

SCOUTS WHO SERVED...

A picture essay

Scouting was just beginning in Canada during the First World War. It was a time of high excitement...of fellowship and camaraderie...of fear and worry and despair. By the time of the Second World War, Scouts were called upon, more than ever before, to assist in the war effort on the home front. During the time of the Korean War, Scouting was more active than ever.

The four sons of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sapworth, looking much like the youth of today, beam enthusiastically and proud with their flags. They all joined in 1908. Fred Junior was 14; William, 12, Tom, 10, and John was only 5. They all enlisted when World War I came along. All were killed in action except the youngest, John, who had served as the group's mascot.

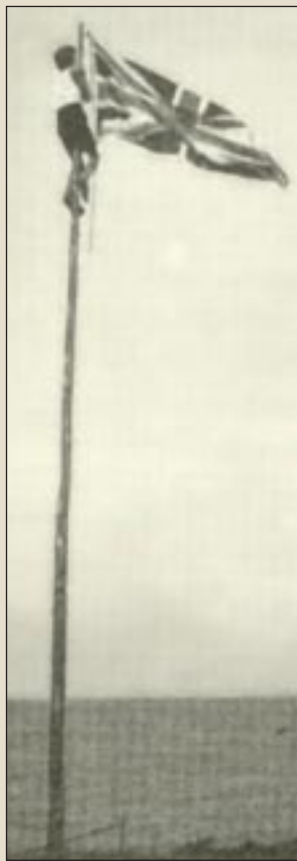


In Ottawa, 1940, a King's Scout is shown helping with some heavy lifting at Red Cross Headquarters.

This serious young lad was former Scout Boy (1st Class) John Travers Cornwall. He served aboard the H.M.S. Chesterton, and was mortally wounded very early on in the action. Nevertheless, he remained alone at his post, in full view, quietly awaiting orders as the dead and dying lay all around him. The Admiral Beatty called for "special recognition in justice to his memory and as an acknowledgement of the high example set by him."



The year is 1939; in Prince Edward Island a Scout clears a halyard while looking over the Atlantic, as if to make sure the flag is seen from the other side.



Air raid precaution notices are distributed by Scouts to households in April, 1940.



A tight-knit group...The 111th B Sanderstead Mission Cub Pack in Toronto knits dishcloths and face clothes for local hospitals in May, 1940. X

Remembering Scouting on film... A Canadian film company is producing a film called, "Canada's War: The Lost Colour Archives". They are looking for colour film, letters, diaries and other materials on Scouting activities during World War II. If you have any materials to contribute, please contact Rebecca Ruddle, Researcher at: rruddle@yapfilms.com, or by telephone at 416-504-6662 x 237, or toll-free at 1-888-war-film.