

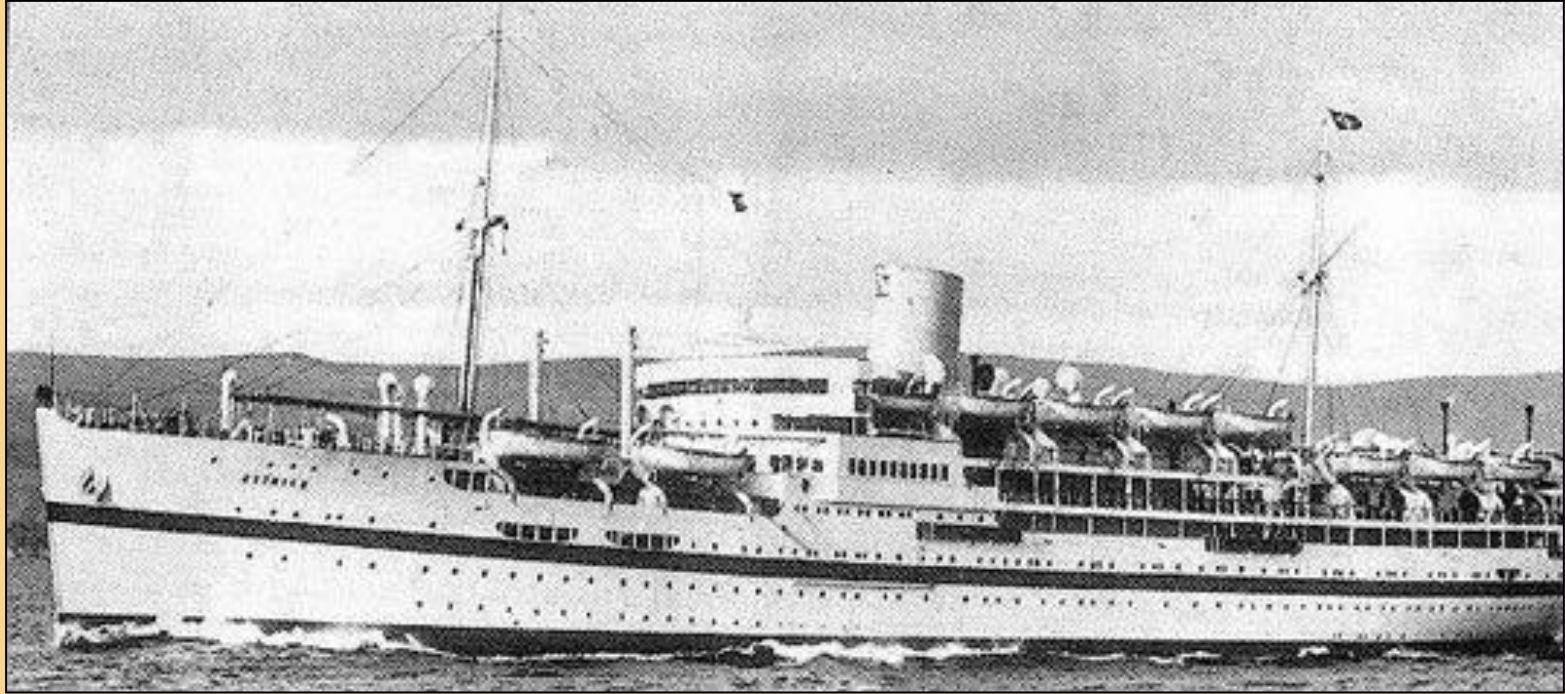
# Telling Tales



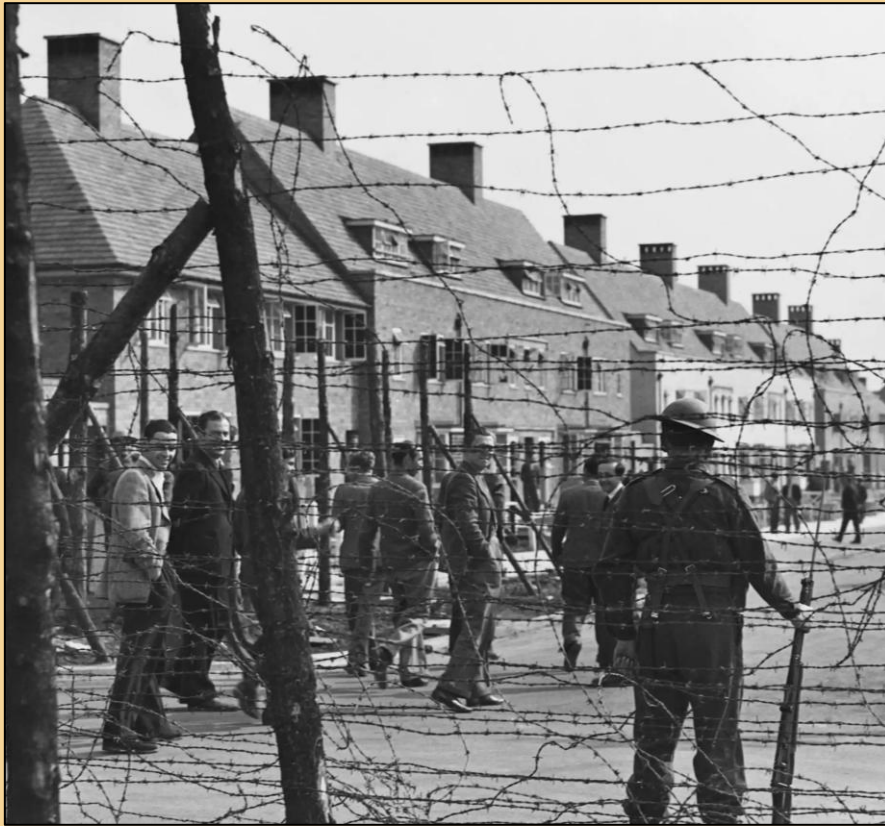
Illicit Correspondence, Civilian Internment, and Canada in the Second World War

# A Story of the Home Front





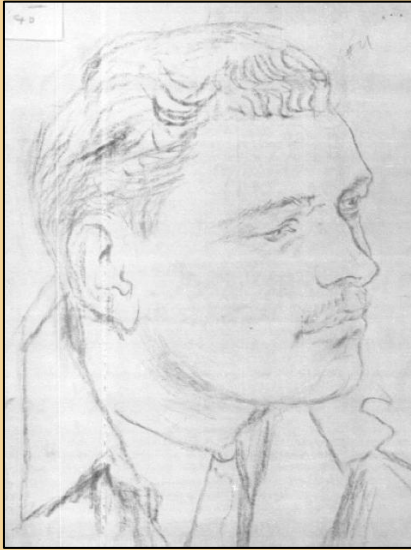
The *Ettrick*, pre-1940



Huyton Camp, Liverpool, 1940



Ernst "Peter"  
Guter



Frederick "Fred"  
Lycett



Gerhard "Gerry"  
Arnhold

## The Original Musketeers

## British Nab Enemy Aliens



Long lines of Great Britain's enemy aliens pass through rows of British soldiers with bayoneted rifles after Great Britain—fearful of a "fifth column" threat—swept 3,000 Germans and Austrians into "protective custody." Many of these men have fled Nazi rule Cablephoto from London. (Acme).

"British Nab Enemy Aliens," *Times Colonist*  
[Victoria, BC], May 20, 1940

# Internment Camps in Canada during the Second World War



Camp "L" (Cove Fields)



Internee in a camp uniform,  
c. 1940–1942





# VETERANS! YOU ARE NEEDED AGAIN!

Attention! You men of 1914-1918 . . . get into the present scrap! The age limit has now been raised to 55 in categories A, B, and C, — so here's your chance!

Veterans are urgently required for defence in operational areas, as reinforcements for Veteran Guard of Canada Units now Overseas and for vitally important guard duties.

*The Veterans Guard of Canada is very much on Active Service in Canada and Overseas . . . It is a Corps — an integral part of the Canadian Active Army . . . in which any Veteran may be proud to serve . . . in which he can serve well.*

## Is Your Present Job More Important Than This?

Men are badly needed . . . advancement is rapid. There are many vacancies for technicians, administration personnel and those skilled in trades. Special Trades Pay and Allowances apply.

**The Need is Urgent.      The Duties are important.  
Promotion is Rapid.**

*If you served in the Empire Forces in 1914-1918 and want to do your bit in this war — JOIN NOW.*

See the nearest recruiting officer, or—if there is none in your vicinity—fill in this coupon and mail it now.

Officer Administering, Veterans Guard of Canada,

39 Balfour Street, Ottawa, Ontario.

*I am a veteran of the last war. Please send me more information about re-entrance in the Veterans Guard of Canada.*

My name is \_\_\_\_\_

My address \_\_\_\_\_  
No.      Street or R.R.      City or Town      Province

Served in the last war with \_\_\_\_\_

(Name of unit here)

(Signed)





Portrait of Bernard “Barney”  
Henson, c. 1914–1916

“Internitis”



Portrait of Winifred  
“Winkie” Henson, 1940

FLYCET. CAMP 'L'  
 % 9214 BASE POST OFF.  
 OTTAWA.  
 28.9.40.

Excuse me as  
 summary of the time spent

Dear Winkie! Please forgive the familiarity, but I feel that you are an old friend after all that your Dad has told me about you. My friends and I have taken the opportunity of looking after your Dad - coffee in the Boiler-house etc. - but he will tell you all about that. I hope that you will be able to walk past the camp despite the weather. I shall be waiting on the Balcony of Hut 1.

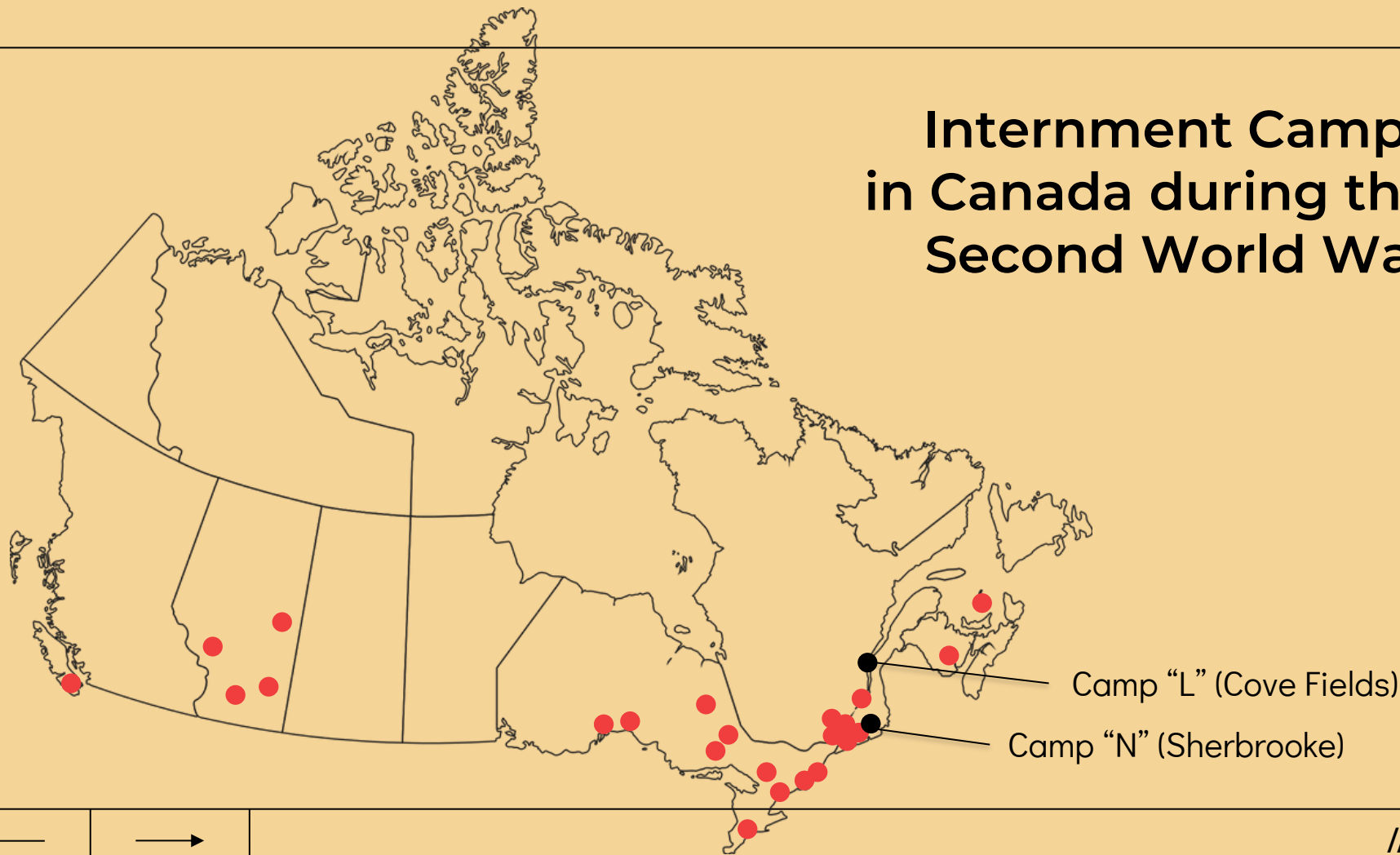
There are 3 of us. KRIST-  
 GERHARD + FRED. We have seen you

28.9.40

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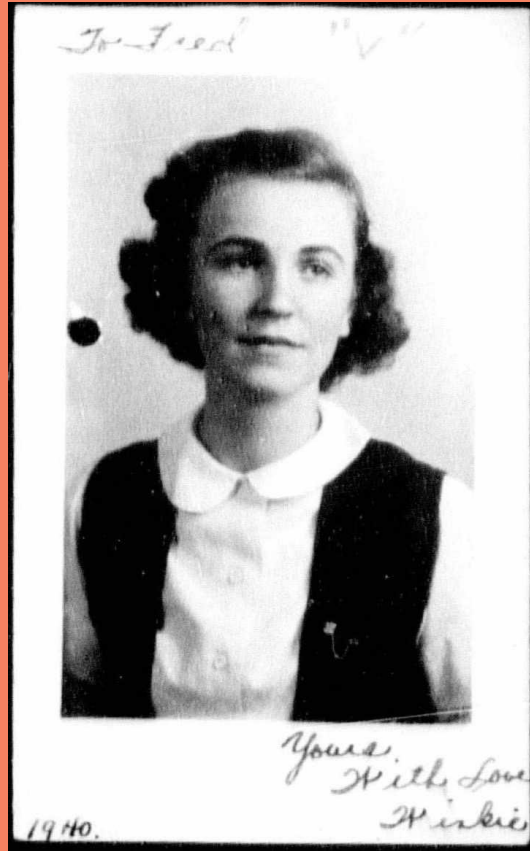
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I believe I said in my last letter I liked dancing but I didn't enlarge upon it. Can you dance? My brother teaches me all these "Jitter-bug" steps and we have grand times together. But I still prefer a Waltz or a Fox-trot to Jitterbugging. It gets to be quite strenuous work if you keep it up all night.

Speaking of dancing **I wish I could get you out of the Camp for next Saturday Night.** Its [sic] quite an important night for me. I graduate and receive my diplomas and then we have a dance after. I'm badly in need of an escort. **All the boys that I know are away in the Army & don't get leave again until Christmas. Well I guess I'll have to invite one of my beloved brothers if I go.**



Portrait of Winifred  
"Winkie" Henson, 1940  
collected from Fred  
Lycett's possessions  
as evidence in 1941

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Exhibit no. 41  
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brief

MISS W. HENSON.

C. E. F. WALTER. C. REC'D.

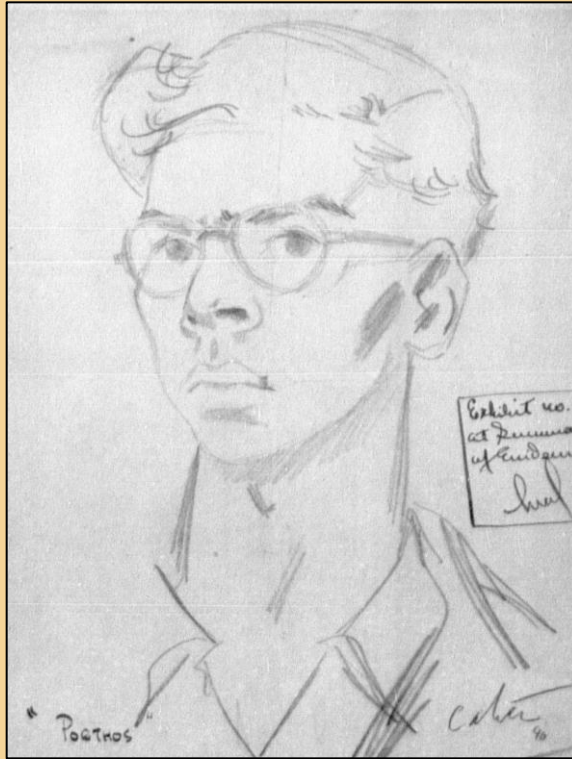
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Portrait of John Cargher,  
aka "Porthos" 1940

MEMORANDUM - DISTRICT COURT-MARTIAL.

No. D. 110665 Name Henson, Bernard Cyril.

Rank Cpl. Unit No. 4 B Coy. V.G. of C.

Charge Sec. 40. A.A. Conduct to the prejudice of good order  
and Military Discipline.

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Date of crime During September & October, 1940.

## SOLDIERS TO JAIL

Sentenced for Allowing Men  
In Camps to Communicate  
With Outside

Canadian Press

MONTREAL, March 25.—Capt. Maurice Lalonde, prosecuting officer for court martials in the Montreal and Quebec military districts, said today that a junior officer and a soldier have been convicted of allowing enemy prisoners to communicate outside their internment camps.

The two soldiers, whose names were not disclosed, were guards at an internment camp. The officer was interned for 12 months and the soldier for four months after conviction by a court martial.

In announcing the sentences, Captain Lalonde said:

"I hope that this will serve as a lesson for other guards. They must understand that such things are not permissible."

"Soldiers To Jail," *Star-Phoenix*  
[Saskatoon], March 26, 1941.



# Epilogue

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# DEEMED SUSPECT

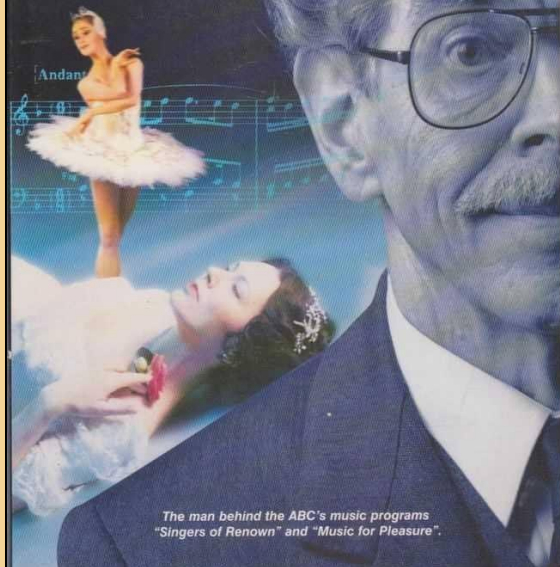
## A Wartime Blunder



# John Cargher

Luck Was My Lady

*Memoirs of a Workaholic*



# Perspectives on the Home Front

# Questions?