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### Western Front Association Pacific Coast Branch Seminar



From March 4-6, the local branch of the Western Front Association hosted their annual seminar at the Officers' Mess of The Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's), **Bay Street Armoury**. Saanich Archivist Caroline Duncan was invited to speak on the **Saanich Remembers World War One Project**. The event included presentations by military experts, with Keynote Speaker Lt. Col. Stephen Sawyer, CO, Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's) delivering an address on the 100th anniversary of the Bay Street Armoury. [Learn more](#)

### Then and Now: Peace Parade, July 1919



This photo, taken in front of the **Empress Hotel** in downtown Victoria, features the Red Cross floats followed by **Muggins, the Red Cross dog from Saanich** on top of an ambulance. The event was covered the next day in **The Colonist** newspaper: "Float Display Extremely Attractive ... first the Red Cross float with nurses in their blue service uniforms... then came a service ambulance. Only a great flag broke the dun spread of its martial hood, but on the flat top rode a dainty miss, and with her travelled Muggins ..." [Fade in and out](#)

### New Donation: WWI Memorial Cross



Saanich Archives is honoured by the recent donation of this **Memorial Cross**, engraved with **Private William Stewart's** name and service number on the back. The Memorial Cross GRI (King George V) was given to mothers and widows of those who died in service. William Stewart was the son of Arthur and Janet Stewart of 1250 **Tattersall Drive**. He was **Killed in Action** on October 8, 1916 at the age of 19 and is commemorated on the Saanich WWI Honour Roll and the Vimy Memorial. [Read more about Pte. Stewart](#)

### Project Volunteers Solve WWI Mystery



Last week, a group of our Saanich Remembers World War One Project volunteers took on some photography and research of a **monument at Holy Trinity Anglican Cemetery** in North Saanich, and in the process solved a mystery. The three men named there were **convalescing soldiers in care at Resthaven Hospital** after military service in Europe. In May 1917, they went out in a small open boat which capsized when they tried to change seats. Tragically, 3 of the 4 soldiers in the boat **drowned**. [Read the Daily Colonist article \(p.7\)](#)



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