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PIKE, Brigadier Wallace H., Salvation Army Officer. (R) - Born at Jamestown, Bonavista Bay on December 22, 1899, died April 18, 1999.

The Newspaper article about his death stated: "Newfoundland's last remaining First World War veteran has passed away. Wallace Pike died at his home in Bay Roberts on 18 April 1999. He was 99."



Wallace Pike

In his lifetime, Wallace Pike wore two uniforms. The first was that of The Royal Newfoundland Regiment, in WW1 and the uniform of The Salvation Army when in

Wallace Pike was growing up in Jamestown, Bonavista Bay at the outbreak of World War One. Not wanting to be called a coward by the local girls, he lied about his age and volunteered.

He enlisted in the Newfoundland Regiment on 21 April 1917, issued service No. 3662 and was discharged from service on 14 January 1919.

The fighting was a world away, but he still knew what he was getting into. He had seen what the war had done to his cousin: "He was all broke up, three bullets in his chest..." Before the war ended Pike, too, would be wounded, in the hand and leg. While he didn't speak often of his time overseas, when he did, his stories would captivate his children when they were growing up.

Wallace Pike had had enough of war by the time the armistice came, and upon his return he would join the Salvation Army where he rose to the rank of brigadier: "To be honest about it, I felt that's what God

wanted me to do. Just remember I had been trained to kill men and now if I could I'd go out and save them or help them be good."

In November 1998, the government of France recognized Wallace Pike's contribution, presenting him its highest accolade, the legion of honour. In giving the award, Ambassador Denis Bauchard said, "Through your courage you sealed forever the eternal bonds of friendship, solidarity and affection between our two countries."

Newfoundland, having served and being wounded in France and Belgium including the Battle of Cambrai, following which the Newfoundland Regiment was awarded the title Royal. In addition to his WWI British Service medals, he was appointed Knight of the Order of the Legion of Honour (Chevalier de l'ordre de la legion d'Honneur) in 1998 by the government of France. Longtime service to the Bay Roberts Royal Canadian Legion as Chaplain, member of Bartholomew #40 Loyal Orange Lodge and Royal Black Preceptory #1250, Clarke's Beach. He was an avid outdoorsman and devoted family man.

Premier at the time, Brian Tobin issued the following statement. It was also read in the House of Assembly:

"I rise today to remember, and pay tribute to, the late Wallace Pike, who passed away on April 18 at the age of 99. Mr. Pike was the last of Newfoundland and Labrador's World War One veterans living in this province.

Wallace Pike spent much of his time overseas as a stretcher-bearer, risking his own life to help the wounded. He represented what would later become a Canadian tradition in times of conflict - that of humanitarian and lifesaver. Mr. Pike fought to allow each one of us to be free to stand in this House and openly discuss the issues of the day, and for that we must be thankful.

The passing of Wallace Pike signals the end of an era in Newfoundland and Labrador's history. Our first-hand knowledge of World War One has been



Wallace Pike was Newfoundland's last living tie to the Great War - the very last of his kind.

The last WWI Veteran of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment residing in

greatly diminished.

Mr. Pike leaves a large family to remember his life: nine children, 30 grandchildren, 50 great-grandchildren and six great-great grandchildren. Mr. Pike was predeceased by his wife, Minnie, and one child. We would like to extend our sympathy to all members of Wallace Pike's family in this time of mourning."

Part of his obituary reads as follows:

"Pike, Brigadier Wallace H., S.A. (R)

Born at Jamestown, Bonavista Bay on December 22, 1899. Promoted to Glory from his late residence Birch Hills, Bay Roberts on **Sunday, April 18, 1999**. The last WW1 Veteran of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment residing in Newfoundland, having served and being wounded in France and Belgium including the Battle of Cambrai following which the Newfoundland Regiment was awarded the title Royal. Following his honourable discharge from the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, he entered the Salvation Army Training College and was commissioned as an officer on August 14, 1921. Together with his wife, Minnie, also a commissioned officer, they served in numerous corps over the next 43 years. He retired with the rank of Brigadier on December 22, 1964. In addition to his WW1 British

service medals, he was appointed Knight of the Order of the Legion of Honour (Chevalier de l'ordre de la Legion d'Honneur) in 1999 by the government of France. Longtime service to the Bay Roberts Royal Canadian Legion as Chaplain, member of Bartholomew #40 Loyal Orange Lodge and Royal Black Preceptory #1250, Clarke's Beach. An avid outdoorsman and devoted family man, Brigadier Pike was predeceased by his wife Minnie in 1978."

Other information can found by following these links:

[Wallace Pike - Wikipedia](#)

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Regret to inform you that Record Office, London, officially reports No. 3662, Private Wallace Pike at Military Hospital Bethnal Green, London suffering from G.I.W. right thigh and right leg.

Upon receipt of further information I shall immediately wire you and trust that next report will be of his convalescence.

J.R. Bennett
Minister of Militia.

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