

Interviewed by Steve Macbeth and filmed by Samtronics Video at Lockie's home,
August 24, 2005

Lieutenant-Colonel Lockhart Ross Fulton

XII Manitoba Dragoons -- trooper to lieutenant -- Birtle Troop of Minnedosa Squadron -- 1933 (age 16) to 1940. Royal Winnipeg Rifles -- lieutenant to lieutenant-colonel -- 1940 to 1946. Commanded XII Manitoba Dragoons in early '50s. Declined promotion to brigadier general and a career in army, also declined brigadier-generalship to lead brigade of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry to Korea in 1950. Spent a number of years going to North-West European battlefields to teach National Defence Officers the art of fighting.

Lockie remustered to "Winnipegs" because dragoons were not yet mobilizing. He prepared for war at Shilo, Debert (Nova Scotia) and England. As a major, Lockie led "D" company onto beaches of Normandy, June 6th, 1944. He later became commander of the battalion, took his men the rest of the way through to Belgium, Germany, and Holland. Cease fire came May 5th, 1945. After occupation, the "Winnipegs returned to England, boarded ship home and Lockie dismissed his men at Winnipeg Auditorium, January 1st, 1946. Cecil Lelond was a L/Cpl. in "D" company. Cliff Chadderton (War Amps) was Lockie's captain 2i/c "D" company and then C.O. of "D" company after Lockie became colonel of the battalion. Lockie was injured in training at Debert and England, but he made it through 336 days of warfare without a single scar ... through the grace of God!

(See Samtronics video for his story)

Medals shown and commented upon in video:

- DSO
- French Legion of Honour
- Oak leaf for being mentioned in dispatches
- 1939/1945
- Voluntary Service
- Queen's Jubilee
- Efficiency
- Order of Canada
- and more...

Cliff Chadderton says Lockie led from the front and was highly respected by his troops.

Born: 1917 -- McGregor/Gladstone district

Parents:

Raised on a farm south of Birtle where Rick and Carla now live. Returned from war and started own farm just across Hwy. #83 from father's home. Schooled at Birtle. Siblings: Katherine, Harvey, Eva, Vic, Mary, Margaret.

Married Nellie (Finch) daughter of Rev. Canon Finck, Rector at St. George's Anglican, Birtle, at Debert, Nova-Scotia, January 1941. Left for England in September, 1941. Son, Bruce, born while Lockie overseas. Children: Bruce, Geoff, Debbie, Peter, Jennifer, Abigail. Four grand-children and two great-grandchildren.

Served with Legion, school board and church.

Victor was a Flight-Lieutenant Wireless Operator/Gunner with WWII RCAF Bomber Command. Flew 50 missions. Nellie's brothers also in WWII.

Squadron Leader George, killed in crash into Red Sea off Egypt at age 21 in 1945. Wilf with Navy in Atlantic provinces and Ed with Army, then Air Force.

Note also, Birdtail Sioux Resident, Lawrence Bunn, was in "A" company of the "Winnipegs." He was a P.O.W. in Germany from "D" Day until end of war. Lawrence worked on Fulton farm before war.

Cliff Chadderton lost a leg at battle of Leopold Canal, Belgium.

Brenda, Ron, and Steve are grateful to Lockie for taking the 5 hours we spent talking to him, videoing and taking "stills" at his farm.

Lockie had also hosted a number of Legion B.B.Q.'s over the years. Steve enjoyed a nice visit with him over a meal at his farm in August 2005.

Lockie and Nellie spent quite a number of winters in Victoria until her passing in 1998. He has continued to go out there over the years. Incidentally, he has also continued to buy vehicles from Baldur Johannsen in Alberta. Baldur ran a dealership in Birtle for years.

Lockie Fulton passed away October 21st, 2005, Birtle Hospital. Service 2:pm, October 24th, St. George's Anglican, officiated by Rev. Tom Stradwick, with homily by retired bishop and St. George's Rector -- 1973/1978, retired Reverend Malcolm Harding. Dwight Stewart and Lockie's daughter, Jennifer, provided guitar accompaniment for choir and Jenn sang a solo. Son, Jeff, paid tribute to dad. Choir: Marg Ashcroft, Nessie Salmon, Marg Boulton, Gay Stewart, Jean Stewart, Iris Bamford, Betty Ann Cottingham, Marie Bartram, Rev. Heather Robbins, Jean Falloon, Alice Bolter, Eileen Diamond, Pat Roberts, Nancy Birch, Evelyn Parton. Hon. Pall Bearers: Three veterans of Royal Winnipeg Rifles and nephew David Fulton, Maurice Falloon -- WWII pilot and friend; Garth Butcher -- farms Lockie's land. 6 RWR/RUR veterans as pallbearers. Three gun salute at grave site, laying of poppies by Honour Guard.

Reception at U.C. Hall. Very nice and fitting affair overall. A proper sendoff for a gallant, brave soldier, son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle -- friend -- servant of God, Nation and Neighbour. I will miss him -- many will miss him. But -- he is now at peace with his saviour -- at rest and free of pain ... Amen and Amen!!

By: Steve MacBeth -- Crucifer assisting Rev. Tom...