

# Diligent River Remembrance Day Service

## November 11th

Photos by Gale Boland



Diligent River's new monument, supplied by Heritage Memorials, was unveiled and dedicated on at 2012 Remembrance Day ceremonies. It was constructed earlier this year following a fund raising campaign by a local committee. Donations from Municipality of Cumberland, Veterans Affairs and the private sector made the installation possible.



A poppy cake was baked by Helen Bowden, Parrsboro at Crossroads Co-op for Diligent River's Remembrance Day services.



It took 70 years for Diligent River to get a monument to honour their veterans. Local veteran, Ron Colpitts, now in his 90's, served in WWII with the 4th Canadian Grenadiers Tank Division, was chosen to raise the flag at the unveiling and dedication ceremony and the area's first Remembrance Day services.



Bill Himelman, far left, proceeds to the new Diligent River monument to lay a wreath in memory of his grandfather, Alex. J. Salter, who served in both WWI and WWII. Also shown in the photo is Layton Yorke, retired serviceman, who conducted the ceremony. Girl cadet is Hailey Hunt. Red-haired cadet, Oliver Smith, #689 Handley Page Air Cadet Squadron is accompanied by Captain Josh Paris.



Leoda (Yorke) Varner, partially hidden, laying a wreath in memory of three brothers, Austin, Carson and Hubert Yorke, who served in WWII. Layton Yorke conducted Diligent River's first Remembrance Day services. Rev Greg Doyle, padre at the Parrsboro Legion read the names of veterans who were killed in battle.



Upwards of 100 citizens attended Remembrance Day services at Diligent River's new monument which was constructed earlier this year. Pictured above in the foreground are: Lois Kennedy (grey jacket), New Glasgow; Arlene Collins, local artist (red jacket) and Corlas Collins, (sunglasses), Vice President Diligent River Community Hall Association.

## Diligent River Monument Unveiled & Dedicated

Diligent River's new monument contains the names of veterans from WWI, WWII, Korean War and Peace Keepers. The following names are inscribed on the new monument and were read by Rev. Greg Doyle at the 2012 Remembrance Day services. The monument was supplied by Heritage Memorials, Amherst.

### World War I Veterans

Allen, Hedley Wm.  
Bentley, Hubert K.  
Canning, Harry Wm.  
Canning, Lawrence F.  
Canning, Roland D.  
Lamb, Clarence A.  
Manuge, William  
McPherson, William G.  
Morrison, Lewis  
Salter, Alexander J.  
Smith, Corey F.  
Yorke, Walter Wm.

### World War II Veterans

Allen, J. Clifford  
Colpitts, B. Ronald  
Colpitts, Glenford C.  
Colpitts, Kenneth P.  
Colpitts, Vaughan A.  
Dowe, Chesley  
Graham, Clayton L.  
Graham, G. Harris J.  
Hatfield, Percy Wm.  
Hatfield, Perry  
Hiltz, Clentiff, A.  
Hiltz, Earl M.  
Joyce, Ernest Wm.  
Lamb, Lloyd R.  
Lantz, Wilford R.  
MacLellan, Murlie  
Mahar, Daniel  
Mahar, Ralph  
McLellan, Garnet L.  
McLeod, Duncan  
Priest, Leaman  
Robinson, Boyd  
Robinson, Thomas H.  
Salter, Alexander J.  
Salter, Robert W.  
Smith, Ronald  
Spicer, Harold V.  
Spicer, Robert E.  
Spicer, Stanley H.  
Tibbetts, Leo H.  
Ward, Harry L.  
Welton, Harry W.  
Welton, Walter W.  
Yorke, Austin F.  
Yorke, Basil R.  
Yorke, Carson W.  
Yorke, Hubert R.  
Yorke, John L.

### Korean War Veterans

Bowden, Ronald R.  
Graham, Mildred A.  
Hughes, Murray W.  
Hughes, Ronald H.  
MacLeod, Max D.

### Peacekeepers

Lamb, Richard H.

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