



The Duke

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CANADIAN MONUMENT AT ST.JULIEN (VANCOUVER CORNER) 2ND BATTLE OF YPRES, 21 - 24 APRIL 1915



THE 24TH OF APRIL IS A VERY SIGNIFICANT DAY FOR CANADIANS

THE 2ND BATTLE OF YPRES, 21- 24 APRIL 1915

The 7th Canadian Infantry Battalion (1st British Columbia Regiment) Canadian Expeditionary Force 2nd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division fought its first major battle from trenches on Gravenstafel Ridge and adjacent to the road leading to the village of St. Julien in the Ypres Salient. The Dukes held on by devotion to duty and sheer determination while subjected to horrific shell fire, chlorine gas and unrelenting attacks and counter attacks from the enemy. Even though the Canadian lines were pulled back, the Ypres Salient was never captured by the Germans. The Battalion held fast until relieved, but suffered the loss of 650 soldier casualties, killed, wounded and taken prisoner...six officers, including the Commanding Officer Lt Col W. Hart-McHarg and 176 NCOs and men lost their lives.

PRIVATE MALCOLM CHADESY MACLEOD, of Chilliwack, BC was one of those Dukes who fought and lost his life.

April 24th, 1915
7th Battalion C.E.F. (The 1st B.C. Regiment)
Service Number 17148. Original member of the 7th Battalion C.E.F.
Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium. Age Unknown

Son of Reeve John A. and Clara Jane MacLeod, Atcheltiz, B.C.
Malcolm MacLeod was the son of Reeve J.A. MacLeod of South Sumas and Malcolm wrote of a furlough that took him to Glasgow, Edinburgh and London that was reported upon in the Chilliwack Progress, December 17, 1914. The letter includes his fascination with the British Museum, "they have everything imaginable; ancient Egyptian mummies, pottery statues, jewellery, etc. I read letters written by kings, queens and noblemen centuries ago. The original copy of Magna Charta (sic) signed by King John is on exhibition. I also read Capt. Scott's (of Antarctic Exploration fame) dairy, including his last note." London, in particular, seems to have fascinated Malcolm as he visited the National Gallery, Westminster Abbey, Buckingham Palace and was the only Canadian in uniform to witness the opening of Parliament by the King. "It was a great sight to see the King's carriage, the Life Guards, the band, the Lord Mayor's carriage..." Malcolm became one of six Chilliwack soldiers that lost their lives on April 24th, 1915. He was a member of Excelsior Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows No. 7, and the Foresters' Lodge, Chilliwack. News of Malcolm's death was received by his father, from Geoffrey Hornby, another Chilliwack soldier who was lost in action on May 24th, 1915. A memorial service, for Malcolm MacLeod, was provided by the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Cooke's Presbyterian Church and together with James Maurice Keith an Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire Chapter was commemorated in their names. Malcolm's brother, William Ray MacLeod, was seriously wounded during the war and their brother Earl served with the Royal Flying Corps and during the Second World War was a Royal Canadian Air Force Air Commodore. A fourth brother, Virgil, tried to join the C.E.F. but was not able to meet the medical requirements. Malcolm's nephew Alexander Harvey MacLeod was killed during the Second World War while serving with the R.C.A.F.



GALLANTRY AND DEVOTION TO DUTY DURING THE BATTLE BY ALL RANKS VICTORIA CROSS WON 24 APRIL 1915

Captain (then Lieutenant) E.D. Bellew was awarded the Victoria Cross for most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty during the Battle of St. Julien on 24 April 1915. It was the ever-memorable 2nd Battle of Ypres -sometimes called 'St. Julien', and erroneously 'Langemark'- that Lieutenant Bellew experienced a whole lifetime of warfare are crowded into a few hours. Sir John French said "that, in that action, the Canadians saved the situation, and it might be said with truth that the 7th and 8th Battalions, once saved the Canadian position - as it was saved by other battalions at other critical moments. These two units held the Gravenstafel Ridge". Out of that struggle the 7th Battalion brought out but a skeleton of its rank and file, and but five officers. Lieutenant Bellew was not one of the five.

Major P. Byng-Hall, DSO, of the 7th Battalion, wrote to the Officer Commanding from Germany: "Lieutenant Bellew acted with the greatest coolness, courage and judgment, protecting first my flank, then moving to my rear again and covering my retirement. If he had not been stunned by a shell he would have got his gun into action again. While his detachment was covering the retirement of the Battalion to a new position, a heavy shell burst among them, and Lieutenant Bellew alone survived to carry on. Snatching up rifle after rifle, he gave the Huns an amazing exhibition of rapid fire, though the chlorine gas fumes were rapidly overcoming him. Then another shell exploded close by, and when he came to himself he was in the hands of the enemy.

His captors conveyed him to Staden, and there he was placed on trial and convicted of an infraction of the laws of war in that he continued fire after part of his unit had been forced, by exhaustion of their ammunition, to surrender! Sentence of death was pronounced, and the Huns prepared to wreak their monstrous punishment upon the man who had dared to withstand them. Bellew was placed against the wall of Staden Church, and a firing-party drawn up before him. But Lieutenant Bellew was determined to fight to the last, even if only words were available, and he vigorously protested and warned the Huns that their crime be learned of and that certain reprisals would follow. At the last moment the officer in charge ordered the prisoner returned to custody. A new trial was ordered. It took place at Roulers, and the death sentence was not again pronounced.



Capt Edward Donald Bellew, VC Machine Gun Officer, 7th Canadian Battalion (1st British Columbia Regiment) CEF

Lieutenant Bellew was imprisoned in a camp in Saxony. For two years, eight months, six months in different camps, a very poor diet of pig blood soup, mangold wurzels and bread of 60% sawdust, coupled with chlorine gas and shell shock Bellew's health was failing. A Swiss medical commission selected him for internment in a neutral land, and he was transferred to the little mountain republic of Switzerland where he spent eleven months recuperating with good medical attention and the ministrations of his wife who was able to join him. He returned to England and Canada in April 1919, and was promoted to Captain and awarded the Victoria Cross for his gallantry at St. Julien.

Captain Bellew and his wife Charlotte resided in the Kamloops, B.C. area until his death in 1961.

The Association placed and dedicated a bronze plaque in October 2004 at the Kamloops Cenotaph located in Riverside Park commemorating Captain Edward Donald Bellew, VC. A framed collage of Bellew's photo, citation, 1st BC Regiment cap badge and replica VC was presented to Mayor Rothenberg for hanging in the City Hall.

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2008 BCR Battlefield Tour Leader Ted Hawthorne unveiled the Capt Bellew, VC bronze plaque with the assistance of LCol Tim Courtenay, OBE (Blundell School) and Mayor Alain Wyffels.

The Battle of Kapyong, Korea – 24 April 1951

Vital Battle remembered by few – Won by Canadian Soldiers

By PETER WORTHINGTON, News Columnist
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If Vimy Ridge was the perfect set-piece attack in WWI, a case can be made that on a reduced scale, the battle of Kapyong in the Korean war, fought by 2nd Battalion of the Princess Pats, was a perfect defensive battle that, arguably, saved Seoul from being captured by the Chinese.

Canada's triumph at Vimy Ridge in 1917 was the first battle of WWI decisively won by the allies.

Kapyong was the most vital battle fought by Canadians in the Korean war, but is not well remembered -- except by those who were there, by those who followed and, of course, by Koreans.

Today, Apr. 24, is the 58th anniversary of that battle in 1951.

In subsequent battles, the Van Doos and RCR had greater casualties than the Pats endured at Kapyong, but none where the stakes were so high.

The Patricias were the only Canadian unit in Korea at the time, commanded by Lt.Col. "Big Jim" Stone, a soldier's soldier who had enlisted as a private in WWII and had served in every rank up to colonel, winning two Distinguished Service Orders by war's end.

As battalion commander he was tough, had a good eye for ground, and would not commit his men to action until he felt they were ready for battle.

The Pats were due for a rest when the Chinese launched their 1951 spring offensive across the front, with the goal of re-capturing Seoul. The coastal road was guarded by a battalion of the Gloucester Regiment -- the Glorious Glosters - - while the Kapyong valley route to Seoul was held on one side by an Australian battalion, the other side by the Pats. Both were supported by U.S. tanks and New Zealand artillery.

PATRICIAS LEFT ALONE

The Chinese hordes attacked the Australians first, and by nightfall the Aussies pulled back, leaving the Patricias as the only obstacle to stop the Chinese advance on Seoul, 50 kms away.

Hugely outnumbered, Stone ensured that his companies and platoons mutually supported one another by interlocking fire. He made it clear that come what may, there would be no retreat. Alive or dead, his battalion would not leave its Kapyong position. This tended to focus the troops.

The attack came at night from several directions -- even from the rear on battalion headquarters, which had a lot of machine guns in for repair. These wrought havoc on the attackers.

The Chinese inevitably over-ran some positions, but there was no retreat. The Canadians called New Zealand artillery fire on their own positions, inflicting enormous damage on the attackers.

Valour was a given, and by dawn the Chinese attack was not only blunted, but crushed. On the coastal road, at the same time, the Glosters were annihilated. Their companies and platoons were isolated, and fell. Of the battalion, 37 survived, the rest were casualties or prisoners. By their gallant defeat, the Glosters were accorded military immortality.

So well-prepared were the Patricias that "only" 10 were killed. Always chary at awarding medals, Col. Stone figured it was just another day in war. He earned another DSO, and awarded one Military Cross, one Distinguished Conduct Medal, a couple of Military Medals to individuals.



PRESIDENTIAL CITATION

Civilians assumed with so few killed and so few gallantry awards given, that Kapyong couldn't have been much of a battle -- not like the Glosters who were wiped out. But the Americans knew, and awarded the Patricias a Presidential Unit Citation (the first ever to Canadians) -- a small blue ribbon in a gold frame that 2nd Battalion soldiers wear to this day.

There are three tests of a great defensive battle: 1. That you lose no ground and hold the enemy; 2. That you inflict horrendous casualties; 3. That you endure few casualties. The Princess Pats excelled in all three. Until the end of the war, the Chinese got no closer to Seoul than Kapyong.

Today it's largely a forgotten battle in a forgotten war, despite grateful Koreans ceding an acre of land in the Kapyong valley to Canada for a memorial that is annually honoured.

Many thanks to Peter Worthington who fought in Korea, for reminding us of this vital Korean War Battle and the outstanding soldiering and bravery of our fellow Canadians.

REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY AT THE HILL 111 MEMORIAL MONUMENT, NORMANDY.

Hon Major Dr Jean-Pierre Benamou, OBE, MSM represented and laid a floral arrangement on behalf of the BC Regiment (DCO) Association during a remembrance ceremony conducted on 8 May 2009 by the French residents of Rouvres and surrounding villages, honouring our Fallen. Jean-Pierre asked if I would send him a message from the Association that he could read at the ceremony. I wrote and sent the following message.

THE BRITISH COLUMBIA REGIMENT (DUKE OF CONNAUGHT'S OWN) ASSOCIATION

Dear Mayor Claudine Ragot and Friends,

06 May 2009

Sincere greetings from Vancouver, Canada.

Sixty-five years ago, soldiers of the 28th Canadian Armoured Regiment (British Columbia Regiment) Canadian Armoured Corps, landed in Normandy to do battle with and expel the German invaders to return peace and freedom to your people and country.

The Canadian Army was staffed completely with volunteers, who as soldiers, were proud and determined to help their fellow mankind and accepted personal sacrifice in the name of freedom.

The Regiment's battle with the 12 SS Panzer Division on Hill 111 on 9 August 1944, with the loss of 47 Sherman Tanks and 40 BCR soldiers and 45 Algonquin Regiment Infantry soldiers killed, was most certainly a tragedy but is indicative of the willingness and sincerity of Canadians to help their fellow mankind.

Your participation in annual commemoration ceremonies, the maintenance of the Memorial for our soldiers who sacrificed their lives for your freedom and your friendship is sincerely appreciated and is not forgotten here in Canada.

On behalf of all Ranks, The British Columbia Regiment, please accept my personal thanks. You are true friends.

Lt Col (Ret'd) Archie M. Steacy, UE, CD
President Emeritus
The British Columbia Regiment (DCO) Association

The following is a note sent Jean-Pierre Benamou after the ceremony

Hello Archie,

I am just back from the Hill where an exceptionally strong attendance was there including a French army detachment. I was fully dressed with green jacket in BCR bullion/buttons, tie and black beret you supplied. I read your VE day message and laid a wreath of flowers for the Dukes.

I presented Claudine Ragot and Michel Lebaron with their BCR commemorative medallions which turned very emotional and amazing to have succeeded in getting all these names on such a small surface of nice metal. We really enjoy it and will treasure it forever.

Next time some of us will assemble to celebrate the fallen gallant men of Hill 111 will be Aug 9th for the 65th anniversary of the Canadian offensive. I'm surprised that you mention, Archie, the Algonquin Association since I had their ultimate bulletin 2 years ago announcing their disbandment. I had been connected with them for many years starting with Clem Duchesne and wish you would re-start plans to-together for maintenance of your common war Memorial.

I spent the last euros passed 2 years ago by Ted Hawthorne, for paint and flowers, and gave away the last Canadian flag I still retained. I asked Mr. Pierre Bouillard of the local French veterans group who still clean and handle the brush with your servant, to supply an estimate of costs beside the lawns company ones for vegetation in Ted's hands. A yearly contribution from BC and Ontario would be great as there are no replacements to good will from a handful old dedicated local persons.

I wish you a prompt come back to normal life my friend , I also had recent health problems with backbone but never stopped.

Up the Dukes, Jean-Pierre

THE START LINE by David Sproule

THE BLACK BERET

I learned from the Curator of the Royal Armour Centre in Bovington, that the Royal Tank Corps (now the Royal Tank Regiment) adopted the black beret as its official headdress in November 1929. It was fitting for a Regiment that had been the first to do battle in tanks at the Somme in 1916 and at Cambrai in 1917. Even Field Marshall Montgomery wore the distinctive RTR beret and it became a memorable symbol of his presence wherever he went throughout the war. Today it is the icon for our corps and armoured units in many countries around the globe. Besides being an official headdress, the wearing of the beret seems to have become almost a matter of individual style as demonstrated by the tucks and tilts that we see nowadays.

I have worn a lot of berets from the time I was first issued a beret back when I joined the COTC in 1955. The berets of that era were dated 1951 – 1952 on the lining and try as we did these berets really didn't shrink worth a damn and most of us wore berets that touched our right earlobe. We all attempted to find one dated 1945 as we knew they would shrink. We all learned how to wear them though – badge over the left eye, the headband two fingers above the eye and the band straight around the head and not riding up on the back. Many a good beret was ruined by our efforts to create the perfect beret – we shrank them and sometimes the leather headband as well, we ripped out the linings. I remember that we always used our boot brush to remove the lint from our berets before going on parade. You can't do that with a blue or maroon beret.

The best beret I ever had was a Belgique one which I had for many years in the regular force but sadly lost it somewhere along Highway 14 east of Wainwright in 1988. I looked for that beret like I was searching for a lost diamond ring but with no luck – damn I felt naked without it. I still wear the replacement, also a Belgique but you know it just ain't the same. Vanity is a strange thing.

Although all RCAC regiments wear the beret as their official headdress, this was not always the case. When I arrived at the RCD in Camp Gagetown in 1960, officers wore khaki forage caps with battle dress and serge and only wore berets when in coveralls or in the Field and of course we didn't have any combat clothing so we lived and slept in coveralls. On parade where we wore medals, we all wore blue forage caps and for RCDs with the scarlet hatband.

In 1967 the Forces integrated and we kept our tri-service uniforms and trimmings until 1972 when unification introduced the new green uniform. Headgear was a green forage cap. Personally I have never been a forage cap kind-a-guy and so along with others I adapted to wearing a green beret as we could not wear the black beret except with combats. It was a strange time to be a soldier.

In 1972 I was posted to the Strathconas and finally I was able to once again wear a black beret, (the one I lost along highway 14) except for one Brigade change-of-command parade during the winter and I remember we all wore the fake fur astrakhan hats to compliment our greatcoats and thankfully they had a short shelf life in the CF inventory.

There are two other headdresses that I found practical and enjoyed wearing. The UN Blue peaked- cap I wore in Egypt that protected our faces from the desert sun and the tri-colour toque that we wore in Northern Canada – gotta protect those ears and as we were often reminded you can lose 85% of your body heat through your head.

I don't get much chance to wear my beret any more, Remembrance Day, and that's about it. I keep thinking I should get a new one and maybe it would turn out to be just like my long lost highway 14 one. Then again, I think what do I need a new beret for at least mine has some character to it and a new one just wouldn't have that –you need sweat in the headband and remnants of Wainwright and Yakima dust imbedded in the knap and there are occasions when you just need something to buff the dust from your shoes. Yeah it's good for several Remembrance Day parades yet.

SUCCESSION PLANNING

For those of our members who are considering the inclusion of a specific bequest in their will in support of the objectives of the Charitable Trust, please remember to instruct your lawyer or notary that the correct legal name of the Charitable Trust is "The BC Regiment (DCO) Association Charitable Trust".

Your support will greatly assist the Charitable Trust to continue its many activities.

15 YEARS IN THE MAKING

There have been countless changes in the world since 1994. For The BC Regiment (DCO) Association there have been changes but the one constant was Archie Steacy as President – that is until March 11 of this year. At the beginning of the year Archie decided it was time to step down as President and the announcement was made at the March 11 Board meeting.

After digesting the news, the Board had a brief discussion on how 15 years of leadership can be acknowledged. The decision was for the Directors to host a reception for Archie and Lynda and the members of the Association would have a chance to offer their appreciation at the annual Vernon luncheon and Reunion dinner.



Newly elected Association President Ray Glover took on the task of organizing the reception which was held March 28th at the Sylvia Hotel. The hotel set aside a section of the lounge that provided the ambiance for a relaxing and enjoyable afternoon. All of the directors were in attendance along with a couple of special guests.

The attendees purchased a Kermode bear sculpture as a retirement gift for Archie. There was discussion about making sure the bear did not end up in his basement or the freezer with the 45 year old bobcat. In addition, Ted & Gayle Hawthorne presented a framed photo collage of pictures taken during Archie's time as President. Archie said a few words after receiving the gifts and committed to all in attendance that both gifts would be placed in his office or the living room and not the basement or freezer.

All in all, a great afternoon acknowledging many years of dedication.

Bill Diamond

BCER 1304 COMES HOME!

The Fraser Valley Heritage Railway Society (FVHRS) in partnership with Steveston Interurban Restoration Society (SIRS), is pleased to announce that the last remaining BCER "Chilliwack" interurban, the royal car "Connaught" - BCER 1304, will return to Canada. The car will be arriving at the FVHRS car barn in Sullivan in late April or May 2009. Exact time to be determined. In 1912 The Governor General of Canada, the Duke of Connaught visited Vancouver. Interurban, BCER 1304 was his official vehicle. Thus, a slight connection to the Regiment.



The British Columbia Electric Company's historic Interurban, a large electrically powered streetcar, ran from Vancouver to Chilliwack until the end of passenger service. As such you may have travelled on it.

Regards
Lieutenant (Ret'd) Robert Ashton,
Vice Chair FVHRS

PRESIDENT EMERITUS ARCHIE STEACY

Dear Dukes,

I wish to advise you that I have retired from the Presidency of the British Columbia Regiment Association effective 11 March 2009.

It has indeed been an honour and privilege to act as Association President over the past 15 years. Together, we have greatly renewed the status and position of the Association in support of our Regiment and its family.....past and present. I believe we successfully turned many a stone during the past 15 years. However, stones will continue to surface requiring our assistance in support of the Regiment.

Leadership is the key element in a successful organization. Fifteen years in the chair, my age and health say "step aside Arch". I am indeed honoured to have been granted the title 'President Emeritus' of the Association. I will remain as Director, Special Projects, initially to assist RSM Mark Arden with the Association's suggested projects for the Drill Hall renewal program.



LCpl (Ret'd) Archie M. Steacy, CD
Inspecting Officer, Annual Review 2008, BCR Irish Fusilier Cadet Corp, Richmond, B.C.

Let me tell you, I am most grateful for the support that you gave to successfully complete the programs and numerous commemorative objectives so dear to the Regiment and Association. (ie) Refurbishing the Normandy, Hill 111 Memorial Monument, 1998/99; Commemorative Battlefield Tours 2001 and 2008; Commemorative bronze plaques in BC and North West Europe 1999, 2004 & 2008; the Regimental Commemorative Medallion, 2006; BC Heritage Drill Hall Poster 2004; Bursaries for Dukes; Support of our four Cadet Corps; Homeless Christmas Lunch are but a few of our achievements.



It has been an honour and a privilege to have served the Regiment and Association, and getting to know and working with so many proud Dukes over the past 60 years. Thank you....you are among my best friends.

Congratulations to Vice-President Ray Glover on taking over the Presidency. We are in good hands and look forward to new horizons.

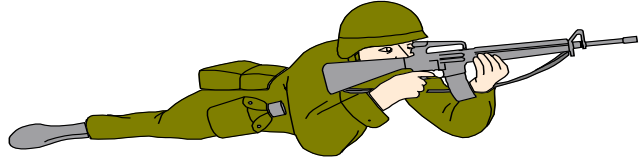
Sincerely and Up the Dukes,

Archie M. Steacy

The collage depicts the cap badges of The British Columbia Regiment (DCO) and its perpetuated Units, 1883 to-date, and was presented to Lieutenant Colonel Bruce D. Kadonoff on behalf of The British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own) At the St. Julien Dinner on 17 April 2009 by Lieutenant Colonel (Ret'd) Archie M. Steacy, CD on his retirement from the Presidency of the Regimental Association 1994-2009

BRITISH COLUMBIA SERVICE RIFLE COMPETITION PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The annual BC Service Rifle Competition was conducted on 29/30 May 2009, at the Major General Chris Volkes Range near Chilliwack, B.C.



The shoot was attended by sixty competitors from The British Columbia Regiment (DCO), 16th Canadian Scottish Regiment, 15th Field Regiment, RCA, 15 Service Battalion, Edmonton and The Canadian Rangers from 100 Mile House, and two former Queen's Medal (QM) Winners Mr. Dave Oakie, from Alberta and Mr. Ken Ferguson, from Nova Scotia, participated in the competition.

Ken Ferguson, 7 x Queens Medal winner is a former RCR and North Nova Scotia Highlander, residing in Nova Scotia and Dave Oakie, 2 x Queens Medal winner hails from 15 Service Battalion in Edmonton, Alberta.

Ken Ferguson was top shot with a score of 562/600.

The BCR Contingent Trophy Winners:

Cpl Ryan Steacy

- BCRA Rifle Champion; Aggregate Matches, 1-12, 545-28 V. Wiswell Bowel & Gold Winners Medal
- BC Regiment Match 4; 200 to 100 m Run Down, 50-4V
- Cramer Aggregate Trophy; Highest Lower Mainland Competitor, 545-28V
- BC Reserve Force Service Rifle Championship Aggregate; Capt C. Dodd Tankard, 545-28V
- Individual Aggregate; Scores, Matches 1-8, 654, Highest Cdn Forces Member Gold Medal.

Sgt. Tony Harris

- Rocky Mountain Rangers Match 3; 200 m Rapid Fire, 47-4V
- Logana Match 9; 500 m Deliberate, 49-1V

MCpl Kyle Roder

- Soldiers Team Match; 30% of competitors in the McKinnon Aggregate, 53-1V

Cpl Steven Gross;

- Col McMurray Aggregate; Highest Green Shot in BC Open, 458-10V

Cpl Sean Marr

- MWO Ed Zawolak Trophy Match; 200 m Snap Shoot, 49-4V

Team Matches won by BCR Teams:

1. Infantry Association Team Match -- BCR Silver Team, Score 110
Cpl Chan, Cpl Soon, Tpr Dionco, Cpl Gross
2. Wilkerson Shield Team Match;-- BCR Black Team, Score 2,067
Cpl R. Steacy, MCpl K. Roder, Cpl S. Marr, Sgt T. Harris
3. BC Reserve Team Match;-- BCR Black Team, Score 2,067
Cpl R. Steacy, MCpl K. Roder, Cpl S. Marr, Sgt T. Harris
4. Daily Colonist Trophy; Moving Man Match --BCR Black Team
Sgt T. Harris, MCpl K. Roder, Cpl S. Marr, Cpl. R Steacy
5. PPCLI Service Trophy Match; -- BCR Black Team, 33 Seconds
Sgt T. Harris, MCpl K. Roder, Cpl S. Marr, Cpl R. Steacy

Congratulations to you all. You have done yourselves and the Regiment proud. Let nothing stand in your way in continuing the Regiment's outstanding record in small arms competition history. Well done Dukes.



Front Row, L-R MCpl Roder, Cpl Williams, Cpl Gross, Cpl Mansour, Sgt Harris, Cpl Steacy, Cpl Chan,
Back Row, L-R Cpl Soon, Cpl Sloan, MCpl Millar, Cpl Marr, Cpl Chan



Dukes surmounting a table obstacle in a Run Down Match.

NEW REGIMENTAL PICTORAL HISTORY

PHOTOS, PHOTOS NEEDED!!

Sgt Ronald Leblanc heads a Regimental Team in search of photos depicting each decade of the Regiment's life, 1883 to date, to publish a new Regimental Pictoral History a smashing hit for all Dukes and others to meet British Columbia's oldest and senior military Regiment.

Dukes, open up your photo album, search out those old negatives and get them to Sgt Leblanc soonest. Sgt Ronald Leblanc, The Drill Hall, 620 Beatty Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6B 2L9. Contact him at 604-666-4288 and/or by e-mail leblanc.RR@forces.gc.ca He will copy them and promptly return your photos and negatives...yes, he is able to make prints from those olden day negatives!!!



Remember the old adage.....***Once A Duke, Always A Duke***'. Help Sgt Leblanc with this important historical project...please don't procrastinate.

Just to refresh your memory!!!!

In 2008, The British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own), celebrated 125 years of service. The event was marked by a parade through the streets of Vancouver, a *feu de joie* at City Hall and a ball at The Drill Hall, home of the Regiment.

Dukes have served in all of Canada's wars, from the Boer War to the recent campaign in Afghanistan. The Regiment has been awarded 34 Battle Honours for its distinguished service in the field. Five of its soldiers have won the Victoria Cross, the highest military decoration awarded for extraordinary valour and devotion to duty "in the face of the enemy" and 478 other Dukes received awards for gallantry and exceptional service.

As the province's oldest regiment, the story of the Regiment and its soldiers is intimately linked to that of Vancouver and British Columbia. In peacetime, the Dukes have participated in countless operations, aid to the civil power, 1948 Fraser River Floods, forest fires, search and rescue missions, assistance to the homeless, etc., and played a leading role in the development of the province, all the while preparing for front line service. Its soldiers have come from all walks of life and have helped shape this country. In all, over 40 000 men and women have served in the Regiment. Today, its citizen-soldiers continue to serve faithfully and uphold the highest standards.

As one of Canada's oldest and most famous fighting unit, the British Columbia Regiment can boast of a story that few can claim. This new regimental history is a salute to the thousands of men and women who have served their country for 125 years of war and peace. The book is expected to come out in October 2009, just in time for the next Regimental birthday.

REGIMENTAL WEBSITE

Please check out the Regimental website at www.bcregiment.com and click on "Association." You will be pleased to find current and past issues of "The Duke", general information, articles, Membership Applications and Regimental Challenge Medallion Applications.

WASN'T THAT A PARTY!!!!

All we were missing was the Irish Rovers - well almost. The annual fundraiser for the BC Regiment Irish Pipes and Drums was well attended and enjoyed by the over 200 attendees. The band was pleased to see representatives from all three Messes, the BCR Association and even Canada's Senate. LCol Kadonoff and the RSM were both impressed with the event. A special thank you to the Junior Ranks Mess for setting up the camouflage net for their dinner and then leaving it for the band. A number of positive comments from guests were received about the net!!



A brief visual for those that were not able to attend - you enter the Drill Hall and checked in or purchased your ticket. Straight ahead was the camouflage net and beer garden complete with tables and chairs and at the east wall was the "beer bar". One could find red and white wine, hot/cold hors d'oeuvres as well as fruit and vegetable platters in the Officers' Mess. For those with whiskey tickets, one would venture to the Sgts' Mess to sample the 5 whiskies offered. Lastly, if you weren't into beer, wine or whiskey but were still thirsty, the Sgt's Mess had the bar open.

In addition to the band performing on the parade square, there were mini bands and individuals that played in the Sgts' Mess. There was also the traditional "address to the haggis" and "address for the Battle of Bourassa".

The date has not been set for 2010 yet, but the RSM and CO both said it will be even bigger and better. So, make sure you don't miss next year's event!!

Bill Diamond

OLD HOMELESS GUY...

Dear Editor,

It's come to our attention that some old homeless guy was vandalizing one of the tanks out front of the Drill Hall! At least that's what one of our new soldiers reported to the Duty Sgt last weekend. The Duty Sgt and an excited group of Dukes ran out front to check on our beloved tanks and secure the area.

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The Duty Sgt report reads:

14:00 hrs report of homeless man vandalizing one of the tanks out front, I ran out with some soldiers to investigate, at the Ram tank I saw an old guy in some old clothes going to the bathroom on the turret (#1). Me and the boys ran up to put a stop to this blatant act of disrespect! As we were about to mount the Ram we discovered that in fact this was LCol (Ret'd) Archie Steacy who was pouring some solvent on some graffiti and trying to wire brush the tank clean! He was in his weekend grubbies as he thought it would be a dirty job!

I thanked the Col for his efforts and showed him some graffiti on the other Sherman before returning to my duties.

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*LCol Steacy is coming on 80 years old now & he just had heart surgery - he loves his Regiment so much he's willing to get his hands dirty (and isn't homeless!).

RSM Mark Arden

THE VIEW FROM THE BUTTE – BY JACK DRAKE

Well Boys, She's -22 C but a clear, sunny day - on to the ice - hole drilled - rod rigged - wind break set up - and warm coffee and brandy in hand. Snug and warm, I reminisce about those warm days in September with the Duke's 2008 Battlefield Tour.

The R.V. in Amsterdam - meeting old friends and new (all Dukes or related). The visits to the cemeteries, the crosses - so many - our youth from two wars - row on row on row!

Oops, a bite! Missed! More coffee.

My mind goes back again to the warm sunny afternoons in sidewalk cafes in Caen, Bernay, Ypres, Brugges . . .

The gentle reminder of our purpose there - the dedication ceremonies - the respect of the French people and always - the children. The tears, well hidden - the lonely vigil of Don Cameron on the Hill - the reminder by Brooke Campbell of the enormous contribution by the Naval Forces on D-Day as we overlooked Arromanches in Normandy. The impassioned, enlightening vignettes given by Keith Maxwell - Canal du Nord, Hill 70, St. Julien, Passchendaele, Caen . . .

Oops, another bite. Damn, missed again!! Another coffee.

Where was I? Oh yeah - the camaraderie - the dinners - the "unofficial" mess dinner at Hotel Beatus in Cambrai honouring Bob Hanna's father's V.C. at Hill 70 - the windup dinner in Brussels that Keith had set up . . .

Above all, I remember the children - they are the future of all nations.

Dammit! There's the Indian princess on the roof changing the antenna (Canuck fan) - I wanted to watch The Daytona 500.

Well, I'd best head back to the cabin - two bites - no fish - but a lot of warm memories.

Well Boys, as we say on the ice; keep your rod jigging - and Ladies, pay attention when it is!

And that's the view from the Butte.

Up the Dukes.

Jack & Pat Drake reside in Cariboo country not too far from Lone Butte, B.C.

THE BCR ASSOCIATION'S ST. PATRICK'S 'WEARING O' THE GREEN SHINDIG' WHERE IRISH EYES WERE DEFINITELY SMILING.

On Saturday afternoon, March 14th it must've been the green beer provided by Dave Howill that motivated the Irish frolics that took place in the Sgts' Mess. Ellen McKenzie and Cameron Glover were doing the Irish jig, to the bagpipes played by special guest Andy Carlyle, Royal Irish Regiment while our own Pipe Major Jordan Seguin and Drum Major Pat McConnell watched on.

At 1230 hrs., approximately 30 guests, including Association members enjoyed plenty of prizes, lucky draws and other activities.

At 15:30 hrs we formed up on the drill floor and marched to Chinatown and the Chinese War Museum. LCol Howe Lee and his three Museum Directors met us at the Museum and we received a personal tour. The tour was very interesting, definitely worthwhile and should be on everyone's list to take in and enjoy.

Following the tour, we again formed up and marched about another hundred yards into Chinatown to partake in wonderful Chinese fare at Foo's Ho Ho Restaurant. The food was delicious and many thanks were expressed to Howe Lee for organizing the tour and the dinner.

I offer our thanks the previous Sgts' Mess PMC, Sgt Duncan Maillie and RSM Mark Arden for the use of the Sgts' Mess, and a special thank you to our new Secretary, Bill Diamond, for coordinating the entertainment with the festivities.

Ray Glover

REGIMENTAL AND ARMY CADET AWARDS

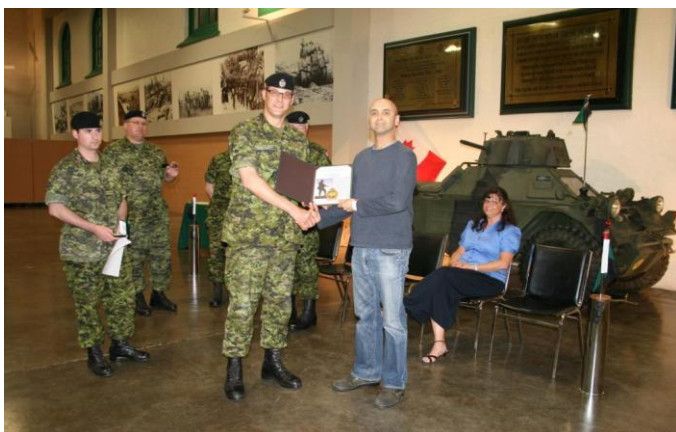
It is our privilege to make you aware of the commitment of serving members of the Regiment and our Cadet Corps.

THE REGIMENT

Weds May 20th saw this year's final parade as a busy one. The Commanding Officer – LCol Bruce Kadonoff paid tribute to the efforts of all ranks as the Regiment has concluded a very aggressive operational & training year. Earlier in the year the Regiment conducted its own DP (Developmental Period – trades training) 1 course followed by a DP 2 course that qualifies Troopers as full Crewman. The CO presented course certificates to the 19 DP2 graduates and promoted 17 of them to Cpl. Assisting him were Hon Col Bill Ireland with Hon LCol Bob Stanley. Three Troopers in Recce Sqn were also promoted to Cpl & Cpl Lam rec'd her Canadian Forces Decoration for Service. Cpl's Pesklevits and Roder rec'd their MCpl's & MCpl Matibag was promoted to Sgt. The Hon Col's presented their Annual Hon Col Cup to Cpl Alexander for his fine work assisting post deployment members of the Regiment. Lastly, the CO presented Sgt Pierro Dalmagro with the '39 Brigade Commanders Commendation' & Brigade Coin for his extra efforts in developing and executing a Patrol Commanding professional development for the Regiment throughout 2008/09. Sgt Dalmagro's extra efforts were over and above the regular training year's course requirements and greatly prepared the units Patrol Commanders for this summer's courses.

RSM Mark Arden called Sgt Dalmagro forward at the end of the formal parade and also gave him the honour of dismissing the Regiment until the fall training cycle.

This same night the Sgt's Mess helped celebrate Sgt. Dalmagro's 41st birthday (Sat May 16 2009).



Standing L –R Capt Adam McLeod, RSM Mark Arden, LCol Bruce Kadonoff, Hon Col William Ireland is standing behind Col Kadonoff, Sgt Pierangelo Dalmagro. Seated Sgt (Ret'd) Heather Bottrill



Seated L-R Sgt Pierangelo Dalmagro, RSM Mark Arden
Standing L-R Sgt Tony Harris., WO (Ret'd) Dave Holwill, Sgt Arnold Maitibag, Sgt Monica Oudomsouk, Sgt Sean MacWilliam, Padre Paul Beckingham, Sgt Abdul Mullick



ROYAL CANADIAN ARMY CADETS

2290 BCR (101 DCO) Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps

Vernon, B.C. - Cadet Tanya Humeniuk of Vancouver, B.C. received the award as top cadet in Basic Cadet Military Band at the final parade of the first intake of the three-week course at Vernon Army Cadet Summer Training Centre. Presenting the award is Gary Caswell, President of Branch #25 of the Royal Canadian Legion, Vernon, B.C.



L-R President Gary Carswell, RCK+L Branch 25, Vernon , B.C.
 And Cadet Tanya Humeniuk
 VACSTC Photo by Wayne Emde.

Cadet Humeniuk, a member of 2290 BCR (101 DCO) RCACC, in Vancouver, B.C. attending the three-week Army Cadet Basic Military Band Course which in addition to an intensive musicianship program, sees the cadets participate in an overnight Basic Trades Field Exercise, challenge the mini confidence course, improve their target shooting, and other training activities. Her Company still found time to visit a local beach in Vernon for a swim and did some shopping.

Congratulations to Cadet Tanya Humeniuk for outstanding accomplishment. We apologize for the delay in recognizing her prestigious award.

2381 BCR (Irish Fusiliers) Royal Canadian Army cadet Corps

The Corps won the Major Roy Rigby-Jones Cup of Excellence for a second year. The trophy is awarded annually to the best all around Cadet Corps in British Columbia.

We extend our most sincere congratulations to all Cadets, Staff for their outstanding commitment to excellence, and the Parents Group who provide unstinting support to this Army Cadet Corps

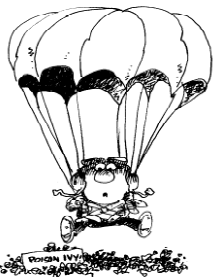
2781 BCR (DCO) (Powell River) Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps

A big well done to Cadet Sgt David. Atkinson who topped the pre-parachute training course conducted in Edmonton during 2009 Spring Break I know he is waiting with baited-breath to get on with the in flight training and jumps that will take place this summer. Keep practicing those full arms length chin-ups. We know you will be wearing your wings by summers end.

Congratulations and 'Happy landing'.



Cdt Sgt David Anderson



ASSOCIATION DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

- Kim Bekesinski
- Jerry Couling - Treasurer
- Andrew Conradi
- Bill Diamond - Secretary
- Raymond Glover – President
- Ted Hawthorne – Vice-President
- Archie Steacy – President Emeritus
- Graydon Young

IRISH FUSILIERS OF CANADA (THE VANCOUVER REGIMENT)

SUCCESSION OF COMMANDING OFFICERS

11th Regiment Irish Fusiliers of Canada

Lt Col C.E. McSpadden 15 Aug 1913 – 30 Jun 1920

29th Canadian Infantry Battalion (Vancouver) Canadian Expeditionary Force

Lt Col H.S. Tobin, DSO, VD 24 Oct 1914 – 15 September 1920

The Vancouver Regiment

Lt Col H.S. Tobin, DSO, VD 1920 – 15 Sep 1924
Lt Col B.G. Wolf-Merton, MC 16 Sep 1924 – 31 Oct 1927
Lt Col E.H. Cope 1 Nov 1927 – 16 Dec 1929
Lt Col J.P. MacKenzie, DSO 17 Dec 1929 – 16 Dec 1932
Lt Col R.G. Parkhurst, MC 27 Oct 1932 – 13 May 1936

The 1st Battalion, The Irish Fusiliers of Canada

Lt Col E.J.W. Ryan, DSO 1 Jul 1920 – 30 Jun 1925
Lt Col A.M. Brown, VD 1 Jul 1925 – 30 Jun 1929
Lt Col F. Fairley 1 Jul 1929 – 20 Jun 1933
Lt Col S. Lott, MC, ED 1 Jul 1933 – 31 May 1936

The 2nd Battalion (Reserve)

Lt Col R. de L. Harwood 18 Jun 1926 – 30 Jul 1929
Lt Col A. M. Brown, VD 31 July 1929 - 1 Aug 1934
Lt Col F. Fairley 2 Aug 1934 – 31 May 1936

Irish Fusiliers (Vancouver Regiment)

Lt Col S. Lett, MC, ED 1 Jun 1936 – 30 Jun 1937
Lt Col K.A. McLennan 1 Jul 1937 – 31 Oct 1940

World War II

Lt Col K.A. McLennan 26 Aug 1939 – 31 Oct 1940
Lt Col J.M. Burnett 1940 – 1943
Lt Col C.J. Strong 1943 – 1944

2nd Battalion

Lt Col K.A. McLennan 1940
Lt Col W.D.S. Rorison, OBE, MC, VD, ED 1940 - 1943
Lt Col W.E. Ingledew 1943 – 1944

3rd Battalion

Lt Col M.J. Crehan 1942 – 1943

65th LAA Regiment (Irish Fusiliers) RCA

Lt Col H.R. Fullerton 1 Apr 1946 – 21 Dec 1949
Lt Col G.E. Ryan, ED 1 Jan 1949 – 31 Dec 1951
Lt Col F. E. Eaton, CD 1 Jan 1952 – 27 Mar 1956
Lt Col S. D. Hunter, CD 28 Mar 1956 – 25 Aug 1957
Lt Col A.H. McLennan, CD 26 Aug 1957 – 1 Sep 1958

Irish Fusiliers of Canada (The Vancouver Regiment)

Lt Col A.H. McLennan, CD 1 Sep 1958 – 30 Sep 1958
Lt Col R. Horsey, DSO, CD 1 Oct 1958 – 31 Jan 1961
Lt Col J.T. McCammon, CD 1 Feb 1961 – 30 Mar 1964
Lt Col J.H. Avison, CD 31 Mar 1964 – 1 Jan 1965

Herewith above the final installment regarding the Irish Fusiliers of Canada.

Archie Steacy

VERNON LUNCHEON

Once again, the 28th Armoured Appleknockers Reunion was held in Vernon, B.C. at the Blue Heron pub situated on Okanagan Lake on Saturday, April 25th. Thirty three guests attended the luncheon and as usual a good time was had by all.

Archie Steacy emceed the after lunch program. RSM Mark Arden gave a comprehensive report on the status of the Regiment on behalf of the Commanding Officer, LCol Bruce Kadonoff. Dressed in patrols, the RSM presented the accomplishments and the on-going direction of the Regiment. One had the impression that there are no other regiments in B.C. other than The British Columbia (DCO) Regiment. Well done RSM! Our 28th lads were ready to re-enlist. A very warm welcome to Dorothy Harrop, Lt Col(R) Harry and May Quarton, the South Alberta Regiment, WW II, BGen Peter Kilby and Colonel(R) Keith Maxwell, recently retired from NATO and formerly a 1960s Corporal in the Regiment.



Seated L-R Don Cameron, Ray Glover, Archie Steacy, Harry Quarton, Norm Kipnis, Mal Land
Standing L-R Ted Hawthorne, Dorothy Harrop, Bob Remple, Keith Maxwell, Peter Kilby, Jack Drake, Ron Gilbert, Graydon Young, RSM Mark Arden, Terry Burke, Tom Lyth, Jerry Couling

Thanks to Archie Steacy and Ted Hawthorne for their efforts in making sure there were displays and memorabilia which made the luncheon and afternoon most interesting.

I would also like to acknowledge the ladies who attended the luncheon. Their presence is always welcome and they add class to the afternoon.

As I mentioned earlier, we had a great time meeting and honouring our WW II Veterans. I would be remiss if I didn't compliment Don Cameron regarding his interesting and humourous WW II anecdotes.

Looking forward to next year.

Ray Glover

FAMILY DAY 2008

As part of this years' Church Parade services we also hosted a 'Family Day' in support of our members spouses and children. Commanding Officer LCol Bruce Kadonoff & his daughter opened the event by welcoming everyone to the Drill Hall and thanking them for supporting the day to day work our Members do in support of our country.

The unit has 2 members currently deployed in Bosnia and Afghanistan with another 10 on their way to Afghanistan and 30 training for the 2010 Olympics. This leaves behind many spouses and children whom the CO wanted to support with a great afternoon of family and play!



The day featured 2 wonderful ponies, face painting, popcorn, balloons, an inflatable bouncy room, a table from the Military Family Resource Centre (MFRC) and a 55' inflatable obstacle course. There was also a delicious hamburger and hotdog lunch with lots of popcorn for dessert!

Many thanks to our wonderful volunteers that helped make this such a success - your work was greatly appreciated! We also greatly appreciated the support from the MFRC, the Regimental Association & the Ted and Gayle Hawthorne family whom covered the cost of the ponies!

The day was amazing as the approximately 70 children that attended didn't seem to get tired! Next year we plan to host a similar event and invite all families from the Regimental family to attend.

Mark Arden, RSM

PHOTO SHOP ANNOUNCEMENT

Our Regimental Association photographer, Dan McKenzie, has numerous DVD's of current and past ceremonies available. Our sincere thanks to Dan who is devoted to videoing all Regimental activities. Just ask him for a list.

The 2008 Battlefield tour, consisting of 4 DVD's, sells for \$60.00 a set plus postage. The Sgt (R) Don Cameron interview sells for \$15.00 plus postage.

For further information, please contact Dan at danellen@infoserve.net or 604-261-5908.

CIARA MARTIN

On January 1st, 2009, after 8 years of active service, Ciara Martin, Ted Hawthorne's ever reliable secretary, retired. Ciara did a terrific job during that period and was involved in numerous matters involving the Regimental Association. Although Ciara has moved on to a different type of employment, she asked that she be allowed to continue to assist in the publication of *The Duke*, a request which we gladly accepted. We thank Ciara once again for her dedication and continued support.

Charlotte Yen is Ciara's very able successor and is quickly learning all of the facets of the Regimental Association. Best of luck and our many thanks Charlotte!



Ted presenting Ciara with an Association Certificate of Appreciation.

ASSOCIATION SPECIAL PROJECTS

The Association continues to support, through its Charitable Trust, various annual initiatives such as our Bursary Program for serving members of the Regiment and our dinner for the homeless in the month of December. In addition, the Charitable Trust supports various projects which assist in maintaining our link with the history of the Regiment (i.e. commemorative ceremonies, dedication of memorial plaques and support of our four Cadet Corps).

We are presently creating a photo collage portraying Dukes who have served in Afghanistan. We will be asking for the assistance of the members in the design of the collage for each rotation to Afghanistan.

A special thank you to all of those members who support the Charitable Trust! Your generosity has made it possible to accomplish many of the commemorative projects your Association has undertaken.

THE BRITISH COLUMBIA VETERANS COMMEMORATIVE ASSOCIATION

An update by Jerry Couling

At Sea Again!

On March 24th, Regimental Association members - Archie Steacy, Ted Hawthorne and I and our wives, took an early ferry to Victoria, accompanied by other directors of BC Veterans Commemorative Association (BCVCA), for a meeting with Premier Gordon Campbell. Having arrived in downtown Victoria early, Arch, Ted, and I took the opportunity to stroll over to the local military memorabilia boutique for a quick peek, while our wives, as is their custom, pursued a more serious shopping experience. Fortunately, the free time ran out before our wives were able to do much damage to our financial well being.

After several failed attempts to find available spots in parking lots near the Legislative Building we lucked out and found street parking about a block from the Premier's office. (Although the spots appeared "dodgy" the cars were still there, "un-ticketed", when we returned. The veteran's plates and BCR parking passes must of helped).

Why Were We There?

No doubt you recall the previous issue of the Duke described the purpose of the Province's BC 150 \$100,000 grant to BCVCA, namely, to fund a well thought out province wide commemorative project called *On Guard For Thee*. The funds were employed to design and distribute commemoration kits to 90 communities throughout the Province. Each kit contained information on how to conduct commemorative acts, including candlelight tributes and planting gardens of Remembrance. The kits also contained a 24 minute DVD integrating separate modules dealing with different facets of the military's involvement in and contributions to, the Province. Since *On Guard For Thee* was such a success and knowing, without the BC 150 funding the project would have died at the planning stage, BCVCA wanted to show its gratitude to the Province and, in particular, the Premier, for supporting *On Guard for Thee* and other BCVCA initiatives.

In The Premier's Office

Guess who came up with the presentation idea and then created it. Archie!! The idea was to make two presentations - the first one to the Premier, and the second, to Bill Bennett, Minister of Tourism, Culture and the Arts. The article being presented was a framed copy of the poster designed as a special promotion piece for *On Guard For Thee*. Fortunately, the Minister was available to meet with us in the Premier's office. The Premier and Minister were excellent hosts and put us all at ease very quickly. Both complimented BCVCA on its commemorative activities and encouraged the directors present to continue to undertake Remembrance initiatives throughout the Province. After the meeting we attended Question Period as the Premier's guests, where he graciously acknowledged our presence and we received a collective standing ovation by all the MLA's in attendance - a touching and memorable moment for us and our wives.

On Guard For Thee - the Legacy

Numerous branches of the Royal Canadian Legion located in communities throughout the Province were recipients of the commemorative kits and are expected to undertake candlelight tributes during this Spring and Summer. We are confident many of these tributes initiated this year will become annual commemorative events. BCVCA will continue to work with the Legion, other veteran, military, cadet, and community groups to promote commemoration throughout the Province.

Right now, BCVCA has some commemorative candles, DVD's, and other material honouring those British Columbians who have served in Canada's Armed Forces during both times of war and peace, in stock. If any of you Dukes are associated with groups wishing to undertake a commemorative event and need some supplies, please feel free to contact either Archie or myself.

ASLEEP

F45871 L/Corporal Alexander L. MacDonald served with the 28th Canadian Armoured Regiment (British Columbia Regiment) during World War II. He passed away on 9 March 2007. Alexander, his wife Margaret and family resided in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia.

Trooper David Lavine served with the British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's own) RCAC in the mid 1970s. He passed away in Florida in November 2008.

K809748 Corporal Keith Norman Allan served with the British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own) RCAC during the period 1969 to 1972. He also served with the Canadian Scottish Regiment from 1965 to 1969. He passed away on 24 January 2009. Keith, wife Diane and daughters Jennifer and Alana resided in Coquitlam, B.C.

K38126 Sergeant Albert Steenhoff served with the 28th Canadian Armoured Regiment (British Columbia Regiment) during World War II. Bert passed away in February 2009. He resided in Nakusp, B.C.

Captain Henry S. Howitt, MC served with the Sherbrook Fusiliers, the Governor General's Foot Guard and the 28th Canadian Armoured Regiment (British Columbia Regiment) during World War II. He held the appointment of Hon Col the 11 Field Regiment RCA, Guelph, Ontario. Henry, Pat and family resided in Guelph, Ontario.

Colonel Ian Grant, DSO, MC served with the 6th Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles) the 28th Canadian Armoured Regiment (British Columbia Regiment), the Three Rivers Regiment during World War II and served with and Commanded the Lord Strathcona's Horse, RC during post war years. He passed away 17 March 2009. Ian resided in Saanich, B.C.

L36391 Trooper Al Trotter served with the 28th Canadian Armoured Regiment (British Columbia Regiment) CAC during World War II throughout the North West Europe Campaign. He passed away on 13 January 2009. Al and family resided in Sudbury, Ontario.

Trooper Donald James Latter served with the 28th Canadian Armoured Regiment (British Columbia Regiment) CAC during World War II. He passed away on 09 March 2009. Don, Louise and family resided in Abbotsford, B.C.

A31096 Captain Charles H. (Tiny) Baskerville served with the 28th Canadian Armoured Regiment (British Columbia Regiment) CAC during World War II. He passed away in May 2009. Charles, Rene and family resided in Whitby, Ontario.

**We thank them for their service to the Regiment and Canada.
At the going down of the sun, and
In the morning, we shall remember them.**