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## Legion grave marker project almost done

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MAY 4, 2012

**BARRY COULTER**

On Wednesday, Legion members were busy installing a further eight grave markers identifying veterans buried there.

The new grave markers are supplied with funding from the Last Post, a subsidiary of Veterans Affairs Canada.

The Cranbrook Legion started working to replace the missing stones almost two years ago - Wednesday's efforts mean that of the 35 veterans' graves to be marked, 30 have been completed.

However, the Legion is still seeking information on the final five, so that they will qualify for the free markers through the Last Post process.

The Legion is asking anyone who can share further details on any of these men named below to send information to Larry Miller at Legion Branch 24, Cranbrook, at 803 Cranbrook Street North (in the Heritage Inn), or phone 250-426-8531.

The five men are:

- ? Ernest William Carswell - died Jan. 31, 1961;
- ? Bernard Jones - July 31, 1961;
- ? Charles Henry Kerr - Nov. 14, 1961;
- ? Charles Sherman (or Shurmer) - May 26, 1954 (Canal Flats);
- ? Theodore Swanson - May 18, 1953.

Of note, one of the markers installed Wednesday was for one William O'Hearn. Private O'Hearn (1856-1936), served in the Boer War with Sam Steele and the Strathcona Horse, a newly-formed Canadian light cavalry unit. O'Hearn also saw action in the First World War. His grave is now marked with a veteran's headstone, 76 years after he was buried in the Legion Cemetery.



Barry Coulter

A work party of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 24, Cranbrook, is pictured gathered around a newly installed headstone for William O'Hearn. O'Hearn (1856-1936), was a veteran of the Boer War and the First World War, and is buried in the Cranbrook Legion Cemetery.

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