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## WWII VETERAN WILLIAM TELESKE

Mr. Speaker,

William Teleske fought with the Loyal Edmonton Regiment in the Italian Campaign.

Late 1943, he was in the Battle for Ortona, called the "Stalingrad" of Italy for its ferocity. Christmas was a short reprieve from the front lines to a bombed out church for dinner.

Christmas 1998, Bill returned to Ortona with 30 Veterans, of his Regiment, the Three Rivers, Royal 22<sup>nd</sup>, Provost Corps, and the Seaforth Highlanders.

They visited their 1400 fallen comrades resting at the Moro River Canadian War Cemetery, and wondered: "So why not me?"

Then they shared Christmas Dinner in the rebuilt church, this time with their foes of old – a wonderful expression of the hopefulness for world peace in a season of Christ meant for such reflection.

Bill passed away on Sunday, June 19.

Bill Teleske was respected for his service to his country and will be missed by his family and his many friends.

We will not forget.

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**Peter Goldring**

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