

**RELATIVELY SPEAKING**  
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**Feature Articles**

- Uncle Art's War by Marilyn Lappi  
War changes people, often drastically. Marilyn tells of her uncle's WWI experience. Her research uncovered an experience that is all too true but often unknown or undocumented. Uncle Art's correspondence to his sister revealed how his initial optimism soured and sadly left him a very different man.
- WWI and My Father by John White  
In this one-pager with a group photo, John shares his recollection of the only time his father ever spoke of the war.
- WWI Maternal Grandfathers by Denise Daubert and Lesley O'Neil  
Two authors each share a WWI tale of their maternal grandfathers. Denise's story revolves around a precious Christmas card signed by this man and sent to her grandmother. Lesley's treasure is a postcard written by her grandfather to her grandmother. These items open a window into the lives of our ancestors.
- A Collection of Christmas Memories compiled by Gloria Cathcart  
Eight AGS members have written a brief recollection of a childhood Christmas: cheerful, thoughtful, and poignant.
- Banff-Castle Mountain Internment Camp, WWI by Lesley O'Neil  
On a recent trip to Banff, Lesley discovered a museum dedicated to the internment camp and the internees who were housed there because they were considered enemy aliens during the WWI years, a sad commentary on government policy at that time.

- A Reunion – With a Difference by George Cathcart

While most reunions involve people, this one is between a retired RCAF pilot and the Canso aircraft he once flew. George interviewed Hal Burns to give us this unique look back to a wartime experience.

- Two Who Never Returned by Marilyn Astle and Roger Blinco

Marilyn is an AGS member, Roger a one-name-study researcher. Together they pooled their findings on two ancestors who met in Alberta, and later died overseas during WWI, giving us a comprehensive story of their pre-war camaraderie and the war experiences that led to their deaths.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Parachute Battalion transcribed by Lesley O'Neil

The man who contributed recollection of joining up for WWII wished to remain anonymous. We were happy to oblige and grateful for the opportunity to recount what seems to have been a common reason for why men joined the military and how they came to join the particular battalions they did.

- Military Folding Bicycles compiled by Marilyn Hindmarch and Lesley O'Neil with thanks to Colin Stevens

For anyone interested in military equipment, this little known piece of transportation is described along with its reliability – or lack thereof. A unique design, these are still collectable.

- Late Dispatches From The Trenches by John Althouse

This is the fourth and final piece for this year showcasing publications that have articles on WWI.

- Old Photos Found

While going through a box of old RS galley proofs, several old photos were discovered that possibly someone would like returned. We would be happy to do so if contacted by the owner.

- Visiting Alberta's Past

1) Stettler to Big Valley by Train

A colourful account of a historical train ride into Alberta's past.

- From the Branches

A brief update on the recent activities of each branch.

- Library Notes and Research Committee News

A brief look at new acquisitions and a unique research opportunity that was undertaken.