 5: Saanich leads in building permits...; October 29, 15: sketch, Victoria West United Church...; October 31, 3: Chinese quarter to be improved...; October 31, 15: Esquimalt sells lots for \$2,125...; November 1, 2: Civilian building activity passes \$2 ½ million mark here...;

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V/October 29, 1944, 3: Lieutenant David Pownall, 23, has received his commission at Sandhurst. Son of Mrs Adelaide & late Guy F Pownall, Oak Bay, he enlisted in Royal Canadian Army in 1939, and has been overseas 3 years. Born in Victoria.

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V/October 29, 1944, 3: photo, Petty Officer Geoffrey Charles Neville, RCNVR, now on leave with parents, Geoffrey C & Eliza Neville, Saanich. Enlisting 3 years ago, he has spent almost the whole time on Atlantic & Pacific convoy runs. Mrs Neville served for 2 years with CWAC and was discharged last year due to ill health. She was also a

member of the WRAF stationed in France during the Great War. His father is a veteran of Gallipoli, and his brother, Arthur, landed with Canadian forces on D-Day, now serving with his unit in Belgium.

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V/October 29, 1944, 7: photo, Captain Robert F Orme, Royal Canadian Army Service Corps, son of Cyril H & Rosa Orme, Oak Bay, marries June Lyons in England...

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October 29, 1944, 20: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Frederick Boiston, born 1869 in England, coming here in 1906. Leaves widow, Ann Jane at Oak Bay, daughter, 3 sons, siblings. Cremate

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October 29, 1944, 20: died October 27 at Victoria, BC, Hilda Northcott, 61, born in Victoria. Leaves husband, Herbert B, at Saanich, 2 sons, daughter.

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October 31, 1944, 2: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Mrs Alice Adelia Strickland, 63, born at Rose Blanche, Newfoundland, resident here 31 years. Leaves husband, Alfred, 3 sons, 2 daughters, 3 brothers [Garcin], 3 sisters. Colwood

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V/October 31, 1944, 3: photo, Lieutenant-Colonel Desmond Crofton, 39, now commands 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Scottish Regiment overseas... Wounded in France 2 months ago he has recovered. He has a son with RCAF and a brother, Major Patrick Crofton, PPCLI, who has been wounded twice on the fighting front in Italy.

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V/October 31, 1944, 3: photo, Flight Lieutenant Linton Wilson Queale, DFC, veteran of 51 operational flights over enemy territory as navigator of Lancaster bombers, now home on leave. Overseas 1 ½ years he enlisted with RCAF as an air frame mechanic in 1937, but graduated as a navigator in 1942... His wife, Winnifred

Welsh Queale and son live with his mother Mrs Mabel Roxie Wilson Queale. November 12, 3: photo, awarded a Bar to his DFC...

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V/October 31, 1944, 3: photo, Warrant Officer Leonard E Fitchett, 1<sup>st</sup> night-fighter pilot operating from a French base to score a kill [Heinkel III over Holland]... It exploded so violently that large pieces of wreckage were hurled into Fitchett's Mosquito, one of them ripping a piece off the starboard wing. The plane vibrated so much that he had to land at an emergency field in northern France. It was the 2<sup>nd</sup> time within a week that he and his navigator had a close call while patrolling. On the previous occasion they had to bail out of their stricken Mosquito 100 miles from their station. Picked up and aided they returned to their squadron. Son of Albert E & Jensine Jensen Fitchett, he has a brother who is a corporal with RCAF, now home on leave from his station on the Atlantic coast.

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V/October 31, 1944, 3: photo, Squadron Leader Ernest Vernon Miller, recently promoted, son of Mrs Dorothy Ivy Holden, Oak Bay [and late Vernon Ernest Miller]. He enlisted in RCAF in 1940 and last year was awarded DFC for persistent determination in action over Germany. November 17, 5: photo, recently promoted, awarded DFC for persistent determination in action over Germany. Grandson of late Sir John & Lady Owen, and late Reverend EG Miller, all well known in Victoria].

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October 31, 1944, 12: died October 27 at Port Alberni, BC, Ellen Cornelia Rollin, 60, born in Victoria, resident of Alberni 31 years. Wife of Frederick B Rollin. Cremate, M 079/080 W 04

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V/October 31, 1944, 15: photo, Victoria & Vancouver Island crew members serving overseas in HMCS Prince Robert... [names,

home locations given]

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V/November 1, 1944, 1: photo, Major-General Rodney F Keller, CBE, wounded commander, Canadian 3<sup>rd</sup> Division in the invasion of France, now home with his family in Oak Bay... [wife, Barbara]

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V/November 1, 1944, 3: photo, succumbed to wounds received in action in Holland October 14, Acting-Major LH Gage, Royal Regiment of Canada... His wife, Evelyn, resides at Victoria.

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V/November 1, 1944, 3: Corporal John William Witty, 21, killed in Holland October 10. Son of Mrs Sarah Hughes, Saanich, he was educated at George Jay & Boys' Central Schools. He left here with 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment, and transferred overseas. His wife is in England.

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V/November 1, 1944, 3: Private Edward E Jackson, has been wounded for 3<sup>rd</sup> time in action in Italy. His father, John T Jackson, lives with his daughter, in Victoria... Born in Sidney and educated there he has been overseas 2 years, 17 months in Italy. He has 2 brothers in the army.

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V/November 1, 1944, 3: Lance-Corporal Archie T Blackmore, 26, has been awarded Military Medal for service in France. Eldest son of late Lieutenant Archibald & Mrs Evelyn Blackmore, Victoria West, he has been overseas 4 years. Educated at Victoria West & Victoria High Schools. He has 2 brothers, Arthur, an Able Seaman with RCNVR, and Reginald, now attending Victoria High School.

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V/November 1, 1944, 3: Captain John Porter Moreton, 24, wounded in France, now on leave with his wife, Betty-Lou, and daughter. Son of James & Norma Isobel Moreton, Saanich. 'The war is over for me',

but failed to state extent of his injuries...

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V/November 1, 1944, 3: Victoria airmen now enroute home: Flight Lieutenant WR Wickson, Oak Bay...

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V/November 1, 1944, 12: killed October 30, J9151 Flight Lieutenant Pilot James Thomas Robson, RCAF, 26, of Victoria, BC. Engaged in a night air navigation exercise when they crashed on the side of a mountain near Megantic, Quebec. Son of late Reverend Samuel Thomas, & Mrs Sadie W Ruttan Robson, of 517 Victoria Avenue, Oak Bay, BC. Husband of Ellen Harriet Frances Miles Robson. Born Saskatchewan. He leaves wife, daughter, 3 sons, mother, 5 brothers, 2 sisters. Full RCAF honours accorded, RCAF section, Royal Oak Burial Park. Name inscribed on Oak Bay Memorial.

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November 1, 1944, 12: Mrs Shirley Simpson received notice of the sudden death of her 3<sup>rd</sup> son, Fred Yale Simpson, who was born and educated in Victoria, but had made his home in California the past few years. Leaves widow, daughter and sister in California, and a sister, Ella, and 3 brothers...

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November 1, 1944, 12: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Charles Severs, 91, born in Yorkshire, England, resident here 33 years. Leaves son, 8 daughters. Family plot, Colwood

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V/Killed in action in France, November 1, 1944, Private Eric Ormond Brant Smythe, 30, son of Ormond Towers & Christine Cecelia Smythe, husband of Barbara, of Victoria. Buried at Bergen-op-Zoom, Netherlands.

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V/November 2, 1944, 3: photo, Captain R Schjelderup, MC, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian

Scottish Regiment, who was awarded Military Cross for outstanding action on D-Day, now reported missing in action. Son of Vilhelm & Minnie Schjelderup, Courtenay, he attended schools there & Monterey School, Oak Bay. He has been overseas since 1942.

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V/November 2, 1944, 3: Private ERU Peck, 2<sup>nd</sup> son of Colonel Cy & Mrs Kate E Peck, VC, DSO, wounded in action overseas last week.

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V/November 2, 1944, 3: family of William D & Edith M Johnson, Esquimalt, sons ERA William D Johnson, 5 years' naval service to his credit, now at HMCS Cornwallis; Sergeant HT Johnson, Canadian Dental Corps, overseas 3 years, now serving in Italy; Petty Officer WB Orr, sons-in-law, stationed at Halifax training air cadets; CPO David E Graves, served with RCN 7 years, now aboard HMCS Lock Morlick. The father served with RN during the Great War and was a lieutenant with RCN in this war, retiring 2 years ago due to ill-health.

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V/November 2, 1944, 3: photo, Sergeant Pilot Lyle D Barnes, 20, son of William H & Rachel Taggart Barnes, Oak Bay, recently received his pilot's wings. With RCAF 15 months, he is a grad of Victoria High School.

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V/November 2, 1944, 3: photo, Flight Lieutenant Frederick Fell Pease, recently promoted, son of Algernon & Letitia Bridges Pease, Elk Lake. He has been with RCAF 3 years. [divorced from Helen Stewart, 1942]

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V/November 2, 1944, 3: when a Moose Squadron gunner shot down a night fighter in a recent operation over Germany, there was an element of insult in the injury he wrought. It was the crew's 1<sup>st</sup> trip. The

Canadian-built Lancaster bombed successfully and was returning across the enemy coast when a fighter overtook it and opened fire. 'He missed', said Flight Sergeant William Murrell, 20, son of George & Elizabeth Murrell, of Victoria, so he returned the fire...; November 7, 3: photo, he attended Lampson Street School prior to enlistment. His brother, George Murrell, is with Canadian Army in Italy.

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V/November 2, 1944, 3: photo, Eric Arthur Henderson, former major with 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment, prevented from further front-line duty with his regiment and transferred to reserve due to his age... Wounded in the Great War while serving as a lieutenant with the Canadians in France, he went overseas with the Scottish from Victoria in 1941.

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November 2, 1944, 3: photo, Flying Officer RA Fitzpatrick, 20, son of SH & late SH Fitzpatrick, Saanich. Now home on leave after serving with Ferry Command in Scotland, India, Africa, South America & Iceland. He enlisted with RCAF in 1942. An only son, he was educated up-Island. His mother is employed at the Boeing Aircraft plant, Victoria.

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November 2, 1944, 4: when a master mariner steps down from his bridge to take a rest onshore after his last watch it is said of him that he is swallowing the anchor. The very best of good wishes will follow Captain Robert Thomson, master, SS Princess Maquinna, into retirement. Identified with the coastal service for 46 years, he is known, liked and universally respected from Skagway to Victoria.

Much of his active and adventurous life has been passed upon the stormy west coast of Vancouver Island. Every bay and inlet, every reef and shoal, every bell buoy and light on the coastal run are known to him. At

small fishing settlements, at mining towns, and at the larger cities no less than at isolated sawmills. He and Maquinna are known as old and trusted friends. The best of a lifetime spent at sea has rounded Captain Thomson, so that he would be voted good company in any assembly. His value as a master mariner on one of the most difficult coasts of the world has long been known.

It is a long step from the decks of Islander to the bridge of a northern passage steamship bound for Alaska in the luxury trade, or around Vancouver Island in Maquinna on special runs. But Thomson has seen that change, and a great deal more besides. He has watched an unlighted, unbuoyed coast, which once was called Graveyard of the Pacific, develop to what it is today. He has not alone watched, but has contributed to that development day by day, year by year. For that and for his genial and friendly companionship, masters, mates and men will join in the very best of good wishes which today on all sides will be his. November 2, 17: photo, born in the Shetland Islands, he first went to sea in a sailing schooner aged 14, and spent 4 years on the North Sea fishing banks before coming to Canada in 1898. He was on several coastal steamers in the early days and joined the Canadian Pacific fleet in 1912, working his way up to captaincy of Maquinna in 1923. He has mastered every changing tide and current, every reef and every entrance to 48 ports along the rocky coast of Vancouver Island, and has been in command of all but 2 CPR coastal ships.

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V/November 2, 1944, 6: photo, WREN Eileen Marett, recently married to Leading Seaman Gordon Marett, RCN. She is stationed at Cornwallis, he will return to his ship at Halifax. She is the daughter of Ernest G & Louise Creed, Victoria.

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V/November 2, 1944, 13: Canadian Scottish



Regiment in foreground at Invasion...

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V/November 2, 1944, 13: photo, Canadian Women's Army Corps Military & Pipe Band to tour around BC... Piper Mary Barrick, daughter of Herbert W & Lillian H Bartholomew Barrick, Central Saanich, who served in the Great War and whose brother served in Canadian Scottish...

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V/November 3, 1944, 3: photo, HM King & Group Captain WF Newson, DFC, son of Lieutenant-Colonel Henry M & Mrs Gladys Newson, Oak Bay.

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V/November 3, 1944, 3: photos, sons of Thomas L & Dorothy Ward Duckmanton, Victoria. Sergeant Leslie Duckmanton, flight engineer with nearly 4 years' service with RCAF, and his brother, Leading Aircraftman Jasper Duckmanton, who is stationed in England, has been in RCAF 3 ½ years. Private Gordon Henry Duckmanton, dispatch rider, one of 16 men who executed a daring manoeuvre on the Adriatic front. The men went through the heart of heavily defended German lines in the dead of night, resulting in the capture of the position and 700 Germans. Leading Air Woman Joyce Duckmanton, only daughter, has been with RCAF 2 years.

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V/November 3, 1944, 3: photo, Able Seaman Basil Price, 20, who participated in invasion activities off the Normandy Coast, is home again after 18 months for leave with his parents, Alex & Emma Price, Victoria. He has been serving aboard a corvette. His older brother, Douglas, is with RCCS, and his twin brothers, Donald & Hugh, are leading aircraftmen with RCAF. Hugh is stationed in India.

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ChHx/November 3, 1944, 7: photo, 7 Canadian-born Chinese girls working at Empress Hotel, Victoria: Nellie Chung, May

Eng, Helen Lowe, Violet Chong, Rose Fong, Lilly Lowe, Rose John...

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November 3, 1944, 8: Co-Operator 1, fish packer, which sustained considerable damage October 2 when she was in collision with Princess Norah, has been repaired, and was sent to the fish company wharf...

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Bldg/November 3, 1944, 10: died suddenly yesterday at Victoria, BC, Walter Scott Chambers, 86, born in California, resident here 35 years. Leaves daughter, Mrs Harold Grant. November 4, 4: editorial... he was a pioneer figure in Victoria... while Stuart Yates could claim an earlier year of birth here, his absence for 19 years left Chambers the senior citizen in years of residence... November 4, 13: photo, brought to Victoria by his parents, James & Ann Chambers, they made their 1<sup>st</sup> home on View Street, near Blanshard. His father died the following year, and his mother married WP Sayward later... They moved to Woodvine Cottage, Collinson Street. The house, built of California redwood and sturdy old doors and hardware, is still a landmark and is in good repair. The many fireplaces were made of brick imported from Hull, England. The Chambers family arrived in Victoria during the hectic Cariboo gold rush days, and he could relate many tales of the early days. He recalled vividly the arrival of the bride ship, when his mother, an extremely active woman, took several of the young women under her wing. She also ran the sawmill business left by her husband for many years. She was nee Jane McFeeley, and died in 1925. Chambers and his half-brother, late JA Sayward, were associated for many years in the lumber business begun by WP Sayward. He married Jane Cameron at Victoria in 1879. M 064/065 W 09

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November 3, 1944, 10: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Harry Dash, 88, born in

England, resident here 20 years. Leaves widow, 4 sons, daughter, 2 brothers. Royal Oak Burial Park

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November 3, 1944, 10: died October 31 at Calgary, Alberta, Henry Webster, 76, born in Ontario, resident of Victoria 32 years. Leaves widow, Alice, 2 sons [Major AS Webster, England], 2 brothers. Royal Oak Burial Park

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November 3, 1944, 13: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Esme Margaret Stannard, born 1878 at Plymouth, England, daughter of late Admiral Sir Thomas Jackson. Before coming to Canada in 1908 she was presented at Court. She moved to Cowichan district in 1919. Leaves husband, Arthur, 3 daughters, son [Philip Sturges Stannard, RCNVR], 4 sisters, 3 brothers...

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V/November 4, 1944, 3: photo, Pilot Officer AW Taylor recently injured in an operation flight over Germany, now in Belgian hospital. With RAF since 1938 he remustered from ground to air crew in 1942. Son of J Taylor, Mount Tolmie, he served in France during 1940 with Bader's squadron

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V/November 4, 1944, 3: Lieutenant Ralph James Cosier, 25, whose wife, Joyce, lives at Saanich, BC, wounded October 15. His parents, James H & Louisa, live in Victoria, where he was born. November 8, 3: photo, recovering.

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V/November 3, 1944, 3: Lieutenant-Colonel Malcolm Corsan Sutherland Brown, 27, Royal Canadian Engineers, has been awarded DSO for meritorious service overseas. Born in England during the Great War, he attended University school & Victoria College at Victoria, BC, and Kingston Military College. Son of Brigadier John Sutherland Brown, Oak Bay, he has a younger brother, Atholl, serving with an

RCAF unit attached to an RAF squadron overseas. Another brother, Ian, was lost in a plane crash in 1941. December 12, 6: photo, Malcolm, wife and Mrs Harry Brodie leaving Buckingham Palace, investiture awarded DSO... It is thought the decoration was for his part in the building of the 1<sup>st</sup> bridge over River Orne at Caen, an outstanding feat under enemy fire, by Canadian Engineers. Mrs Brodie is a London cousin.

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V/November 3, 1944, 3: photo, Lieutenant EE Gridley, wounded 2<sup>nd</sup> time since the invasion of France. Son of Ernest & Ella Gridley, Victoria. With the army since 1940. His wife resides in Ontario.

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V/Killed in action November 3, 1944, J86939 Flying Officer Pilot William Selby Pace Bonar, RCAF, 23, of Victoria, BC. Halifax aircraft missing during a night trip to Germany. Buried at Kleve, Germany.

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November 4, 1944, 10: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Mrs Mary Elizabeth Maynard, 91, born in England, resident here 85 years. She came with parents aboard bark Grecian. Her 1<sup>st</sup> home in the area was at Race Rocks Lighthouse, where her father was keeper. He died when she was aged 13. Nee Davies, she married Maynard at age 19. A well-known auctioneer, he died 20 years ago. They had 11 children. Widow of George H, she leaves 3 daughters, 3 sons. November 4, 13: photo. Family plot, S 009/010 E 45

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V/November 5, 1944, 3: photo, Pilot Officer Cecil Chatfield, former Victoria school teacher and air training instructor, received his pilot's wings recently. His wife, Ruth A Hanson Chatfield, lives in Saanich, his father, Alfred, in Victoria.

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V/November 5, 1944, 3: photo, Lance-Bombardier FN Thomas, 20,

wounded in action in Normandy. Son of H Thomas, Victoria. Born here he attended George Jay & Central Junior High Schools. He enlisted as a bugler at the outbreak of war and has been overseas 2 ½ years. His brother, George, is in France. He left here with PPCLI and transferred to Royal Winnipeg Rifles, one of the regiments which took a prominent part in D-Day operations.

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V/November 5, 1944, 3: photo, Flying Officer Eric Newell, stationed at Castel Benito, Tripolitania, as one of several RCAF officers there who aid in air-sea rescue work. When the 8<sup>th</sup> Army was trading punches with Rommel in the area, Allied bombs were falling on Tripoli's best airport. Today personnel are busy repairing the damage done by their own bombs. Born in Victoria he attended George Jay & Victoria High Schools. Son of Sam F & Margaret Newell, Victoria.

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V/November 5, 1944, 3: photo, Gunner William H Trace, son of William & Marrion Trace, Victoria, recently arrived overseas with an artillery reinforcement unit. With the army since 1942, he lived in Victoria for several years. His wife, Muriel and children reside on Pender Island.

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V/November 5, 1944, 3: photo, Flying Officer William Griffiths, 29, recently promoted. Son of Owen Griffiths, he enlisted in RCAF in 1942. An air gunner, he has completed one tour of 'ops' over enemy territory.

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V/November 5, 1944, 7: photo, Leading AirWoman Pearl D McIlwaine who enlisted 2 years ago with RCAF has been posted for overseas duty. Daughter of William & Elsie McIlwaine, Victoria, her sister, Norma, also with RCAF in Manitoba.

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Bldg/November 5, 1944, 9: photos, builds

home and mill - with only one arm, Lorne Ephraim Butt, 55, Colquitz... He came to Victoria in 1912, lost his arm while working in a sawmill. Did not prevent him from building his own 4-room home on North Road last year. His only son, Clarence Harold Butt, RCN, who was home on leave last year helped. He recently completed construction of his own portable tie mill at Metchosin... He and his wife, Annie Cochran Butt, have a daughter, Muriel, who is married to Chief Petty Officer EV Nixon, Victoria.

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Bldg/November 5, 1944, 12: building activity in Victoria area light...

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V/November 5, 1944, 19: receive awards for gallantry: Sutherland Brown; Lance-Corporal Frank Arthur Cherry, 23, Penticton & Victoria [see 1945]; Lance-Corporal Archibald Thomas Blackmore, 26, Victoria, Canadian Provost Corps.

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November 5, 1944, 20: died November 3 at Saanich, BC, Amanda Jean Ribble Hesson, 78, born in Ontario, resident here 40 years. Leaves husband, Alexander, 2 daughters. Royal Oak Burial Park

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November 5, 1944, 20: died suddenly yesterday at Victoria, BC, Edgar John Ridout, 69, born in Dorset, England, resident here 46 years. Leaves widow, Ethel May Daley, daughter, son, 3 brothers, 5 sisters.

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V/November 5, 1944, 20: in memoriam, son and brother, Herbert Westcott, who died suddenly aboard HMCS Fraser, November 8, 1939... poem...

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V/November 7, 1944, 3: photo, Corporal George Stokes, served with RCAF for 5 years, now stationed in England with his squadron. His wife, Anne, lives in Saanich.

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V/November 7, 1944, 3: photo, Surgeon-Lieutenant John M Murray, RCNVR, Victoria, HMCS Iroquois doctor. In hard-hitting, dramatic gun actions from the English Channel to the Bay of Biscay the RCN's 3 Tribal destroyers have set up enviable records among other Allied navies, with an increasing toll of sunk or damaged enemy ships to their credit. 'We view with a great deal of pride, satisfaction and comfort the supply of dried blood plasma carried on board Iroquois. The needs of our forces for this lifesaving preparation are great and shall be greater. Many a wounded Canadian serviceman owes his life to this plasma, and because of it will once more walk the streets of his hometown. It is the duty of every thoughtful and loyal Canadian at home to aid in maintaining and expanding existing supplies.

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V/November 7, 1944, 3: Sapper Roy T Pistell, son of Edward J & Cordelia Pistell, Victoria, suffered wounds October 25 during action with Royal Canadian Engineers in Belgium. Born in Victoria, he was educated at Cloverdale School and enlisted in 1943. He has been overseas 10 months.

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V/November 7, 1944, 3: Private Stanley A Gibb, 23, Loyal Edmonton Regiment, died October 27 of wounds received in action in Italy. His parents, Mr & Mrs William Gibb, Victoria. He enlisted in 1939 at age 18, serving through the Sicilian campaign and in Italy at the time of his death. His parents recently moved to Victoria. He has 3 brothers in service: John, 19, at Camrose, Alberta; Charles, 25, overseas since 1940, and another brother recently discharged overseas.

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V/November 7, 1944, 3: photo, Pilot Officer Stanley Smith, 24, granted commission with RCAF after 2 years' service overseas as an

air gunner. A Victoria High School grad he has more than 30 operational flights to his credit. Son of Gordon S & Sarah Smith, Victoria.

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V/November 7, 1944, 3: R166554 Leading Aircraftman Leslie Earle Heal, 25, son of Gilbert E & Annie E Heal, Saanichton, stationed at Patricia Bay, went on a hunting trip to Cowichan with 2 companions. His friends arrived back at base, but Heal is missing. His wife, Yvette J Bachand, and children reside near Sidney. November 8, 7: still missing, police aided by loggers, woodsmen and militia rangers... November 9, 13: nearly 175 searchers are combing the Cowichan area.. He had knowledge of the woods as he was born and raised in Saanich...; November 10, 13: still missing...; November 14, 13: footprints near Dymple Lake provide a clue...; November 17, 11: no further sign of Heal...search parties have combed Lens Creek & San Juan River areas. All hope of finding him alive now abandoned... No known grave his name is inscribed on the Ottawa War Memorial, Ottawa, Ontario. [death registration April 16, 1969, cremation, Royal Oak Burial Park]

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November 7, 1944, 3: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Samuel Strange, 68, born 1868 in Ireland, he came to Canada 38 years ago, and was resident here since 1910 and a city police constable from 1916 until retirement in 1929. Leaves wife, Jenny, daughter, siblings. Colwood

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November 7, 1944, 12: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Mrs Catherine Evelyn Flamank, 80, born in England, resident here 33 years. Widow of George, she leaves 3 sons. Cremate

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V/November 8, 1944, 3: Private Denis K Crockett seriously wounded in action, probably in Belgium. Son of Major & Mrs

MK Crockett, Victoria. He landed at Dieppe, France October 13. Prior to going overseas he took an advanced artillery course and following arrival in England was transferred to an infantry unit.

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V/November 8, 1944, 3: Lieutenant-Colonel George Gaisford, 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, awarded Distinguished Service Cross for gallantry in action in France. His wife is former Jean Gillespie, of Victoria. He was wounded in July when his tank was hit, he was blinded in one eye. Son of late Captain James & Mrs Emily Gaisford, formerly of Qualicum Beach, he was born in India and came to Canada with his parents. With the Imperials for the major part of his military career, he has seen service in India and is a tank expert, having been loaned to Canadian Army in 1942 when he was stationed in Nova Scotia.

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V/November 8, 1944, 3: killed in action November 2, J26151/R166507 Flying Officer Pilot Vernon Beverley Gilson, 22, RCAF, son of Percival W & Doris Gilson, Oak Bay, BC. Born here he graduated from Oak Bay High School and from there enlisted in RCAF. His father served with 48<sup>th</sup> Battery, CFA, in the Great War. Halifax aircraft shot down near Fosses, Belgium during a night attack against Germany. Buried at Fosses, Belgium, exhumed, reburied in War Cemetery Leopoldsburg, Belgium. Name inscribed on Oak Bay Memorial.

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V/November 8, 1944, 3: photo, Ordinary Seaman S Medd, 19, home on leave with his parents, Archdale & Harriett Medd, Victoria. Born in Saskatchewan, he attended George Jay & Central Junior High Schools prior to his enlistment 6 months ago.

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V/November 8, 1944, 3: Sergeant RA 'Dick' Freeman, 18, on leave in Victoria with his

parents, Richard T & Florence Freeman. Born here, he attended Margaret Jenkins & Victoria High Schools, he enlisted in 1943.

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V/November 8, 1944, 3: Officer Cadet B Hudson, 17, son of Captain & Mrs GFW Hudson, Esquimalt, now on leave after completing his 2<sup>nd</sup> voyage with Merchant Navy. A younger brother, Colin, 15, attends Esquimalt High School.

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V/November 8, 1944, 3: Sergeant Norman Albert Warden Browett, 37, whose wife, Lily M, and 3 sons reside at Oak Bay, was killed in England October 26 in an accident with a Plat gun [premature explosion of a bomb which was being fired]. He enlisted at the outbreak of war, and was an instructor at the time of his death. November 10, 3: photo.

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November 8, 1944, 6: married yesterday at Oak Bay, BC, Diana Louise Ker & Paul Arsens, only son of George Arsens, Oak Bay...

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November 8, 1944, 12: died November 5 at Victoria, BC, Mrs Jean Kirk, 61, born in Scotland, resident here 32 years. Leaves husband, Robert at Saanich, 2 daughters, son John with Canadian forces in Holland, siblings. Royal Oak Burial Park

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November 8, 1944, 12: died November 6 at Victoria, BC, Miss Maude Mary Phillips, 67, born in England, resident here 30 years. Leaves brother, 4 sisters at Esquimalt & Victoria.

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V/November 9, 1944, 3: photo, Trooper HC 'Bert' & Sapper WE 'Peanuts' White, sons of Charles & Clara White, Victoria, met recently in England, after more than 3 years in which they had not seen each other. Born in Victoria they were educated at Oaklands School, and in 1941 Bert left Canada with

the Petrol Corps. His brother joined Royal Canadian Engineers in 1943 and arrived in England 1944, and for the past few weeks has been serving with his unit in France.

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V/November 9, 1944, 3: photo, Stoker Charles Palmer RCNVR, has completed leave with his parents, Ernest & Bessie Palmer, Esquimalt, following 2 years of overseas duty.

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V/November 9, 1944, 3: Pilot Officer Jack Briggs writes: 'I just reach over and drag them in', of his work as captain of an RCAF air-sea rescue launch... he went to England in 1938 and joined air-sea rescue work in RAF. During the Battle of Britain he was on the crew of one of the rescue launches which dashed into the Channel to pick up friend and foe alike. He later transferred to 8<sup>th</sup> Army in its push from Alamein... [son of Frederick & Bessie Briggs, Victoria]

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V/November 9, 1944, 3: Petty Officer R Williams, RCN, youngest son of John & Caroline Williams, Saanich, now on leave here after 3 years at sea. Aboard HMS Jamaica for past year, he left Victoria in 1939 aboard HMCS St Laurent and spent most of his time on Atlantic patrol. He is staying with his wife & family at Esquimalt.

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V/November 9, 1944, 3: photo, Private RH Curtis, 32, eldest son of FW Curtis, he is a paratrooper, now on leave. Born in Victoria, educated at South Park School, he enlisted this year. He has 2 brothers overseas, Wenston, RCEME; and Leslie, Royal Canadian Army.

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V/November 9, 1944, 3: photo, Petty Officer Emil Prive, RCNVR, returned to Halifax after spending leave with wife, Ruby Medd Prive, and daughter at Victoria.

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V/November 9, 1944, 3: photo, Flying

Officer James Vickers Henderson, 25, recently married, now visiting parents in Victoria. His brother, John, also a flying officer, who is engaged in experimental flights at Suffield, Alberta, has come home for a visit also.

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V/November 9, 1944, 3: Flight Sergeant Gordon William 'Paddy' Birchall, 22, now home on leave with his parents, Joseph & Edna Poore Birchall, Oak Bay. Educated at Oak Bay & Duncan schools, he enlisted 1 ½ years ago. His father, was a captain in the engineers during the Great War.

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V/November 9, 1944, 13: died in action in Belgium November 2, Major John Henry Desmond Barrett, 30, son of Dr William T & Mrs Sarah Barrett, Oak Bay. His widow and son reside with her parents in Burnaby. He graduated from UBC in civil engineering in 1938 and supervised projects having been employed on the Pattullo Bridge, road plotting near Port Renfrew, and as engineer in charge of laying roads at Mount Newton Park. He enlisted days after this war started, and went overseas as a lieutenant and participated in the commando raid on Spitzbergen. He returned after 1 ½ years to Canada, where he was on staff work at Ottawa, but after a year he proceeded overseas again. His unit followed the initial spearhead attacks on D-Day and he had been in continual action since that time. He married Miss Rolla Moore 5 years ago.

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November 9, 1944, 14: died recently in China, William Gordon Parkin, husband of Phyllis, daughter of AS Barton, Esquimalt. He is also survived by 3 children.

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V/November 10, 1944, 2: died suddenly at his room at HMCS Givenchy, Chief Petty Officer Anthony Adolphus Tapp, 41.

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V/November 10, 1944, 3: photo, Flight

Lieutenant Frank Henry Mylrea, 24, DFC, navigator veteran of 33 operational flights over Germany, now home on leave with parents, Reginald D & Violet Mylrea, Victoria. Born at Esquimalt, he attended South Park & Victoria High Schools, and enlisted in 1940, proceeding overseas in 1941 where he was attached to RAF Bomber Command. Winning his commission and DFC in 1942.

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V/November 10, 1944, 3: Private Harry Mackey, 30, wounded in action November 2 in Holland. Born in Saskatchewan, his mother, Mrs Maude Mackey, and his wife, Marjorie [divorced 1949] each reside in Oak Bay.

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November 10, 1944, 10: died suddenly at Victoria, BC, Herbert Paine, 56, born in England, resident here 33 years. Leaves wife, daughter, parents, siblings. Royal Oak Burial Park

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November 10, 1944, 10: died at Tunbridge Wells, England recently Ethel Anderson, late of Oak Bay. Leaves 2 sons, 2 daughters, sister.

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November 10, 1944, 10: died November 8 at Victoria, BC, Walter Thomas Dawley, 84, born in Morrisburg, Ontario, resident of Victoria 57 years. Leaves widow, Rose Angela Dennan Dawley, 3 sons, Lieutenant George E, of Royal Canadian Army Service Corps, stationed at Vancouver; Walter Thomas Jr [married Jean Williams, 1939, divorced 1943], at home; and Sergeant Clarence Reddick Dawley, stationed at Port Alberni [married Anna E Ashbridge, 1939, he died 1973 at Gabriola Island; 2 daughters, Madelaine Doris [Mrs Pierre Ernest Malon [son of Jules Malon & Helen Abraham], at Tofino, and Lydia Cathryne, [Mrs Vincent J Madden], Ucluelet, 3 sisters in the East and a brother, Clarence Dawley [died 1957,

widower of Mamie Dennan] of Victoria. November 14, 5: well-known pioneer of the West Coast since 1889, he carried on an extensive fur-buying business, general store and hotel at Clayoquot, and also operated stores at Ahousaht & Nootka until retiring several years ago. Royal Oak Burial Park

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November 10, 1944, 10: died November 8 at Victoria, BC, Mrs Emma Hocking, 76, born in England, resident here 30 years. Widow of John, she leaves 2 sisters, brother [?] Colwood

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November 10, 1944, 10: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Arthur Neaves, 71, born 1873 on James Island, BC. He took part in gold mining booms of the Kootenays in the 1890's and the Klondike gold rush, and stayed in the Yukon for 11 years. He served with the Royal Canadian Engineers in the Great War, losing a leg at Flanders. Shady Creek

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V/November 11, 1944, 1: an RCAF 4-engine aircraft carrying 11 persons is missing on a navigational flight from a west coast air base...

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V/November 11, 1944, 3: photo, Eric Whitehouse, 36, member of RCN since 1930, his war service included 2 years of Atlantic convoy duty. Well known in Victoria in football circles. He was recently buried following a mass funeral with 10 Canadians and 4 British seamen. Details of their deaths have not yet been disclosed for security reasons. [married Alice O Rasmussen, 1941, Esquimalt, BC] Dunfermline's Douglas Park Cemetery

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V/November 11, 1944, 3: Flying Officer Norman J Hill, son of Norman & Marjorie Hill, Esquimalt, BC, recently promoted to present rank following a tour of operational flights over enemy territory. He went

overseas in 1943 and was a staff pilot in England. He expects to be posted to the Far East as a member of a bomber squadron shortly.

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V/November 11, 1944, 3: Private John Walter 'Jack' Gurney, 25, Victoria, fighting in Holland with Calgary Highlanders, posted as missing in action [died in action October 23 in Holland]. Son of Robert A & Blanche Ogden Gurney, Oak Bay, BC. A member of The Colonist editorial staff at one time, he went overseas in 1941 with Royal Canadian Army Service Corps and qualified as an army service corps specialist during his service in England. He recently completed a course in electrical and radio engineering, then volunteered for combat service with Highlanders. Well known here in sporting circles [rowing/rugby].

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V/November 11, 1944, photo, Private John Gilbert Moseley, 22, wounded in action in Belgium. Born in Calgary, son of late WH Moseley, educated at Mount Tolmie & Cobble Hill Schools. Grandson of Mrs Louisa & late Henry Done, Cobble Hill. He enlisted with Rocky Mountain Rangers in 1940. Now with South Saskatchewan Regiment and overseas nearly 2 years. He was one of the guard of honour during the visit of King & Queen here in 1939.

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V/November 11, 1944, 3: Acting-Sergeant James A Miller, son of Captain James M & Mrs Agnes D Miller, Oak Bay, who was an instructor here for some time at Gordon Head, has been wounded in Holland. After leaving Victoria he went to Winnipeg Light Infantry and reverted to the ranks to join a draft going overseas, and on arrival in England reverted once again from his rank of sergeant to get to France with Calgary Highlanders. He was a sergeant with that unit when wounded. Well known in musical and dance circles in Victoria, he had his own

band prior to enlistment.

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V/November 11, 1944, 20: died November 9 at Victoria, BC, Thomas Travers Musgrave Custance, 71, born in England, resident here 25 years. Leaves 3 daughters, 2 sons, siblings. He served with Strathcona Horse in the Boer War. Cremate

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ChHx/November 11, 1944, 20: died October 13 at Victoria, BC, Lee Chung Sing [Lee Fong], 69. Born in Canton, China, resident here 40 years. Leaves wife, son in China. Chinese Cemetery

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November 14, 1944, 1: reward for recover of body of Dr Morris Williams Thomas, 63, former Victoria doctor lost while fishing in the Cowichan River November 11. He was fishing along in a boat which overturned and he was seen to disappear in the river. Born 1881 in Ontario, he came to Victoria in 1886 with his parents. He was a leading student of Boys' Central & Victoria High Schools, McGill University. Before going overseas in 1916 he was a general practitioner here and resumed his practice on return from Great War. Leaves his wife in Vancouver, 2 sons in RCAF, Glen at Sea Island; Philip in India, 2 sisters, 2 brothers, parents J Thomas, well-known contractor. November 15, 13: no trace of body...; December 8, 13: body recovered yesterday...

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V/November 14, 1944, 3: Honour Awards: Bar to DSC: Lieutenant Cornelius Burke, DSC, Oak Bay, commander of motor torpedo boat, 3<sup>rd</sup> Flotilla [husband of Wendy Bell-Irving]; Mention in Dispatches: Captain Valentine Stuart Godfrey, Oak Bay, commanding officer, HMCS Prince Henry [married to Margaret Hardie]; For good service in attacks on enemy's sea communications, Bar to DCM: Chief Stoker Harold Douglas Richards, Victoria [died 1982, marine engineer, DFO]; photo, Chief



Petty Officer William Merrill Montgomery, Victoria; Chief Ordnance Artificer Leslie Francis Gill, Victoria; Lieutenant-Commander David Walter Groos, Victoria, commanding officer HMCS Restigouche, previously mentioned in dispatches [died 1976, resident of Oak Bay, Member of Parliament]; Gunner Geoffrey Herbert Barrick, Victoria; Chief Petty Officer Clement Cecil Wallace Mann, Victoria; Chief Yeoman of Signals Cyril Herbert Gordon Wilson, Saanich.

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V/November 14, 1944, 6: photos, Leading AirWoman Dorothy M Clarke & Corporal Irene R Oakley, US Women's Army Corps, daughters of William B & Elizabeth Kreller Oakley, Victoria. Clarke has been in service as a teleprinter operator stationed at Comox. She was formerly an engraver at Spencer's Store. Her husband, Sergeant DA Clarke, RCME, went overseas with 1<sup>st</sup> Division in 1939, with PPCLI, now in Italy with 3<sup>rd</sup> Canadian Infantry Battalion. Another sister, Hazel, resides at Coombs. Her husband, Company Quartermaster Sergeant Clinton, served 4 years with PPCLI and was given his discharge this spring.

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November 14, 1944, 6: George Hamilton & Eva M Harman invite UEL to hold annual meeting at their Uplands, Oak Bay home.

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BkHx/November 14, 1944, 9: died November 7 at Ganges, BC, Sylvia Stark, 106, born in Missouri, she was the last of 600 US citizens who came from Oregon to Victoria at the invitation of Governor Sir James Douglas. She moved to Salt Spring Island in 1859. She leaves 2 daughters, Mrs A Wallace, Ganges, Mrs L Young, New Jersey.

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V/November 14, 1944, 9: photo, Private Roy Bernard Kerkham, 27, died in Holland October 31 of wounds received that day.

Son of Augustine & Edith Kerkham, Victoria. With 5<sup>th</sup> BC Coast Brigade Reserve at the outbreak of war, he enlisted in the active army in 1942 and proceeded overseas in 1944 with an artillery unit. Transferred to the infantry, he was posted last month to Black Watch, Royal Highland Regiment. His widow, Grace, resides with her parents, Frank & Nelly Yeates, Oak Bay. He also leaves 2 brothers, Algie in Winnipeg, and Roger, with RCAF at Ottawa.

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V/November 14, 1944, Word has been received by John F & Queenie Sarah Smith Witty, Victoria, of the death of their only son, Corporal John William Witty, 22, Hamilton Light Infantry on October 10. He left Victoria with 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment in 1941 and later transferred. Educated at Central & George Jay Schools, he married in England last year. His grandfather, John Witty, is a well-known pioneer of Witty's Lagoon. Leaves his father, step-mother, Mrs Charlotte Witty, grandfather, and a grandmother, Mrs Julia Smith.

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V/November 14, 1944, 9: photo, Sapper John Lockhart Hickman, 32, with Royal Canadian Engineers in Belgium, reported killed October 31 following action there. Son of Jesse J & Sarah Hickman, born in Winnipeg, he enlisted 4 years ago and married in England. He has 4 brothers in the service.

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V/November 14, 1944, 9: killed in action at Walchren Island, Holland on October 27, Private Ronald Stuart Hoole, 22, son of Sidney W & Agnes G Snow Hoole, Victoria. Born and educated on Salt Spring Island, he joined 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment at age 16 and went overseas in 1941, landed with them on D-Day. Also leaves sister, Heather,

grandfather, Colonel Arthur D Snow, 2 uncles. December 10, 3: photo...

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V/November 14, 1944, 9: photo, Petty Officer Jack Chesworth Knowles, 21, received his promotion recently. Son of William H & Ann Chesworth Knowles, Victoria, he enlisted with RCN aged 17 and has seen service in South Pacific, on the west coast aboard corvettes and minesweepers, and on Atlantic convoy patrols. His brother, Sergeant William H Knowles, is serving overseas with 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment.

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Bldg/ChHx/November 14, 1944, 13: Chinese tenants ordered to vacate 2-storey building...; November 17, 11...; November 19, 22: Victoria tops weekly permits...

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November 14, 1944, 14: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Eleanor Beatrice Monteith, 75, daughter of late Captain John W & Mrs Mary Devereaux. Born at Victoria, her father was for many years in charge of the drydock at Esquimalt when the RN was stationed here. Widow of Andrew Tait Monteith. Family plot, U 054 W 47

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V/November 15, 1944, 3: photo, Major-General Charles Foulkes, 41, of Victoria, commands 2<sup>nd</sup> Division. His wife and son live at Oak Bay...; December 23, 3: photo, awarded DSO,

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V/November 15, 1944, 5: photos, Flight Sergeant HH Burch, 38, has just finished leave in Victoria following 5 years overseas with his squadron. He was married in England, his wife, Florence, and children now live in Victoria. He was born in Winnipeg; Gunners Mate Gerald Burch, 23, has seen service overseas aboard HMS Nabob, has also returned to station following leave here; Chief Petty Officer Walter C Burch, 32, RCNVR, arrived home

last week for leave with his wife Harriet, and child; all sons of Edward & Harriet Burch, Victoria. They all enlisted at war's outbreak. Grandson Telegrapher James Ellis, 20, is sailing with US navy as wireless operator.

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V/November 15, 1944, 5: photo, Able Seaman Allan Atkinson, 19, only son of Dynes & Eliza Atkinson, Saanich. Home on leave with his parents following service aboard a minesweeper off the East coast. Born in Victoria, educated at George Jay & Central High Schools.

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V/November 15, 1944, 5: photo, Chief Petty Officer John Robertson Rafter, RCN, son of George R & Isabelle Rafter, now serving on HMCS Uganda. He enlisted as a boy seaman, has had 5 years' service at sea aboard HMCS Restigouche & HMS Jamaica. His wife, Marjorie Clare Rafter resides at Esquimalt. He was educated in Victoria.

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V/November 15, 1944, 5: photo, Lieutenant Terence Charles Todd, recently completed a specialist navigation course. With RCNVR since 1941 he has served more than a year at sea aboard Canadian corvettes and won mention in dispatches for his part in the capture and sinking of a German U-boat last spring. He was a medical student at McGill before enlistment. His wife resides at Victoria. [son of William C Todd & Mary C Butchart, husband of Helene M Wilgress/Jean Elizabeth Collett. Died 1984, resident of Oak Bay]

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V/November 15, 1944, 6: Red Cross is anxious to get into communication with Mrs MW Moffitt, whose address has been given as Cornwall Street, Victoria. She is the mother of R90309 Sergeant Pilot Stuart Bruce Moffitt, 20, killed April 8, 1942, RCAF, deceased. [Buried in Haddington, Scotland]

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V/November 15, 1944, 10: died yesterday at RCAF hospital, Patricia Bay, J39533 Flying Officer Pilot Hugh Frederick Hoblitzell, 21 of Toronto, Ontario. Struck by a skidding bus in Saanich, BC, he is buried in Toronto. November 16, 11: verdict of accidental death returned...

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November 15, 1944, 10: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Andrew Nichols, 84, born in Sweden, resident here 45 years. Leaves wife, Charlotte, son, 2 daughters. Cremate

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November 16, 1944, 2: photo, group photo of staff/employees of Cameron Lumber Co, Victoria, BC...

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V/November 16, 1944, 2: Victoria airmen included in latest list of decorations: 3: photo, Group Captain RJ Lane, 25, DSO, DFC, Victoria. Possibly RCAF's youngest group captain. Son of GE Lane, he was a salesman at HBC store here in 1941 and was in action over Germany by December 1941. In 1942 he was awarded DFC, 1943, DSO. He was in Victoria last year on leave, returning to Britain, he piloted the 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian-built Lancaster bomber there; Flight Lieutenant FR Harris, DFC, Victoria West; 3: photo, son of PJ Harris, his skill and outstanding performance as a pilot with RCAF overseas has won him a bar to his DFC. He enlisted 1941 and proceeded overseas late in 1942, where he distinguished himself as a skillful bomber pilot, who on one occasion brought his plane back to its base despite badly holed gasoline tanks, damaged oil system, smashed navigation and radio equipment, an engine gone and intercommunication system interrupted. [complete Canadian list given]

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V/November 16, 1944, 3: Signalman William Gold McAllan, RCCS, who has been in France since D-Day, met with an

accident in Holland while serving with his unit. Son of Mrs Janet Beaumont, Victoria... He has been overseas 5 years. His brother, Gunner James McAllan, overseas 4 years, veteran of North African & Sicilian landings, suffered an attack of fever and last year was wounded in Italy. Hospitalized with severe burns and shock for 2 months, he rejoined his unit and the 1<sup>st</sup> day out of rest camp had an injury to his arm. He is now in an English hospital.

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V/November 16, 1944, 3: photo, Captain Leonard & Mrs Stella Bapty come home to Oak Bay, BC, she for 1<sup>st</sup> time and he has been away 10 years. They are staying with Dr Walter & Mrs Ellabelle Bapty, Victoria, while Leonard awaits discharge from RAMC. Born and educated at Victoria, he studied medicine in Aberdeen, Scotland, after graduating from Victoria College and was doing post-grad work in surgery in London before enlisting in 1939. In France with a field ambulance unit, he reached England via Dunkerque. He later served through the Eritrean & Abyssinian campaigns with a general hospital unit before being attached to Royal Sussex Regiment with the Desert Army. At the battle of Sidi Ohma he won the Military Cross. At the relief of Tobruk in 1941 he was wounded and is to be discharged because of the effects of that injury.

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V/November 16, 1944, 3: Sergeant Lawrence William Webber, 25, reported killed in action in Italy. He enlisted in 1940 and was overseas in 1941. His wife, nee May M Harrison, resides at Victoria.

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V/November 16, 1944, 3: Pay Lieutenant Don McClure, 29, 1<sup>st</sup> volunteer reserve officer at a Newfoundland base to switch over to permanent RCN force, has left for the UK where he will serve on loan to the RN in an aircraft carrier. At HMCS Avalon,

the Victoria man served as a lieutenant-commander, RCNVR, but dipped down a rank to go to sea. He came to Newfoundland in 1941 and latterly had been handling pay accounts for ships of the Mid-Ocean Escort Force. He also served at Halifax and HMCS York, Toronto. He married a Newfoundland girl in 1942, nee Betty Simms. His parents Samuel & Irene McClure, reside at Oak Bay.

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V/November 16, 1944, 3: Sergeant Richard Norman, RCAF, flight engineer, now on leave at Victoria with parents, Captain Cyril & Mrs Joan Birdwood Norman. Transferring from Royal Canadian Army, he has been with RCAF since January. An older brother, Christopher, 19, was lost when HMCS Hood sank in 1941.

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November 16, 1944, 12: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Mrs Violet Olive Maud Lundy, 64, born in England, resident here 34 years. Leaves husband at home, 2 sons, Thomas F & Charles W Hunt. Cremate

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V/November 17, 1944, 5: photo, J3467 Squadron Leader Edward Weyman Blenkinsop, 24, missing since this April, now believed to be a prisoner of war... Driver EH Betts, Royal Army Service Corps, writes to his parents... [see April, 1945]

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V/November 17, 1944, 5: Sergeant ET 'Ted' Baker, 34, RCAF Service Police, has been mentioned in dispatches for services rendered in his field in Canada. Presently in Victoria on leave with his wife. He has been with RCAF over 4 years.

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V/November 17, 1944, 5: photo, Private JC Smith, wounded in fighting in The Netherlands. With Royal Canadian Army Service Corps since 1943. He was born here, his wife resides here. His mother, Mrs M

Smith, at Seattle.

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V/November 17, 1944, 5: photo, Flying Officer DD Davies, on leave in Victoria with his parents William E & Jean Davies, Victoria. Resident of Victoria since 1937, he attended Victoria College and was employed at Newport Pharmacy before enlistment.

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V/November 17, 1944, 5: photo, Pilot Officer RS Shepherd, 25, expected in Victoria shortly, son of Winifred, Mrs Sam Francis, he attended Central & Victoria High Schools.

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V/November 17, 1944, 5: Private Robert Stevenson, 21, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment, who was badly burned due to an accident with a phosphorus bomb in England a few months ago, and hospitalized in England since then, will soon be home. His parents, Robert & Isabelle Stevenson reside at Victoria, where he was born, educated at Quadra Street School. He has been overseas with his regiment for 16 months and was injured just prior to D-Day. He is expected to have leave here before further treatment. His aunt, Mrs JL Stevenson, who has been in England for 5 years arrived this week. She had gone overseas just before the war to see her 2 sons, Robert & William, who had gone to England in 1938 and had served until recently as mechanics. They are now with RCAF overseas, having transferred.

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V/November 17, 1944, 7: photo, Captain Winnifred May Wiper, who lived in Oak Bay since 1918 until she enlisted in Canadian Women's Army Corps, promoted to present rank. Widow of Fred Wiper, she is daughter of Mrs Gertrude & late Samuel Copeland, Victoria [nee Cornish]. Her sister, Constance [Mrs R Peachey], resides at Oak Bay, and a brother is at Whitehorse.

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November 17, 1944, 8: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Mrs Annie Styles McAnally, 82, born in England, resident here 40 years. Widow of Charles, she leaves son, daughter. St Luke's

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November 17, 1944, 11: died November 15 at Victoria, BC, Mrs Florence Louise Lockley, 57, born in Victoria. Widow of Reeve Alexander Lockley, she leaves 3 daughters, sister. Colwood

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November 17, 1944, 12: died November 15 at Victoria, BC, Lieutenant [retired] Walter John Clark, RN, 75, of Oak Bay. Born in England, resident here 21 years. Leaves widow, Florence Laura, son, Lieutenant-Commander Norman Vincent Clark, OBE, with RCNR, Halifax, 2 daughters. He served in RN 40 years.

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November 18, 1944, 1: Victorian on record flight over Atlantic, westbound record established by TCA, 11 hours, 26 minutes by Lancaster, crew included Flight-Lieutenant FB Gregory, RCAF, of Victoria...

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V/November 18, 1944, 3: photo, Trooper Lawrence Brooks, 23, wounded during action in Holland while fighting with Canadian Armored Corps. Wife, Katherine, resident here. Born in Victoria to Frederick & Sarah Brooks, Saanich. He enlisted 2 years ago. A brother, Flight Sergeant Brooks, has been with RCAF since 1938, he is an aero-engine mechanic in Alberta.

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V/November 18, 1944, 3: Telegrapher Donald William Davidson, RCNVR, at one time former BC backstroke champion, has returned to east coast base following leave with wife, Jeanne Rae, and daughter. Son of James D & Ruby M Davidson, he has been with navy 3 ½ years, 18 months of which were spent on Atlantic convoy duty. Also

serving with RCN are 2 sons-in-law: Gordon D Taylor, who has seen action aboard HMCS St Laurent, and Petty Officer Dennis G Walker, now stationed at Givenchy.

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V/November 18, 1944, 3: Lieutenant Donald Yardley, 27, Royal Canadian Engineers, who suffered injuries July 25 during the battle for Caen, now receiving treatment for wounds at a Winnipeg hospital. Son of William H & Claire Yardley. His wife resides in Winnipeg.

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V/November 18, 1944, 3: Stoker James Bond, veteran of invasion operations, has returned East after spending leave with his parents William C & Catherine Wallace Bond, James Island. He was one of the thousands of the mighty force that convoyed troops and supplies across the English Channel to the invasion coast of Normandy on D-Day.

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V/November 19, 1944, 2: One member of the Canadian Firefighting Corps sent to Britain in the days of the blitz, and now being broken up, returned to Canada, Section Leader James Bayliss, of Oak Bay, who went overseas in December, 1942. He served in Bristol & Plymouth, both towns that underwent heavy pounding by Nazi airmen... November 21, 11: home soon. His wife and children reside at Oak Bay. He was with Victoria fire dept 18 years. Karl Mills, 2<sup>nd</sup> Victoria fireman overseas, still in Plymouth, awaiting demobilization. He was with Victoria fire dept 17 years. December 3, 3: Bayliss home, describes fire-fighting activities...

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V/November 19, 1944, 3: photo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Mark William Cuzner, recently on leave with his wife, Alice Mary Thompson, and son at Oak Bay. He has been with the army since 1940, transferred to infantry in 1943. Born in Victoria, son of

Mark W & Helena M McKittrick Cuzner, he attended Margaret Jenkins & Victoria High School. His brother, John Ewen [husband of Lillian Carney] also in army.

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V/November 19, 1944, 3: Corporal Malcolm Alan Martyn, 20, son of Colonel Donald B & Jeanetta McGaw Martyn, formerly of Victoria, now commanding Vancouver defences, was reported missing October 10 following the Leopold Canal action in Belgium. Born and educated at Victoria public schools, went to University of Washington after his family moved to Seattle. His sister, Mona, is a sub-lieutenant in the medical section, RCN. December 31, 2: now listed as prisoner of war in Germany..

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V/November 19, 1944, 3: photo, Chief Petty Officer Jack Clarke, gunner's mate, RCN, now on leave with parents, Reginald A & Mary Clarke, Victoria, his 1<sup>st</sup> leave in 5 years. He has 7 years' service to his credit, he left Victoria aboard HMCS Ottawa at the outset of war, and has since been on Skeena & Assiniboine. He has recently been a gunnery instructor at an Atlantic base.

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V/November 19, 1944, 3: Sapper William J Smith wounded in Holland, son of James & Kathleen Smith, Victoria. Attached to Royal Canadian Engineers, he enlisted aged 16 and has served overseas for 2 years. He recently wrote to his parents: 'you thought I was young when I joined up - you ought to see some of the other kids in the German Army. Many of them are only about 14.'

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V/November 19, 1944, 3: photo, Sergeant Brian W Thomson, 19, air gunner, now on leave with his parents, Thomas & Nina Thomson, Victoria. He completed his education at Victoria High School and enlisted with RCAF in 1943.

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V/November 21, 1944, 3: Flight Lieutenant Atholl Brown, RCAF, who has been flying on the Burma front attached to an RAF squadron, has received recent promotion to his present rank. Son of Brigadier & Mrs J Sutherland Brown, Oak Bay. He recently completed 2 weeks' leave in Darjeeling. A brother, Lieutenant-Colonel Sutherland Brown, 26, Royal Canadian Engineers, was awarded DSO last month.

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V/November 21, 1944, 8: photo, HMCS Uganda; 8 Island men aboard: commanding officer, Captain E Rollo Mainguy, OBE, RCN, Duncan; Pay-Commander HA McCandless, RCN, accountant officer; Pay-Lieutenant-Commander John Barclay, RCN, both of Victoria; Lieutenant HEF Makvoski, Vancouver/Victoria. Lieutenant EM Chadwick, son of Reverend & Mrs FAP Chadwick, Oak Bay; Warrant Officer LM Evans, engineer, Victoria/Halifax; Midshipman AE Fox, son of Mrs ES Fox and late Mrs Fox, Duncan; Midshipman Charles Leighton, son of PR Leighton, Duncan. Photos.

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November 21, 1944, 10: names of all men aboard RCAF Canso flying boat #11017 missing since November 14 from #4 Reconnaissance Squadron, Tofino. All names, home towns given... Airmen are continuing the search for the plane, which disappeared while on a sea patrol flight. Ottawa War Memorial

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Bldg/November 21, 1944, 11: many dwellings in Victoria unfinished due to shortages...

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November 21, 1944, 12: died November 19 at Victoria, BC, Mrs Amy Ulrich, 66, born in Wales, resident here 46 years. Leaves husband, George, son, siblings. Colwood

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November 21, 1944, 12: died yesterday at

Saanich, BC, May Elizabeth Laing, 34, born in Ontario, resident here 33 years. Leaves husband Warrant Officer 2 Arthur EP Laing, mother, Mrs ES Oliver, 3 brothers, 2 sisters. Her father, Henry Oliver died 1936. Royal Oak Burial Park

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V/November 22, 1944, 3: Corporal EH Cooper, 35, RCAF, serving 4 years as wireless operator attached to RAF is due home to Saanich family, wife and parents, H Cooper, where he will spend leave before being re-posted. Born in England, he and his family came to Victoria 31 years ago. A carpenter by trade, he received his education at Monterey & Oak Bay High Schools.

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V/November 22, 1944, 3: photo, missing since air operations overseas March 16, now for official purposes presumed dead, J86764/R133352 Pilot Officer Bomb Aimer Douglas R Eley, 22, son of Mrs M Eley, Oak Bay. Born in Cranbrook he came to Victoria 7 years ago, enlisting 1941 [see March, 1944]

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V/November 22, 1944, 3: Pilot Officer GW 'Paddy' Birchall, 21, RCAF, now home on leave after completing his tour of operations overseas as an air gunner flying with Lancasters attached to an RAF squadron, has been promoted to his present rank. Overseas for 13 months, he participated in the initial spearhead assault from the air the night before D-Day invasion operations. Born in Vancouver, resident here 7 years, only son of J Birchall, Oak Bay, BC. He enlisted 1943.

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November 22, 1944, 3: Corporal Donald H Miller, 22, RCAF, now serving in India, son of TA Miller, Victoria. Former student of Sprott-Shaw Radio School here, he enlisted 1940, went overseas that year and was attached to various squadrons in England & Scotland. Then to Canada before re-posting

to overseas duty.

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November 22, 1944, 3: with RCNR since 1941 Lieutenant W Davenport, who was aboard HMCS Swansea when that ship sank a U-boat in the Atlantic, has returned to Victoria for leave. Resident here 32 years he was formerly employed by Island Tug & Barge and Canadian Pacific Steamships, and was also with a shipping firm in Hong Kong for 3 years. He took over command of Dunver last spring.

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November 22, 1944, 4: Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Lloyd Purves, 32, Canadian Armored Corps, awarded DSO. Born in Victoria, teacher in Calgary he served with Calgary Highlanders before he was taken on strength in 1941. His wife, Elizabeth lives at Sorel, Quebec. Son of Frederick W & Mabel Purves, Saanich, he attended Burnside & North Ward Schools, Victoria College & Sprott-Shaw School, and graduated from UBC. A brother, Captain Donald Purves, is with the army at Ottawa, and a sister, Lieutenant Jean Purves, is an army nursing sister stationed in England.

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November 22, 1944, 6: photo, Miss Sheila Sangster, ambulance driver, now in England. Born in Victoria to James W & Alice Sangster, Oak Bay, she completed her education in Quebec. She has 2 brothers who have been overseas for more than 3 years, Squadron Leader KR Sangster, RCAF, and Warrant Officer JW Sangster.

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November 22, 1944, 7: photo, Trooper LA Hamilton, of Victoria, and his jeep proved too much of a target for these Dutch children...

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November 22, 1944, 10: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Dr Gordon Alexander McCurdy, 37, pathologist. Born 1907 at Sydney, Nova Scotia resident here 7 years,

coming from Halifax. A graduate of Dalhousie University and had taken post-grad studies in Glasgow, Scotland. He was a member of Royal Jubilee Hospital staff. He leaves widow Minnie at Oak Bay, parents, Mr & Mrs HB McCurdy, Sydney, 2 brothers, Hugh & David with Canadian Army, and a sister, Mrs KD McMillan, Texas.

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November 22, 1944, 13: a 2-years-old mulberry bush was presented to students of Monterey School yesterday by Cecil French, who has been leading silkworm culture in the city for the past several years. It is hoped the bush, in future years, will provide food for worms being raised by students of the school. The bush was planted at a site selected by the students themselves, and was put in the ground by French. Taking part in the brief ceremony were WG Brynjolfson, vice-principal of the school and Mrs M Powell, teacher. Several students volunteered to build a protective fence around the bush.

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V/November 17, 1944, 5: photo, Lieutenant Walter Frederick Sydney Walker, joined RCN 1942 and since then has served 1 ½ years aboard Fairmile motor launches. His wife [Kathleen Noel Walker?] lives in Victoria.

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V/November 18, 1944, 10: died November 16 at Victoria, BC, Mrs Charlotte McIntyre, 67, born in Bruce County, Ontario, resident here 4 years. Widow of Duncan McIntyre, she leaves 5 sons, Chief Petty Officer Ross, RCNVR; Chief Petty Officer John, RCN; Charles, of Yorkton, Saskatchewan; Bruce & Howard, Victoria, 3 daughters, Mrs Van Essen, Victoria; Mrs H Hickes, Ontario, Miss Edna, Victoria.

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November 21, 1944, 3: photo, Leading Seaman Phil Jeffrey aboard RCN landing

craft during invasion, had leave with parents, A Jeffrey, Victoria. Educated at Beacon Hill & South Park Schools, he enlisted in 1942 and served with Fishermen's Reserve here for some time. His father is a disabled veteran of Great War.

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November 21, 1944, 3: photo, Leslie F Gill, RCNVR, recently awarded DSM. Now serving off coast of France, he enlisted 1939. Born and educated in Victoria. Son of WA Gill, Esquimalt, husband of Wanda, Victoria.

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V/November 21, 1944, 3: photo, Petty Officer Everett MacGillivray, youngest son of David J & Hilda Potter MacGillivray, Victoria, now home on leave with wife and son who are living with his parents. She is former Bette Lilliam Mayar, of Victoria. He enlisted in RCNVR in 1941 aged 23, and before enlistment served on CPR coastal steamships. A brother, William, is serving with 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Survey Regiment, RCA, in Italy.

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V/November 19, 1944, 3: brothers, one wounded in Italy, the other in France, met today. They are Lance-Bombardier Robroy Walter Green and Lance-Sergeant Dwight Norwood Green, sons of Arthur V & Gertrude Budd Green, Saanich. Roy, who arrived in Vancouver yesterday aboard a hospital ship, was blown up by a mortar bomb in the advance on Campobasso, Italy and suffered a fractured spine. Dwight, a paratrooper, was put out of action by tank shrapnel at LeMesnil, Normandy. He is still at Shaughnessy Military Hospital. November 24, 3: highlight of Roy's return was his reunion with his brother, Dwight...

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V/November 21, 1944, 3: photo, Flight Lieutenant LR van Kleeck awarded DFC following completion of a tour of operations



over enemy territory. Born in Vancouver, where his parents, Arthur & Beatrice live, he was educated there. His sister Patricia lives in Victoria, and uncle & aunt, Dr Russell & Mrs Charlotte Jack Robertson, at Oak Bay.

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November 22, 1944, 10: died November 20 at Prospect Lake, BC, Eunice McGillivray, born near Paisley, Bruce County, Ontario, nee Greaves, resident here 34 years. Leaves husband, Neil, brother, 2 sisters. Colwood

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V/November 23, 1944, 3: Private Eric Ormond Brant Smythe, 30, younger son of Ormond & Christina Johnson Smythe, Duncan, previously reported missing, now listed as killed in action in Holland. His wife, Barbara Hannesson Smythe, and daughter live at Victoria. He was born at Duncan in 1914 and received his education there. His elder brother is serving in France.

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V/November 23, 1944, 3: Flight Lieutenant Gordon H Brooker, attached to RAF has recently been appointed to his present rank. Son of Albert & Rose Brooker, Victoria. He has been with Coastal Command at Ceylon for the past year, and is now in India on industrial duties after a tour of operations. He enlisted 1941. A sister, Dorothea, is now serving with the Wrens in Newfoundland.

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V/November 23, 1944, 12: died November 21 at Victoria, BC, Mrs Mary Morris Buckingham, 60, nee Savage, born in Scotland, resident here 21 years. Leaves husband, William George at Esquimalt home, 2 sons, daughter [husband died 1953, retired Chief Petty Officer, RCN]. Colwood

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November 23, 1944, 12: died November 21 at Victoria, BC, David Harold England, 58, born in England, resident here 47 years. Leaves widow, Edith, daughter, son, mother Sarah, in England, 4 sisters. Royal Oak Burial Park

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November 23, 1944, 12: died November 20 at Victoria, BC, Donald Cameron Melville, 77, born in Scotland, resident here 48 years. N031/032 E L

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V/November 24, 1944, 3: Private John Walter 'Jack' Gurney, 25, reported missing in Holland, has now been officially reported killed in action October 23. Son of Robert A & Blanche Ogden Gurney November 25, 3: photo, also leaves sister, Barbara J Braidwood, and a younger brother Russell W, at school.

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V/November 24, 1944, 3: photo, Major Rowlan M Horsey, so busy digging in on a bluff position on the Adriatic front one dark night that he failed to notice a patrol of 6 Germans who crept up behind and took him prisoner. Prisoner less than 3 minutes, he was rescued when the patrol was charged by 2 heroic Canadians, who lost their lives in the ensuing melee, but rescued the major. He is son of Edward N & Flora McDonald Horsey, Victoria, and before going overseas married a girl from New Brunswick. [parents buried Royal Oak Burial Park]

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November 24, 1944, 8: Stanley Jones, 17, drowned when he fell overboard from a freighter while she was rounding Saturna Island, on her way to Vancouver. He was 4<sup>th</sup> son of Evan Wesley & Ethel A Jones, Victoria, 3 brothers are serving in the armed forces. Stanley had made the voyage to Australia, leaving during his school holidays. He had planned to return home from Vancouver.

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V/November 24, 1944, 12: died yesterday at Winnipeg, Manitoba, Lieutenant-Colonel A Ernest Ings, born at Prince Edward Island. During the Great War he was in command of 105<sup>th</sup> Battalion. His son, C27599 RCAF Wing Commander Pilot Ralph Royden Ings,

was killed in 1943 [Ottawa Memorial]. He leaves daughters [Mrs LJ Clark, Victoria], son, sister.

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November 24, 1944, 12: died November 21 at Victoria, BC, Elaine Walker Vowles, 32, also her infant daughter. Born in Saskatchewan to Arthur & Helen Rigby, resident here 27 years. Leaves husband, Arthur, mother, Helen Rigby, Victoria, 3 brothers [Nichols, born Kinlough, Bruce County, Ontario]. Colwood

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November 25, 1944, 2: died November 23 at Victoria, BC, Miss Sarah Ann Faulkner, 82, of Saanich. Born in England, resident here 50 years, she was associated with Anglican mission work along the west coast Vancouver Island. She leaves a sister and niece in Colorado and relatives in England.

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V/November 25, 1944, 3: photo, Gunner Bernard Longpre, son of Joseph & late Mrs Mary Murray Longpre, wounded November 10 in Holland. With invasion forces since D-Day he has been with Canadian Army 3 years and overseas 2 ½ years.

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V/November 25, 1944, 3: photo, Leading Seaman Donald C Stephens, serving aboard a Fairmile, operating from Newfoundland base. Expected home on leave with parents Alfred A & Aleine B Stephens, Victoria.

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V/November 25, 1944, 3: photo, Major Larry Henderson, son of Mrs Violet Fidler Henderson, Victoria, and late George A Henderson, awarded DSO for services at Falaise with 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment, of which he is now 2<sup>nd</sup> in command. Born at Vernon, educated at Brentwood College. His wife, nee Helena Elise Cobbett, of Oak Bay, now lives in New Brunswick.

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V/November 25, 1944, 3: photo,

J94231//R221635 Pilot Officer Air Gunner James Neil Atkinson, 19, killed in action November 21. Born in Victoria to Neil & Annie Gimmell Atkinson, educated at Central & Victoria High Schools, he had been with RCAF 2 years, overseas 9 months. He was over the invasion coast during the 1<sup>st</sup> day of operations in June, and had completed a considerable number of missions over enemy territory. Halifax aircraft returned from a night attack against Castrop-Rauxel, Germany, when it crashed ½ mile from RCAF aerodrome at Tholthorpe, England. Buried in Stonefall Cemetery, Harrogate, England.

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V/November 25, 1944, 3: photo, C2159 Wing Commander Arthur Buckle, 44, formerly of Victoria, killed November 23 when an RCAF Beechcraft plane in which he was a passenger crashed 10 miles out of Calgary. Word was received of his death by his brother, Edgar [husband of Eleanor Frances Evelyn Garrard, daughter of Francis C & Annie Davies Garrard, she was born in Tofino], of Saanich. He was born to Thomas Swan Parker Buckle & Mary Elizabeth Avison and educated in England and Quebec. His wife, Lilith Grace Bissett Buckle and children live at Montreal. During the Great War he left high school to enlist in RFC at Montreal. He trained in Texas and received his wings and commission before he was 18, becoming one of the youngest airmen ever to achieve that distinction. When the RAF was formed he served with it until the end of that war, coming to Victoria on his return to Canada. He was an investment broker here prior to receiving a commission in RCAF, as flying officer in 1940. He was a member of Union Club, Oak Bay Golf Club and Tyee Fishing Club of Campbell River. He & Lilith were married at St Stephen's and he is buried in St Stephen's Cemetery, Saanichton. Military funeral, during the service 'The Airman's

Prayer' was sung. RCAF pallbearers, and an RCAF guard of honour attended the committal service at the family plot in the churchyard. [Edgar died 1954 at Long Beach, BC. Another brother, Frank, of Asbestos, Quebec and their father, TBP Buckle, of Victoria]

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Bldg/November 26, 1944, 2: sketch of proposed elementary school, Cordova Bay... [Robert Savage]; November 26, 18: government cuts building activity...; November 28, 13: purchase of Crow Baker home approved at council meeting... conversion to convalescent home...; November 29, 13: photo, Crow Baker home...

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V/November 26, 1944, 3: photo, died November 17 at Victoria, BC, Herbert Silcock, former private with 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Scottish, with whom he enlisted in July, 1940, from stomach ulcers. He leaves widow, Margaret L Robinson Silcock, 2 sons at Saanich, 3 sisters at Vancouver, his parents, James & Janet Williams Silcock & 2 brothers at Cumberland.

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V/November 26, 1944, 3: photo, Chief Petty Officer Harold Douglas Richards, RCN, DSM & Bar, leave over with wife [Violet Hancock Richards] at Victoria, has left for Halifax. He was awarded his decorations for outstanding services rendered while serving aboard HMCS Haida. Born at Duncan, educated at Victoria schools, he was employed on CPR boats, has been in RCN 5 years.

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V/November 26, 1944, 3: Sergeant Mell T Hughes, RCAF, now in Holland with a medical division, writes to his parents, Kenneth T & Martha Alice Mellon Hughes, Victoria, that when he was in Belgium recently he met 2 Belgian boys who remembered Charles W 'Chuck' & Arthur S

Chapman, Victoria athletes, when they played basketball at the 1936 Olympic Games. Hughes attended St Louis & Victoria College... [Chapman parents, James W & Clara Mary]

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V/November 26, 1944, 3: Lieutenant Dudley Crawford, 25, Canadian Infantry Corps, now on leave with parents, William & Margaret Crawford, Oak Bay. He enlisted with Army Service Corps in 1940, was overseas 2 years before returning to Canada for officer's course. He was educated at Monterey & Oak Bay High Schools.

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V/November 26, 1944, 3: Major Leonard William? Johnson, 29, returned from overseas duty to spend leave with wife, Anna, and children. He went to active duty in 1939 and went overseas 3 years ago as captain.

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V/November 26, 1944, 3: photo, J18442/R92145 Flying Officer Navigator Arthur Keeling Deakin, 27, reported missing following overseas operations. Only son of Guy B & Janey Holmes Deakin, Cowichan Station, he enlisted 1941. A sister, Isabella Vera, resides with their aunt, Mrs Isabel Farquhar, Oak Bay, BC. Wellington aircraft failed to return from a Loran training flight over the sea northwest of Ireland. No known grave, name inscribed on Runnymede War Memorial, Egham, England.

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V/November 26, 1944, 20: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, James Murray Whitney, born in Ontario, resident here 40 years, late residence Oak Bay. Leaves daughter, son, Flight Lieutenant Charles Brock Whitney. Born 1866 in Seaforth, Ontario, came to the coast in 1907. For a time he owned a jewelry business at Government Street, but later transferred it to its present site on corner of Yates & Broad Streets. In 1916 he was

awarded Royal Canadian Humane Society Medal for bravery when he rescued a young woman from drowning at Shawnigan Lake. November 29, 4: editorial James M Whitney... his son served with RAF in the Great War, and is serving again as a Flight Lieutenant in this one. He served as official timekeeper at many Victoria sports meets and his trophies are still remembered and highly prized. When flying was young, he was one of those here who stood behind the returned men who were trying to apply what they had learned overseas to the needs and uses of this land... He never refused a service or a duty, and his death will occasion sincere regret...

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November 26, 1944, 20: died November 24 at Victoria, BC, Christina Tripp, 75, of Oak Bay. Born in Ontario, resident here 36 years. Leaves 2 daughters. Royal Oak Burial Park

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November 26, 1944, 20: died November 23 at Victoria, BC, Sarah Ann Faulkner, 82, born at Bradford, England, resident here 50 years. Leaves sister in New York.

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FN/V/November 26, 1944, 20: died suddenly at Victoria, BC, November 24, Mrs Anna M George, 50, of Esquimalt, BC. Born in Tulalip, Washington, a resident here many years. Leaves husband, Frank, with Canadian forces overseas, 2 sons [Bagley], 2 adopted children [George]. Songhees Cemetery

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V/November 28, 1944, 5: photos, RCAF men home for Christmas leave: photos, Flight Sergeant RH Martin, 31, in forces since 1941 as wireless mechanic, overseas 3 ½ years. Born in India to Bernard A & Hilda Martin; Leading AirCraftman WA Reid, born here to late James Reid and Mrs Florence Reid, overseas since 1942. His brother, Bernard LeRoy, recently became a paratrooper; Pilot Officer GS Smith, 24,

with a tour of operational flights to his credit, son of GS Smith, Victoria. An air gunner, he has been flying with an RAF squadron during his 2 years overseas; Sergeant RF Burrows, 23, wireless air gunner, son of Ernest C & Vernal R Willey Burrows, Oak Bay. He has a brother in RCAF and another in the army; Flying Officer RB Evans is a Duncan man who enlisted in 1940 and has been overseas 4 years, spending most of his time as a fighter pilot in the Mediterranean theatre. He has shot down several aircraft and has been himself shot down. Son of Robert Evans, Duncan, Mrs HF Bishop, Esquimalt, is his grandmother. Also returning: George W Gower, HD Weaver; EJ Bowles, Oak Bay; Flight Sergeant V Core; RN Martin; JDR Nixon, Cumberland; Squadron Leader HP Heybrook, Cadboro Bay...

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November 28, 1944, 5: Frederick Levy, native of Victoria, now living in New York City, has composed a new song, 'Locked in the Vault of My Heart.' Levy, son of late Joseph Levy, a Victoria pioneer who operated Levy's Restaurant 50 years ago. He became a printer after graduation from Victoria High School & Victoria College. He was a compositor on The Daily Colonist before going to Seattle and later to the eastern states, where he eventually became sole owner of Ledell Press. Always interested in music, he started studying with Victoria Conservatory of Music, Yates Street, before leaving here. He has written several numbers, but this is the 1<sup>st</sup> he has published...

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November 28, 1944, 5: funeral services for Mrs Sarah Annie Garrard, 66, born in England, daughter of Isaac & Margaret Sharples, widow of late William Burdett Garrard, and resident of Victoria 35 years, who died November 27. She leaves son, Lieutenant-Commander William AB

Garrard, Victoria, a sister, Mrs NS Vaughan, 2 brothers Henry V Sharples and EB Sharples. Cremate.

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November 28, 1944, 13: inquest into death of Henry Vincent James, 54, Saanich, injured at naval dockyard and died November 26. Born at Tredegar, Wales, he came to Saanich several years ago. He leaves 3 brothers, sister. November 29, 13: inquest...; November 30, 13... Colwood

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November 28, 1944, 13: died at Victoria, BC, Mary Ann Carter, 79, born in Lancashire, England, she was a Victoria pioneer, having lived here 70 years. Leaves 2 daughters, 3 sons. Family plot, Royal Oak Burial Park

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November 28, 1944, 14: died November 26 at Victoria, BC, Winnifred Clare Walker, 23, born Victoria. Leaves husband, James A and parents, William & Mary Halliwell Rivers, Saanich, sister. Royal Oak Burial Park

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November 29, 1944, 1: MacMillan interests present Cathedral Grove to BC...; December 23, 11: now named MacMillan Park...

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V/November 29, 1944, 2: photos: Major WHV Matthews, Milne's Landing, receiving a Bar to his Military Cross; Military Medal awarded Lance-Corporal Archibald Thomas Blackmore, Victoria...

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V/November 29, 1944, 3: photo, Squadron Leader EP Heybroek, on leave with his parents Ernest & Edna Heybroek, Victoria, after more than 3 years of action in England with Fighter Command. Born aboard ship in mid-Pacific, he was educated in Philippines, Ontario and graduated from McGill. With RCAF since 1940, he proceeded overseas 1941. In 1943 he married an RAF officer, nee June Davis, who is still on duty in

England.

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V/November 29, 1944, 3: Corporal Russell Andrew Spence, Calgary Highlanders, wounded in Holland October 24, now in hospital. His wife, Dorothy Saunders Spence, resides in Victoria. He enlisted here in 1942.

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V/November 29, 1944, 3: Flight Sergeant BV Dore, 23, RCAF wireless operator, overseas almost 4 years, expected in Victoria for leave with his parents, Anton M & Luella Dore, Saanich. Born in Alberta, educated there and Prince George and studied at UBC for 2 years before enlistment. With D-Day invasion forces, he has recently been serving with his squadron in Holland. [resident of California in 1965]

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V/November 29, 1944, 3: photo, Lieutenant-Commander David Walter Groos, RCN, of Victoria, formerly captain of HMCS Restigouche, has been appointed executive officer, RCN College at Royal Roads...

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V/November 29, 1944, 3: photo, Lieutenant Kenneth Lloyd Boorman, now spending leave with wife, Valerie C Smith Boorman at Oak Bay. WITH RCNVR he is executive officer of Algerine escort vessel, convoying on the Atlantic. Previous to this he served as torpedo officer on a Canadian destroyer and before his sea duties he held positions as chief naval recruiting officer and drafting officer for RCN. He enlisted in 1940, coming from the investment business here with his father, HE Boorman. His parents, Harry & Daisy L Johnston Boorman reside in Oak Bay.

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V/November 29, 1944, 6: 2 Victoria nursing sisters are on staff of same hospital in Italy: Lieutenant Nursing Sisters Desiree Seale, Oak Bay, and Margaret Grant, Victoria. Seal

has been in the Mediterranean theatre of war for a year. She is the hospital dietitian...

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Bldg/November 29, 1944, 10: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Irene Alice Dawson, 65, born 1890 in Victoria, youngest daughter of late David & Mary Ann Irvine Laing, and granddaughter of late John & Jessie Irvine, who came from Orkney Islands and settled here in 1851 with HBC at Rosebank Farm. She leaves husband, Charles F Dawson, federal government architect here, 2 sons, 2 daughters. St Luke's

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November 29, 1944, 10: died suddenly November 25 in Victoria, BC, Arthur Edward Fraser, 86, born in Liverpool, England, resident here 73 years. He was employed as bridge operator. Leaves widow, daughter, sister. Cremate

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November 29, 1944, 10: died November 26 at Victoria, BC, Louis Alexander Henderson, 67, of Oak Bay. Born in Scotland, resident here 23 years. He farmed for many years near Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan. Leaves siblings in Scotland. Royal Oak Burial Park

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V/November 30, 1944, 3: photo, Private Samuel Clark, 19, killed in action in Holland November 21. Born in Victoria to John B & Alice Clark, he had been serving with the Army overseas 4 months. Educated at Sir James Douglas & Victoria High Schools. He also leaves 2 sisters, brother.

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V/November 30, 1944, 3: Leading Seaman James Chapman, 20, RCN, now on leaves after 20 months on Atlantic service. His mother, Mrs PA Green, Keating.

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V/November 30, 1944, 3: Sergeant GW Wilmott, 11<sup>th</sup> Canadian Provost Corps serving in France, recently headed a special

convoy escorting King George on one of his recent visits to France, and shook hands with him. Son of Jeremiah J & Martha Randall Wilmott, Victoria West...

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V/November 30, 1944, 14: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, John D Turner, 74, born in England, resident of Cordova Bay, and formerly of Esquimalt. He was a veteran of the South African War. Colwood

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V/November 30, 1944, 14: died November 28 at Victoria, BC, Henry James Dalziel, 77, born Scotland, resident Victoria & Sooke 40 years. Veteran of Great War. Colwood

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V/November 30, 1944, 2: photo, Lieutenant-Colonel Desmond Crofton, capture of Calais described by commander of Canadian Scottish...

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December 1, 1944, 3: died suddenly yesterday at Oak Bay, BC, Mrs Flora Mary Tait Greene, born in Manitoba, resident here 54 years. Widow of Eugene M, she leaves 3 sisters. Family plot, P 115/116 W T

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V/December 1, 1944, 3: home on leave after 2 years' overseas service, Captain Roy Henville Lund, eldest son of Lillian B Dolphin Lund, and late Major Alfred H Lund, Victoria. His wife, Esther G Elofson Lund, accompanied him. After leave he will take a special course at US Command, Kansas, following which he will be attached to US Army. He proceeded overseas in 1942, as reinforcement officer, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment, later transferring to Essex-Scottish Regiment.

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December 1, 1944, 3: photo, J24016 Flying Officer Bomb Aimer Leonard Alvin Bland, 22, of Victoria, BC, reported missing following air operations over enemy territory March 16, now presumed dead. Parents, Frederick R & Marguerite

McCarrison Bland, Victoria West [divorced 1940]. Born here, he enlisted 1942 and trained as a bomb aimer. Older brothers, Sergeant Ronald J Bland, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment, overseas, seriously wounded in August and still in hospital in England, and Frederick Alfred, stationed on the Queen Charlotte Islands, with A battery.

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December 1, 1944, 3: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Miss Mary Elizabeth Stewart, a Victoria library employee for almost 30 years. Born 1870 in Victoria, daughter of late John & Margaret McCoy Stewart who came here from Dundee, Scotland in 1862. She was a pupil of St Ann's Academy as a girl... Leaves brother, Arthur B Stewart, Victoria. Family plot, R 074/075 W O

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V/December 1, 1944, 4: Longstaff letter re: HMS Givenchy [re: Givenchy Naval Barracks, Naval Dockyard, Esquimalt...]

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December 1, 1944, 5: died yesterday at Saanichton, BC, Captain William Douglas Byers, 80, one of the original sealer captains who 1<sup>st</sup> sailed out of Victoria in 1886. Born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, he had resided at Sidney 36 years. Widower of Mary Harrison Byers, he leaves son, 2 daughters, and his brothers in the East.

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V/December 1, 1944, 6: Major Selden Humphreys marries Mrs Doris Wright in London, England recently. His daughter Joan is driving an ambulance in England, and only son, James, is attached to RAF. The former Mrs S Humphreys was killed in an air raid in London, England. [Dunsmuir]

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V/December 1, 1944, 11: photo, Major Alan Chambers, DSO, awarded while serving with Canadian Infantry Corps overseas. His wife, Frances, and son live in Oak Bay.

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Bldg/December 1, 1944, 11: new floor of 10 suites on top of Bell Block, Cook/Meares, to be built. Work, LG Scott, contractor; J Graham Johnson, architect. December 2, 13: 5 tenders for new Jubilee Hospital ward...; photo, Bell Block...; December 3, 2: photo, Wilson & Cabeldu, auto beauty clinic, 925 Yates; December 10, 15: building totals...

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December 1, 1944, 12: died November 29 at Victoria, BC, Annabella Logie, 61, born in Scotland, resident here 32 years. Leaves husband, William, 4 sons, daughter, sister. Colwood

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December 1, 1944, 12: died November 22 at Los Angeles, California, Cornelius Hughes, 73, born in England, resident of Victoria 1917-1926. Leaves widow, 4 sons [Victor, Frank, Thomas, Charles], daughter [Mrs Agnes Helena Mary [Harold] Clarke], 2 sisters [Mrs E Davis; Mrs C Phelps], 2 brothers [Charles Hughes, Ucluelet, BC and another in England]. Royal Oak Burial Park

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V/December 2, 1944, 1: Canadian destroyers aid attack on Nazi troopship: HMCS Algonquin; Sioux... [mentions August operations off Norway when 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian-manned aircraft carrier Nabob, was in action]

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V/December 2, 1944, 3: Captain Geoffrey Bateman Hope, OBE, 51, of Victoria, appointed chief of naval equipment and supply, Ottawa. Hope is a veteran of Great War and was with RN for 13 years. He was awarded OBE for valour displayed in his leadership of a boarding party when the ship HMCS Prince Robert, which he was second in command, attacked and secured the German freighter Weser off the coast of Mexico, also for his outstanding administrative ability. He was proprietor of Totem Super Service Station in Oak Bay for several years. [divorced x3]

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V/December 2, 1944, 3: Private William Allan, raised and educated at BC Protestant Orphanage, Victoria, was recently reported missing in action and believed killed. Several former orphanage children are serving in the fighting forces of Canada.

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V/December 2, 1944, 3: photo, Leading Seaman Robert G Dalzell, now prisoner of war in Germany recovering from burns suffered when HMCS Athabaskan went down. Able Seaman Edward McCloy, one of the crew, told on his return to Canada how Dalzell had supported him in the water for 5 hours until picked up by a German trawler. McCloy, knocked down by the explosion, leaped overboard, badly burned and only saved by his heavy coat. On surfacing in the darkness he called for aid, and Dalzell, also suffering from burns, supported his chum through the black hours in the oily waters. Taken to a German hospital at Orleans, they were left there to be liberated by the Allied forces on the German evacuation. Dalzell, in RCN 4 years, took his initial training at Esquimalt, only son of Robert J & C Blanche Dalzell, Victoria. His wife is presently in the East.

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December 2, 1944, 10: died at Saanichton, BC, November 30, Captain William Douglas Byers, 81, born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, resident of Sidney 36 years. Leaves son, 2 daughters, brothers. Holy Trinity, Patricia Bay

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V/December 3, 1944, 1: Canso aircraft #11086 missing at Patricia Bay...; December 5, 7: search hampered by weather, still missing with crew of 9... Disappearance of the plane, brings to 3 the number of planes lost in the last 3 weeks. A 4-engine Liberator bomber which disappeared from Abbotsford, November 10, with 11 crew aboard, has not yet been located, and no

trace has been found of a Canso with 10 airmen which failed to return to a west coast base November 15 from searching for the missing Liberator. December 6, 15: names of lost airmen announced: crew were engaged in a navigation training flight when they crashed at Kennedy Lake 30 miles east of Tofino. [The aircraft was found July 1, 1945 and commemorative plaque was unveiled at the scene on August 24, 1956. The bodies of the crew were buried in a common grave at the crash site and all their names are listed on the Ottawa War Memorial. [from BC, R268109 Sergeant Flight Engineer Robert William Davidson, 19]; December 7, 1: a carrier pigeon from a missing Canso from Patricia Bay returned to base minus its message container tonight and aroused hope that 9 crewmen might still be alive. The pigeon arrived in exhausted condition and it was thought it may have visited some loft en route to obtain food and its message container was removed by someone who was unaware of its importance. Request that anyone knowing the bird's route or any message contact RCAF headquarters immediately. December 10, 12: RCAF today intensified their search. Night patrols flew all night and at daybreak today the daylight search got underway...

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V/December 3, 1944, 3: photo, Private 'Alex' Gicas, 25, Victoria athlete who has been serving overseas with an infantry regiment 2 years. Son of James & Margaret Praski Gicas, Lido Café. He is either in Holland or Belgium.

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V/December 3, 1944, 3: photos, Walter Rolls, 18, & Jack Graham, 20, friends for many years, now in naval services. Rolls with Merchant Marine, Graham with RCNVR. Rolls, born in Newfoundland, coming to Victoria with his parents, Ron & Agnes Haines Rolls, at age 6. His father, recently discharged from service, has had 5



years in uniform and 2 years' overseas duty. Jack, son of John RB & Dorothy Jarvis Graham, Saanich, has been in service 1 ½ years on convoy duty.

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December 3, 1944, 20: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Annie Laura Hiltz Barnett, 70, of Oak Bay. Born in Nova Scotia, resident here 34 years. Leaves husband, Harry Ambrose [marine surveyor], 2 daughters, 2 sisters, 2 brothers. UEL. Family plot, B 039/040 W 38

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V/December 5, 1944, 5: photo, Lieutenant-Commander Robert Philip Welland, DSC, whose wife, nee Ruth S Campbell, resides at Oak Bay, to take command of HMCS Haida. He has served nearly 8 years in RCN and earned the award for his part in the kill of a U-boat while aboard St Laurent, which was on convoy duty in the North Atlantic. He is at present spending leave with his family.

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V/December 5, 1944, 5: photo, Flight Lieutenant Harry Brawn, 26, veteran of 35 operational flights over enemy territory in the European theatre, has arrived home on leave to with parents, Frank & Mabel Brawn. Born and educated in Victoria [Sir James Douglas & Victoria High Schools] and has 3 years' overseas service.

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V/December 5, 1944, 5: thrown from his motorcycle in a collision with a truck overseas, Captain Geoffrey Innis Edgelow, BC Dragoons, who acted as liaison officer between Canadian & Imperial forces, returned to Victoria and will have an operation for his injuries. The amazing work of Canadian & British military engineers in bridging the Orne at Caen under intense enemy fire, drew special comment from the captain. The feat won acclaim of Allied forces in the Normandy sector, where the fighting was most fierce... The 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion,

Canadian Scottish Regiment put on a marvellous show... Going overseas as a lieutenant with Dragoons, he returned to Kingston for staff course then overseas in time for the Normandy invasion. His wife, Mary Bradshaw Edgelow resides at Oak Bay.

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V/December 5, 1944, 5: Private Denis K Crockett, wounded in the Scheldt action, sustained injuries more serious than were 1<sup>st</sup> indicated. He may lose his sight and his knee was fractured. He is being treated for his eye injuries by Dr Eric Elkington, Victoria, attached to No 22 Canadian General Hospital in England. Son of Major Maxwell & Mrs Winifred Kirkpatrick-Crockett, Victoria.

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V/December 5, 1944, 7: photo, Sergeant Louise McBride, RCAF [WD], of Victoria...

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Marine/December 5, 1944, 11: photo, Captain G Arthur Williams, of Vancouver, master of Canadian Pacific tug Kyuquot, has retired after 50+ years at sea. He served on vessels in local waters for past 27 years, his previous experience were trips around the Horn in sailing ships, a voyage to the Orient on the old Empress of China, and a period with Blue Funnel Line in the Oriental trade. Born in North Wales, he went to sea in 1893 aged 14. His son, Thomas F, 4<sup>th</sup> engineer, Princess Joan; nephew, Wing Commander DJ Williams, DSO, DFC, in command of a fighter squadron overseas, and brother-in-law Captain JC Williams, is master, Princess Joan.

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Bldg/December 5, 1944, 11: died recently at Hollywood, California, Percy Dudleigh Richardson, formerly a well-known Victoria tobacconist. He conducted a tobacco store at the corner of Government & View Streets. He continued the same business in California. He leaves his widow there, and 2

brothers, Major Fred Richardson, OBE, GM, of Langford & Arthur Richardson, Victoria.

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December 5, 1944, 12: died December 2, 1944 at Hollywood, California, Agnes Jackson, nee Smith. Widow of Major RG Campbell, she leaves 6 children, Mrs FH Mayhew, Miss Eliza Yardley Wootton, Richard Francis Campbell, Miss Jessie I Campbell, Very Reverend Dean Donald Campbell, Reverend Alexander K Campbell, and a sister, Frances, Mrs Edward E Wootton, of Oak Bay.

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December 5, 1944, 12: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, James Gibson Hay, 78, a pioneer resident here. Born in Paisley, Bruce County, Ontario he came here in 1887, where he took a keen interest in the welfare of the city. Widower of Rachel, nee Stoddart, who died in 1928, he leaves daughter, son, 2 brothers [Major Thomas Hay, of Paisley], and 2 sisters, Maggie [Mrs Robert Lemon Allen, he also born in Bruce County to Thomas & Elizabeth Prior Allen], Victoria and another at Wapella, Saskatchewan. Family plot, G 031 W 13

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ChHx/December 5, 1944, 12: died November 10 at Victoria, BC, Gary Jickpoy Lim, baby son of Mr & Mrs Bing Wah Lim. Born in Victoria, he is mourned by parents and siblings. Chinese Cemetery

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December 6, 1944, 2: died yesterday at his Oak Bay home, Charles J Prior, 84, born in England. He came here in 1890 and was associated with law firm of Eberts & Taylor. Later he established an office on Langley Street. For many years he served as acting magistrate here. He was a pioneer member of the Union Club & Victoria Golf Club. Leaves widow, daughter, at home.

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V/December 6, 1944, 3: Leading AirCraftman John Vernon Routley, 22,

RCAF, son of Flight Lieutenant Percy C & Mrs Gladys Phillips Routley, Saanich, will come home on leave soon after 3 years' overseas service. Born in the Okanagan, the young aero-engine mechanic came to Victoria with his parents 20 years ago. Educated at public schools & Mount View High School, enlisting in 1940. His father is a veteran of the Great War, having served with RFC.

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V/December 6, 1944, 3: Leading Signalman George Anderson Chalmers, 29, RCNVR, listed missing at sea. From Montreal, where his parents reside, he had served since the outset of war. Originally with the Canadian Army, he later transferred to the navy. His widow, Carol O, resides with her parents, Alonzo & Rhoda Boyer, at Victoria. December 8, 1944, 1: photo, RCN corvette HMCS Shawinigan lost with all hands in North Atlantic, under command of Lieutenant William J Jones, RCNVR... 7 officers, 83 other ratings...5 BC men: Leading Signalman Chalmers, 29, son of Roland & Sissy Chalmers, architect with CNR in Montreal, he married in Victoria 2 years ago. December 8, 10: all names of men lost...; December 9, 5: photo; December 10, 3: photo, Steward Frank Norrie Roy, son of Mrs Catherine Roy, Victoria, listed as missing from Shawinigan, which he had called home for 23 months. He enlisted 1942. Also leaves brothers, Bruce & Leading Seaman Leonard Roy, RCNVR, now stationed here but has seen action in the South Pacific and Alaska.

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V/December 6, 1944, 3: Lieutenant Reginald John Nation, son of Harold T & Audrey Smith Nation, of Oak Bay, who was wounded October 31, has since had a leg amputated. He was on loan to the British Army attached to the Seaforths when put out of action.

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Marine/December 6, 1944, 5: Luxury ship Queen Elizabeth was remodelled at Esquimalt...

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V/December 6, 1944, 9: photo, Lieutenant A Gillespie, RCNVR, well known rugby player, now home on leave after doing convoy duty on North Atlantic. He recently graduated as a pilot and on returning to duty will be attached to Fleet Air Arm, RCN.

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Bldg/December 6, 1944, 11: died recently at Vancouver, Henry Chesyre Janion, 67, born 1877 in Victoria, BC, son of Richard William & Janion, she was a daughter of Henry Rhodes, Hawaiian consul in Vicoira, whose home 'Maplehurst', was on the corner of Blanshard & Pembroke Streets. It still stands, occupied by Mrs Henrietta Wormald. He leaves his wife, daughter, at Vancouver and sister, Mrs John Poff, in England.

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V/December 6, 1944, 11: school teachers returning, George Alexander Brand, Victoria High; Percy Charles Routley & Cecil Chatfield, Central Junior High, now serving in RCAF...

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December 6, 1944, died December 2 at Victoria, BC, Alfred John Osborne, 62, of Saanich. Born in England, resident here 34 years. Leaves brother, 2 sisters, all in England. Colwood

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December 6, 1944, 12: died December 4 at Victoria, BC, Thomas Johnston Ross, 68, born in England, resident here since 1898. Leaves widow, Liliash Dishart Ross, only son. Cremate

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V/December 7, 1944, 1: RCAF student pilot crashed to his death today after running amok in a twin-engine bomber stolen from a nearby Boundary Bay air base. He dove on Vancouver and southern villages for over 4

½ hours, finally crashing onto a farm on Tilbury Island...; December 8, 10: experienced officers believe the airman was in complete control of the ship when it made its final plunge to crash. Name yet to be announced, not from BC.

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Bldg/December 7, 1944, 17: National housing has 179 suites in Victoria district...; 23: Oak Bay to make zoning changes...

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December 7, 1944, 22: photo, died November 26 of injuries received September 27 at Little Arnhem, on the Leopold Canal bridgehead, Private Thomas Charles Craig, 26. Born in Vancouver, educated at North Ward School, Victoria, he enlisted 3 years ago, and was in action at Caen. He leaves wife, Violet Gill Craig, daughter, brother, Angus Lumsden Craig, in Italy, and his mother, Grace, at Victoria.

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V/December 7, 1944, 22: Gunner Thomas Forshaw, 25, Royal Canadian Army, died suddenly in Vancouver hospital of war injuries received in France last fall. He went overseas in 1943, after being stationed at Macaulay Point, Esquimalt, for nearly 2 years. Well known in Victoria his family live in Greenwood. A brother, Richard Paul, is with RCAF. December 8, 3: photo.

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V/December 7, 1944, 22: Pilot Officer Gilbert Lockhart Campbell, 19, wireless air gunner, son of Mervyn W & Helen L Campbell, awarded his commission recently. Educated at Victoria High School, he enlisted 1943.

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December 7, 1944, 24: died December 4 at Victoria, BC, Florence Annie Ball, born in England, resident here 30 years. Leaves husband, Leonard W Ball, son, 2 brothers [Baird]. Royal Oak Burial Park

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V/December 7, 1944, 24: In Memoriam:

ELDER. Sergeant John Burleigh, RAF, In proud and loving memory of John, dearly loved. Goodnight John - Mother.

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December 8, 1944, 2: died yesterday at Ladner, BC, Mrs Annie Maria Kirkland, 83, born in Victoria to pioneer resident John Stevens. Widow of Richard W Wilkinson, she leaves 2 sons, sister, Mrs J Holms, Victoria.

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V/December 8, 1944, 3: Lieutenant Gordon Hartley, 25, has arrived overseas. Born here, he was educated at Victoria High School, Victoria College & Normal School. He taught at Hedley before enlisting 4 years ago. Son of Mrs Isabel [late John F] Hartley, Saanich.

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V/December 8, 1944, 3: Bombardier Constantine D 'Dick' Chungranes and his son, Private Richard George 'Dick' Chungranes, both serving with the Canadian Army overseas, met for the 1<sup>st</sup> time in 3 years recently in London. The father was formerly in fish business here, and his son, a well-known athlete. Mrs Pheobe Day Chungranes lives at Victoria.

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December 8, 1944, 4: letter to editor, I have just been admiring the beautiful photographs of Della Falls and Della Lake, published in December 6 edition of The Colonist. In your description of these I am surprised that no mention is made of Mr Drinkwater, after whose wife [Della], both the falls and the lake were named: Drinkwater River was named after him. He lived at Central Lake for many years, and I stayed with him in the Ark - a houseboat on which he lived, more than 20 years ago. He was a most interesting character and gave a vivid description of his trip through to Central Lake from the west coast, and how he was the 1<sup>st</sup> to discover Della Falls and Lake, which he named. He had a mining claim in that district and used

to make occasional trips in there; he also ran a trap line, and I remember him showing me a beautiful wolverine skin which he had trapped. There must be several oldtimers of that district who could give a very interesting description of his life. F Barber-Starkey, Sidney.

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December 8, 1944, 7: photo, Miss Emily Carr to mark 74<sup>th</sup> year...

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V/December 8, 1944, 12: Kenneth Ross-MacKenzie, 20, of Vancouver, RCAF Bombardier, travelled from Winnipeg to Hollywood to get 21 pennies for himself and 20 friends who recently finished their training. The coins will be the 'good luck' coins traditionally sewn under the cloth wings worn by Canadian airmen. They were presented to him by his cousin, actress Yvonne deCarlo, 20, who was launched on her career after he and his friends sent a pinup picture of her to producer Wanger.

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December 8, 1944, 13: died December 6 at Victoria, BC, John Henry Renfree, 63, born in Nevada, resident here 60 years. Leaves wife, Minnie, 2 sons, stepson, brother, sister. Family plot, 1 084 W 08

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Bldg/December 9, 1944, 1: may start on new Veterans' Hospital here by spring...; December 13, 9: sketch, vote for Memorial Arena...; December 14, 12: sketch, Alexandra Apartments to house 28 families, Pandora/Blanshard, Hugh Savage, architect...; December 17, 15: interior photo, Victoria Public Library... and Saanich leads in week's building...

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December 9, 1944, 3: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, William Joseph Gurney, 86, one of the 1<sup>st</sup> telegraph operators on the CPR Lake Superior division. Born in England, he served with English railways before coming to Canada in the 1880s. He has been a

resident here since 1920. He leaves 3 sons, daughter. Mason. Cremate

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V/December 9, 1944, 3: photo, Flight Sergeant CAM Pottage, 20, son of Frank & Dora Proctor Pottage, Cordova Bay, listed as missing following action in the European theatre. Born in Alberta he enlisted in 1943. A sister is with WRCNS, stationed at Halifax.

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V/December 9, 1944, 3: Regimental Quarter-Master Sergeant John Stanley Grimmond, 29, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Canadian Scottish Regiment, has been awarded DCM for gallantry in action. It is thought to be in connection with special work before invasion operations in France. He has been overseas nearly 4 years. His wife, Victoria Rennie Grimmond, resides at Oak Bay, and his parents, Sidney A & Elizabeth Mercer Grimmond, Victoria.

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December 9, 1944, 6: photo, Adam & Charlotte Rutherford celebrate 50 years... He, 78, born in Scotland. She was born in Ontario and went, with her parents, to Manitoba in a Red River cart... she married Rutherford there, went to Saskatchewan in 1908 and in 1927 they came to Saanich... He enlisted in this war and served 7 months before given an honourable discharge... son, Walter D Rutherford, Victoria.

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December 9, 1944, 11: died last week in Los Angeles, Mrs RL Homans, 2<sup>nd</sup> daughter of late Joseph Mellon, of Victoria, and Mrs Mellon, at Vancouver. Born in Ontario, she came to Victoria in 1887 with her parents. Her father was a veteran of the Riel Rebellion. He was later in charge of the old Victoria jail on Topaz Avenue.

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V/December 10, 1944, 3: Private Dan Gahan, 23, 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Scottish, has acquired a weapon from a German officer

near Calais [Mauser]

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V/December 10, 1944, 3: James Russell Harper, 20, who participated in operations over enemy territory November 2 is still listed as missing. His parents, Lawrence & Maude Harper, Oak Bay, are not without hope of his safety. His bomber was one of a group of 20 which failed to return from the raid. Born in Ontario, he came to Victoria with his parents in 1928, educated at Monterey & Oak Bay High Schools, from where he enlisted 2 ½ years ago. He had been overseas 1 year, and almost completed a tour of operational flights. Killed in action November 2, J95270//R189048 Pilot Officer Wireless Operator/Air Gunner James Russell Harper, RCAF, 20, of Victoria, BC. Halifax aircraft missing during daylight operations against Germany. Born January 13, 1924 in Ontario, son of Lawrence Russell & Maude Isobel McMillan Harper, 989 Victoria Avenue, Oak Bay, BC. Target, Dusseldorf. Buried in War Cemetery, Rheinberg, Germany. Name inscribed on Oak Bay Memorial

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December 10, 1944, 5: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Marie Louise Borde, 80, widow of Augustus Borde, who predeceased her by 20 years. Born in Victoria. She leaves 2 step-sons, Louie, Corvallis, Oregon, and Leon, Victoria. Family plot, M 073 E H

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V/December 10, 1944, 6: photo, Leading AirWoman Joan Douglas, daughter of Charles H & Marjorie Douglas, Oak Bay, now serving overseas with RCAF [WD].

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December 10, 1944, 18: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Martha Eliza Ahern, 80, born in New Zealand, resident here 22 years. Widow of William, she leaves 3 brothers, 2 sisters, all of Victoria. Family plot,

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V/Killed in action December 11, 1944,

RCAF J20661 Flight Lieutenant Navigator Peter Talbot Reid, 22, of Victoria, BC. Son of Norman T & Emma Louisa Porter Reid, he was born in the Philippine Islands. Mosquito aircraft failed to return from night operations over Leewarden, Holland. No known grave, name inscribed on Runnymede War Memorial, Egham, England.

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December 12, 1944, 2: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Edmond Bertram Tyson, 69, born in Scotland, resident here 60 years. Leaves widow, 3 brothers. RBC,

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V/December 12, 1944, 3: photo, Flight Lieutenant FJ Neilans, recently promoted, son of Mrs Jane E Neilans, Oak Bay. He enlisted 1942, has served overseas 15 months and has completed a tour of operations as bombardier of a Halifax bomber.

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V/December 12, 1944, 3: photo, Trooper William Duncan, 21, now on leave with parents, George M & Barbara Duncan, Oak Bay. Born here he was educated at Oak Bay High School, Victoria College & University of Washington. He has been with the army for 1 ½ years.

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V/December 12, 1944, 3: Lieutenant Leland A Young, 30, son of Arthur L & Alice Young, Saanich, killed early this month in the fighting on The Netherlands front. Born here he attended local schools, including Victoria College and joined the army in 1939, proceeding overseas with 16<sup>th</sup> Hospital Unit. He secured his officers' certificate, was seconded to the British forces.

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December 12, 1944, 14: died December 10 at Victoria, BC, Arthur Grant Bird, 40, born in Victoria. Leaves mother, Mrs AHA Bird, brother, sister. Family plot,

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V/December 12, 1944, 14: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Charles McHardy, 73, born in Lucknow, Ontario, resident here 40 years. Veteran of Great War. He leaves a niece, Mrs EJ Burton, Victoria, nieces in the East. Royal Oak Burial Park

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V/December 13, 1944, 3: photo, Flying Officer Richard D Higgins, 22, tour of operational flights over enemy territory completed, has arrived home for a month's leave with parents, Richard Norman & Florence Davidson Higgins, Oak Bay. Born in Victoria, educated at Oak Bay High Schools, he enlisted 1940, and has been overseas 3 years. He was married last year to a Scottish girl and they have a girl, Lorna. His wife, Stella and child will arrive in Canada soon. He received his commission in 1943.

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V/December 13, 1944, 3: photo, Ordinary Seaman Donald Frederick Emery, 18, RCNVR, after leave with parents, William F & Doris Ridley Emery, Victoria, has returned to his ship on East Coast. He attended Oaklands School.

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V/December 13, 1944, 3: photo, Flight Lieutenant ER McDowall, DFC, overseas nearly 6 years with RAF, among 3 Victoria airmen who are back in Canada and expected home for Christmas leave. He left here in 1939 for England where he enlisted with RAF receiving his wings in 1942. His job as bomber pilot included operations in Mediterranean theatre. His mother, Mrs Robert McDowall lives in Victoria.

Pilot Officer EH deBlaquire, is also due here soon. Born and educated here, son of Mrs Julia deBlaquire & late Edward J. December 15, 3: photo, DeBlaquiere, 33, overseas 2 years with tour of 'op' behind him, earned while flying with the famous 'Wimpy' Squadron from bases in Italy. He enlisted in

1941 with RCAF and trained as bomb aimer.  
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December 13, 1944, 3: Able Seaman Charles Watson, RCNVR, 21, son of C Watson, Victoria, home on leave. Born here he was educated at George Jay & Victoria West Schools, enlisted in 1943. He married Bessie Penny, of Newfoundland this year, she lives here with his parents.

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December 13, 1944, 6: photo, Gilbert & Margaret Jane Meredith Inkster, celebrate 1894 Nanaimo wedding. She came from South Wales in 1883, settling in Colorado prior to coming to Nanaimo, he from Scotland as a sailor, making the trip to San Francisco via Cape Horn. They raised 7 sons...

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V/December 14, 1944, 3: photo, Lieutenant GD Campbell, now in Victoria following honourable discharge from RCNVR. With service aboard corvettes, destroyers and minesweepers since leaving here in 1940, he gained his 1<sup>st</sup> command, a minesweeper, operating on the Atlantic, until March, 1944. While in England waiting for his new appointment, a corvette, his name appeared in the King's birthday honours list when he was mentioned in dispatches... taken ill there before he could assume command of his ship, he was hospitalized and then returned to Canada.

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V/December 14, 1944, 3: photo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Douglas Whelen, 21, son of George & Mary Whelen, Oak Bay.

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December 14, 1944, 12: photo, Anton Henderson, of Saanich, born 1853 in Denmark, he came to New York aged 20, and in 1876 went to California. He landed at Esquimalt from steamer Dakota in 1880, later going to the interior as agent for BC Express. He came back to Victoria in 1883 as manager, Victoria Transfer Co. During

the Klondike gold rush he freighted goods from his warehouse at Skagway by pack train over White Pass to Lake Bennett. In 1900 he took an outfit to Cape Nome, where he kept a store, and transported freight to the mines. He was a Victoria alderman for 4 years, Saanich councillor 4 years. He retired 30 years ago. He celebrated 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 1942, his wife, Ellen Orr Henderson, died in 1943. IOOF

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December 14, 1944, 13: died December 11 at Victoria, BC, Tobias Salveson, 84, born in Norway, resident here 40 years. Leaves daughter, Mrs Arthur G Dickinson, Victoria West. RBC,

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December 15, 1944, 2: died recently at Atascadero, California, Mrs Mary Bickel Kelly, 76, former resident of Victoria, who left here 25 years ago. Widow of JW Kelly, she leaves 2 daughters, 4 sons.

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V/December 15, 1944, 3: Lance-Sergeant Herbert Charles Saunders, 28, Royal Canadian Engineers, sustained wounds during fighting in Holland October 31. Born in Victoria, son of Frederick A & Ethel Pink s Saunders, grad of Victoria High School. He enlisted 4 years ago.

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December 15, 1944, 14: died December 14 at New Westminster, BC, Frank G Boden, 37, born in Ontario, resident of Victoria 25 years prior to move to mainland 1 ½ years ago. He leaves widow, Dorothy, son, daughter, 2 brothers. Colwood

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December 15, 1944, 14: died December 8 at Port Angeles, Washington, Bertram Middleton, 68, born in England. He leaves widow, 4 daughters, in US and 3 sisters, 4 brothers in Canada.

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December 15, 1944, 14: died December 13 at Victoria, BC, Charles Thomas, 80, born in

England, resident here 27 years. Colwood

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V/December 16, 1944, 3: photo, Able Seaman WJ Blow, has returned to the Eastern station after leave with parents, Samuel & Katie Blow, at Chemainus. He served aboard 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian manned baby flat-top HMS Nabob. Brother-in-law, Corporal Ellis J Jordan, has been overseas 2 ½ years with Canadian Forestry Corps. His wife and 2 children also reside in Chemainus.

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December 16, 1944, 3: died December 13 at Victoria, BC, Mrs Agnes Jane Bolton, 79, daughter of Arthur T & Agnes Bushby and grand-daughter of Sir James & Lady Douglas. She leaves husband, Reverend WW Bolton, son, Eric, in US Merchant Navy, daughter, 2 sisters [Bullen/Hopwood] Cremate.

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December 16, 1944, 7: photo, Miss Maria Lawson, now 92, for 30 years she was closely associated with The Colonist, joining staff in 1906, as reporter and editor of women's and children's departments. December 17, 4: editorial re: Lawson...; December 31, 6: photo, Miss Lawson & Margaret Heggie Jobson, Scottish war bride of Lieutenant Wilson F Jobson, RCNVR...

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V/December 17, 1944, 4: poem, Bergenn Op Zoom, by Lieutenant-Colonel RGL Parker, Canadian Scottish Regiment.

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V/December 17, 1944, 5: died suddenly at Victoria, BC, Thomas Arthur Penketh, 55, born in Victoria. He was with 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Victoria gun team which travelled to England to participate in an Empire artillery shoot, taking the main prize. He also served overseas in the Great War. Educated at North Ward School, he was on the original football team which set a record in Victoria 30 years ago. A son, Johnny, was killed

playing Rugby at Victoria College 2 years ago. Leaves widow, Henrietta Reed Penketh, daughter who is now in Wales, 3 sisters.

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December 17, 1944, 7: photo, Mrs FW Harris, 91 tomorrow, resident of BC 60 years...

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V/December 17, 1944, 12: photo, J95219//R215235 Pilot Officer Air Gunner Joseph Maurice de Macedo, 21, reported missing. His father, Joseph Fidelis de Macedo, is principal of the Nanaimo high school, and served as Russian & French interpreter during the Great War. His mother, Alice Boisson de Macedo, a war bride of that war, was born at Conches, France. Two cousins, both of Victoria, John & Maurice have been killed in action. December 6, Halifax aircraft blew up and crashed in France during night operations against Soest, Germany. Buried in War Cemetery, Pihen-les-Guines, Pas-de-Calais, France.

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V/December 17, 1944, 12: photo, Leading AirCrafterman Alan Clegg, 23, coming home for Christmas. At age 18, he and a school chum, paid their way to England and enlisted with RAF in 1940. He transferred to RCAF 1944. Son of Sam & Helen Clegg, Saanich.

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V/December 17, 1944, 12: J14187 Flight Lieutenant Robert Ormond Marrion, son of Arthur H & Helen Raleigh Marrion, Victoria. He bailed out over Germany in 1943 and has been prisoner of war since then, now promoted to present rank. He was a navigator of a bomber when it was shot down in a raid. He and his pilot were the only crew members who parachuted to safety. [POW #3266]

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V/December 17, 1944, 12: photo, Arthur Ernest Zala, RCEME, 24, of Victoria, now



with Canadian forces in Holland. This photo was taken in Belgium, his little companion was killed by a bomb a few days after the photo was taken. His father served with RCA for some time during this war before his discharge, and a brother, Lieutenant Henry Victor Zala, is now on special service in Burma. [parents Henry & Rosa Newell Zala]

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December 17, 1944, 17: died December 14 at Seattle, Washington, one of Victoria's old-time sealers, and veteran of the Klondike, Hewas James Cessford. Born 1865 in Harvey, New Brunswick, he came to Victoria in 1868 with his parents and lived at Hatley Park. He attended Colwood School. He was visiting friends in Seattle when he died. Buried in Tacoma.

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V/December 17, 1944, 18, died December 15 at Victoria, BC, Alexander Jacobson, 62, born in England. Leaves son, 3 daughters, stepson. A veteran of Great War. Vancouver burial

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December 17, 1944, 18: died December 10 at Surrey, England, Dal Thomas, former Victoria resident.

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V/Killed in action December 18, 1944, RCAF J92069 Pilot Officer Bomb Aimer William Hewison Leese, 20. Halifax aircraft crashed west of Rocci, France during a night operation against Germany. Son of Robert Vernon & Mary Adeline Leese, of Oak Bay, BC, brother of Robert Gibson Leese, killed in action October, 1943. Buried in Fosse Cemetery, exhumed, reinterred in War Cemetery, Leopoldsborg, Limburg, Belgium. Name inscribed on Oak Bay Memorial

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V/December 19, 1944, 3: photo, army men returning to Canada, include: Sergeant WS Paterson, Victoria, Sergeant-Major KF

Buxton, veteran of overseas service with an anti-tank unit, one of 5 sons of Percival H & Phoebe Buxton, Esquimalt. Private Frederick G Buxton, was returned earlier this year as he was wounded at Ortona, while serving with PPCLI. Mr Buxton, father, is a veteran of Great War.

Returned from service overseas in Vancouver: Nursing Sister Lieutenant Annie Margaret Christie; Lieutenant William Gordon Fawcett; Captain David Robert Fraser; Lieutenant John Duncan Lorimer; Captain Charles EC MacNeill; Captain William Dennan Reid; Captain Hugh JC Richard. December 19, 11: photo...

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V/December 19, 1944, 3: photo, Lieutenant-Colonel Cyril Houlton Neroutsos, DSO, now visiting parents, Captain Cyril D & Mrs Ada Neroutsos, Victoria... He had 5 years in the service and commanded Calgary Tank Regiment in Sicily & Italy. A leg injury rendered him unfit for further duty. Born and educated in Victoria, and McGill University. His wife, Edythe Winter Neroutsos and family reside in Vancouver.

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V/December 19, 1944, 3: sketch, Paratrooper JD Morgan, 23, youngest son of Alderman William L & Mrs Mary E Morgan, Victoria, expected to arrive home after an accident in Georgia, while on manoeuvres with his unit, 551<sup>st</sup> Paratroop Infantry. With US Army for 3 ½ years, he served in South Pacific. An elder brother, Lieutenant W Lloyd Morgan, is serving with Royal Navy.

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V/December 19, 1944, 3: photo, Captain Wilfred F MacKenzie, Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps, won Military Cross for gallantry and coolness in tending the wounded under fire in Belgium, now back in service with his unit. Born 1911 in Esquimalt son of Mrs S MacKenzie,

Langford, and late Duncan MacKenzie. Enlisted 1942, overseas 1943.

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V/December 19, 1944, 6: photo, Corporal Elsie Johnson, serving overseas with RCAF [WD], on leave with parents, S & Morris, Victoria. She married in England recently to Bruce Johnson, RCAF. She has 2 brothers with RCAF.

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Bldg/December 19, 1944, 7: street name changes: Townly & Hamber, Oak Bay...; December 22, 11: photo, all that remains of 22-room Armadale, home of late Senator William John Macdonald, at lower end, Niagara Street. Full description... Built 1876... sold in 1913 when his wife died. It had become so dilapidated that it was condemned recently...; December 24, 6: photo, McLennan, McFeely & Prior Ltd...; December 24, 17: building totals led by Saanich...; December 29, 13: city property sales well over \$5 million...; December 30, 1: city building over \$1 million...; December 30, 13: Saanich street name changes...; December 31, 5: photos, 3 buildings of Stocker's Storage...

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December 19, 1944, 7: photo, Alfred C & Kate L Ridout, celebrate 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary...

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December 19, 1944, 11: found dead yesterday in Salvation Army hostel, Albert Hack, 77, who came to BC in 1888, and for most of the time since 1909 had lived in Victoria. Born in England, he worked for CPR as a young man before coming here, where he followed various occupations.

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December 19, 1944, 12: died yesterday at Saanich, BC, William Stirrup, 67, born in England, resident here 30 years. Leaves widow, Margaret, son William, with Canadian Army overseas, 2 daughters. Royal Oak Burial Park

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V/December 19, 1944, 12: In Memoriam, in loving memory of Private Gordon Frederick Henry Paine, killed in action in Italy December 19, 1941. Loving wife, Winnie [nee Doreen Winifred Ryles].

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V/December 20, 1944, 1, 2: photo, Private Ernest Alvia 'Smokey' Smith wins Victoria Cross for heroic action in Italy...

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V/December 20, 1944, 3, photos, Flight Lieutenant F Judiesch & Flying Officer Gordon Ker, Ghost Squadron pilot and air gunner, respectively, in same bomber crew, who have until recently been hammering railway yards in France & Germany and laying mines in enemy waters. Ker, only son of RG Ker, formerly of Victoria, where he was educated at Monterey & Oak Bay High Schools. After a year's service with the army, he transferred to RCAF, graduated in 1943. Now instructing in gunnery in England, he has completed one tour of 'ops'. Judiesch, 24, son of Thomas C & Ada W Judiesch, Victoria, enlisted with RCAF in 1941, overseas since 1943. He also has completed a tour of op flights. His elder brother, Sergeant Thomas Clarence Judiesch, 25, RCAF Ferry Command, has been missing since February, 1943.

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V/December 20, 1944, 3: photo, Lieutenant Murray Athol Cree, on leave with family at Oak Bay. Son of Mrs Muriel Suddaby Cree, and late Arthur H Cree. His wife, Gertrude Hodge Cree, resides with his mother. He left here 1940 with Army, and in 1941 transferred to RCNVR. He was posted to Naden in 1941 and in 1942 posted to HMCS Edmundston for convoy duty on the North Atlantic...

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V/December 20, 1944, 3: Captain William Edward Nicholas, Gloucestershire Regiment, killed in action December 10 in Holland. With the permanent force in

peacetime, he went overseas at the outbreak of war with his unit, Royal Canadian Army Service Corps, transferring to Gloucesters last spring. He served 12 years in the army.

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V/December 20, 1944, 3: photo, Able Seaman Sidney L Stearn, expected home on leave, first since he enlisted 2 years ago aged 18. Only son of Frederick & Ann Scott Stearn, Victoria, he has served aboard HMCS North Bay 14 months.

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December 20, 1944, 11: photo, Esquimalt children enjoy playground at home of J Halstead, Lyall Street...

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December 21, 1944, 3: photo, Flying Officer Marcus GC Grant, 22, veteran of 31 operational flights, now home on leave with parents, James E & Sybil Halton Grant, Saanich. Born and educated here he enlisted 1942, overseas now 14 months. Three brothers all in the services, Romain J, RCAF ground crew, Patricia Bay; Pilot Officer Eric W Grant, RCAF instructor; and Gordon, with the army at Calgary.

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V/December 21, 1944, 3: Signalman Bert Simpson, youngest son of Walter Simpson, Victoria, in service with his unit overseas. Educated at South Park & Victoria High Schools.

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V/December 21, 1944, 3: I have seen India, Squadron Leader Michael Cullum Nesbitt, now home on leave with wife, Eileen Pettit Nesbitt at Royal Oak. Enlisting here in 1942 he has since that time covered portions of Assam & Burma. A bout of fever forced him to leave the Canadian Liaison Mission. His new duties will be with construction maintenance unit at Vancouver.

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V/December 21, 1944, 3: Corporal Victor 'Rusty' Palmer, husband of Elizabeth Wodge Palmer, Oak Bay, has been wounded

in Italy. He enlisted in the Canadian Army in 1939, going overseas in 1940. He is now serving with the infantry. His parents, Arnold Palmer and late Sarah Greenwood Palmer, lives at Victoria.

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December 21, 1944, 7: photo, John & Annie Broadfoot Lundie celebrate 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Married 1894 in Glasgow, they came to Nelson in 1907, and in 1939 they came to Victoria. They had 3 sons in the Great War, and 3 enlisted in this war.

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December 21, 1944, 13: photo, Robert Alexander Dewar, son of Robert & Elizabeth Stewart Dewar, pioneer street car operator to retire after 47 years service... He came here from Paisley, Bruce County, Ontario in 1897 aged 18... He also served 20 years as a Victoria alderman, and 5 years was acting mayor on numerous occasions. He married Martha Grimmer in 1904... [died 1958, Victoria]

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December 21, 1944, 13: died suddenly at the Legislative Buildings, Cecil Tice, 51, BC Department of Agriculture. Born in England, he came to Ontario, then Victoria in 1919. He leaves widow, Eleanor at Oak Bay, sister, Mrs FA Jackman, brother. December 22, 4: editorial... Royal Oak Burial Park

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December 21, 1944, 14: In Memoriam. In loving memory of our dear brother, Robert Stanley Corbett, killed instantly, Comox Logging Camp, December 21, 1940. His loving dad, sisters and brothers.

In memory of my beloved only brother, William AR Moor, 18, killed on the Somme, December 13, 1916. Mrs H Reading.

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V/December 22, 1944, 3: Victoria airman on missing plane... His parents have resided here 8 years, he enlisted from Victoria High School 2 years ago and has been serving as

flight engineer on the mail run from Ontario to North Africa. They have 4 sons in the services: Henry & Douglas, with RAF since the outset of war, Charles, and a younger brother an apprentice with Merchant Marine. Killed in action December 15 R/192653 Corporal Robert Emerson Bruce, 21, RCAF, 168 Squadron, aero engine mechanic. Son of Henry Sutton & Nesta Alberta Pearce Bruce, Esquimalt, BC. Fortress aircraft was carrying mail and went missing somewhere between French Morocco and Azores. Name inscribed on Ottawa and Oak Bay Memorials.

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V/December 22, 1944, 3: Captain Edward George Woodman, killed in action in Italy. Brother of Mrs Gaston DeJardin. He joined the army at the outbreak of war and left for overseas in 1940. His mother, Mrs SL Woodman, resides at Victoria also.

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V/December 22, 1944, 3: 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Petty Officer Isaac Peterson, only son of H Peterson, Victoria, home on leave after 2 years' service with US Navy. Born in US, he lived at Victoria 9 years, attending Margaret Jenkins & Victoria High Schools. December 24, 5: photo, Peterson, USN, now home on leave with parents. He has served in the South Pacific theatre.

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V/December 22, 1944, 12: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Samuel Howard, 71, born in England, resident here 22 years. He served overseas in the Great War with 1<sup>st</sup> Pioneers. Royal Oak Burial Park

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V/December 23, 1944, 3: photo, Flight Lieutenant AR Haines, 32, DFC awarded. Enlisted in 1941, overseas at end of that year and few as navigator with RCAF Bombers. On December 3, 1942, his Halifax was forced down following a bombing mission over Ruhr in Germany, and for 3 months he was listed as missing. He turned up at

Gibraltar, having escaped, and made his return to England. He was posted to Canada, where he graduated as a pilot in 1943. He was a teacher in Duncan.

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V/December 23, 1944, 7: photos, golden wedding anniversaries for John Thomas & Emma Turner Adams, married 1894 at Spring Ridge, Victoria...; William James & Sophia Saunders Hook, married 1894 at Kent, England... Eldest son is a veteran of Great War, serving 3 years in England & France...

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V/Died in an RCAF flying accident December 23, 1944 at Boundary Bay, BC, J39963 Flying Officer Navigator Thomas Leslie Walmsley, 30, born in Victoria in 1914. Crew of Mitchell aircraft took off to swing the air compass. It crashed off the end of the runway and immediately burst into flames. [buried Toronto, Ontario]

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V/December 24, 1944, 1: photo, Able Seaman George Goldie, RCNVR, home on leave in Oak Bay.

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V/December 24, 1944, 5: photo, Lieutenant Francis Evans Boss and wife, on leave to visit his mother, Mrs Martha Washington Boss. Born in Victoria to Henry Newton Boss & Martha, grad of Victoria High School and Victoria College. After 4 ½ years' service overseas with the army he is now an instructor at Petawawa. His wife, Mary, will remain here.

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V/December 24, 1944, 5: photo, Leading Supply Assistant John Frederick Batey, 24, with 4 years' service, 3 aboard corvettes off the east coast on convoy duty. Born in Vancouver, he attended Mount View School, son of Herbert S & Anne Trickett Batey, Victoria. Married to Margaret Marshall on his last leave, and since that time has served aboard HMCS Swansea. A

brother, Lieutenant A Batey, is serving with RCNVR.

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V/December 24, 1944, 5: Peter Stursberg, the 1<sup>st</sup> CBC war correspondent to go overseas, home on leave with parents, Walter A & Mary Shaw Stursberg, Oak Bay...; December 27, 3: photo...

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V/December 24, 1944, 5: son of Mrs TH Kingscote, Saanich, BC, Lieutenant Robert P Douty, 30, RCNVR, given command of HMCS Sarnia. Born in England, he came to Island in 1927. His father, Dr RC Douty, was living in France at the time of the German occupation and was taken prisoner. He has not been heard from since the liberation. Robert's brother Lieutenant Hugh Douty, Imperial Army, was taken prisoner in Libya, now in a German prison camp.

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V/December 24, 1944, 5: Lance-Corporal Phillip R Andrew, 23, 5<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division, serving in Italy, injured. Son of RCMP Constable Raymond M & Laura L Andrew, Esquimalt. He served for some time in Fisheries service aboard Givenchy & Kitimat. He enlisted here in 1940.

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V/December 24, 1944, 5: Private Laurence W Jones, 20, youngest son of James Ernest & Grace Robinson Jones, coming home from overseas on a stretcher. With Canadian Army over a year. Born in Victoria, prior to enlisting in 1942 was a shipwright apprentice. He was wounded at Caen. A brother, Horace, serves with Canadian Engineers in France, another, Eric, is a flying officer in RCAF, sister, Phyllis, is a nursing sister with Canadian Army in Italy.

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V/December 24, 1944, 5: Private LB Goodwin, 18, son of Mrs MC Goodwin, now here on leave.

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V/December 24, 1944, 5: Lance-Corporal

Lionel Douglas Foster, youngest son of Walter M & Alice Callard Foster, on leave after having served 7 years overseas. Attached to PPCLI, he joined up in 1939 and left for England, 1940. He was through Sicily and Italy. A brother, Lieutenant Alan Richard Foster, veteran of Great War, serves in Calgary, and is now acting as adjutant commander of troop trains heading East.

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December 24, 1944, 8: James & Margaret Cook Armour celebrate 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Married 1894 at Victoria. She is daughter of late William & Catherine Auger Cook, who came here with HBC, and James, also born 1873 in Victoria to James & Catherine Jolibois Armour, was a city waterworks employee for years.

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V/December 24, 1944, 20: photo, Wing Commander WR Franks, of Toronto, inventor of 'non-blackout' flying suit which has given Allied air forces a tactical advantage. Kept secret since 1939, it is only now announced by RCAF.

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No editions December 25 or 26, 1944.

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V/December 27, 1944, 2: Canadian Scottish is among units observing Christmas [Holland]...

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V/December 27, 1944, 3: photo, Sergeant James Albert Romain, son of A & Mabel Romain, Sidney, formerly of Victoria, awarded Military Medal recently. With him is Corporal Harold George Pretty, Victoria...

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V/December 27, 1944, 3: Lieutenant-Colonel Frank N Ovens, made an officer of Most Excellent Order of British Empire.

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V/December 27, 1944, 3: photo, Captain James Oldfield, 23, native of Elk Lake, Saanich. Bitter attacks by German troops at

Naviglio Canal bridgehead in Italy were hurled back by 2 Canadian infantry units, one of which was under Oldfield's command...

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December 27, 1944, 11: died recently at Victoria, BC, Mrs Jane Douglas Mosher, 84, widow of former US Consul at Victoria. Born in the US she lived many years in China prior to coming to Victoria. She lived for many years at the Balmoral Hotel.

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December 27, 1944, 11: died December 23 at Victoria, BC, John Thomas Edmond, 63, of Oak Bay. Born in Lancashire, England he came to Canada in 1912 as chief engineer on SS Melmore. Later he was chief engineer on vessels trading on the west coast of Mexico during their revolution and outbreak of Great War. He was superintendent of North Vancouver city ferries from 1918-1925, when he entered government service in Victoria as a steamship inspector, and was inspector for the port of Victoria until his recent retirement.

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December 27, 1944, 11: died December 25 at Saanich, BC, Albert Louis Allison, 76. Born 1868 in Ontario, he and parents went to Moose Jaw. He took part in the 1885 Riel Rebellion, hauling freight at age 17. He came to Victoria in 1909. A steam engineer by trade, employed by Saanich Municipality and several Island sawmills. Leaves widow, Mabel, 3 sons, 2 daughters, brother, 2 sisters.

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December 27, 1944, 11: died December 24 at Victoria, BC, Frederick John Norris, 68, of Oak Bay. Born 1876 at Victoria. His father, Frederick, established the saddlery & leather goods store, which bears his name in 1874. The premises, one of the oldest firms here, has been distinguished for years by a large white wooden horse. He attended Corrig College. He leaves widow, Lillie

Olive Elford Norris, 2 daughters, son. Cremate

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December 27, 1944, 12: died December 24 at Victoria, BC, Annie Edith Whalen, 70, of Saanich. Born in England, resident here 45 years. Leaves husband, Thomas. Royal Oak Burial Park

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V/December 28, 1944, 1: remains of hundreds of Allied planes found in a workyard at Vught, Holland... Slaves kept busy dismantling planes, any new or special equipment was removed under careful supervision and taken to be examined by German engineers...

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Marine/December 28, 1944, 1: photo, a stout old barge ended her days last night within sight of where she was launched as a trim 4-masted barkentine in 1920. SF Tolmie, reduced to splintered timbers at Macaulay Point during a southeast gale... Owned by Gibson Brothers, lately had been bringing airplane spruce here from west coast Vancouver Island. She was a floating herring saltery off the west coast of the Island in the photo. December 29, 4: editorial, harbour wanted...; 14: 3 tugs fail to salvage ship...; December 30, 3: photo, efforts abandoned to refloat wrecked barge...

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V/December 29, 1944, 3: Sergeant GC Littlewood, son of Lancelot E & Edith Littlewood, Victoria, arrived here after 9 years' overseas service with RAF. Littlewood has spent most of that time at a Far East naval base.

Also, Pilot Officer GCB Nixon, son of Mrs Arabella Porteous Boydell, Wilkinson Road, has also arrived from service overseas with RCAF.

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V/December 29, 1944, 3: Pay-Lieutenant Vincent Gerald Pinhorn, RCNVR, who arrived at an east coast port following a

year's service in Great Britain on loan to RN. He is expected in Victoria soon to spend leave with his parents, Gerald C & Olive Pinhorn, Saanich.

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V/December 29, 1944, 3: Flying Officer Alan Murray Duval, RCAF, who has been spending leaves with his wife, former Phyllis Parker, has returned to his station in Newfoundland where he has completed a tour of operations as wireless air gunner. Born in Victoria, son of Frederick & Mabel, he has been in RCAF since 1941. A brother, Neil Albert, is with RCN at Givenchy, and another brother, Roy Elmer, is stationed at Patricia Bay with RCAF.

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V/December 29, 1944, 3: Returned men: Lance-Corporal Anderson, son of A Anderson, Victoria and wife, Kathleen and family. He landed in Normandy early in August, and on completion of his leave here he will return to Shaughnessy Hospital.

Lance-Corporal Gil Clayton, met by his mother, Mrs Amy Grace Acton Clayton, overseas 4 years. Twice wounded.

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V/December 29, 1944, 7: Sir David Alexander Kinloch, much decorated veteran of campaigns since South Africa, died recently in England. Relative of Mrs Marion E [Francis] Kinloch, and other families at Oak Bay.

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V/December 29, 1944, 14: photo, Peter Masefield, noted British aviation expert, has termed Noorduyn Norseman one of the world's 20 'best' planes. Built in Montreal in great numbers for US Army & Navy, is the only truly all-Canadian plane. Before the war Canada was the world's leading air freighting nation and the Norseman was specifically designed for northern bush jobs by RBC Noorduyn and today it is accepted as one of the most useful single-engine utility planes in existence. It lugs a

tremendous load for its size and power, flies with wheels, skis or floats, gets in and out of small fields and because of this advantage was the 1<sup>st</sup> plane to fly wounded out of Normandy after D-Day.

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V/December 30, 1944, 1: J7025 Flight Lieutenant Navigator Francis Brooke Pickard Gregory, 23, killed yesterday in TCA aircraft carrying 5,000 pounds of mail was lost en route from Dorval, Quebec to Prestwick, Scotland. An air-sea rescue operation was instituted with no success. He had previously been assigned to RAF #37 Squadron operating Wellington aircraft in the Middle East. December 30, 3: photo, son of Mrs Hannah & late Mr Justice Francis B Gregory, of Victoria. Born 1919 in Victoria he attended St Michael's & Shawnigan Lake Schools. He joined RCAF in 1940. No known grave, name inscribed on Ottawa War Memorial]

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V/December 30, 1944, 3: photo, Trooper Herbert Bown, Saanich, youngest son of Alfred & Mary Bown, stationed in England with Tank Corps. Educated at Millstream Road & Victoria High Schools. He enlisted 1943.

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V/December 30, 1944, 3: photo, Corporal George P Wolff, 26, has been with Royal Canadian Postal Corps 3 years, now with his unit near London, England. Born in Alberta, his parents still there, he married Elsie Ralph of Victoria this spring.

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V/December 30, 1944, 3: photo, Lieutenant Jack Muir, now in England as reinforcement officer, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment. His wife resides in Victoria.

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V/December 30, 1944, 3: photo, Private William Ivan Duke, 33, killed in action December 24, he had been serving in Italy with Seaforth Highlanders. His wife, Violet

Gibson Duke, resides in Saanich. He came to Victoria with his cousin, Harvey McKerr Duke, from Saskatchewan. Harvey enlisted in RCAF, killed in action 1943.

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V/December 30, 1944, 6: photo, Sergeant William Allan Paterson, Canadian Scottish, and his English war bride, Ida Jellett Paterson, now at his parents [William & Barbara Paterson] home in Oak Bay. He was wounded in the Normandy invasion.

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V/December 30, 1944, 7: photo, Mrs Margaret James, Welsh war bride of Petty Officer LS James, now in Halifax, she is now at Victoria home of his parents, Stanley & Margaret May James. She was a nurse at an English hospital. His father Stanley, was overseas with Canadian Scottish.

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V/December 30, 1944, 10: died December 27 at Oliver, BC, Mortimer S Kelleher, 55. He served in the Great War. Royal Oak Burial Park

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December 30, 1944, 10: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Mrs Annie Kinzel, 76, born in Luxembourg, Belgium, resident here 33 years. Leaves husband, Albert Lewis, adopted son, Fred Waldron. Colwood

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December 30, 1944, 10: died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Hugh Robinson, 80, born in England, resident here 50 years. He was a CPR employee 32 years. Leaves widow, Amelia. Royal Oak Burial Park

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December 30, 1944, died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Emma Eliza Mauger, 86, born in La Poile, Newfoundland, resident here 21 years. Survived by sister and an adopted daughter, Mrs F M Stockham. Royal Oak Burial Park

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V/December 31, 1944, 2: High tribute to 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Scottish published in

London paper...

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V/December 31, 1944, 3: photo, Flying Officer Philip Jesse B Oliver, only son of Philip & Anne Oliver, Victoria. Overseas with RCAF nearly 5 years, 2 of those in India. Born in Victoria, educated at Monterey & Oak Bay High Schools & Victoria College, he enlisted in 1940...

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V/December 31, 1944, 3: Corporal Charles Elder Mudge, 24, only son of Charles A & Jessie Robertson Mudge, Saanich. He has served with RCAF 5 years, attached to the medical section of his unit.

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V/December 31 1944, 3: killed in action December 24, J13140 Flight Lieutenant Navigator Walter Louis Friker, 23, of Victoria, BC. Born here, son of Walter & Wilhelmena Friker, he attended Victoria High School & Victoria College and was an agriculture student at UBC when he enlisted in 1941. His wife, nee Diana Dawes, is serving overseas with RCAF [WD]. Halifax aircraft shot down near Dusseldorf airport during a daylight operation. Buried Venray War Cemetery, Limburg, Holland.

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V/December 31, 1944, 3: photo, Telegrapher Dirk F Van Maanen, back at an RCN East Coast station after leave with parents, John & Sandrina Van Maanen, Saanich. Educated at Burnside & Victoria High Schools.

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V/December 31, 1944, 6: photo, Stoker Christie Arnold, HMCS Hunter & his sister, Ruth, children of JJ Arnold, Victoria. He joined RCN in 1942. Their parents came here in 1943 from Bermuda where they had lived for 30 years. Ruth is a Victoria High School student.

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December 31, 1944, 15: photo, died yesterday at Oak Bay, BC, Edward Parsons, organist, 68, Metropolitan United Church.



Born 1876 in England, he came with his brother Fred, to Nanoose Bay in 1903. He moved to Victoria in 1904 and was appointed organist that year. He was a chartered accountant and closely connected with cricket. He trained innumerable church and other choirs. Leaves widow, Florence Deaville Parsons, daughter, 2 sons, 5 brothers, 3 sisters. Colwood

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December 31, 1944, 16: died recently at London, England, Mrs George Crispin Evans, mother of Gertrude, Mrs Lionel Austen-Leigh, of Victoria.

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December 31, 1944, 16: died yesterday at Saanich, BC, Mrs Mary Elliott Ferrie, 88, born in Italy, resident here 44 years. Leaves husband, Joseph, 3 sons, 5 daughters.

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December 31, 1944, 16: died December 28 at Victoria, BC, Samuel Henderson, 84, born in Ireland, resident here 56 years, resident of Oak Bay. No known survivors. N 030/031 E H

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Died December 30, 1944 at New Haven, Connecticut, Harriet Jackson Going, 83, elder daughter of late E H Jackson and Margaret Work Jackson, and grand-daughter of Honourable John Work, pioneer chief factor of HBC on Vancouver Island, and owner of Work estate in Hillside district. Mrs Going was born February 25, 1862 in Victoria, attended school here and later taught at old school on Kings road, near Quadra street. Before leaving Victoria for Montreal she was married April 20, 1887 to Seymour [Alvah Leymann] Going, consulting engineer to Grand Trunk Railroad Co. One of her daughters, Mrs Margaret Chase Going Woodhouse, [born at Victoria, BC] was elected as a Democratic member for 2<sup>nd</sup> congressional district of Connecticut to US House of Representatives in recent US elections. Alex C Jackson, a

brother is resident here. Other survivors include 2 brothers, Stuart, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, and William, Los Angeles; 2 sisters, Mrs Suzette Shaw, Oakland, and Mrs Margaret McElhinny, Portland. Among other relatives here are: Mrs A B Cotton, Miss Maria Jones, Miss Josette Tolmie, Mrs P S Lampson, Mrs F G Hood. [January 12, 1945]

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V/Killed in action December 31, 1944, RCAF J15962//R92036 Flight Lieutenant Pilot Robert Nevill Earle, 24, from Oliver, BC [parents live in Victoria]. Attacking ground targets when his Spitfire was hit by flak. The aircraft then hit the ground near Haus, Germany. Buried at Coesfeld, exhumed, reburied in Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Kleve, Germany.

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