

Obituaries

Brian Sim

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Brian D. Sim, of 24 Crescent Avenue, St. Thomas, passed away Sunday, Dec. 6, 1981 at Victoria Hospital in London, in his 36th year.

Born Oct. 5, 1946, Mr. Sim lived all his life in St. Thomas and was probably the foremost military history expert in the area. His personal military collection includes military uniforms dating to 1860, medals to 1806, machine guns, caps, bugles, medallions and a host of other militaria.

A graduate of Central Elgin Collegiate Institute, Mr. Sim later graduated in engineering technology at Fanshawe College, worked for the City of St. Thomas engineering department two years and with James F. MacLaren Consulting Engineers, London.



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Earlier this year he was appointed curator at the Elgin Military Museum and co-authored the Souvenir Centennial Commemorative Album, the city's centennial book.

Mr. Sim was the former Lieutenant-quartermaster of the

No. 7 Cadet Corps at CECI, commissioned officer of the Corps in 1967 after five years' service. In 1975 he joined the Elgin Regiment as an officer.

He was the former assistant custodian at the Elgin County Museum; curator of the Elgin County Pioneer Museum (1972-73) and was appointed Custodian of Records and historian of the 91st Elgin Battalion Canadian Expeditionary Force Association (1973). He was the only member of the 91st Association who did not serve in the Battalion and was secretary of the committee which organized the Battalion's 60th reunion.

Mr. Sim was a member of a number of historical societies, including the Canadian Society of Military Medals, the Research Society of Great Britain and the Canadian Society of Militaria.

He co-authored, with Captain Len Curchin, the History of the Elgin Regiment in 1978, and retired from the regiment in May of this year.

He is survived by his parents, David and Grace (Abbott) Sim, 200 Elm Street, St. Thomas; his wife, Mrs. Anne (Ivan) Sim, 24 Cescent Street; two sons, David and Daniel Sim, both living at home; mother-in-law Mrs. Doris Ivan, of Alexandria Avenue and by several aunts, uncles and cousins. Mr. Sim was an only child.

Friends will be received at the L. B. Sifton Funeral Home, 118 Wellington Street, on Tuesday between 2:30 p.m. and 4 p.m., and from 7 p.m.-9 p.m., and where the funeral service will be conducted Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. by Rev. Eitel Lindener of St. Mark's United Church. Interment to be made in the family plot of Elm-dale Memorial Park.