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BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

**THIS BOOK IS DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF ALL WHO SERVED IN:**

WORLD WAR I

WORLD WAR II

KOREAN WAR

**FROM PLATTSVILLE, BRIGHT, CHESTERFIELD
AND WASHINGTON**

A gold star identifies those who died for their country

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FOREWORD



**Gow Harvey and Peter Marshall.
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In casting about for a suitable project to mark the Millennium, students and staff at Plattsville & District Public School decided that their town should have its own cenotaph honoring those from the area who had died while serving in Canada's Armed Forces during World War I and World War II. To that end, the students, from both the Plattsville & District Public School and Plattsville Christian School, raised the funds needed to erect a cenotaph in the park. Some citizens also generously donated.

In keeping with the sentiment behind the cenotaph, and to preserve the memory of those who had served in Canada's wartime military, I thought that a Book of Remembrance recording the names and a brief history of all who served from this area would be helpful. The Book provides such information as I have been able to locate for those men and women who served in World War I (1914-1918), World War II (1939-1945), and the Korean conflict (1950-1953).

It is easy to forget the extraordinary contribution that Canada made during these wars of the Twentieth Century. By 1918, some 600,000 of Canada's 8,000,000 people were in uniform and the Country had lost 60,661 people to combat in the "War to End All Wars". Three decades later, Canada mobilized again, this time putting almost 1,100,00 of its citizens in uniform and producing vast quantities of war material for the Allied armies. Between 1939 and 1945, Canada lost 42,042 of those serving with many others injured or taken prisoner. Of 25,000 Canadian military personnel in Korea, 309 soldiers and 3 sailors lost their lives.

I am indebted to Peter Marshall, the retired Principal of Plattsville & District Public School, for the beautiful wooden cover that he designed and crafted for this Book of Remembrance. I can only hope that copies of this work of art will do justice to the beauty of the original.

The Plattsville & District Heritage Society guided by their President, Wayne Currah, decided to apply to the Trillium Foundation for a grant to fund the printing of this book. Denise Tew was invaluable in filling out the grant application and listing the benefits to the community that this volume would bestow. Without her efforts it is doubtful we would have received funding.

Many other people contributed to this book. From California to Florida, from Cape Breton to Vancouver, and from myriad points between, the friends and relatives of local veterans dug up the records and pictures that I needed to make this book a living testament. I deeply regret that there may be some veterans who I have not been able to trace. Unfortunately some families simply disappear over time.

Two pages have been left blank to record family members or close friends whom you may particularly wish to remember.

Gow Harvey
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