

Military symbols on headstones

At St. Peter's Cemetery, veteran headstones stand apart from standard military markers. Instead of uniform white marble stones, each marker features individualized symbols – unit insignia, conflict - specific badges, or religious motif. Each tell a unique story of service and sacrifice.


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Battle

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Commonly used acronyms

WWI - World War I | **WWII** - World War II

"Lest we forget" is a phrase commonly used in war remembrance services and commemorations in Commonwealth nations, like Canada and Australia. It first appeared in Rudyard Kipling's 1897 Christian poem "Recessional," written to commemorate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee.

*'God of our fathers, known of old,
Lord of our far-flung battle line,
Beneath whose awful hand we hold
Dominion over palm and pine—
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget!'*

St Peter's Cemetery Self-Guided Tour - Military

01

Plot 2-1

Jepson, Michael John
1889-1918
Private: Royal Canadian Army, WWI

02

Plot 3-54

Grady, Richard George
1877-1920
Private: British Army, WWI

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Plot 5-51

Madore, Henry Joseph
1891-1919
Corporal: Canadian Army, WWI

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Plot 5-50

Layton, Alfred Cecil Wilson
1879-1960
Corporal: Royal Canadian Army, WWI

05

Plot 6-54

Davies, Edward Francis
1886-1922
Private: Canadian Army, WWI

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Plot 6-53

Maunch, Vincent
1922-2005
Canadian Army, WWII

Tramy, Charles Louis



07

Plot 7-4

1873-1926
Sargent: Canadian Army, Boer, WWI

He enlisted 21 Oct 1899 in the Royal Canadian Regiment (2nd/6th Bn) for the Boer War, earning the Queen's Medal with four bars. In WWI he joined Canadian Expeditionary Force And served with the 3rd Canadian Machine Gun Corps.

Pittendrigh, George



08

Plot 7-9

1831-1914
Capt.: British Army, Crimea

Captain George Pittendrigh served with the 63rd Foot during the Crimean War as Provost Marshal at Scutari. Arriving in BC in 1874, he acquired Minnekhada Ranch and reorganized Seymour Artillery into BC Provincial Artillery. He served as Indian agent, magistrate, and coroner. Dying in 1914, he received full military honors.

Chisholm, John Alexander

09

Plot 10-8

1874-1926
Sapper: Canadian Army – Tunnelling Company, WWI

A well-known Alaskan miner, died suddenly aboard the SS Alaska while traveling to Vancouver. He enlisted in the Army and served with the 2nd Tunnelling Co. Captured during the 1916 German offensive near Ypres, he endured harsh captivity at Gefangenenlager Wahn and Limburg. Despite the risks and terrible camp conditions, Chisholm orchestrated a daring escape, demonstrating remarkable resolve and ingenuity. In January 1920, his bravery was recognized with the Military Medal.



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Plot 11-46

Vasey, Charles Patrick
1907-1959
United States Navy, WWII

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Plot 14-35

Shirley, Leo Wallace
1900-1947
Private: Canadian Army, WWI

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Plot 14-38

Rooney, Dennis Seagriff
1877-1947
British Army – Cameron Highlanders, WWI

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Plot 16-52

Clark, William
1884-1973
Private: Canadian Army, WWI

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Plot 16-52

Graff, George Anthony
1919-1978
Gunner: Royal Canadian Army, WWII

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Plot 16-51

Belland, Paul Joseph
1923-1953
Private: Army - South Saskatchewan Regiment, WWII

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Plot 17-3

Jolin, Norman Joseph
1896-1954
Sargent: Army / Air Force, WWI, WWII

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Plot 16-8

De Delley, Hippolite
1869-1953
Corporal: Swiss Army / Canadian Army, WWI

Devaney, John Henry "Jack"



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Plot 16-44

1881-1954
Gunner: British Army, Boer, WWI

Jack Devaney was a track athlete who coached Olympians for 1912. At 20, he joined the British Army, serving in Malta, then the Boer War. He captained All Ireland's Cross Country team, arrived in Vancouver in 1910, joined 68th Bn in 1915, and successfully formed Sardis and Vancouver Athletic clubs

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Plot 19-6

Byrne, William Peter
1911-1958
Royal Canadian Air Force, WWII

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Plot 20-6

McIntyre, Murdock
1907-1961
Army - Canadian Black Watch Regiment

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Plot 24-47

Stone, William James
1902-1971
Private: Royal Canadian Army Service Corps, WWII

McAtee, Garrel Joseph

22

Plot 29-50

1927-2002
Staff Sargent USMC: United States Navy / Marine Corps, WWII and Korea

Staff Sergeant in the US Marine Corps, served in the South Pacific during WWII and later in Korea with H S Co, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division, FMF (569745Mri Pearl). He graduated from Seattle University in 1954, earning a BA in Philosophy with minors in Economics and Psychology.

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Plot 27-46

Hughes, Francis Edward
1914-1981
WWII

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Plot 31-15

Lemire, Edward Peter
1913-1988
Private: Army - Royal Canadian Corps of Signals, WWII

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Plot 31-37

Pelchat, Joseph Maurice Edouard
1919-1987
Private: US Army, WWI

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Plot 31-32

Jolin, George Arthur
1927-1998
Commander: Royal Canadian Navy

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Plot 28-27

Van den bussche, Alphonse Henri
1914-1982
Private: Royal Canadian Army, WWII CIC

(28) **Plot 27-28**
Doran, Francis Thomas
1914-2000
Private: Canadian Army, WWII

(29) **Plot 23-31**
St. John, Albert Laurence
1921-1971
Corporal: Army - Royal Canadian Corps of Signals, WWII

(30) **Plot 20-29**
Bouchard, Arthur Joseph
1894-1962
Private: Canadian Army, WWI

(31) **Plot 20-36**
Walsh, James Charles
1888-1962
Sargeant: Canadian Army, WWII

(32) **Plot 20-12**
Todd, James Patrick Donald
1922-1961
Private: Canadian Army Service Corps, WWII

(33) **Plot 19-18**
Carriere, Guillaume Joseph
1896-1959
Private: Canadian Army, WWI

Quimet nee Devine, Patricia Frances



(34) **Plot 17-18**
1925-1955
Leading Aircraft Woman: Royal Canadian Airforce, WWII

Patricia was one of five daughters of Patrick Devine & Mary Reid who served Canada during WWII. All wore the Air Force uniform. She was the wife of Guy Ludger Quimet

(35) **Plot 16-23**
McMillan, John Anderson
1897-1953
Royal Air Force, WWI

Evans nee Bracken, Elizabeth Mary



(36) **Plot 15-15**
1886-1947
Nurse: Army Nurse, WWI

Elizabeth Evans, a WWI nurse awarded the Mons Star for service in France. Her husband served as storekeeper at loco; her son died in WWII.

(37) **Plot 14-30**
De Marco, Frank Vincent
1921-1947
Flight Officer: Royal Canadian Air Force, WWII

(38) **Plot Cenotaph**
Atkins, William Alexander
1886-1916
Corporal: Canadian Army, WWI

(39) **Plot Cenotaph**
Leamy, Hubert
1887-1917
Sargeant: Canadian Army, WWI

(40) **Plot 13.5-8**
Desautels, Aime Joseph
1895-1949
Private: Canadian Army – Saskatchewan Regiment, WWI

(41) **Plot 14-26**
Touchette, Joseph Israel
1879-1947
Trooper: Royal Canadian Army, WWI, WWII

(42) **Plot 13-30**
Alain, Aime
1923-1942
Gunner: Army - 3rd Searchlight Battery, WWII

(43) **Plot 13-34**
Godeau, Octave
1881-1943
Private: Belgian Army / Canadian Army, WWI

(44) **Plot 12-37**
Keary, Henry Parnell
1886-1951
Sargent: Royal Canadian Army – BC Regiment, WWI

(45) **Plot 12-39**
Rooney, Owen
Sargent: British Army - Kings Own Scottish Borderers, WWI

(46) **Plot 13-15**
David, Victor Matthew James
1906-1976
Captain: Royal Canadian Navy, WWI

(47) **Plot 13-14**
O'Hara, John
1886-1958
British Army, Boer

(48) **Plot 9-41**
MacDonald, Archibald Joseph
1923-1949
Rifleman: Canadian Army – Edmonton Fusiliers & Regina Rifles, WWI

(49) **Plot 7-31**
Archambault, Percy
1898-1918
Cadet: Royal Canadian Air Force, WWI

Sullivan, Harry Joseph



(50) **Plot 5.5-21**
1897-1965
Sargent: Royal Canadian Army – BC Regiment, WWI

Army, British and Canadian
Enlisted on 13 Dec 1915, in New Westminster with the 131st Overseas Battalion, CEF, he served at the British Columbia Regimental Depot in England. On 23 Feb 1918, he was commissioned in the Imperial Army, having previously served with the 104th Regiment. After the war, he became a well known judge.

(51) **Plot 03-24**
Hawke, Russell Henry
1893-1968
Brigadier: Canadian Army, WWI

Doherty, Charles Edward



(52) **Plot 3-23**
1873-1920
Lt. Col, MD:
Canadian Army Medical Corp, WWI

Colonel Doherty, a pre-war active militia member and physician, enlisted in 1914, serving with the Canadian Medical Army Corps. Officially noted in 1917 by the War Secretary for his service, he advanced psychiatric medicine by shifting attitudes on shell shock, shaping modern PTSD understanding.

Dessert, Leon Albert



(53) **Plot 4-35**
Dessert, Leon Albert
1919-1944
Pilot Officer: RCAF, WWII

Pilot Officer Dessert, born in Marcelin, SK, enlisted in the RCAF in 1940. He died age 24 on 27 June 1944, while patrolling BC's coast. Dessert Lake stands as a lasting tribute to his sacrifice and bravery in service to Canada.

(54) **Plot 3-39**
Monk, George Francis
1889-1958
Private: Canadian Army, WWI

Keary, William O'Brien



(55) **Plot 4-45**
1890-1916
Driver: Canadian Army - Canadian Field Artillery, WWI

The youngest son of William and Mary Keary, and grandson of James Keary. William served with the 11th Canadian Field Artillery Brigade. He died November 13, 1916, interred at Albert Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme, France. His father served as mayor of New Westminster.

Keary, James

(56) **Plot 4-10**
Keary, James
1823-1871
Sargeant: Royal Engineer,
A Royal Engineer, Keary died in New Westminster as the result of an accident, leaving his wife and 3 children. His son, William Holland Keary, was mayor of New Westminster for 8 years, manager of the Royal Agricultural and Industrial Society of New Westminster, and Hon. secretary of the General Hospital for 30 years.

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(57)
Cadieux, Gabriel Oscar
1894-1955
Corporal: Canadian Army, WWI

(58)
Donaghue, John
1888-1947
Private: Army - Canadian Railway Troops, WWI