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RECEPTION IN HONOUR OF THE SUPPORTERS OF THE HILL 70 MEMORIAL PROJECT RIDEAU HALL, OTTAWA, ONTARIO 31 August 2017

The recognition reception in honour of the supporters of the Hill 70 Memorial Project held at Rideau Hall was a wonderful experience and a complete success. The Host and Patron of the Project, His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, the Governor General of Canada, welcomed the many volunteers, donors and supporters in attendance. The Governor General noted that “we must never forget what happened there 100 years ago” and “it is our responsibility to preserve their memories, and the memory of their sacrifice”. The National Chair of the Project, retired Colonel Mark Hutchings, greeted the attendees and particularly emphasized the great work of his team and the many volunteers involved in the Project. At the conclusion of the formalities, all guests were invited to tour Rideau Hall, with or without guides, to visit with the Governor General and to enjoy each other’s company at this most pleasant of occasions. Delicious snacks and beverages were served throughout the reception.

Honorary Colonel Hawthorne was given the opportunity to present his Honorary Colonel Regimental Coin to the Governor General in recognition of his tremendous service and commitment to Canada and for his great support of the Hill 70 Memorial Project.

The Regimental Family was represented by the Honorary Colonel and Chairman of the Charitable Trust, Ted Hawthorne, President Bob Remple, Vice President Gayle Hawthorne, Trustee, Archie Steacy, Lynda Steacy and Bill Hawthorne, the Honorary Colonel's brother from Oshawa. The "Duke" contingent was treated to a most informative guided tour of Rideau Hall with its many extraordinary rooms and beautiful greenhouse. Also, of particular interest, were the numerous reminders throughout Rideau Hall of the Duke of Connaught, the 10th Governor General of Canada and the Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment until his death in 1942 at the age of 93 years.

Special thanks to Honorary Colonel Bill Diamond, 39 CER, also a Trustee of the Charitable Trust, for his tireless efforts in support of this most successful Project. Regrettably, Colonel Bill was unable to attend the reception.



THE HILL 70 MEMORIAL PRESENTATION AT MCMILLAN LLP, VANCOUVER, B.C. – 15 May 2017



On Monday morning, 15 May 2017, Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, Chairman of The BC Regiment (DCO) Association Charitable Trust, presented a cheque in the amount of \$12,500.00 to retired Colonel Mark Hutchings, National Chair of The Hill 70 Memorial Project, and John Weston, at the offices of McMillan LLP.

Colonel Hawthorne also presented his Honorary Colonel Regimental Coin to Mark in recognition of his great work on this tremendous project.

The Regimental Association and the Charitable Trust are proud supporters of The Hill 70 Memorial.



15-26 August / août 1917

The Hill 70 Memorial / Le mémorial côte 70

30 June 2017

E. A. (Ted) Hawthorne,
Honorary Colonel, Chairman
The BC Regiment (DCO) Association Charitable Trust
1899 Willingdon Avenue
Burnaby, B.C., V5C 5T1

Dear Ted,

On behalf of the Hill 70 Memorial Project, I would like express my very sincere appreciation to you and the members of your regimental association for funding the videos (in both English and French versions) on Michael James O'Rourke and Robert Hill Hanna. These two sons of Canada who were members of the 7th and 29th Battalions CEF respectively, now so aptly perpetuated by the British Columbia Regiment (DOC), were awarded the Commonwealth's highest medal for bravery at the Battle of Hill 70 in 1917. Your generosity has enabled us to record their valour on film, so that current and future generations of Canadians will more fully appreciate the enormous contribution that they made to this nation.

Thank you for this most magnificent contribution to both the Hill 70 Project as well as our national history.

Sincerely,

Mark Hutchings,
Chairman,
Hill 70 Memorial Project

c. W. Diamond



Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne of The British Columbia Regiment (DCO) presents a cheque for \$12,500 to Col. Mark Hutchings, Chairman of the Hill 70 Memorial Project. This gift has enabled the Hill 70 Project to produce 4 videos (in English /French versions) on the Regiment's two Victoria Cross recipients at the Battle of Hill 70 – *Private Michael James O'Rourke and Lieutenant Robert Hill Hanna*. These videos may be viewed at <http://www.hill70.ca/Battle-of-Hill-70/Videos.aspx> (in English) and <http://www.cote70.ca/Battle-of-Hill-70/Videos.aspx> (in French).

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ANAVETS UNIT #100, KINGSWAY 2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC – 5 May 2017

2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC ("2290 BCR") and the Sponsoring Committee held a recognition ceremony at ANAVETS Unit #100 on Kingsway in Vancouver. The ceremony was organized and run by longtime member of ANAVETS Sergeant at Arms, Agnes Keegan, also a longstanding member of the Sponsoring Committee of 2290 BCR. The Friday evening event was well attended by our friends at ANAVETS and by the Regimental Family, including Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, Regimental Association Vice President Gayle Hawthorne (also a member of the Sponsoring Committee of 2290 BCR), Major Jim Barrett, the Commanding Officer of 2290 BCR, with his wife Patricia, Captain Tony Liem, Captain Jiri Motak and Sponsoring Committee Chairman Dr. Alistair Younger and his wife Tamara. Major Barrett presented four Certificates of Appreciation to ANAVET members Jan Holt, Kerr Adamson, the Camerons (Ken, Bobby and Chelsea) and Sylvia Bolton, and a beautifully framed photograph of the cadets and supporters of 2290 BCR to the President of Unit #100, Rob Danielson.



Colonel Hawthorne and Major Barrett were acknowledged and requested to say a few words. Both Colonel Hawthorne and Major Barrett took the opportunity to thank ANAVETS for their grand support of 2290 BCR and the Cadet Program in general. Colonel Hawthorne also acknowledged the great work and support received by 2290 BCR from Honorary Captain Agnes Keegan.

Many thanks to our friends at ANAVETS Unit #100 for the tremendous support to 2290 BCR and for their great hospitality and a wonderful evening!

3300 BCR (BHAJ KANHAIYA) RCACC FREEDOM OF THE CITY CITY HALL PLAZA – 6 May 2017

The Freedom of the City Parade for 3300 BCR (BHAJ KANHAIYA) RCACC (“3300 BCR”) took place at the City Hall Plaza, 13450 104 Avenue, in Surrey, shortly after 9:00am under the command of the Commanding Officer of 3300 BCR, Major Lee Taylor. The Parade initially formed up in Holland Park and was led by the BCR Irish Pipes & Drums to City Hall Plaza where the Parade Commander halted the very large contingent of Officers, Cadets and Bandsmen at the Barrier manned by RCMP Staff Sergeant Major Beth McAndie who challenged the CO with “who goes there...come forward and be recognized”. The CO fell out and approached SSM McAndie and identified himself and his unit and confirmed his intentions to receive the Freedom of the City by order of the Mayor. SSM McAndie set the Barrier aside and escorted the CO and C/RSM Manbeer Singh Sidhu to the City Hall where the CO knocked three times on the door with his sword (pommel) and the Deputy Mayor, Mark Starchuk, opened the door. The CO identified himself and stated his business and requested that the unit be marched into line for the Ceremony which the Deputy Mayor duly approved. 3300 BCR was marched into line for the Proclamation presentation. The Deputy Mayor read the Proclamation and presented it to the CO, C/RSM and PSC Chair Harminder Palak. The CO and PSC Chair thanked the City of Surrey for the Special Day and for supporting 3300 BCR and also thanked Colonel Hawthorne and the Regimental Association for their continuing support. The March Past was smartly performed by the unit as it reached the Reviewing Stand (with the salute taken by the Deputy Mayor and the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, with other dignitaries including Cathy Bach (VP Army League Canada and BC), Cadet Governor Roger Prouse and Louise Prouse (Honours & Awards Executive of the Army Cadet League). The Parade returned to Holland Park where it was dismissed in order to enjoy the Reception in the park on a beautiful day. Great work by the MC, former 3300 BCR C/RSM Simran Gillar, and many thanks for the support of the Regimental Family, including the Pipe Major, Matthew Dolan, and the BCR Irish Pipes & Drums, 2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC, Captain Jiri Motak, with his cadet contingent and PSC Chair Dr. Alastair Younger. It was certainly an all BCR Day!

Congratulations 3300 BCR and well done!



Photos courtesy of Alastair Younger

**LAV 3 AFGHANISTAN MEMORIAL DEDICATION
VANCOUVER GARRISON,
SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA ARMOURY – 6 May 2017**



The dedication ceremony was conducted by Captain, the Reverend Michael McGee “in recognition of the Regiments of 39 Canadian Brigade Group, 3rd Canadian Division, that served in Afghanistan 2001 – 2014”. The regiments recognized and named on the plaque are The British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught’s Own), The British Columbia Dragoons, 5th (British Columbia) Field Artillery Regiment, 15th Field Artillery Regiment, RCA, 39 Combat Engineer Regiment, The Rocky Mountain Rangers, The Royal Westminster Regiment, The Seaforth Highlanders of Canada, the Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary’s), 39 Signal Regiment and 39 Service Battalion. The two memorial plaques were unveiled by Padre Magee and the Commander of 39 CBG, Colonel David Awalt, CD.

Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Douglas Evans, the 2IC, Major Paul Lindsay and the RSM, CWO Huf Mullick were in attendance. Regimental family members included Honorary Colonel (39 CER) Bill Diamond and President Emeritus Archie Steacy.

Many thanks to the Regimental Association for supporting this project and to Archie Steacy who ably advised on the design, wording recommendations and production of the plaques.

A reception followed in the Officers' Mess of the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada.

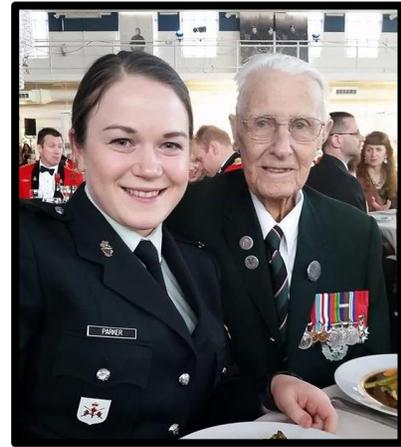


THE BRITISH COLUMBIA ARMY GALA 2017 SEAFORTH ARMOURY – 6 May 2017

The 72nd annual Army Gala was a well-attended, successful event with an enjoyable reception, a memorable dinner, excellent music by The Band of the 15th Field Artillery Regiment and The Regimental Pipes and Drums of The Seaforth Highlanders of Canada, speeches by BGen Nic Stanton, Deputy Commander of 3 Canadian Division and Colonel David Awalt, Commander 39 CBG, toasts, including a very memorable Toast to the Fallen by our very own Major Adam McLeod, The Grand March (perfectly orchestrated by Major Jim Barrett, CO 2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC), Dance Music provided by “Just The Funk” and DJ Jose Manzano, and a Silent Auction. This year’s Gala, with a “Vimy Theme” marking the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge, will support the good works of the Military Family Resource Centre (“MFRC”).

Serving members of the Regiment in attendance were the Honorary Colonel, Ted Hawthorne (Gayle), the CO, Lieutenant Colonel Douglas Evans (Zinat), Major Adam McLeod, Major John Perry (Sherri & Camryn), Corporal Kathleen Parker (with special guest 28th Armoured WOII Vern Salisbury, MM) and Regimental Family Members, Honorary Colonel Bill Diamond (39 CER) (Audrey), Major Jim Barrett (Patricia), Dan Thomas (Janan), Ken Whitney (Linda), Lize Simon and Margaret Harris.





15th FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT THE ROYAL REGIMENT OF CANADIAN ARTILLERY CHANGE OF COMMAND – 13 May 2017

The Change of Command from LCol Brent Austin Purcell, CD to LCol Joseph Pierre Paul Lajoie, CD was held at Bessborough Armouries at 1:00 pm on Saturday, 13 May 2017. The Reviewing Officer was 39 CBG Commander David Awalt, CD. The Schedule of Events included the customary March On, the arrival of the RO, Inspection, March Past (Outgoing CO), signing of the Change of Command documents, Presentations and Speeches, March Past (Incoming CO), Advance in Review Order, Departure of the RO, March Off and Reception. The Band of the 15th Field entertained all attendees after the Parade.

The Regiment was represented by Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, 2I/C Major Paul Lindsay, RSM, CWO Huf Mullick, and the CO of 2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC, Major Jim Barrett. The Band Governor, Honorary Colonel Bill Diamond (39 CER), was also in attendance.

Congratulations to LCol Purcell for his service as CO and our very best wishes to LCol Lajoie for a successful command.



CANADIAN FORCES LIAISON COUNCIL 12TH BIENNIAL NATIONAL EMPLOYER AWARDS CEREMONY OTTAWA, ONTARIO – 25 May 2017

The comprehensive program marking the 12th Biennial National Employer Awards of the Canadian Forces Liaison Council (“CFLC”) commenced in the late morning of Thursday, 25 May 2017 with all guests boarding their buses at The Marriott Hotel (our “HQ” for the stay), 100 Kent Street in Ottawa and proceeding to the first stop at the Army Officers’ Mess at 149 Somerset Street West. After a very well attended reception in this historical location, the invited guests moved into the dining room for the CFLC Chair’s Luncheon. The “BC Awards Group” dined together and very much enjoyed the delightful experience (Colonel Nigel Whittaker, RLO, CFLC, Derral Moriyama, BC Chair of CFLC, Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne and his wife Gayle, Shelly Kayfish, UBC (Okanagan Campus) and BCD CO, Lieutenant Colonel Michael McGinty). Colonel Hawthorne’s guests, his brother Bill from Oshawa and Bob Remple, President of the Regimental Association, and Major Adam McLeod, the Nominator of Hawthorne, Piggott & Company (“HPLaw”), were also in attendance. The National Chair, Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Scott Shepherd, welcomed all guests and provided a brief overview of CFLC’s mandate and successes. Major General Paul Bury, Chief of Reserves and Cadets, also addressed the guests. Truly a most enjoyable luncheon!

All guests were then transported to their next stop, the CFLC Awards Ceremony to be held at the Cartier Square Drill Hall, home of The Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa (Duke of Edinburgh's Own) and The Governor General's Foot Guards. After the arrival of dignitaries and the National Anthem, brief remarks were delivered by Mr. Kin Choi, Associate Deputy Minister, DND, and Vice-Admiral M.F.R. Lloyd, Acting Vice CDS.

The Awards Presentation part of the program consisted of the presentation of twenty-two awards to employers in each Province and Territory of Canada who were nominated by their respective staff members, all CAF serving members. In the case of British Columbia, Hawthorne, Piggott & Company (“HPLaw”) was the recipient of the Most Supportive Employer in British Columbia Award and a Special Award for their Support to the Canadian Armed Forces Operations. These awards were presented to Colonel Hawthorne representing HPLaw and the Nominator Major Adam McLeod by Major General Paul Bury and CFLC BC Chair Derral Moriyama.



Closing Remarks were given by the National Chair of CFLC, Scott Shepherd, followed by the singing of God Save the Queen. A reception followed the presentations which provided a perfect opportunity for the Honorary Colonel, the CO, Lieutenant Colonel Douglas Evans, Major McLeod, President Bob Remple and Vice President Gayle Hawthorne to visit with the Commander of the Army, General Paul Wynnyk, Major

General Wayne Eyre, Major General Paul Bury, CFLC National Chair Scott Shepherd, BC Council Chair Derral Moriyama and Colonel Nigel Whittaker, CFLC BC RLO. After many years, the group also renewed friendships with our former OpsO, Major Mike Mallett, LdSH (RC). At the conclusion of the reception, the guests were returned to The Marriott Hotel for a brief rest and to prepare for the evening's dinner.



The Honorary Colonel, CO and OC Recce with Colonel Nigel Whittaker and MGen Wayne Eyre. HPLAW was the recipient of the Most Supportive Employer in BC to the CAF Reserve and CF Operations



CO, OC Recce, HCol, Recce Bob, National Chair Scott Shepherd and Chief of Reserves MGen Paul Bury

Promptly at 5:30 pm, the guests were transported to the Canadian War Museum for the evening's formal dinner, located in the open storage area of the extensive tank display. The BCR contingent attending included Colonel Hawthorne and his wife Gayle, Lieutenant Colonel Douglas Evans, Lieutenant Colonel Peter Bell, Major Adam McLeod and Captain Manjeet Vinning (HLCOL Scott was wearing his CFLC "hat" for the day although it was observed by many that the BCRs appeared to be everywhere!). The evening's memorable program included a reception, excellent dinner, brief speeches by the Senior Associate Deputy Minister of the Department of National Defence, Jody Thomas, the Chief of Reserves, Major General Paul Bury, CFLC National Chair, Scott Shepherd (HLCOL BCR), and Guest Host, nationally acclaimed actor, folk-country singer and humanitarian, Tom Jackson. The Loyal Toast (The Honourable Vaughn Solomon Schofield, LG Saskatchewan and the Toast to the Fallen (CPO 1 Arsenault) followed by Regimental Marches concluded the formal part of the program. It is noteworthy that the CEO of Most Supportive Employer in Canada, Via Rail Canada Inc., Mr. Desjardins-Siciliano, delivered an excellent thank you speech and emphasized the numerous benefits in hiring Reservists. Very well done indeed!



Upon our return to the hotel, many of the guests joined together for a night cap in the lobby sports bar and cheered on the Ottawa Senators in game seven of the NHL semi-final game against the Pittsburgh Penguins...regretfully, Ottawa lost in double overtime.

Many thanks to CFLC and National Chair Scott Shepherd for an unforgettable time in Ottawa and for the great hospitality at the CFLC National Employer Support Awards Luncheon, Presentation Ceremony and Dinner. Also, our profound gratitude and congratulations to CFLC for their great support of our soldiers!

ANNUAL CEREMONIAL REVIEW 2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC – 27 May 2017

The 114th Annual Ceremonial Review (“ACR”) of 2290 BCR was held at The Drill Hall on Saturday, 27 May 2017. The Honorary Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment, Scott Shepherd, was the Reviewing Officer and the Parade Commander was C/RSM Jalen Hall. The unit, complete with Flag Party, was very well turned out and their dress, drill and deportment was excellent. The Awards and Presentations segment of the program was extensive and the Demonstrations and Static Displays were well done.



In his RO address, Colonel Shepherd, complimented and acknowledged the contributions of the Cadets, the Commanding Officer, Major Jim Barrett, his Officers and Staff, the Sponsoring Committees, Volunteers and Parents.

The Regimental Family was well represented at the ACR with Ted Hawthorne, Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Gayle Hawthorne, Vice President of the Regimental Association and Secretary of the Sponsoring Committee, Roger Prouse, Cadet Governor, Louise Prouse, Honours & Awards Executive of the Army Cadet League, and Past President, Honorary Colonel Bill Diamond (39 CER) in attendance.

A wonderful reception followed the excellent parade, demonstrations and award presentations. Many thanks to Dr. Alastair Younger and his Sponsoring Committee for their great work!

Congratulations 2290 BCR for a memorable ACR!

2472 15th FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT RCACC ANNUAL CEREMONIAL REVIEW AND CHANGE OF COMMAND – 28 May 2017



The 64th Annual Ceremonial Review of 2472 15th Field Artillery Regiment RCACC (“2472 15th Field”) was held at the Bessborough Armoury at 1300 hrs. on Sunday, 28 May 2017. The parade appointments were the Reviewing Officer, Major Jim Barrett, and the Parade Commander, C/RSM, C/CWO Andrew Yu. The Commanding Officer of 2472 15th Field, Captain Tim Townley, was also on parade.

The Parade followed the customary format with the Reviewing Officer complimenting the CO, his Officers and Staff, the Sponsoring Committee, volunteers, parents and cadets.

At the conclusion of the ACR, the Reviewing Officer conducted a Change of Command Ceremony with the command of 2472 15th Field transferring from the outgoing CO, Captain Tim Townley, to the incoming CO, Captain, the Reverend Gordon William Barrett.

As many will recall, Captain Barrett was the founding Pipe Major of the BCR Irish Pipes & Drums from 1990 to 2007 when he was appointed Honorary Captain and Director of Music.

In attendance were Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne representing the Regiment and Regimental Family Members Honorary Colonel Bill Diamond (39 CER) and Ken Whitney.

Congratulations Captain Barrett and we wish you every success!



ANNUAL CEREMONIAL REVIEW 2827 BCR (DCO) RCACC MOUNTAIN VIEW ELEMENTARY – 30 May 2017

The Commanding Officer of the Regiment, Lieutenant Colonel Douglas Evans, was the Reviewing Officer at this year's Annual Ceremonial Review of 2827 BCR (DCO) (Port Moody) RCACC ("2827 BCR"). The CO was accompanied by Sgt. Dwayne Snow, who represented the RSM, CWO Huf Mullick. Thirty-five cadets, including colour party, were present in the gymnasium of Mountain View Elementary on Smith Road in Coquitlam. The cadets were well turned out for inspection by the RO and the remainder of the Reviewing Party. The Cadet Corps performed well and their drill was noteworthy. In addition, all demonstrations were very well executed in all respects. Colonel Evans delivered an excellent address to the Cadets Corps, CIC Officers, the Parents' Sponsoring Committee, parents and volunteers by emphasizing the many opportunities to learn leadership and teamwork skills under the Cadet Program. The RO then presented his Commanding Officer's Coin to the CO of 2827 BCR, Captain Robert Rothwell and the Parade Commander, C/RSM, C/MWO Bernard Shin. A reception followed with ample opportunity to view the static displays and talk to the Cadets. It was a very proud time for everyone including the many family, friends and members of the Regimental Family, including Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, Cadet Governor Roger Prouse and Louise Prouse, Honours & Awards Executive of the Army Cadet League, who were part of the Reviewing Party and Award Presentations Program.

Congratulations 2827 BCR on a memorable ACR!



CO'S PARADE (STAND DOWN) – 31 May 2017

The CO's Parade (Stand Down) held on 31 May 2017 was another full evening with over 85 members on parade and very well turned out. As usual, the Regiment looked in fine form!

Brief highlights of the evening included the following Presentations, Honours and Awards:

Crewman Awards:



Top Crewman:
MCpl Fleming – 41



Top Crew:
Cpl Zhou – 42



Top Patrol:
Sgt Therrien – 42



Fitness:
MCpl Zherka – 41



Top Instructor:
MCpl Corbett – Training Sqn



Top NCO:
Sgt Cobb – Training Sqn

Commendations:

Cpl Parker – Training
MCpl Corbett – Training
MCpl Galang – SHQ
Sgt Van Heerden – RHQ





Special Service Medal:

Cpl Aliakbar – Deployment to Poland



Armoured Fist Cap Badge:

- Pte Dong
- Pte Gill
- Pte Hothi
- Pte Lee
- Pte Ma
- Pte Mak



Promotion to Corporal:

- Cpl Sidhu
- Cpl Willson



Promotion to Sergeant:

- Sgt Iredale
- Sgt Langone



Cadet Appreciation Plaque:

HCol Hawthorne presented to the CO, LCol Evans



The CO delivered his closing remarks including deployment updates for Captain Ellis (Ukraine) and Major McCullough (South Sudan) and encouraged the members to enjoy the breather from the regular routine (including no summer concentration). Colonel Evans also recognized Major Don Bentley on his last parade after over 40 years of committed service to the Regiment. Congratulations on your retirement and thank you for your service Don!

The concluding remarks were reserved for the Honorary Colonel who complimented the members on their excellent turnout, congratulated all those receiving promotions, commendations, awards and medals, recognized the great work of the Regimental Association and its Charitable Trust and congratulated the directors just elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Regimental Association held before the parade.

An enjoyable and safe summer to all!



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31 May 2017

Members of the Regimental Association, friends and supporters,

Dear colleagues:

I am pleased to announce that the following members were elected as directors and appointed officers of the Regimental Association at the annual general meeting of members held at the Drill Hall on 31 May 2017:

President	Bob Remple
Vice President	Gayle Hawthorne
Treasurer	Jerry Couling
Secretary	Sandra Young
Director at Large	Jim Barrett
Director at Large	Roger Prouse
Director at Large	Graydon Young

I am confident that our strong board of directors will continue to follow the well-established policy or tradition of supporting the Regiment, the Regimental Association's Charitable Trust, our Veterans, Cadets and our wider Regimental Family.

I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate the new board on their re-election and for their strong background of service and commitment to the Regimental Association and the entire Regimental Family.

Sincerely yours,


R. A. (Bob) Remple, President

**ANNUAL CEREMONIAL REVIEW
GURU NANAK SIKH GURDWARA
3300 BCR (BHAJ KANHAIYA) RCACC
3 June 2017 – 1300 Hrs**

The 5th Annual Ceremonial Review of 3300 BCR (Bhai Kanhaiya) RCACC ("3300 BCR") was held in the very large parking lot of the Guru Nanak Sikh Gurdwara Temple on 120th Street in Surrey. The Reviewing Officer was the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, who was accompanied by Sgt Stephen Cobb. The Parade Commander was C/RSM C/CWO Manbeer Singh Sidhu. The Cadet Corps was well turned out with over 40 cadets on parade, including the Colour Party.

The RO's address to the Cadets was very complimentary and acknowledged the great work of Major Lee Taylor, his Officers and Staff, PSC Chair, Harminder Palak, and the entire Parent Sponsoring Committee, volunteers and parents and of course the many cadets on parade. At the conclusion of the address, Colonel Hawthorne presented his Honorary Colonel Regimental Coin to the CO, Major Taylor, and the Parade Commander, C/RSM Sidhu, for their service to 3300 BCR and to mark this very special day.

Regimental Family attendees included BCR Cadet Governor Roger Prouse, Louise Prouse, Honours & Awards Executive of the Army Cadet League, and Regimental Association Directors, Graydon and Sandra Young.

A reception followed and a very enjoyable time was had by all.

Congratulations 3300 BCR for a memorable ACR and thank you for your hospitality!





D-DAY MESS DINNER 39 COMBAT ENGINEER REGIMENT – 3 June 2017

The annual D-Day Dinner, commemorating the landings of 6 Field RCE, The Royal Winnipeg Rifles, The Royal Regina Rifles and The Canadian Scottish (Princess Mary's) on D-Day, 6 June 1944, was held at the Lt. Col J.P. Fell Armoury in North Vancouver on Saturday, 3 June 2017. The Mess Dinner was hosted by the CO of 39 CER, LCol Cameron McLean, and the RSM, CWO Terry Haley, and was well attended by serving members and guests. The Commander of 39 CBG, Colonel David Awalt, was the guest of honour and delivered the keynote address. The attendees were treated to an excellent reception and were feted by the play of the JP Fell Pipe Band. BCRs present were the Honorary Colonel, Ted Hawthorne, the CO, Lieutenant Colonel Douglas Evans, Dan Thomas and Farid Rohani.

An excellent dinner was enjoyed by all along with the traditional toasts and speeches. Of particular note was a memorable address delivered by Regina Rifle's Veteran Denis Crockett recounting his Regiment's actions in Europe during World War II.

Many thanks to our friends of 39 CER and in particular the unit's Honorary Colonel, Bill Diamond, for the great hospitality.



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ANNUAL CEREMONIAL REVIEW 2381 BCR (DCO) (IRISH FUSILIERS) RCACC – 4 June 2017

The 55th Annual Ceremonial Review (“ACR”) was held at the Colonel Sherman Armouries, 5500 No. 4 Road in Richmond on Sunday, 4 June 2017 at 1300hrs.

The Reviewing Officer, the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, was greeted by RSM C/CWO Stanford Lee who presented Colonel Hawthorne to the Quarter Guard. The RO thanked the RSM and the Quarter Guard for the excellent turnout, dress and drill.

The ACR Parade was held on the outdoor parade square with ample space to accommodate the very large turnout of cadets and guests. The inspection of the Cadet Corps was conducted by the RO with the CO, Major Gary Law, the Parade Commander, RSM Lee, the Mayor of Richmond, Malcolm Brodie, the RCSU Representative, Lieutenant Colonel Terry Kopan, the 2IC of the Regiment, Major Paul Lindsay and Sgt Dayal, 3300 BCR CO, Major Lee Taylor, Regimental Association VP Gayle Hawthorne, the Cadet Governor, Major (R) Roger Prouse, Zone Chair Archie Pow, and Pius Chan, President of the Sponsoring Committee. The Cadet Corps, including the Band and the Colour Party, was very well turned out and their drill and deportment was superb. Numerous awards and presentations took place to mark the culmination of a very busy training year and to demonstrate the degree of success of the unit.





The RO's address to the Cadet Corps was very complimentary and acknowledged the great work of Major Law, his Officers and Staff, Mr. Pius Chan, Chair of the Sponsoring Committee, volunteers and parents and of course the cadets. The RO emphasized the tremendous lifelong benefits and skills learned by the cadets as a direct result of the Cadet Program. At the conclusion of the address, Colonel Hawthorne presented his Honorary Colonel Regimental Coin to the Parade Commander, C/RSM, C/CWO Stanford Lee. The RO was in turn presented with the Commanding Officer's Commendation and a beautifully framed green hackle with BCR Hat Badge.



After the departure of the RO, the Cadet Corps regrouped in the Armouries where excellent demonstrations by the Band, the Drill Team, Physical Fitness Team and Marksmanship Team were performed for the many guests. Extensive Static Displays Booths were also very well presented by the unit.

A reception followed where everyone enjoyed visiting and taking in the results of a most enjoyable afternoon.

Congratulations 2381 BCR (Irish Fusiliers) RCACC on an excellent ACR!

Editor's Note: Congratulations to C/RSM, C/CWO Stanford Lee, this year's recipient of the prestigious 2017 Young Citizens Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$5,000.00 C/RSM Lee will continue to pursue his studies in the fall at UBC. Well done indeed!

MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE ANNOUNCES NEW VISION FOR THE RESERVE FORCE THE DRILL HALL – 9 June 2017

By 2Lt. William Mbaho

The Minister of National Defence, Hon. Harjit Sajjan, outlined a new vision for the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) called “[Strong, Secure, Engaged](#)” before an audience of dignitaries, media, senior staff from 39 Canadian Brigade Group headquarters, and members of the British Columbia Regiment gathered at the Beatty Street Drill Hall on June 9.



The plan increases the size of the Reserve Force to 30,000 (up by 1,500) and reduces the initial recruitment process from several months to weeks. The Reserve Force will be assigned additional roles that provide full-time capability to the CAF through part-time service. This includes employing the Reserve Force to deliver select deployed missions in a primary role such as CAF capacity building. Primary Reserve Force remuneration and benefits will also be aligned with the Regular Force.



“Strong, Secure, Engaged” will build an even stronger Canadian Armed Forces, investing and operating sustainably over the next two decades,” Minister Sajjan said.

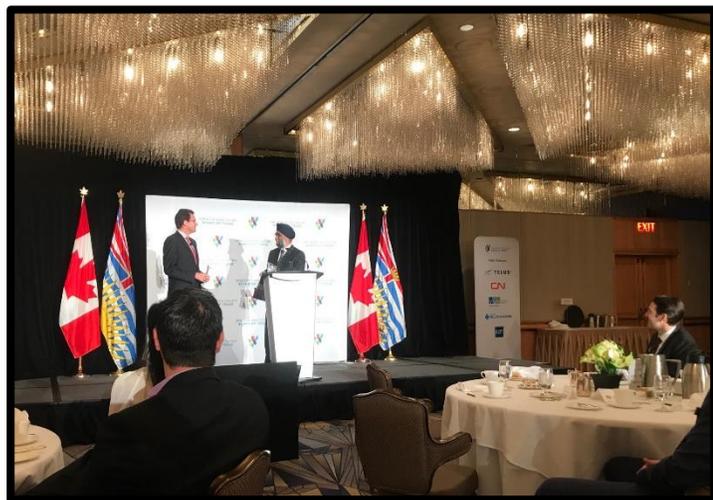
“It places an unprecedented focus on ensuring our people and their families are well-supported. We will invest in a more comprehensive approach to care, known as ‘Total Health and Wellness’ that focuses on preventative physical and mental health, tailored to the needs of individuals so that no member will leave the Forces until all the benefits and services they require are in place.”



The new policy will see annual cash funding for Defence increase by more than 70 percent in 10 years. It will grow from 18.9 billion dollars in 2017 to 32.7 billion dollars in 2027. This does not include the costs of future major operations or NORAD modernization.

(Photos by Bombardier Albert Law)

CANADA’S NEW VISION FOR DEFENCE GREATER VANCOUVER BOARD OF TRADE PAN PACIFIC HOTEL – CRYSTAL PAVILION – 9 June 2017



The Honourable Harjit S. Sajjan, PC, OMM, MSM, CD, MP, Minister of National Defence, was the guest of honour at the luncheon hosted by the Greater Vancouver Board of Trade at the Pan Pacific on Friday, June 9th. Minister Sajjan delivered one of his first major addresses after the official announcement of the long awaited Defence Policy Review on 7 June 2017. The audience in this sold-out event was treated to the Minister’s view of streamlining procurement, action on the Royal Canadian Navy and the Canadian Coast Guard shipbuilding projects (15 fully funded Canadian Surface Combatant vessels replacing the existing Iroquois-class destroyers and Halifax-class frigates), Joint Support Ships resulting in 3,000 jobs in Vancouver alone and the care of service



personnel. The Minister was most generous with his time in responding to a wide range of questions both before and after the event but also during the Question and Answer session.

Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne and Commander Bryan Price, RCN (HMCS Discovery) were guests of The Canadian Club of Vancouver table hosted by President Raymond Greenwood (in the accompanying photograph complete with “Fidget Spinners” for the Minister’s children).

Minister Sajjan was very well received by the enthusiastic turnout.

15th ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISING GALA DINNER THE CHINESE FEDERATION OF COMMERCE OF CANADA CONTINENTAL SEAFOOD RESTAURANT – 9 June 2017

A very full program for the evening included the official VIP March In, the National Anthem, Welcome Remarks by Pius Chan, President of The Chinese Federation of Commerce of Canada (“CFCC”) and the Chair of the Parent Sponsoring Committee of 2381 BCR (Irish Fusiliers) RCACC (“2381 BCR”), Greetings from Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, the Commanding Officer of 2381 BCR, Major Gary Law, and numerous government officials, a multi course dinner, the presentation of Appreciation Certificates, a Cake-Cutting Ceremony, a Live Auction, a 2381 BCR Band Performance, Soloists, the official Cheque Presentation, the Recognition of the Event Chairs, Entertainment, Lucky Draws, Table Prizes and Dancing Music to end the evening. The full house was treated to an amazing soiree while marking the occasion of 15 years of very successful fundraising by CFCC for 2381 BCR. This year’s target of \$15,000.00 was reached early in the evening. Congratulations to Pius Chan, his team and CFCC and thank you for your great support! The Gala was well attended by many members of the Regimental Family, including Cadet Governor Roger Prouse who represented the Regimental Association.





A highlight of the evening was the unexpected appearance of 2381 BCR Cadet RSM, C/CWO Stanford Lin, in his academic gown, who arrived at the Gala immediately after his graduation ceremony. C/CWO Lin addressed the audience and thanked everyone for their continuing support. C/CWO Lin is this year's recipient of the prestigious Young Citizens Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$5,000.00 and is another fine example of the results of the Army Cadet Program in Canada.

At the conclusion of the evening, Colonel Hawthorne presented his Honorary Colonel Regimental Coin to Pius Chan in recognition of his tremendous support to 2381 BCR. Well done indeed Pius!



**ANNUAL CEREMONIAL REVIEW AND
CHANGE OF COMMAND
888 AVENGER SQUADRON
ROYAL CANADIAN AIR CADETS – 10 June 2017**



The 7th Annual Ceremonial Review (“ACR”) of 888 Avenger Squadron was held at The Drill Hall on Saturday, 10 June 2017. The ACR was a highlight at the conclusion of a very busy training year. The Reviewing Officer (“RO”) was Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne and the Parade Commander was WO1 Kabir Singh Dhillon. The unit was very well turned out with over 100 cadets on parade (elbow dressed which took up the entire length of the drill square) including the Band and Colour Party. The displays by the

Drill Team, Physical Training and Band were all very well executed and were well received by the many guests in attendance.



The Awards and Presentations part of the program was truly an acknowledgment of the unit's success. In the Address of the RO, Colonel Hawthorne recognized the presence of the Attorney General of BC, the Honourable Suzanne Anton, and complimented the cadets for their excellent performance and acknowledged the great work of the Commanding Officer, Major Amar Tiwana, the Officers and Staff, the Sponsoring Committee, volunteers and parents. The RO presented his Honorary Colonel Regimental Coin to the Parade Commander, WO1 Dhillon, and congratulated him on such an excellent parade.

At the conclusion of the Parade, Major Tim Alguire, CD, RCSU Representative, conducted a brief Change of Command Ceremony from the Outgoing CO, Major Amar Tiwana, to the Incoming CO, Captain Amelia Glaiser.



Photos courtesy of Anna Tse

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the unit showcased extensive static displays for everyone's enjoyment.

A reception for the Cadet Corps and guests followed.

Congratulations 888 Avenger Squadron for an excellent ACR and congratulations to the Outgoing CO and the Incoming CO!

MEMORIAL CROSS RETURNED

13 June 2017

By HCol Bill Diamond, 39 CER

When I was studying history at university I took a course on Canadian Prime Ministers and the focus was on whether their time in office was determined by their character or circumstances. As I recall, it was interesting to see the impact that timing had which was favourable to some and not favourable for others.

A few weeks ago, I was involved in a "timing experience" that had a positive outcome for all.

The BC CFLC Committee had a meeting in downtown Vancouver. At the conclusion of the meeting HCol Ted Hawthorne and I started walking back to our offices. As we had not quite completed our conversation and were outside the Station, we stepped beside a pillar and concluded our discussion. Just as we finished we were approached by a man that said he was homeless and wondering if we were interested in buying this item that was given to him as a gift. The item was a Memorial Cross. He handed it to me and I could see the rank, name and service number engraved and what looked like the manufacturer marking. The ribbon was in great shape and the cross was clean and also in great shape – we were wondering if it was in too good of shape and may not be authentic. The cross was offered to us for \$20 as that is what someone earlier was willing to pay. Ted said that these items belong with the family, so we both took out \$10 and purchased the Memorial Cross.



I took the cross back to the office and thought I would check the navy records as the rank was identified as P.O. After a quick Google search I found out that the cross was in memory of Pilot Officer John Quick who was the first WWII casualty for the town of Squamish. A few more searches and I found his grave marker, a little bit about him and then I came across an article in the Squamish Chief about a recent dedication that was held in the Squamish area for P.O. Quick. As fortune would have it, a nephew of the P.O. was in attendance and had a unique name. A quick 411.ca search found a number, a lady answered and I asked for Paul. He was not in but I could call him on his cell if I liked. I asked if he was a relation to P.O. Quick, she confirmed he was and then gave me Paul's cell number. I called and left a message on his voice mail saying I was calling with regards to his uncle. The next day Paul returned my call and I advised him of the recent purchase and our desire to have the Memorial Cross returned to the family. He was very pleased to hear of this and said he would send me a few links about the Squamish dedication and when he was in Vancouver we could meet up and he could get the cross.

The following week a meeting was arranged in Gastown and Paul arrived to pick up the family heirloom. He also advised that he had looked into The BC Regiment Association and was impressed with the work the Association does. As Ted and I insisted that the cross was a gift and there was no need to reimburse us the \$20, Paul thought it only right to support the Association and wrote a cheque for a very generous amount. As we were talking, Paul also mentioned the work he is doing with PTSD.



I have included a few links below for those who are curious and want to learn more about P.O. Quick's background and efforts in the Squamish area.

As Paul was leaving he said that he will be putting the Memorial Cross in a frame, keep with the family for a while but may donate it to the Squamish Legion. Ted suggested that the family look into the medals that P.O. Quick was entitled to as the family may have never requested them.

War Graves

<http://www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead/casualty/2714987/QUICK,%20JOHN%20ASKEY>
Squamish Paper

<http://www.squamishchief.com/community/planting-the-seed-ling-1.1045128>

<http://www.squamishchief.com/community/dedication-reconnects-family-1.1047034>

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/4/#inbox/15c88c7abf9f9bac?projector=1>

Photo of Grave Marker

<https://www.militaryimages.net/media/john-askey-quick.95153/>

Book of Remembrance - there is a link to request a copy of the page with your uncle's name on it

<http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/2714987>

This link lists others from the 77 Squadron that died the same day

<http://www.rafcommands.com/database/wardead/index.php?qname=&qcntry=&cur=150&qunit=77%20Sqdn&qnum=&qmem=&qdate=>

Some information on 77 Squadron

<http://www.wartimememoriesproject.com/ww2/allied/royalairforce/sqdvview.php?pid=276>

type of information available from the RAF

<http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/details/r/D8454092>

Activities dealing with PTSD

<https://www.nytimes.com/2016/11/29/us/ptsd-mdma-ecstasy.html>



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4120 (407)	J. 710 Pte. Ved.	Zdeněk NOVOSAD NO REGISTER ENTRY.	Czech Army	14. 11. 41	F.H.	P. G. C.		Born 11.8.1918 at HEBUSEK
4121	J.J.108 P/O (Pilot)	J.A. QUICK	77 Squadron R.O.A.F.	6. 8. 41	C.H.	"		P/
4122 (150)	A. 2168 I./Opl. Svob.	Josef HYDRO NO REGISTER ENTRY.	Czech Army	6. 7. 41	F.H.	"		Born 1.2.1911 at SUBERSKO
4123	1884765 Ser.	B.J. GILBERT	719 Bom. Comd. Coy. R.S.	12. 5. 41	C.H.	"		
4124 (409)	H. 1175 Pte. Ved.	Antonín VORLÍČEK NO REGISTER ENTRY.	Czech Army	3. 12. 40	F.H.	"		Born 27.12.1913 at KATICE SLANY

<p>STRATFORD-ON-AVON CEMETERY (U.K. 6974)</p> <p>PASCOE, Sgt. VYVAN ROESSLER, 404671. R.A.A.F. 25th May, 1942. Age 25. Son of Vyvan Edmondson Pascoe and Lillian Alma Pascoe; husband of Gladys Pascoe, of Graceville, Queensland, Australia. Grave 4222.</p> <p>PATRICK, Spr. JAMES, 3184977. Royal Engineers. 9th November, 1942. Age 31. Son of John and Christian Morrison Patrick, of Glasgow; husband of Margaret Melay Patrick, of Parkhead, Glasgow. Grave 4218.</p> <p>PEARCE, Flying Off. (Nav.) CLARENCE WALTER, J/27424. R.C.A.F. 30th January, 1944. Age 29. Son of Walter W. Pearce and Leticia Pearce, of St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada; husband of Grace M. Pearce, of St. Catharines. Grave 4191.</p> <p>PHILLIPS, L.A.C. (Cadet) STANLEY RICHARD, 1161590. R.A.F. (V.R.). 12th December, 1940. Grave 4156.</p> <p>PIKET, Sgt. (W. Op./Air Gnr.) JACOB, R/120847. R.C.A.F. 12th May, 1943. Age 31. Son of Dirk and Maaike Piket, of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Grave 4196.</p> <p>QUICK, Pilot Off. (Pilot) JOHN ASKEY, J/4108. R.C.A.F. 77 (R.A.F.) Sqdn. 6th August, 1941. Age 24. Son of John Askey Quick and Florence Elizabeth Quick, of Squamish, British Columbia, Canada. Grave 4121.</p> <p>RALPH, Sgt. (W. Op./Air Gnr.) CUTHBERT FIBERT, R/95017. R.C.A.F. 19th July, 1942. Age 29. Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Ralph, of Elm Creek, Manitoba, Canada. Grave 4178.</p> <p>REILLY, Sgt. (Pilot) KENNETH WILLIAM, R/74884. R.C.A.F. 1st January, 1942. Age 19. Son of Thomas and Florence May Reilly, of Duncan, British Columbia, Canada. Grave 4085.</p> <p>RICHMOND, Sgt. (Air Bomber) KENNETH LYLE, R/163554. R.C.A.F. 19th July, 1943. Age 20. Son of Stephen and Mary Richmond, of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Grave 4111.</p> <p>ROAN, Sgt. (W. Op./Air Gnr.) PETER HARDING, 934278. R.A.F. (V.R.). 77 Sqn. 16th February, 1942. Age 19. Son of Acton Wallis Roan and Elsie Roan, of Staplehurst, Kent. Grave 4017.</p>	<p>ROBERTSON, Sgt. (Air Gnr.) GEORGE MACKLIN LASCELLES, R/79264. R.C.A.F. 17th April, 1942. Age 20. Son of William Henry and Sarah Frances Robertson, of Montreal, Province of Quebec, Canada. Grave 4083.</p> <p>ROY, Pilot Off. (Pilot) DUNCAN MCKENZIE, J/95422. R.C.A.F. 20th November, 1944. Age 29. Son of Edgar Campbell Roy and Elizabeth Annie Catherine McKenzie Roy; husband of Margaret (Milloy) Roy. Grave 4108.</p> <p>ST. JOHNS, Pilot Off. (Pilot) WILLIAM IVAN, J/23301. R.C.A.F. 3rd September, 1943. Age 24. Son of William Ivan and Adela Rogers St. Johns, of Los Angeles, California, U.S.A.; husband of Eileen Barber St. Johns. Grave 3940.</p> <p>SCHLITT, Flying Off. (Pilot) GORDON HENRY, J/12768. R.C.A.F. 30th January, 1944. Age 20. Son of Henry P. Schlitt and Agnes Elizabeth Schlitt, of Camrose, Alberta, Canada. Grave 4212.</p> <p>SCHWEITZER, Sgt. (Pilot) JACOB ADAM, R/85216. R.C.A.F. 28th April, 1942. Son of Jacob and Phylliss Schweitzer, of Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada. Grave 4182. <i>see 26</i></p> <p>SHAW, Pilot Off. (W. Op./Air Gnr.) GEORGE IREON, J/9626. R.C.A.F. 25th August, 1942. Age 30. Son of William Leigh Shaw and of May Shaw (née Neilson), of Simcoe, Ontario, Canada. His brother, Ernest Anson Shaw, also died on service. Grave 4152.</p> <p>SHIELDS, Sgt. (Pilot) ROBERT WILLIAM, R/166344. R.C.A.F. 14th February, 1944. Age 28. Son of Walter E. Shields and Clara E. Shields, of Waskada, Manitoba, Canada; husband of Lorraine Shields. Grave 4169.</p> <p>SINCLAIR, Flt. Sgt. (Pilot) WILLIAM ROBERT CAMPBELL, R/118215. R.C.A.F. 13th October, 1942. Age 25. Son of James and Georgina Angus Sinclair, of Pentticon, British Columbia, Canada. Grave 4082.</p> <p>SMARDON, Wt. Off. (Pilot) DONALD MARTIN, R/77069. R.C.A.F. 10th December, 1942. Age 21. Son of George Frederick Smardon and of Elizabeth A. Smardon (née Booth), of Montreal, Province of Quebec, Canada. Grave 4044.</p>	<p>SPEARS, Sgt. (Nav.) EDMOND THOMAS, R/84539. R.C.A.F. 25th August, 1942. Age 22. Grave 4148.</p> <p>STADDON, Spr. GEORGE ELL, 1881658. Royal Engineers. 29th May, 1946. Age 27. Son of Hilda Elizabeth Staddon, and stepson of William Herbert Arthur, of Stratford-on-Avon; husband of Joy Edith Ethel Staddon, of Stratford-on-Avon. Grave 4071.</p> <p>STEVENS, A.B. ERNEST JOSEPH, D/JX. 707946. R.N. H.M.S. <i>Dipper</i>. 26th December, 1945. Age 19. Son of William and Elizabeth Stevens, of Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada. Grave 4227.</p> <p>STEVENS, Flt. Sgt. (Air Bomber) GORDON BRASSSETT, R/126276. R.C.A.F. 14th April, 1945. Age 23. Son of Harold Gordon and Florence Mary Stevens, of Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada. Grave 4227.</p> <p>STOLL, Pilot Off. (Pilot) ERNEST FREDERICK JOHANN, J/10078. R.C.A.F. 25th August, 1942. Age 21. Son of John and Elizabeth Stoll, of Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada. Grave 4151.</p> <p>STRYDOM, Sgt. (Air Gnr.) STELMO EARL, 1561497. R.A.F. (V.R.). 30th November, 1942. Grave 4078.</p> <p>SUTTILL, Flt. Sgt. (Air Gnr.) WILLIAM, R/102438. R.C.A.F. 10th December, 1942. Age 23. Son of John P. Suttill and Barbara Suttill, of Lestock, Saskatchewan, Canada. Grave 4012.</p> <p>TAYLOR, Rfr. REGINALD ERNEST, 14780290. 19th (Inf) Bn. The Rangers Bn. The King's Royal Rifle Corps. 20th July, 1945. Age 19. Son of Frederick Darton Taylor and Gertrude Florence Maud Edith Taylor, of Stratford-on-Avon. Grave 4908.</p> <p>TOWNSEND, Pte. JAMES FREDERICK, 7758173. R.A.V.C. 20th January, 1940. Age 26. Son of Thomas and Ellen Townsend, of Stratford-on-Avon. Grave 4158.</p> <p>VENN, Sgt. (Pilot) FRANK JAMES, R/59770. R.C.A.F. 26th June, 1941. Age 24. Son of Frank and Edith Venn, of Edrans, Manitoba, Canada. Grave 4087.</p> <p>WALTER, Pilot Off. (Pilot) RONALD NEVILLE HENRY, 178076. R.A.F. (V.R.). 11th July, 1944. Age 22. Son of Henry Ebenezer and Kathleen</p>	<p>Winifred Walter, of Beckenham, Kent; husband of Dora May Walter. Grave 4184.</p> <p>WATERS, Pte. GEORGE WILLIAM, 13107111. Pioneer Corps. 14th September, 1942. Age 41. Son of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Waters, of Beasley, Grave 4200.</p> <p>WEATHERHEAD, P.O. Motor Mechanic CYRIL JACK, D/MX. 70811. R.N. H.M.S. <i>Drake</i>. 4th November, 1940. Age 34. Son of Walter Arthur and Lily Weatherhead, of Stratford-on-Avon; husband of Caroline Elizabeth Weatherhead, of Stratford-on-Avon. Grave 4696.</p> <p>WHITE, Sgt. (W. Op./Air Gnr.) DAVID ROY, R/56085. R.C.A.F. 26th June, 1941. Son of Joseph Herbert and Mary White, of Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Grave 4088.</p> <p>WILKINSON, Flt. Sgt. (Air Gnr.) GARNET WILLARD, R/122393. R.C.A.F. 9th November, 1942. Age 21. Son of Harold J. Wilken and Cora A. Wilken, of Yellow Grass, Saskatchewan, Canada. Grave 4115.</p> <p>WILKINSON, Sgt. (W. Op./Air Gnr.) MERVYN, 405532. R.N.Z.A.F. 25th May, 1942. Age 21. Son of Frederick Wilkinson and of Elizabeth Wilkinon (née Bell), of Huntley, Auckland, New Zealand. Grave 4205.</p> <p>WILLARD, Sgt. (Pilot) WILLIAM ROSS, R/133812. R.C.A.F. 2nd July, 1943. Age 25. Son of Harry G. Willard and Emma E. Willard, of Port Perry, Ontario, Canada. Grave 4076.</p> <p>WILLIAMS, Sgt. (Air Gnr.) JOHN PATRICK, R/77403. R.C.A.F. 28th April, 1942. Age 23. Son of Mr. and Mrs. James Williams, of Montreal, Province of Quebec, Canada. Grave 4153.</p> <p>WILLIAMS, Sgt. (Obs.) JOHN SYDDALL, 404977. R.N.Z.A.F. 25th May, 1942. Age 26. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Syddall Williams, of Greymouth, Westland, New Zealand. Grave 4203.</p> <p>WILLIAMS, Sgt. THOMAS GORDON, 404381. R.A.A.F. 1st November, 1941. Age 27. Son of Hubert Malcolm and Georgina Roslyn Williams, of Gympie, Queensland, Australia. Grave 4052.</p>
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UNIFORMED SERVICES BALL GOVERNMENT HOUSE – 24 June 2017

It was a beautiful summer evening in Victoria, especially for those attending the inaugural all ranks Uniformed Services Ball (formerly the Navy Ball) hosted by the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of British Columbia, The Honourable Judith Guichon, OBC, at Government House, her official residence. This year's event celebrated Canada's 150th Birthday in fine form featuring a Reception complete with hors d'oeuvres, full Bar Service, a Stand-Up Dinner, a special Dessert Service in the Drawing Room and a full performance by "The Midnights", billed as Victoria's #1 Dance Band. Most areas of the amazing 36 acre estate were open to all quests which added so much to the enjoyment of the evening and the excellent festivities.

The Honorary Colonel, Ted Hawthorne, and his wife Gayle, Vice President of the Regimental Association, Major Don Bentley and his wife Sylvie Trudel, attended the gala event. It was a very memorable evening and the hospitality of Her Honour and her staff was extraordinary.



THE CANADA 150 ATLANTIC TO PACIFIC CELEBRATION CREEKSIDE PARK, VANCOUVER CANADA DAY – 1 July 2017

This year's special Canada Day celebration included "a historic moment of the first ever simultaneous drumming across Canada", precisely at 11:00 a.m. Drummers from across five time zones and in eight Canadian cities (Vancouver, Calgary, Regina, Winnipeg, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal and Halifax) drummed simultaneously to celebrate Canada's 150th birthday, multiculturalism and diversity.

Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne attended the festive event along with good friends of the Regimental Family, Captain (N) Tung Chan, Howe Lee, Alfred Woo, Edmund Wu, Burma Campaign Veteran Tommy Wong and Richard Lee, former MLA (Burnaby North). Dignitaries attending included Minister of Sport and Persons with Disabilities, The Honourable Carla Qualtrough, The Honourable Hedy Fry, Deputy Consul General Tian Ni, the People's Republic of China, MLA Michael Lee, and Acting Mayor of the City of Vancouver, Raymond Louie.

Congratulations for a very successful event!



CANADA DAY FIREWORKS RECEPTION HMCS REGINA – 1 July 2017

It was a beautiful summer evening aboard HMCS Regina which was docked at Burrard Drydock Pier at the foot of Lonsdale Avenue in North Vancouver. The host for the evening's festive Canada Day Fireworks Reception was Rear-Admiral Art McDonald, Commander, Maritime Forces Pacific, with special guests, the Minister of National Defence, the Honourable Harjit Sajjan and his wife Kuljit and their two children, Jeevut and Arjun.

The Regiment was represented by Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne and the Regimental Association by President Bob Remple, VP Gayle Hawthorne and Past President, Honorary Colonel of 39 CER, Bill Diamond. Friends of the Regimental Family attending included Farid and Nika Rohani, Wayne and Corinne Chester, Dan and Jana Thomas, and Mark Zwanski, Chairman of the Friends of HMCS Vancouver. Also attending were LCol Ed Haverstock (COS 39 CBG) and his wife Barbara, Captain (N) Tung Chan and Raymond Greenwood, President of The Canadian Club of Vancouver.

It was a wonderful evening to celebrate Canada's 150th Birthday and to enjoy the memorable fireworks display (with red and white colour emphasis) and the exceptional hospitality of our good friends in the RCN! Many thanks indeed!



2017 AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION VANCOUVER AQUARIUM – 13 July 2017

The 241st Anniversary of American Independence Day Reception was hosted by the Consul General of the United States of America Lynne Platt and was celebrated at the Vancouver Aquarium on a beautiful summer evening. The official program included a traditional Squamish Welcome (song and dance) by Marissa and Amanda Nahanee of the Chinook SongCatchers, the Presentation of Colours (US and Canadian Guards), the singing of the National Anthems by Chor Leoni, Remarks by Vancouver Aquarium CEO Dr. John Nightingale, Premier-Designate John Horgan, and Consul General Lynne Platt.

Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne was in attendance with Regimental Association VP Gayle Hawthorne, 39 CBG Commander, Colonel David Awalt, President of the Canadian Club of Vancouver, Raymond Greenwood, and President of The Chinese Canadian Military Museum Society, King Wan.

The memorable evening at the “sanctuary in the heart of Stanley Park” was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Special thanks to Consul General Lynne Platt for the wonderful hospitality!



MWO RON LEBLANC July 13, 2017

We reported last week that former Squadron Sergeant Major MWO Ron Leblanc who is now Departmental Sgt-Maj for the Conservation Service and his wife Tami and friend Vimy the wonder dog were forced from their home due to the wild fires in the B.C. Interior. Ron is still in the Reserves but attached to the Regional liaison program. As of Thursday, we are happy to report the Tami and Vimy are well and taking refuge in the Prince George area and their home in 150 Mile House was still intact. Ron, who works out of Williams Lake as a Conservation Officer, has been working double shifts as part of the Search and Rescue teams.

Ron posted the following on Facebook on July 13:

Update, the weather has been on our side today. Taking a break from night shift and back on tomorrow morning. Our local 150 Mile House Volunteer Fire Department pretty much saved our neighborhood. These

are guys are trained to fight structures fires and not forest fires. Awesome job. More resources are arriving giving guys that have been here from the start a bit of a break. Tami still in PG with Vimy. I'm doing OK, certainly an emotional experience. So very proud of my Agency, long hours with little sleep, worried about family and property haven't affected their moral or professionalism. We've been tasked with evacuations, roadblocks, looting patrols, assisting Search and Rescue, rescuing trapped pets and anything else in between.

We'll see what tomorrow brings.....thanks everyone for your support.

Yesterday the town of Williams Lake was evacuated due the fire jumping the highway to the north only leaving the southern evacuation route open. Another former member of the B.C.R. Sgt. Arnold Matibag now Constable Matibag RCMP is in Williams Lake currently and teamed up with Ron for patrolling. The residents of Williams Lake couldn't ask for a better team. I know all Dukes and Friends wish Ron and family well in their current distress.



Vimy Tami and Ron



Cst Arnold Matibag and Ron



Night patrol



Patrolling in Conservation Service truck



Rescuing pet

ORDER OF ST. JOHN INVESTITURE CEREMONY AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE, VICTORIA, B.C – 19 July 2017



Retired Lieutenant Colonel Romano Acconci, CD, former Commanding Officer of the Regiment, was invested as a Member of the Order of St. John at a private ceremony at Government House with the Honourable Judith Guichon, Lieutenant Governor of B.C. officiating.

Colonel Acconci presently serves as the Provincial Commissioner of St. John Ambulance Brigade (BC and Yukon).

Congratulations and our very best wishes to our friend and colleague, Commissioner Acconci!



THE 4TH ANNUAL KOREAN WAR VETERANS DAY CEREMONY AMBASSADOR OF PEACE KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL CENTRAL PARK, BURNABY 27 July 2017

The 4th Annual Korean War Veterans Day Ceremony commemorating the 64th Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice was held at the site of the Ambassador of Peace Korean War Memorial in Burnaby's Central Park (Boundary Road and East 46th Avenue). The dignitaries for this very well attended event included The Honourable Judith Guichon, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, The Honourable Yonah Martin, Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, numerous federal, provincial and civic politicians, strong representation from the Consular Corp, Cultural Offices and veterans' organizations.

Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne was recognized during the course of the program as representing the Regiment and laid a wreath on behalf of the Regiment and the Regimental Association. Also, Honorary Colonel Karen Baker-MacGrotty and Lieutenant Colonel Dave Vernon, represented The Royal Westminster

Regiment and Lieutenant Colonel Kent Wickens represented 39 Signals Regiment, at the wreath laying part of the ceremony. Fellow Dukes in attendance were retired Bugle Major John More who played very well (The Last Post and Reveille) and Dan Thomas, NDPAO Pacific. Our great friend of the Regiment, Howe Lee, attended complete with his new MSM. George Derby Veterans Care Centre was also well represented by Past President and Parade SM Frank Smyth and Directors Lynn Schwartz, RCMP Staff Sergeant Major John Buis and Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne. A reception followed with a light lunch provided by Burnaby Firefighters.

This very memorable event was organized by the Korean War Commemorative Alliance ("KWCA") to mark the Korean War Veterans Day (July 27) as enacted by the Parliament of Canada in 2013. Many thanks to KWCA and the Office of Senator Yonah Martin for this wonderful ceremony of remembrance.



ROCKY MOUNTAIN CADET TRAINING CENTRE 2 August 2017



Maj Jim Barrett, DCO Rocky Mountain Cadet Training Centre, presents Lt Werner Dressler the BCR Association Coin on behalf of the HCol and the BCR Association. Lt Dressler, currently serving as the Transport Dispatcher at camp, served as a trooper in A Squadron BCR in the late 80's and early 90's. He remains in touch with many of his former Dukes.

9 AUGUST 1944 - HILL 140 OBSERVANCE



This week and particularly on Wednesday, 9 August 2017, we remember the service and sacrifice of all members of the 28th Canadian Armoured Regiment (The British Columbia Regiment) CAC and the Algonquin Regiment on this very special day in the history of both Regiments.

“At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them”

ARCTIC CIRCLE

9 August 2017 – 11:45 PM



Farid Rohani proudly displaying BCR Camp Flag.
Up the Dukes!

AUGUST IN SOUTH SUDAN

11 August 2017

By: Greg McCullough, Major (Canadian Army),
Military Liaison Officer, Malakal, South Sudan, UNMISS

Hello All,

After spending the first half of my tour in Juba with Force Headquarters as a LO to the SPLA HQ I'm now in Malakal, Upper Nile State, where I will spend the remainder of my tour. I'm pretty close to the border with Sudan. There's a fair bit of fighting around here, as the eastern half of the state is a SPLA-iO (rebel) stronghold. An offensive by government troops has led to counterattacks; in the last few weeks a few strategic towns have changed hands and - according to unconfirmed reports - some SPLA troops have crossed the Ethiopian border and been disarmed while there are reports the Nuer White Army is moving north as reinforcements for the rebels. If true they will almost certainly attack Malakal. But it's all conjecture at this stage.

Life up here is pretty austere; food is virtually non-existent on the local economy other than some vegetables and bread, and there's a cafeteria that serves meals - one choice only. We order food through the UN, but it can take up to a month to arrive. My mom has send food, as she is by Esquimalt and the military will ship it for free...although the Canadian Forces can't seem to get the concept of 'mail' down and it takes 3x as long (six weeks plus) for Canadians to get mail versus the other western nations. Afghanistan was about the same. It takes longer to get mail than it did in World War Two!

All of this may sound like complaining, and I guess a bit of it is, but in the end I knew what it would be like and still volunteered, so how much can I really complain???

We conduct patrols from Malakal State Support Base. Town patrols are pretty much daily, both to assess the local population (for example, an indicator of pending combat would be the disappearance of women and children, or military preparing to move) and as well to show the UN presence in the area as a way of improving security. Right now people are moving around in a relaxed manner, and the small market at least shows that it's stable enough that people are able to open shops and grow produce. But it's a fragile peace. Most of the town - once South Sudan's second largest city - is in ruins, and between battle damage and looting which has occurred it's in pretty bad shape. The Upper Nile University is abandoned and closed. It's hard to describe the scene adequately. By one intersection there's even a bunch of dumped RPG (rocket propelled grenade) launchers and live artillery shells, just there, rusting away.

Next to my base is a camp for internally displaced persons, with 30,000 people in it, referred to as Protection of Civilian (POC) camps. Driving through the POC camp one day last week I saw a child of about ten point a stick at us as though it were a rocket propelled grenade and pretend to 'shoot' our vehicle. He's been taught we are the enemy, I guess. There are so many children in the camp. No education, many of them orphans, and no real future. They are another lost generation in this country.

The camp is crowded and with not enough fresh water and food. Housing consists of tents or huts made from tarps. Ditches are full of fetid water - in which children are playing, and people washing clothes. When it rains the roads in there turn to mud (I got stuck in there at night last week, which is dangerous because we might get attacked, and the truck briefly got stuck. It was a bit of a moment when I thought 'not good', I am in a bad spot here, but I got the truck into 4WD and out of there). It's impossible to adequately describe the misery, and taking pictures isn't encouraged and honestly would seem exploitive in any case.

The population is predominately Dinka, Nuer, and Shilluk. This factors in because the conflict is in the end ethnically/tribally based. Dinka move about the Malakal area relatively freely, while the Nuer and Shilluk are largely in the POC camps as the risk of being harassed/killed/raped by the SPLA is so high. They will come out of the camp in the day to fish, make charcoal, and work, and in the night return to the protection of the UN. We've done patrols in isolated areas to try to in particular protect the women from being assaulted, as they often have to walk long distances to gather water, food, and firewood or charcoal. The women do most of this work; culturally, that's how it is here. But we have too few troops to adequately do all the tasks given to us so it's always a tradeoff.

I dealt with a kidnapping/unlawful confinement (of sorts) last week that was horrific in its implications. Three women and a young boy of ten were out making charcoal when they were approached by a soldier asking for water. Once he got this he held them and threatened them, saying they were Shilluk and responsible for the instability in the area. He then gave them a choice: be shot or hacked to death with an ax. One of the women told the boy to run, which he did, distracting the soldier. Thinking quickly she then began to shout as though she saw people coming, and the soldier got frightened off and ran away. They were held for about two hours, and snuck back to the POC after escaping, where we were called along with Human Rights workers to deal with it.

We complained to the SPLA, but really - nothing will be done beyond documenting the abuse.

These incidents aren't isolated, and illustrate the basic problem: without the security situation being improved people can't farm, fish, and be confident enough to return to their homes. And the many NGOs and humanitarian groups who are trying to improve the situation can't make any headway. Fifteen wells were drilled in a town to the east of here. Fourteen were destroyed when the SPLA withdrew under a counterattack so the opposition couldn't use them. Oxfam wants to start an irrigation project. Great idea, and not expensive to implement. But I don't see it being successful at this point because of the instability.



We patrol here by road, helicopter and boat. I went on a river patrol this week, just south of our location on the Nile River. Kaldak. It's a town that lies in SPLA held territory, but at this point it's a military strong point/garrison town. With Force Protection (a combination of Indian Army and Bangladeshi Navy) we travelled about two hours by boat to meet with the SPLA commander (a Lieutenant Colonel) and assess the security situation, as well as any humanitarian issues in the area. We passed by a World Food Program plane that was shot down some time ago, and a score of villages, most either abandoned or with a small population living in poor conditions. One town had three barges sunk in the river.

The Indians did a good job of providing a cordon while we met with the leadership. It was evident they didn't really want us there, but tolerated our presence. Which, in fairness, is often the case with the rebels as well. But presence is part of being here. It's odd to be surrounded by troops that you know have committed war crimes, and still have to deal with them and 'play nice'. For lack of a better phrase the look in the eyes of some I can only describe as 'dead'. A battle in this area is inevitable. It's just when. I counted about two hundred soldiers, but of course there were more out of sight. Some of them have their families living there as well, but other civilians have fled the area and there are not many people in the countryside except the rebel forces.



Anyways. It was an interesting patrol. They claim that the rebels are causing the problems, not them, but of course it's all unsubstantiated claims. Both sides exchange claims of forced recruitment of soldiers, including children, and atrocities upon the population. And both are guilty of this.

It's kind of a grim sort of letter, but the conditions are what they are.



My dual back ground as an army officer and police officer has been a huge asset here. Being able to gather detailed information, provide detailed reports, and conduct investigations is of huge benefit. The patrolling is different, of course...

Onto some funnier things: Getting a haircut. Simple, right?

OK. So the first step is to ask around as to where you actually go. There aren't any signs around. 'Go to the NEPBATT' (Nepalese Battalion) I'm told. So I head over there... and then have to find the right gate to access their compound, only one will let you in. The sentries really don't speak English, naturally enough.

Then, feeling lost, I stumble around until I find a shipping container with 'barber' written in felt pen on the door. Bingo, I've found it. I go in, and sit on a wooden bench until one of the two barbers notices me and insists I move to the chair right next to where I'm sitting. Insists. I move.

I wait. He indicates I'm next. I get in the chair and - like the sentries, he doesn't speak more than a word or two of English - I have a sort of discussion about my haircut. "Two on the sides, not much off the top (always say the second part to a military barber...)". I hold up my fingers "two". Not one, he asks, to which I reply "no".

Proceeds to cut me hair short on top...one or less on the sides. Followed by what can only be described as a very masculine head massage which doesn't quite hurt but isn't all that relaxing. It's a cultural thing, apparently, in Nepal, to get a massage with your haircut.

All this for 600 SSP (about four dollars). I would pay extra to skip the massage. When I get back one of the Zambian officers asks if I've joined the Marines...

When I was in Juba there are a few dogs that wander around the base. They aren't owned per se, but people watch out for them and feed them a bit. Anyways, I was cleaning up after Canada Day and 'Charlie' came up to me and was hanging about so he got a tummy rub. The next day he showed up and slept on my door step. He got a bit of ham.

The next day Charlie was at the door, whining. I let him in...and he lay on the floor while I made dinner. No begging, nothing. But the next thing you know I look over and the little guy's climbing on a couch I had there. Charlie is affectionately (if somewhat inappropriately) known as a 'couch slut'!

He's so quiet, and so content, I don't have the heart to kick him out. And somehow I cooked up the last two eggs so he gets a meal before he goes back out! I was out of eggs (still am, actually...). But he was happy. And I'll survive

Overall the tour is going well. I realize this letter contains descriptions of some horrible conditions, but this is part of why the UN is here. Trying to stabilize it all, and create the conditions for stability. Is it a frustrating? 100%. But we either try to help, or walk away. I'm happier knowing at least in some small way people are better off for our efforts.

I miss being home, and my family, and the Regiment - but the work being done here is important, and I'm glad to be here for now.

Up the Dukes!

Regards,
Greg

AUGUST 19, 2017

The Invictus Games launched their across Canada flag tour with a short ceremony as part of the opening day at the Pacific National Exhibition.



**CSM ROBERT HILL HANNA, VC
CENTENNIAL RECOGNITION AND PLAQUE DEDICATION
CITY HALL, ABBOTSFORD, BC
24 August 2017 (5:00PM)**

The Dedication of a Memorial Plaque honouring the recognition of the heroism of Company Sergeant Major Robert Hill Hanna, VC 100 years ago in Lens, France, took place at the Thunderbird Memorial Square located at the City Hall in Abbotsford.

The Regiment was represented by the Honorary Colonel, Ted Hawthorne, 2IC Major Paul Lindsay and the RSM, CWO Huff Mullick. The Guard of Honour consisted of Members of the Regiment, RCMP Members, Abbotsford City Police Members, a Flag Party composed of members from the RCL and ANAVETS, and two individuals dressed in period uniforms to add to that feeling of authenticity. The Parade was at all times under the very able command of the RSM who was in fine form as always during such occasions.

The program featured a serenade by Piper Mike MacDonald, Opening Remarks by the Master of Ceremonies Brian Kingman, O'Canada (appropriately rehearsed by the RSM!), speeches by MP Jati Sidhu, Mayor Henry Braun, and Historian Professor Peter William Slade, recitation of a WWI Duke of Connaught marching tune, unveiling of the bronze plaque by Bob Hanna, Junior and Colonel Hawthorne, the reading of CSM Robert Hill Hanna's VC Citation recited verbatim on the plaque by the Honorary Colonel, the offering of a dedication prayer by Padre Michael Collison, the Last Post by retired Bugle Major John More, a

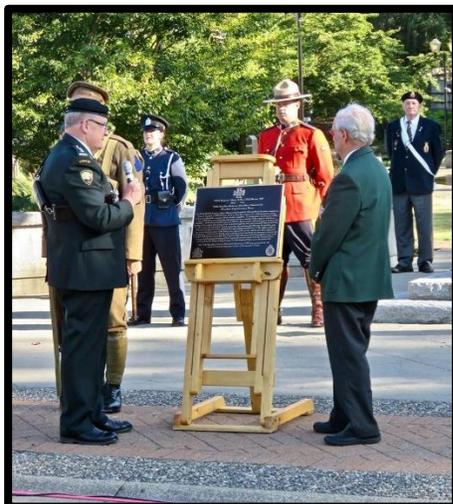
Moment of Silence, the Lament by Piper MacDonald and Rouse by the Bugler More, the singing of God Save the Queen and dismissal of the Guard of Honour by the RSM.

At the conclusion of the Ceremony, all attendees (well over 100 in total) were invited to a reception at ANAVETS, Matsqui Unit #315, 30346 McNeil Avenue, Mount Lehman. The guests were treated to an excellent array of food and beverages and enjoyed the wonderful hospitality of the Unit. MC Brian Kingman welcomed everyone and introduced President Recce Bob Remple who presented a BCR Plaque to Bob Hanna. Colonel Hawthorne presented his Honorary Colonel Regimental Coin to Bob Hanna and thanked him for his support for the event. Colonel Hawthorne also recognized President Emeritus Archie Steacy for his assistance in organizing the program and for arranging the production of the beautiful bronze plaque.

The Regimental Association was well represented by President Bob Remple, VP Gayle Hawthorne, President Emeritus Archie Steacy and Lynda, Cadet Governor Roger Prouse and Louise, and Bob and Trudy Hanna with their family. The "Dukes" sat with the Mayor of Abbotsford during the reception and enjoyed a very nice visit.

The ceremony and reception was a fitting remembrance of CSM Robert Hanna, VC and his family, as longtime residents of Abbotsford.

Special thanks to Len Payne ANAVETS for photos!!





THE “CONNAUGHT” 1304 INTERURBAN REDEDICATION CEREMONY CLOVERDALE TRAIN STATION Saturday, 9 September 2017 (11:30 am)

The Rededication Ceremony for the newly restored BCER 1304 “Connaught” held at the Cloverdale Station was a very memorable occasion for the many in attendance. Her Honour Judith Guichon, OBC, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of British Columbia was the guest of honour. The dignitaries, including numerous politicians, the leadership of the Fraser Valley Heritage Railway Society (“FVHRS”) and Her Honour, were led by Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne as they were piped to their respective positions by Pipe Major Matthew Dolan of the Irish Pipes & Drums. Her Honour provided the opening greeting and remarked upon the welcome rainfall after a very difficult summer of a record breaking number of wildfires in the Province. A number of speakers followed, including politicians and members of FVHRS. To wrap up the formalities, Colonel Hawthorne provided the audience with the connection between the dedication of the “Connaught”, the Regiment and the Duke of Connaught, Canada’s tenth Governor General at the time of his official visit in 1912 and Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment.

Next on the program, to the delight of the crowd, was a great medley of tunes performed by our Irish Pipes & Drums with the usual excellent performance by retired Bugle Major John More while the “Connaught” moved into position at the platform. The large contingent of the Irish Pipes & Drums, BCR Cadets from our Lower Mainland Cadet Corps and John More lined the track as Old Number 1304 rolled along. Very impressive indeed!

The dignitaries, led by Her Honour, boarded the train along with nine special guests who rode on the “Connaught” on its last trip when it was retired in 1955. All of the special guests were in grade three and were on a class field trip that day. What a wonderful experience enjoyed by all!

Upon returning to Cloverdale Station, many visited the museum located in the station and then proceeded to the Car Barn where the reception was held. The reception was most enjoyable with an excellent luncheon, short speeches and presentations to the good folks who made all of this great event possible. Very impressive support for this Canada 150 Project from the City of Surrey, the business community and the public!

At the wind up of the proceedings, surrounded by the Cadets and the Regimental Family, Colonel Hawthorne presented his Honorary Colonel Regimental Coin to the Lieutenant Governor and thanked her for her tremendous service and commitment to the people of British Columbia. Her Honour thanked

Colonel Hawthorne and in turn presented him with her new Canada 150 presentation coin and remarked on Colonel Hawthorne's excellent work as Honorary Colonel.

Regimental Family attendance was very strong including President Bob Remple, VP Gayle Hawthorne, Cadet Governor Roger Prouse and Louise, Honorary Colonel Bill Diamond and Audrey, former RSM Pat Taylor, Ian Patterson, Terry Haigh and David Corrin.



THE 2017 MOUNTAIN MAN CHALLENGE

By: Ocdt Serviss

Once a year come September, soldiers from across the 3rd Division gather in Edmonton along the North Saskatchewan River to test their mental and physical endurance in the Mountain Man Challenge. Unique from a typical marathon, this 50.8km ultra-marathon breaks down into 4 legs consisting of a 32km ruck run, a 3.6km portage, a 10km canoe, and finishes off with a 5.6km ruck run to the finish. For the ruck portion of the race, every soldier's ruck must weigh a minimum of 15kg (33lbs). During the portage portion of the race, every soldier must carry their own canoe in addition to their 33lb ruck sack, making for a very difficult 3.6km trek. The race is meant to test the physical readiness of 1 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group (1 CMBG), and this year the British Columbia Regiment accepted the challenge.



For the first time in the units history, the BCRs sent a team to CFB Edmonton to challenge for the minor unit title. Training began as early as last spring, with the team members meeting outside of normal working hours to go on long ruck runs, or lift some weights in the Regiments gym. The soldiers carried on individual training throughout the summer while stood down or stationed in Gagetown, Edmonton, or elsewhere for summer courses. Come September, the BCRs were ready to represent not just the Regiment, but the 39th Canadian Brigade Group as well. The event was very professionally run, and the weather could not have been more perfect for a race that would last up to 8 hours for some competitors. Cpl Palmer of the BCRs said that the portage must have been the most difficult part of the experience, an answer most would agree with. When asked what his favourite memory from Mountain Man was, Cpl Palmer said it would have to be finishing the race, a feat that should not be overlooked.

Tpr Tessa was the BCRs top finisher, completing the race in a very impressive time of 5 hours 42 minutes and 49 seconds. Tpr Tessa's time was good for a 13th place finish out of the over 200 competitors and brought him in only about 30 minutes behind the first place finisher Capt Henderson. Maj Lindsay was a close second on the team, placing 19th with a time of 5 hours 52 minutes and 57 seconds. Cpl Robinson (52nd, 6:34:19) and Tpr Symes (61st, 6:47:30) rounded out the team's top four. Other BCR competitors include OCdt Serviss (68th, 6:54:08), Cpl Willson (70th, 6:55:27), Cpl Palmer (78th, 7:07:17), Cpl Alexander (85th, 7:12:08), and Capt Couture who had to leave the race for health reasons. Every participant was met with a medal at the finish line to commemorate the achievement of finishing the Mountain Man Challenge. The morning of the race, the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, LCol Doug Evans, flew from Vancouver to Edmonton to personally hand each BCR member their medal as they crossed the finish line, reminding the exhausted soldiers that the Regiment was proud of their accomplishments.



Team scores are calculated by taking the average time from the top four competitors on each team. The BCRs top four runners had an average time that was good for a 2nd place finish in the minor unit category. However, a calculation error on the day of the event led to the BCRs being left out of the awards ceremony after the race. It wasn't until days later when LCol Evans filed a complaint after double checking the results, that the correction was made. Even before it was revealed that the BCRs scooped up the silver medal, many competitors and spectators alike were very impressed by the performance put on by the armoured reconnaissance reserve unit. On the official facebook page for The Mountain Man Challenge, the BCRs received a warm congrats with comments such as, "British Columbia Regiment had a very good representation at this years challenge! Hope they are back in 2018!!".



The BCR Mountain Man team could not have been possible without the leadership of Capt Couture. A previous competitor himself (5th in 2015), Capt Couture organized and motivated the team from start to finish. Our success can very much be attributed to his hard work, and in recognition of this, Capt Couture received a COs medal of commendation for his efforts. The BCRs are looking forward to returning to Edmonton in the future to improve upon their silver medal.

**CHANGE OF COMMAND
THE DRILL HALL
2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC
14 September 2017 – 1900 HRS**

The Change of Command Parade held at the Drill Hall on Thursday, September 14th was well attended by the Cadets (including a Flag Party and Band Trio), their friends and family and the wider Regimental Family. The outgoing Commanding Officer, Major James Barrett, CD, transferred command of the unit to Captain Tony Liem, CD. The Commanding Officer of the Regiment, Lieutenant Colonel Douglas Evans, CD, presided over the ceremony as the Reviewing Officer. Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne joined the Reviewing Party on the inspection. In his address, Colonel Evans complimented the cadets, volunteers, CIC Officers, Sponsoring Committee and Major Barrett and Captain Liem. In conclusion, Colonel Evans presented Major Barrett with his CO's Commendation and Regimental Medallion, as outgoing CO, in recognition of his service to the unit and to the Regiment. At the completion of the formalities of the Change of Command, a very enjoyable reception followed hosted by the Sponsoring Committee Chairman, Dr. Alastair Younger, and his committee. Many thanks for the great evening.



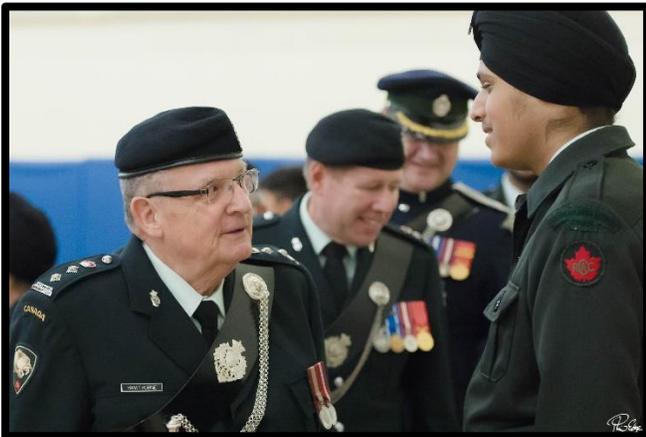
The Regimental Family was well represented by President Bob Remple, Vice President Gayle Hawthorne (also secretary of the 2290 BCR Sponsoring Committee), Cadet Governor Roger Prouse, Honours and Awards Executive of the Army Cadet League, Louise Prouse, Agnes Keegan, Cam Cathcart and Honorary Colonel Bill Diamond of 39 CER.



Congratulations to Captain Liem on his new Appointment as Commanding Officer and our very best wishes for a successful command of this historic unit, 2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC. Our heartfelt congratulations to Major Barrett for his excellent work with the unit during his period of command (2014-2017).

**CHANGE OF COMMAND
3300 BCR (BHAJ KANHAIYA) RCACC
SIKH ACADEMY SCHOOL
9115 – 160th STREET, SURREY, BC
21 September 2017 – 1900 HRS**

The Change of Command Parade was held at the Sikh Academy School on Thursday evening, September 21st and was very well attended by the Cadets, their friends and family and the wider Regimental Family. The outgoing Commanding Officer, Major Lee Taylor, CD, transferred command of the unit to Major James Barrett, CD. The Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, presided over the ceremony as the Reviewing Officer. The Reviewing Party consisting of Colonels Hawthorne and Evans, Majors Barrett, Lee and Gee (Pac Region) also included Cathy Bach, Vice President of the Army Cadet League and numerous members of the Regimental Family. The Reviewing Officer complimented the Cadets, both the outgoing CO and the incoming CO, CIC Officers, Volunteers and the Sponsoring Committee. The Commanding Officer of the Regiment, Lieutenant Colonel Douglas Evans, CD, presented his CO's Commendation and Regimental Medallion to the outgoing CO, Major Taylor, in recognition of his service to the unit and to the Regiment. Colonel Hawthorne also presented a Regimental souvenir pen to Major Taylor. With the evening's formalities concluded, a very enjoyable reception was hosted by Harminder Palak, the Chair of the Sponsoring Committee, and her committee. Many thanks for the exceptional evening.





Photos courtesy of Phil Edge

The Regimental Family was represented by President Bob Remple, Cadet Governor Roger Prouse, and Honours and Awards Executive of the Army Cadet League, Louise Prouse.

Congratulations to Major Barrett on his new Appointment as Commanding Officer and our very best wishes to him for a successful command of the unit. Congratulations to Major Taylor for his excellent work with the unit during his period of command (2014-2017)!

**CHANGE OF COMMAND
2381 BCR (IRISH FUSILIERS) RCACC
COLONEL SHERMAN ARMOURY, 5500 NO. 4 ROAD, RICHMOND, BC
26 September 2017 – 1900 HRS.**

The Change of Command Parade was held at the Colonel Sherman Armouries on Tuesday evening, September 26th and was very well attended by the Cadets, their friends and family and the wider Regimental Family. The outgoing Commanding Officer, Major Gary Law, CD, transferred command of the unit to Major Lee Taylor, CD. The Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, presided over the ceremony as the Reviewing Officer. The Reviewing Party consisting of Colonels Hawthorne and Evans, Majors Law, Taylor, and Gee (Pac Region) also included Cathy Bach, Vice President of the Army Cadet League and numerous members of the Regimental Family. The Reviewing Officer complimented the Cadets, both the outgoing CO and the incoming CO, CIC Officers, Volunteers and the Sponsoring Committee. The Commanding Officer of the Regiment, Lieutenant Colonel Douglas Evans, CD, presented his CO's Commendation and Regimental Medallion to the outgoing CO, Major Law, in recognition of his service to the unit and to the Regiment. Colonel Hawthorne also presented a Regimental souvenir pen to Major Law. With the evening's formalities concluded, a very enjoyable reception was held in the Officers' Mess.



Photo courtesy of Osmaan Ip

The Regimental Association was represented by Cadet Governor and Director-at-Large Roger Prouse and Honours and Awards Executive of the Army Cadet League, Louise Prouse.

Congratulations to Major Taylor on his new Appointment as the Commanding Officer and our very best wishes to him for a successful command of the unit. Congratulations also to Major Law for his excellent work with the unit during his two periods of command (2002 - 2007 and 2012 - 2017).

THE ARMY CADET LEAGUE OF CANADA–BRITISH COLUMBIA BRANCH FIVE GUYS COMMUNITY NIGHT 27 September 2017

A special thank you to the many supporters of the Regimental Family who attended the “Five Guys Hamburger & Fries” promotion at their restaurants in Vancouver, West Vancouver, Surrey, West Bank and Chilliwack. Five Guys has generously donated 20% of each purchase by cadet supporters, with the proceeds going to The Army Cadet League of Canada-British Columbia Branch in support of the Cadet Program!



Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne was in attendance along with Captain Jackson Wong of 2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC, Regimental Association Vice President Gayle Hawthorne, Michael Johnson representing the 2290 BCR Sponsoring Committee and Dan Thomas, NDPAO Pacific.

Our congratulations to “Five Guys Hamburger & Fries” for their tremendous support.

CHANGE OF COMMAND 2827 BCR (PORT MOODY) RCACC OLD MILL BOATHOUSE BANQUET HALL 27 September 2017 – 1900 HRS

The Change of Command Parade held at the Old Mill Boathouse Banquet Hall in Port Moody on Wednesday, September 27th was well attended by the Cadets (including a Flag Party), their friends and family and the wider Regimental Family. The outgoing Commanding Officer, Captain Rob Rothwell, CD, transferred command of the unit to Captain Jeff Smith, CD. The Commanding Officer of the Regiment, Lieutenant Colonel Douglas Evans, CD, presided over the ceremony as the Reviewing Officer. Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne joined the Reviewing Party on the inspection. In his address, Colonel Evans complimented the cadets, volunteers, CIC Officers, Sponsoring Committee and Captains Rothwell and Smith. In conclusion, Colonel Evans presented Captain Rothwell with his CO's Commendation and Regimental Medallion, as outgoing CO, in recognition of his service to the unit and support of the Regiment. At the completion of the formalities of the Change of Command, a very enjoyable reception followed hosted by the Sponsoring Committee.



The Regimental Family was represented by Cadet Governor and Director-at-Large Roger Prouse and Honours and Awards Executive of the Army Cadet League, Louise Prouse.

Congratulations to Captain Smith on his Appointment as Commanding Officer and our very best wishes for a successful command. Also, congratulations to Captain Rothwell for his service with the unit during his period of command (2013 - 2017).

Many thanks for the great evening.

HISTORY OF THE POWELL RIVER ARMY CADET CORPS

By: Larry Gemmill, CD, Supply Officer, 2781 BCR(DCO) RCACC

The cadet corps was started in January 1965 by Major Wally Carter, CD, following the closure of the Irish Fusiliers of Canada, the Powell River Detachment in 1964. Major Carter believed there should be an Army presence in Powell River and so with the support of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 164 (as sponsor) he started the 2781 Powell River Cadet Corps. The Corps rebadged in 1969 to the British Columbia Regiment. During World War II there was E Company British Columbia Regiment stationed in Powell River, thus it was a natural historical fit.

The Cadet Corps has been active in Powell River for over 50 years and in that time we have had two Interprovincial Exchanges. One to St. Hubert, Quebec and one to Winnipeg, Manitoba. The Corps has been active in community services to Powell River including the following:

- Therapeutic Riding Association, rebuilding riding trails, fencing, rock removal inside new indoor riding arena, installing drainage to outdoor riding arena over a six year period;
- Stream cleaning and brush removal along several area streams, over several years;
- Brush removal on several trails as well as rebuilding a bridge over Squirrel Creek;
- Nassichuk Scout Camp: We built (under the direction of the Kiwanis Club of Powell River) the washrooms, filled 1,000 sandbags and rebuilt the creek bank using a geotech material to protect the bank and the camp kitchen;
- For six years we have participated in the community Trash Bash, transferring tons of material from private vehicles into dumpsters;
- Participated in candle light services, sponsored by the local legion, Remembrance Day Services, Battle of the Atlantic, and occasionally the Battle of Britain; and
- Annually we participate in the Legion Poppy Drive, the Salvation Army Christmas Kettles, and the Legion Children's Christmas Party.

The Cadet Corps is supported by many local businesses and service groups and in return the Corps has contributed back to the community. The cadets of the Corps are extremely proud of our history as junior members of the British Columbia Regimental family. We believe the Corps has established a significance in the community and we would regret any change to our long-standing regimental tradition of service to the youth of Powell River and our community.

We hope this information will be of assistance to you, the Regimental Association and the Army Cadet League to preserve our Cadet Corps.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF VIMY RIDGE

Submitted by: Cpl Edwards KK

Being a representative for the BCR at the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge was a great honour. Participating in a commemoration to those who fought at Vimy and those who made the ultimate sacrifice was an experience I, and the other Canadians in attendance, will never forget.

Being a member of the BCR made the experience especially salient. Knowing that members of our regiment who paraded and lived in the Drill Hall we still call home fought on the ground the ceremony took place did not leave my



mind. To see the headstones that read 7th Infantry Battalion and the names of those who formed the foundations of our regiment served to remind me that the uniform and regiment we perpetuate was not created without sacrifice. Those that came before us did so in the worst of conditions but formed the honour of our regiment and the Canadian military as a whole.

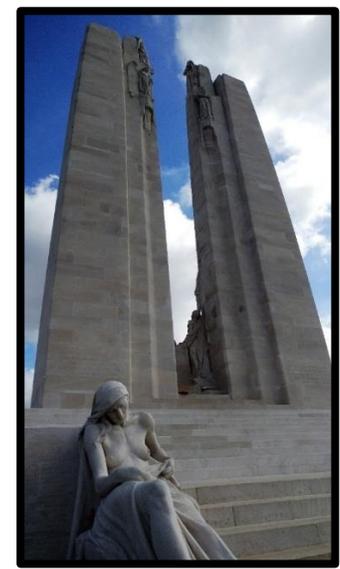
The site of the Vimy monument dedicated to those who fought at Vimy and in the First World War is surreal. The rolling grass hills and dense forests serve as a veil to the horrors that existed 100 years ago. The mud, swamp, and death of the battlefield has been replaced by the calm of the French country side. Without the preservation of the shell craters and mine blasts the Ridge would hide the history of French, English, Canadian, and German sacrifice. However, the hundred of thousands of lives lost is not forgotten and the victory of the Canadian Corp is well preserved.



Arras Road Cemetery

Those who fought at Vimy are not forgotten. With over 20 thousand Canadian citizens, soldiers, and veterans making the journey to honour them at the memorial. The French countryside was covered in Canadian flags and citizens who remember that how we live today is a result of how they sacrificed 100 years before.

In addition to the Vimy commemoration a smaller ceremony was held to honour the battle at Hill 70. The soldiers of 3rd Division formed the honour guard at the newly created Hill 70 memorial and took part in a ceremony that honoured a lesser known but equally significant battle. With Hill 70 being a battle honour for the BCR and a site where two BCR soldiers earned the Victoria Cross it was an honour to be part of a ceremony to remember their sacrifice. This ceremony also served to remind citizens and soldiers alike that Vimy did not end the war but was one battle amongst many. The Canadian Corp fought together for the first time at Vimy but continued to fight for the duration of the war. Commemorations such as the one at Hill 70 reminded those in attendance that Canadian sacrifice did not end after one battle but has continued for the last 100 years.



1st Canadian Division Monument

VIMY REPORT

By: Charlie Bernhardt



Dear Dukes,

It was a great honour & privilege to be the delegate for The BC Regiment (DCO) and I was most appreciative to attend. There were 158 delegates, 12 of which were a youth group. The staff of DVA were with us at all times and were very considerate and helpful. We had busses at our disposal every day. On day 1 we went to Vimy Ridge to view how the ceremony on the 9th would take place. We walked through the trenches and tunnels which have been restored for public viewing.

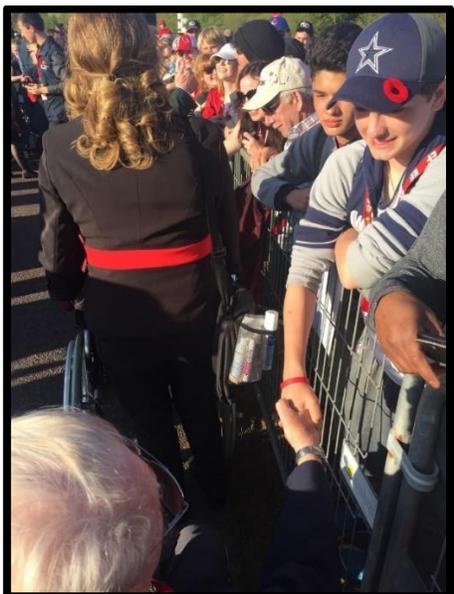
The two pillars created by Justice Capillaires for freedom and justice and the statue of Mother Canada have a commanding view from the top of the ridge and can be seen from afar. In keeping with all the places we saw, the grounds were in perfect order and there were quite a number of tall evergreen trees positioned among the mounds of grassed terrain. These majestic trees are clean of branches on the lower half of the tree and the spreading branches on the upper half creating an effective umbrella protecting the ground below.

To stand in silence and contemplate the scene makes you realize that you stand on hallowed ground and you recall the thousands of lives lost that make it so. It is a very moving experience.

The numerous cemeteries in Flanders are placed in the flat country away from the ridge. Many farms are small compared to Canadian farms. All are beautifully kept, providing a very peaceful background to the cemeteries. Much work and effort was employed in the construction and maintenance of these cemeteries. Silent contemplation leaves a lasting impression. After 4 years of war, the numbers are staggering.

The Ring of Remembrance is a large area enclosing at least two acres by a standing wall of bronze panels standing about 10 feet tall, listing the names of the fallen in alphabetical order with no distinction between friend or foe, 580,000 names. A broad walkway allows ample space for people to search the names. The field inside the circle is a grass expanse, with a landscaped depression to one side over which the ring floats. The depression in the field is marked with pieces of lumber marking landscaped plots that seemed to point out the damage to home and family caused by taking away those that are needed to maintain and nurture; the message is clear.

The smaller cemeteries, beautifully maintained but at times lack information to the identity of the soldier. The headstones that have a particular impact are the ones that state a soldier "known unto God" it points out the concern that one of the fallen be forgotten and be left out of remembrance.



On April the 9th, the day was warm with a hot sun. We felt sorry for the soldiers in battle dress who had to stand in the hot sun for the royalty and dignitaries to arrive. It was a test of endurance. So different than the wet snow and rain experienced by the soldiers 100 years before. Musical entertainment was provided to sooth the crowd. The program was beautifully done, and a tribute to Canadians. At the conclusion of the ceremony royalty and elected officials came to greet and thank the handful of WWII veterans. As we departed the venue thousands youth in attendance crowded the fence separating the veterans from the crowd to shake our hands and say thank you for the service. I noticed one youth push his way through the crowd to get to the fence after recognizing me as a veteran he had met the day before. He was in tears, thanking me for what we had done, and saying he would never forget. I have had many experiences over my 96 years, but being wheeled past those thousands of youths was perhaps the most moving experience of my life.

The youth at Vimy deserve special mention. Both delegates and the thousands of others who came to be present at this amazing gathering of generations. They came from all parts of Canada and sat or stood on the open ground in the designated area. Their behaviour set an example to all, they took it all very seriously. They sought out veterans to talk with and ask piercing questions. The youth group of delegates performed two ceremonies of remembrance, a boy and a girl alternating in French and in English. It was done with dignity, the last paragraph of the ceremony being spoken by the oldest of the veterans' present, a 97-year-old nurse who served. Other ceremonies were held by First Nations in their own language, all performed with dignity. They very much appreciated and brought us closer together.



The cemeteries of Flanders are the torch of John McCrae that lights the way for world peace; the only just reward for their sacrifice. Books have been written on the subject, spreading understanding of what took place on those hills, and in the hope such events will not be repeated.

Signed as a soldier on a pilgrimage to Vimy.

Trooper Charlie Bernhardt
Regimental # K37436

THE START LINE

The Road to Gander and Return

By: David Sproule, Victoria, BC

I had just returned from leave in early August 1961 and I was called into the Adjutant's office and he said that I was going to take a convoy of trucks to Newfoundland the next day. Many of our troops were already there as the provincial government had requested the army's assistance in fighting the forest fires that had broken out all over the island. Troops from the Black Watch and Van Doos were also there and equipment was being assembled for the task. Most of the initial group had flown to Gander courtesy of the RCAF in C-119 "Boxcars". I was to be in charge of the second vehicle convoy heading to Gander. Later that day I met my crew of drivers, some dragoons, some RCME craftsmen from the Workshops and some RCASC drivers from the Transport Company. We had 10 deuces full of a wide variety of stores and an M62 "wrecker" which I would soon learn, would provide me with a measure of comfort. I was given a booklet of gas and meal vouchers, a sheaf of vehicle paperwork and a road map. I asked questions like: "how long will the trip take" and "where shall we stay en route?" Good questions I thought. Militia armouries was the reply and so the following morning, I said goodbye to my very pregnant wife, and we set off.

Shortly after crossing the Saint John River on the Burton ferry, the first calamity happened when a civilian car had a slight collision with one of the trucks – minor delay. Our destination for that first night was New Glasgow, Nova Scotia and we arrived late afternoon and we "tarped-down" for the night within the armoury. Day 1 finished without calamity. A few hours into Day 2 while conducting a halt parade on the vehicles it was discovered that one of the deuces had sheared 3 wheel nuts on the right front wheel. I could see in my minds-eye me arriving in Gander with nine vehicles and when asked about the tenth, I would be stammering that I left it in Canso at the side of the road. This wouldn't work so we up and towed the sucker all the way to the Armoury in Sidney. I think my only road trip along the Cabot Trail and I had "deuce and a half" anxiety the whole way. Magic happened in Sidney. Some "I" Staff NCO's swapped the defective wheel assembly with one from a militia vehicle and my problem was solved. Day 2 ended with us driving to North Sidney to board the CN ferry the "William Carson" bound for Port aux Basques. Last problem of the day – the superstructure on the deuces was too high for the ferry so they lifted the trucks onto the deck and turnbuckled them down for the crossing. We all slept well aboard for it was a smooth sail across the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Some years later during a similar crossing the William Carson foundered and now is at the bottom of the Gulf.

We arrived to a sunny morning as the ferry docked in Port aux Basques and we watched idly as the vehicles were unloaded from the deck. Next stop – Gander(?) – wrong. In 1961 the Trans-Canada Highway had just been scrapped across the province and as we soon discovered the pavement ran out about 8 miles out of the Port. The road was in very poor shape and we rattled and rolled along with all of our cargo and our bodies shaking away. I think the maximum speed we could make was about 15MPH. Regroup, our destination for Day 3 would be the Royal Newfoundland Regiment armoury in Cornerbrook or Carnerbrook as I soon learned to mimic. Another revelation was about to unfold for unlike most places in Canada, we discovered at the Legion in that fair city that one could have a beer with a meal and be entertained at the same time – civilized drinking laws and very different from the New Brunswick that we knew.

A very interesting event occurred that night in Cornerbrook that needs to be related. It is always best to treat soldiers like adults so I said to them – "go have a good time but remember we have a job to do and we hit the road at 0630 hrs tomorrow". Early in the wee hours of the morning, I was awoken by the sounds of female laughter. I pulled on my pants and snooped around the armouries – everyone seemed to be accounted for and thankfully asleep. Down at the end of the drill hall floor though I could see a light

coming from the furnace room so off I crept not knowing what to expect. This feminine voice was getting louder so I was concerned that it might wake up the others. I poked my head in the door and peered around the boiler and low and behold, one of the RCEME Craftsmen was about to do the dirty deed. In a voice not so loud as to be too intrusive on the scene but strong enough to assert my authority, I said "I want her out of here now, understood". "Yes sir, right away sir," came the reply and the rest of the night passed quietly away. We were away at 0630 hrs but a few miles down the road, there she was all smiles and waving and all of the vehicles honked in chorus as we passed her.

Mercifully this would be our last day on the road. We were all getting tired of seeing the scenery at 15 mph and being shaken to bits by the washboard state of the road. I do remember one brief encounter with one of the locals on that day. Somewhere along that highway (?), as we passed through a small town, a young girl looked up at me and asked, "Be ye all Newfoundlanders?" I remember this because no one had ever said "be ye" to me before in everyday speech. Newfoundland had only been in Confederation 11 years and this new Trans-Canada Highway was linking communities together that had previously been very isolated so their speech was remained quaint and distinctive. We arrived in Gander about 1530 hrs that afternoon noticing first hand around Gander the devastation that the forest fires had caused.

Up until this time, I had no idea what I would be doing during this assignment to Army Task Force Gander. I thought that I would be joining some of my Recce Squadron colleagues on the fire line but this was not to be. I reported to Captain George MacRae at Army Task Force Gander HQ in the Gander Hotel. George and I were good friends as he was our Squadron 2i/c and I was glad to see a friendly face. "Dave, lucky you, you're going to be one of the duty officers here in the HQ." I soon learned that 2Lt. "Goose" Gosselin was the only other duty officer, so I knew immediately that I would be very busy. I was one of four RCD officers making up the HQ, the other being the Force commander, LCol Bomber Bateman. I also found out that none of us in the HQ had been authorized temporary duty status and we had to purchase our meals in the Gander Hotel. Because I thought that I would be on the fire line I also took only two sets of bush clothing with me and this proved to be pretty inadequate for hotel living. As a duty officer, our job was to maintain the maps, brief visitors, prepare SITREPS to the Army world and stay awake for long periods of time. Goose and I worked 6 hours on and 6 off seven days a week for 30 days straight. In the meantime, my wife was about to deliver and I couldn't provide her with any indication of when I would return – oh well army life, you've got to love it.

I did manage to get one trip out of Gander, I accompanied Bomber on a visit to one of our RCD Squadron camps commanded by Captain Howie Langan (Langan Force). The men had made themselves pretty comfortable in the Field in only the way that soldiers can and it was good to see a few of my troop leader colleagues. I felt a sense of guilt living in the hotel between clean sheets while they sweated it out day after day on the fire line with hand pumps, fire axes and shovels. To turn a phrase, "it was a clean job, but somebody had to do it." Communications from our HQ in Gander to the camps was a challenge and I remember at Langan camp, a soldier was posted at a pay phone booth somewhere at the side of the road and he talked to his HQ via a 510 and we all remember what a great and reliable means of communicating that set was.

I remember passing through one of the outports on our way to Langan camp and it was a Sunday, everyone in town was dressed in their Sunday finery and after church were out walking in groups up and down the main street promenading back and forth. There were very few automobiles in the outports in 1961 as the road connecting them was new but soon these roads would change their lives forever. Most Newfoundlanders were very devout church going folks either Catholic, Salvation Army or Pentecostal and although they made our soldiers welcome they frowned on many things and as an example, there wasn't a deck of cards to be found in any of the stores.

Soon it was late September and things were starting to wind down. I thought – “I brought a convoy over so I’ll get to fly back”. Wrong. As it turned out I knew the road, so another group of drivers and another ten 2-1/2 ton trucks to return to Gagetown. I was quite anxious to get back to Fredericton and don’t remember much of the trip back and considering that the vehicles had been pounding over those wretched Newfie roads for 30 days with minimum maintenance, they performed very well. It wasn’t until Antigonish, Nova Scotia that we started to have a problem with one of the deuces. It had developed some transmission problems and we ended up towing it to Moncton where we left it in the RCAF Supply Depot, Transport Section parking lot. We made it back to Gagetown without any further problems and I reported into the Adjutant and I advised him that I had to leave one of the Vehicles in Moncton and I soon discovered a lesson in Army bureaucracy. It seems that all of the Gagetown vehicles that had been in service in Newfoundland had been transferred to Army Task Force Gander which was an entity of Newfoundland Area HQ and it wasn’t a simple matter of us recovering the deuce from Moncton. Authority had to be obtained from St. John’s to recover the vehicle to Gagetown, with paper work going back and forth between us and them. I was glad to be a member of this Force because in 1960, I joined the Regiment just after it returned from the Tyne Valley fires in PEI and as a result I found myself as a member of the Board of Inquiry examining the costs of that operation. Some other new subbie would have the privilege this time. I got back just in time to be Orderly Officer on the weekend and that was the weekend that my wife went into labour and our first born came into this world.

Over the last few years I have watched our troops on TV fighting fires, filling sand bags in assistance to the civil authority. I’m sure that these activities continue to offer challenges similar to those that we experienced in Newfoundland. Soldiers still sleep in sleeping bags, line up with mess tins in hand and recover clapped out vehicles. It is pretty hard for technology to improve on a shovel or a sandbag and that is how these operations continue to be fought. An army life is rarely dull.

THE BRITISH COLUMBIA REGIMENT (DCO) BRASS BAND

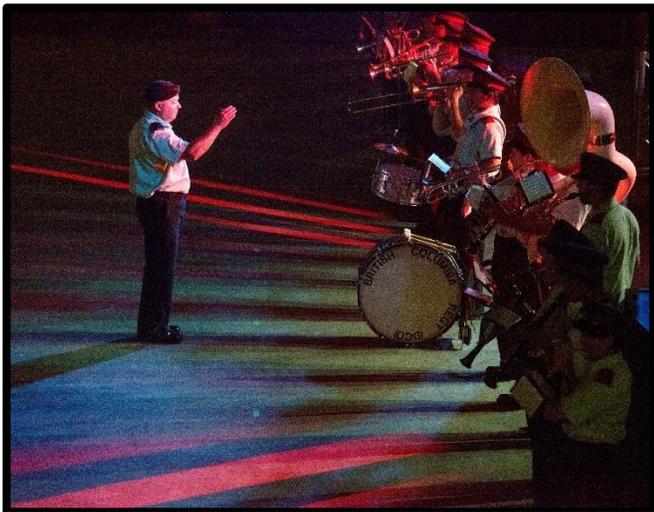
Submitted by: Neil Bliss

The band has had a great summer and we’ve had the opportunity to perform locally and out of town on numerous occasions.

The highlight event of this year was participating in the 90th Anniversary of the Kimberly Pipe Band Tattoo which took place in Kimberly BC in mid-July. We made friends with the Angus Scott Pipe Band from Spokane, Washington and hope to meet up with them again. We paraded for the community through the streets of picturesque Kimberly. The highlight of the trip was the Tattoo itself, a two hour long performance of pipe music, bugle bands, dancers, singers and, of course, the BCR Band performing for a packed audience at the Kimberly Civic Center. The finale featuring all the performers in a massed band setting was spectacular.



The band has participated in many local events, performing for the Vancouver Sun Run, the Point Grey Fiesta Days, and parading for the folks of Harrison Hot Springs on Canada Day.



Our latest event was playing two performances at this year's Pacific National Exhibition at the end of August. This is our second year playing for the community showcase, and we hope that this becomes a tradition. Our marching routine wowed the audience. We played a variety of popular crowd pleasers to an enthusiastic crowd. We are gearing up for further events coming in the remainder of the year, as well as looking forward to next year's events. Check out the numerous photos and videos on the bands Facebook page.

The band has openings for musicians who wish to join us. Currently we are looking for Clarinetists and other woodwinds. We have had a good influx of new members and we look forward to continuing growing the band and providing music for the Regiment and the Community.

CADET GOVERNOR'S REPORT

By: Major (Ret'd) Roger W. Prouse, CD, Cadet Governor

Our Corps had a very busy 2016/17 training year which culminated in very well executed ACRs (Annual Ceremonial Reviews). These parades are an important part of the Cadets training year as it gives them the opportunity to demonstrate to their families, friends and the community what they have learned and skills they have developed over the training year.

Many of our Cadets were given the opportunity to attend the various Cadet Training Centres (CTC) in Canada and abroad. Most attend Vernon CTC while the good marksmen attended Connaught Ranges in Ontario. Some of our senior and fittest Cadets attended Rocky Mountain CTC in Alberta for trekking, canoeing and mountain biking. There are many opportunities for our Cadets to engage in these activities at any level if they are willing to put in the effort and time.

All our Corps have started their training year and are busy recruiting to rebuild their numbers. Traditionally, numbers decrease over the summer due mainly to aging out Cadets and those who have found other interests and moved on.

Four of our Corps have held Change of Command Parades since the first of September. Major Jim Barrett completed three years as CO of the 2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC and handed over to Capt. Tony Liem. LCol Doug Evans CD, CO BCR, was the presiding officer. Major Barrett has moved over to assume command of the 3300 BCR (Bhai Kanhaiya) RCACC. The 3300 BCR Change of Command Parade was held on 21 September. Major Barrett assumed command from Major Lee Taylor. HCol Ted Hawthorne was the presiding officer. Major Lee Taylor has assumed command of the 2381 (Irish Fusiliers) RCACC from

Major Gary Law. Their Change of Command Parade was held 26 September with HCol Ted Hawthorne as their presiding officer. Major Law will be transferring over to the 39 Svc Bn primary reserve. The 2827 BCR (Port Moody) RCACC will be holding their Change of Command Parade on 27 September with LCol Evans as their presiding officer. Capt Rob Rothwell will be handing over to Capt Jeff Smith.

Sixty BCR Cadets from the 3300 and the 2290 paraded at the recently restored BC Electric Rail station in Cloverdale on 9 September to celebrate the completion of a fully restored BC Electric tram car by the Fraser Valley Heritage Rail Society. The tram car was originally put into service in the early 1900s and was used by Canada's Governor General, Prince Arthur, Duke of Connaught and Strathearn. As a result, the car was named "Connaught". The Duke of Connaught also served as our Regiment's Colonel in Chief from 1923 until his death in 1941. The restored rail car that bore his name was re-dedicated in his name by Her Honour Judith Guichon. The event was attended by our HCol Ted Hawthorne, Mr. Bob Remple President of our BCRA, members of the BCRA, many politicians and local citizens.

On September 30 at 1000 hours, Cadets from our four Lower Mainland Corps will parade at the 29th Battalion Cairn located at the south end of the Pacific Coliseum to Commemorate our Regiments Perpetuated WWI Battalions namely the 7th, 29th and 102 CEF. Members of our Regiment, the Regimental Association, a bugler and the Pipe band will also be in attendance.

"UP THE DUKES"

A BOOK REVIEW:

"Remembered in Bronze and Stone"
subtitled, Canada's Great War Memorial Statuary

by Alan Livingstone MacLeod,
Published by Heritage, 2016

Contains 187 pages and numerous photographs, \$24.95

Starting in 2010 Alan MacLeod and his wife Janice, started travelling extensively across the country and over the next four years they photographed, documented and researched the war memorials in villages, towns and cities across Canada that were erected during the 1920's to help ease the pain. The erection of these memorials seemed to be a spontaneous action by communities to help ease the pain and grief of the families and to remember the young lives lost and wanting them to be forever remembered. It is difficult for us to imagine but no family or community was left untouched by that war. In most instances, the funds were raised within the community through individual donations but also by organizations such as the IODE or the Orange Lodge or as in Amherst, Nova Scotia, by wealthy grieving parents as a memorial to their son. The CPR erected memorials at Vancouver, Winnipeg and Montreal to remember the 1,116 employees who died in the war.

In his research, the author has found that many small towns across the country ordered memorials from a catalogue and had the memorials carved from Carrara marble by anonymous Italian artisans and shipped to Canada. In many instances 90 Canadian winters have taken a toll on these memorials as has neglect and sadly in a few places, vandalism. In many communities sufficient funds were raised to enlist the services of a sculptor to fashion a memorial in granite or in bronze. These artists are mostly unknown to us today with perhaps the exception of Walter Allward whose most famous work is the Vimy Memorial, but he also designed the memorials in Stratford and Peterborough, Ontario. The CPR memorials were designed by a Canadian sculptor with the improbable name of Coeur de Lion MacCarthy and designed several memorials across Canada. Other sculptors such as George Hill and Emanuel Hahn created memorials in granite and bronze. Hahn designed several sculptures including fine granite memoriala in

Fernie, BC, in Thunder Bay and Westville, Nova Scotia. He was seven years old when his family emigrated to Canada from Germany and studied art and design in Toronto but sadly was intentionally excluded from the competition to design and build the Winnipeg Cenotaph because of his German ancestry even though he had already designed many fine memorials to our Fallen. He went on to design the Canadian dime that features the Bluenose and the Caribou on the twenty-five cent piece.

This is a very fine book, an easy read and I recommend it because as soldiers and veterans we need to be reminded about the times and the memorials that we parade to on Remembrance Day. Their presence in our communities is not accidental but the result of citizens needing to remember and pay tribute to their fallen youth. I know I will never walk by a Memorial again without wondering about its origins and attempting to understand the sense of communal loss that created these important works of art.

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HONOURING OUR SOLDIERS AND VETERANS

New Cenotaph at George Derby Centre, a tribute to those have served throughout all of Canada's past and present conflicts and peacekeeping missions

Burnaby, BC: George Derby Care Society will construct a new cenotaph in a prominent spot on its premises – under the flag posts at the Centre's front entrance. The new memorial pays tribute to veterans and seniors, who called George Derby Centre their homes, for their contributions to the world, countries and societies.

Historica Canada commissioned a survey in October 2016 and found that most Canadians (86%) "believe a national monument paying tribute to veterans and soldiers should be part of the commemorations for Canada's 150th birthday" (Retrieved from Historica Canada at <https://www.historicacanada.ca/content/polls/less-year-sesquicentennial-canadians-say-national-monument-veterans-should-be-part>). At George Derby Centre, our poll is unanimous; the only deliberation is on how to make it happen.

As such George Derby Care Society will be partnering with supporters and donors to build a new cenotaph by the end of October; just in time for our November 11, 2017 Remembrance Day commemoration.

George Derby Care Society is a charitable organization dedicated to pursue excellence in meeting the needs of seniors in our care and providing programs and services in response to the needs of our communities. Continuing our long standing tradition of providing care to veterans, George Derby Care Society strives to be the centre of excellence in the provision of independent living, supportive housing, complex care and dementia care for Canadian Veterans of the Armed Forces and the general senior population.

As a non-profit organization, George Derby Care Society's challenge is to find extra funds to sponsor projects, organize special events and to better equip our team in the quest of excellence in serving our veterans and seniors. We would not succeed without the dedication and contributions from our partners and supporters. Donation to George Derby Care Society, please visit our website at <http://www.georgederby.ca/support-us/#donate>, or call us at 604-527-4451. All donations are graciously accepted and sincerely appreciated.

DUKE'S DEN



WELCOME HOME DUKES!!

MCpl. Duke A. Bear returning home after a successful deployment in Poland (Op Reassurance – Roto 7) with Captain Paul Ellis



FRIENDS OF VANCOUVER

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THE AWARD WINNING VANCOUVER IS BACK TO SEA!

In our last letter to the FoV, VANCOUVER had completed humanitarian operations off the coast of New Zealand and was homeward bound on the final leg of WESTPLOY.

After securing alongside the crew of VANCOUVER enjoyed time ashore with their families for the holidays. Upon their return, they enjoyed a mixed winter formal. Again, the VANCOUVER would like to convey its appreciation to the FoV for their support.

VANCOUVER began the new year on the right foot by receiving the CDS Commendation. VANCOUVER had distinguished itself by contributing to the Government of Canada's engagement objectives, promoting Canadian technological in-

novations and providing humanitarian assistance to the people of Kaitioura, New Zealand. The award was presented to the ship's company by the CDS General JH Vance, CMM, MSC, CD.

VANCOUVER celebrated the honour in the only fashion it knows: doing the business at sea. The ship slipped and proceeded to sea from Esquimalt Harbour to assist the submarine HMCS CHICOUTIMI with its post-refit trials. Throughout the month and into April, VANCOUVER conducted multiple sensor, weapons firing and attack countermeasure exercises with CHICOUTIMI to prove correct the submarines capabilities.

Looking ahead to the summer and our next issue, VANCOUVER will be reunited with New Zealand's Navy as they will be

hosting HMNZS TE MANA this August for their modernization project. While the sailing schedule looks light through the summer period, our personnel will be tasked with summer training on the auxiliary units as well as participating in Canada's 150th celebration. To mark the occasion, HMCS Regina will be in Vancouver for the festivities.

July will not only be a month of national celebration, it will also mark the start of a new chapter for VANCOUVER. On July 7th, CDR Clive Butler will turn over the watch to CDR Christopher Nucci, who will lead the ship through a busy program in the fall and new year.



VANCOUVER RECEIVES CDS COMMENDATION FROM GENERAL JH VANCE.

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Friends of Vancouver

From left to right: Vancouver City Councillor Melissa De Genova, Constable Blair Da Costa, Hon. LCol Allen De Genova and Fire Chief Tim Armstrong visited VANCOUVER on behalf of the Honourable House Society on the 27th of April



VANCOUVER conducts a firing off the starboard beam of the Harpoon Block II Missile on April 1st 2016 as part of JoltEx 2016.



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IN A POLL CONDUCTED by the Vimy Foundation last year, 60 per cent of the respondents believed that in 1917 — in the midst of a bloody battlefield — the country of Canada became a nation. And now, 100 years later, a reminder from that battlefield has been restored and preserved by the Lincoln and Welland Regiment Foundation.

"In a lot of ways, Vimy Ridge helped shape Canada as a nation," said Garry Guitard, chair of the Vimy Foundation, in a press release. "It's important to hold on to the tangible pieces left behind from that history — things you can see first hand."

After taking Vimy Ridge, men of the 7th Battalion (1st British Columbia), Canadian Expeditionary Force, captured a German field howitzer — more specifically a 105-millimetre leFH-16 — outside the small French farming village of Farbus, on April 13, 1917.

"The gun may have been abandoned days earlier, when German gun crews proved unable to move their artillery after their horses were hit by a gas attack," stated the press release. "The gun is one of four howitzers and a naval gun captured on April 13."

"By April 14, Canadian troops, unable to move their own artillery forward, had captured several enemy guns and used a number of them to attack the Germans with their own shells."

And this freshly restored gun seems to be one of them.

After the war ended, soldiers wanted to bring home objects symbolizing their achievements, and hence the government established the War Trophies Commission, which allocated such trophies. And while these trophies remained the property of the Crown, they were entrusted to different communities and organizations.

This gun was one such trophy, and was sent to what is today part of the town of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

The gun is believed to have arrived in Niagara in the early 1920s, "being placed in front of the village school in Queenston." And, "in 1926, the village cenotaph was unveiled; the gun was moved there at some point later, where it remained for decades," according to the press release.



"In 1992 the gun's custodianship was turned over to what is now the Niagara Artillery Association, which committed to restoring the weapon and finding a new place to display it. However, the Association did not have the resources to do more than sandblast and paint it, and in 1997 the gun was moved to Butler's Barracks in Niagara-on-the-Lake."

Then, in 2009, the foundation took over the custody of the gun, and started the restoration process with the help of various volunteers. The restoration was eventually completed in 2016, and the gun was unveiled in tandem with the battle's 100th anniversary this year. The gun is currently being kept in the armoury at St. Catharines, but will become a permanent public display in the Niagara Military Heritage Centre, after it is built in the upcoming years, according to Drew Neufeld, the museum manager for the centre. 🍁

ABOVE: This 10.5-cm leFH 16 towed howitzer was captured from the German infantry by the 7th Battalion (1st British Columbia) on April 13, 1917 just after the Canadian Corps had secured Vimy Ridge. The gun has been restored and preserved by the Lincoln and Welland Regiment Foundation, and is currently on display at the St. Catharines armoury. (LINCOLN AND WELLAND REGIMENT FOUNDATION)

FROM THE BARRETT BUNKER – SEPTEMBER 2017

By: Major Jim Barrett

For this entry into the history of the Regiment and its members, we shall look into the labour unrest of the 1930's, the 'Battle of Ballantine Pier', the employment of members as 'Special Constables' and the roles played by Col Foster, former CO and Cpl Micky O'Rourke, VC.

In short, the Vancouver and District Waterfront Worker's Association (VDWWA) had been established as a 'Company Union' to replace that of the International Longshoreman's Union (ILU). Following takeover of the VDWWA by a communist executive in 1933, a lock out/ Strike began on the 27th of May 1935. The main issue was over dispatching and the longshoremen claimed that the dispatcher discriminated against workers sympathetic to an independent union.

The strike was complicated by the arrival of over 2000 unemployed men, who had arrived in Vancouver to protest the conditions of the government relief camps. Communist leaders attempted to merge the two strikes into one and spark a general strike. The Vancouver Police Chief, Col Foster was aware of this plan and recruited hundreds of 'Police Special Constables'.

Tensions were high between anti-communists and the longshoreman as the strike broke out.



'Vancouver Police Specials' recruited in 1935 Outside the Old Court House (now Art Gallery)

The BCR (DCOR) contributed three officers and twenty-eight men as 'Special Constables' and all Special Constables were trained at the Drill Hall under Brigadier-General Victor Odlum and Colonel C.E. Edgett. Further Militia units based in Point Grey and in Victoria were also on call in the event of an anticipated 'Bolshevik Revolution' breaking out.

Except for a one day demonstration on May Day the Communist plan for a General strike failed. Many of the relief Camp Strikers left the city on 3 June by Rail to take their concerns to Ottawa.



Violence escalated quickly on the 18th of June 1935 when protestors consisting of longshoremen and their supporters arrived at the Heatley entrance to Ballantyne Pier where non-union workers were unloading ships.



Led by Victoria Cross recipient Mickey O'Rourke, VC, and a contingent of First World War veterans marching behind a Union Jack flag, they were met at the entrance to the pier by Chief Constable Colonel W. W. Foster. Col Foster warned the demonstrators that they would not be permitted to proceed.



Mayor Gerald McGeer reads out the Riot Act 1935

When the longshoremen refused to disburse, they were attacked with clubs by the police guarding the pier. Within minutes, more police joined in the fight. In addition to the Vancouver city police, contingents of the BC Provincial Police and TRCMP engaged with the demonstrators.

The protestors fought back throwing rocks and other projectiles at the police. Tear gas and horses were used to disburse the crowd. The violence from beginning to end lasted three hours and resulted in sixty police officers and protesters being hospitalized. The offices of the communist organizers were raided. Twenty-four men were arrested, and the Mayor declared that striking longshoremen and their families would be no longer eligible for relief payments.



Mounted police chasing rioters through Vancouver's East End 18 June 1935

Fortunately control was maintained by the police and the Militia and the BC Regiment were not called out in 'Aid to the Civil Authority.'

A story related by Douglas Harker in 'The Dukes' is of one staff officer wearing uniform and the badges of the Canadian Machine Gun Corps on his tunic marching at a time when the violence was mounting from the CPR dock to the Drill Hall and being seen giving instruction to his NCO and the caretaker in placing what looked from a distance like machine guns on the roof of the Drill Hall. Word passed to the ringleaders that there would be trouble if they got out of hand and from that time there was a cooling off and the crisis passed.

For those more familiar with the Stanley Cup riots of the past two decades, I thought it would be interesting to relate some of the violent history of Vancouver's past as a reminder of what can happen when violence escalates out of control. For the Vancouver labour unrest of 1935 the Regiment's involvement was minor and for all it was fortunate that the military was not 'called out.'

ASSOCIATION KIT SHOP

The BCR KitShop is now online:

<http://www.canex.ca/military/military-kit-shops/army-kit-shops.html?cat=1262>

You can now buy a tie and lapel pin. They also have the BCR hoodie and PT Shirts (male and female option).

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These items can be purchased online and shipped to you at home.

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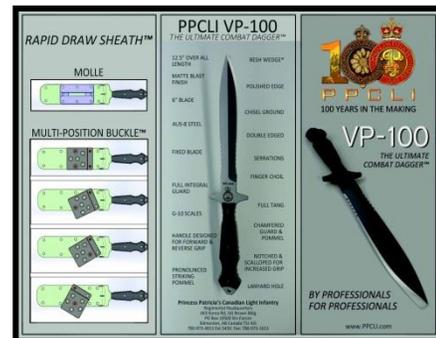
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The Association continues to support, through its Charitable Trust, various annual initiatives such as our Bursary Program for serving members of the Regiment and our community outreach program in the month of December. In addition, the Charitable 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 five Cadet Corps). The Association has increased its support of the Cadet Corps by the establishment of the Cadet Development Program. Further information will be published as these programs develop.

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.

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**The Directors and Officers of
The BC Regiment (DCO) Association**
cordially invite you
to attend the annual
BCR Perpetuated WWI Battalions Commemoration Parade
at the 29 Bn (Vancouver Regiment) CEF Memorial
at the
Pacific National Exhibition
on
Saturday, 30 September 2017 at 10:55 a.m.





ASLEEP

Lieutenant John Karmazinuk, Supply Officer 2290 BCR Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps, passed away peacefully at his residence on May 16, 2017 from leukemia. John was survived by his wife of 36 years Leslie Karmazinuk of Richmond, BC, his three children Jonathan Karmazinuk and wife Kookie of New Westminster, BC, Kristen Karmazinuk of Toronto, ON, Talitha Karmazinuk and his grandson Aiden Karmazinuk of Calgary, AB. He was also survived by his sister Beverly McMinis of Calgary, AB. John retired from Air Canada after 23 years to pursue his passion in photography and was active with Army Cadet Corps across Canada for the past 40 years.

Mrs. Helen Mary Warrington, RN, passed away on 23 August 2017 in her 85th year. Predeceased by her husband, Doctor LCol Michael Warrington, CD, who served the Regiment as Medical Officer (1974-1978) and commanded the 3rd Field Ambulance Company, RCAMC until retirement. Helen is survived by her children, Richard, Patricia, Michael, John, Aileen, Brian, Gail and Cara. Helen and Michael immigrated to Canada after WWII with Michael practising in Saskatchewan, Victoria, and North Vancouver, always supported with Helen's nursing skills. The Warrington family resided in West Vancouver and in their retirement, Helen and Michael settled in Tsawwassen, B.C. Helen's ever present thoughtfulness and consideration for others was a true inspiration to all who knew her. She will be missed enormously and never forgotten.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We shall remember him.