



Their Memory is hallowed  
in the Land they loved

Description and Presentation  
of  
Our Book of Remembrance  
to the  
Halifax Memorial Library  
by the  
Halifax County Chapter  
of the  
Remembrance Association  
of  
Silver Cross Women of Canada

Sunday, May 29th., 1955 at 2.30 o'clock

## Order of Service

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"O Canada"

Invocation - The Very Reverend J. Gerald Berry, D.D.,  
Archbishop of Halifax.

Opening Remarks - - - - Mrs. Will R. Bird,  
President of the Halifax County Chapter of the  
Remembrance Association of Silver Cross Women of  
Canada.

### PRESENTATION OF THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE:

The Honourable Alistair Fraser, M.C., Q.C., L.L.D.,  
Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia will receive the Book  
from the Convenor of the Committee, and will present it  
in the name of the Silver Cross Women to the Halifax  
Memorial Library.

Addresses by:

Honourable Henry D. Hicks, B.C.L., D.E.D., D.C.L.,  
Premier of Nova Scotia.

Mr. Leonard A. Kitz, L.L.B.,  
Mayor of the City of Halifax.

Benediction - Reverend H. B. Clarke, D.D., M.C., E.D

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

## Our Book of Remembrance

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*A Book of Remembrance was written  
For them that feared the Lord  
And that thought upon His name.  
And they shall be mine  
Saith the Lord of Hosts  
In that day when I make up my jewels.*

(Malachi III, 16 and 17)

In this Halifax Memorial Library we are placing to-day a Book of Remembrance in loving tribute to 677 men and women from the City and the County of Halifax who gave their lives in the Second World War and in Korea. In 1951, the Halifax County Chapter of the Remembrance Association of the Silver Cross Women of Canada decided to prepare a Roll of Honor recording for posterity the names of the loved ones in whose honour we wear the Silver Memorial Cross, and agreed that this Book should be made of the finest materials by our own skilled craftsmen.

This has been done, and the Book may be seen through the glass case on the second floor of the Library, opposite the Garden of Remembrance. This case also contains the Book of Remembrance for the First World War.

The pages of Our Book of Remembrance will be turned regularly but the Book may not be handled by the public. In the Reference Library there is a photographic copy of all the pages, bound together in the form of a book which may be seen upon request. Coloured photographic slides have also been made of each page and a copy of any page

or slide may be procured from the Chapter at a nominal cost.

When opened, the Book measures 14 x 41 inches, and contains sixty pages of the finest real parchment, beautifully illuminated by hand. As a heading on each page, a replica of our Silver Memorial Cross is entwined in a cluster of conventional oak leaves in jewel colours. Exquisite miniatures representative of the County of Halifax have also been included on each page. The lettering is in black Old English manuscript, backed by a midnight blue sash, all names being underlined in solid gold. The versals or large capitals are Lombardic in origin and are also in jewel colours and finished in gold.

At the beginning of the Book, between the groups of Services and at the end are a number of Special Pages, all fully illuminated and quite varied, thus relieving the solidity and uniformity of the name pages.

The Book is bound in Royal Purple Newfoundland Seal, and the covers are lined with white silk moire. Two solid silver handmade clasps of a design similar to that of the Silver Memorial Cross are very plain with a single line engraved close to the edges.

The Book-mark is also made by hand of solid silver. It measures 3 x 14 inches, and when placed between the opened pages unites them, rather than dividing the Book. A lone sea-gull, beautifully made of silver, hovers over a church window in which hangs a Silver Memorial Cross on a background of the purple leather. This cross, given to the Chapter by the family of our late member Mrs. Mary Helena Sweeney of Herring Cove, who lost two sons in the Second World War, is placed there

in her memory. Below the window are engraved the words "County of Halifax, Nova Scotia, World War II."

The first page of the Book is inscribed with the motto of this Remembrance Association, the lines of Laurence Binyon:

*They shall grow not old  
As we that are left grow old.  
Age shall not weary them  
Nor the years condemn;  
At the going down of the sun  
And in the morning  
We will remember them.*

Opposite this page is the Foreword, written by the Convenor of the Book of Remembrance Committee, Mrs. J. R. Machum, who compiled the pages:

*This Book of Remembrance is our gift to the Halifax Memorial Library to be placed within the case prepared for it for all time. In it are the names of our Loved Ones who gave their lives in the Second Great War and in the Korean War, and we—their Mothers and Widows of the Halifax County Chapter of the Silver Cross Women of Canada—humbly, yet proudly, present this record with grateful thanks to all those whose time, talent and generosity encouraged us to compile these pages.*

The following page is illuminated with the new County of Halifax crest and the County Seal, with the words, "Your Memory Hallowed in the Land you Loved" inscribed in Royal Purple Old English Manuscript. Across from this is the Dedication Page, the beautiful words of which are written by

Dr. Will R. Bird, and are encircled in a laurel wreath:

*These are the young men who travelled war's road to journey's end, on Land, on Sea and in the Air. They had the spirit that keeps good cheer and a gallant faith to win in the end. They heard duty call and answered simply, gave Life simply, with no striving after glory, with no thought beyond the job in hand. They came from town and country and small time was theirs, but in that time most greatly lived these Sons of Empire. They upheld the chivalry of our day for they rose to the highest nobility there is in man, to serve and suffer that others might go free. Their place is with the brave band of warriors who down the years have defended and preserved our Liberty. "My marks and scars I carry with me to be a witness for me that I have fought His battles Who will now be my Rewarder—So he passed over, and all the trumpets sounded for him on the other side."*

Duplicates of the *Foreword* and the *Dedication* have been framed and placed within the case.

The Provincial pages follow with the Grand Seal of Nova Scotia embossed in one corner and a miniature shield—the Lion rampant on Saint Andrew's Cross—opposite. The words "Thy Country Lives—Sleep, quiet Dead" are inscribed in Royal Purple on the left page, while on the right is a verse from the hymn "O Valiant Hearts":

*Proudly you gathered rank on rank to war  
As who had heard God's message from afar;  
All you had hoped for, all you had, you gave  
To save mankind—yourself you scorned to save.*

The City of Halifax coat-of-arms appears in

miniature on the next page with the names of the five services in which these men and women served:

*Royal Canadian Navy*  
*Canadian Army*  
*Royal Canadian Air Force*  
*Canadian Merchant Navy*  
*Halifax Harbour Pilots.*

Then follow 583 names, carefully inscribed in alphabetical order, of those who enlisted in the Navy, Army and Air Force with their rank, decoration and date of death. On these pages are painted in beautiful colours exquisite miniatures: the Nova Scotia coat-of-arms; a Highlander; a Bell-buoy; the Canadian coat-of-arms; the Lighthouse at Peggy's Cove; the Flag of Nova Scotia; the Province House; a Thistle; the Imperial Arms; the Sailors' War Memorial at Point Pleasant Park; the Old Town Clock; the Union Jack; the Navy Crown; apple-blossoms; the Memorial Tower on the North West Arm; the emblem of Canada—three Maple-leaves conjoined on one stem; the emblem of Nova Scotia—May-flowers; the Navy Flag or Duster; and finally the Air Force Crest on a page beautifully illuminated with the words of 'High Flight', written by John Gillispie Magee, Jr.:

*Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth  
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;  
Sunward I've climbed and joined the tumbling mirth  
Of Sun-split clouds—and done a hundred things  
You have not dreamed of—wheeled and soared and swung  
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there  
I've chased the shouting wind along  
And flung my eager craft through footless halls of air;  
Up, up the long delirious burning blue  
I've topped the windswept heights with easy grace  
Where never lark, nor even eagle flew.  
And while with silent lifting mind, I've trod  
The high untrespassed sanctity of space  
Put out my hand and touched the face of God.*



Preceding the names of those who served in the Canadian Merchant Navy is a title page, beautifully done in blue, with their Crest in one corner, and on the opposite page are the words from the 139th Chapter of the Psalms of David:

*If I take the wings of the morning,  
And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;  
Even there shall Thy hand lead me,  
And Thy right hand shall hold me.*

The names of 85 men and women, and the name of the ship on which each one served when lost, fill the next several pages. Miniature paintings of the Schooner Bluenose; a Kingfisher; and an excellent reproduction of the Lightships at the Gate of Halifax Harbour, with Meagher's Lighthouse in the distance, are all included in the designs. These pages end with the words of the Psalmist:

*They that go down to the sea in ships  
That do business in great waters;  
These see the works of the Lord  
And His wonders in the deep.*

The next pair of pages is dedicated to the nine men who lost their lives in the sinking of the Schooner "Hebridean" off the Portuguese Shoal, Halifax County on the night of March 28, 1940. The names of six Halifax Harbour Pilots and their crew are beautifully inscribed with miniature paintings of the Schooner and the Harbour Pilot's insignia included in the design. On the opposite page are the four verses of Alfred Lord Tennyson's "Crossing the Bar";

*Sunset and evening star  
And one clear call for me  
And may there be no moaning of the bar  
When I put out to sea.  
For such a tide as moving seems asleep  
Too full for sound or foam*

*When that which drew from out the boundless deep  
Turns again home.  
Twilight and evening bell  
And after that the dark!  
And may there be no sadness of farewell  
When I embark.  
For though from out our bourne of time and place  
The flood may bear me far  
I hope to see my Pilot face to face  
When I have crossed the bar.*

The final pair of pages has inscribed on the left side, another verse from the hymn "O Valiant Hearts";

*Splendid you passed, the great surrender made  
Into the light that nevermore shall fade;  
Deep your contentment in that blest abode  
Who wait the last clear trumpet-call of God.*

Opposite these words, on the last page is inscribed this comforting benediction:

*O Lord, support us all the day long  
until the shadows lengthen and the  
evening comes, the busy world is hush-  
ed and the fever of life is over and our  
work is done. Then in Thy Mercy  
grant us safe lodging, a Holy rest and  
Peace at the last. Amen.*

An exquisite miniature of our Cenotaph on the Grand Parade ends the Book.

## Compilation and Execution

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The Roll of Honour was compiled in the Record Office, National Defence Headquarters, Ottawa. Through the efforts of Dr. Will R. Bird, the names were supplied by the Director of War Records, Colonel C. P. Stacey. Several names were added because of deaths since the lists were received. The names of those on whose account any member of this Chapter received her Silver Cross, and who had enlisted elsewhere, have also been included.

Funds for the production of this Book of Remembrance were raised by the Chapter, and augmented with generous gifts from the City, the County and interested friends. We would pay tribute to the late Mr. Harry C. Murphy, O.B.E., whose optimism and timely assistance in securing finances gave us the encouragement we needed.

The illumination and the lettering on the pages was done by Mr. H. P. Bernasconi whose work is known all across Canada. The Book was bound by Mr. G. E. G. MacLaren of the Nova Scotia Provincial Archives. The silver clasps and the book-mark are the work of Mr. Norman U. Anderson of the Metal Arts Guild of Nova Scotia, the working designs for these being drawn by Miss Morna MacLellan and Mrs. J. R. Machum. The embossed Silver Cross on each page is the work of Mr. William A. Ives. The framing of the parchments within the case was done by Miss Marjorie T. Lavers.

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Mrs. J. Ralph MACHUM, Convenor

Halifax, Nova Scotia  
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