



**Herman L. Van Pelt, OLS
1919 - 2005**

Herman was born in Rotterdam, Holland in 1919. He worked for the Department of Surveys, Municipality of Nijmegen as a draughtsman from 1941 until 1945. His activities consisted of cadastral surveying, mapping the surveyed areas and re-measurements, rivulet regulations and re-allotments. He left the Department of Surveys to study at University

He immigrated to Canada in 1952 and articulated to Maurice Hewitt in Owen Sound. He transferred his articles to J.E. Farncomb in London and received his commission in 1956 and then started his own company. Herman retired in 1984 and sold his records to R.D. Stirling, OLS. He was proud of his affiliation with the Association of Ontario Land Surveyors.

Herman was commissioned as a reserve officer under the command of Colonel van Hinte. He was called to arms in the Royal Netherlands Army in April 1946 and was made a second lieutenant. He was promoted to full Captain in August 1947. His activities consisted of giving instruction at training and advanced training courses to officers and NCO's (mostly map reading). As adjutant to Colonel van Hinte, he directed the Book Department, Canteen's and the library. He ended his military career as Director of Planning and Coordination.

Colonel van Hinte described Herman as a very industrious, keen, energetic, witty, quiet and willing officer who worked very hard with great enthusiasm and initiative.

Herman was married in Holland and had five children. He married his second wife, Cynthia in 1971.

Herman enjoyed making doll's houses and he liked to renovate houses. He was loved and is missed by all.