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DESERONTO – On June 10<sup>th</sup> the Town of Deseronto will be marking the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the Royal Flying Corps pilot training camps with the unveiling of a plaque commemorating the First World War in Deseronto. Mayor Norman J. Clark will reveal the plaque at 3pm in Rathbun Park on Main Street as part of a day of activities marking the anniversary.



The Deseronto area was home to two pilot training camps from 1917 to 1918: Camp Rathbun to the north of the town and Camp Mohawk on the Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory. The camps trained some 3,000 pilots and employed local men and women as mechanics and medical staff. Crashes were a frequent spectacle and watching the flying was a popular activity for people in the summer months.

The commemorative plaque was funded by the Council of the Town of Deseronto and coordinated by the Deseronto Archives Board. It is the first of a planned series of plaques aimed at bringing Deseronto's colourful past to life on the present-day streets of the town.



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