

# The Abbotsford Poppy Album

## World War II 1939-1945



The Poppy Album highlights many of the home addresses of Abbotsford recruits who were casualties in World War II, with each address marked by a poppy.

Looking at their homes in our community, we are connected to the past through geography. The physical locations link us to life-altering events in the history of our country, and enable us to imagine the world that these families inhabited.

The Poppy Album reminds us that the streets where we walk are layered with meaning, and resonate with the lives of individuals who walked before us. Connecting with the places that these recruits called home, but never saw again, helps us to understand how large events affect the lives of ordinary people.

We invite Abbotsford residents to interact with The Poppy Album. An address on the map may be your own, and you might be interested in learning some of the history of your residence. If you have information that will help us to update the album, please contact The Abbotsford Legion, Branch #15.

This project was the product of painstaking research into local records and newspaper archives by Brian Radant, a University of the Fraser Valley student in the Work Study Program, under the supervision of Dr. Molly Ungar.

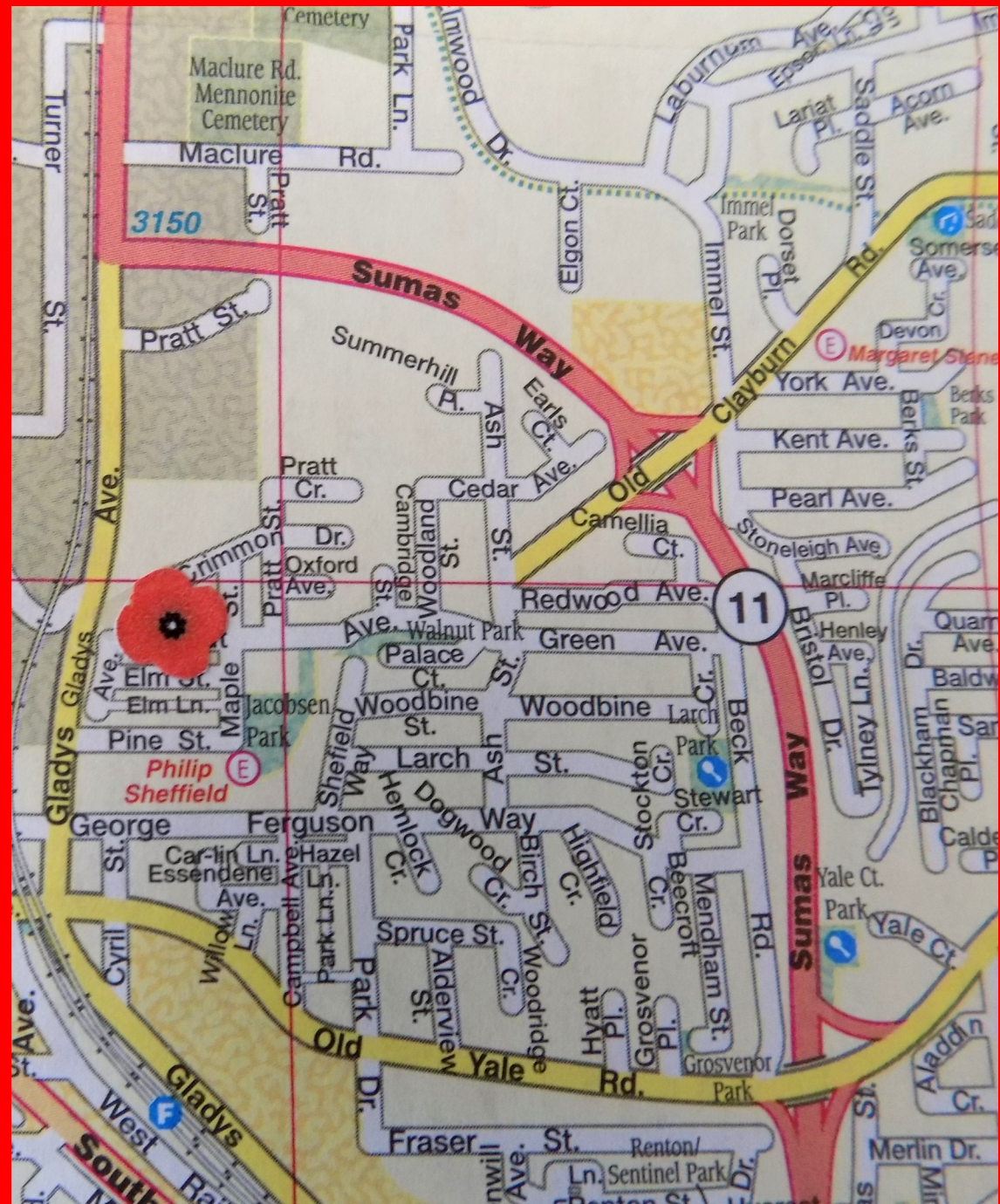
Additional contributions were made by Drew Koehn, a summer intern at The Reach Gallery and Museum and a University of the Fraser Valley graduate.

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**Sergeant Pilot  
Gordon  
Herbert Andrews**

33850 Elm Street

**Gordon H. Andrews  
served with the Royal  
Canadian Air Force,  
Service Number R87689.  
Born June 6, 1917, died  
at Nanoose Bay, B.C.,  
December 15, 1941.  
Interred at Hazelwood  
Cemetery, Abbotsford.**





**Private Harvey  
Edgar Artress**

Edgar Artress served with the Royal Canadian Army Corps, Service Number K79031. Born January 8, 1915, place of death unknown, November 15, 1945. Interred at Hazelwood Cemetery, Abbotsford.



**Warrant Officer  
Second Class  
Raymond Starr**

Raymond Starr served with the Royal Canadian Air Force, Service Number R58318. Born October 10, 1918, died off Canada's east coast, February 3, 1943. Interred at Ottawa Memorial Cemetery, Ottawa.



**Lieutenant Ralph  
Bower Fountain**

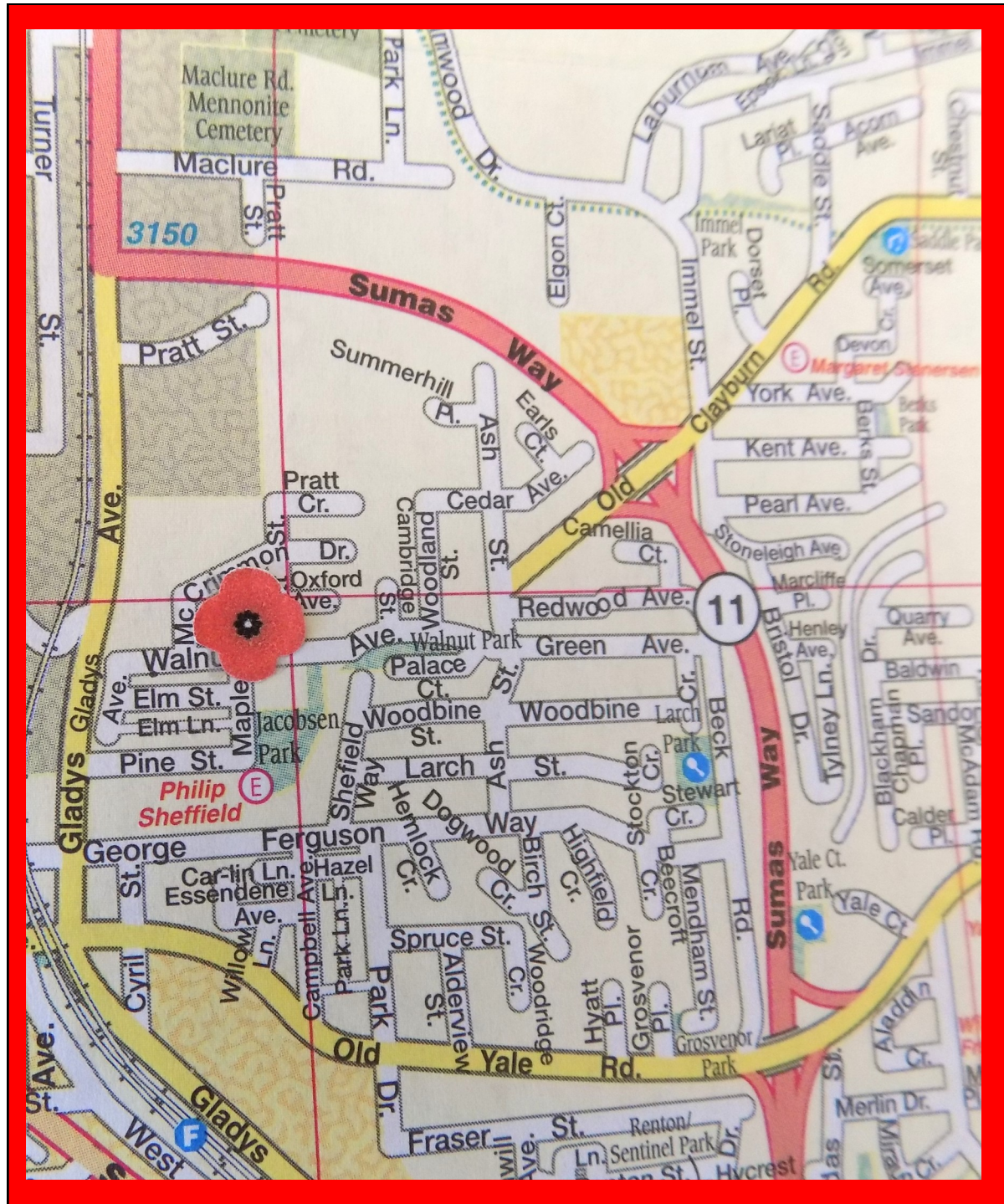
Ralph Bower Fountain served with the Westminster Regiment, Service Number 226. Born November 2, 1914, place of death unknown, September 3, 1943. Interred at Gradara War Cemetery, Rimini, Italy



# Pilot Officer William James Atkinson

2826 Maple Street

William J. Atkinson served with the Royal Canadian Air Force, Service Number J6131. Born February 27, 1920, died overseas, March 11, 1942, interred at Bury Cemetery, Huntingdonshire, UK.

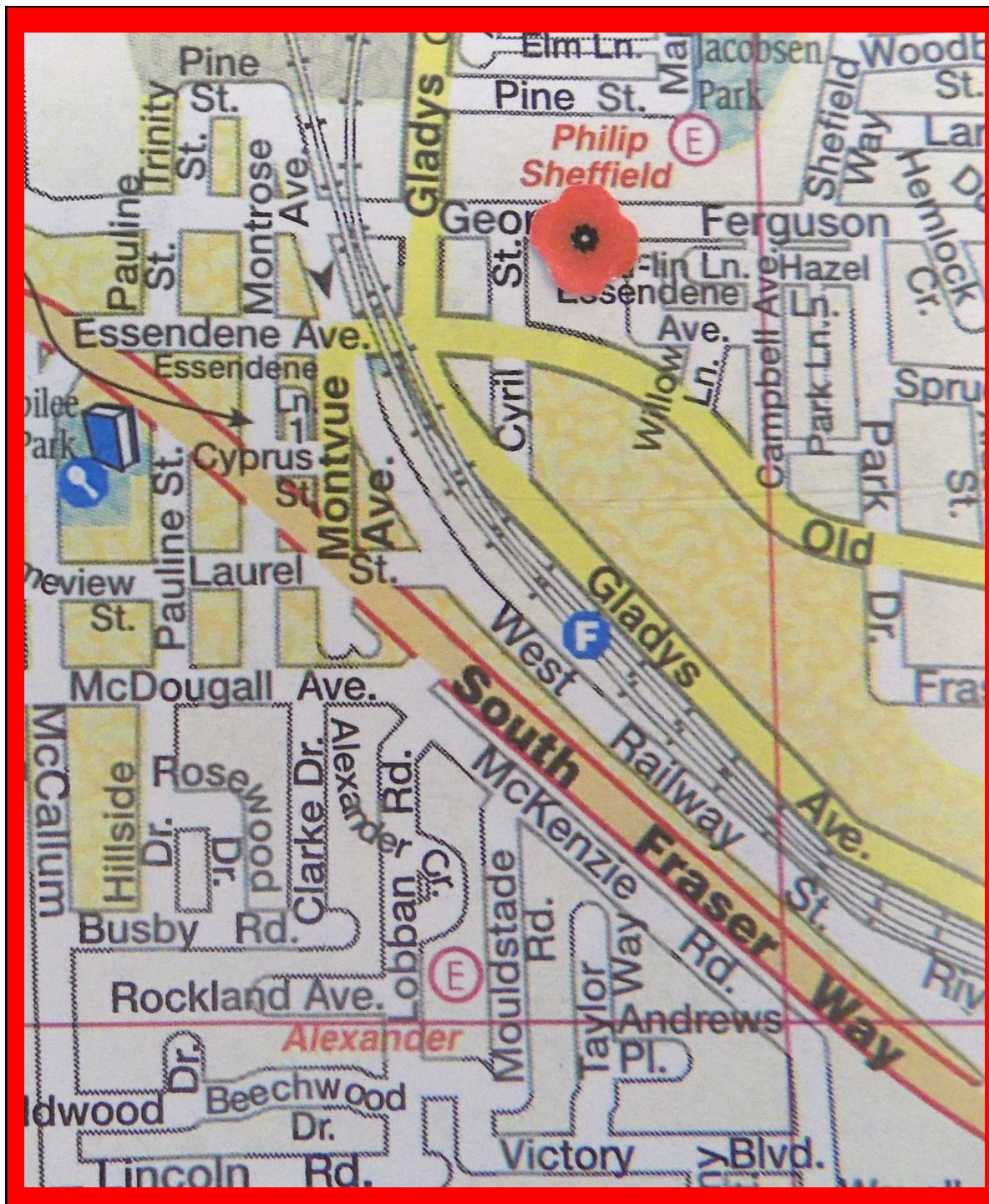




**Warrant Officer  
Second Class Thomas  
Herbert Bennett**

33925 George Ferguson Way

**Thomas Herbert Bennett**  
served with the Royal  
Canadian Air Force,  
Service Number R58098.  
Born June 7, 1920, died  
fighting overseas with  
British forces, February  
26, 1942. Interred at  
Shephed Cemetery,  
Leicestershire, UK.





## Private Simon Bergen

2237 Peardonville Road

Simon Bergen served with the Canadian Scottish Regiment, Service Number K1411. Born August 27, 1921, place of death unknown, August 15, 1944. Interred at Bretteville-sur-Laize Canadian War Cemetery, Cintheaux, France.





# Sergeant James Dunbar Blacklock

4202-4272 Gladwin Road

James Dunbar Blacklock  
served with the  
Canadian Scottish  
Regiment, R.C.I.C.  
Service Number K62965.  
Born October 21, 1910,  
died in Europe, June 10,  
1944. Interred at  
Brookwood Military  
Cemetery, Surrey, UK.

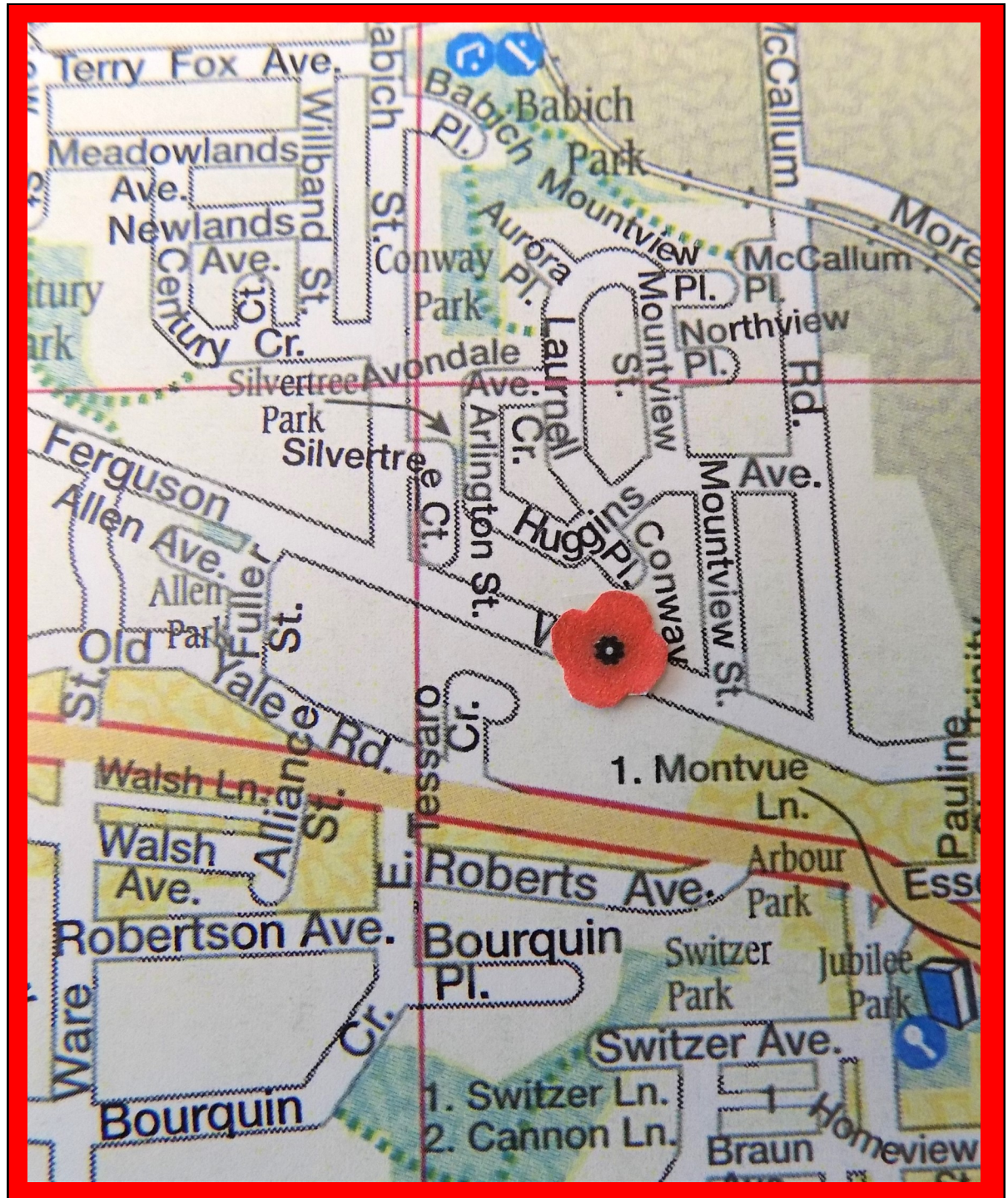




## Able Seaman Harry Cliff Blinch

33471 George Ferguson Way

Harry Cliff Blinch served with the Royal Canadian Navy, Service Number N465. Born September 11, 1922, died near the French coast of the English Channel, April 29, 1944. Interred at Halifax Memorial Cemetery, Halifax.

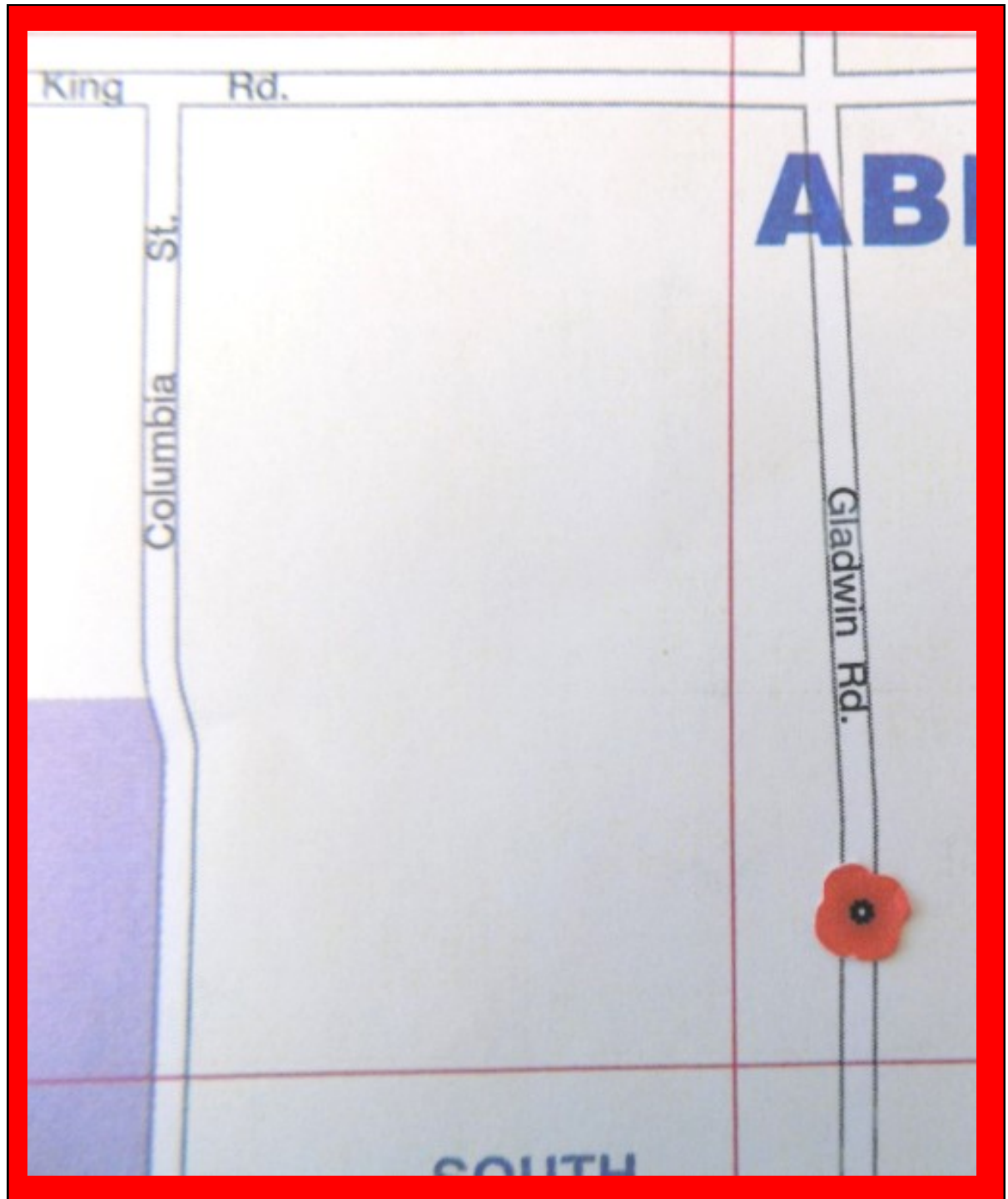




**Flight Sergeant John  
Samuel Davidson  
Caulderwood**

1109 Gladwin Road

**John Samuel Davidson  
Caulderwood served  
with the Royal Canadian  
Air Force, Service  
Number R118082. Born  
July 5, 1921, died on the  
North African Front,  
June 20, 1943. Interred at  
Malta Memorial  
Cemetery, Floriana,  
Malta.**



# Sergeant Harry George Machell

4198 Page Road

Harry George Machell  
served with the Royal  
Canadian Air Force,  
Service Number R81119.  
Born December 26, 1920,  
died in Europe, April 17,  
1943. Interred at  
Heverlee War Cemetery,  
Leuven, Belgium.





## **Flight Sergeant James McDonald**

James McDonald served with the Royal Canadian Air Force, Service Number R92286. Born September 12, 1915, died in Essen Germany, June 2, 1942. Interred at Gendringen Roman Catholic Cemetery, Gendringen, Netherlands.



## **Flying Officer George Samuel Malton**

George Samuel Malton served with the Royal Canadian Air Force, Service Number R192788. Born August 19, 1920, place of death unknown, March 28, 1943. Interred at Runnymede Memorial Cemetery, Surrey, UK.



## **Wren Willifred Lillian Neal**

Willifred Lillian Neal served with the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service, Service Number W4657. Born December 26, 1893, place of death unknown, May 3, 1946. Interred at Hazelwood Cemetery, Abbotsford.



# Pilot Officer Robert Clifford Orrock

29531-29605 McTavish Road

Robert Clifford Orrock  
served with the Royal  
Canadian Air Force,  
Service Number  
R192788. Born June 27,  
1923, died in Germany,  
October 17, 1944.  
Interred at Runnymede  
Memorial Cemetery,  
Surrey, UK.

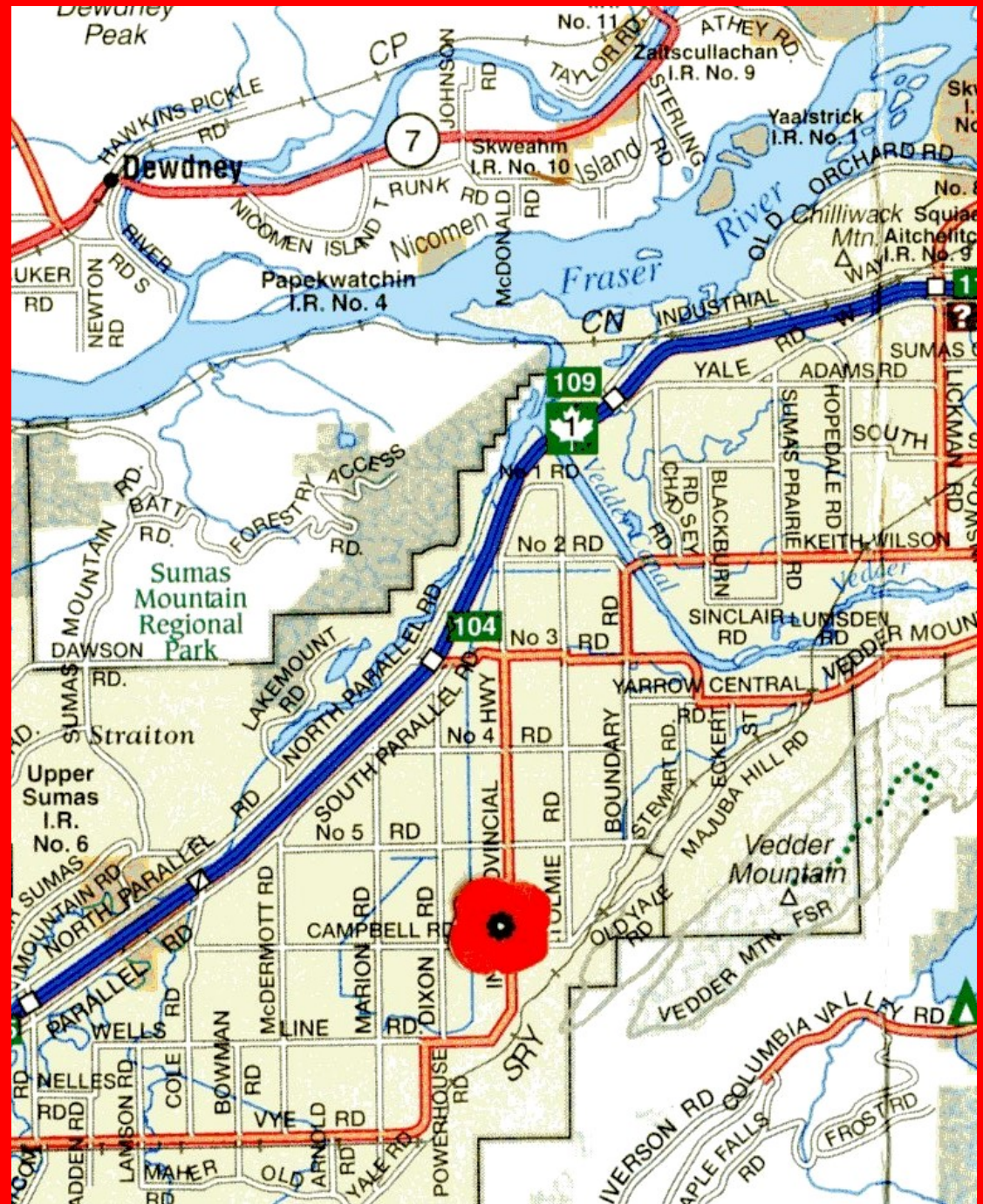




## Private Frank Papp

1814 Inter-Provincial Highway

Frank Papp served with the Canadian Scottish Regiment, Army, Service Number K309. Born May 29, 1922, place of death unknown, July 11, 1944. Interred at Bretteville-sur-Laize Canadian War Cemetery, Cintheaux, France.

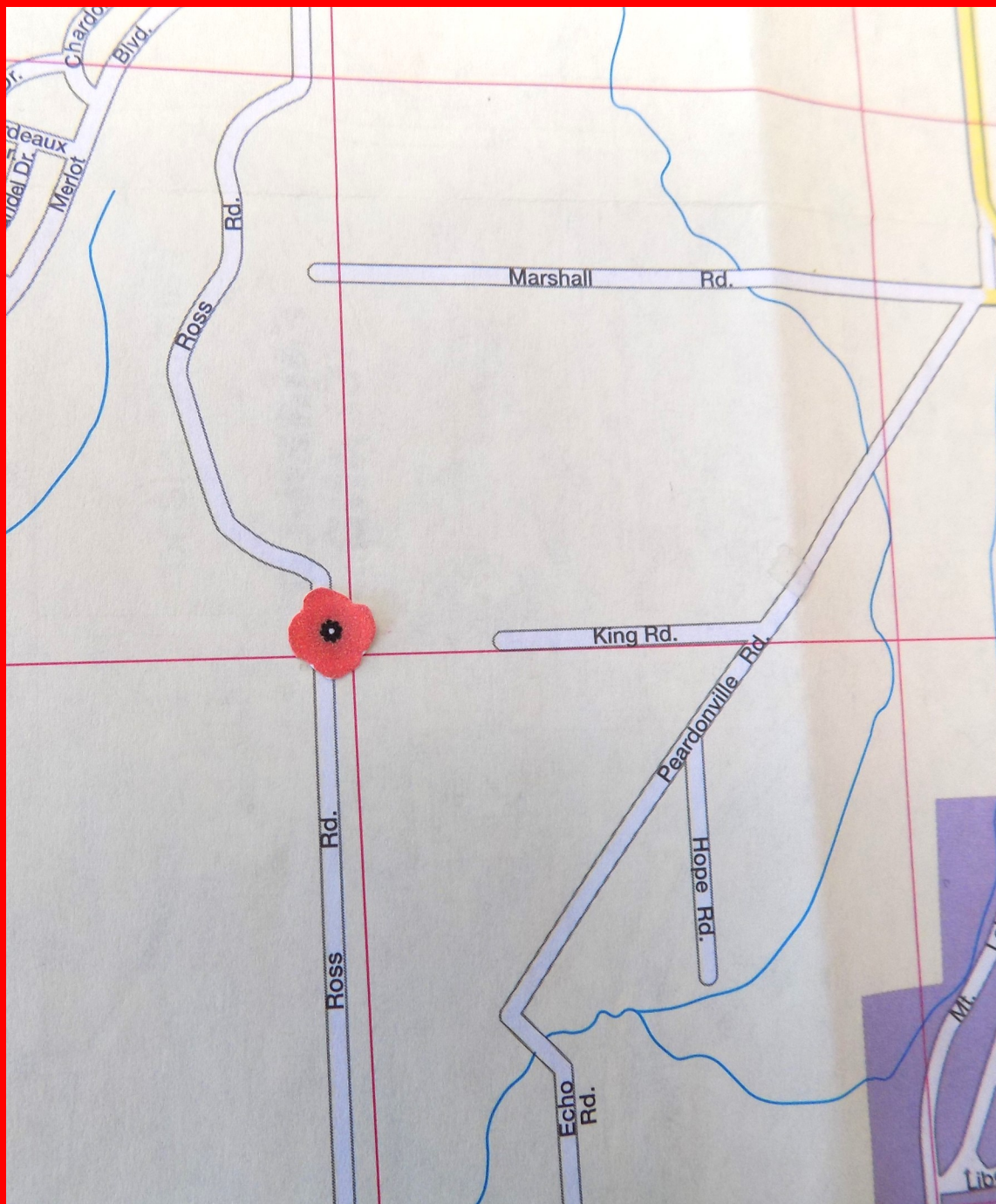




# Sapper Otto David Rempel

1640 Ross Road

Otto David Rempel served with the Royal Canadian Engineers, Service Number K608524. Born December 3, 1924, place of death unknown, December 27, 1945. Interred at South Poplar Cemetery, Abbotsford.

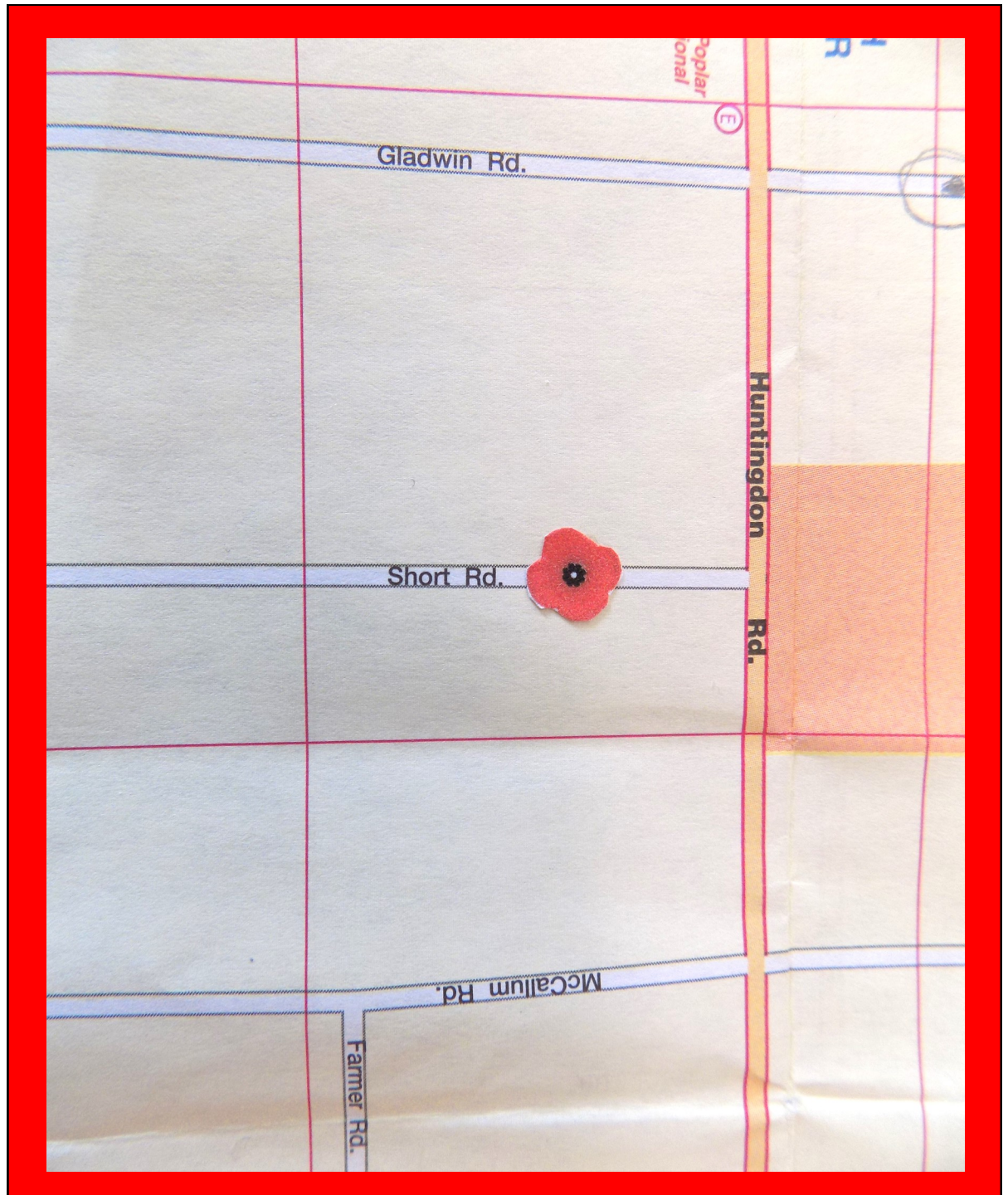




# Flight Sergeant Thomas Henry Short

530 Short Road

Thomas Henry Short  
served with the Royal  
Canadian Air Force,  
Service Number R92301.  
Born November 7, 1918,  
died overseas,  
November 16, 1942.  
Interred at Runnymede  
Memorial Cemetery,  
Surrey, UK.



## **Flight Sergeant Harry Smith**

**Harry Smith served with the Royal Canadian Air Force, Service Number J89425. Born 1911, died in Italy, March 4, 1944.**

**Interred at Dely Ibrahim War Cemetery, Algiers, Algeria.**



## **Lance Sergeant Harold Tessaro**

**Harold Tessaro served with the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada, Service Number K53747. Born August 18, 1918, died in Italy, May 23, 1944.**

**Interred at Cassino War Cemetery, Cassino, Italy.**



## **Flying Officer Fred Gerty**

**Fred Gerty served with the Royal Canadian Air Force, Service Number J15170. Born March 11, 1914, died in Essen, Germany, June 2, 1942. Interred at Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Kleve, Germany**





## Private Ivan Duncan Smith

819-889 Clearbrook Road

Ivan Duncan Smith served with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, Service Number K37023. Born October 25, 1912, died in England, February 7, 1942. Interred at Brookwood Military Cemetery, Woking, UK.

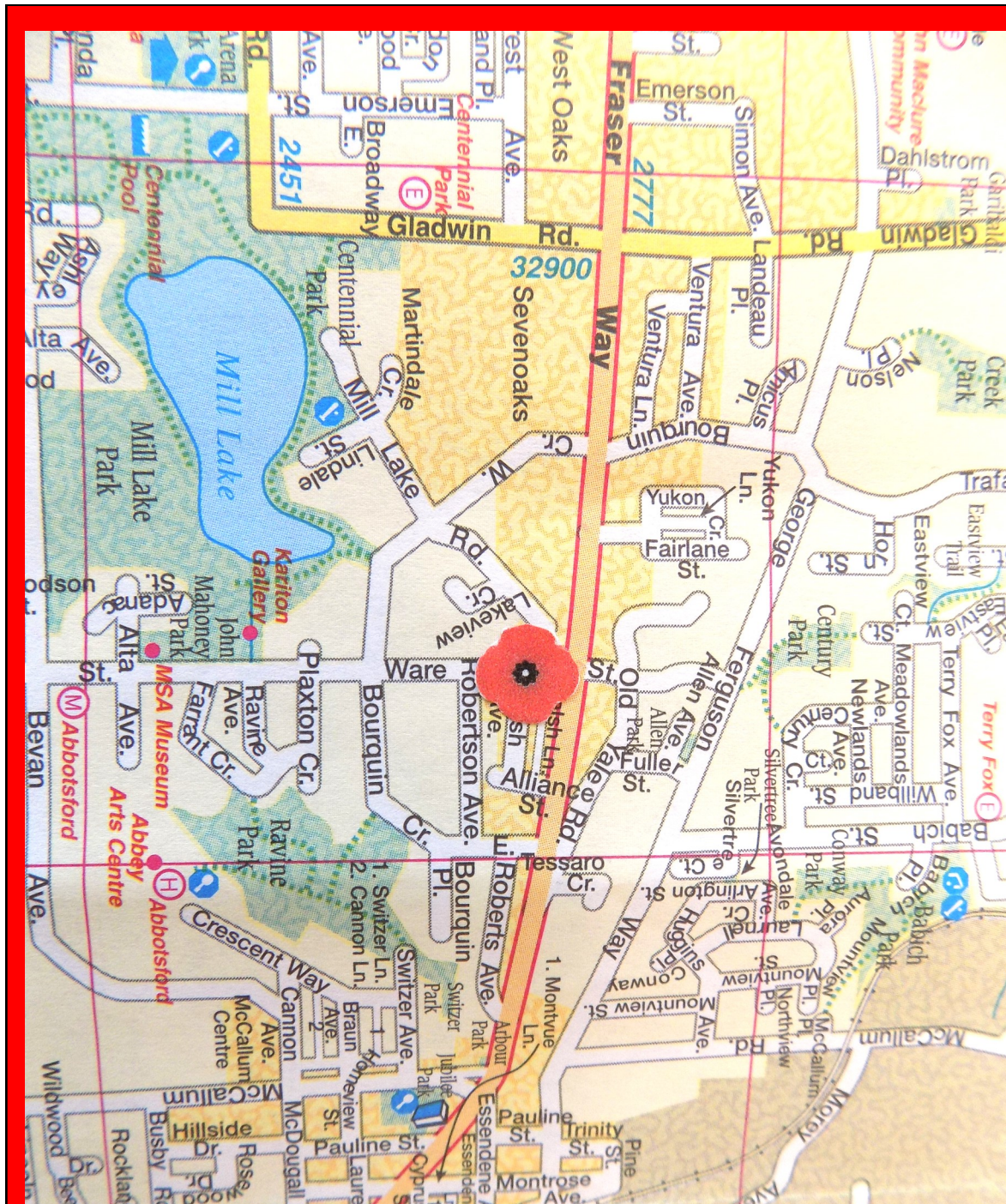




# Lance Corporal Wesley James White

2660 Ware Street

Wesley James White served with the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals, Service Number K34757. Born July 27, 1920, died in a POW camp in Hong Kong, September 25, 1942. Interred at Saiwan War Cemetery, Hong Kong, China.

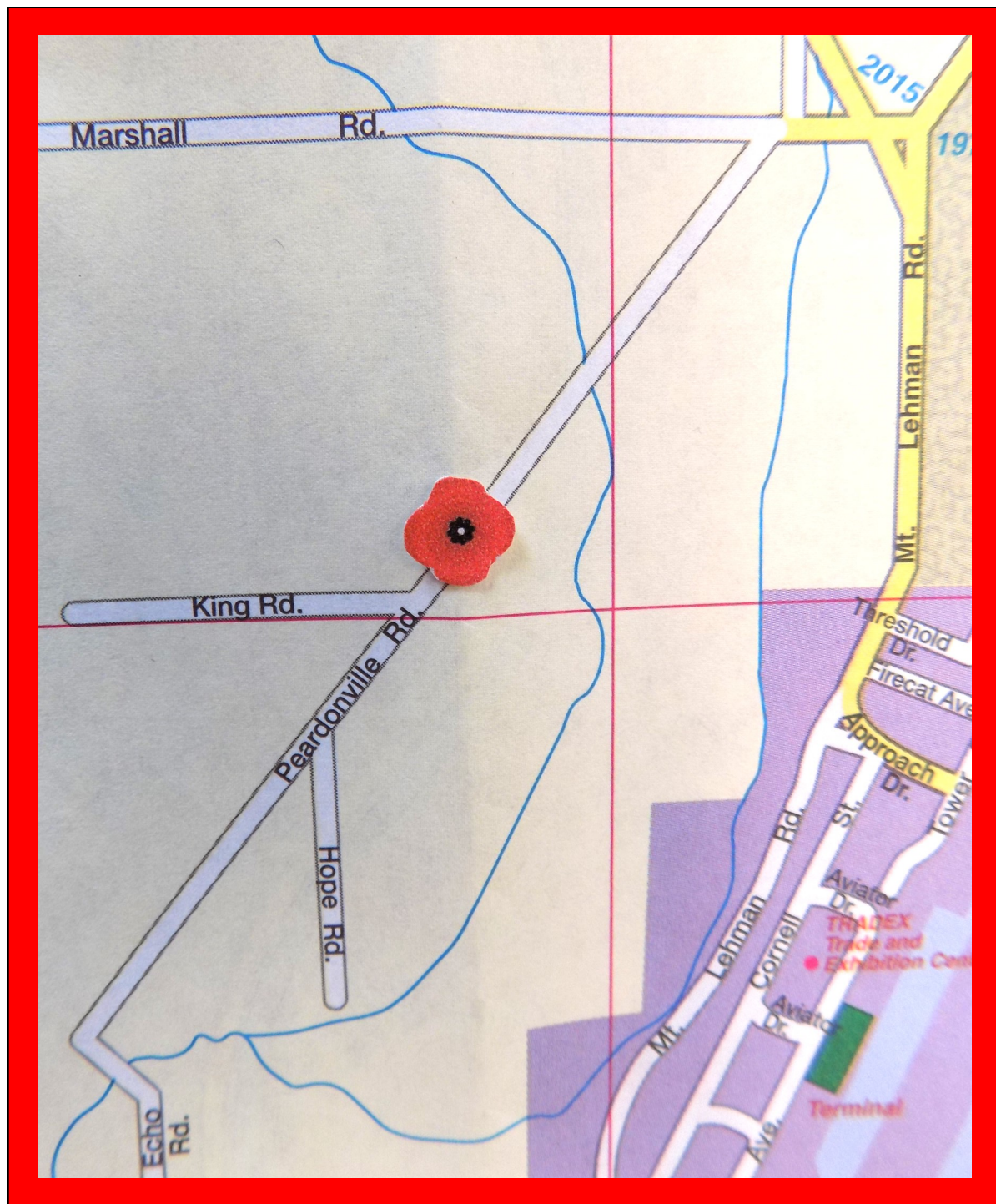




# Private James Lloyd Worthington

1590 Peardonville Road

James Lloyd  
Worthington served with  
the Canadian Scottish  
Regiment, Service  
Number K66672. Born  
January 27, 1915, place  
of death unknown, June  
14, 1944. Interred at  
Brookwood Military  
Cemetery, Woking, UK.



*Lest we forget...*