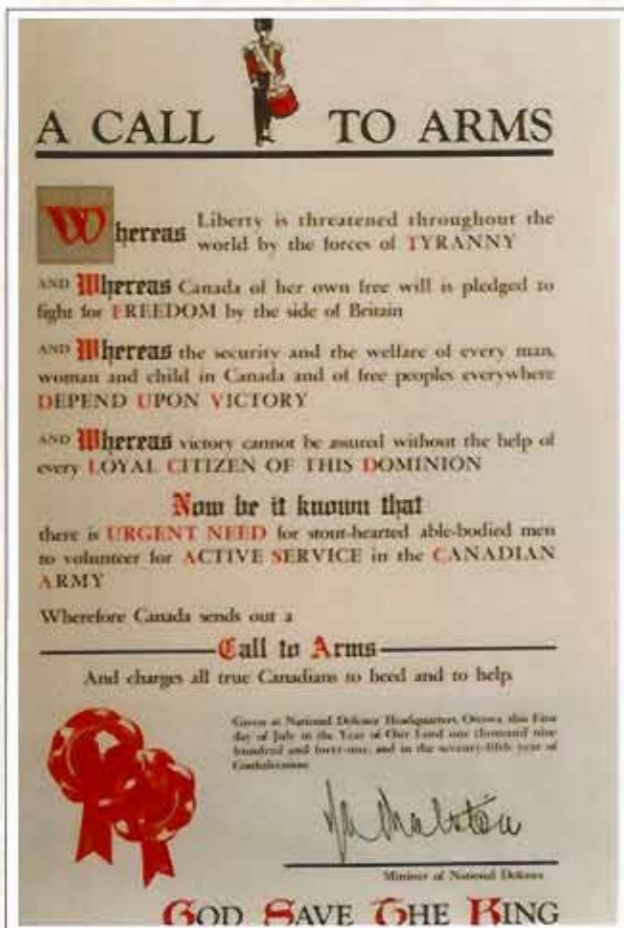


Remembrance and Hope

(Innisfail's Military Past)

In August of 1914, Canada became involved in World War I. Canada, as part of this conflict, promised to send 25,000 troops to Europe.



A CALL TO ARMS

Whereas Liberty is threatened throughout the world by the forces of TYRANNY

AND Whereas Canada of her own free will is pledged to fight for FREEDOM by the side of Britain

AND Whereas the security and the welfare of every man, woman and child in Canada and of free peoples everywhere DEPEND UPON VICTORY

AND Whereas victory cannot be asured without the help of every LOYAL CITIZEN OF THIS DOMINION

Now be it known that there is URGENT NEED for stout-hearted able-bodied men to volunteer for ACTIVE SERVICE in the CANADIAN ARMY

Wherefore Canada sends out a

Call to Arms

And charges all true Canadians to heed and to help

Given at National Defence Headquarters, Ottawa, this First day of July in the Year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-one, and in the seventy-fifth year of Confederation.

J. M. Macleod
Minister of National Defence

GOD SAVE THE KING

A call to serve
King and Country



The colors of the 187th Battalion



The 1916 C Company of the 187th Battalion



The Innisfail Platoon of the 187th Battalion

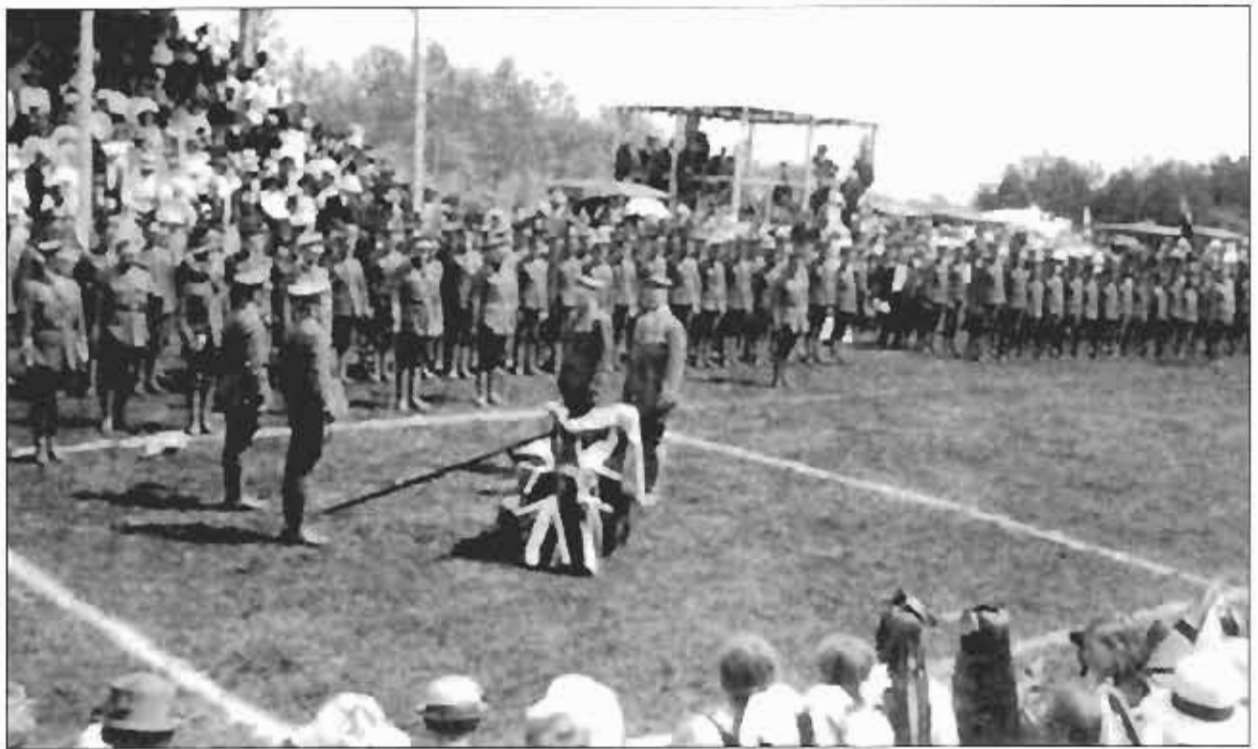
By 1916, the 187th Battalion had been organized in Central Alberta. Part of the 187th Battalion was C Company. This C Company was made up of volunteers from Innisfail and area. By June 16th, 1916 the colors for C Company were presented in Innisfail.



The colors of Central Alberta's 187th Battalion



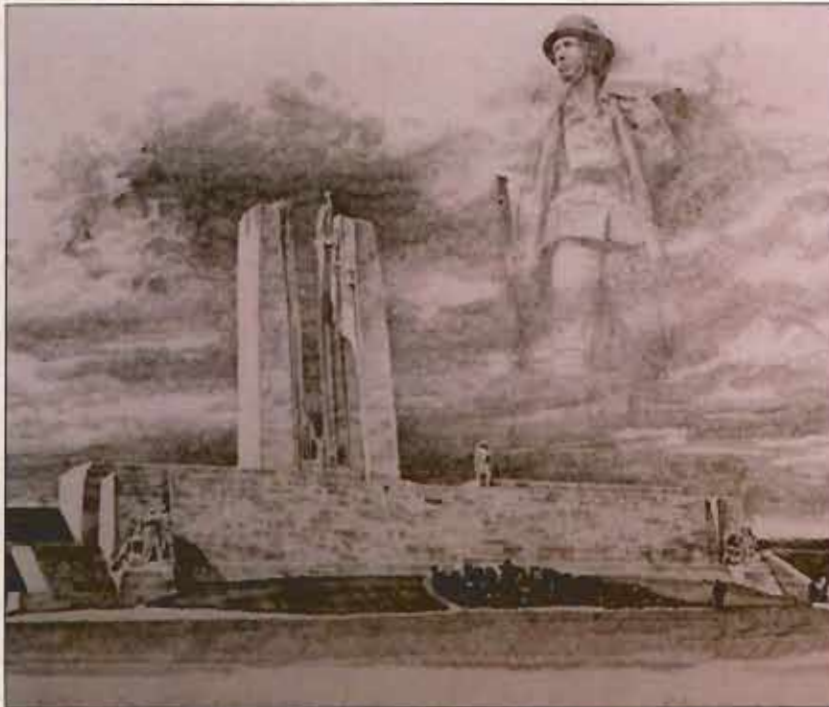
The 187th colors are displayed today in the Innisfail Anglican Church



The 1916 ceremony of presenting the colors



The war continued for two more years, but on November 11th, 1918 peace was declared. Several men from C Company had been wounded and many died for their country. As a remembrance of their service, a Roll of Honor and the colors of the 187th Battalion are today displayed in Innisfail's Anglican Church.



The Vimy Memorial

Atkinson, G.S.	Jensen, F.
Baker, F.	Kelly, E.H.
Banner, R.	Kirkham, J.
Barwis, S.	Lee, J.
Baynham, J.A.	Mainwaring, L.
Beckett, G.	Malcolm, F.J.
Bell, J.	Marsden, B.
Benton, R.A.	Marshall, J.M.
Biggs, V.Z.	McAllister, A.
Black, N.	McAllister, R.S.
Black, W.B.	McArthur, C.A.
Brewer, W.	Michiel, F.
Bryan, G.	Miller, O.
Campbell, D.A.	Nicholson, A.
Checkley, E.A.	Peters, G.E.
Cummings, A.E.	Quantz, D.
Ellis, L.M.	Rodgers, W.
Forshaw, A.E.	Screen, H.
Foster, J.L.	Sim, M.
George, D.St.C.	Smallwood, J.C.
Gowan, W.	Snider, J.
Grimes, R.	Songhurst, S.
Gulliver, A.	Swick, A.
Hall, A.	Swick, C.
Hill, G.	Walker, J.H.
Hodge, C.F.	Wheham, P.G.
Hooten, W.	Wormald, J.W.
Hornett, O.E.	

The World War 1 Innisfail and District Honor Roll

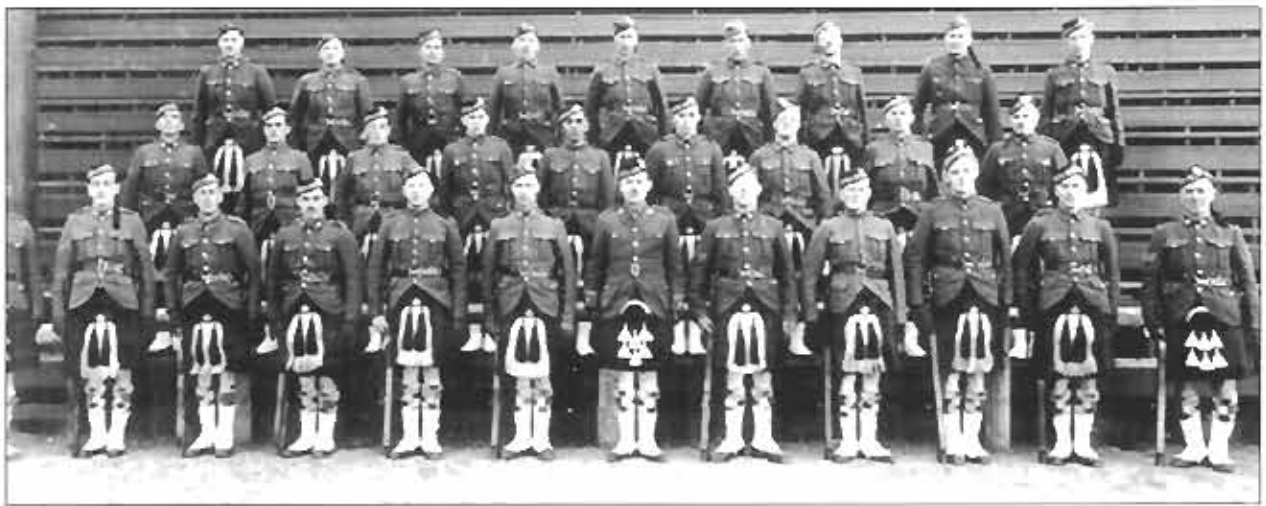
In 1939 war again came in the form of World War II. The Innisfail Province newspaper, dated Thursday September 14th, 1939, stated "Canada Declares War". Another headline read, "The Innisfail Men Who Answered the Call".



Headlines from the 1939 Innisfail Province



Innisfail around the time of W. W. II



Over 60 young men had joined the Calgary Highlanders. Other men and women were to join the Canadian Army, Navy and Air Force.





One of the most popular planes used in World War II was the Lancaster Bomber. Many airmen from Innisfail flew the Lancaster in World War II.

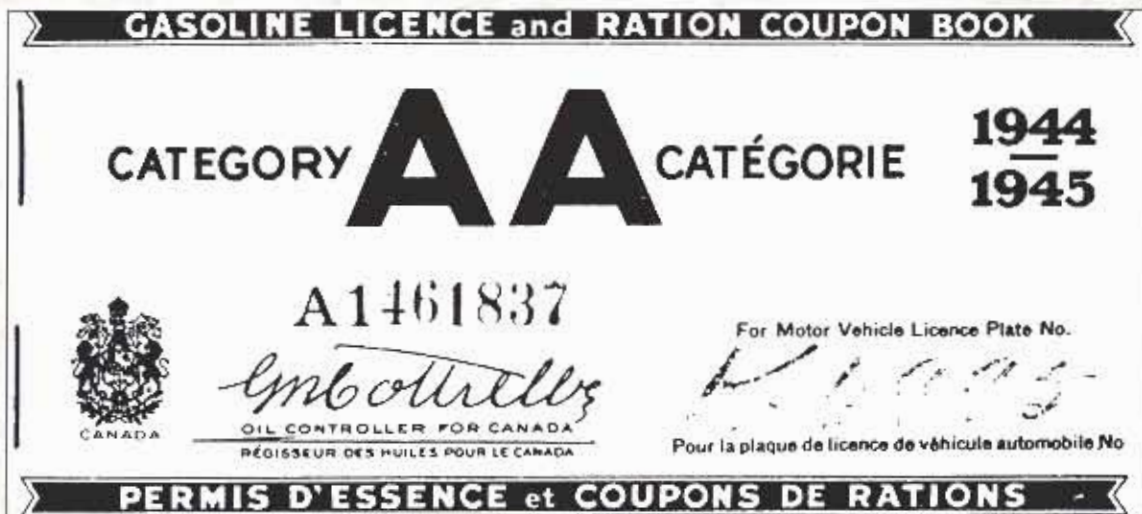


The Penhold Air Base near Innisfail was a training field for pilots from several other countries as well as Canada.



Poster advertising Victory Bonds

The war affected people at home in Canada as well as overseas. The public was encouraged to buy war bonds. People in Canada couldn't buy as many goods as they wished. Some food and especially gasoline was rationed.



W. W. II gasoline ration coupon



Postcards were a special way to keep in touch with home

Canadians struggled to stay in touch with friends and relatives overseas. Telegrams and letters were the most common way to do this.



Telegramms were used to communicate

Anderson, A.A.
Ball, Don
Bateman, J.
Black, R.
Brown, F.
Cameron, D.
Coles, B.
Ditchburn, K.
Freeman, J.E.
Gilliland, N.
Gislason, N.
Grant, W.
Henderson, H.
Hileman, E.
Hudson, R.D.

Jensen, A.
Lennox, A.
Lind, M.C.
MacLeod, T.
McCaw, W.
Miller, J. A.
Morton, T.
Norman, R.
Pool, W.
Quarty, G.
Scott, P.
Simpson, J.
Spankie, E.
Steadman, D.
Stiles, A.
Thompson, I.W.



The World War II Innisfail and District Roll of Honor

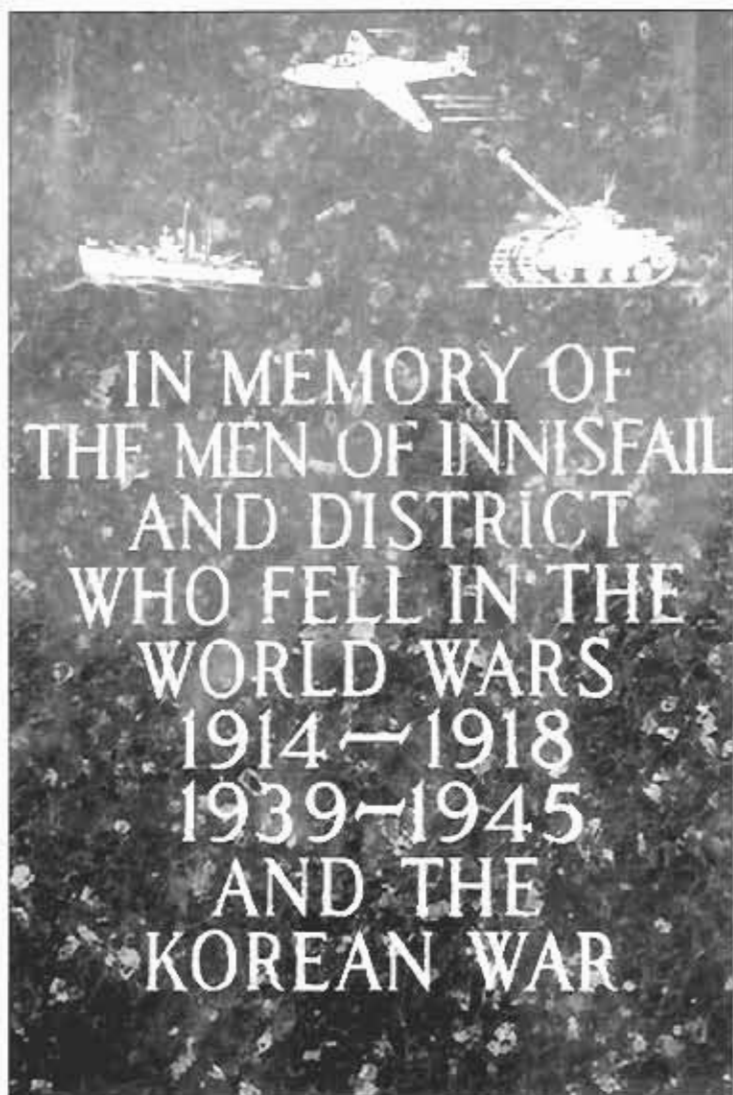
We remember the men and women who served in World War II and the many who died in the service of our country by recording their names on the Roll of Honor.

The Innisfail Cemetery contains the Field of Honor for those with military service records and is the resting place of several Commonwealth airmen killed while training at Penhold Air Base.



The Field of Honor at the Innisfail Cemetery

The Innisfail Cemetery contains the graves of several British airmen killed while training at the Penhold Air Base



Our Heroes

- *Darla Layden*

We look for our heroes,
In lands far away,
And forget that our neighbor
That we talked to today,
Once answered the call
Of our country at war,
In defence of all
That freedom stands for.
Think of all the hell of trenches and pain,
The ships packed with men
Whom we'll ne'er see again.
Those who returned home
Flag raised with pride
Humble and quiet,
They too could have died.
Yes, heroes were made in lands far away,
In a force that knew world renown,
But let us remember on this very day,
That these men are right from our town.