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**Signaller
Sidney Horace Underwood
1896-1985**



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Born in Kettering, Northamptonshire, England in 1896, Sidney immigrated with his family to Canada in 1911 and settled in Ingersoll. Back in England Sid had started to work in a shoe factory when he was 13 - his father was a shoe maker by trade and opened a shoe repair business in Ingersoll. World War I was in full swing on January 22, 1916 when Sid enlisted in the 168th Battalion as a mechanic, later training to become a signaller. It was soon discovered that Sid was a good musician. He was transferred to the 121st Battalion and played cornet in the band. He was sent to France in early 1917. As the war was coming to an end, Sid was marching into Germany, through Cologne, playing with the band. In 1942, he received the Canadian Efficiency Medal for long service in recognition of his years with the Oxford Rifles where he was a valuable member of their band, playing in many parades and concerts. Sidney opened a shoe store in Ingersoll on his return.

On January 1, 1920 he married Gennette Rowland. They had three sons, Ernest, Edward and Clifford. Mechanic Sidney Horace Underwood passed away in 1985, he rests in Ingersoll Rural Cemetery.

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