



26th Field Regiment RCA XII Manitoba Dragoons Museum Newsletter



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MEMORIES FROM THE PAST

In 2025, the Museum received a large donation from the Beaubier family commemorating the World War I military service of LCol David Wilson Beaubier and two of his sons.

At the beginning of World War I, David Wilson Beaubier was instrumental in raising the 181st Battalion as part of the Canadian Expeditionary Force. This Battalion was recruited mainly from the Brandon area. Two of the officer recruits



were his own sons; David Horner and Beaty Frederick. Another son enlisted in the air squadron.

In 1917, all three left Halifax, NS bound for Liverpool, England aboard H.M.T. Grampian where the 181st Battalion CEF was absorbed into the 18th Reserve Battalion. Both brothers were drafted to the 52nd Battalion later that year.

The Beaubier brothers served in France with the 52nd Battalion. While D.H. Beaubier suffered shrapnel wounds in Amiens, France, he did survive. B.F. Beaubier was also injured when a frightened horse kicked him. B.F. Beaubier was a victim of a German gas attack. He also survived.

Both men returned to Canada in 1919.

From a different donation, the Museum is very proud to have in its inventory the World War I pistol which belonged to Lt David Horner Beaubier. Imagine the thoughts racing through this young man's mind as he scratched his name and initials on the side of the handgun. This artefact is currently not on display

MUSEUM LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

The 26th Field Regiment RCA/XII Manitoba Dragoons Museum has a new website; www.26xiimuseum.ca.

This website combines many elements of the former websites and incorporates the recent changes at the Museum with a fresh, new layout. Many thanks to Bill Hillman for all his work on the old websites over the years.

Everyone is invited to visit this website which is a work in progress.

Check us out at www.26xiimuseum.ca and let us know what you think!

WW I BURIAL OF LOCAL NURSING SISTER

Rarely noticed is a photograph on the east wall of the museum. It is a photograph of the burial of Nursing Sister Margaret Lowe from Binscarth, Manitoba.



Valour Canada

During World War I, she served 14 months on the Western Front at the 1st Canadian General Hospital at Etaples, France.

In May of 1918, a German air-raid hit the Canadian hospital and Nursing Sister Margaret Lowe was gravely wounded. She later died of these wounds. Two other nursing sisters were also killed in the air-raid. All three are buried in the Etaples Military Cemetery in Pas de Calais, France.

In total, sixty-six patients and staff died as a result of the air-raid.

VIMY NIGHT & BEYOND 2026

The date is 18 April 2026. The theme is "Women, War and Change". Please save the date! Hope to see you there!

SWEETHEART PINS

Visit the Museum to see our large collection of sweetheart pins. These pins were given to the wives and girlfriends of military members and usually were small versions of a unit's hat badge. They took the form of pins, necklaces or brooches. This tradition started in World War I and continued into World War II.

NEXT EDITION OF THE NEWSLETTER

The next edition of our Museum Newsletter will be in May 2026. All Museum volunteers wish everyone a happy Valentine's Day.