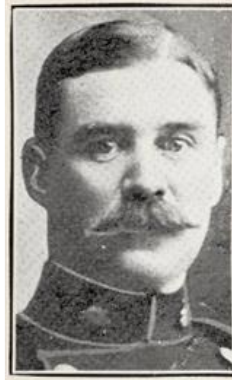


Commonwealth war graves tour

Stop 1 Lieutenant Colonel Coote Nisbit Shanly D.S.O. (1862 - 1916) Location: BPS 109 Lot A South

- Enlisted 1914, Valcartier QC in the Canadian Army Pay Corps.
- Went to England with the First Canadian Contingent and served in France with CAPC.
- Appointed Chief Field Paymaster.
- Distinguished Service Order June 1916 “for valuable services rendered in connection with amalgamation of various pay departments”. (1916 Birthday Orders for George V’s birthday.)
- Died of sickness. Service at St. Stephen’s where he had been a parishioner. There was a military ceremonial procession and 8 Lt.-Colonels acted as pallbearers. His horse walked behind the gun carriage with his boots reversed in the stirrups (custom of the riderless horse).



Stop 2 Brigadier George Hamilton Cassels (1882 - 1944)

Location: Block B. Lot 58. Centre.

- Great grandson of Hon. Robert Baldwin. Son of Hamilton Cassels of the law firm Cassels, Brock, Kelly and Falconbridge.
- In 1913 he graduated from U of T. and then went to Osgoode Hall Law School and was called to the bar in 1920.
- In 1914 he joined the Toronto Highland Unit and was injured September 1916. He returned to Canada in 1919.
- Companion of St. Michael and St. George, Officer of the Order of the British Empire (1919) “for valuable services rendered in connection with the war”.
- Lt. Col of the Canadian Infantry 58th Battalion



Stop 3 Lieutenant Gordon S. Andrews (1888 - 1915)

Location: APS 28 2nd grave South

- Graduated from U of T in 1910 having won a scholarship in Classics and Mathematics.
- He was a reporter for the Toronto World and the Mail & Empire and was the Auditor for the Press club.
- Obtained a commission in the 33 Bty. Canadian Field Artillery.
- Was attending Royal School of Artillery in Kingston, where he fell from his horse. He had only



recently arrived and had taken just a few classes in equestrianism. The horse took fright at a passing vehicle and lurched, throwing the rider. The horse's feet became entangled with the officer's and he fell on him causing his death.

Stop 4 Major John Redmond Meredith (1878 - 1916)

- Son of Lady Mary Meredith, of Toronto and Hon. Chief Justice Sir William Ralph Meredith.
- Born in London, England. Studied at Trinity College School in Port Hope and UCC.
- Studied at Osgoode Hall and was a lawyer before the war.
- Joined Queen's Own Rifles as Lieutenant, 1914.
- Appointed Captain of 95 Bn. in 1915 and Major in 1916. At his funeral, an officer of the battalion stated that Meredith was the brains of the battalion.
- Died suddenly in London awaiting orders to sail for France, though he had seemed in perfect health the day before.

Location: APS Lot 53C 2nd Gr. North



Stop 5 Captain William Mulock Carleton Monk (1889 - 1919)

- Graduated 1910 Royal Military College, but went into the brokerage business.
- He enlisted at the outbreak of war and served in the Governor-General's bodyguard and in 1914 was appointed Lieutenant in 7th Canadian Mounted Rifles.
- Went to France in 1915 with the 14th Siege Battery (Imperial Army).
- He was gassed in May 1918.
- He was acting Captain in the Canadian Reserve Artillery from August 1918 to January 1919.
- Died of pneumonia contracted on the ship returning to Canada at St. John Military Hospital.
- He was a descendant of General Sir George Monk, the 1st Duke of Albemarle under Charles II. His grandfather, Captain Henry Monk, was the first British Officer to settle on the Ottawa River.

Location: F Hill S. 1/2 of Lot 14 west side



Stop 6 Cadet Robert Charles Teasdall (1897 - 1917)

- Joined the Royal Flying Corps. (UK) in 1917. Worked as a bookkeeper before enlisting.
- Died at Camp Rathburn in Deseronto.
- The young cadet had taken one of the aeroplanes up for a flight, and when at a considerable height something went wrong, and he lost control of the flying machine, which crashed to earth. The unfortunate young aviator was almost instantly killed and the machine was practically destroyed.

Location: Section I 14 South



- The accident was witnessed by a number of spectators, principally motor car parties, who had arrived at the borders of the camp to watch the interesting incidents of aviation training, and the rapid descent of the machine with the practical certainty of death or serious injury for the young aviator was a terrible spectacle which will not soon be forgotten by those who witnessed it.

Stop 7 Private Reginald Dale Taylor (1896 - 1915)

Location: Section I 89

- Enlisted with the 23rd Bn., Canadian Infantry.
- Shortly after enlisting, he died of Meningitis in camp on March 1915 at age 18.
- Reginald's comrades collected \$30.30 to give to his father to buy the stone marker.



Stop 8 Company Quartermaster Sergeant Alexander Stewart Johnson (1868 - 1917) Location: U 146 N.

- Joined Canadian Field Artillery, 48th Battery in January 1916, arrived in England in September. Previously served in South Africa.
- His medical record states: "While on duty a horse fell on him December 31, 1916. The saddle injured his left knee. The joint swelled up and he stayed in his room 10 days. He was removed to Bramshott Military Hospital [England] January 20, 1917. Pain in joint bothered him so he could not sleep." In February 1917 he was diagnosed with rheumatism and was discharged in March.
- Returned to Canada in May 1917 and entered hospital. Died at Toronto General Hospital of bronchial pneumonia in December 1917.



Stop 9 Lieutenant John R. Pipon, HMS Victory (1893 - 1919)

Location: B Hill Lot 7 Grave 3

- Educated at St. Albans and Toronto Church Schools.
- Was a member of RCYC (his name is on a memorial plaque.).
- Joined the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve and served 2 ½ years in the motor boat patrol overseas.
- On the voyage to England from Canada his vessel was sunk by enemy action. He fortunately escaped and later took part in the memorable action at Zeebrugge. (The Zeebrugge Raid in April 1918 was an unsuccessful attempt to block the Belgian port.)
- Also served in Barbados.
- Unhappily as a result of illness contracted on active service he had to retire and return to Canada.



Stop 10 Major Hampton Zane Churchill Cockburn (1867 - 1913) Location: A Hill 11 North side of mon.

- Victoria Cross (Boer War 1899 – 1902)
- Born in Toronto, went to UCC and U of T and became a barrister.
- Joined the Canadian Militia in 1891.
- Served in South Africa w Royal Canadian Dragoons in the Second Boer War.
- On 7 November 1900, at Liliefontein, near the Komati River, a large force of Boer commandos sought to encircle a retreating British column whose rearguard comprised two troops of Royal Canadian Dragoons and two 12-pounder guns of “D” Battery, Royal Canadian Field Artillery.
- At one point, the remnant of Lieutenant Cockburn’s troop of Dragoons fought desperately against 200 Boers who were intent on capturing “D” Battery’s two guns. His handful of men successfully held off the Boers, thus allowing the guns to escape, but all became casualties, including Cockburn who was slightly wounded. For his part in saving the guns, Lieutenant Cockburn received the Victoria Cross, one of three awarded for separate incidents in this action.
- Died in Grayburn, Sask. Kicked by horse according to St. James records.



Stop 11 Captain William Arthur Peel Durie (1881 – 1917)

Location: Sec 8 136 South

- In 1899 started to work at the Royal Bank.
- Being from a military family – his father was Lt. Col. William Smith Durie – Arthur enlisted in the Canadian Expeditionary Force in 1915.
- Fought at Vimy Ridge, Avion, Passchendaele. In May 1915, he was wounded at Ypres. Once healed, he returned to the front.
- On December 29, 1917, he was killed in combat near Lens in France and was buried in the Corkscrew Cemetery nearby. His body was later moved to the nearby and larger Loos British Cemetery.
- In 1925, his mother Anna was able to smuggle Arthur’s remains, in a suitcase, back to Canada, on an ocean liner.
- Captain Arthur Durie was finally buried in St. James Cemetery in May 1925.



Stop 12 Sergeant James George Newman (1872 - 1919)

Location: St. Jude 4 Lot 10A Centre

- Born in Dorset, England. Shoemaker.
- Enlisted May 1916. Central Ontario Regiment, 1st Bn. Arrived in England April 1917. Returned to Canada December 1917.
- Diagnosed with Nephritis in May 1918.
- Very rare disease (fewer than 1,000 cases per year in Canada). Inflammation of the kidneys that causes swelling of hands, feet, ankles, face and high blood pressure, as well as reduced kidney function.
- Discharged (demobilized) in December 1918. Died 19 Jan 1919 of haemorrhage.

