



Remembering Kevin Delorie

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Claire Murphy remembers vividly the day her brother Kevin Delorie enlisted in the Canadian Forces. She travelled with him from the family home in Newport to Charlottetown on that day in 1940.

As she sifts through family photos and war correspondence at her son Tim Murphy's kitchen table, memories also return of her brother coming home on leave and that fateful day she was told he was killed in action. She was in church and through a miscommunication in the community (someone who had a phone was supposed to tell her, but didn't) she was unaware of her brother's fate until the



Claire Murphy holds a photo of her brother Kevin Delorie during a session with researchers who were looking for a photo of the World War II soldier from Newport who was killed in action. From left are Ms. Murphy, researchers Daria and Pieter Valkenburg, Ms. Murphy's nephew Norbert Murphy and her son Tim Murphy. Charlotte MacAulay photo

Now more than ever we remember the men and women, past and present, who have served to keep our country safe

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moment the priest said his name during a prayer for the fallen. "It was a difficult time," Ms Murphy said. Private Kevin Delorie, a member of the 48th Highlanders of Canada died on December 20, 1943. He is buried at Moro River

Canadian War Cemetery in Italy. It was a trying time for the entire family, she said noting the circumstances of his dying are not clear to this day. Originally the family received word that he was presumed dead.

A letter from another person in his unit sent to the family described the scene when he was wounded during the Ortona battle. It stated he was among the wounded in a particular area and when fellow soldiers returned to the spot he was not there.

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REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

November 11, 2024

The legion service will commence at 10:45 AM and the general public is invited to attend.

Wreaths may be purchased by calling 902-838-2351 or at the Legion bar from 1 - 6 pm Mondays to Saturday until November 9th.

All wreaths will be pre-positioned by the Branch however, those individuals wishing to lay their wreaths may do so following the service.

LUNCHEON will be held after the service at the Legion.
 Beef Stew or Corn Chowder, \$10.00

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For more info, please call the Legion: 838-2351.

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Ms Murphy has a great deal of correspondence from the Red Cross, Canadian Forces as well as Veterans Affairs all with information they were unable to verify the whereabouts of his remains for sometime after. Eventually they did receive word of where he is buried, but the experience left a lot of unanswered questions.

She also recalls the only time she saw her father Eugene openly share his emotions over losing his son.

"There was a party for those soldiers who had returned home after the war and Dad was handing out gifts to them," she said. It was the only time I saw him cry."

Over the years the family grieved and Ms Murphy and her siblings took comfort in sharing memories and the treasure trove of memorabilia with the next generation.

Her son Tim and nephew Norbert are carrying on that tradition by compiling all the photos and papers into a story that can be handed down for generations. When you can weave all the letters home, photos and the like a very personal story will emerge, Tim said.

Simple lines in a letter from Kevin to home, 'How was the potato crop this fall?' and 'Dear Mother, Just a few lines to let you

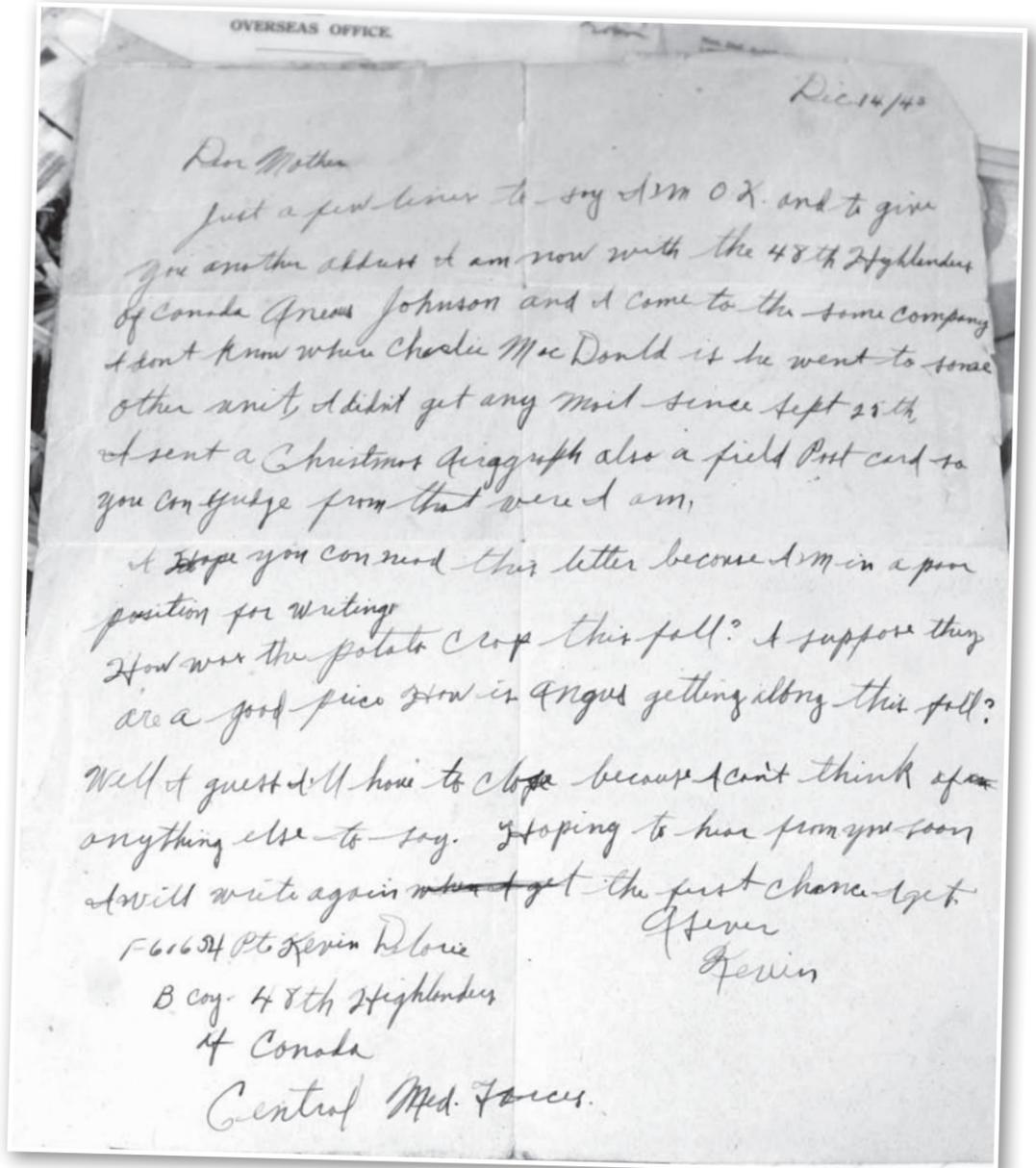


Private Kevin Joseph Delorie
1921-1943

know that I am living and well... brings to life the story of a young man far from home who yearns to be back.

Private Delorie's story came to be known to the Graphic through researcher Pieter Valkenburg's quest to find a photo of him earlier this month. A Graphic story led to meeting the family and finding that photo along with many others.

Kevin's name is on the cenotaph in Cardigan and there is also a grave marker with his name in St George's Cemetery.



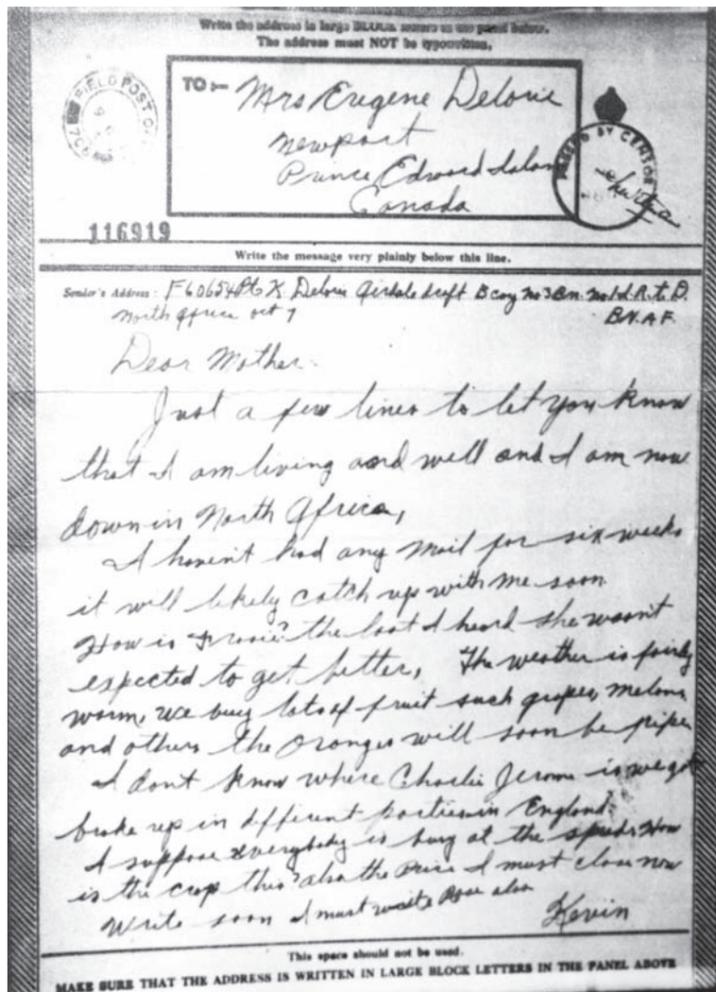
A letter written to home days before Private Kevin Delorie died.

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An undated letter Kevin Delorie wrote to his mother while stationed in North Africa.

Royal Canadian Legion
 Cardigan Branch #19
Remembrance Day Activities
9:30 am: Service - All Saints Church
10:45 am: Veterans & Legion Members gather at Village Office.
10:58 am: War Memorial Service begins
11:00 am: Two minutes silence, followed by service.
 Guest Speaker: Dr. Edward MacDonald
For families who have pictures of their veterans, you are welcome to follow the Legion members as they march in.
There will be a gathering for Veterans and their families after the Centotaph service at All Saints Church basement.
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