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**Colonel Maurice Grey Pearson,
A surgeon who made a difference to his profession and to his
country.**

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PRIVATE JEREMIAH HENRY JONES, C.F.M.D.S.

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.Jeremiah Jones was born March 30th, 1858, in East Mountain, Nova Scotia. When he enlisted with the 106th Battalion Nova Scotia Rifles on June 19th, 1916, he stated the year of his birth as 1877 so as not to be rejected due to his actual age of 58 years! Transferred to the Royal Canadian Regiment Jones was sent to the Western Front like so many other Canadians and found himself at Vimy Ridge in April 1917. During the battle, Jones and his regiment were pinned down by German Machine Gun fire. He proceeded with an attack on the German Machine Gun nest and destroyed it with a hand grenade. The remaining German Soldiers surrendered to him. Jones returned across the battlefield with his captives carrying the disabled machine gun where he ordered them to deposit the gun at the feet of his commanding officer. He was also wounded by a gun shot to the arm. Jones for his bravery on the battlefield that day was recommended for the Distinguished Conduct Medal - a

prestigious decoration for gallantry in the field. For reasons unknown, perhaps due to the racist climate at that time, the Distinguished Conduct Medal was never awarded. It was not until 2010 that the Canadian Government posthumously awarded him the Canadian Forces Medallion for Distinguished Service and The Last Post Fund, erected a new gravestone with full military honours on his behalf.





Jeremiah Jones seen in his First World War uniform. Black Canadians had difficulty enlisting due to the racism of the era. He was one of 16 that enlisted with the 106th Battalion Nova Scotia Rifles.

Image: Wikipedia, from the personal collection of the Jones family.



Canadian Forces Medallion For Distinguished Service

106th Battalion							TAKEN ON STRENGTH	
Regimental No.	Rank	Name	Former Corps	Name of Next of Kin	Address of Next of Kin	Country of Birth	Place	Date
714270	Private	Shagan, William James	NS	Hagan, Mrs. Martha	Marquish, Pictou Co., N.S.	Canada	Pictou	April 18, 1916
714271	C. Corporal	Shagan, Louis Arthur	NS	Hagan, Mrs. Martha	744 River, Cumberland Co., N.S.	Canada	Pictou	Jan. 12, 1916
714272	Private	Shal, Courtney Allan	NS	Hall, Mrs. Anne	New Glasgow, Pictou Co., N.S.	Canada	Truro	April 25, 1916
714280	Private	Shelton, Herbert Edgar	NS	McAlister, Mrs. Edward	East New Anson, Colchester Co., N.S.	Canada	Truro	May 28, 1916
714281	Private	Shelton, Victor Sydney	NS	Peel, Mrs. James	East New Anson, Colchester Co., N.S.	Canada	Truro	May 28, 1916
714282	Private	Hyde, Percy John	NS	Hyde, Mrs. Emily May	New Glasgow, Pictou Co., N.S.	Canada	Pictou	Mar. 5, 1916
714283	Private	Snider, William	NS	Snider, Mrs. Agnes	Boynton, N.S.	Canada	Truro	Dec. 22, 1916
714284	Private	Steele, Adam	NS	Steele, Mrs. Margaret	11 Cambridge St., Glasgow, Scot.	Scotland	Sydney	Dec. 27, 1916
714285	Private	Steele, Edward Kay	24th Regt	Wall, Mrs. Annie	Riverdale, Colchester Co., N.S.	Canada	Truro	Dec. 27, 1916
714286	Private	Steele, Harry E.	NS	Walker, Mrs. Matthew	Truro, Colchester Co., N.S.	Canada	Truro	Dec. 27, 1916
714287	Private	Jones, William David	7th Regt	Jones, Mrs. Florence	English Harbour, Trinity Bay, Nfld.	Newfoundland	Sydney	Dec. 19, 1916
714288	Private	Living, Whitfield	NS	Living, Mrs. Sarah	West Ingonish, Victoria Co., N.S.	Canada	Truro	Feb. 25, 1916
714289	Private	Jackson, John Barrett	NS	Jackson, James I.	Aylmer, King's Co., N.S.	Canada	Truro	Dec. 27, 1916
714290	Corporal	Jackson, Noble Wilbur	NS	Morris, Mrs. R. D.	47 Borden St., Whitby, Ont., C. B., N.S.	Newfoundland	Truro	Jan. 22, 1916
714291	Private	Jones, Samuel James	NS	DeBerry, Mrs. Josephine	Main St., Sydney Mines, C.B., N.S.	Canada	Sydney	Dec. 22, 1916
714292	Private	Jeffries, Thomas William	84th Regt	Jones, Mrs. Annie	George's River, C.B., N.S.	Canada	Truro	Dec. 18, 1916
714293	Private	Dean, Clarence	94th Regt	Jones, Mrs. Annie	Sydney Mines, C.B., N.S.	Canada	Truro	Dec. 18, 1916
714294	Private	Jones, John Joseph	NS	Jones, James	George's River, C.B., N.S.	Canada	Amherst	Dec. 25, 1916
714295	Private	Jones, Warren	NS	Smith, Mrs. Cecil	Amherst, Cumberland Co., N.S.	Canada	Sydney	Nov. 18, 1916
714296	Private	Steele, Herbert	NS	Jackson, Mrs. Jane	Spring Hill, Cumberland Co., N.S.	Canada	Sydney	Jan. 9, 1916
714297	Private	John, Kenneth	84th Regt	Jones, Mrs. Margaret	Truro, Colchester Co., N.S.	Canada	Truro	Jan. 25, 1916
714298	Private	Johnson, Alexander	NS	Johnson, Clarence	Parsons, Cumberland Co., N.S.	Canada	Truro	Jan. 4, 1916
714299	Private	Johnson, Fred Alexander	NS	Johnson, J. W.	Verdon, British, Dredgerton Mill Rd., Birmingham, Eng.	England	Amherst	Nov. 22, 1916
714300	Private	Johnson, Frederick Phineas	NS	Johnson, Jack	Truro, Colchester Co., N.S.	Canada	Truro	Nov. 8, 1916
714301	Private	Johnson, Gordon	NS	Loe, Mrs. Edward	East Mountain, Colchester Co., N.S.	Canada	Truro	Nov. 28, 1916
714302	Private	Johnson, Harry Noble	24th Regt	Johnson, William George	Upper Leitch's Creek, C.B., N.S.	Canada	Sydney	Nov. 28, 1916
714303	Private	Johnson, Neil	NS	Johnson, Marlock J.	Stannary, King's Co., N.S.	Canada	Truro	Nov. 28, 1916
714304	Private	Johnson, Roland Arnold	24th Regt	Johnson, Mrs. Mary	North Sydney, C.B., N.S.	Canada	Truro	Nov. 28, 1916
714305	Private	Johnson, William Angus	NS	Johnson, Mrs. Helen	8 Mill St., Amherst, Cumberland Co., N.S.	Canada	Amherst	Nov. 11, 1916
714306	Private	Johnson, Frederick	NS	Johnson, Marlock J.	Fort Beauséjour, Richmond Co., C.B., N.S.	Canada	Truro	May 29, 1916
714307	Private	Johnson, John	NS	Johnson, Mrs. J. J.	River John, Pictou Co., N.S.	Canada	Pictou	April 17, 1916
714308	Private	Johnson, John Tom	NS	Johnson, Frank	River John, Pictou Co., N.S.	Canada	Pictou	April 17, 1916
714309	Private	Jollymore, George Rivers	NS	Jollymore, Frank	Pictou, N.S.	Canada	Pictou	April 17, 1916
714310	Private	Jollymore, Harry Henry	MM, C. P. A.	Jollymore, Mrs. Ella	12 Carleton St., Amherst, Cumberland Co., N.S.	Canada	Amherst	Jan. 8, 1916
714311	Private	Jollymore, Warren	NS	Jollymore, Mrs. Sarah	New Glasgow, Pictou Co., N.S.	Canada	Pictou	April 12, 1916
714312	Private	Jollymore, William Andrew	NS	Jones, Mrs. Hattie	Birmingham, Eng.	England	Truro	Nov. 27, 1916
714313	Private	Jones, Clarence Joseph	24th Regt	Jones, Mrs. Mary Ann	Truro, Colchester Co., N.S.	Canada	Truro	Nov. 28, 1916
714314	Private	Jones, Herbert	NS	Jones, Mrs. Clara	Truro, Colchester Co., N.S.	Canada	Truro	Nov. 28, 1916
714315	Private	Jones, Irving Thomas	NS	Jones, Mrs. Ethel	Quinbrook, Halifax Co., N.S.	Canada	Truro	Nov. 28, 1916
714316	Private	Jones, Jeremiah	NS	Jones, Mrs. Hattie May	Providence, R.I., U.S.A.	Canada	Truro	Nov. 28, 1916
714317	Private	Jones, John Frederick	NS	Jordan, George	Pictou, N.S.	Canada	Pictou	Jan. 5, 1916
714318	Private	Jones, Sydney Morgan	NS	Jordan, Mrs. Mary	Michie Marysville, Colchester Co., N.S.	Canada	Truro	Feb. 25, 1916
714319	Private	Jordan, Wilfred	NS	Kay, Elsie	Essex, Guysborough Co., N.S.	Canada	Truro	Feb. 19, 1916
714320	Private	Jordan, Willie	NS	Kay, Mrs. Emma Louisa	River Hebert, Cumberland Co., N.S.	England	Spring Hill	Mar. 29, 1916
714321	Private	Kay, Louis Laurier	NS					
714322	Private	Kay, William	NS					

Nominal Roll for the 106th Battalion Nova Scotia Rifles. In addition to other black Canadians listed, there is Jeremiah Jones, 7th from the bottom. Regimental no. 716221, Private Jones, Jeremiah, next of kin his mother Mrs. Ethel Jones, Taken on Strength at Truro, Nova Scotia, June 19th, 1916. Image: courtesy of Indra and Allan Ross collection.

Colonel Maurice Grey Pearson,

O.B.E. (M), MB. B.Sc. (Lon.), F.R.C.S. (Eng.)

**MRCS 9 May 1895; FRCS 9 December 1897; BSc London 1892;
MB 1895; LRCP 1895.**



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AFRICA SERVICE MEDAL - Un-Named

Born - 20 March 1872

Died - 13 May 1952

Occupation - General surgeon and Orthopaedic Surgeon

Details

Born on 20 March 1872, the third child and second son of William George Pearson, civil engineer, and his wife Emma Hind, he was educated at University College School and St Bartholomew's Hospital, where he won the Harvey prize and served as house surgeon and ophthalmic house surgeon. He graduated in science in 1892 and qualified in 1895 with honours in forensic medicine.

After serving as House Surgeon, and also as Ophthalmic House Surgeon at St. Bartholomew's, he obtained the F.R.C.S. (Eng.).

He emigrated to South Africa in 1900, settling in Alicedale Cape Province and served as District Surgeon and Railway Medical Officer. He served in the Alicedale Town Guard as 39 Private M. G. Pearson as there were no Officer positions available and he still wished to serve.

After the war in 1902 he joined W Addison at Durban, where he carried on a large general practice including surgery and ophthalmology for the rest of his career.

In 1903 Joined Natal Medical Corps as Lieutenant, promoted Captain and appointed Adjutant of the Durban Company. During the 1906 Natal Native Rebellion, awarded the Medal and 1906 Bar, after the rebellion in 1907 he was posted to the Reserve of Officers with rank of Major.

In 1914 – 1915 German South West Campaign, in the rank of Major. Appointed Surgeon Specialist to Ber-range's Column (Eastern Force). He was also awarded an MID. When the campaign was over in South West Africa he took charge of the Surgical Division of the South African Military Hospital Unit which went overseas and stationed at Abbeville France.



While in France he was appalled at the high mortality rate from compound fractures of the femur. With his characteristic thoroughness and determination he set about devising ways and means of dealing with this widespread problem. He worked under the most adverse conditions, and evolved a method of transportation and treatment of fractured femur which made his name well known throughout the Commonwealth. England and America.

His work was acclaimed on all sides and for this he was mentioned in dispatches. He made his mark, with the support of his friends Sir Anthony Bowlby and Sir Robert Jones, by promoting a great improvement in the treatment of compound fractures of the femur, successfully reducing the excessive mortality, and was later given charge of the 1000 bed "femur hospital" at Edmonton, London, England. Pearson's method attracted the admiration of American orthopaedic surgeons, and he published a record of his work.

The magnificent results obtained were a revelation, and compared very favourably with those of modern orthopaedic surgeons. This hospital was a Mecca of surgeons of all the Armed Forces. including Americans. It is of interest that a recent American textbook of surgery gives in detail the methods Dr. Pearson used. After the war Dr. Pearson returned to Durban to resume practice, which rapidly became more than he could manage.

Because of this work he was mentioned in dispatches, created Officer of the Order of the British Empire in the military division, and promoted brevet Lieutenant-Colonel.

He took the late Dr. A. D. Edington into partnership and later his son Lawrence joined him. Dr. Pearson retired in 1936, but in 1940 again joined the partnership (without remuneration), to enable his son to join the S.A.M.C. in World War 2.

Dr. Maurice Pearson took on part-time military duties, and was Lieutenant-Colonel in charge of auxiliary hospitals in the Durban area. He was a past President of the Natal Coastal Branch of the Medical Association of South Africa, and past President of the South African Medical Congress held in Durban.

In September 1937 he was awarded a patent for a special folding stretcher to be used in emergency medical situations where transportation is required that came about after being present and treating the casualties at the Kynoch's Dynamite Factory in Natal. This metal stretcher was cheap, fool-proof, indestructible, folds compactly and is light. It does away with vertical vibration and almost abolishes longitudinal or lateral jerks. Could be used in Vans, Open or Closed Raliway Trucks and in the backs of Motor Vehicle Trucks and not be required to be fixed to the floor. This stretcher was taken up by the South African and various Commonwealth Governments.

He was the most senior officer and a past Colonel of the 1st Field Ambulance, S.A.M.C., in Durban.

Dr. Pearson was Senior Visiting Surgeon at the Addington Hospital from 1927-1936. When Dr. Pearson retired in 1936 he was appointed Consulting Surgeon to Addington Hospital, a post which he occupied until he died. He was a past Chairman of the Natal Cripple Care Association, and a past Chairman of the Natal Radium Trust Fund--a fund which he helped to organize, and for which he raised a considerable amount of money.

Dr. Pearson was noted for his integrity, a wonderful capacity for friendship and kindness, often providing shelter for human derelicts. It is safe to say he had no enemies and was much loved by his patients and professional colleagues.

Dr. Pearson died as he would have wished, suddenly. in his lovely home, which he designed, built and loved so well. He married Miss Agnes Hunter, a nurse at St. Bartholomew's Hospital by whom he had one son. His wife died in 1942. Later he married Miss Dorothy Ballam who survives him.

Colonel Pearson died in May of 1952 at the age of 80.



News from our members.

From: **Floyd Stinson** <f.e.stinson@shaw.ca> To: **'David Gale'** <david@sunnyspotsservice.ca>
 Subject: RE: July Extra #1 Newsletters, addition for #2...

- Our Annual Societies Report to the Alberta Government was completed and filed in June as required.
- The annual Food Bank donation fell short of last year with a cheque of \$ 105.50 being presented to the Veteran Association Food Bank. The donations come from direct donations to the Food Bank during our meetings and a split of any raffles and auctions during regular meetings. With the reduction in meetings (year end calculations begin in June and end in May) the donations have suffered.
- YTD end of June Club bank balance is \$1,156.85

Cheers , Stay Safe...!!!
 Better 6 feet apart than 6 feet under
 Floyd

From: **JAMES BALDWIN** <jabaldwin@shaw.ca> To: **David Gale** <david@sunnyspotsservice.ca> Subject:
 Fwd: New Free Cdns In Vietnam War Film

Hi Dave, Not sure if this film notice and related photo would be useful in one of the newsletters-you decide either way
James Baldwin

1. New Free" Canadian Vietnam Veteran Documentary Film "Honor and Remember"

The Canadian Vietnam Veterans Association (Winnipeg, Manitoba Group) worked with White Tower Films in the production of this new documentary. The film is available free through the internet streaming serve of Vimeo by clicking on the link below (or pasting the address in you browser).

<https://vimeo.com/426430910>

Title: "Honor and Remember" (White Tower Films)

Length: 82 minutes\L Produced by Catherine Thomas—Written and directed by Nick Vergados

(Note: Shorter topic clips taken from he film may also show up on Vimeo on the side bar.)

Other topics include "coming home" to Canada, being labeled as mercenaries, recognition, issues with the Royal Canadian Legion, PTSD, health, benefits, and the work of the Canadian Vietnam Veterans Association. There is some interesting Vietnam War film footage interspersed throughout the film along with related chronological events.

Rob and Ron (and Harry Harrison) brought their Canadian Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall from Winnipeg to the Military Museum in Calgary in 2018 while the VN War "Moving Wall" Memorial was here. They are also mention in the eleven page feature on "Canadians in the Vietnam War" in the January/February 2018 edition of Legion Magazine.

2. I have attached a picture of the portable "Canadian Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall" that the group in the film has.



The "Canadian Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall" is a traveling wall to remember Canadians who died in the Vietnam war. The Canadian Vietnam Veterans Association (Winnipeg) takes the wall to various events in Canada and the United States . This picture shows the wall at the Military Museums in Calgary in 2018."

WAR STORY

During the winter campaign in Italy in late 1944, when the First Canadian Division was fighting across the Sangro, the vehicle congestion on the main routes was something terrific, with the result that a convoy might wait for hours to cross the only bridge.

Viewing the possibility of a long delay with some alarm, the officer in charge of a convoy heading north spotted a well-developed set of vehicle tracks branching off from the main route just where he was held up, and decided that where one convoy could go his could follow. On arriving at the bank of the river and noticing the track emerging on the far side, he jumped to the obvious conclusion that the water must be shallow and thereupon drove in, followed quickly by two or three of his 3-tonners. The vehicle's sank completely out of sight.

After being rescued, he learned that the route he had followed was that normally used by a platoon of DUKWs— an amphibious vehicle.

Notes:
From Canadian Army Journal, attributed to Brig. J.W. Bishop, OBE

