

**Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte
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**Our January 1916
WW1 Volunteers**

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WW1: Honouring Those Who Volunteered in January, 1916

In January, 1916, eleven community members volunteered to serve: Alexander Bardy, William Henry Barnhardt, Hugh Brant, Sampson Green, Daniel Jaynes, Jacob Maracle, Peter William Maracle, Harry Anthony Mungo, David J. Powless, Isaac Powless and Joseph Laheed Smart.

David J. Powless was featured in the article *"Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte & World War 1: Those Who Survived but Whose Deaths Were Related to Their Service"* from August, 2014. Peter William Maracle was featured in the article *"WW1 Vets of MBQ: Those that Didn't Come Home"* from November, 2013.

ALEXANDER BARDY

Regimental Number: 636416

Alexander Bardy was the informally adopted son of Peter & Lydia (Doxtator) Bardy. He first appears with Peter & Lydia Bardy on the 1881 census as "Alexander Mitchel" aged 10 years. According to the 1901 census, Alexander was born on the 8th of July, 1869.

On his attestation paper, he stated his date of birth was the 8th of July, 1879.

He volunteered to serve on the 21st of January, 1916, in Deseronto, Ontario, for the 155th Overseas Battalion.

From his military personnel file we learn that before the war he was a farmer. He appears to have had some military experience with the 16th Regiment before the war.

Alexander left Canada on the 18th of October, 1916, and arrived in England on the 28th of October, 1918.

He was sent over with the 155th Battalion but was transferred to the 4th Canadian Mounted Rifles. He arrived in France on the 29th of November, 1916. He was sent to the Field on the 6th of December, 1916.

In April, 1917, he served as a courier.

In May, 1917, Alexander contracted influenza (due to infection and exposure) and was sent back to England. He recovered slowly.

He returned to the 4th Canadian Mounted Rifles (CMR) in October, 1917. He was then transferred to the 8th Reserve Battalion. Then he went back to the CMR. In March, 1918, he was transferred to the 3rd Canadian Division.

In June, 1918, he was suffering from rheumatism, pleurisy, and myalgia. His medical report states that he "had Influenza in May 1917 and since then he states he has felt weak and not himself". It was reported he suffered "Attacks of pain in back, legs, should, arms & neck. Attacks come on in wet weather and last 3 or 4 days. Never free from pain somewhere. Can walk about 2 miles when his legs would begin to pain him and knees become sore and week. Feet occasionally swell on removal of boots at night. Pain keeps him awake at nights. [A]ppetite fair." The doctors also diagnosed "moderate thickening of arteries."

He was found to be "medically unfit for service in France".

In July, 1918, a vision problem was identified but it was not caused by his service. Glasses did not help.

He had served in France for 18 months with the 4th Canadian Mounted Rifles (C.S.) C. E. F. Alexander "was with unit in attack at Vimy Ridge".

Alexander was discharged on the 16th of November, 1918. His character and conduct were described as "Very good."

He came back to Canada with a problem with his ears but was treated successfully.

Alexander Bardy married Margaret Brant on the 24th of November, 1892 [*Tyendinaga Parish Church Record*]. They had several children.

Alexander died on the 4th of April, 1950. He was buried on the 7th of April, 1950 [*Tyendinaga Parish Church Record*]. There is a headstone at Christ Church Cemetery. His death was not due to his military service [*LAC Veterans' Death Cards First World War RG150 Accession 1992-3/166 Mikan No. 46114 p.1206*]

Most of the information here comes from his military personnel file [*LAC RG 150, Accession 1992-93/166, Box 427 – 21*]. This file has been digitized. Other information has been taken from MBQ Records.

WILLIAM HENRY BARNHARDT
Regimental Number: 739644

William Henry was born on the 9th of March, 1896, according to his attestation paper.

He was the son of William & Sarah (Barnhart) Barnhart.

He volunteered on the 13th of January, 1916, in Hagersville, Ontario for the 114th Overseas Battalion. He was living in Hagersville, Ontario.

From his military personnel file we learn that he was a farmer before the war and had no military experience.

William was declared "Illegally absent" in March, 1916. He was reported to be a "Deserter" on the 3rd of April, 1916.

He was formally discharged on the 3rd of April, 1916 and he was not present to sign his discharge papers.

William Henry Barnhart returned to Tyendinaga and married Mabel Amelia Barnhart on the 8th of March, 1923 [*AO Marriage Registration*]. When he married he was living in Lockport, NY and worked as a government inspector. We do not know if there were any children.

William Henry died the 30th of March, 1934, of "septic pneumonia". [*AO Death Registration*] He was buried on the 2nd of April, 1934. There is a headstone at All Saints Cemetery.

There is also an obituary for William Henry Barnhart from The Ontario Intelligencer, dated April 4, 1934.

Most of the information here comes from his military personnel file [*LAC RG 150, Accession 1992-93/166, Box 455 – 5*]. This file has been digitized. Other information has been taken from MBQ Records.

HUGH BRANT
Regimental Number: 636364

According to the 1901 census, Hugh was born on the 24th of May, 1875. On his attestation paper he stated his date of birth was the 4th of May, 1876.

Hugh was the son of Jacob Oak & Maggie (Williams) Brant.

He volunteered on the 15th of January, 1916, in Deseronto, Ontario, for the 155th Overseas Battalion.

From his military personnel file we learn that he was a labourer before the war. At the time he signed up he was not part of a militia but he had experience in the 16th Regiment.

Hugh left Canada on the 18th of October, 1916, and arrived in England on the 28th of October, 1916. In November he was sent to the 4th Canadian Mounted Rifles (CMR).

He arrived in France in November, 1916 and was sent to the Field in December, 1916.

In April, 1917, he was wounded accidentally but recovered by mid-May, 1917.

On the 26th of May, 1917, Hugh was gassed. It affected his eyes but he "carried on for a couple of weeks".

On the 1st of June, 1917, at Vimy, he suffered gunshot wounds to the left hand. He also suffered from conjunctivitis. Hugh was sent back to England to recover. His medical report states that during the recovery time his "main trouble was with eyes from effects of gas received a week before wound."

His hand did heal with some stiffness but "no permanent disability". He was diagnosed as suffering from non-contagious "trachoma" or granular conjunctivitis. It can be painful and can lead to blindness. The doctors recommended he be sent home for treatment lasting at least six months.

Hugh was invalided to Canada in October, 1917, "being medically unfit for further service", and was sent to Queen's Military Hospital. He was discharged on the 28th of December, 1918. His conduct and character while he was in the service were described as "Good".

Hugh never married. He died on the 30th of September, 1956. According to his Veteran Death Card, his death was not due to his service in WW1 [*LAC Veterans' Death Cards First World War RG150 Accession 1992-3/166 Mikan No. 46114 p.1189*].

He was buried on the 3rd of October, 1956. There is headstone in All Saints Cemetery. Hugh's death notice and obituary appeared in the Ontario Intelligencer, dated October 2, 1956 and October 9, 1956. According to his obituary, he died after a short illness. Hugh had been living in Picton.

Most of the information here comes from his military personnel file [LAC RG 150, Accession 1992-93/166, Box 1020 – 6]. This file has been digitized. Other information has been taken from MBQ Records.

SAMPSON GREEN

Regimental Number: 636472

Sampson was born on the 16th of December, 1881, according to his baptismal record. According to his attestation paper, he was born on the 16th of December, 1882.

He was the son of Isaac & Elizabeth (Pearson) Green.

Sampson volunteered on the 25th of January, 1916, in Deseronto, Ontario for the 155th Overseas Battalion. He was living in Napanee when he signed up.

From his military personnel record we learn that he was a labourer before the war and he had no prior military experience.

Sampson left Canada on the 18th of October, 1916. He arrived in England on the 28th of October, 1916.

He was transferred to the Canadian Casualty Assembly Centre in January, 1917. He was transferred to the 154th Battalion at the same time. He was then attached to the 6th Reserve Battalion in February, 1917 and subsequently was transferred to the Eastern Ontario Regimental Depot in March 1917.

In May, 1917, he was found to have defective hearing – nerve deafness in both ears. The medical report states that “He is a lip reader” and that he was “of no use to the Army”. The medical board reported that his incapacity was not due to service and that it was permanent. Sampson reported that he was “clubbed over his head by his mother when 13 years of age...” and that his hearing was affected when he contracted measles before the war and it had been gradually getting worse.

He left for Canada in June, 1917. He was discharged as medically unfit in July, 1917.

Sampson Green married Jennie Bumhower on the 6th of August 1909 [AO *Marriage Registration*]. Sampson and Jennie had several children.

Sampson died on the 10th of January, 1934, in North Fredericksburgh, Ontario. The cause was pneumonia and myocarditis [AO *Death Registration*] and he was buried in Napanee. His death was not due to his military service [LAC

Veterans' Death Cards First World War RG150 Accession 1992-3/166 Mikan No. 46114 p.204].

Most of this information comes from his military personnel file [LAC RG 150, Accession 1992-93/166, Box 3784 – 12]. This file has been digitized. Other information has been taken from MBQ Records.

DANIEL JAYNES

Regimental Number: 784496 & 2498486

Daniel was born on the 30th of March, 1896, according to his baptismal record. He stated he was born on the 31st of March, 1896, on his first attestation paper.

He was the son of Wellington & Katherine (Moses) Jaynes.

Daniel signed up to serve twice. The first time was the 28th of January, 1916, in Bartonville, Ontario, for the 129th Overseas Battalion. This document tells us he was a labourer before the war and he had no previous military experience.

His military personnel file states that his first military service was a bit troubled.

Daniel was reported "Illegally Absent" in August, 1916. He was noted as a deserter from the Canadian Mounted Rifles in December, 1916. He was reported "Absent on movement of Battalion" in Halifax, Nova Scotia, in March, 1917.

He was diagnosed with flat feet. The medical report stated the right foot was only slightly flat and improving. The left foot was more affected but also improving. The report stated "at the time of being taken on strength of the C.M.R. complains of severe pain in feet when walking. Has been carrying on well since, and no complaints, except when he walks over a mile. No distress felt when riding."

The military considered this to be a disability that would prevent him from serving in the infantry, but they considered him to be "Fit for Construction". Instead of being discharged from military service, he was to be transferred to a construction battalion.

Daniel volunteered again on the 14th of September, 1917, in Toronto, Ontario, for the 12th Forestry Draft. His attestation paper states that he had been with the Canadian Mounted Rifles for 4 months, the 256th Overseas Battalion for 12

days, and the 129th Overseas Battalion for 9 months. It also states that he was discharged from the infantry because of "flat feet".

He joined the Forestry & Railway Construction Depot.

He arrived in England on the 14th of December, 1917. He was transferred to the 9th Battalion of the Canadian Railway Troops in January, 1918, and was sent to France. For some reason, he was sent to the Field on the 21st of January, 1918. Daniel was sent back to the Canadian Railway Troop Depot in England on the 25th of December, 1918.

Daniel sailed back to Canada in January, 1919. He was discharged on the 11th of February, 1919. He did not stay in Canada. He went to live in Saginaw, Michigan. We do not know if he married or if he had any children. We do not know when Daniel died.

Most of the information here is from his military personnel file [*LAC RG 150, Accession 1992-93/166, Box 4800 – 24*]. This file has been digitized. Other information has been taken from MBQ Records.

JACOB MARACLE

Regimental Number: 784113

According to his baptismal record, Jacob was born on the 15th of December, 1893, but according to his attestation paper, he was born on the 15th of January, 1892.

He was the son of Moses & Eliza Ann (Barnhart) Maracle.

Jacob volunteered on the 5th of January, 1916, in Dundas, Ontario for the 129th Battalion. He was living in Aldershot, Ontario at the time.

We learn from his military personnel record that he was a farm hand before the war and had no military experience.

Jacob was reported as "A.W.L." or absent without leave on the 16th of July, 1916. He was then reported to be a "Deserter". His unit sailed for England on the 22nd of August, 1916, without him. His last military pay states he was "Left behind".

Jacob's father died when he was about 5 years old. His mother remarried to Joshua Brant in 1899 but Joshua died in 1905. Jacob's mother left Tyendinaga and married a man at "Caughnawaga". Jacob and his brother Peter were sent to the Mohawk Institute in 1906.

Jacob Maracle enfranchised in 1921. We do not have further details on his life.

Most of the information is taken from his military personnel file [*LAC RG 150, Accession 1992-93/166, Box 5910 – 8*]. This file has been digitized. Other information has been taken from MBQ Records.

HARRY ANTHONY MUNGO
Regimental Number: 784960

According to his baptismal, Harry was born on the 16th of April, 1901. On his attestation paper he stated he was born the 2nd of April, 1899.

Harry was the son of Thomas & Caroline (Cahoun) Mungo. Harry's father, Thomas Mungo was killed in action in France in August, 1917.

He volunteered on the 28th of January, 1916, in Barton, Ontario for the 129th Overseas Battalion.

At the time of his attestation, his paperwork indicates that his father, Thomas Mungo, was serving "somewhere in France". His age is given as 16 years & 8 months and it states that his mother gave her consent for him to volunteer.

At this time we have very little information on Harry's service in WW1. We do know that he survived the war and returned to Canada.

In 1921 Harry left Canada for Buffalo, N.Y. He stated on his paperwork that he was an "auto mechanic."

Harry died in Buffalo in 1928. He was buried at Christ Church Cemetery on the 18th of February, 1928 [*Tyendinaga Parish Church Record*].

His attestation paper is available at the Library and Archives Canada web site [*LAC RG150, Accession 1992-93/166, Box 6483 – 16*]. Other information has been taken from MBQ Records.

NOTE: Harry Mungo was only identified as one of MBQ's volunteers in August, 2014. At that time, Library and Archives Canada had already started withdrawing military personnel files for a digitization project. Unfortunately, we were unable to get a copy of his military personnel file before it was withdrawn and it has not been digitized yet. Once it is re-released digitally, a copy will be obtained for MBQ's records.

ISAAC POWLESS**Regimental Number: 784967**

He was born on the 23rd of April, 1893, according to his baptismal. On his attestation paper he stated his date of birth was the 1st of March, 1895.

Isaac was the son of Isaac & Nettie (Thompson) Powless.

He volunteered on the 28th of January, 1916, in Bartonville, Ontario, for the 129th Overseas Battalion.

From his military personnel file we learn that he was a farmer before the war and had no previous military experience.

His medical papers state that in 1900 he had a broken left arm and a fracture dislocation of the upper end of the left radius and ulna. The doctors reported the joint had reduced mobility and was very painful when carrying weights over ten pounds. They described the disability as a permanent one.

Isaac was discharged on the 22nd of November, 1917. The discharge papers indicate that Isaac was suffering "from disability which pre-existed enlistment not due to or aggravated by service".

His discharge papers say that his conduct and character while in the service was "Bad". They also state he was caught "Bringing whiskey into barracks, Drunk in town (2), AWL [absent without leave] numerous times."

Isaac Powless married Mary Bell Cook on the 8th of August, 1916, in Hamilton [AO Marriage Registration]. He and Mary Bell did have children.

Isaac died on the 15th of November, 1930, in Louth Township, Lincoln County, Ontario [AO Death Registration]. He was run over by a train. Isaac was buried in Jordan, Ontario [AO Death Registration].

Most of this information comes from his military personnel file [LAC RG 150, Accession 1992-93/166, Box 7950 – 28]. This file has been digitized. Other information has been taken from MBQ Records.

JOSEPH LAHEED SMART**Regimental Number: 700618**

According to the 1871 census, Joseph was born in 1870, but on his attestation paper he recorded his date of birth as the 31st of January, 1874.

Joseph Laheed Smart was the son of David Smart & Jerusha Ann Morrison.

He volunteered on the 5th of January, 1916, in Winnipeg, Manitoba for the 101st Overseas Battalion (Winnipeg Light Infantry).

From his military personnel file we learn that before the war he was a blacksmith. He also had 3 months of military service in the "99th Man Rangers".

He was transferred to the 17th Battalion, then to the 43rd Battalion, then to the Manitoba Depot.

He served in France and on the 14th of April, 1917, he was wounded: "Hit in left ankle by machine gun bullet... whilst in Vimy Village". He also suffered myalgia due to "exposure to adverse weather conditions and temporary deafness and noises in the ears.

He was discharged as medically unfit in 1918.

Joseph was first married to Philomen Rauney on the 25th of June, 1893 [*Archives of Ontario Marriage Registration*]. They had a son Joseph William Smart who also volunteered in WW1.

He later married Rosina Cole. They had children as well.

Joseph Laheed Smart died on the 20th of November, 1964, in Sudbury, Ontario.

Most of this information is from his military personnel file [*LAC RG 150, Accession 1992-93/166, Box 8995 – 14*]. This file has not been digitized yet by Library and Archives Canada. Other information has been taken from MBQ Records.