



The Duke

BISLEY 2010

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MCpl. Kyle Roder and Cpl. Ryan Steacy follow in the footsteps of other Dukes, taking their places alongside RSM (then Rifleman) Sam J. Perry, Lt Col Edward Prior, Lt Col Hart-McHarg, Captain J. Duff Stuart, Corporals Paul Gibault, William Lightburn, and numerous others, who were all superb marksmen participating at Bisley from 1890 to present.



Cpl. Ryan Steacy – Winner of the Queen Mary Match
with the plate and chalice trophies.
Bisley, England, 19 June to 11 July 2010



COMING EVENTS

See page 25 for details.

MCpl. Kyle Roder and Cpl. Ryan Steacy represented the Regiment as members of the Canadian Army Combat Shooting Team participating in the Central Skill at Arms (CENTSAM) an international shooting competition at Bisley, Great Britain. The shoot is comprised of numerous matches shot over almost a

month, and associated with three British skill-at-arms organizations; The National Rifle Association (NRA), The Army Rifle Association (ARA) and The Territorial Army (TA).

Captain Joe Jasper, 3 PPCLI, Team Canada Adjutant, said about Bisley, **“it needs no introduction to competitive shooters worldwide....it is the Olympics of service rifle shooting competitions”**. Teams from the British Army, Regular and Territorial, Canadian Army, New Zealand Army, Falkland Islands Defense Force and the Sultan of Oman’s Armed Forces made up the 400 or so competitors. The NRA and ARA Matches are fired concurrently with competitors dressed in full body armour and plates, helmets and tactical vests weighing approximately 50 lbs. Matches were fired regardless of the temperature that exceeded a humid 30 degrees Celsius throughout the entire shoot. Most of the shooting is done from sitting, kneeling, and standing positions, usually requiring the shooters to either sprint short distances, run longer distances and/or carry dummies weighing up to 175lbs, then shoot at small targets only exposed for short periods of time.

Cpl. Steacy won the prestigious Queen Mary Match, receiving the plate and chalice trophies along with a gold medal in recognition of his outstanding individual shooting performance. For Corporal Steacy winning one of the top honours was no small feat, but it's what the North Vancouver soldier trained for from his youth to Bisley 2010.

The trophy is the twin of the one given at the Wimbledon tennis championship and is reported to be insured at about four and half million pounds – but unfortunately he doesn’t get to keep it.



Cpl Steacy and MCpl Roder,
firing the Fighting In Built up Areas (FIBUA Matches).

The TA Matches, which the Canadian team shot this year for the first time, were used as a warm-up for the NRA and ARA Matches. Regardless, MCpl. Roder and Cpl. Steacy won three gold, three silver and one bronze medals.

Cpl. Steacy was also top scorer on a gold medal team in the Brinsmead Match, a snap shooting match with quick 3 second exposures. The team was awarded a massive shield and gold medals. The team was pleased to have beaten the rival Omani Team.

The Canadian Team also shot well in the Methuen Cup. Steacy and Roder obtained the highest scores and shot 3 out of the 4 possibles (50 out of possible 50 points) shot by team Canada in that match.



Top Canadian Team Scores, The Methuen Cup - Cpl Ryan Steacy and MCpl Kyle Roder.



Canadian Army Combat shooting Team, Bisley 2010
Back Row, Cpl Ryan Steacy, 2nd from left.
Back Row, MCpl Kyle Roder, 2nd from right.



Perry – 1902 & 1904; Steacy – 2008 & 2010 and Roder - 2010

The Regiment and Association are deeply proud of your commitment and shooting skill in maintaining the Regiment's enduring tradition of marksmanship. Heartfelt congratulations to you both from all ranks of the BCR Family.

39 CANADIAN BRIGADE GROUP CHANGE OF COMMAND PARADE



Members of the Association were pleased to attend the Change of Command Parade and Reception held at the Seaforth Armouries on 16 May 2010. BGen M.P. Jorgensen, OMM, MSN, CD was the Reviewing Officer for the Change of Command Ceremony. Col. Gagné was DCO of 39 Brigade and commanded The British Columbia Regiment (DCO) 2002–2005. We are confident 39 Brigade will benefit from his leadership. Colonel, congratulations and best wishes from all of us.

L to R Colonel Richmond, BGen Jorgensen and Colonel Gagné

OUR CADETS ARE AMONG THE BEST IN THE COUNTRY

C/CWO Emily Kwak and C/MWO Kevin Lee, from the 2827 BCR Port Moody Corps, received top marks in their entrance exams and were selected to attend RMC in Kingston. They spent the summer completing some GMT courses before commencing their studies in the fall. C/WO Jay Kwak also from Port Moody won the Major General Howard award for receiving top marks in his Cadet National Star Certification Exam. He was presented with his medal at Connaught Ranges Cadet Camp on his return to Canada after attending the Outward Bound Course in Wales this past summer. Cdt. Ann Lee was selected as top in her Company on the 3 week Basic Sports and Fitness course at Vernon.

Capt Shannon Rothwell, CO of the 2827 BCR said, "I am very proud of these Cadets however the whole Corps had a good year and these Cadets are a by-product of that".

The BCR Cadets had two candidates on this past Summer's Army Cadet jump Course in Petawawa. C/WO Anton Huminuck 2290 Vancouver and C/WO David Atkinson 2781 Powell River both successfully completed the course and received their jump wings.

In total, we had 60 BCR Course Cadets and 12 BCR Staff Cadets attend the various Camps, exchanges in Canada and in United Kingdom this past summer. They all completed their courses and most importantly arrived home safely.

The Regiment can be justly proud of the achievements of our Cadets.

The Cadets will stand to the week starting 7 September 2010.

Major (Ret'd) Roger W Prouse, CD
BCR (DCO) Cadet Governor

AFGHANISTAN – July 2010



Cpl Colm E. Gallen, BCR (DCO). 2 Troop, "B" Squadron,
Lord Strathcona Horse (Royal Canadians)
Leopard Tank Driver

Cpl Gallen is our only Duke presently serving in Afghanistan. He is attached to Lord Strathcona Horse (Royal Canadians) serving as a AFV (tank) driver with 2 Troop, "B" Squadron. He took an opportunity to hoist the BCR Camp Flag on a radio aerial, position the Leopard on a hillside road and climb into the turret for a photo Op. Thanks for this magnificent tank photo. Good luck and good hunting. Best wishes from all BCR ranks at home.

THE VIEW FROM THE BUTTE

by: Jack Drake

Smoke! Smoke!! Smoke!!!

As you may all be aware there hasn't been much of a view from The Butte this summer. Wild fires have been terrible - hay ranches gone; buildings gone; people in town wearing masks to protect from the smoke!

This has severely impacted The Princess's daily life as she is no longer able to communicate with her relatives, due to the all-encompassing smoke.

"Okay, I say - let's recce the high country!" Although we live at 3400 feet (height of Grouse Mountain – less 500 feet), the wild fire smoke has seeped in to all our valleys and lakes in the Cariboo – so high country it is.

We do some day recces and picnics as there's no campfires allowed and people are encouraged to stay out of the back country.

One recce takes us to a high lake northwest of Clearwater. The air is clear (no smoke) so I suggest we picnic there. I take out my trout rod as The Princess is setting up the picnic. Two casts = a two pounder which I quickly clean and put in the freezer chest. Shortly after, a C.O. (Conservation Officer) happens to arrive on the scene. "Why the smoke?" he asks. "WHAT?" I ask. Sure enough The Princess is trying to talk to her relatives – could be really bad – as I'm sure you're all aware of the fire fine system! Ouch!

The C.O. then turns to me, "How was the fishing?" "Poor" I say. In astonishment he replies, "This lake usually produces really well!" I answer, "I must be a poor fisherman." He agrees and decides that he will waive the \$300 campfire fine if she will take a course to teach her and her relatives how to use a dial-up phone.

That's our non-view from the Butte.

J.D. and The Princess

THE START LINE

by: David Sproule

In the Pinks – the Saga of an Exercise Developer

Sometimes it is hard to get up out of the Assembly Area and get one's butt to the Start Line in time to make "H" Hour. Call it inertia or writers block but I was definitely going to get my butt kicked if I didn't get rolling. I have been blessed with long army and civilian careers and often find similarities in programs and activities. My recent activities working at the Canada Line has caused me to reflect.

This past June, I received my certificate in "Emergency Exercise Design" from the Justice Institute of BC. I thought it would be a useful addition to my tool kit although it took me two years of course work and a major project to complete. It was a very interesting program and as it turns out a handy tool to have as a consultant.

Now as you might assume my cup was full to overflowing with exercises going back to basic training, troop, squadron and regimental exercises, combat group and brigade exercises and at Staff College they came in waves. When I was at SkyTrain, I had to write and conduct an annual emergency exercise ranging from bomb threats, hostage taking and suicides. Lessons were always learned and changes discussed and usually implemented. So why did I need to take a series of courses on the design, development, conduct and evaluation of these activities? Yeah I must be some kind of a masochist.

I had to complete three compulsory online courses in emergency management learning about the Incident Command System (ICS) which states that there can only be one guy in charge and he will be the Incident Commander. Who will it be – police or fire and of course that depends on the nature of the incident. This made perfect sense to me as an army officer. Next I took a series of four courses at the Justice Institute on the design, development and conduct of discussion-based exercises particularly tabletop exercises and then the design and development of operations-based exercises including drills, functional and full-scale exercises. Again I couldn't help but make comparison to what I knew and experienced when I wore the black beret.

Now a tabletop exercise is normally conducted in a boardroom or training room and is primarily designed to expose team leaders and supervisory level personnel to the implementation of an emergency procedure to resolve one of those things I referred to or it could be to test a municipal organization response to a flood, fire or civil disturbance. Tabletops provide a low stress environment. When I was learning about this, I couldn't help but make the leap to something that I had participated in many times in the army, either a cloth model, sand-table or CPX. These activities were usually on a particular phase of war and as part of the training plan leading up to brigade summer concentration. Nowadays we conduct many of these exercises with simulation software. Like cloth models, tabletop exercises are useful and a first step in testing procedures and developing leadership skills.

Operations-based exercises flow from the discussion-based. Part of the "walk before you run" school. I remember some of the first things we did in the field were to practice our drills to ensure that everyone in the troop and squadron knew their field drills and harbour and leaguer drills. Then we would move onto combat-team and battle-group exercises to test our SOPs and stamina under simulated conditions. No commander would ever commit troops to battle without the stress and preparation provided by exercises. A functional exercise in the civilian world basically tests employees' reactions to an emergency situation under as realistic conditions as possible including command, deployment of resources, in order to test communications and the coordination of activities towards a successful outcome. A functional exercise involves multiple agencies (police, fire and ambulance and company personnel) at one site such as a bomb threat at SkyTrain station. The stress level obviously increases as the players fulfill their roles. Full-scale exercises are similar but usually involve multiple sites and might test responses by many agencies to a simulated earthquake for example. These are big and expensive events but necessary for a company or emergency response agency as they are for a regiment in the field.

Of course, companies need plans to ensure that exercises happen on a continuing and consistent basis to test employee responses to risk and vulnerabilities and validate procedures. All good stuff.

It makes no sense at all to conduct any of the above activities if there aren't controls in place and controllers and evaluators to provide timely injects, to observe and report on responses but most importantly to provide feedback for improvement planning. I recognize these roles too – umpires and directing staff - the guys with the DS solution aka the "pinks". And so I am now a certified exercise designer. Gadzooks, I have crossed-over to the other side but with apologies extended to my former staff college colleagues that may read this article.

David Sproule
September 6, 2010

CADET CORPS OF THE BRITISH COLUMBIA REGIMENT (DCO)

Association members attended the Annual Ceremonial Reviews for the four Cadets Corps sponsored by the Regiment during the late spring. Members of the Association also attended the Vernon Army Cadet Summer Training Centre Final Parade and Sunset Ceremony held at Dieppe Square on 20 August 2010. Congratulations to all cadets, instructors and sponsoring groups for another successful training year.



Annual Ceremonial Review of The 2781 BCR Powell River Army Cadet Corps held on 29 May 2010

2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC Annual Review attended by Archie M. Steacy. 2827 BCR (Port Moody) RCACC attended by Ray Glover, Ted Hawthorne and Archie M. Steacy. 2381 BCR (Irish Fusiliers) RCACC attended by Ray Glover and Graydon Young.

BATTLEFIELD TOUR – MAY 2010

The year 2010 marks the 65th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. Over the past several decades the Netherlands has invited Canadian veterans of that war to attend a special set of commemorations and ceremonies at five year intervals. The last such event was in 2005 to mark the 60th anniversary; at that time it was supposed to be the last such event. However, the Dutch once again found significant interest in the Canadian veteran community and another “final” commemoration was held this year.

The BCR fought their way through the Netherlands in late 1944 and 1945 and the members of the Regiment developed strong ties with the Dutch; additionally, the Regiment's operations in the Netherlands forms a significant part of the Regiment's history during the Second World War. Accordingly, an informal tour was organized through the BCR Association. In order to take full advantage of the opportunity, the tour was planned so that we would visit a number of the Regiment's battlefields in Europe from both World Wars, and finish in Apeldoorn, Netherlands for the major parade and concert that ended the ceremonies sponsored by the Dutch organizing committee. The pace of the tour was intense and very much oriented to visiting the battlefields.

A total of ten people signed up for the tour, including WWII veterans Don Cameron and Boe Erickson, from Wildwood, Alberta. Boe is a WWII Royal Canadian Navy veteran whose brother served with the 28th Canadian Armoured Regiment (British Columbia Regiment) throughout the Northwest Europe campaign. Boe is Keith Maxwell's uncle. Other members of the tour included Bill and Linda Rodgers from North Vancouver, along with former members of the Regiment Ted Hawthorne, Bob Remple, Bob Hall, Peter Kilby, Dick Grady and Keith Maxwell. Bill Rodgers is a Provincial Court Judge and has a strong association with 15 Field Regiment; he and Linda are also friends of the BCR.

We rendezvoused at the Paris – Charles de Gaulle airport on the morning of 1 May 2010, established ourselves in the two passenger vans rented for the tour, and proceeded to Normandy.

Over the next three days we toured all of the major Canadian battlefields associated with the Battle of Normandy. We started with the landing beaches and the area of operations of 1st Canadian Parachute Battalion, as well as the battlefields near Caen. We visited the Abbaye d'Ardenne where a number of Canadian prisoners were murdered by 12 SS Panzer Division (Hitler Youth) troops. We met with Dr Jean-Pierre Benamou, OBE, MSM an Honorary Major member of the BCR Association and the Regiment's close friend in Normandy, who arranged for the tour to attend a number of ceremonies at Courcelles-sur-Mer, Rots and the Bretteville-sur-Laize Canadian Cemetery. He also welcomed us to his D-Day Museum, a living memorial to the soldiers who liberated Normandy. Dr Benamou has a wide range of artifacts and vehicles, all of which are meant to be hands-on displays. Several members of the tour rode to the ceremony at Rots in vintage WWII vehicles. The ceremony at Courcelles-sur-Mer was to dedicate the BCR badge recently placed on the DD Sherman Tank Monument.

We also visited the Canadian battlefields south of Caen where vicious fighting took place from 18 – 25 July 1944. We then visited the BCR/Algonquin Memorial at Point 111 on Hill 140 and held a ceremony with local dignitaries and veterans, followed by a reception at the town hall in Rouvres. We visited St Lambert-sur-Dives and reviewed the actions associated with the closing of the Falaise Gap. We reviewed the battle where Major Michael Wittmann of the German Army, a top tank ace, was killed by Sherman tank fire from a Squadron of the 27th Canadian Armoured Regiment (Sherbrooke Fusiliers Regiment). We also visited the location of this action.

On 4 May 2010 we drove to Dieppe, France and visited the Dieppe Canadian Military Cemetery and the three main landing beaches at Puys, Pourville and the main Dieppe beach.

On 5 May we proceeded to the Somme area to visit the Canadian battlefields of 1916. We visited the Tank Corps memorial where tanks were used for the first time in history on 15 September 1916. The 29th Canadian Infantry Battalion (Vancouver) CEF played a prominent role in the fighting that day, and were amongst the first infantry troops to attack with armoured support; as a forward battalion in their Brigade, they succeeded in capturing and holding the town of Courcellette. We also visited the park at Beaumont-Hamel to review the memorial park associated with the Newfoundland Memorial and reviewed the participation of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment in the opening day of the Battle of the Somme.

While on the Somme, we visited the Adanac Canadian Cemetery and visited the grave of Piper Richard, VC of the 16th Canadian Infantry Battalion (Canadian Scottish) CEF. The tour group was surprised to note that it is only four minute drive from the front line held on 1 July 1916 at the start of the battle, to the line held on 20 November when it ended. Between those two lines almost a million casualties were inflicted, including 300,000 dead.

We departed the Somme and proceeded to the area east of Arras and reviewed the Canadian Corps action advancing east from there from 26 August 1918 until 2 September 1918. We visited the Dury Canadian Monument, on the Drocourt-Queant Switch (Part of the Hindenburg Line), which was smashed by the Canadian Corps on 2 September 1918 – in that action seven soldiers from the Canadian Corps were awarded the Victoria Cross, including Private Rayfield of the 7th Canadian Infantry Battalion (1st British Columbia Regiment) CEF. The line had been considered impregnable, and its defeat was an immense blow to German morale.

We then continued southeast to visit the next Canadian battlefield of 1918 - the Canal du Nord, Bourslon Wood and Cambrai. At Bourslon Wood Lieutenant Lyall of the 102nd Canadian Infantry Battalion (North British Columbians) CEF, won a VC for his valour and leadership during the battle.

We also drove to the area north of Cambrai where 2nd Division attacked on 11 October 1918 to end the Canadian Corps advance past Cambrai. We visited the grave of Lt Algie, VC, who won his VC in the field between the cemetery and the town of Iwuy. Lt Algie was Bill Rodger's mother's cousin.

On the following day we visited a cemetery near Vimy to visit the grave of Peter Kilby's uncle, Gordon Barton, the "ghost of the family". We then visited the Vimy Ridge Memorial Park and visited the battlefields, visitor's centre and the Memorial. We also went to Cabaret Rouge Cemetery and saw the grave where the Canadian Unknown Soldier was disinterred from. He now lies at the foot of the Canadian War Memorial in Ottawa.

Nearby, just east of the town of Loos, we visited Hill 70 and visited plaques to Sergeant-Major Hanna (29th Battalion) and Private O'Rourke (7th Battalion), both of whom won a Victoria Cross during the Battle of Hill 70 in August 1917.

We then drove to Ypres, Belgium and visited the John McRae memorial where he wrote "In Flanders Fields". We visited the Canadian memorial at Vancouver Corner for the Battle of St Julien, fought in April 1915, and visited the plaque dedicated to Lieutenant Bellew, 7th Battalion who was the first Canadian officer to win a Victoria Cross in the war on 23 April 1915. In the Ypres area we also visited the Passchendaele Battlefield and Canadian Memorial, and reviewed the battle, including action by the 7th Battalion to capture the crest of the Ridge on 10 November 1917, bringing the battle to a close.

We also visited the Canadian Memorial at Mt Sorrel, where the Canadian Corps fought in early June 1916. That evening we attended the Menin Gate Ceremony, and laid a wreath in memory of the 7,000 Canadians who died in Belgium and have no known grave. Their names are carved on the memorial.

On 7 May we proceeded to Leke, Belgium for a ceremony at the BCR Memorial commemorating the liberation of the village on 8 September 1944 by the Regiment. We were met by Luke Vandebussche, a long-standing friend of the Regiment and an Honorary Major member of the BCR Association, along with a host of locals from the village and many long standing friends. We were then invited to a reception following the ceremony.

After bidding farewell to our friends at Leke we toured the sites associated with the Battle of the Scheldt Estuary. The first was the crossing site of 10th Canadian Infantry Brigade, who liberated Bruges. We then drove to the Canada Museum for lunch and a visit to this wonderful museum. Next we visited the site where the 7th Brigade fought to cross the Leopold Canal north of Maldagem, including a German bunker that provided the centre of the defensive effort against the Brigade. We saw where the BCR then crossed the bridge over the canal to bring the first tanks into the Breskens Pocket.

We also visited the landing beaches where 8 and 9 Brigades landed behind the German defences and advanced east to west to eliminate the remaining defences holding up access to the port of Antwerp. Finally, we visited the Isabella Canal and Polder, where the Algonquin Regiment attacked to meet up with the QOR and seal the eastern flank of the Breskens Pocket.

On the way to our hotel we visited Woendrecht which the RHLI captured on 17 October 1944 to cut off the Beveland Peninsula and isolate the remaining Germans in the battle area.

On 8 May we went to the Bergen op Zoom Cemetery where 1000 Canadians are buried, most of whom were from 2nd and 4th Divisions and were killed in the fighting north of Antwerp and during the liberation of Bergen op Zoom.

We then drove to Eindhoven to the start line for Operation Market garden, "A Bridge too Far". We followed the centre line of 30th British Corps and visited the landing sites of three Airborne Divisions (101st American, 82nd American and 1st British), who landed to secure bridges for the advance. The tour include a visit to the Son Bridge, which was knocked out as the US 101st Airborne Division troops

approached, and was replaced by the 30th Corps troops the following night. We saw the bridge at Graves, Netherlands, where Lieutenant Thomson and his small band of men from the US 82nd Airborne Division dropped in 150 metres from the bridge and attacked the anti-aircraft towers, who could not depress their guns low enough to engage the paratroopers. They captured the west end of the kilometer long bridge within five minutes of landing!

We then visited the Nijmegen Bridge, which was taken on the third day of the battle after much hard fighting. Finally, we drove to the Arnhem Bridge, which was taken by the 2nd Parachute Battalion of the 1st British Airborne Division under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel John Frost, who won a VC during the battle. The battalion held out for three days, without reinforcements and under attack from a German Panzer Division. They finally succumbed after running out of ammunition, and the bridge remained in German hands for the next seven months.

Finally we arrived in Apeldoorn, Netherlands on 8 May and attended the main ceremonies associated with the 65th Anniversary of the liberation of the Netherlands and VE Day. The day of commemoration included a parade with WWII vehicles, a reception and a wonderful show with tribute bands of the era. It was truly the highlight of the trip and “a good time was had by all”.

On 10 May we drove back top Paris for our flights home; en route we stopped at the Battlefield of Waterloo near Brussels, Belgium, and reviewed the battle fought there in 1815. On 11 May we dispersed and departed, some to return home and others to continue their travels in Europe.

The tour was a great success and a tribute to the soldiers of the Regiment who fought in Europe during two world wars.

“We Will Remember Them”

Keith Maxwell

BENCH OF REMEMBRANCE



Cadet Chief Warrant Officer RSM Aleksander Malczynski Memorial Bench
Coutts Common, Vernon Cadet Summer Camp
Ted Hawthorne and Graydon Young

The Dedication Ceremony – 20 August 2010

- Padre Capt Jack Greenhalgh welcomes everyone and describes the ceremony;
- Lt Col (Ret'd) Archie M. Steacy, BCRA, speaks about Alex;
- Padre Greenhalgh carries on with dedication service;
- Padre Greenhalgh invites the Malczynski family to unveil the bench;
- Graydon Young stands by as the army shelter halves covering the bench are removed by the Family, takes possession of the shelter halves, moving them away from the bench;
- Father Richard, a Polish Roman Catholic Priest from Lumby is called upon by Padre Greenhalgh to bless the bench in Polish;
- Padre Greenhalgh calls upon Capt Isobel Malczynski to reply on behalf of the family; and
- Final words by Padre Greenhalgh.



Lt Col (Ret'd) Archie M. Steacy, CD speaks about Alex

I was the Commanding Officer of The British Columbia Regiment (DCO) RCAC when Cadet Chief Warrant Officer, RSM Aleksander Malczynski, lost his life at the age of 16 years, on 18 June 1977 while fulfilling one of his life's most precious passions during a Cadet river rafting exercise on the Chilliwack River. His death was a tragedy and a heart-wrenching shock to his family, the Regiment and Cadet Corps.

As a young child, Alex's fascination with the military became a passion and when he turned 13 years old, he enlisted in the 2290 Cadet Corps parading in the Regimental Drill Hall.

The training and comradeship was everything he hoped for and more. After school he would don his uniform and rush to the Drill Hall. He was very dedicated and endeavoured to do everything perfectly, yet he was very humble. Alex advanced quickly through the ranks of his Cadet Corps. His outstanding ability, commitment and leadership proved his mettle when he was appointed as the Commander, with rank of Cadet Lt Col for the Cadet Summer Camp at Vernon in 1976. At his Corps, he was promoted to Cadet Chief Warrant Officer with appointment as Corps RSM.

Alex was truly a wonderful young Canadian. We should think not of Alex's passing but of his commitment, achievements and love of family and Cadets during his short life.

The British Columbia Regiment (DCO) Association was indeed honoured to procure and with Mrs. Malczynski and many family members, dedicate a striking bench on 20 August 2010, situated in Coutts Common, Vernon Cadet Summer Camp, Vernon, B.C., in memory of Aleksander.

Archie M. Steacy,
President Emeritus



Malczynski Family Members

Seated, Mrs. Malczynski
 Back row, Siblings - L to R: MCpl Chris, Mike,
 Capt Isobel, George and Joanna Malczynski



BCR Association Members

Seated – Raymond Glover and Archie Steacy
 Back Row L to R Agnes Keegan, Ted Hawthorne,
 Gayle Hawthorne, Graydon Young,
 Lt. Paul Campbell, Lynda Steacy, Carol Glover &
 BCR Cadet WO James Stevenson

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to LCol Lyle Johnson, Vernon Cadet Summer Camp Commander, for sanctioning the bench installation in Coutts Common, LCol Terry Kopan and Major Roger Prouse for their assistance with the dedication service and acquiring and installation of the bench and bronze plaque.

SAMSON WANTS YOU



RSM Mark Arden invited the Association to hold their meetings in the WOs' and Sergeants' Mess. His kind gesture was gratefully accepted as it afforded us an opportunity to conduct our meetings in the Regimental Family home, meet serving members and proffer continued support to the Regiment. To-date, it has been a great success resulting in the return of "Old Regimental Ghosts", commonly termed "Old Farts" hence the title "**SAMSON NIGHT**". We've decided to hold our get-togethers to coincide with the Commanding Officer's Parades held on the first Wednesday of the month. We start in the WOs' and Sgts' Mess at approximately 1930 hours, head down to the Parade Square around 9pm and retire back to the Mess after the parade formalities end.

Mark your calendars for October 6th, November 3rd and December 1st 2010. Get off the couch, turn-off the boob tube, don your Association blazer and Regimental tie, cross the start-line, make tracks for the Drill Hall and enjoy an evening with those you served with and meet our currently serving Dukes.



Watch for 2011 **SAMSON NIGHT** dates in the December issue of The Duke.

If you don't possess a Regimental blazer and tie, contact Ted Hawthorne at ted@hplaw.ca for procurement details.

THE B.C. REGIMENT (DCO) IRISH PIPES & DRUMS



Lt Col (Ret'd) Archie Steacy, Jordan Seguin and Art Buckholtz

The band has been busy over the later Spring and Summer months with a number of fundraising, charitable events, practices and get-togethers. Our big upcoming event is playing at the wedding of one our own Pipers - Rosalie MacDonald to Cpl. Terry Haigh of the B.C. Regiment on September 4th.

May 5, 2010, Surrey. The funeral for Piper James Munro - Irish Fusiliers of Canada, Second World War Veteran who played with the "Irish" through the war and participated in the VE Day Parade in Appledorn - May 1945. Playing at the funeral was Jordan Seguin, Director of Music for the Pipe Band with LCol. (Ret'd) Archie Steacy and Art Buckholtz, former Irish Fusiliers of Canada Piper and long-time friend of James Munro. Jimmy also played in the Pipe Band of the Irish Fusiliers of Canada, during and after the Second World War.



Salmon Festival Canada Day Parade, Steveston, B.C.
01 July 2010

At the conclusion of the Salmon Festival celebration, the band enjoyed a social get-together marking 10 years of participation in Canada Day celebrations, coupled with numerous other events, which has enabled the band to develop into one of the finest pipe bands in British Columbia.



Far Left: Hank Strubin; Centre: Band; Far Right: Vern Castle

August 28th - Bowen Island - Annual Bowfest Parade & Festival.

Pictured with the band in the wheelchair is our host, Hank Strubin of Bowen Island with Major (Ret'd) Vern Castle, on the right. Both are long-time friends who served with the Irish Fusiliers of Canada (The Vancouver Regiment) and members of the Irish Fusiliers Association for many years. Hank has hosted the Pipe Band at Bowfest since 2005. The band leads the annual parade downhill, opening the festival by putting on a short concert in the nearby fairgrounds, followed by a Toast to Hank's late wife and the "Irish Fusiliers of Canada (The Vancouver Regiment)". This is followed by Hank's and the local Legion's exceptional hospitality. We board the 3:00 PM ferry and play our way across to Horseshoe Bay.

Faugh A Ballagh

Pat Connell, President

CANUCKS TICKETS Get them while they last!!

After the great success we had last year, the Association is once again organizing a couple of games for members and guests to attend. The details for the first game are:

Salute to the Canadian Forces

Date: Sunday, November 21

Mess opens: 4:30pm

Game starts: 6:00pm (please note the early start)

Tickets: \$90 each (includes game, pregame snacks and your first drink in the Mess)

Please note we only have 20 tickets and it is first come, first served. Some book early to make sure you are not disappointed.

If you have any questions, want additional information or book tickets, please contact Bill Diamond at wrdiamond@gmail.com or 604 618-3607.

FREEDOM OF THE CITY PARADE VANCOUVER, B.C. 10 October 2008

“THE KNOCKING BLOCK”

HISTORY

The Freedom of the City ceremony is an example of a military tradition, which began in the 15th century in England. During the War of the Roses, cities were constantly endangered by marauding military units from one side or the other. Before a city would admit a military unit inside its walls, the chief constable would demand to know the reason the soldiers wished to enter the city and then escort their commander to the chambers of city council. If the leaders felt the unit could be trusted, it was granted the privilege known as "Freedom of the City". This entitled the unit to enter the city with drums beating, banners flying, and bayonets fixed.

FREEDOM OF THE CITY CEREMONY TODAY

Today, the granting of the Freedom of the City is a traditional means for a municipality to honour a unit of the Canadian Forces and is a private matter between civic officials and the unit concerned. The decision to grant this freedom rests with municipal authorities.



Presentation of The Knocking Block to L Col B. Kadanoff, CD by Ted Hawthorne

WHAT IS “THE KNOCKING BLOCK”?

It relates to the Freedom of the City Parade held on the 125th Birthday of the Regiment on October 12, 2008. When LCol Bruce D. Kadanoff, CD, Commanding Officer approached the door to the Vancouver City Hall, he had to knock on the door with the hilt of his sword to request permission from the Mayor to be granted Freedom of the City. The City fastened a cedar block thereon to prevent the sword knocking causing damage to the brass plate frame of the door....an historical blunder. The cedar block was given to LCol Kadanoff.

Sometime later, the Colonel showed me the knocking block stating he wished to display it but that it was too large. I volunteered to make the necessary size adjustment and place a descriptive plaque thereon. I made the size adjustment, refinished the cut, put it on a shelf in my workshop where it remained until I remembered my promise to Col Kadanoff....short term memory failure!!! I had the descriptive plaque made and asked Ted Hawthorne to present the finished block to the Colonel on the CO's Parade, 19 May 2010.

Archie Steacy

703706 Private Francis (Frank) Gott, 102nd Canadian Infantry Battalion (North British Columbians), CEF

by Andrew Conradi

A legendary tough marksman, game hunter, guide and celebrated Lillooet hero
The oldest man to serve in the Canadian Expeditionary Force in WWI
His death was hastened as a result of a clash of culture and surrounded by controversy
A valley creek and a mountain peak are named after him
His profile adorns his Battalion's badge



The amalgamation of the BCR and the Irish Fusiliers of Canada gave us some colourful history to perpetuate, not just two more VC's and new collar dogs. This is the story of a man whose life was in some ways similar, and in other ways very different, to many WW I veterans. In a way it is reminiscent of Cpl Filip Konowal, VC of the 47th Canadian Infantry Battalion, CEF perpetuated by The Royal Westminster Regiment, whose history has been associated with ours more than once.

Francis (Frank) Gott was a Lillooet native born about 1850 who died in 1932. Although some said he was a full-blood aboriginal, others say his father had settled around Lillooet a few years before the gold rush of 1858 and speculate that his father was French (and possibly from Alsace given his Germanic surname).

Physically Frank was a short man at 5 ft 5 ins, 135 lbs, compact, wiry and very strong. It was said he could carry his own weight all day and travel further than a horse over rugged mountainous terrain. He was also an avid reader and obviously interested in the world when he joined the 102nd Canadian Infantry Battalion (Comox- Atlin) CEF.

This Battalion had been raised in Nov 1915 by Lieut.-Colonel John Weightman Warden, who had served in the Boer War and later joined the 6th Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles). As a Captain in the 7th Canadian Infantry Battalion (1st British Columbia Regiment) CEF, he was seriously wounded at St Julien on 24 April 1915. He was invalided to England and on his discharge from hospital, came back to Canada on furlough where he was promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel and given authority to raise a new battalion.

En route to the UK in June 1916, the 102nd Battalion was reviewed in Ottawa by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, then Governor-General of Canada, accompanied by General Sir Sam Hughes, then Minister of Militia. The Duke, seeing Pte Gott's white hair, asked his age to which Gott answered: "My military age is 47." But when the Duke whispered "What is your real age?" Gott replied: "Over sixty, sir." To which the Duke responded: "Very good, then, young man". Regardless of his age he was in tremendous physical condition and whenever someone teased him about his years he would challenge them to a ten mile run. Gott was later told he was the oldest man to serve in the CEF.

Because of his marksmanship Gott served as a sniper. Some sources say he was decorated for gallantry but so far I have been unable to verify that. Unfortunately he contracted TB and this, rather than his age, was apparently the reason given for his honourable discharge. He was very proud of his service and uniform and continued to wear his service hat in civilian life where he returned to hunting and guiding around Lillooet, BC.

The clash between British Canadian and First Nations culture is clearly shown by the different accounts of Frank Gott's tragic last years and death in 1932. The following comes from a First Nations source (www.firstnations.de/development/statimc.htm):

“The BC Game Act was imposed by the colonial officials in 1898 to enforce elite British hunting rules on the indigenous people and prevent them from hunting for food. Game wardens and their strict hunting regulations were justifiably despised by the natives for whom hunting was a vital part of their sustenance and cultures long before colonization. Frank Gott was repeatedly harassed and penalized by the Lillooet game warden.”

The BC Game Department started getting tough on hunting seasons and bag limits in the late 1920's and early 1930's. In 1931, the game department had decided that all deer shot would have to be tagged, but some of the old timers and aboriginals did not accept this law and Gott was one of them. By 1932, Gott was old, sick and dying and only hunted for food. Fresh venison liver was the native cure for TB and it is said that Gott's friends shot a deer out of season to give the dying Gott some sustenance when the local BC Game Warden Albert Farey, himself a decorated WWI veteran, with whom Gott had had a previous run-in over the game laws, came upon Gott and two friends he was guiding. The Warden inspected Gott's packs for deer and found untagged, therefore illegal, remains. This was too much for Gott who did not fancy his native's chances under BC law. And so he shot and killed Farey from behind. Perhaps like Konowal, he cracked. Gott then gave his rifle and horse to the hunters and disappeared into the countryside saying “I'm done for.” Two days later he was found, shot and wounded. He died in Lytton Hospital a few hours after admittance not from his wounds but from TB and “privation”.

There was an outcry over Gott's death because he was a celebrated and popular man and many felt he had been un-necessarily gunned down. However, the Game Warden was merely enforcing the law and was shot with no warning. The BC Game Dept reflects the British Canadian cultural view in these words (www.env.gov.bc.ca/cos/100years/honour_roll.html):

“However, many critics chose to ignore that he had shot a dedicated Game Warden, in cold-blood, with no chance to defend himself.

While the local newspapers were keen to chronicle Gott's guiding expertise, outdoor skills and wartime achievements, scant attention was paid to the life of the murdered game warden. Game Warden “Bert” Farey was buried in the Lillooet cemetery. His funeral never even made the newspapers of the day.”

What would you have done if you had been the warden? Would you have turned a blind eye (i.e. pretend to search and find nothing incriminating)? Was it time for compassion? Were there mitigating circumstances? What about cultural sensitivity? (Of course, such a concept was not yet in fashion in society at large). Whose land was it anyway? Had it been ceded by treaty? Had the indigenous people agreed to annexation? Why should they accept laws in a land in which they were disenfranchised? We still live with some of these questions.

A tragic ending for both Farey and Gott, both of whom were WWI veterans.

But a colourful story from our past.



Francis Gott, Photo: Archives Canada
Note: It obviously was taken after his return to Canada. What is the decoration?



Gott Peak, Lillooet Range, height: 2511 m. Photo: Bivouac
Gott Peak in the Lillooet Range is named for the remarkable Lillooet (T'it'q'et) man known as Francis (Frank) Gott (c. 1850 - 1932), a celebrated big game hunting guide with a legendary knowledge of St'át'imc Territory

SGT (RET'D) DONALD N. CAMERON

28th Canadian Armoured Regiment (British Columbia Regiment)

Besides his daily 3 or 4 mile walk, he continues to attend his Legion Branch functions; keeps tabs on federal government activities (he's a retired MP for Kamloops, B.C.); he searched and located Captain Kit Gibson's grave in Princeton, B.C. (one of his former "C" Squadron Officers); participated in two BCR Battle Field Tours to Europe in 2008 & 2010; attended a family reunion in Ontario; visited Isobel's sister in Winnipeg and attended and was the hit of the Legion's Convention. He is presently visiting his brother in Penticton and nephews in the Langley, B.C. area. You ask what's next....Don has every intention of attending the Association Annual Reunion Dinner and Remembrance Day Parade, 10 & 11 November 2010 in Vancouver.

Don never stops..... How's that for a 93 year young Duke!!!

See you at the Reunion Don...best wishes, All Dukes.



Sgt (Ret'd) Don Cameron
at the Legion Convention

SAM MAGEE

He is not from Tennessee, he is from Oshawa. He is not visiting Dawson, he is visiting Vancouver. Well, his name is not really Sam like the guy in the poem, his parents' named him William, but his buddies call him Sam – a name that he has used for over 60 years. You will see more details on Sam in an article by Keith Maxwell.

How did this all come about? In May, 2010 Keith Maxwell lead a battlefield tour and while in Appledorn, Keith and Ted Hawthorne saw Sam and had a chat with him. During their discussion the idea of coming to Vancouver was proposed. Ted and Keith brought idea to the Association Board Meeting. After a brief discussion, a few tasks were assigned and before you know it, the trip was planned and Sam was booked.

At printing time, the following is the plan we have for Sam's visit:

Monday, October 4

- Sam arrives in Vancouver
- Fire Side Chat fundraising dinner (raising funds for bursaries and other activities of the Association's Charitable Trust)

Tuesday, October 5

- Museum / Archives Breakfast
- School visits in the morning and afternoon
- Brigade visit

Wednesday, October 6

- School visit in the morning
- Lunch at the 15th Field Officers' Mess ** open for all to attend
- CO's Parade and Samson Night ** open for all to attend

Thursday, October 7

- Sam heads home

The 15th Field Lunch and BCR CO's Parade / Samson Night are open to all. If you plan to attend the 15th Field lunch, please send a note to Major Bob Mugford at bob.mugford@shaw.ca so he is expecting you and makes sure there is sufficient food for all.

There is no need to RSVP for the CO's Parade / Samson Night – all are welcome. Just drop in. Most people will arrive around 7:30pm and convene in the WOs' and Sgts' Mess (the bar will be open). Prior to the start of the CO's parade we will head to the Parade Square or balcony of the Officers' Mess to watch the parade. Following the parade it is back to the Mess for more fellowship and a chance to chat with Sam and others in attendance.

The Board of the Association is quite excited to have Sam visit us and we hope many of you will take advantage of this opportunity to meet him.

There will be a follow up report after the visit. At that time we will recap the highlights and thank all of those that made this visit possible. Having said that, I think it is only appropriate to acknowledge the following for the contributions:

- Rosedale on Robson – the hotel has donated accommodation for Sam for the duration of his stay
- Archie Steacy – for looking after Sam’s return airfare from Toronto

In addition to donating Sam’s accommodation, the Rosedale on Robson has set up a special rate for members of the BCR Association and serving members of the Regiment. All you need to do is call the hotel and mention the BC Regiment and they will give you the special rate. Check out their hotel at www.rosedaleonrobson.com.



THE BCR (DCO) MUSEUM SOCIETY

I extend an invitation to you all to visit the Museum to view the additions and changes we have been making to our displays in the museum itself and the display cabinets mounted on the walls of the main drill floor. For example, we have a display of our five Victoria Cross recipients, the Battle for Hill 111, Normandy, Afghanistan War artifacts and South Africa War items. Also, the Drill Hall’s main floor Memorial Wall has a new look with the Regiment’s Battle Honours, perpetuated battalion cap badges displayed and two new Celtic Crosses. One commemorates the Fallen of the 29th Battalion, CEF and the other commemorates the Fallen of the 30th, 62nd, 121st and the 158th Battalions.

Our medal collection is outstanding. Many former members have donated their medals for safe keeping by the Museum Society. We have also been most fortunate to obtain a number of medal groups of former members from our perpetuated battalions. Most of these sets have been purchased on E-Bay via fund raising. We are presently raising funds to obtain the following medals that were awarded to members of our 102nd Canadian Infantry Battalion (North British Columbians) CEF

There are 10 medal sets (War and Victory Medals), 2 memorial crosses (one cross honours the first 102nd Battalion soldier KIA at St. Eloi, 19 Aug 1916), 3 single Victory Medals and 12 single War Medals. Numerous medals are from US men serving in the battalion. It is indeed a rare but great opportunity. Needless to say these medals represent the story of the men of our Regiment. These medal groups remind us of the soldier and his service to the Regiment and to Canada (i.e. not just a name on a nominal roll!).

The medal seller has advised us that he will reduce the asking price to \$2,200.00 from \$2,550.00. We have already collected \$1,100.00 so we are well under way. Please consider participating in our medal find program where our Regimental History is returned to its home. Any donation no matter how small will be greatly appreciated. Tax receipts will be issued to all donors. In the event of an over subscription,

any surplus funds will be retained in our fund for further medal acquisitions. We look forward to your support, and sincerely thank those Dukes who have kindly assisted with our BCR Medal Find campaign.

Please give me a call if you would like to visit and/or become a member of the Museum Society.

Many thanks.
Sincerely,
Archie Steacy, President

MONSIEUR GAUTHIER HEBBELYNCK and FAMILY



L – R: Ray Glover, Gauthier Hebbelynck,
Ted Hawthorne

Gauthier Hebbelynck is a lifelong friend of Sgt Tony Harris. He met other Dukes during the Vimy Ridge re-dedication Ceremony in April 2007, has been a most ardent supporter of the BC Regiment and Association and commemoration of our “Fallen” in North West Europe. He is a member of our Association, attends countless remembrance services in France, Belgium and Holland on behalf of the Association and his family.

Gauthier, his wife Sandrine, and daughter Clémence, spent two weeks in early August visiting British Columbia. Sgt Harris welcomed them to his home, drove them to Whistler, Archie and Lynda Steacy took them to Vancouver Island. They rented an automobile and spent a week touring BC and as far east as Banff. They fell in love with Canada. Gauthier indicated he would like to move to Canada.

The WOs’ and Sergeants’ Mess held a welcoming “meet and greet” that was well attended by many Dukes and spouses. To thank Gauthier for support of the Regiment and Association, he was presented with a number of gifts and Regimental plaques.

It was our sincere pleasure to help make their Canada visit a memorable occasion. You folks are welcome anytime.

VETERANS, WAKE-UP, SPEAK-UP & GET INVOLVED

Veteran care is becoming a hot issue and, as our first writer notes - we have to start getting pro-active on Veterans’ issues, both individually and groups (RUSI, Regimental Associations and other veterans groups) or there will be no help available for veterans when they need it.

Thanks to Vic Coroy (former President of RUSI Vancouver, (now living in Ontario) for sending Colonel Stogran’s article.

It is time for veterans collectively to help each other?

No one else appears to be committed to resolving Veteran's problems. The following letter was *written by L (Tex) Leugner CD, Warrant Officer (Ret'd), Cochrane, Alberta.*

Gentlemen; Recent events concerning the firing of veterans Ombudsman Stogran and the apparent lack of interest by Canadians in general would seem to suggest that veterans groups and organizations that claim to represent veterans in the resolution of their problems, had better become much more vocal in assisting veterans who need help, because apparently no one else will.

Two events that have taken place in the past year have convinced me that if veterans of any era (WWII, Korea, Peacekeeping, Afghanistan, etc.), do not step up and help each other now, perhaps we don't deserve help!

The first event was a series of veterans "round table" meetings established by VAC and held across Canada during the summer of 2009. Veterans were invited to these meetings and present to the VAC representatives, all of their concerns (pension, health and other issues). I attended two of these round table meetings, held in Cochrane and Calgary Alberta respectively. To my surprise and disappointment, **only 7 veterans attended the Cochrane meeting**, chaired by David Sweet of Veteran's Affairs, **while fewer than 20 attended the Calgary meeting**, chaired by then Minister Thompson himself. After these meetings, I summarized the items discussed and personally presented a list of 8 recommendations to the Minister. I've **heard not one word from anyone in VAC** regarding this list of suggested improvements to the New Veterans Charter and **I can guess why. So few veterans showed up at these meetings, that VAC didn't believe there were enough veterans who cared about veteran's problems to pay any attention!**

The second event that should cause concern among veterans and their apparent unwillingness to stand together for their common good took place in Edmonton during 12 - 22 August 2010 at the annual Fringe Festival. The event was a series of 7 performances of a play called WAR & THERAPY, about a psychologist and her attempt to help a veteran suffering from the trauma of memories of war. I learned about the play **from Keith Black of VAC, who forwarded a request that at least one veteran volunteer to attend each of the 7 performances to participate in an interactive Q&A session with the audience at the conclusion of each performance. (To help educate the public about war and the issues that affected soldiers who were involved after returning home).**

I forwarded Mr. Black's request, as well as a brief description of the play and its significance to my contacts at 4 Veteran's Associations, **encouraging these groups to have members volunteer to attend the Q&A sessions. NO ONE VOLUNTEERED, even though Edmonton is literally filled with veterans and returned soldiers!** I volunteered to participate in two of the Q&A sessions and the comments by civilians in those audiences made it clear to me that Canadians generally do not understand soldiers and their role in a democratic country, **nor do many of them seem to care and our politicians know this! That's why they don't care either!**

The results of this apparent lack of interest by veterans to stand up for each other and tell their stories in these two **examples of opportunities presented and missed**, suggest to me that if we don't get off our asses and help ourselves, we don't deserve help! Lets face it, if VAC tells the Canadian public that approximately 70% of our veterans are happy with the New Veterans Charter and no one speaks for the other 30%, will anything change if we don't get vocal !!

To conclude, I encourage each of you to share this message with your Association and its members and I further suggest that if individual veterans are concerned about how Canadian Governments treat Canada's veterans, that they are not shy about writing to their MP to declare their displeasure. I have already contacted my Member of Parliament.

It's time we stood up for Canada's Veterans

The column below is republished from the Victoria Times Colonist, highly respected daily newspaper that is published in Victoria, British Columbia. Canada's outgoing Veterans Ombudsman Pat Stogran wrote it in an appeal to garner support for Canada's veterans.

A graduate of the Royal Military College of Canada, Stogran retired as a colonel from the Canadian Forces after more than 30 years of service. In 2002 he led the 3rd Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Battle Group into Afghanistan and was awarded the Meritorious Service Cross for his leadership. In addition, if Canadians see that veterans aren't being treated fairly, they might hesitate to join the military. An effective military needs the country's best and brightest.

Many veterans are struggling to get the services they need. It is widely recognized that the system is broken. We send our military and police into harm's way and when they come back sick, injured and wounded, the system makes them jump through hoops to get benefits and often treats them as if they are trying to get something that they do not deserve. This has to stop.

The system controls access to all information, adjudicates in secret, communicates infrequently and in a language that only a government lawyer can understand and then sets up an equally convoluted and secretive appeal process to address unfair departmental practices.

There is no impetus to change the system from within.

The original design of the ombudsman's office was set up to address complaints, not to address systemic issues. No wonder the Office of the Veterans Ombudsman has had so little success in trying to make substantive changes and veterans are speaking out. Now is the time for change.

Veterans need your support. Although much of what needs to be done is rooted in the legislative process, it is the culture of the system that develops and implements legislation and regulations that really needs to be changed.

The only way this is going to happen is if Canada's parliamentarians realize that this issue is significant and urgent and Canadians want it addressed now. Get involved. Let your MPs and senators know how you feel. And make your views on how to support veterans clearly known. Make them accountable.

Our mothers and fathers and sons and daughters have sacrificed themselves and their families in the service of their country so that you can have the freedom to choose the government and issues that need to be addressed.

Our soldiers, sailors, air personnel and police have stood up for us; it is now time for us to stand up for them.

DUKES, we all must get behind this issue, and literally thrust it to the Canadian public and our MPs and Senators for immediate action to accept their responsibility to take care of Canada's Veterans. Tumm Est. It's up to you.

REGIMENTAL TRIVIA

- Who was the first commanding officer of the Regiment?
 - What military unit was he serving with when he first came to Canada?
 - What was his rank in that unit?
 - What was his unit job?
- What is the exact military designation of the Sherman tank located in front of the Drill Hall?
 - What is the calibre of the master weapon?
 - How many crew members did this tank require?
 - Name the crew positions.

Can you answer the above questions? Let us know your answers. The winner(s) will be announced in the next Duke Newsletter.

Please consider getting involved in REGIMENTAL TRIVIA. Send us some thought provoking questions to test our memories....ted@hplaw.ca

COMING EVENTS

- September 24th** Movie in the Sgt Mess – 7:30 p.m. for 8:00 p.m. start
“The Devil’s Brigade” and brief presentation on the history of the Brigade
- September 26th** 29th Battalion Remembrance Service at the Battalion Memorial located at the PNE
Time TBA
- October 4th** Fireside Chat Dinner with WO II (Ret’d) Sam Magee in the Officers’ and WOs’ &
Sgts’ Mess – 7:00 p.m. reception for 7:30 p.m. dinner (Invitational)
- October 6th** CO’s Parade and Samson Night (8:30 p.m.)
- October 12th** Regiment’s 127th Birthday – Activity TBA
- November 3rd** CO’s Parade and Samson Night (8:30 p.m.)
- November 10th** Association Reunion Dinner – Particulars TBA
Mark your calendar NOW.
Held at the Delta Suites Hotel on Hastings Street, just east of
Victory Square.
- November 11th** Remembrance Day – Particulars TBA
- December 1st** CO’s Parade and Samson Night (8:30 p.m.)
- December 9th** Association Fundraiser Lunch – Particulars TBA
- December 11th** Association Homeless Christmas Lunch – Particulars TBA



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IN THE HOSPITAL / ON THE MEND

Peter Kilby is recovering at home after a week in the hospital with pneumonia. Peter hopes to be with us at the Reunion Dinner on 10 November 2010.

Very best wishes from all of us!

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).

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.

We also wish to thank our supporters for their "In Memoriam" donations. This is a very effective way to remember our loved ones.

DUKE'S DEN



Recce Bob and Helmsman Duke

"Duke" has continued his very hectic pace with a Battlefield Tour with fellow Dukes in Europe in May (see Keith Maxwell's Article) and "official" visits to cadet ACRs in Powell River and Port Moody; July 1st festivities at Stanley Park for the 15th Field RCA 21 gun salute; on board HMCS Vancouver to meet and visit with Rear-Admiral Tyrone Pile and Lt. Gov Steven Point; enjoying a front row seat to view the fireworks; day sailing on board the "Minnow" with Recce Bob Remple; his annual pool party; Vernon Army Cadet Summer Training Centre and at his good buddy Terry Haigh's marriage to Rosalie MacDonald (ceremony and reception). See Duke's Facebook for further updates. Duke A. Bear hopes to complete a 2nd Afghanistan tour in 2011.

AN ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

Mrs. Charlotte M. Bellew
Hillside Cemetery, Kamloops, B.C.

Charlotte M. Bellew is the deceased widow of the Regiment's Captain Edward Donald Bellew, VC. She was buried in an unmarked grave alongside her husband as no family member existed to provide a headstone. A number of BCR Association members felt it was inappropriate that she not have a marker of remembrance and arranged funding to purchase a headstone.



Sergeant (Ret'd) Donald N. Cameron, Kamloops, B.C. and Archie Steacy obtained her particulars and made arrangements with Falkland Monumental Stones, Ltd., Falkland, B.C. to craft and place a headstone on her grave. Mrs. Bellew is now remembered while resting alongside her famous Victoria Cross recipient husband, Capt Donald Edward Bellew, VC. Many thanks to Don Cameron, and the Association, for their thoughtfulness and generosity in making this act of remembrance possible.

ASLEEP



K46481 Lieutenant James G. Allan served with the 32nd Canadian Reconnaissance Regiment and the 28th Canadian Armoured Regiment (British Columbia Regiment) during World War II. He passed away on 18 July 2010. Jim, Ruth and family resided in West Vancouver, B.C.

L41590 Trooper Peter Reamer served with the 28th Canadian Armoured Regiment (British Columbia Regiment) during World War II. He passed away on 06 August 2010. Peter resided in Coquitlam, B.C.

Captain Norman Wignall served with the 8th British Army Medical Corps in North Africa during World War II, and the British Columbia Regiment (British Columbia Regiment) (DCO) RCAC as Medical Officer in 1957. He passed away on 28 August 2010. Norman, Teiko and Norman Jnr. resided in Vancouver, B.C.

N28 378 636 Sergeant Pierangelo D. Dalmagro a serving member of The British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own). He passed away on 02 September 2010 after a three year battle with cancer. Pierangelo resided in Vancouver, B.C.

**Rest in Peace.
At the going down of the sun,
and in the morning,
We shall remember them.**