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JIMMIE CLARKE BRANCH 328, NORTHBROOK

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Branch 328 of the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League was chartered on the 28th January, 1944. The first recorded meeting was held in Northbrook on the 9th January, 1944, probably at the home of the founder, James Edwin Clarke. An address of welcome was given by Comrade Clarke and letters from the Provincial Secretary and the District Commander were read.

The following were elected to office by acclamation:

President James E. Clarke	Executive Committee
1st Vice President F. A. Fevreau	M. A. Wood, M. Thompson & J. Huffman
2nd Vice President A. Meeks	
Secretary-Treasurer H. Spencer	Sgt.-at-Arms Mont A. Wood

It would appear from the minutes that only these seven attended the meeting. In a few years I would meet all these men and know them well both as comrades and neighbours. They were all World War I veterans with the exception of Comrade Clarke who served in the South African War.

Private Francis Almonte Fevreau was a farmer, born at Flinton on the 22nd May, 1894. He served with the Infantry in England, France and Germany and was wounded at Ypres. At the time of this meeting one of his sons, Francis A. Jr., was a private serving in Canada.

Harvey Augustus Spencer, a merchant in Cloyne, was born 7th November, 1896. He enlisted at Radisson, Saskatchewan, in 1915, in the 5th Battalion, Western Cavalry, served in England and France with the Infantry at Vimy, Passchendale, Hill Seventy and other battles. His medals are on display at Branch 428, R.C.L., Tweed, where he was a member when he died on the 11th November, 1970.

Sapper Manly Thompson, 1042805, was born at Whitney, Ontario, on the 3rd April, 1896. He served with the 240th Battalion, Canadian B.N.C.R.T. 1st Division in France at Vimy, Ypres, Hill Seventy and others.

Private Archie Meeks, 835367, enlisted in the 146th Battalion and served in France with the 4th Battalion, Canadian Mounted Rifles. He was wounded at Vimy and lost his sight on the 9th April, 1917. Although blind for the rest of his life, he was a most cheerful person, loved by all the community and enjoyed hunting and fishing. He died on the 11th November, 1965, and is survived today by seventy descendants.

Private Mont Alexander Wood was born at Fernleigh, Ontario, on the 11th March, 1892. He served in France from 1915 to 1919. He married his wife, Jessie, in Aberdeen. He was the County Constable and was killed in a car accident on his way home from duty at a Legion dance on the 1st December, 1951.

Private John Alexander Huffman, 835490, was born at Verona, Ontario, on the 13th January, 1899. He served in England and France. He was wounded at Vimy and had a leg amputated on 3rd November, 1917. He had a farm at Harlowe and was also a fishing guide.

Bandsman James Clarke, 4512, was born on the 4th December, 1875, at Barnet, Hertfordshire, England. His military records, although by no means complete, include copies of three honourable discharges and four regimental numbers. He served twelve years with the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment from 9th August, 1894 until 8th August, 1906, almost seven years of this time abroad. He received the South African Medal with three clasps, the King's Medal with two clasps and the Kimberley Star for his service in the South African Campaign.

Gunner J. E. Clarke, 5413, and then Lance Corporal J. E. Clarke, 9047, served three years with No. 5 Company, Royal Canadian Regiment, and No. 1 Company, Royal Canadian Garrison Artillery from 3rd October, 1906, to 3rd October, 1909, at Halifax, N.S.

Bandsman J. E. Clarke, 5671, was discharged at Kingston, Ontario, 10th February, 1913, after three years' service with the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery. From 1913 to 1914 he was with the 43rd Regiment Militia in Ottawa in the Governor General's Footguards, from 1915 to 1916 with the 52nd Regiment at Fort Frances, then transferred to the 98th Regiment.

Although this ended Jimmie's career with the permanent force because he was declared unfit for active service, he continued to serve in the non-permanent force and was, until 1933, associated with various regimental bands, including: The Governor General's Foot Guards, Ottawa; the 110th Irish Regiment, Toronto; the Dufferin Rifles, Brampton; The Governor General's Body Guard, Toronto; and the Irish Regiment, Toronto; in that order. Surely few soldiers of any rank can claim association with so many regiments.

I met Jimmie Clarke and his wife, Rosa, in late 1947. He was then 72, Justice of the Peace, and a very robust and gregarious person, still obviously English after forty years in Canada. Most days he walked (or marched) the mile or so to the Northbrook Post Office, during the warm weather in khaki shorts and pith helmet as if in the Indian Army, during the winter with scarf flying.

It was not until I recently received copies of Jimmie's military records from his son, Len, that I fully understood why he was concerned enough to form a Legion branch for the boys coming home from World War II.

He soon recruited me to join his Legion and later to play the bugle for 11th November ceremonies and veterans' funerals. As a professional bandsman with a medal from the C.N.E. for playing the French horn in 1922 it was not surprising that he had doubled as bugler along with his presidential duties. However, now recovered from a stroke, he found the high notes difficult because of a slight residual paralysis in his face. There was no bugler to be found within fifty miles. I was no musician but I had played trumpet in the high school band. I was certain if I appeared before a crowd I would forget half of The Last Post. We agreed to play a duet. On the 11th November we positioned ourselves well back and to one side of the Cenotaph in Flinton, and supported each other, as it were. I doubt if any of the small gathering in front of the Cenotaph noticed that this old Soldier of the Queen who had played for hundreds of ceremonial parades, perhaps even before Queen Victoria herself, held one side of his mouth closed with two fingers.

Such then was his determination to honour our fallen comrades and to form a Legion Branch where the young veterans of World War II would have fellowship and the opportunity to honour their comrades.

When the charter for Branch 328 was issued on 28th January, 1944, there were eight more names on it beside the seven who held office:

Len A. Clarke	Joseph Miller
Claude Parks	Hile Hartin
Fred Stein	Samuel G. Both
Charles Rosenblath	Hillier Thompson

Of these, Sgt. Leonard Albert Clarke, 62561, (Jimmie's son) served with the Canadian Army in Canada and the UK from February, 1941, to November, 1944, in transport.

As it turned out, only five of the charter members would influence Branch 328 by continuing their membership for some length of time. They were J. E. Clarke, F. A. Fevreau, Sr., Mont A. Wood, Manly Thompson and J. Huffman.

Getting a charter was one thing, building a strong Legion branch was another. Meetings were called and cancelled because of poor attendance. There was no regular place to meet and nothing to do except organize dances to raise money. The president soon became secretary and treasurer. There is little evidence that any of the original officers carried much of the load of running the branch.

Late in 1944 Comrade Clarke obtained a grant of land from Mr. David Frets of the Kal-Addington Mining Syndicate, and announced his plans to build a

Memorial Hall on this small triangle of land across from the present L.C.B.O. The deed was presented at a meeting held 11th December, 1944, and plans to build a hall with the help of local citizens were discussed. J. E. Clarke, Ed Ward, M. Wood and Len Clarke were appointed trustees.

It appears that the president was ill during the first half of 1945 and no meetings were held until April, both at the home of Ed Ward, one chaired by F. Fevreau and the second by Sam Hughes. A VE Day committee was appointed. The ladies of Massanoga were thanked for a quilt they had donated and eight members agreed to attend the Convention in Kingston on the 6th May.

There were three items of interest during 1945, the most important being the granting of a charter for a Ladies' Auxiliary to Branch 328 on the 30th August. The charter members were Lulu Thompson, Rosa Clarke, Kay Wood, Norma Clarke, Tillie Sowers, Jessie Cox, Emma Both, Eva Jackson, Wilma Cox, Janet Davison, Beatrice Yanch, Sadie Wise, Edna Rutland, Maggie Snider, Hazel Drysdale, Nadine Thompson, Elsie McNulty and Sarah Perry.

The ladies had been working since the branch began. Many of them had sons or husbands in the service. They played a major part in the running of the dances and other events for fund raising. It is doubtful if the branch could have survived the tough financial times encountered later without their help. From the minutes of a joint meeting recorded in our minute book held on the 9th October, 1945, we know that Sadie Wise (Bob Wise's mother) was president and Cathy Rosenplot (Paul Rosenplot's wife) was elected secretary.

One joyous event of the year was the return of Sgt. Keith Jackson from five and a half years' service, one of the first World War II overseas veterans to join Branch 328.

The committee to build the Memorial Hall came into existence on the 23rd July, 1945, at a citizens' meeting held at the Northbrook Public School. Present were F. "Sandy" Drysdale, Magistrate J. L. Lloyd, Ed Morley, Lewis VanNess, T. T. Killingbeck, Art Donnelly, C. C. Thompson and J. J. Vogan. These citizens agreed to help the Legion build the Memorial Hall. The branch later appointed Keith Jackson, Manly Thompson, Harold Cox and Ed Ward to the Hall Committee.

Meetings were held almost weekly into the Fall. Wages were to be paid, at the rate of 50¢ an hour with the labourer to return 10% as a donation. The building was to be 40 x 70 feet, a concrete slab was poured, but the little money raised ran out in October and so ended this dream.

I was told years later that the man hired to mix cement and lay blocks did his best work in the beverage room.

One of the problems that faced the new branch was that as soon as young veterans were established in office they left the area to work elsewhere. This seems to have been the case in 1946 and the first half of 1947 when no meetings were recorded. It was 18th July, 1947, before new officers, President Orval Courneya and Secretary N. H. (Doc) Clemens, were appointed to replace Lorne Lloyd and George Both who were working in Northern Ontario.

THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE

On the 21st December, 1947, the branch found a home. Jimmie Clarke announced that he had tendered \$500 for the old school house on Highway 41 in School Section No. 4 in Kaladar Township. The branch agreed to purchase the building. The decision turned out to be a good one. The building was sound, it had a basement and a good wood furnace, there was room for parking and it was located almost equal distance from Kaladar, Flinton and Northbrook and thus should not rekindle any rivalries between the various villages.

As a matter of interest, the branch borrowed the money to buy the property from one of the members. There was at that time \$44 in the General Fund, \$36 in the Poppy Fund and \$85 in the Ladies' Auxiliary Fund.

The members held work parties and did all the renovations. Partitions were removed, walls were painted, the floor was sanded and the building wired. It was soon paid for by holding weekly dances, bingos and other functions. The Magistrate's Court and a religious group paid rent. The County used it for the Well Baby Clinic. Girl Guides and Scouts used it without charge.

The minutes for 1948-49-50-51 record over fifty meetings. There must have been that many work parties, dances, bingos, dinners and celebrations directly involving members.

THE POOL HALL

Bairnsfather's best-remembered cartoon of World War I makes fun of the British foot soldier's never-ending search for a "better 'ole." Branch 328 was not immune to the "better 'ole" syndrome. In 1951 and 1952 presentations were made for larger quarters -- to make more money -- and also to house the branch in Northbrook where it was founded.

The opportunity came when Mr. Snare decided to sell his pool hall in that village. The members, at a meeting on the 19th September, 1952, decided to buy it by a simple motion. The Snare deed is dated 22nd November, 1952. The old school was soon sold. In August, 1953, the branch purchased fifty feet adjoining the Snare property from J. J. Vogan.

I was not a member of the branch while this building was used so am at a disadvantage to write about it. There were regular meetings, however the minutes are brief and disclose little of the actual activities. There is no doubt that the new hall became an important part of the social life of the village which had never before enjoyed a public hall.

There were dances, card parties, bingos, turkey dinners and other money-raising events. The Ladies' Auxiliary, which had been suspended in 1951, was re-instated and became a vital part of the branch for several years. Other groups used the facilities, but they were mostly charities and enjoyed rents that did little to help carry the cost.

The building is 24 x 90 feet. The rear one-third was originally an apartment. The front part made a very good hall. There was never enough revenue to pay for maintenance, taxes, heat, interest and pay off the principle. Discussions were recorded in 1962 about selling it outright for \$7,500.

On the 25th March, 1968, the Liquor Control Board of Ontario leased the front part. This seemed the ideal arrangement as the rent would eventually take care of the financial situation while the branch could use the rear of the building for their meeting rooms. The arrangement was short-lived however as the following year the L.C.B.O. required the whole building and have leased it ever since.

The mortgage was paid off in August, 1969, seventeen years after the building was acquired. Now the branch was solvent but had no club house. At this time there were only about ten Ordinary members and, ironically, none of them resided in Northbrook.

Particular credit is due to all who were members during this period. There were not enough members to do all the work involved. Offices were held for several years because no one else could or would take the responsibility. Two of the presidents, Willis Rosenplot and Jim Spencer, commuted from their homes in Kingston and Belleville while they held office. Obviously, both thought it of importance to keep the branch going. Lawrence Charlton was president for two separate terms.

That Branch 328 exists at all today is largely due to the efforts of one member, Willis Rosenplot. Comrade Rosenplot is the only member to have continuous membership since 1946. He was Treasurer 1949-51; President 1953-56; Secretary-Treasurer 1958-71, Deputy Zone Commander 1958-59 and Zone Commander 1960-61. Willis was also in charge of the Public Speaking Contests

for many years. Knowing him as a friend both in and out of the Legion, I can say without reservation that he never offended anyone. The branch honoured Willis Rosenplot with Life Membership in 1980.

In 1955 the branch honoured their founder by naming the branch Jimmie Clarke Branch 328.

THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

On the 1st October, 1971, the branch was fortunate to be able to rent space in the basement of the Northbrook Community Centre, then owned and operated by the Northbrook Businessmen's Association. This has been our home for thirteen years and we hope will be for as long as we require it. In 1983 the Land O'Lakes Lions Club took over the building and have started general improvements which will soon improve our accommodation.

Branch 328 has prospered during these years with the membership gradually increasing to thirty-four in 1983, exactly the same as the former peak year of 1947. All current members are veterans or ex-service personnel, as they were in 1947.

Thanks to those who worked to pay off the former properties, the income from the L.C.B.O. rental is adequate for our needs and allows us to indulge in such charities as we wish without the constant hassle of raising funds.

Branch 328 has absorbed several members from the Denbigh area whose branch had to close some years ago. Many of the new members have retired to this area and transferred from their former branches.

As we of Branch 328 celebrate our 40th Anniversary we might reflect why so many members over the years have striven to make this branch prosper. Why do we continue to seek each others' company in a basement room each month? Certainly I think most Legion members remember their service years in a positive way -- a position that is not as popular with the public, the church and the press as it was forty years ago. There is, too, something special about the fellowship of veterans that cannot be equalled by any other organization. Perhaps it is that we share our fellowship with our young comrades who fell so many years ago. We know that.....

"..... AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN AND IN THE MORNING WE WILL
REMEMBER THEM."

John J. Savigny
Story Lake
R.R. 2
Cloyne, Ontario.

24th January, 1984

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Jimmie Clarke Branch 328, Northbrook

Some information about our PRESIDENTS

Service information was not available on all our Presidents. My thanks to all Past Presidents or their families who responded to my requests.

1944, 1945, 1946 Bandsman JAMES E. CLARKE was born in Barnet, England, 4th December, 1875. He served for twelve years with the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment as a Bandsman. He received the South African Medal with three clasps, the King's Medal with two clasps and the Kimberley Star for service in the South African Campaign. His Canadian service spanned ten years' active service and sixteen more years with the Militia and is outlined in more detail in the Jimmie Clarke Branch story.

1947 First six months. Corporal LORNE ROBERT LLOYD, C35546, was born at Northbrook, 21st February, 1920. He served with the 1st Canadian Survey Regiment in England, North Africa, Sicily, Italy, France, Belgium, Holland and was awarded the Star for each Theatre of War in which he served.

1947 Second six months. Able Seaman ORVAL J. COURNEYA, V34128, was born at Bogart, Ontario, 19th October, 1924. He served with the Royal Canadian Navy and received the Atlantic Star, the France and Germany Star as well as the C.V.S.M. and 1939-1945 War Medal. He was twenty-two years old when he became Branch President.

1948 Corporal CHARLES ASA GOOD, R143923, was born at Harlowe, Ontario, on the 22nd April, 1919. He served with the R.C.A.F. for about five years, first in Security at Torbay, Newfoundland, later instructed in Pacific Ground Warfare on the west coast.

1949 Corporal JOHN JAMES SAVIGNY, R156959, R.C.A.F., was born at Welland, Ontario, on the 1st March, 1924. He served with the R.A.F. during 1942 to 1945 in England, Ireland and Scotland as a Ground Radar Mechanic.

1950 Private JOHN ALBERT WOOD, 60094, was born 26th June, 1895. He served four years and seven months in World War I in England and France, was wounded and awarded the Mons Star. He was the first of three of our presidents to serve in both World Wars. In World War II he was a Company Sergeant Major with the Canadian Army in Canada.

1951 Corporal THOMAS MARTIN NEAL, 270049, was born in Kingston on the 10th September, 1913. He served with the R.C.A.F. in England at several places including Leamington, Yorkshire. He was with Medical Records.

1952 N. H. "Doc" CLEMENS. We have no information about this president, but know he was with the Canadian Army in England and presume on the Continent.

1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, Corporal WILLIS E. ROSENPLAT, C115006, served with the Heavy Artillery and South Saskatchewan Regiments in Canada, England, France and Belgium. He sustained a bullet wound in his left shoulder. Willis is the only Branch 328 member with continuous Legion service since 1946. His Legion service is detailed in the general history.

1957 Warrant Officer 2nd Class KENNETH SALMOND, R223732, was born 28th September, 1925, and served as an Air Gunner in the R.C.A.F. with 434 Squadron in England and Europe for which he was awarded the 1939-45 Star, France and Germany Star and Defence of Britain Medal. He has an Operation Wing and an Air Gunner Wing. As a matter of interest, Ken was about as young as an airman could be and still see operations in Europe.

1958 Private HERBERT ARMSTRONG, C52845, was born in Denbigh, 19th June, 1925. He served with the Canadian Infantry in Italy and Holland.

1959, 1960 Private JAMES ALBERT SPENCER, C80202, was born in Cloyne, Ontario, on the 6th June, 1918. He served with the Brockville Rifles in Canada and suffered hearing loss because of a Bren gun explosion. He is now a member of Branch 99 in Belleville.

1961, 1962 Lance Corporal LAWRENCE JOSEPH CHARLTON, 412558, was born at Lakefield, 1st October, 1896. He served with the 39th and 5th Battalions of the Canadian Expeditionary Force 1914 to 1919 in France and was wounded at Vimy. During World War II Corporal Lawrence, C89709, served in Canada for

six years and eight months guarding German P.O.W's.

1963, 1964 Lance Corporal PAUL T. ROSENPLLOT, C48581, was born at Cloyne, on the 4th October, 1922. He served with the 10th Field Ambulance R.C.A.S.C. in England and Europe.

1965 LAWRENCE JOSEPH CHARLTON. See 1961/1962. Not only did Lawrence serve in two wars, he served two separate terms as president and is the only member of Branch 328 to have done so.

1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, Leading Aircraftman R119780 and Private HAROLD B. (BUD) PETERSON, was born in Port Arthur, 9th November, 1922. He served with the R.C.A.F. and later with the Canadian Infantry Corps in Canada and the U.K. V2258

1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974 Private SIDNEY ALEXANDER TIBBLE, 763136, was born at Ryde on the Isle of Wight, 4th October, 1896. He came to Canada in 1902 and joined the 122nd Battalion in World War I. He served in Halifax then after-going to Mesopotamia with a British unit he served in France with the Canadian Forestry Corps and Canadian Engineers Corps. He has the Canadian Forestry Corps Medal and the Canadian Infantry Medal. In World War II he joined the Veterans' Guard at Huntsville, served at Lew Liskeard and Espanola on escort duty with German P.O.W's.

1975, 1976, 1977, 1978 Leading Aircraftman MILLER BLACK, R180911, was born at Harlowe, 22nd November, 1914. He served as a driver with the R.C.A.F. at No. 6 Bomber Group at Leaming Bar, Thorpecroft and Middleton St. George in England.

1979, 1980, 1981, 1982 Lance Corporal GORDON ROBERT WOOD, C122231, was born in Temiskaming District on the 10th November, 1924. He trained in Canada and Britain, joined the Regina Rifles on Normandy Beach on D-Day-plus-5 and served with them until the end of the war. Later he joined the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa in Holland and served one year of occupation in Germany until September, 1946.

1983, 1984 Corporal NORMAN M. INWOOD, C34635, was born in Denbigh, on the 15th April, 1919. He served in Britain and Europe with No. 1. Servicing Unit, R.C.E.M.E. He married if wife, Ella, in Yorkshire in 1944.

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SECRETARIES The position of Secretary of the Branch is often of equal or more importance than that of President. Some secretaries have served terms that spanned several different presidents and it was their continuity that helped hold the branch together.

1948, 1949, 1950, 1951 Leading Aircraftwoman MARY KIRBY SAVIGNY, 2057613, was born in Sheffield, England, 29th December, 1923. She joined the R.A.F. in 1942 and served as a Clerk-Special Duties (Plotter) with 11 Group Fighter Command at R.A.F. Hornchurch Control Room and later at Air Sea Rescue Control Room at Dover, England. Mary has been Branch Chaplain since 1979.

1953 to 1956 RALPH KENNY. No Information.

1957 HERBERT ARMSTRONG. See Presidents' List

1958 to 1970 WILLIS E. ROSENPLLOT " " "

1971 to present Corporal JAMES MARTIN WRIGHT, B116434, was born 11th September, 1926. He joined the Canadian Technical Training Corps on his 17th birthday, 1943, as a Boy Soldier. He trained as a motor mechanic and served at St. John, Hamilton and Kingston in Canada. In August, 1945, he was at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, waiting for transport to the Pacific Theatre when the Japanese surrendered. He is our youngest World War II veteran.

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I have not referred to all the medals awarded to the veterans, mostly decorations and Theatre Stars. If a veteran served in England you may assume he or she has the Defence of Britain Medal and the 1939-45 medal. Almost all the Canadian World War II veterans will have the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and, if overseas, with clasp.

My own knowledge of World War I decorations is scanty and I ask your indulgence for my errors and omissions.

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January, 1984

About 175 people have been members of the Branch at one time or another. There is no complete list of past members either in Branch or Command records. It is possible that some of those listed here were not veterans but honorary or affiliated members. It is also possible that some listed were present at one or more meetings without ever paying dues or becoming members.

CURRENT MEMBERS ARE LISTED IN CAPITALS.

	Legion Offices Held	Initiated or Transferred
Arney, Lorne B.		1945
Armstrong, Herbert	President 1958 Secretary 1957	1951
* Allair, Francis		1950
* Andrews, Ernest J.		1957
ATHERTON, Paul		1981
* Both, Samuel G.	Charter Member	1944
Black, John Hubert		1944
Both, Karl Joseph		1944
Brushey, Charles F.		1944
Beochie,		1945
Brydson, Glen		1945
Brydson, John		19 ?
* Both, George		1946
* Bouchard, Douglas		1948
BLACK, Miller	President 1975 - 1978	1948
* Both, Alfred		1956
Boomhour, Kenneth	Honorary Member	?
Brown, William G.		1957
Behie, The Reverend	Chaplain	1961
Blackwell, Thomas Lee		1981
BROUWER, Jan W.		1983
* Clarke, James Edwin	Charter Member President 1944, 1945, 1946 Life Member	1944
Clarke, Leonard	Charter Member	1944
* Cox, Harold		1945
* Clemens, N. H.	Secretary 1947	1947
Courneya, Orval	President 1947	1947
Courneya, Edward J.		1947
* Champagne, Joseph		1948
* Charlton, Lawrence J.	President 1961, 1962, 1965	1948
Clarke, J. Leslie		1945
Casey, Cyril		?
Clarke, Douglas		1957
CLARK, Donald		1960
CAREY, Peter William	Sgt.-at-Arms	1978

Drysdale, A. F.	Honorary Member	1946	9
Davison, Robert		1945	
Dunbar, C. Arthur		1945	
Dicks, William		1949	
Davison, Earl		1949	
Drier, Cyril		1953	
* Ducharme, Claude	Honorary Member	1954	
DION, Cecil		1950	
Driscoll, George		1961	
DACUK, John		1982	
* Fevreau, Francis A. Sr.	Charter Member	1944	
* Fevreau, Francis A. Jr.		1945	
Flieler, Arnold		1948	
Fobert, Cecil		1947	
* Good, Earl F.		1945	
Good, Charles A.	President 1948	1945	
* Garbutt, Fred W.		1947	
GAREY, W. Hursey		1948	
* Gibson, Alfred		1950	
Gray, Jack		1952	
Graham, Roland		1952	
Greatrix, J.		1959	
GLAESER, H. A. Cameron		1978	
GAREY, Archie A.		1981	
* Hughes, Samuel	Life Member	1944	
* Huffman, Jack	Charter Member	1944	
Hartin, Hile	Charter Member	1944	
Hulebs, William F.		1944	
Hannaford, William J.		1948	
Hancock, John	Secretary-Treasurer	1952	
Hannaford, George	Honorary Member		
INWOOD, Norman	President 1983, 1984		
Jackson, Keith		1945	
* Jamieson, R. Lionel		1950	
* Jackson, Robert	Honorary Member	1955	
JACKSON, Earl			
Kenny, W. R	Secretary 1952, 1954	1951	
Knight, William		1956	
KING, Bruce		1981	
Lloyd, Arthur William		1944	
Lloyd, Cartwell		1944	
Lloyd, Clarence		1944	
Lloyd, Lorne	President 1947	1945	
Lloyd, Clifford H.		1946	
Little, Don		1947	
Lynch, William		1947	
Lloyd, Harold		1947	
* Lloyd, Almonte		1947	
* Levere, Odey		1947	

* Lloyst, Kenneth		1950
Leroux, Joseph		1953
* Lewis, Fred		1957
* Lafee, Arthur		1957
Lloyd, Leslie		1957
LESSARD, Patricia		1976
* Lund, Robert R.		1979
LAMBERT, A. B.		1981
LEMKE, OSCAR	First Vice President 1983-84	1979- <i>pres' 1985-1989</i>
LAHAY, FRANK		1982

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* Meeks, Archie, Sr.,	Charter Member	1944
* Miller, Joseph	Charter Member	1944
McPherson, R.T.		1947
Morley, William Charles		1946
May, Stephen	Chaplain	1948
* Madigan, Cornelius		1948
McPherson, William		1947
* McKnight, William Victor		1949
McKNIGHT, Nancy Lees		1949
McAllister, Kenneth, The Rev.	Chaplain	1949
McDONALD, John A.		1950
* Martin, James E.		1950
Murphy, Clifford		1950
* McCrimmon, Duncan		1951
McCrimmon, Ross	Honorary Member	1952
Martin, Charles L.		1952
Maybee, Harold B.		1952
McArthur, Claude		1953
* McKittrick, Grant		1955
McLuckie, Joyner		1955
McCluskie, ?		1955
Meeks, Floyd		1957
McLuckie, Floyd		1958
McLuckie, T. A.		1961
MILLER, Joseph		1979
McLEOD, Rodney		1979
McPHERSON, Ernest Isaac		1981
McWILLIAMS, Carl A.		1982

Neal, Thomas M.	President 1951	1947
* Neal Victor		1947

Parks, Claude	Charter Member	1944
Pearce, William		1945
* Pringle Max		1950
Paterson, Alexander		1953
* Perry, Gerald		1956
		1958

Pringle, William		1944
* Parks, Joseph	Honorary Member	?
Peterson, Harold	President 1966, 1967, 1968, & 1969	1965
ROSENBLATH, WILLIS	Life Member. President 1953, 1954, 1955 and 1956 Secretary-Treasurer 1958-1971 Deputy Zone Commander 1958, 1959 Zone Commander 1960 and 1961	1946
* Rosenblath, Charles	Charter Member	1944
Rogers, James		1944
* Rosenplot, Paul	President 1963 and 1964	1947
Rodberg, Mervin		1947
* Richardson, Dr. E. A.		1951
RAHM, LEONARD		1980
Stein, Fred	Charter Member	1944
* Spencer, Harvey	Charter Member Secretary-Treasurer 1944	1944
SAVIGNY, JOHN JAMES	President 1949	1947
SAVIGNY, MARY	Secretary 1948 to 1951 Chaplain 1979 to 1984	1947
Shier, William		1946
Salmond, Kenneth	President 1957	1947
* Stout, Gordon		1948
* Spicer, Charles		1949
Shaw, Lorne		1951
Spicer, Arthur		1951
Steele, ?		1951
Salmond, Stanley E.		1957
Spencer, James	President 1959 and 1960	1957
SCHURMAN, JAMES H.		1979
Spencer, Gerald	Honorary Member	?
Snider, Jack		?
* Thompson, Manly	Life Member Charter Member	1944
* Thompson, Hillier	Charter Member	1944
Tulley, Ernest		1945
Train. Russell		1948

TIBBLE, SIDNEY	Life Member	President 1970 to 1974	19
Villneff, Philip			1944
VanNess, Nelson			1951
* Ward, Edward J.			1944
* Ward, William James			1944
* Wood, Mont A.	Charter Member		1944
Wood, Gordon			1944
* Wood, J. Albert	President 1950		1948
* Wise, Robert S.			1949
WATSON, HOWARD	Treasurer - current		1951
Winecke, Victor			1952
Williams, M.			1955
Wise, Clarence			1956
* Wood, Gus			1956
WOOD, GORDON R.	President 1979 to 1982		
WRIGHT, JAMES	Secretary 1971 to present		
WILSON, D.A.			1982

The first forty years of JIMMIE CLARKE BRANCH 328 of THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION were celebrated with a wine and cheese party held the afternoon of 29th January, 1984. Seventy-six people registered including members from Branches 631, 9, 348, 560, 496, 99, 428 and 436. Several past members of Branch 328 and the Ladies Auxiliary were present including Nadine Thompson, widow of Manly Thompson, one of the Charter members, and herself a Charter member of the Ladies Auxiliary, and Orval Courneya who was the Branch's second active President in 1947.

Zone Commander Bill James was photographed with previous Zone Commanders Arnie Campbell, Elwin Brown and Willis Rosenplot. Gordon Wood received his Past President pin, Jim Wright was honoured for fourteen years' service as Branch Secretary. President Norman Inwood presented a cheque for \$1,000 to the Land o' Lakes Lions Club to help with the renovations of their premises which the Branch shares.

The most important change in the ensuing five years was the renovation of our quarters in the basement of the Lions Hall brought about by the renovation and enlarging of the Lions property which provides us not only with a home but also with excellent facilities when we need space for a dinner or larger function.

In January, 1984, the Branch disposed of their first property acquired in 1944. Too small to build on because of Highway expropriation, it was sold to Mr and Mrs Cecil Hawley who live next door.

The LCBO decided not to renew their lease on the Legion-owned building in 1986. Without prospects for another tenant, the Branch sold it to Robert S. Taylor who now operates the Volunteer Ambulance Service from the premises. While this sale relieved the Branch of all the work and annoyances of owning property and being a landlord, it also cut off a gross income of \$6,600 per year which was more than enough for the Branch's needs and doubtless played an important part in the growing strength of the Branch. Members will have to be vigilant to see that their capital does not shrink in terms of tomorrow's dollars if it is to continue to provide the main source of income.

In terms of membership the Branch was never stronger. The numbers first reached thirty-four in 1947 but fell off gradually to the point where there were not enough members to maintain and pay for the property, perhaps a dozen members. By 1983 the membership was back up to thirty-four, all of whom were veterans. Today there are forty-five members. Eleven of these are Associates, mostly spouses of members. Two of our members are Korean War veterans and two recent recruits are retired from the peacetime forces. These, together with the Associates, have helped to slightly reduce the average age of our members. So we have managed to maintain the number of veterans and ex-service personnel over the past five years despite deaths and the advancing age of members.

President Oscar Lemke is retired and has devoted much time to the Branch which has prospered during his four-year term. Zone G.1 has benefitted from his work as Public Speaking Chairman. When he took on this task Branch 328 was the only Branch in the Zone with a public speaking programme. Today there are eleven Branches participating in Public Speaking.

On the 28th January, 1989, the Branch celebrated the 45th Anniversary with a quiet, in-branch, dinner. All eligible members received five-year pins. Comrade Willis Rosenplot has the longest continuous membership, joining in 1946.

John J. Scuniger