



Bugle Band Cape - 2015.028.001



In 2015 the Museum received a blue and gold cape donated by the Parry Sound Royal Canadian Legion Branch #117. It belonged to Ernie Wathey, resident of the town, naval veteran of the Second World War, and Legion member. The cape was part of the uniform worn by members of the Parry Sound Legion Bugle Band. Wathey, who joined the band as a teenager in the late 1930's, played both before he joined the Canadian Army and after the close of the war.

The Parry Sound Legion Bugle Band was established by Neil MacNaughton, veteran of the First World War and local game warden for the Department of Lands and Forests. The band played at different events such as parades and fundraisers, and were hosted by various organizations throughout the Parry Sound area. The Bugle Band was an important element of the war effort at home; assisting in the sale of Victory Loans and perhaps more importantly, providing a sense of morale to civilians.