



26th Field Regiment RCA XII Manitoba Dragoons Museum Newsletter



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MEMORIES FROM THE PAST



Tucked away in one of the Museum display case drawers is the story of Lance Corporal Kenneth Scott Ferguson.

Kenneth Scott Ferguson was born in Lanark, Ontario.

In 1940 he enlisted in the Canadian army. In 1941 he was transferred to Ottawa and the XII Manitoba Dragoons. Later he was sent overseas to help liberate Europe.

In April of 1945, while fighting to liberate the city of Zevenaar, Netherlands, Lance Corporal Kenneth Scott Ferguson of the XII Manitoba Dragoons, accompanied by Lieutenant Gordon Farr, set out on a reconnaissance mission to locate the Company Headquarters of the 17th Duke of York's Royal Canadian Hussars.

At a railway level crossing the two men were fired upon by men in civilian clothing who were probably German soldiers. The German soldiers fired both anti-tank rounds and machine gun rounds at the two Canadian soldiers and their scout car. Lance Corporal Ferguson manned the fixed machine gun mounted on the car in an attempt to escape the gunfire. Young Lance Corporal Ferguson was hit by small arms fire and died. He was only 19 years old.

He is buried in the Canadian War Cemetery at Groesbeek. Lieutenant Farr survived the attack.

The Council of Zevenaar has named a railway overpass bridge in recognition of Lance Corporal Kenneth Ferguson's bravery and sacrifice.

REMEMBRANCE DAY 2025

The Museum volunteers and the public commemorated November 11 Remembrance Day 2025. The weather was fine for November. A small crowd gathered at the Memorial Garden and the Veterans' Memorial. Rev. Dr. Glen Ball said the prayer. Major (Retired) Chuck LaRocque recited "In Flander's Fields" the poem written by LCol John McCrae during World War I. CWO (Retired) Ernie Sowiak recited the "Ode of Remembrance", one stanza of the poem "For the Fallen" written by Laurence Binyon at the beginning of World War I.

Memorial poppy wreaths were laid by several dignitaries.

MUSEUM NEWS

All the volunteers are preparing for Christmas and the New Year. Already, preparations for the "Vimy Night and Beyond" event are well into the planning stages.

ODDITIES AT THE MUSEUM



A donated personal watch with shrapnel cover belonging to Driver Arthur Hirst who served during World War I.

NEXT EDITION OF THE NEWSLETTER

The next edition of our Museum Newsletter will be (hopefully) in February 2026. All Museum volunteers wish you a happy and healthy New Year 2026!

RECENT ADDITIONS TO THE MUSEUM

A short time ago, the Museum was donated a locked officer's wardrobe trunk. Once opened, we were amazed at the contents.



Inside were the possessions of Lieutenant Nursing Sister W. McLeod from World War II. She was a Nursing Sister in the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps.

Included were her identification tags, dress uniform, capes, aprons and headdress.

Lieutenant Nursing Sister W. McLeod served overseas in Italy during World War II.

