



# Musings

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## ***From the Malvern Red and Black Society***

Welcome to the second edition of our Musings newsletter. With Remembrance Day just around the corner, we have dedicated this issue to our more senior alumni who while being some of our most vocal and enthusiastic members, lived through a difficult period in Malvern's history, and indeed the world's history. We would like to give a little glimpse into what life at Malvern was like in the early days and honour the memory of those students who sacrificed so much to give us the freedoms and rights that we enjoy today.

### **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

For The Fallen  
Lawrence Binyon

"They shall not grow 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."

As Remembrance Day approaches in this the Year of the Veteran, your MRBS wishes to pay tribute to all Malvernites who served in our military, whether it was in the world wars, Korea, Vietnam or as peacekeepers. Why does one serve? I offer this answer from an essay, "We Serve", written by an ex-RCAF pilot, Jock Williams. "We serve because we recognize a need for our sacrifices as did our forefathers. For those who serve no explanation is necessary. For those who don't- perhaps no explanation is possible".

Born in 1958, I have lived during a time of continuous peace. Our most senior alumnae were not so lucky. They did not create the wars, but they answered the call. How can I understand the horror that our war veterans experienced, or relate to the daily uncertainty that their families lived with? I can only consider if war had been thrust upon me and my friends. I would have returned home to find out that some did not.

I will not be this serious very often. The MRBS is meant to be a source of celebration and happy memories. This Remembrance Day, 2005, as part of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of WWII, will be a special event. We, band of Malvernites, will remember. We will honour our classmates who served.

This autumn we will be hosting, and/or working with the MCI staff to host, a variety of events and activities. Read about them in this *Musings* and plan to participate! Periodically check out [www.malverncollegiate.com](http://www.malverncollegiate.com) for updates. This is for the benefit of all Malvernites, past, present and future. Mark this date on your calendar: Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> 12:30pm at the Balmy

Beach Club. Join us and meet your friends at our Members' meeting.

Randy Deffett, Class 1977



**MCI Cadets**

### **WHAT'S NEW AT MALVERN**

Students have just returned to class after a long, hot summer break! We are happy to be involved with the upcoming graduation ceremony and Remembrance Day celebrations. We are happy to be working on many projects in connection with the school, like the Mentoring programme, The Malvern Foundation and the Boy's of Malvern Foundation. (see other articles in this issue for information)

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Gathering of Malvernites ...November 13, 2005** at the Balmy Beach Club from 1:00 – 4:30....come and connect with old friends and express your point of view to the MRBS. Come and have your say and make a difference!

**1950's Decade....Your decade co-ordinator is planning a reunion for your decade. Please contact Rod Tennyson via our website to register and find out information.**

**AN INVITATION FOR ALUMNI FROM THE YEARS 1924 to 1949 TO VISIT MALVERN ON REMEMBRANCE DAY..... FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2005 FROM 9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.**

The Archives Committee and the MRBS would like to have senior Malvernites visit the school to see our archival displays and attend the ceremony in remembrance of Malvernites who served in war and peacekeeping in the last 100 years. This year 2005 has been named the Year of the Veteran. We also plan to serve a light lunch for those who attend. We need to know how many of you would be interested in attending. Please call our Alumni Hotline at (416) 393-8683 or email us at [archives@malverncollegiate.com](mailto:archives@malverncollegiate.com). We would be in touch with you personally to help in arranging transportation, parking and access to the school. Our space is limited, so please let us know if you would like to attend as soon as possible.

**The MRBS is Looking for Advertisers**

If you run a business then you know how difficult it is to find new clients. You have a limited advertising budget so where can you best invest your money? Let me tell you:

**ADVERTISE WITH YOUR VERY OWN MRBS!**

We offer these benefits:

- Advertising on our website and in our regular members newsletters, both as email and mail versions;
- We will work out an advertising program that is cost effective for you.
- Our membership has grown to almost 4,000. All decades from the 1930s to 1990s have strong representation.
- Over 80% of our members have email access.
- Most Malvernites achieve financial and career success. They have money to spend. They want to spend it. We can connect the two of you!

**Curious? Interested?**

Contact Randy Deffett at [redandblack@malverncollegiate.com](mailto:redandblack@malverncollegiate.com).

We have more to discuss. I will reply promptly.

**OUR EMAILING PLANS NEED YOUR SUPPORT**

We are planning an aggressive series of email campaigns during 2005-2006, to send newsletters, and to promote events of the MRBS and of other related groups. This is all to meet our goal of 'Keeping Malvernites in Touch'. Campaigns cost money.

**Our 'ideal' email program will cost \$1500 over the next year  
WE ASK FOR YOUR DONATION TO HELP MAKE THIS A REALITY**

**What did we do with the money already donated?**

These donations have covered operating expenses and activities for 2005: Newsletter copying, postage, website maintenance, members' events in May and November, email service upgrades.

**Are we becoming financially self-sufficient?**

Yes, we are seeking companies to advertise through us. Programs to give valued services to you and revenues to us are being investigated too.

**Is my donation tax deductible? Where do I send my cheque?**

Sorry, it is still not deductible. Make your cheque out to 'Malvern Red and Black Society'. Note if you wish, 'for emailing costs' and mail it to the MRBS address at the bottom of this page.

***Thank you, we always work hard to earn this patronage.***

## MENTORSHIP & SPEAKERS NETWORK

*This is your opportunity to help shape the future*

Many of you have done interesting things in your life, enjoyed fulfilling careers, overcome adversity, or are veterans of the armed forces. What do all of you have in common?

*You have a life story and/or career experience to share*

We Malvernites are a community; do not let your life go by without sharing your experience with more recent graduates and with the current MCI students. They are only starting their lives and would welcome your insights and recollections. We have had the pleasure of meeting many MCI students and younger graduates. They take their academic and job careers very seriously and when they are made aware of the history and achievements of past Malvernites, they are most appreciative. Up to now though there has not been a regular program in-place to connect the generations. Your MRBS is beginning the work, in close cooperation with the MCI Staff, to establish a Mentorship and Speakers Network.

*History and experience must be shared, lest it be forgotten. If you will not pass the torch, who will?*

What does it take to be a Mentor or Speaker?

- You enjoy meeting and helping younger people with academic and career advice.
- You can be any age! Alumnae of 1925 or 1995 all have life and career experience to share;
- You may live anywhere. Mail and email connects us.
- Speakers enjoy talking with small or large groups. We will match an audience size with your comfort level.
- Mentors are long-term. As students graduate and progress in their academic and work careers, you are there.
- Donate whatever time per month as you are able.
- For security reasons, a reference check is necessary.

What are we asking from you now?

- Contact us if interested or for more information.
- Contact us with your comments.
- If you are an MCI alumnae or current student who would like to be matched with a mentor, contact us.
- Get the idea? Just contact us.

Leave a message on the Hotline (416-393-8683), email us at [redandblack@malverncollegiate.com](mailto:redandblack@malverncollegiate.com) or mail us a reply.

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*Your MRBS invites you to*

### *A Gathering of Malvernites*

Sunday November 13<sup>th</sup> 2005  
1:00-4:30pm  
Balmy Beach Canoe Club

**YES... YOU'RE INVITED TOO!**

#### *Top ten reasons why should you attend:*

1. You missed an old one friend at the Centennial Reunion.
2. The NFL schedule that day is boring.
3. This is more fun than cleaning the house.
4. Five weeks of Christmas shopping starts next weekend!
5. It is finally time to see what this MRBS is all about.
6. We promise to keep the business part short.
7. We will NOT sing 'Onward Malvern'.
8. Time to show those young folk who has the Malvern spirit!
9. You might just...possibly...maybe, be motivated enough to get involved with the Society; to 'give something back'.
10. There will be beer (cash bar). This is really #1.

#### *Why are meetings and elections important?*

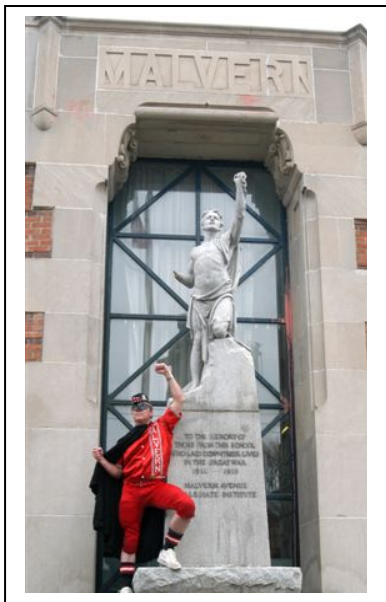
Having the title, 'President for Life' or 'Master of the Universe' might sound appealing but we had planned to be a democratic society which is accountable and transparent to you. To have long-term success we must attract new volunteers. New blood is vital to maintain the energy and drive needed to get things done.

***BUSINESS AFFAIRS WILL BE BRIEF; WE PROMISE!***

**Plan to join us on November 13<sup>th</sup> at the BBCC to:**

- Socialize with your old friends;
- Catch up on what has been happening since the Reunion;
- Question our actions and plans and give your input;
- Select a new Board of Directors;
- To enjoy your Sunday afternoon!

***RSVP- SO WE CAN PLAN ATTENDANCE***



**What ever happened to Bret Snider (Captain Malvern???)** One alumni member who was a great influence during his years at Malvern was Bret Snider. Bret graduated in 1979 after an illustrious high school career. He was a visionary who saw a need for change in student attitude....visions that sometimes saw him visiting Mr. Wright in the principal' office a little to often! After dabbling in football in his early years, Bret turned his sights to politics. He was on the Student Council as Secretary, Social Convenor even "Acting President" as the need arose. He started a few clubs such as the Chess club and The Red and Black Society as a way to eliminate student apathy. He was also in the Drama Club and acted in a couple of plays, such as the memorable "You Can't Take It With You" . As another way of getting his spirit message out Bret worked on the Muse as advertising editor and assisted the Editor-in Chief, his sister Yvette, with other aspects of the yearbook. He also started the school newspaper "Red Sin" and was on the Malvern radio show "The Tattler". It was on this afternoon show that Captain Malvern first made his appearance. With poor attendance at football games and a general lack of school spirit, Bret's gung-ho, macho alter ego tried to entice students to go to the football games instead of taking the afternoon off. This idea did not take off at first and after being beaten down, Captain Malvern became a wimp, a la Andy Kaufman from Saturday Night Live. Dressed in various parts of Malvern athletic uniforms and with his four handlers, Captain Malvern and his side-kicks became a hit and students came out to the games in droves to see the half-time shows and support their school team! Captain Malvern became an icon and his legendary antics become an important part of Malvern's history. It is important to note that Captain Malvern and Bret were never seen at the same time and Bret claims not to

have been in touch with Captain Malvern since what is now infamously known as the Norwegian incident, so one of the great mysteries of Malvern remains just that.

After graduation, like many young adults, Bret went off backpacking through Europe looking to broaden his horizons...ok, and maybe meet a nice young European girl or two. He returned to attend York University but then his political instincts again took over and he took a job as an aide at City Hall. He then started a consulting company and a community newspaper for the Riverdale area. Bret then had an unsuccessful run for legislature and worked for a research company. Never one to sit still, Bret began teaching business management courses for the Toronto District School Board and at George Brown. He also did a stint as V.P. of Junior Achievement. Then in 1989, while still running his consulting company, he founded a training company which has turned into the York College of Industry and Technology where as President, he oversees the programmes for graduate students from all over the world in the medical, business and IT areas. Bret married in 1990 and is a proud father of four.

## The BOYS of MALVERN

Beginning in 1914 and lasting until the fall of 1918, Malvern Collegiate's children not yet able to vote or even legally drink volunteered to enter the maelstrom of what would be the greatest and most catastrophic war in this country's history.

Several years ago, vandals and subsequent weathering damaged the memorial requiring a severing of its arm. Lengthy exposure to weather has further placed the entire monument in grave danger of completely disintegrating from the wound.

Neither Malvern Collegiate nor the Toronto and District Board of Education possesses the required funds to fix or even stabilize the cenotaph.



In short, we desperately need your help.

You can contribute by sending a donation to the school or the alumni association who will see that it gets to the school. A tax receipt will be issued for all donations over \$5.00. Any cheques should be made payable to the Onward Malvern Foundation.

## SOUVENIRS.....GOING....GOING.....GONE

We are having a **sale** on the remaining souvenirs. Get your orders in quick before we are completely sold out! There is also an added bonus of a centennial book for \$10.00 instead of \$15.00 if you purchase one or more of the other items.

<b>Ladies' golf shirts</b>	<del>\$30.00 each</del> <b>NOW \$25.00</b>
White	(with MCI crest)
1L	
Red	(with black MCI 1903-2003
4M	4L
2XL	
Black	(with red MCI 1903-2003 )
1L	
1	<b>Unisex T-Shirt</b> <del>\$20.00 each</del> <b>NOW \$15.00</b>
	1 - Medium
4	<b>MCI Carryall bags</b> <del>\$5.00 each</del> <b>NOW \$4.00</b>
8	<b>White Teddy Bears</b> <del>\$10.00 each</del> <b>NOW \$8.00</b>
	<b>Centennial Books</b> <del>\$20.00 each</del> <b>NOW \$15.00</b>

## WHATEVER HAPPENED TO.....

### SENIOR ALUMNI KEEPING IN TOUCH

We have heard from several Malvern grads this year. We know you will be interested to hear about their memories and their current lives.

The first is **Jack Duggan**, who sent us some photos and an article for the Malvern Centennial book (p.37). He had a distinguished career with the RCMP, at one time in charge of one of the Japanese internment camps in B.C. He was at Malvern in the 1930's and graduated in **1939**. He writes: "I transferred to Malvern from St. Mike's College - along with Carroll McNulty - and my younger brother Gerald (Gerry).

My favorite teacher was Jessie Muirhead. I had occasion to shortly renew our acquaintance when she showed up at a Golf Tournament which was next door to the RCMP Barracks. I never did find out how she made out in the tournament. I also encountered Art Close at the Royal York in a Navy Officer's uniform.

Tom Oliver showed up in the same recruit class as I (to the RCMP). Harold Hatfield had already joined the RCMP, and we renewed acquaintances again. Harold passed away about four years ago. He had been retired about four years.

The Ahlman girls grew up next door to me. Helen was the elder and Betty married Shelly Lush. Doris was the youngest. I chummed around with Wally Bashforth and Dave Hayey. Unfortunately the brains did not come along with me. I visited Milt Jewell at Jarvis as Principal. He was later commissioned into the Air Force.

I was working as Chief of Security at the Royal Bank Visa when I encountered "Bo" Currie working as a salesman for a print shop. I later met him at a friend's funeral several years ago at the local YMCA, but have lost touch with him in the last ten years. I last heard of him in West Vancouver. He was a Life Guard at Balmy Beach.

My current address is 3356 West 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Vancouver BC V6S 1Y9, if any one comes out this way! As a matter of interest, I turned 85 on the December 28, 2004. I retired from the RCMP in 1968. I had a cardiac arrest five years ago that slowed me down."

In a later letter he mentions David Haynes whom he called "a brain at languages" who is still working on our MRBS committee as Decade Co-ordinator for the 1920's and 30's. He also recalls more teachers: "5B Mrs. McQuarrie, Latin, Miss Ingham, English, Abe Hisey, Physics, Mr. Clark, Milt Jewell, Mr. Kerr, and Mr. Chambers, Trigonometry and Geometry – mostly fond memories."

#### **Israel Halperin ('29)** writes:

"I graduated from Malvern in 1928 after student years from 1923-1928. I was Managing Editor of the Muse in 1927-1928.

My brother Ben Halperin was older, my sister Clara, younger brother William also attended Malvern shortly after I did. Clara became a lawyer, William became a Math Teacher at United College (became the University of Winnipeg), and was lost as a bomber pilot in World War II. Ben was a violinist. I retired in 1978 from the University of Toronto as Emeritus Professor of Mathematics.

If you have any news of my 1928 classmates, I would be happy to get a copy. Among them were (now deceased): Helen Brown (artist), Gordon Stewart MD, Ralph Sewell, Hasel (Hammond) Popjak, Edith Nelles, Wally White (quarterback), Sam Strashin, among other. Also, Doris Vanderbilt, Dorothy Griffiths, (?) Little, Doug Edwards. What happened to them?

I remember a girl with the last name of Savage. When her neighbourly conversations echoed through the class, she was rebuked by teacher Jessie Muirhead, who called out in lack of patience, "Miss Savage, try to act civilized." The class broke into prolonged laughter.

Among my teachers: Helen (Dafoe) Martin, Alex Blakely, Mr. Clarke (Math), Mr. Hisey (Science), Harriet Ingham, Mr. Taylor (late Principal of Malvern), Mrs. McGregor, Mr. Stevens (Art), Dr. Lingham (Latin), Jessie Muirhead, Mr. Rogers (Math, Fifth form class)."

You can find a more complete account of Professor Halperin's career in the Malvern Centennial Book on page 65.

We have also heard from a more far-flung Malvern graduate, **Constance (Connie) Purser**. She left Canada to teach in Japan just a few years after graduating from Malvern in **1940**. By sheer coincidence she also is in our Centennial Book (p.70).

Her brother Ralph also attended Malvern and she has many happy memories of him. She writes, "After graduating, he worked in an insurance company for a while before joining the army. After the war, he continued to serve in the army in Ottawa until his death at the age of 58." She remains in touch with his daughter and son and their families."

About her own life, she continues, "As for me, after graduating from U of T in '44, I taught for a year and a half at Alviston, Ontario, then one year at Malvern. After that I went to work for St. Aidan's church... I was a St. Aidaner all my life until I came to Japan- except for three years, aged 7-9 when we lived in London, Ontario. I came to Japan as a missionary of the Anglican Church of Canada.

"My job at that time was to teach English in a junior women's college in Osaka. My purpose in being here, though, was to introduce people to Jesus and invite them to be baptized. That is still my purpose in being here, and while I still teach English three classes a week, and Bible (in English) two classes a week, I spend many happy hours just chatting, in the hope of communicating the way, the truth and the life. I begin to consider myself a "professional chatter!"

She goes on to explain that she converted from the Anglican communion to the Roman Catholic. She ends by wishing the MRBS lots of pleasure and success. Readers will be pleased to know that she ordered a Centennial T-Shirt, and we hear she wore it the day of our Reunion on May 24, 2003 so that she could be with us in spirit!

Another far flung Malvernite writes to us from Tasmania - **Rita Johnston:**

"I was Rita Stevens when I was at Malvern. I started in 1934 and graduated in 1939 with my Sr. Matric. I really enjoyed it at Malvern - I went to the Friday afternoon Tea Dances. If my memory serves me right, Glenn Munro was in one of my classes and I can remember going to the rugby games and seeing him play.

I also have a brother, Roy Stevens who is 96 and lives with his wife in London, Ont., and a sister, Dorothy Berentsen, 94, who lives in Glendale, Calif. I've been married to my second husband for 27 years, so that's how long I've lived in Australia I still get homesick for my family and for Canada, even though I like living down under, especially Tasmania, where we've lived for eleven years.

I still keep in touch with a few friends who went to Malvern - Ruth Brown who is now Thomas, who lives in Thornhill and who has been a widow for the last two-three years; Margaret (Sherwood) Joyce, a widow living in Richmond Hill, Ruth Hornidge, and Eloi (Northey) Tilston also a widow living in Kemptonville, On.

From the rekindling of Romance department.....Rebel Hardy writes... I noticed that your newsletter mentioned people who were classmates years ago and got together again. Rick and I were classmates in 1959. We were also classmates from time to time until we both graduated in 1964. We never dated, but, were just friends. A year ago, in April 2004, we met again and ever since, although I live up north in Southampton, on Lake Huron, which is a 3 1/2 drive from Pickering, where Rick lives, he drives up here every week to spend a few days with me. He tells me that he had a huge crush on me in high school, but I didn't know that at the time. But we are very much in love now - 40 years after the last time we saw each other.

My address is: Ms. Rebel Hardy (maiden name, Daniels) 535 Alfred St. P.O. Box 764, Southampton, ON,

**Wilf Tarbet, Class of 1947 writes...**

Hi: If you are collecting data of the "whatever happened to" kind, I have an item for you re: Bill Marsh, Class of '47. "Bill Marsh - Active member of the R.R. of C. reserve battalion and hopes to attend R.M.C. - a conscientious student, he should make a good artillery officer. He's gun crazy and amazes everyone with his accurate knowledge of firearms." From the '46 *Muse*.

In fact, Bill attended Royal Roads Military College in B.C., as it became a two-service college (and later a tri-service.) In the course of his career, in 1959, he was awarded the George Medal for bravery by the Queen at a Royal investiture in Rideau Hall, Ottawa. He won the medal for bravery in rescuing the pilot of an F-86 Sabre jet which crashed and burned during takeoff at RCAF Station Chatham on Aug. 6, 1957. F.L. Marsh ran to the blazing aircraft and despite the danger of exploding ammunition, first alone and then with assistance, managed to save the pilot. Later in his career, he was the commander of the Canadian Forces Base in Zweibrücken, Germany. He retired with the rank of colonel and is living in Ottawa.

## **Memories of Students who went to Malvern during the War Years!**

### **Barbara Anne Barber (Patchet) Class of 1941**

Perhaps one of the most vivid memories [of Malvern] was when I read aloud Winston Churchill's speech during the war, "We will fight them on the beaches..." to the whole school assembled in the auditorium. Many of the boys in our graduating class of 1941 were killed during that war.

### **Memories of Malvern, 1939-1942 June (Jackson) Campbell Class of 1942**

Because of the war and my Dad away in the Army, I left at the end of my third year to take employment.

### **Memories of Malvern, 1939-1942 Norma Burns (Gregory) class of 1942**

Many of us eventually married people we met at Malvern. There was an epidemic of weddings in 1945 and 1946 as the men returned from military service at the end of World War II.

The war overshadowed everything in Canada at that time. During our senior year many of the boys disappeared into the armed forces as they reached the military recruitment age of 18. We also lost teachers to the forces. When Mr. Philp, Mr. Kerr and Dr. Yocom left, we found out the hard way what good teachers they were. Their replacements were judged pathetic in comparison. Possibly this was largely due to inexperience. But teenagers tend not to be charitable in their judgments and we were no exception.

In spite of, or perhaps even because of the war, there was always so much fun at Malvern. Subconsciously it may have been "have fun now" because very soon the boys would be marching off to war. Everyone went to the football games, basketball games and dances.

It was the Big band era and everyone loved to dance, If there weren't an event at the school, Malvernites would be dancing at the Balmy Beach Canoe Clug. Many of the boys took part in competitive paddling there as well.

Malvern and the Beach were wonderful places to grow up. Thanks for the memories.



**Malvern Collegiate Class of 1914**



**MCI Cheerleaders!**

## Memories

**Elaine Lomas Gadsden**

**Class of 1943**

These years were during wartime, which had an influence on our school life. The boys had their Cadets who were divided into Platoons and practiced marching on the “boys’ side”. Some girls felt they needed to march also, so a “Corporal” from the boys was assigned to the girls’ platoon to teach them to march. I think we gave him a hard time – we couldn’t seem to make our arms move opposite to our feet and he told us we looked like a bunch of wooden men with strings attached to our feet and pulling our right foot up when we put out right arm up and likewise with the left. He buried his face in his hands and asked to be relieved of his duties...poor De Roux!

Another phase of our “war training” was learning to drive tractors. Massey Ferguson had their tractor factory not too far from Malvern and certain days after school, a group of fellow and girls would go there to learn to drive tractors. The ultimate purpose was to go out on farms in the summer and help the farmers during the labour shortage. Many of the students spent summers helping on the farms, and I’m sure there are lots of stories there!

We also had a War Effort Committee committed to raising funds, staging patriotic assemblies, and generally “helping the war effort”. The leaders took their commitment seriously and accomplished much for which they were awarded an appropriate certificate.

## Memories

**June Gross**

**Class of 1945**

June lives in Northfield, Birmingham, England June was one of hundreds of children sent to Canada during WWII for safety.

It was Virginia Dawson, wife of Geoffrey Dawson, who is on the present staff of Malvern Collegiate, who wrote and told me of the reunion. It coincides with the month I was hoping to visit the family who looked after me while I was in Canada. I was absolutely delighted, but all my decisions are being delayed by this country’s catastrophic involvement in the Iraq crisis. I was due to visit “my Family” two days after 9/11. My plane seat was gladly taken by Canadians returning home. Eventually in the lull, I flew over, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Returning home, August 1945, I didn’t return to Canada till 1981. Since my husband died in 1987, I have returned every year and in later years, twice a year, as the “aunt” who looked after me is now 105 and I want to see her as often as I can. The debt I owe her is immeasurable.

Since hearing of the reunion, the memories have come flooding back. I was 12 when I arrived in Canada and had already completed the first year of secondary education. At Malvern, I was put in the first year again, but I was still the youngest by a year or two and very unsophisticated – childlike! – and it took me till the fifth year to really make good friends. Of these, my closest were Helena Ormerod, Phyllis Walters and “Milly”, whose surname was Miller; we never used her first name so I can’t remember it. I lost touch in the readjustment to a war-torn environment so different to Canada, but I have very happy memories of school at Malvern. The staff was very good and some [of the teachers] were extremely kind to me, as were the students. I only have to hear Glen Miller’s “Moonlight Serenade” to go back in time and visualize looking through the doors into the dimly lit auditorium and see the shadowy figures of couples dancing. This was during the lunch break. Very nostalgic.

## Memories

**Ted Ward**

**Class of 1948**

A few memories that are like yesterday

- Roy Wood, my most treasured teacher - led the Malvern Glee Club to many Kiwanis awards, led us in performances at Massey Hall and various churches. Gave me insights to music that have lasted since my last class with him – a prince of a person with a tender heart and a great smile – fully committed to his students.
- Lorne Clarke, Principal, for whom we all went on strike when he was fired [demoted] for providing too many opportunities for artistic endeavours and too little attention to academics. Milt Jewell, his successor, who was reputed to have lost five fingers by demonstrating to his Air Force colleagues how careful one must be in the presence of rotating propellers – went on the bring discipline back to the school by means of forced pushups in the hallways by recalcitrant youths.
- Stan Dane, Grade 9 Science who taught us our first mantra to the effect that "on Monday, Mr. Dane will collect our science books properly assembled with paper clips carefully placed on the back page". His greatest reward for excellent performance was to stand at the back of the room to read or even better to be sent to the cloakroom to polish brass band instruments.
- “Bobo” Trewin who sponsored ISCF when he wasn’t teaching Latin.
- Miss Russell, great French teacher, always dressed in dark clothing and who constantly berated us about "lazy lips"
- Halloween pranks e.g. firing skyrockets along the Queen St. tracks and the noisy demonstration outside No.11 Police Station in support of our arrested comrades and the full assembly on the following day to receive the wrath of the Principal and some student leaders.
- VE Day when the school doors opened and everyone poured out to jump on a streetcar to go celebrate and climb a few poles at City Hall
- Nrm Jewison and Bill Witham and their fantastic minstrel shows.
- The retired World War I Air Force veteran who taught Latin but who could be easily diverted by being asked to demonstrate how the Romans used their short swords – Charge!!!



## WAR EFFORT IN TORONTO SCHOOLS

### Malvern Collegiate Institute.

• newspaper clipping – no name or date, but sometime during WWII

Indicative of the type of student Toronto's school system produces, is the excellent report turned in by Bill Davidson, Student at Malvern Collegiate institute, for the school's War Effort Committee.

This is how he tells of Malvern's activities:

"For the past three and a half years the only organization in Malvern which has been entirely representative of the student body has been the War Effort Committee. This committee has taken the place of the student council and has devoted itself to raising funds for different war services.

The committee is composed of a representative from each form room, a student president and vice-president and executive of five or six, staff advisors and two Junior Red Cross representatives. Principal L. H. Clarke can be called upon at all times for assistance and advice, but he believes that the students should be allowed to manage their own committee without too much supervision.

Bill goes on to mention the highlights of each war year in war effort: "In 1941-42, during one of the darkest periods of the war, the Malvern students backed the forces solidly with the grand total of \$5,126.45 in War Savings Stamps and Bonds. They also decided that the school would purchase a mobile canteen. It took three weeks to raise all the money needed, and then the purchased canteen was brought to the school for all to see."

This was during the time of the bombing raids on England and many English children were homeless and without sufficient clothing. The students raised \$750 for new clothes and collected over 500 articles for shipping overseas.

The *Evening Telegram* B.W.V.F. was next on Malvern's list and this drive brought in \$1000, besides a donation sent to the I.O.D.E. All in all, \$9,291.45 was raised by the War Effort Committee during this year.

A different committee took over for 1942-43. At the end of the year the sale of War Stamps stood at \$2,026.75. The Red Cross had received both clothing and \$774.25. Well over 300 boxes were sent overseas, and the school also bought a jeep. A demonstration drive was given by a soldier in the jeep, the day it was presented. The Red Cross received \$500, and the Navy League 150 well-filled ditty bags.

The list of graduates in the forces is much larger now, and more money was needed at the beginning of this year to send boxes overseas. The school put on a drive last fall that

assured every Malvern ex-student of a Christmas parcel. So far this year dances, individual or organizational contributions, shows, bridges, class parties and copper collections have all helped to raise money for the committee's war work.

In January \$500 was presented to the Red Cross, and a washing machine is being presented to the Service League for British Ships. The major campaign of the year is for a ferryboat for the Navy. These boats are used to transport men from big ships to port. Some of the men might have to spend their leave on board the ship if Ferry service wasn't provided. Meanwhile, the B.W.V.F. was the recipient of \$650.

The President of the War Effort Committee is Joan Usher. Joan is in the Fifth Form, but finds time to work very hard to insure success for the committee.

The year 1943-44 saw a change take place in the war work done by the school. The committee concentrated on articles, which could be made or collected by the pupils.

The boys in Mr. Hutchinson's shop class made scale models of the Halifax bomber for the RCAF. Each plane had to be individually worked and shaped to fit the government plans. The shop class also manufactured splints for the Red Cross and the home economic girls made 200 blood plasters for the same organization. Recreational games, such as cribbage boards and ping pong tables were sent to the forces.

Every year a newsletter is sent to out Malvern boys and girls in the Army, Navy and the Air Force." Latest figures show that over 556 Malvernites are overseas and approximately 407 are training in Canada. Sixty ex-students have been killed, 31 are missing and well over 40 have returned from overseas. There are 22 prisoners of war to whom parcels are sent from time to time.

"The school is making a collection of pictures of all ex-students who have joined the armed forces. These pictures are to be arranged in alphabetical order in a trophy case in the front hall of the collegiate. So far only 150 pictures have been turned in.\*

If anyone knows of any ex-Malvern students in the forces and can obtain a three inch by four inch photograph of them, would you please get in touch with the school, Bill asks.

He finishes his report: "As long as the war continues, Malvern can be counted on to play her part both in the field of battle and in the school until at last a compete and victorious peace is won."

[\*This album was completed and is now part of the Malvern C.I. Archives.]

**Excerpts from the First issue of *The Red and Black* newspaper.**

**MALVERN VERITABLE MINT**

**Where does the money come from?**

**We would like to know.**

**By R. Scott**

With so many other organizations in the city doing their utmost to hasten the day of victory, the teachers and students of Malvern, in co-operation with the war executive, have indeed done credit to the school of the red and black, in this field of patriotic work.

The campaign in aid of the Navy League and by which Malvern contributed \$600 towards the purchasing of a Ferry, was the opening drive in aid of victory. Following this, a drive was conducted in aid of our valiant Russian allies and Malvernites, rallying to the cause, swamped the school with clothes. At Christmas, the Malvern boys overseas received gift boxes sent by the pupils. A short time ago, the student body turned its attention to the Chinese cause and after a short campaign presented this Chinese War Relief Fund with \$500.

**MISS KIPPEN JOINS AIR FORCE**

By E. Webster

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Malvern is lending one of its newest teachers to the R.C.A.F. She has been with Malvern for quite some time, first, as a student and then as a teacher. Now, she is leaving us to give her services elsewhere.

**AIR-RAID PRACTICE**

By Jena Burness

One of the most ridiculous practices of the City Fathers is the monthly blackout. This serves no practical purpose and is a source of constant confusion and inconvenience. I believe whole-heartedly in preparedness and don't think we should merely say, "Oh, Toronto will never be bombed."

**MALVERN OVERSEAS**

From *The Red and Black*, April 1943

Letter from H.N. Cleworth in response to Malvern students in 12C

January 8, 1943

Dear Jean,

Please thank the Malvern committee for the parcel and their kindness in remembering a chap who has been "ex" for about 22 years. Your letter arrived just before Christmas and the parcel yesterday!

I am an "old man" of 36 now, and as I said above, left Malvern 22 years ago – it seems hard to believe. In those days, "Yip" Foster and "Red" Moore were hockey stars with Claude Harris and Ab Box coming up.

You will be interested to know that my roommate is also ex-Malvern and received a parcel. He is Captain Eric Edwards. I have a young brother-in-law going to Malvern now – Don Jarvis. So I guess I am still well connected with Malvern.

Thanks to XIIC for their wishes, and may they be granted!

Sincerely,  
H.N Cleworth

Lieutenant H.N. Cleworth  
Command R.C.A.S.C.  
Canadian Division

(Eric Edwards has been transferred to the same command.)

You, who are still at Malvern, and were about four or five years ago, will remember Maurice Wallace as a rugby player, boxer and gymnast of note.

Mr. Nixon received a letter from Wallace, which says in part:

Tuesday, January 5, 1943

Dear Mr. Nixon and Staff:

I had a very pleasant surprise yesterday when I received a parcel from the school. I was one of the few fortunates whose parcels were not spoiled by pyrene. There must have been a fire on one of the ships, because nearly everybody's parcels were soaked with the stuff. It makes rather a mess of things, too.

When I had my landing leave, I spent it in London with my dad. I really had a swell time and saw all the things I was supposed to see, such as Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's Cathedral and the Guild Hall. I also saw No. 10 Downing Street and Buckingham Palace.

Jack Robertson was telling me that he met "Rickie" Long in Trafalgar Square, but so far I have seen only one ex-Malvernite – Ken Duncan. He seems very happy over here. He says that it is nicer in summer in England than in Canada.

I really would appreciate hearing from anybody at the school, so if anybody wishes to write, my address is:

B18165 Gunner M.W. Wallace  
1<sup>st</sup> L.A.A.Bty.  
6<sup>th</sup> L.A.A.Reg't.  
Canadian Army Overseas

Good-bye for the present, Maurice Wallace

## Fascinating Facts.....Did you Know.....from the wartime era

### IN THE MAY 1924 MUSE

*Did you know:*

- ❖ That during the war [WW1] Malvern supported two French orphans, a boy and a girl?
- ❖ That in 1911, not being blessed with a cafeteria as now, teachers and pupils organized a society for the prevention of dry lunches, learning the art of preparing tea, coffee and cocoa, while the boys acted as waiters, not allowing the girls to even wash the dishes?
- ❖ That one hundred and thirty-eight Malvern boys enlisted during the war, twenty-two being killed in action?
- ❖ That in 1913 Mayor Hiltz was Hon. President of the Boys' Athletic Club

### From the Malvern Home and School Association

Did You Know?

- 1911 • A luncheon club was formed by the principal to provide tea and coffee at noon hour to students and teachers. • Boys in those days set the tables and helped with the dishes.
- 1912 • Starting this year, the Annual Field Day was held on the Glen Stewart grounds. • Grounds were located on the south side of Kingston Rd. east of Main St. • In this year the first Malvern dance was permitted. • Prizes were awarded to the winners of the bicycle races. • Only prize available to girls was to winners of tennis tournament. • Main social event up until this time was a promenade in the assembly hall. • Staff is now 6 teachers.
- 1913 • A new wing was completed which commanded an ideal view of Lake Ontario. • First staff room and library now available in the school. • Favourite form of diversion – skating and sleighing parties. • Later, paper chases and corn roasts became popular. • Up-to-date science rooms now available in new wing. • Up until this time the 5<sup>th</sup> form had no classroom. • Girls' drilling was done in the corridors • 1<sup>st</sup> *Tackler* school newspaper
- 1914 • Malvern High School became **Malvern Collegiate Institute**. • Upwards of 122 students and graduates enlisted in the Great War. • Of these, 25 lost their lives.
- 1915 • Last year of publication of the *Tackler* Magazine
- 1918 • End of Great War ushered in a great period of expansion for Malvern • students sponsored French war orphan, Roger Barrère (1918-1921)
- 1919 • Between this year and 1934, seven university scholarships were won by Malvern students.

**Did You Know?**

### From the Malvern Home and School Association

- 1940 • This year shows an attendance of 1490 student at Malvern.
- 1941 • Guidance Department started.
- 1942 • Public Health nurse now in daily attendance. • Malvern at this time boasted more social activities than any other collegiate in Toronto, perhaps in Ontario.
- 1945 • Student Council established.
- 1946 • Staff now 52 teachers and 3 secretaries. • 15 students' organizations are active at this time. • Malvern *Muse* discontinued this year because of rising costs.
- 1947 • Because of crowding, Malvern borrowed three rooms in Adam Beck School for their commercial classes. • Mr. M.H. Jewell was appointed Principal.
- 1949 • Malvern choir chosen to send programme by Transatlantic radio to France. • Tennis championship won by Malvern in 1949 and 1950.