



Soldiers' Tower Schedule for May 2018

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Memorial Room Opening Hours

- Friday May 4, open 3 – 5 pm
- Monday May 7, open 3 – 5 pm
- Thursday May 10, open 2 – 5 pm
- Monday May 14, open 3 – 5 pm
- Tuesday May 15, open 1:30 – 5:30 pm
- Friday May 18, open 3 – 5 pm
- Monday May 21, Victoria Day holiday, open 12 noon – 4:30 pm
- Friday May 25, open 3 – 5 pm
- Saturday May 26, Doors Open. Open 12 noon – 5 pm
- Sunday May 27, Doors Open. Open 12 noon – 4 pm
- Thursday May 31, Spring Reunion, open 12 noon – 4 pm

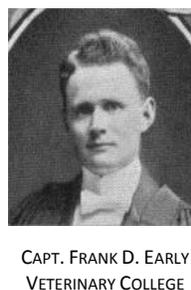
We remember the members of the U of T community who died 100 years ago this month:

Lieutenant Wilbur Fawcett Annis began in the infantry, was wounded near Vimy in December 1916 and invalided to England. After his recovery he was seconded to the Royal Flying Corps. He returned to Canada and served as flight instructor when he was fatally injured in an accident and died on May 4, 1918.

Lieutenant William Gordon Brown served in the Royal Flying Corps and was flying on the Arras front when, on May 7, 1918 his machine was seen to fall – it was unknown whether from accident or from the enemy's fire – and death was instantaneous.

Lieutenant George Alfred Whately (for whom no photo is available) served with the Royal Flying Corps and reached France in March 1918. For two months he served partly on the front north of Armentières to Ypres, and partly on the Somme. On May 10, 1918 he was missing when flying behind the German lines. Many months later it was reported that he had been shot down.

Captain Frank Douglas Early was appointed to the Army Veterinary Corps and served in France with the Imperial Forces. He returned to Canada early in 1916, went back overseas and while serving with the Strathcona Horse (a cavalry unit) he became seriously ill, and was sent back to Canada. He died in hospital at Kingston on May 14, 1918.



Carillon Recitals

Informal recital time will be scheduled closer to the date.

Formal recital:

**Monday May 21, Victoria Day
1 – 2 pm**

Carillonneur: Michael Hart

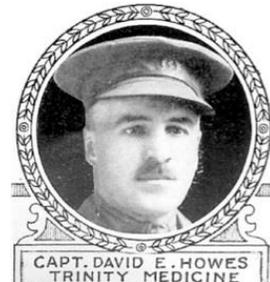
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Please turn over for information on more U of T men who died 100 years ago...

Lieutenant John Oliver Allison served first as Signalling Officer with the infantry, then was seconded to the Royal Flying Corps. He served in Egypt and Mesopotamia, and was killed on May 15, 1918 after he volunteered to fly over the enemy's lines with the Colonel of the Mapping Section to collect information regarding the Turkish dispositions. After his death it was announced that the Military Cross and Bar had been awarded to him for service rendered earlier in the campaign for carrying out raids at low altitudes over the enemy's forces.

Lieutenant Alexander Gilmour MacDonald went overseas in October 1914 and in spring 1915 served through the second battle of Ypres, and at Festubert, where he was severely wounded. After recovery he returned to France and was again severely wounded at Regina Trench in October 1916. After some time in England he returned to Canada as no longer fit for service and after an operation on his knee, infection set in, to which he succumbed on May 18, 1918.

Captain David Edwin Howes served with the Canadian Army Medical Corps. On the evening of May 19, 1918 he had just returned from Church service at Etaples and was about to retire. An air raid on the hospitals began and he went over to help the wounded when a second bomb fell close by and killed him.



Second Lieutenant Joseph Claude Anthony Barker served first with the Canadian Army Dental Corps in Canada, then joined the Royal Flying Corps and trained through the winter of 2017-2018 in Texas. He reached England in spring 1918 and he was accidentally killed on May 19, 1918, the day before he was due to go to France.

Major John Archibald Trebilcock received a commission with the Royal Field Artillery. He served with a succession of units and received promotions. He served on the Armentières front, at the Somme, Vimy, Messines and Passchendaele. He was awarded the Military Cross for his service at Passchendaele in September 1917, when he kept his guns working under heavy enemy fire, and at great personal risk he put out blazing ammunition that had caught fire in one of the gun-pits. From November 1917 to April 1918 he served on the Italian front. On May 21, 1918, this long-serving officer was killed in action near Arras. A position under his command was being heavily bombarded, and he went forward to assist the men who had taken shelter when he was severely wounded by the explosion of a shell in the heated ammunition.

At war's outbreak, Thomas Herman Heintzman was working with Heintzman & Co, the celebrated Canadian piano manufacturer. He joined the Royal Flying Corps in October 1917 and after training at Texas, Second Lieutenant Heintzman was appointed Instructor in Deseronto, Ontario. On May 26, 1918, he was killed in a flying accident when he was instructing a student and made a quick turn to avoid collision with another machine which proved fatal.

Second Lieutenant Melville Allen Duff Davis enlisted with the University Overseas Training Company, which was a training program at U of T to train officers for Imperial commission. He was appointed to an Imperial unit and reached France in May 1917. At Passchendaele he received a severe wound, requiring the amputation of a leg. The wound never healed properly and he succumbed to meningitis on May 28, 1918. He was awarded the Military Cross.



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