Mount Royal University

Military Memorial Bursaries

Honouring Canada’s 150th Anniversary: 2017
At Mount Royal University
we remember

Since our founding in 1910, hundreds of Mount Royal students, faculty, staff and alumni have served in uniform. Since the First World War, 28 have given their lives.

We remember them. We remember their potential, their names – their faces. And in keeping with our tradition of forging lifelong connections, the thread that ties each revered member of this group to Mount Royal will now stretch beyond their lifespan to touch generations.

In 2011, Mount Royal’s centennial year, we created a memorial bursary in the name of each of our fallen soldiers. As our official sesquicentennial initiative to celebrate Canada’s 150th anniversary, we seek to raise funds in order to create permanent endowments for each of these bursaries.

These Military Memorial Bursaries will honour the ultimate sacrifice made by the fallen members of our Mount Royal family, while furthering the dreams of 28 Mount Royal students, every year, in perpetuity.

We invite you to give to the Military Memorial Bursary Program.
Please visit mru.ca/giving to learn how you can be part of this important initiative.
Mount Royal College Air Training Corps, ca 1940
Message
From General (ret’d) John de Chastelain

I am delighted to be the Honorary Chairman of the Mount Royal University Military Memorial Bursary Program. I am also very proud of the University for initiating this unique and historic bursary plan during its centennial celebrations in 2011, and now for choosing to recognize Canada’s sesquicentennial by elevating the program to permanent status.

In celebrating its centennial, Mount Royal recognized, through the establishment of bursaries in their names, the supreme sacrifice made by the students, faculty, staff and alumni who gave their lives serving in Canada’s Armed Forces. I can think of no more significant and appropriate form of recognition.

War is not glorious and the bursaries do not glorify war. But they do honour the memory of those from this University who heeded Canada’s call and who died doing what they and their country believed in.

Mount Royal University has a long and proud tradition of educating outstanding men and women to serve the interests of Canada by preparing them for future roles in a variety of fields: in politics, in business, in the professions and in the armed forces. In honouring those of its family who gave their lives in the service of Canada since the First World War, the University recognizes an important part of its contribution to nationhood. By enhancing the centennial bursary program to ensure the bursaries are funded in perpetuity, the University ensures that those in whose name they are awarded will continue to be honoured and remembered.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

General (ret’d)
MRC ’56
WEATHER FORECAST
All West: Showers in most localities, but partly
air on Tuesday, mostly fair and cool.
CALGARY—Temperature: Max. 74: min. 42

THE CALGARY...

THIRTY-THIRD YEAR, No. 4228

VENIZELOS MAY HAVE GONE TO SALONIKA TO LEAD GREEK INSURGENTS?

Has Venizelos Gone to Salonika to Lead Greek Insurgents?

Report Says He Has Left Athens—Famous Cretan Guard Has Left King Constantine and Ready to Join Revolutionary Movement Under Ex-Premier—Revolutionists Turning Out Monarchial Officials

LONDON, Sept. 25—A dispatch to
Star from Athens says former
Premier Venizeles of Greece has gone
Salonika.

Guard Deserts King

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Another Heavy Toll of Calgary

Revolution is Spreading

LONDON, Sept. 25—An Athens dispatch to the Daily Telegraph says the Cretan revolution is spreading and that signs are occurring in all the provinces.

At Herakleion (Crete), after futile resistance by the garrison the revolutionists abolished the civil authorities and became masters of the town. The insurgents, the dispatch says,

LIEUT. GEORGE L. LEWIS

Sergeant-Major of the 33rd Battalion

LIEUT. REGINALD BRANES

Captain of the 33rd Battalion

Such is the condition of Cretan affairs, as reported by the Daily Telegraph.
HEAD SALONIKA INSURRECTIONISTS

MILITARY MEMORIAL BURSARIES

VERDUN HAS AGAIN REPULSED ATTACKS BY THE GERMANS

Vaux Chapitre Wood Was Scene of Latest Offensive—British Monitors and Destroyers Bombarded the Belgian Coast—Russia Reports Things Quiet—Roumanians Are Doing Nicely

(By Leased Wire)

PARIS, via London, Sept. 25.—German troops made an attack on the Verdun front last night near Vaux-Chapitre wood. Today's war office report says the attack failed.

Inactivity prevails on the Somme front, although heavy artillery engagements are in progress. The statement follows:

"On the Somme front there was spirited artillery fighting last night. On the right bank of the River Vaux, a German officer and 58 men made further progress and captured one officer and 53 men."

FRANCO-RUSSIANS TAKE BULGARIAN HILL

PARIS, via London, Sept. 25, 2:45 p.m.—Russian troops on the western end of the Macedonian front took the offensive last night. The war office announced today that they had captured Hill 916, west of Florina, which had been fortified strongly by the Bulgarians.
**Private James Alexander Arnell**  
**Died Sept. 30, 1915**

James Arnell was the first Mount Royal College student killed in battle during the First World War. Born in Springbank, Arnell came from a pioneering Alberta family. Arnell enrolled at Mount Royal in 1912 and played on the rugby team. Upon graduation, he joined the 10th Battalion, Canadian Infantry Corps, Alberta Regiment. He served and died in France at the age of twenty years. Private Arnell received the 1914–1915 Star, a medal awarded to soldiers by the British government for service between Aug. 1914 and Dec. 1915. Private Arnell is buried in Berks Cemetery Extension in Belgium. At the Calgary Military Museum, James Arnell’s name also appears on the 1st Overseas Unit Roster, No. 1 Company.

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**Private Cecil Wallar Duke**  
**Died May 19, 1916**

Cecil Wallar Duke was born in Ontario in 1895 and lived in Banff before attending Mount Royal College during its first two years of operation. A well-known and popular athlete, Duke was the star player on the Mount Royal hockey team in 1911/12 and the lacrosse team in 1912/13. After leaving Mount Royal, Duke worked as a brakeman on the CPR line from Calgary to Edmonton. He joined the 2nd Canadian Mounted Rifles, British Columbia Regiment and was killed in France at the age of twenty-two years. He is buried in Belgium at the Menin Road South Military Cemetery. Private Duke is also remembered on the Banff Cenotaph erected by the Mount Rundle Chapter IODE.
Private John Hawley Ross  
Died April 24, 1916

John Hawley Ross was the second Mount Royal student killed in the First World War. Born in Toronto, Ross attended Mount Royal from 1912–1913 and later worked as a clerk. He enlisted on Aug. 23, 1915 in Halifax, Nova Scotia with the Royal Canadian Regiment. Serving less than a year, Private Ross was killed in France and is buried at the Brandhoek Military Cemetery in Belgium. Along with fellow Mount Royal student Private James Arnell, he received the 1914–1915 Star, a First World War medal awarded by the British government. This bronze four-pointed star was given to soldiers for service between Aug. 1914 and Dec. 1915.

Lieutenant George Lloyd Lewis  
Died Sept. 16, 1916

George Lloyd Lewis was born in Ontario in 1895, came to Calgary with his parents, and attended Mount Royal College during its first two years of operation. Lewis loved sports and played on the 1911/1912 Mount Royal hockey team and the 1912 rugby team. Before enlisting with the Royal Canadian Regiment in 1915, he spent six months with the 103rd Regiment of Calgary. Lieutenant Lewis was killed at the age of twenty-one years during the Battle of the Somme. Like many other Canadian soldiers, his body was never found, but his name and memory are preserved at the Vimy Memorial in Pas de Calais, France.
Lieutenant Everett Boyd Jackson Fallis  
Died April 9, 1917

Everett Fallis was born in Ontario and came to Calgary when his father, Rev. Dr. Samuel Fallis — a personal friend of Mount Royal College founding Principal Rev. Dr. George W. Kerby — became the minister at Central Methodist Church. In 1911, Fallis attended Mount Royal College and stayed until 1915, when he enlisted with the 102nd Battalion, Canadian Infantry, Central Ontario Regiment. While living in Ontario, Fallis had been a lieutenant with the Toronto cadets. Lieutenant Fallis served in France and was killed during the Battle of Vimy Ridge. He is buried at the Villers Station Cemetery in Pas de Calais, France.

Corporal William Rolfe Fox  
Died April 14, 1917

William Fox was born in Edmonton, the oldest son of Sarah and Henry Fox. A talented athlete, Fox attended Mount Royal College in 1912-1913 and played on the lacrosse and rugby teams. The latter won the Intercollegiate Championship in 1913. He enlisted with the 10th Battalion, Canadian Infantry Alberta Regiment, served and died from wounds received at the Battle of Vimy Ridge. Corporal Fox is buried at Étaples Military Cemetery in France.
Private Hans Raskesen  
Died Oct. 24, 1917

Hans Raskesen was born in 1890 and attended Mount Royal College before joining the 50th Battalion, Canadian Infantry Corps, Alberta Regiment. Like fellow Mount Royal student Private James Arnell, he had trained in Alberta with the 191st Battalion. Private Raskesen was killed at age twenty-seven at Passchendaele. He is buried at the Menin Gate (Ypres) Memorial in France.

Lieutenant Harold Stone Musgrove  
Died Aug. 9, 1918

Harold Stone Musgrove, a native Albertan, was born in Canmore in 1895. He attended Mount Royal College before enlisting in August 1915 as a 2nd Lieutenant with the Canadian Corps Cavalry Regiment. Lieutenant Musgrove later served briefly with the Royal Air Force, founded in April 1918, and was killed five months later in France. Musgrove is buried and commemorated in Arras Flying Services Memorial in Pas de Calais, France and commemorated on the Canmore Cenotaph in Alberta.
**Lieutenant Gordon Shaw Wilkin**  
**Died Sept. 11, 1918**

Gordon Wilkin was born in Saskatchewan and came to Alberta with his family, entering Mount Royal College in 1911. Before joining the Flying Corps in Toronto in March 1917, Wilkin worked as a bookkeeper for the Calgary Gas Company and developed a wide circle of Calgary friends. In England, he served as an instructor on the Handley-Page aircraft. At the time of his death in 1918, Flight Lieutenant Wilkin was serving with the No. 2 Auxiliary School of Aerial Gunnery with the Royal Air Force. Wilkin is buried in the Ipswich Cemetery in the United Kingdom.

**Private Roswell Jay Shantz**  
**Died Nov. 4, 1918**

Roswell Jay Shantz was born in Ontario in 1899 and came to Carstairs, Alberta with his Methodist family, who sent him and his brother to attend Mount Royal College in 1911. After leaving Mount Royal, Shantz remained in Calgary, working as a mechanic and eventually joining Lord Strathcona’s Horse, Royal Canadian Armoured Corps. Private Shantz died on Nov. 4, 1918 — just days before an armistice was signed to end the First World War on Nov. 11, 1918.
Pilot Officer Edwin Graham Milton Anderson  
Died Sept. 1, 1941

Edwin Anderson, the first Mount Royal student to be killed in action during the Second World War, was born in 1920 and attended Mount Royal in 1940, when he was elected president of the High School class. The Chinook Yearbook called him “a modest and shy student” and remarked he was “a loyal enthusiast of the air force after the Christmas Exams.” Upon leaving Mount Royal, Anderson enlisted as a Pilot Officer in the 102 Squadron, Royal Canadian Air Force and was killed on Sept. 1, 1941. Pilot Officer Anderson is buried in Schaffen Communal Cemetery in Diest, Belgium.

Pilot Officer Douglas Spencer Aitken  
Died March 8, 1942

Spencer Aitken came to Calgary from Lethbridge to attend Mount Royal College in 1937/1938, joining the hockey and rugby teams as well as serving as art editor of the 1937/1938 Chinook Yearbook. The yearbook congratulated him on being “outstanding in College sports” and noted that Aitken made many friends at Mount Royal. Pilot Officer Aitken joined Unit 403 Squadron of the Royal Canadian Air Force, was killed on March 8, 1942 and is buried in the Runnymede Memorial Cemetery in the United Kingdom.
Pilot Officer Arthur Beverly Polley
Died June 11, 1942

Arthur Polley was born in 1913, lived in Calgary with his family, and attended Mount Royal College in the 1930s. When he joined the Royal Canadian Air Force as a Pilot Officer, Polley left behind his young wife, who was living in Strathmore, Alberta. Pilot Officer Polley died on June 11, 1942 and is buried at Burnsland Cemetery in Calgary.

Captain Douglas Gordon Purdy
Died Aug. 19, 1942

Douglas Purdy was born in 1920, attended Mount Royal College and enlisted into the 14th Army Tank, Calgary Regiment of the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps. Killed in action during the Battle of Dieppe at the age of twenty-two, Captain Purdy is buried in the Dieppe Canadian War Cemetery in Hautot-Sur-Mer, France.
**Flight Sergeant Douglas Oliver Bevan**  
**Died Dec. 25, 1942**

Douglas Bevan was born in 1920, the son of a Methodist minister and his wife. Bevan attended Mount Royal College in the 1930s and joined the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1941. Flight Sergeant Bevan died on Dec. 25, 1942 at the age of twenty-nine while serving with the Bomber Command flying out of Montreal. He is remembered on the Nanton Cenotaph in Alberta but is buried at the Ottawa Memorial Cemetery in Ontario.

**Warrant Officer II Frank Harvey Barker**  
**Died Jan. 9, 1943**

Harvey Barker came to Calgary from Carbon, Alberta to attend Mount Royal College in 1938. He returned in 1939 to be elected president of the High School class. The Chinook Yearbook gives this portrait of Barker: “a Badminton player deluxe. One of the best-liked fellows of the Boys’ Dorm, and always ready with a bright comeback to the would-be wit of the school. Studies hard, often working far into the night on his stamp collection.” The next year, Barker joined the Royal Canadian Air Force as Warrant Officer, Class II, 4189 Squadron and was killed during a raid over Germany. Warrant Officer Barker is buried in the Runnymede Memorial Cemetery in the United Kingdom.
Flying Officer Benjamin Emil Ehnisz
Died Feb. 13, 1943

Benjamin Ehnisz was born in 1921 and came to Mount Royal in 1938 from Burstall, Saskatchewan. The Chinook Yearbook describes Ben as “a very amiable lad whose ambition on completing his education is to return to Saskatchewan and rehabilitate the drought area.” Flying Officer Ehnisz joined the Royal Canadian Air Force and died on Feb. 13, 1943 at the age of twenty-two. Ehnisz is buried at Hillside Cemetery in Medicine Hat. Ehnisz Island at Kakabigish Lake in northern Saskatchewan is named in his honour.

Flying Officer Harold James Crowe
Died March 12, 1943

Harold Crowe was born in Calgary in 1919. He attended Earl Grey School, Western Canada High School and Mount Royal College. In May 1941, Crowe enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force in Calgary, and received his training in camps across Western Canada. Crowe graduated as an Air Observer from No. 7 Bombing and Gunnery School in Paulson, Manitoba. Flying Officer Crowe was killed on March 12, 1943 at the age of twenty-four and is commemorated at the Gibraltar Memorial in Gibraltar.
Flying Officer George Noel Keith  
Died Aug. 4, 1942

Noel Keith was born in Cardston, Alberta but lived in Taber before coming to Mount Royal in 1938. Keith served on Students’ Council as the Men’s Athletics representative. The Chinook Yearbook said he was “interested in everything around the college” and that he “hopes to be a doctor but will probably end up as a faithful husband.” Flying Officer Keith joined the Royal Canadian Air Force serving with the 402 and 72 Squadrons. He received a Distinguished Flying Cross for destroying seven enemy aircraft and damaging two others before being shot down by anti-aircraft fire. Flying Officer Keith was killed in action at the age of twenty-two and is buried in Agira Canadian War Cemetery in Sicily.

Wing Commander Albin Laut  
Died Oct. 3, 1943

Albin Laut was born in 1916, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Laut of Crossfield, Alberta. His father was a well-known rancher and MLA for Banff/Cochrane. Laut attended Mount Royal College in the 1930s, then transferred to the University of Saskatchewan where he received his Engineering Degree in 1938. When Laut returned to Alberta, he married and enlisted with the Royal Canadian Air Force. Wing Commander Laut died on Oct. 3, 1943 in the crash of a Ventura aircraft while serving with the #113 Bomber Reconnaissance Squadron at Sydney, Nova Scotia. He is buried at Crossfield Cemetery in Alberta. In 1948, Mount Laut, near the headwaters of the Athabasca River, was named in his honour.
Lieutenant Campbell Stuart Munro
Died Dec. 16, 1943

Campbell Munro attended Mount Royal College before joining the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, serving as Lieutenant with the Royal Canadian Infantry Corps. Lieutenant Munro was killed on Dec. 16, 1943 and is buried at the Moro River Canadian War Cemetery in Italy. In Alberta, Lieutenant Munro is remembered at Lake Munro, which was named in his honour, and at a cairn on Rich Lake, east of Lac La Biche. In Calgary, the Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry Memorial Hall also honours Lt. C.S. Munro.

Flight Sergeant George Quist Hansen
Died April 28, 1944

George Hansen was born in 1916, the son of Danish immigrants who came to Canada from the United States and eventually settled in Alberta. His father, a successful merchant, served as mayor of Standard from 1926 to 1935 and sent George to Mount Royal College. Flight Sergeant Hansen was the first person from Standard to enlist. He joined the 431 Squadron of the Royal Canadian Air Force and was killed when the Lancaster Bomber on which he was a crew member was shot down near Antwerp, Belgium. Hansen is buried at Schoonselhof Cemetery in Antwerpen, Belgium. Three of his brothers also served during the war: Walter in the RCAF, Rudy and Severin with the Calgary Highlanders.
Gunner Kenneth Beaumont Bell  
Died May 29, 1944

Kenneth Bell was born in 1916 in Gleichen, Alberta. He received his early schooling in a one-room school and came to Mount Royal at the age of twelve. In 1929, he returned home to work on the family farm. Bell was a strong athlete. He played hockey in the winter and, after he enlisted in 1943, Bell became a star pitcher for the fastball team at training camp in Manitoba. During the war, he served as a gunner with the 2nd Field Regiment of the Royal Canadian Artillery. Gunner Bell was killed in 1944 at the age of twenty-eight at the Battle of Ortona, Italy. He is buried at the Cassino War Cemetery in Italy.

Sergeant Frederick Ernest Boalch  
Died Feb. 12, 1945

Frederick Boalch was born in 1924, the son of E.H. Boalch, who was employed with the CPR in Calgary. In 1943, Boalch attended Mount Royal College, where he kept his fellow students entertained with his band, performing at the February Hockey Club dance. According to the Varshicom Yearbook, Freddie’s pastime was “his own lit’ orchestra” and not surprisingly his ambition was “to become a great band leader.” Sergeant Boalch left Mount Royal to join the Royal Canadian Air Force and died near the end of the war on his twenty-first birthday, Feb. 12, 1945. Boalch is buried at the Ottawa Memorial in Ontario.
Lieutenant Denis Frederick Harvey
Died Feb. 16, 1945

Denis Harvey was born in Calgary, the only son of Lillian Patterson Harvey, a native Albertan, and Irish-born Brigadier General Frederick Harvey, a distinguished and decorated veteran of the First and Second World Wars. Denis Harvey attended Mount Royal College in 1940, and served on the executive of the Science and Mathematics Club. Known to his friends as “Red” Harvey, he joined the Royal Winnipeg Rifles and was killed near Germany on Feb. 16, 1945. Lieutenant Harvey is buried in the Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery in the Netherlands. Within the cemetery stands the Groesbeek Memorial, engraved with the words Pro amicis mortui amicis vivimus — “We live in the hearts of friends for whom we died.”

Pilot Officer Lloyd George Hinch
Died March 19, 1945

Lloyd Hinch was born in 1923. A native Calgarian, he attended Mount Royal College in 1942. The Varshicom Yearbook emphasizes that Hinch had a fondness for dramatics: “At formals he’s a second Fred Astaire / A dapper gent with never a care.” Pilot Officer Hinch joined the 425 Squadron of the Royal Canadian Air Force and, at age twenty-two, he was killed on March 19, 1945, near the end of the Second World War. Hinch is buried at Hotton War Cemetery in Belgium.
**Captain George Garry Foster**
**Died Aug. 9, 1974**

Garry Foster attended Mount Royal from 1948 to 1952. The Varshicom Yearbook speculated that Foster would become a chemist “if his Chem I exploits are any forecast.” After Mount Royal, Foster married and had two sons. He enjoyed a distinguished career in the Royal Canadian Air Force. Captain Foster earned the Canadian Forces Decoration, Memorial Cross ER II and United Nations Disengagement Observer Force. He died while flying from Beirut to Damascus with the “Buffalo Nine,” named after the Canadian-made Buffalo airplane. In 2005, a monument was unveiled at Calgary’s Peacekeeper Park to honour Captain Foster and the eight soldiers who died alongside him in the largest single-day loss of life in Canadian Forces peacekeeping history.

**Corporal Nathan Hornburg**
**Died Sept. 24, 2007**

Nathan Hornburg was born in Calgary on June 19, 1983, the son of Michael Hornburg and Linda Loree, and brother of Rachel Herbert. From 2004 to 2006, Hornburg was a University Transfer student at Mount Royal College. On June 27, 2001, Hornburg joined the Calgary Kings Own Regiment. On September 24, 2007, while serving on a NATO mission in Afghanistan, Corporal Hornburg was killed while helping to rescue a disabled tank in Panjwai District, Kandahar. In his honour, the Corporal Nathan Hornburg Memorial Scholarship was created. It is awarded annually to a student in Mount Royal University’s Faculty of Arts.
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