

## Whitewater Region's WWII Casualties

### Sapper Weldon Archibald CARNEGIE

Sapper Weldon Archibald Carnegie, son of John Carnegie and Violet Edna Wilson, was born on 9 Mar 1923 in Westmeath Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada. He was the second oldest of a family of ten, 6 boys and 4 girls. His brothers Elwill and Alvin also served in the WWII.<sup>1</sup>

Weldon Carnegie enlisted on April 9, 1941 at Ottawa, Ontario. On his Attestation Papers his trade was listed as general duty. He was described as 5' 6" tall, weighing 143 lbs. He had a fair complexion, blue eyes and light brown hair.<sup>2</sup>

Sapper Carnegie was stationed at Ottawa, Cornwall, Petawawa and Borden before leaving for the UK where he arrived on July 19, 1941. He served with the 10 Field Squadron, Royal Canadian Engineers (R.C.E.), working as a carpenter. Two years after arriving in England, Sapper Carnegie was involved in a motor vehicle accident. The accident occurred on Aug 1, 1943, when a group of men were proceeding in a lorry to the unit lines leaving from King's Lynn. The rain was heavy and visibility poor. Crossing a level railway crossing, the front corner of the truck struck a post and two men in the back of the truck were launched over the cab onto the road. Four men in total



Image 1: Weldon Carnegie<sup>3</sup>

### GREENWOOD MAN DIES IN ENGLAND

Spr. W. A. Carnegie, R.C.E.,  
Was Fatally Injured Last  
Week

Sapper Weldon Archibald Carnegie, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Carnegie, Greenwood, died the latter part of the week in England as result of injuries received during his training there.

According to word received by his parents, Spr. Carnegie jumped from a truck and fell, receiving internal injuries from which he died.

Born at Greenwood 20 years ago, Spr. Carnegie enlisted in 1941 and trained at Petawawa before going overseas. Besides his parents, he is survived by a large family of brothers and sisters.

Image 2: Death Report<sup>10</sup>

were injured and taken to Swaffam Cottage Hospital. Sapper Carnegie was later transferred to West Norfolk & King's Lynn General Hospital where he died of his injuries on Aug 5, 1943 just after midnight. He had sustained a fractured pelvis and ruptured urethra with onset of pneumonia on Aug 4, 1943.<sup>2</sup>

A court of inquiry was held. The finding of the court: "the accident was not caused by the negligence of any person and that the collision was accidental".<sup>2</sup> Sapper Carnegie was 20 years old. He was buried in Brookwood Military Cemetery, Brookwood, Surrey, England.<sup>2,4,5,6</sup>

Two other casualties with a connection to Whitewater Region are also buried in Brookwood Military Cemetery: Flt-Sgt Pilot Irwin Eady of Forester's Falls, and Gunner Grayden Mills Sparling of Cobden. Sapper Charles Reginald Davies of Beachburg also served with the R.C.E. In addition to the Gravestone in Brookwood Military Cemetery.<sup>1</sup>

Sapper Carnegie is also remembered on the family gravestone at Greenwood United Church Cemetery in Greenwood, Ontario<sup>7</sup>. His name is commemorated on the Westmeath Township<sup>8</sup>, Beachburg<sup>9</sup> and Pembroke War

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Memorials;<sup>11</sup> Greenwood United Church Tablet dedicated to casualties of WWII soldiers, Greenwood United Church<sup>12</sup> and the Greenwood United Church WWII Honour Roll<sup>13</sup> located in Greenwood United Church, Greenwood, Ontario.



Image 3: Westmeath Township War Memorial<sup>8</sup>

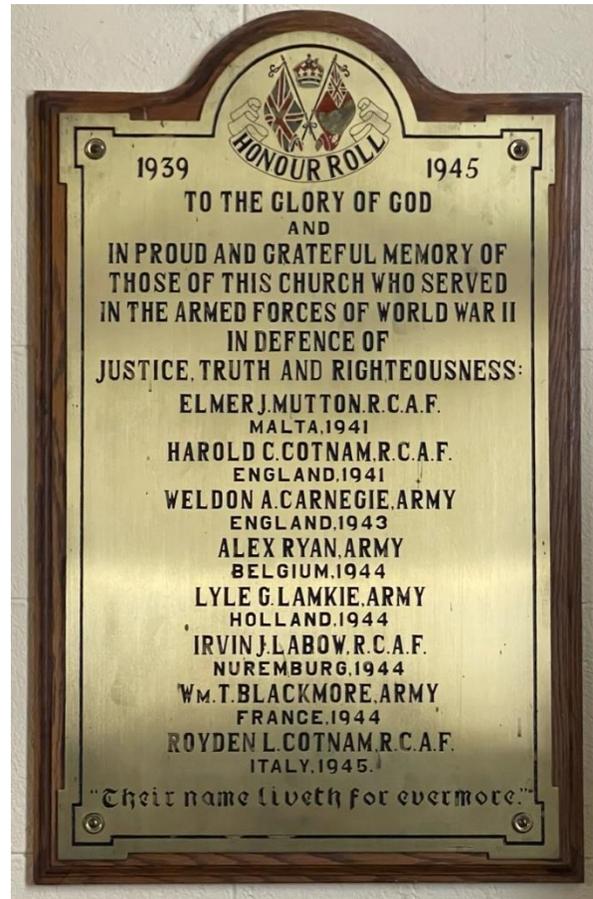


Image 4: Greenwood Community WWII Honor Roll<sup>12</sup>



Image 5: Pembroke War Memorial<sup>11</sup>

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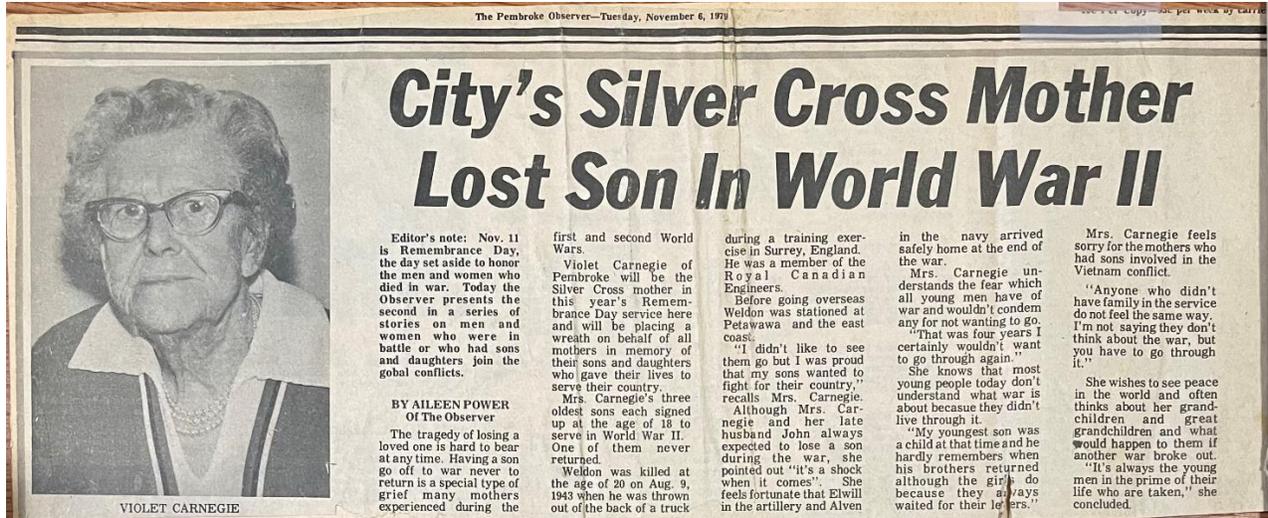


Image 6: Mrs. Violet Carnegie, Silver Cross Mother<sup>14</sup>

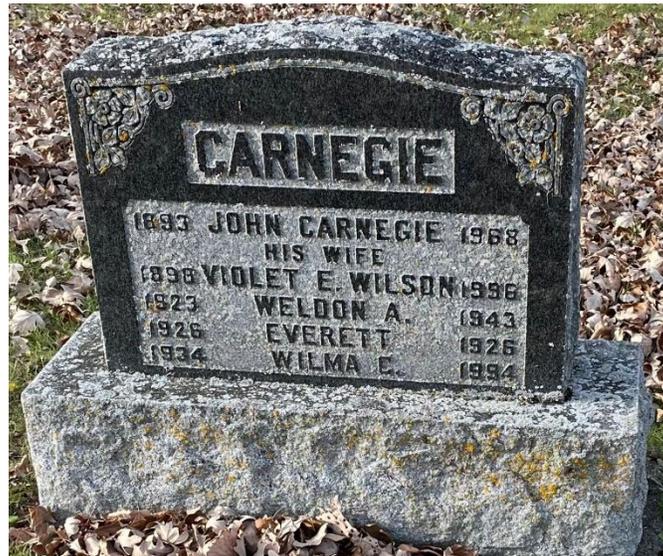


Image 6: Carnegie Family Gravestone<sup>7</sup>

Additional information and photographs would be appreciated.

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