

Château d' Audrieu



On the 8th and 9th of June 1944, the 12th SS Hitler Jugend commandeered le Château d' Audrieu in Normandy France and captured a group of Canadians fighting at nearby Putot en Bessin. The Canadians were marched to the Château, interrogated, and then brutally gunned down as they stood disarmed and helpless.

A memorial stele of white marble, with three mounted plaques, was erected in Audrieu, France, in memory of the members of the Regiment killed while prisoners of the 12th SS Hitler Jugend. The monument, erected in part by The Royal Winnipeg Rifles Association, lists all the men killed from The Royal Winnipeg Rifles, and others captured from The Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa, the 3rd Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery, and the 6th Field Company, Royal Canadian Engineers.

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TO THE MEMORY OF THOSE
MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL
WINNIPEG RIFLES AND
SUPPORTING ARMS WHO WERE
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OF WAR AT LE CHATEAU
D'AUDRIEU NEAR LE MESNIL-
PATRY AND AT LE HAUT DU
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À LA MÉMOIRE DE CEUX DU
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| H1797 | RFN | BASKERVILLE, E.C | H103987 | RFN | LABRECQUE, R.A. |
| H10721 | RFN | BIRSTON, H.J.H | H1170 | RFN | LAWRENCE, K.S. |
| H1463 | RFN | BISHOFF, E. | H41815 | RFN | LEFORT, E.J. |
| L104452 | RFN | BOOTH, W.J. | H41029 | RFN | LEWIS, G.J. |
| H103409 | RFN | BRADLEY, E.W. | A107694 | RFN | LYCHOWICH, J.L. |
| H40785 | CPL | BROWN, G.A. | H40564 | RFN | MACLEOD, A.M. |
| H41247 | RFN | CHARTRAND, L. | H41558 | RFN | MARYCH, F. |
| H41294 | RFN | CHARTRAND, L. | H102774 | RFN | MCINTOSH, J.D. |
| K83541 | RFN | CRESSWELL, S.J. | H95615 | L/CPL | MEAKIN, F.Y. |
| H41713 | L/CPL | CULLETON, S. | H40752 | CPL | MEAKIN, G.E. |
| H41582 | RFN | DANIELS, W. | L104718 | RFN | MORRISON, W.K. |
| H41980 | RFN | FAGNAN, A.A. | H1777 | RFN | MUTCH, R. |
| LT | | FERGUSON, W.S. | H42014 | RFN | OSTIR, F. |
| B131123 | RFN | FINDLAY, R.M. | L105551 | RFN | OWENS, A.R. |
| H40587 | CPL | FIRMAN, R.J. | H100792 | RFN | PARISIAN, P. |
| H14610 | RFN | FREEMAN, L. | H20430 | RFN | PETERSON, A.M. |
| H41280 | L/CPL | FULLER, A.R. | H9437 | L/CPL | POHO, W. |
| H16928 | RFN | GOLD, D.S. | H40798 | SGT | REID, J.A. |
| H40925 | RFN | GRAHAM, J.W. | H8918 | RFN | RODGERS, H. |
| H42018 | RFN | GUIBOCHE, L.R. | L100881 | RFN | RYCKMAN, F. |
| L105515 | RFN | HARPER, R.J. | H40931 | CPL | SCOTT, R. |
| B138308 | RFN | HARRISON, F.D. | H8899 | RFN | SIGURDSON, K. |
| H40561 | L/CPL | HILL, J.W. | H21123 | RFN | SLYWCHUK, S. |
| MAJ | | HODGE, F.E. | H42084 | RFN | SMITH, E. |
| B79614 | RFN | HOLNESS, F.W.G. | B32922 | RFN | SMITH, F. |
| B87928 | RFN | HORTON, C.A. | H138331 | RFN | SMITH, R.G. |
| B117027 | RFN | JONES, H.C. | H40697 | RFN | THOMAS, W.D. |
| H41150 | L/CPL | KINES, C.D. | L103385 | RFN | THOMPSON, J.A. |

| 3RD ANTI-TANK REGT R.C.A. | 6TH FIELD COMPANY R.C.E. |
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| LT BARKER, R.D. E21962 L/SGT BERESFORD, W. H45602 BDR GRANT, T.J.D. B112474 GNR HARKNESS, A.J.J. | B25464 SPR BENNER, G.A. B142277 SPR IONEL, J. |
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| | C21411 PTE ANGLE, H.S. G32757 PTE BURNETT, D.J. |
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| UNVIELED 8 JUNE 1989 BY COLONEL, THE HONORABLE G.L. MOLGAT, SENATOR | INAUGURÉ LE 8 JUIN 1989 PAR COLONEL L'HONORABLE G.L.MOLGAT, SÉNATEUR |

In 1996, Major H. Cliff Chadderton, CC, OStJ, OOnt (retired) produced a documentary, *Take no Prisoners*, on the events at Château d'Audrieu for the War Amps (available from the [War Amps website](#)).

Maj Chadderton served with The Royal Winnipeg Rifles during the Second World War, and was appointed the Chief Executive Officer of the War Amps in 1965, a post he held retiring in 2009 at the age of ninety (Maj Chadderton received an artificial leg after being wounded by a grenade near Leopold Canal).

A companion document to the documentary is available for reading [here](#).

Major Chadderton passed away 30 November 2013, aged 94. He will be sorely missed. A biography on The War Amps website can be found [here](#).



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| H 42546 | RFN | CHRISTIE, S.J. | H 79615 | LICPL | MARIN, F.V. |
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