

PARRSBORO Remembrance Day Service

Photos by Lawrence R Nicoll and Jean Troop



Mstr Corporal Tyler Fulton and Mstr Bombadier Barrett Schneider laid the wreath for all Canadian Servicemen. Both leave in December for posting in Latvia. Yes, our local citizens still serving in dangerous places.



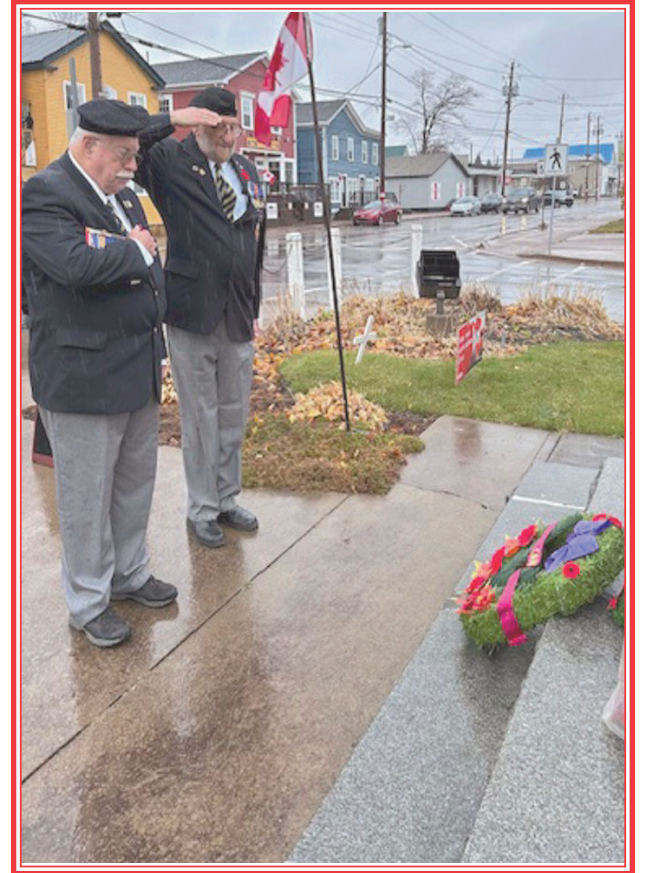
The weather certainly did not cooperate so after a brief service at the Anglican Church, the ceremony was moved indoors to The Canadian Legion Branch 45.



The names on the cenotaph were read, and the serving and past service members stood as a group.



Our citizens responded to show their respect in numbers that surpassed all the seating available.



Veteran Martin Langford and Legion President, Art Yorke laid a wreath at the Cenotaph after the service.

Remembering Conrad Byers Part 4

By Sandra Stephenson

(Editor Note: Sandra is preparing a multi-issue account of Conrad Byers' impact on Parrsboro and his renowned world-wide reputation. She hopes to eventually turn her extensive investment of time interviewing Conrad into a book.)

Here is Part 4

Sometimes Conrad would be into a story before I knew it, and I would scabble to get paper and pen, or to record it on my Ipod, as in this case. I'm not sure how this one began, but I suddenly realized he was saying something completely new to me, that shook up my idea of wartime history in Canada. It wasn't all overseas.

Conrad was saying a friend's crew was docked somewhere and they were sitting in the public house when the crew from another ship came in, a German ship. Some of them spoke a fair amount of English, and so they were exchanging stories. A German asked Con's friend, Onslow where he lived in Nova Scotia? Onslow said Parrsboro, up the Bay of Fundy.

The German asked, "That's near Moose River, isn't it?" He said, "Yeah it is." And the German said, "We had something caught in our prop coming up the Bay here in the First World War. We looked to the shore, and there was no sign of activity in Moose River, and so we grounded out there and took what was on the prop off." "A lobster pot probably," Conrad added. Germans had come ashore right next to Parrsboro, and this sailor told Onnie: "I've never been to Parrsboro, but I was in Moose River once!"

Me: Was that the same submarine that I heard of, had something caught in its prop on the other side of the Bay?

Con: No, that was the Second World War.

Me: So there were German naval officers and submarines twice in these waters during those World Wars when Canadians thought the action was on the other side of the planet? I knew a lot of towns in Western Canada with German names, changed them because there was a general suspicion of Germans here, like of the Japanese. What did the Germans think they would accomplish over here?

Con: They were photographing everything. The Germans

did that before the war. A lot of the freighters that came into West Bay to load lumber were German. By the 1920's after Hitler more or less took over in Germany, they were under the rules of the First World War, rules that the Allies had put on Germany. They weren't allowed to have any more than two or three ships, their military was greatly cut down. They were under all sorts of restrictions under the post-war Agreement.

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