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News Releases**

## NEW FORMAT & CHANGE

**Note:** With the issuing of the September Edition of The Duke, we have changed our format. The Commanding Officer's Comments, ***new articles on Regimental history, activities, and remembrance which are well worth reading can now be found at the start.*** Our intent is to keep the relevance of each historical chapter captured of our BCR Regimental Family activities as well as notable events in our larger military community. Like all such publications, we remain only as good as the articles we receive, so we encourage our readers to send in pictures, with stories of the BCR or other event which you feel would interest our readers.

Please note that the chapters from July to the end of September June 2024 capture the activities from The BCR Weekly News previously published, minus event invitations and excerpts from other news sources such as the LDSH News or Vancouver Gunners News.

On a personal note, I wish to thank all those who have contributed historical articles for publication, especially Ted Hawthorne, former Honorary Colonel, who is Editor Emeritus and BCR Regimental Secretary of this publication and is at the heart of many of the articles, and Mr. Don Manning, from our BCR Museum Society, who finds and researches many historical articles focusing on our soldiers so that their memory is not lost. Finally to thank those members of the BCR Regimental family including our five cadet corps who have sent us articles on their training and activities.

Jim

LCol (Ret'd) JD Barrett, CD  
Editor: BCR Weekly News & The Duke

## COMMANDING OFFICER'S CORNER



Lt-Col Adam Brown, CD  
Commanding Officer British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own)

Editor's Note: It is hoped as we move forward to a changed format for the Quarterly Duke that we will have a greeting from the Commanding Officer with an update on the next few months.

## THE BARRET BUNKER - SEPTEMBER 2024



BCR UMPIRE TROOP 1984

R (L-R): Sgt Thomas Houghton, Cpl DE Morris, Pte JB Lambert RdH, Cpl Steve Calnek, Cpl Doug Burgess, Cpl Errol Grant.  
M (L-R): Tpr Cimon RdH, Sgt Keith MacDonald, MCpl Rob Halverson, Sgt Chris Mullins, Lt Bob Greenhalgh, Cpl Ole Olsen, MCpl KW Raffelsieper.  
F (L-R) Lt Rob Elliot, Capt Luc Lefebvre, 2Lt Jim Barrett, Capt Joe Seymour, Maj Jack Drake, Sgt Manfred Harder, MCpl Brian Sutherland

Beginning with Captain Jack Drake's deployment to Germany as an umpire for the NATO Fall Exercise in 1978 during the Cold War, many Dukes followed suit, and for six years we had an annual tasking to send a troop of umpires to 4 CMBG in Germany under the NATO exercise control team.

As a qualified Second-Lieutenant in the Regiment in 1984 with only the theory of tank troop commanding under my belt (Block 4), going to Germany on FALLEX as part of the BCR Umpire Troop was not really on my horizon, but fate has a way of reaching out sometimes. On a Tuesday evening at the Drill Hall in early August, I was assisting the Curator of the BCR Museum, Greg Loughton, with installing a pane of plate glass in one of the display cases. The glass shattered and, in the process, my left ring finger was very badly lacerated. A visit to St Paul's Hospital in Vancouver and about eight stitches later I found myself back in the Officers' Mess past midnight when the phone rang and our Bar Manager, Mr. Henry See, handed the

phone over to Major Jack Drake. When Jack hung up the phone, he turned to me and said, "Barrett, can you go to Germany in two weeks." Apparently, an officer from Quebec, who was to be part of our team was now unable to deploy with the BCR. I told Maj Drake that I would like to but would have to ask my employer for leave.

With the cuts to teaching in BC and especially to substitute teachers, and needing a reliable and regular income, I had to return to Woodward's Department stores where I had worked during University in the late 70's as a shipper/ Receiver. I wound up back at Woodward's Oakridge in Vancouver working in stock and the next morning I reported to my manager, Mr. Ole Christiansen, and told him that I'd been asked to go to Germany as an Umpire. First, he asked if I still wanted to go to Vancouver Island to go fishing with my father for a week and insisted that I take the next week off to go. Then he asked me what I planned to do when the tasking was finished. He said I should take an additional week to explore Europe and not to worry as my job would be there when I returned. Woodward's Stores were a supportive employer of Reservists as HCol Billy Woodward had served as a gunner officer in the Great War, had been the Honorary Colonel of the Canadian Army in 1946, and the current chairman, 'Chunky' Woodward had served in the Manitoba Dragoons in WWII and had been a Major in the BCR. With the blessing of work, my path was clear to go to Germany and I let Major Drake know immediately. The next issue was to get a passport in under two weeks, which I managed to do by having my doctor and my father's old partner in the Vancouver Police department, Staff-Sergeant Doug Jorgenson, act as one of my character references. The army medical side was satisfied with my current list of immunizations and also gave me the green light.

The path to Germany was not a direct one, as we were slated to go on Class B contract to MILCON 84 in Wainwright for the better part of a week. Arriving in the field at approximately 2100 hrs, I was quartered in an ancient bell tent with Maj Dave Snyder from the BC Dragoons, the Brigade Padre, Dennis Carey the Brigade photographer, and our newest officer, 2Lt Patricia (Pat) Murphy. Following training and range firing of 7.62 Browning Machineguns and the .50 Cal Machineguns from the Lynx Recce vehicle supplied by the LDSH, we returned to Vancouver before our long flights to Trenton and then on to CFB Lahr in West Germany arriving on 1 Sep 1984.



Off to Heidelberg on weekend Leave  
I-R Capt Luc Le Favre, Capt Bob Greenhalgh, Maj Jack Drake



On our way to Europe we were joined by the rest of our contingent from eastern Canada, including Capt Luc Lefebvre from the Regiment de Hull, who became a good friend on the deployment. Following several days of training at the umpire school in Lahr we deployed to the field for EXERCISE SOLAR PASSAGE which pitted 4 CMBG against a German mountain Battalion.



Typical wet morning in Bavaria Sept 1984  
Maj Jack Drake & Capt Joe Seymour by jeeps

One of our officers, Lt Rob Elliot had earned the ire of Maj Drake for falling asleep and falling out of his jeep as we pulled out onto the autobahn, with no injury, and so he took over my duties in the CP and I was deployed to the field in his place as an umpire with both the RCD and the 8<sup>th</sup> CH Troop formed from their militia Regiment, who had been the top RCAC unit in 1982 (BCRs won the Worthington in 1983 and 1985). In those days, the top reserve unit in Canada was rewarded with an offer to send a full troop to join 4CMBG in the next FALLEX in Germany.

Weather conditions after we had headed out into the field had deteriorated to the point that the dirt tracks and field were soft with mud, so our forces were restricted to road movement only which made our jobs more difficult. 4CMBG struggled in the build-up exercise, and especially the Armd Recce squadrons assigned to the RCD, as the Germans were very well prepared for our advances, however, by the end of EX SOLAR PASSAGE on the morning of the 13<sup>th</sup>, our brigade was doing much better, and things were going a lot smoother. With the end of EX SOLAR PASSAGE, we moved to a 4CMBG HQ location about 20 miles from the Czech border where we had a couple of days off before the start of the Corps level activities EX FLINKER IGEL (Hasty Hedgehog) where 4 CMBG and a German Mountain Brigade were acting as opposing force (OPFOR) for a West German Armoured Corps advance. The overall plan was for us to push them back until halted for the German Corps to launch its armoured counter-attack. Of interest the Americans were involved in a similar large scale activity up near Frankfurt and the British Army launched OP SEA LION which was a mobilisation of their territorial army, a sea landing in Belgium and an advance east towards the 'Iron Curtain' border with East Germany. On the other side of the

'fence' the Soviets and their Warsaw Pact Allies were conducting similar activities. It was the height of the 'tail end' of the cold war. Teams of 'official spies' in marked vehicles were allowed on both sides to ensure that a surprise attack by either group happened.



Capt Lefebvre & 2Lt Barrett in Aidenbach, West Germany - 16 Sept 1984

As part of our leave, our BCR Umpire group had been relocated to the town of Aidenbach, which had a brewery established in 1257. I had planned to sleep in my crew tent but was persuaded by Capt Luc Lefevre to share a room with him in the Gasthof Zur Quelle where our troop was staying and where we enjoyed a hot meal. The French Onion Soup was excellent, and Maj Drake asked if I could get the recipe. The head chef came out and I wrote down his recipe which I include here.

#### Aidenbach Zur Quelle Onion Soup for two people

40 grams butter  
100 grams sliced onions  
1 cup dry white wine  
1 cup clear soup broth  
Toasted white bread for top  
20 grams Edam or Evenstalha( Emmental?) Cheese

Fry butter and onions in pan with onions until the onions turn a yellow colour (do not brown). Add salt & pepper and the cup of dry white wine. Simmer for five minutes then add the cup of clear soup broth. Toast white bread and cover with 20 grams of cheese. Place bread under toaster at top of the oven for one minute until top browned and then add to the top of the soup.



RCD Armd Squadron - Germany 1984

### EX FLINKER IGEL – END GAME

By the 17<sup>th</sup> we had most of the day to recce the ground before I was assigned to umpire RCD A Sqn 44 Troop. I spent most of the next week assigned to umpire the 8 CH troop attached to the RCD and at one point had penetrated furthest through the German lines to the point that we were about 6 kms behind front lines and well established in their rear areas. As we were causing too much havoc with the armoured corps' counter-attack, I was ordered to collect the troop I was umpiring in one spot to await further orders, which came with a pause in the operations, a passage of lines and direction to set up in a field out of the way to await the end of operations which came late in the afternoon on the 20<sup>th</sup> of September.

The next day saw a long road move back to Lahr for 16 hours at 55 mph on the autobahn where we arrived at 0200 hrs in the morning.

The next day we were off on a planned trip for the Umpire unit to Munich for the opening day of the Oktoberfest where we all had a great time. Our final day in Germany was a quiet one where we had dinner and a party to the Golden Adler (Eagle) Gasthof and to celebrate winning the Worthington Trophy as the Best Armoured Reserve Unit in Canada in 1983. I asked the manager if I could purchase a pair of earthenware mugs to take home with me. She laughed said that she was surprised that I wasn't going to steal them like everyone else. She then charged me the equivalent of \$0.25 each.

Our final day was marked with a late pay day and for me a quick walk into Lahr to see if I could pick up some souvenirs for home. Fortunately the Salvation Army thrift shop and tearoom was open, and I was successful. Apparnetly Lt Rob Elliot and I were filmed walking through the streets and friend noted seeing us in Gwyn Dyer's CBC Series on 'War'.

By the 25<sup>th</sup> of September we were back in Trenton and home by 1930 hrs that evening and then back to Regimental routine as the General Military Training (Basic & recruit) Officer with my first act to recruit and process the candidates which we did over the next two weeks, enrolling 35 into the BCR and taking on some recruits from the 12<sup>th</sup> Med Coy as well.

We didn't know it then, but 1984 was the last time that the BCR were asked to go over as Umpires and also the end of the 'Worthington' Troop being sent. From my point of view we had done all that we had been asked to do and done it to the best of our abilities.

## DUKE'S DEN



It has been a restful summer and a relaxing year for MCpl Duke A. Bear, after five operational deployments in the last three years. Duke is presently awaiting the call and ready to go on a further tour of duty, should the need arise.





During the summer, Duke appeared and engaged with members of the Regimental Family at a number of events, including, the annual Cadet BBQ Fundraiser, the ceremony marking the 80th anniversary of the Battle of Normandy, Operation Totalize at Hill 140, remembering the service and sacrifice of the members of the 28th Armoured Regiment (The British Columbia Regiment), the National Peacekeepers' Day and the annual BCR Perpetuated WWI CEF Battalions Commemoration Parade.

Up the Dukes!

## **THE BRITISH COLUMBIA REGIMENT (DUKE OF CONNAUGHT'S OWN) MUSEUM SOCIETY**

**Editor's Note:** It is my absolute pleasure to relocate the submissions from the BCR Museum Society and Don Manning to the start of our publication in recognition of the long history of the BC Regiment (DCO) and its perpetuated battalions. Lest we forget.

### **SERGEANT ROBERT STARK LITTLE 102<sup>ND</sup> BATTALION (NORTH BRITISH COLUMBIANS) CEF**



Credit: Victoria Daily Times: 22 June 1917

Birth: 17 September 1884, Kirkcaldie (Kirkaldy) , Fife, Scotland, he was the youngest of six siblings.

Arrival in Canada: 1 May 1902, SS. Sarmatian Quebec and Montreal

Parents: Lawrence S. Little (1846-1911), Janet nee Andrew (1849-1929)

Occupation at Attestation: Machinist

## **Military**

Formerly: 50<sup>th</sup> Regiment (Gordon Highlanders of Canada), Victoria B.C. (est. 1914-1915)

Formerly 67<sup>th</sup> Pioneer Battalion C.E.F., 1916, subsequently transferred to 102<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, C.E.F. Private Little appears in the Nominal Roll of the 67<sup>th</sup> Battalion C.E.F., which embarked on S.S. Olympic from Halifax Nova Scotia on 1 April 1916.

Attestation: 1 September, 915, Victoria, British Columbia

Regimental Number: 102244

### **Extracts From his C.E.F. Military Record:**

Arrived LeHavre, France: 14 August 1916 with 67<sup>th</sup> Pioneer Battalion

Transferred to 102<sup>nd</sup> Battalion CEF: 1 May 1917

Taken on Strength: O.C. Unit/ 102<sup>nd</sup> Battalion: 2 May 1917

5 May 1917: Taken on Strength O.C. Unit 102<sup>nd</sup> Battalion/1 Can Gen

9 June 1917: 1 Can Gen G s/w head/1 Can Gen (**Editor:** Gun Shot Wound to the head)

9 June 1917: 1 Can Gen/Gs/w head/6 Con Dep (he was hospitalized re: a GSW this date, returned to England for treatment.

22 June 1917: 5 Con Dep/Gs/w head/5 Con Dep

9 June 1917: 12 CFA/12 C.F.A. (**Editor:** transferred to 12<sup>th</sup> Battery Canadian Field Artillery)

24 July 1917: 4 C1BD Taken on Strength//4C3BD

15 August 1917: 4C1BD: S.O.S./12 C.F.A./C.C.S

18 August 1917: 4 Ent?/T.O.S./4Ent

25 August 1917: 4 Ent/T.O.S./Unit

15 September 1917: From Unit/Returned to duty/Field

21 September 1917: From 4CDRC/T.O.S./4CDRC

15 October 1917: From CCRX/S.O.S./CCRC

17 November 1917: From Unit/Granted 14 days leave/England

8 December 1917: From Unit/Returned from Leave/Field

12 January 1918: From Unit/Awarded one "Good conduct badge"

9 February 1918: From Unit/Appointed Lance Corporal

24 April 1918: From 13 C.F.A./P.U.O./13 C.F.A.

23 April 1918: From 12 C.F.A./PUO/13 CFA

28 April 1918: From 13 CFA/P.U.O./A 12 C.F.A./T 11 C.F.A.

27 April 1918: From Unit/P.U.O./Duty

27 April 1918: From Unit/Retd to Duty/Field

9 September 1918: From Unit/Promoted Sgt. To Comp. ?/Field (**Editor:** likely 102<sup>nd</sup> (NB) CEF)

29 September 1918: Killed in Action/Field

**Death:** "Killed in Action" 27 September 1918, age: 34

From : "No Stone Unturned" f (see references below) / the 102<sup>nd</sup> Battalion was assigned to take Bourslon on 28 September 1918, for their objective at the start of what we know today as "The Last 100 Days" that led up to the Armistice dated 11 November 1918.

### **Death Information**

102244	Sergeant	LITTLE	Robert Stark
1. UNIT OR SHIP	4. DATE OF CASUALTY	7. H.Q. FILE NO.	6. RELIGION
102nd. Battalion	27-9-18	649-L-7743	Presbyterian
3. CIRCUMSTANCES OF CASUALTY		16. NAME, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN	
<p>"KILLED IN ACTION"</p> <p>While taking part with his Battalion during attack at Bourslon Wood, he was hit in the body and instantly killed by enemy machine gun bullets.</p>			
8. LOCATION OF UNIT AT TIME OF CASUALTY			
NOTE—Items 11, 12 and 13 are not to be completed until grave is permanently located.			
11. CEMETERY	12. LOCATION OF CEMETERY	13. GRAVE LOCATION	14. REGISTERED NO. OF GRAVE
Bourslon Wood British Cemetery,	France.	Grave..... Plot..... Row.....	
15. PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE TAKEN	17. EXPOSURE NO.	18. PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE AND CEMETERY SUPPLIED TO	

Credit: Ancestry.ca

**Burial:** Sgt. Little was buried at Bourslon Wood Cemetery, Bourslon, Department du Pas-de-Calais, Nord-Pas-de-Calais, France



Don Manning (May 2023)  
Burial Plot: I.B.13

**Medals:**

Not eligible for 1914 – 1915 Star  
Eligible for Victory Medal  
Eligible for British War Medal

**Memorial Cross**

Mrs. Janet Little (Mother) :forwarded 16 March 1921

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Canadian Virtual War Memorial: <https://www.veterans.gc.ca/en/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/596435?Robert%20Stark%20Little>

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13 August 2024

Excerpt from “For the Fallen, Robert Lawrence Binyon

***They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.***



## SERGEANT-MAJOR FRANK DOUGLAS PUTNAM 28<sup>TH</sup> CANADIAN ARMoured REGIMENT (BC)



Warrant Officer Class II, "M.Q.M.S". Frank Douglas Putnam  
AKA Sgt-Major Frank Douglas Putnam, Mechanical Quartermaster- Sergeant of The Regiment  
Credit: find a Grave

Warrant Officer Putnam served the 28<sup>th</sup> Armored Regiment (British Columbia) R.C.A.R. from the inception of the Regiment in 1942 until his death on 4<sup>th</sup> May 1945 in Germany,

**Birth:** 20 May 1913, Erickson, Central Kootenay Regional District, British Columbia (3.8 km East of Creston, B.C.)

**Occupation at Enlistment:** Caterpillar Driver, Labourer

**Parents:** Frank Hedley Putnam, (1881-1955), Julia Elizabeth Brondgess, (1883-1952)

**Spouse (married 1933):** Vera Ethel Helen McGonegal (1915- 1999), married 1933

Children of the Marriage: 3 boys: Frank Irwin Putnam, Wayne Douglas Putman, Larry Ralph Putman

**Death:** 4 May 1945, In Action, in Germany, while recovering burned out tanks. He was in company with R.C.E.M.E Quartermaster-Sergeant Edwin Hill, of whom I have prepared a separate article. Both were killed by German Forces who were unaware that the Canadian Army had initiated a Cease-Fire on 4 May 1945, hence they were both Killed in Action.

**Military Career:** SSM Putnam joined the British Columbia Regiment (D.C.O.R). in 1940 and subsequently served with The 28<sup>th</sup> Armored Regiment (BC) R.C.A.C. until his death.

Regimental Number: K37806

### **Military Service:**

Taken on Strength: 19 May 1940 (British Columbia Regiment (D.C.O.R.), New Westminster B.C.

In hospital: 6<sup>th</sup> July to 24 July 1940

Appointment as A.1.Cp: 24 September 1940

Granted 10 days Special Leave: 7 October.1940

Appointed DD. MD. XI for R & C during trade tests: 21 October 1940

Ceases to be attached on return to unit: 23 October 1940  
Qualified as Driver Mechanic Group "C": 2 November 1940  
Granted Furlough 17 December 1940 returned 5 January 1941  
Military Discipline – Reduced to Ranks 14 Days: 16 January 1941  
Committed to Detention: 17 January 1941 to 29 January 1941 (1<sup>st</sup> Battalion)  
Appointed A/L/Cpl. With pay: 16 February 1941  
On Command to #A-11 I.T.C. (Carrier Course): 12 June 1941  
Change of District from MD X I to MD II: 5 May 1941  
Return from On Command: 10 July 1941  
Qualified Driver Mechanic Class 111 (tracked): 22 July 1941  
To be A/Cpl with pay: 1 August 1941  
On Command to Woodstock Ont. To attend D&M School: 5 September 1941 to 3 October 1941  
"On Command" to 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade Carrier School: 6 October 1941  
Qualified as Driver T.C.(AFV) Class II: 3 October 1941  
Proceeded on 4 weeks Harvest Leave": 21 October 1941  
Ceases to be "On Command" at Bde Carrier School: 20 October 1941  
Promotion to be A/Sgt with pay: 1 November 1941  
Returned from "Harvest Leave": 17 November 1941  
Qualified as "Drv. Mech. (T) Class I Group C: 20 November 1941  
Change of District to M.D. 6: 22 November 1941  
Granted annual furlough W# A107888; 5 January 1942 returned 23 January 1942 (B.C.R)  
Qualified as Driver J.C. Class II: 4 October 1941  
On Command to C.A.C. Serial 2 CACTC, Camp Borden: 26 February 1942  
Transferred to C.A.C.: 11 March 1942 (28 C.A.R.)  
Returned from On Command: 15 April 1942  
Proceeded "on Command" to 4 Cdn Armored Division,  
Tank D&M Course Verbal Auth: 19 April 1942  
Qualified U.I. D&M Cl. I: 11 April 1942  
Returned from "On Command": 4 May 1942  
Qualified Class III Driver (Carrier & Tank): 11 April 1942  
Qualified "Motor Mechanic" III: 28 May 1942  
Having att'd Advanced D&M School Woodstock, Ont.,  
Qualified M.C. Grade III: 6 Oct. 1941  
Granted Trades Pay "Sgt. Machinist" Group A: 1 April 1942  
Qualified as "Fitter" Class I Group "A": 10 July 1942  
Proceeded on Special Leave W#193703): 12 July 1942 Returned 25 July 1942  
Confirmed in Rank of Sgt Maj (?) District Pt. II Sec 9 ? 38: 1 November 1941  
SOS CA CAN: 21 August 1942  
TOS CA OS: 29 August 1942  
Disembarked U.K.: 1 September 1942  
Private (?) Leave to 30 September 1942  
Granted P.L. with M.A. to 29<sup>th</sup> January 1943: 20 January 1943  
Adm to 8 Cdn Fd amb & to 7 Gen Hosp: 13 March 1943  
S.O.S. to 3 CACRU on adm to hosp: 13 March 1943  
TOS from 28 Armd Regt on and to 7 Gen: 14 March 1943  
Discharged from No 7 Gen Hosp: 2 April 1943

SOS to 28<sup>th</sup> Arm Regt (Machinist "A"): 8 April 1943  
T.O.S. from 3 CACRU: (Machinist "A"): 9 April 1943  
Admitted to 12 Field Amb.: 28 June 1943 Discharged 6 July 1943  
? Qualified Driv Mech. "C" Machinist(?): 29 June 1943  
Qual Dp Mech Tk "C": 29 June 1943  
Proceed on Waterproofing Course Sherman TKS att to 161 (161 ? RAC): 3 August 1943  
Ret from Waterproof GSC Sher TH ceases: 21 Sept 1943  
Awarded the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp  
Embarked UK for France: 24 July 1944 arrived in France 27 July 1944  
To be A/MQMS (A/W.011): 23 October 1944  
To be WO II (M2MS): 23 Jan 1945  
Killed in Action: 4 May 1945  
S.O.S. Deceased: 4 May 1945  
Killed MQMS: 4 May 1945

**Medals Awarded, as at 14 November 1945:**

1939-1945 Star  
France & Germany Star  
Defence Medal  
War Medal  
C.V.S.M, & Clasp

**Memorial Cross:** Forwarded to Mrs. Vera E.H. Putnam, his Widow, 19 July 1945

Burial: Holten Canadian War Cemetery, Holten, Rijssen – Holten Municipality, Overijssel, Netherlands



Credit: Wouter van Dijken  
Plot: XII.B.16

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Find a Grave: <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/14041444/frank-douglas-putnam>  
28<sup>th</sup> Armored Regiment (C.A.R.) War Diary (1943): <https://recherche-collection-search.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/home/record?app=fonandcol&ldNumber=5110125>  
Death Record: B.C. Registration Number: 703205

## **LIEUTENANT ROBERT PATTERSON DICK, MM 67<sup>TH</sup> BATTALION CEF – 102<sup>ND</sup> BATTALION CEF**

**Lieutenant Robert Patterson Dick, MM  
67<sup>th</sup> & 102nd Battalions CEF  
Regimental # 102233**

The British Columbia Regiment Museum recently received the medal set of Robert Dick, shown below, who was born in Blantyre, Lanarkshire, Scotland on 1<sup>st</sup> July 1892.

By 1911, he and his four brothers and sisters had migrated to Canada and were living with their parents at 1014 McCaskill Street, Victoria, B.C. The house still stands. Prior to and after the war, Robert worked as a Builder, Carpenter and Joiner.

He joined the 67th Battalion (Western Scottish), Canadian Expeditionary Force on September 1st, 1915, at Victoria, B.C and by May of 1917 then Sergeant Dick was serving with the 102nd Battalion (now perpetuated by the British Columbia Regiment).

He embarked for England on 1<sup>st</sup> April 1916. He was promoted to Acting Corporal on 12 July 1916 and embarked with his Battalion for France on 13 August 1916, arriving in Havre on 14 August 1916 and was transferred to the 102<sup>nd</sup> Battalion CEF on 1 May 1917.

He was further promoted to Sergeant on 1 May 1917.

On 21 August 1917, he was wounded in action by a gas shell. At this date, the 102<sup>nd</sup> Battalion was engaged in the Battle of Hill 70.

On 31 August 1918 he was posted to The Canadian Training School.

After recovery, he was transferred to the British Columbia Regiment depot in Seaford, England. He applied for a commission, completed his officer's training and was commissioned as a temporary Lieutenant on 23 November 1918, following completion of the CTS courses in the 2<sup>nd</sup> General Ontario Regiment, 12 days after the war's end.

He then proceeded to France but returned to England pending demobilization on 30 May 1919. Lieutenant Dick elected to retire in England on 17 July 1919.



Lt. Dick's Medals are shown here:



From Left: Military Medal, British War Medal, Victory Medal

### Award of the Military Medal

The 102<sup>nd</sup> Battalion C.E.F. Website lists the London Gazette notice for then Sgt. Dick's award of the Military Cross as follows:

“102233 Sgt. Dick, R. P., 102nd Bn., 2nd C. Ontario R. London Gazette, number 31142, supplement dated 21 January 1919, page 1240”

The Citation date for the Military Medal is 11 September 1918 and is reproduced here:

R 148.				Medal )
Number	Rank	Name	Unit	Ledger )
102233	Sgt.	DICK R.P.	102nd Batt	Folios ) 314
				Receipt )
				Nos. )
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1.	MILITARY MEDAL.	11.9.18.	Corp Order. 1899	
		24-1-19.	L.G. 31142.	

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<https://www.ancestry.ca/search/collections/2471>

## **The Dick Brothers**

Robert's three brothers also served in the First World War:

John Dick (#706503) joined the 67th Battalion and served with them in France, was wounded in action, then transferred to the Canadian Army Medical Corps for the remainder of the war.

Frank Dick (# 102166) joined the 67th Battalion and served with them in France. He was wounded in action, taking a shrapnel wound to the knee.

Thomas Dick (#10355) joined the 67th Battalion and served with them in France. He was wounded in action, suffering multiple shrapnel wounds.

Both of Lieutenant Dick's parents passed away while he was overseas, his father Andrew dying in December 1917, and Mother Margaret in August 1918.

While his three brothers returned to British Columbia following the end of hostilities, Lieutenant Dick decided upon demobilization to stay in the U.K., likely due to matters of the heart. He married Ellen Mephram in May of 1920 and their first daughter; Eileen was born in 1921. Sadly, Ellen died giving birth to their son in May 1928.

At the outbreak of the Second World War, Robert applied for service with the British Army. The telegram from the Canadian War Office to the British War Office advised that (as a Military Medal winner) he had provided satisfactory service in the First War and that they would recommend him for re-activation. One has to wonder if only VC winners provided "better than satisfactory" service. Robert died on November 20, 1950, in East Sussex, U.K.

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**PRIVATE CHARLES HARRIS BURKMAN  
7<sup>TH</sup> BATTALION (1<sup>ST</sup> BC) CEF**



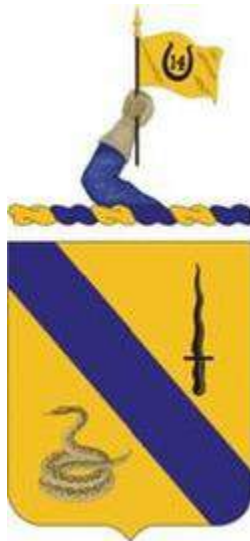
**Regimental Number:** 931436

Birth: Denver, Colorado, United States. 1<sup>st</sup> January 1891

Parents: believed to be of Dutch ancestry

Occupation at Attestation: Clerk

**Military Service prior to attestation:** 14<sup>th</sup> Calvary Regiment , United States Army, 3 years' service, Vancouver , Washington



One of the interesting traditions about the CEF is that it was not uncommon for soldiers to have postcards made up with their image so they could use them to write home. I have never seen images of soldiers in the CEF Records, which makes it challenging to locate images from that time. One of the sources I refer to is the CEF Postcards 1914 – 1919 Facebook Page, which is where I came across the image of Private Burkman above.

### **Military Service (CEF)**

Enlisted: Drafted to 225 Battalion, CEF at Fernie, B.C.: 12 May 1916

Embarked Halifax: 25 January 1917

Arrived Liverpool: 5 February 1917, S.S. Grampian

Taken on Strength 16<sup>th</sup> Reserve Battalion: Seaford 7 February 1917

Hospitalized: 18 April to 20 April 1917

Taken on Strength: 15 February 1918, Field

Taken on Strength 2<sup>nd</sup> CMR: 15 February 1918

Transferred to 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Base Depot: CEF 5 March 1918

Served in France: 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, CEF

On Strength, 7<sup>th</sup> Reserve Battalion: 6 March 1918

Joined Unit: 9 March 1918

Rank indicated as Bugler 225<sup>th</sup> Battalion : 1 July 1918

Gunshot wound shoulder: 9 August 1918

Invalided posted to BC Regiment HQ Seaford: 12 August 1918

Wounded Field: 16 August 1918

My addition: Wounded 8 September 1918, the Last Hundred Days had begun, the 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion Regimental diary indicates the 7<sup>th</sup> had started from the Dury start line, his wounding suggests that it was prior to Cambrai, and closer to Canal du Nord.

Taken off Strength on admission to hospital England (Seaford): 17 August 1918

Taken on Strength to HQ England Seaford: 17 August 1918

Permission to marry: 26 September 1918, bride unknown

Discharged from 3<sup>rd</sup> C? Seaford: 7 December 1918

Discharged, Quebec Depot, 29 August 1919

### **The Postcard Posting of Mr. Dave King of 20 March 2024**

Postwar: An early Run across Canada from Halifax to Vancouver – 1921. Much of this run involved following railway lines as roads across Canada did not exist in 1921.

From CEF Postcards 1914 - 1919 Facebook Page:

“Although it was front page news for months across Canada, the 1921 Halifax to Vancouver foot race is now all but forgotten. Charles Burkman had served in the 7th Battalion in France (previously had prewar service in the US Cavalry) and was known in Halifax as a keen amateur athlete.

The father-son duo of John and Clifford Behan were the second team of veterans to join the nearly 3700-mile hike, which was now a race. John Behan served with the CAMC in England (at the same Princess Patricia's Canadian hospital that my grandparents were at! – note by Mr. Dave King); son Clifford served in France with the 13th Battalion and was wounded in the arm by a German rifle grenade.

A third pair, a young married couple, Frank, and Jennie Dill, also joined the race. Although all three teams set off from Halifax on different dates, it was January, and they all walked into terrible winter weather in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

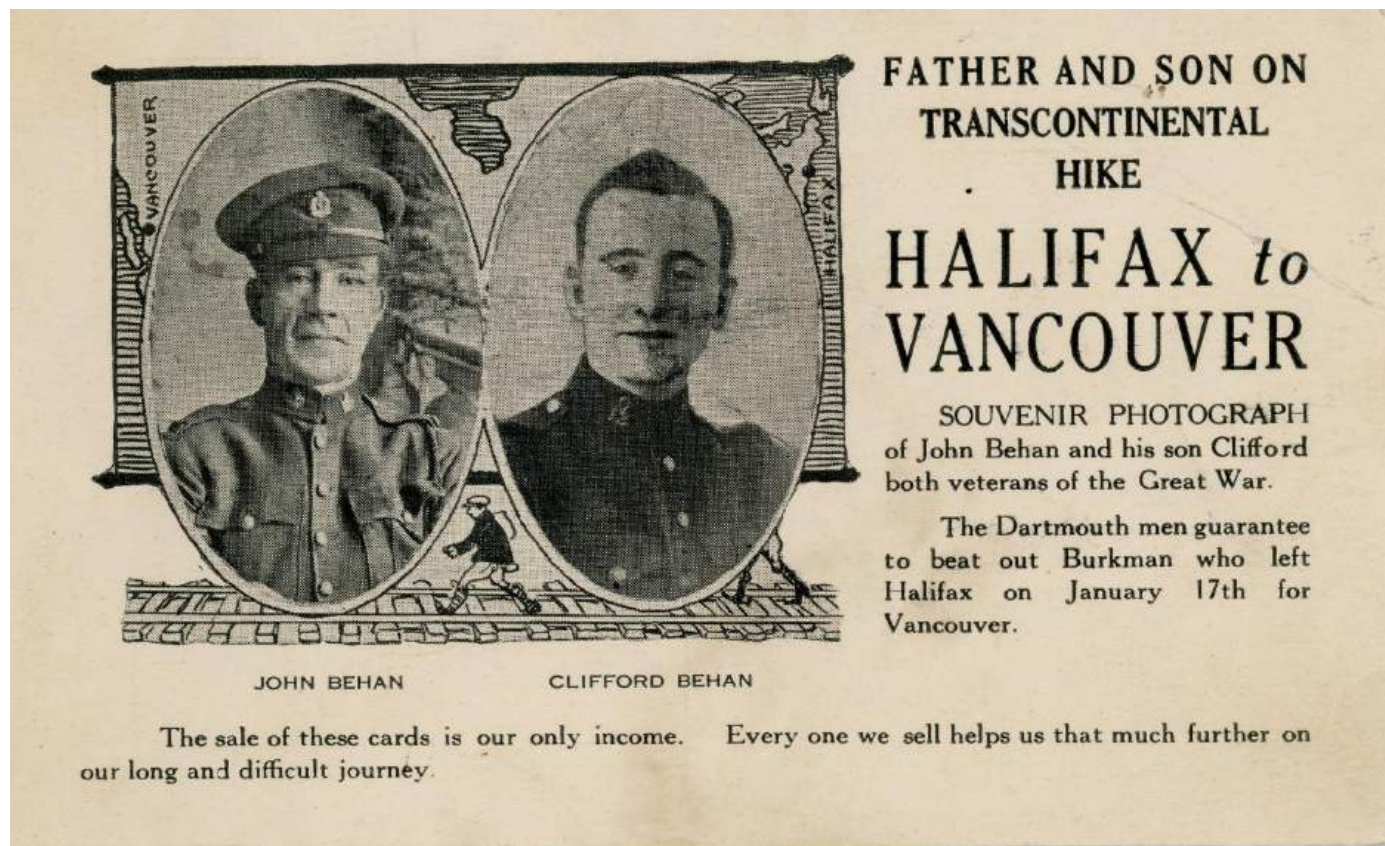
Due to there being no highways across Canada, and even the lack of paved roads in most areas, they all walked along the railway lines.

It took months to reach Vancouver, but all three teams made it within a few days of each other in June of 1921.

The walkers helped to meet their expenses by selling postcards along the way at 10 cents each. I (Dave King) recently picked up these three cards (sadly, didn't find one of the Dills); two printed cards for sale along the way, and an original wartime rppc of Clifford Behan."

This posting included the Burkman postcard above as well as those of the Behan father/son images below. I have included their respective military record links in the references below for those interested in these two veterans, neither of whom were "Dukes". Spoiler alert: The Behans arrived in Vancouver five days before Burkman.

A review of Burkman in newspapers are interesting, Burkman submitted updates to the press as he proceeded across Canada as did Behan, who also sold postcards and spoke to interested audiences along the way.





In researching media of the years after 1921, Burkman simply disappears.

**Life after the Trek:** Burkman returned to live in the United States, following his trek across Canada. A review at Family Search indicates the following:

**Military Draft 1942 (United States):**

Fourth Registration Draft, draft card shown below.

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 28, 1877 and on or before February 16, 1897)

SERIAL NUMBER U 4009 1. NAME (Print) Charles Harris Burkman ORDER NUMBER

2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) 619 1st Hill Ave Seattle - Wash

3. MAILING ADDRESS same

4. SERVICE No 9459 5. AGE IN YEARS 51 6. PLACE OF BIRTH Denver Colorado

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WOULD KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mrs Annie E Christian 619 1st Hill - Seattle - Wash

8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS Unemployed

9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE

D. S. S. FORM 1 (Revised 4-1-42) 15-2303-2 CH. Burkman

**Marriage:**

Kitsap, Washington, United States, 23 June 1945 to Viola Jean Braniff

**Death:**

Burkman passed away at Seattle, Washington on 26 June 1962, aged 62.

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Canadian Expeditionary Force Postcards 1914-1919 Facebook Page

John Albert Behan (the father): 2005050, Canadian Army Medical Corps): Rank Staff Sgt.: Military Record: <https://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.item/?op=pdf&app=CEF&id=B0593-S057>

Clifford P. Behan (the son) (Regimental Number:488790), 63<sup>rd</sup> Regiment (Reinforcing Draft), Rank Private: Military Record: <https://reviewcanada.ca/magazine/2011/11/walking-across-canada/>

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Article Prepared by: Don Manning, Member, The British Columbia Regiment (DCO) Museum Society  
12 June 2024



## CAPTAIN CLAUDE LLEWELLYN HARRIS 7<sup>TH</sup> BATTALION (1<sup>ST</sup> BC) CEF



Captain Claude Llewellyn Harris, 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, CEF  
Image Credit: Canadian Great War Project/Bank of Montreal (1921)

### **Introduction**

Captain C.L. Harris was born in the U.K. Prior to coming to Canada, he was known to be an accomplished Rugby player in Yorkshire, U.K. He migrated to Canada about 1912 settling in Chilliwack, B.C. and was employed as a bank clerk with Bank of Montreal, Chilliwack, B.C.

### **Personal Information**

**Parents:** Thomas Middleton Harris (1855-1947), Annie nee: East (1854-1930)

**Birth:** 16 January 1893, Wakefield, Yorkshire, United Kingdom

**Death:** 9 April 1917, Vimy Ridge

“CEF Burial Registers - Killed in Action - whilst leading his Company in the attack on Vimy Ridge at 5.30 a.m., April 9th, 1917, and when about halfway between the two front line trenches, he was shot through the head by a bullet and instantly killed.”

Captain Harris never married, nor did he have issue.

**Burial:**

Arras Road Cemetery

Rocklincourt, Departement du Pas-de-Calais, Nord Pas -de-Calais, France

His headstone indicates that his father was the Chief Constable of Wakefield, Yorkshire at the time of his death.

Burial Location: I.B.1



Photo Credit: veterans.gc.ca

**Note:** This cemetery was just within the British lines before the Battle of Arras, It was initially begun by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Infantry Brigade after 9 April 1917 and until the Armistice contained only the graves of 71 officers and men of the 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion (1<sup>st</sup> British Columbia Regiment) CEF, who fell in April, May and June 1917. It later was enlarged in 1926-29 to add 933 graves from a wide area North and East of Arras. Of the 1,062 burials, located there, 798 are unidentified. (Credit: Arras Road Cemetery)

**Military Service Prior to Attestation - The Great War:**

4<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Battalion, Yorkshire Regiment, British Army (four years)

70<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Seaforth Highlanders, Vancouver, B.C. (1.5 years)

### **Military, 1914 – 1917:**

Regimental Number on Enlistment: 29063

47<sup>th</sup> Battalion, C.E.F. (New Westminster) – subsequently reassigned to 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion C.E.F.

10 August 1914 to 31 August 1914: Appears assigned to 72<sup>nd</sup> Regiment Seaforth Highlanders.

1 September 1914 to 21 September 1914: 16<sup>th</sup> Battalion CEF, Lance Corporal C.E.F. 22 September 1914 to 31 October 1914.

23 September 1914: 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion C.E.F.: Valcartier, Quebec,

**Editor's Note:** To clarify for the reader, all of the Battalions of the CEF were formed out of the pre-existing Militia unit volunteers and veterans from the Imperial Army located across Canada with approximately 25% of the 7<sup>th</sup> being volunteers with no prior service. The 7<sup>th</sup> was formed from volunteers from the 6<sup>th</sup> DCOR, 11<sup>th</sup> Irish Fusiliers of Canada, 104<sup>th</sup> Westminster Fusiliers, 88<sup>th</sup> Earl Grey's Rifles, Recruits from the Rocky Mountain Rangers, 88<sup>th</sup> Gordon Highlanders of Canada, many of whom were veterans from the Boer War, and Imperial Veterans from across the province especially from the Kootenay's. Minister of Militia, MGen Sam Hughes's plan for mobilization raised over 20,000 troops for deployment in the 1<sup>st</sup> Division on 10 Nov 1914 an amazing feat for the Dominion of Canada considering its population and current state of industrialization. The 7<sup>th</sup> was truly a Regiment of British Columbians.

7 October 1914: Departs Quebec S.S. Andania.

1 April 1915: No. 14 General Hospital Wimereaux treated for Vision issue

2 April 1915: No.4 Hospital St. Omer, treated for Vision issue, treated at No.6 Gas Clearing Station, Merielle, to No. 4 Stat. Hospital, St. Omer

13 April 1915: No. 14 General Hospital Marlboro – vision issue – Transfer to Class B Camp

17 July 1915: No. 3 Gen. Base Dept.- returned to duty.

8 December 1915: To Cadet School - Blendercques

23 January 1916: To be posted as Lieutenant, 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, in London Gazette, 11/2/1916 – granted Commission 7 February 1916 – posted to 7<sup>th</sup> Canadian Battalion - Field.

5 February 1916: On Command 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion

10 June 1916: To be Acting Captain

24 September 1916: Appears as Rank of Lieutenant.

25 September 1916: Wounded, Field

26 September 1916: Admitted to No. 5 Red Cross Hospital Boulogne following wounding 24 September 1916 (Shell Shock)

30 September 1916: S.W.C. Arm

7 October 1916: Rejoined unit

12 October 1916: Wounded – Shell shock at Duty

15 October 1916: Wounded (shell shock)

17 October 1916: Reported Wounded 12 October 1916, remaining at duty (shell shock)

30 December 1916: To Be Captain, Vice-Captain G. Paterson (to England)

11 January 1917: To be Captain

10 February 1917: Appointed Acting Major whilst commanding a company from 11 August 1916 to 22 November 1916.

27 February 1917: appointed Acting Major whilst commanding a Company from 11 August 1916 to 22 November 1916.

9 April 1917: Killed in Acton (Vimy Ridge)

### Medals and Awards:

Plaque & Scroll: Forwarded to his father

Memorial Cross: forwarded to his Mother

Dispatched 23 October 1920

### Obituary (Chilwack, B.C.)

#### **CAPT. C. L. HARRIS KILLED.**

Capt. C. L. Harris, formerly of the Bank of Montreal staff here, has been killed in action during the recent heavy fighting in France. Capt. Harris enlisted with a Highland Battalion at the outbreak of the war as a private, and was afterwards transferred to the Seventh Battalion, and attained the rank of captain in recognition of his splendid services in the field. He was a very fine type of young man, and the many friends he made while resident here will be deeply sorry that he has been called upon to give up his life for the cause of Empire. His parents reside in England.

Credit: Great Canadian War Project

### Memorial

#### **CLAUDE LLEWELYN HARRIS**

*CAPTAIN, 7th Battalion, C.E.F.*

Was born in Wakefield, England, in 1893. He was educated at the Wakefield Grammar School. He came to Canada in 1912 and entered the service of the Bank of Montreal. In 1915 he enlisted in British Columbia, as a Private in the 72nd Battalion, Seaforth Highlanders of Canada, and went to France with his unit. In January, 1916, he was given his commission as Lieutenant and attached to the 7th Battalion. During the enemy attack at Ypres in June, 1916, when all his Company officers were casualties, he took command and led his men with great skill. He was later promoted to Captain. Soon afterwards he was severely wounded, but on his recovery he rejoined his unit and was promoted to acting-Major. He was instantly killed while leading his company in the attack for the capture of Vimy Ridge on the morning of April 9th, 1917.

Credit: Canadian Great War Project

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**PRIVATE ROY DUNSTERVILLE CHANDLER  
7<sup>TH</sup> BATTALION (1<sup>ST</sup> BC) CEF**



Source: CEF Postcards Facebook Page

Regimental Number: 16870

Birth: 29 October 1893, Colquitz, Victoria, British Columbia

Parents: John Forsythe Chandler, Lizzie Denham

Trade: Farmer/Groomer/Fruit Grower

Attestation: 23 September 1914, no previous military service, Valcartier, Quebec.

**Military Record Excerpts:**

Treated for Influenza: 17 January 1915, discharged 23 January 1915, Devezes, Wiltshire

Reported Missing: 15 May 1915

Capture by The German Army: 25 April 1915, Ypres, Belgium

Determined to be a Prisoner of War: 15 May 1915, location Rennbahn Camp, Munster, Westphalia, Germany

Last Place of Internment: Friedrichsfeld, VII Army Corps (Munster)/Arrival 23 November 1918, Departure 26 November 1918, repatriation destination Victoria, B.C.

Arrived at 36 Camp, Ripon, Yorkshire: 24 November 1918

Sailed for Halifax, Nova Scotia: Empress of Britain, 25 February 1919 with 88<sup>th</sup> Battalion, CEF

Demobilized: 20 March 1919, Hastings Park, Vancouver, B.C.

Struck off Strength, B.C. Regiment: 17 February 1919

**From a posting on the CEF Postcards Facebook page, 2024:**

The circumstances of his surrender at St. Julien well explains what happened. (Grammar and punctuation changes by the writer)

“Here is a RPPC of Roy Dunsterville Chandler of the 7th Battalion, taken prisoner at St Julien. This card was taken during his time as a POW, apparently, they were allowed to go into town to have their photos taken. He was interviewed in his later years where he described his being taken prisoner.

“When we surrendered at St. Julien. The captain had no alternative. He had held out there for as long as he could and practically lost all his men. When we came through in the middle of the night the British were scattered around like quail. Captain Northwood said, “I haven’t got any men. We’ll get away tonight.” Before it was anything like dark the Heinies appeared, with prisoners they’d picked up along the way, all lined up in front of them. The captain said, “We can’t fire at that. We can’t fire and kill our own men.” Besides we couldn’t hope to win and there was nothing else to do but surrender, and we did. “Put down your arms,” he said. “Lay down your arms.” That was it.”

I believe the Captain Northwood mentioned was Captain George Northwood of the 8th Battalion. Roy is shown here wearing an early war tunic with British Columbia cloth shoulder patches.”

**Life following Discharge:** Our man married Marguerite Winnifred Brooke Bennett, 23 September 1921, Strawberry Vale, Saanich, B.C.

Roy Dunsterville Chandler died 2 May 1980 at Memorial Pavilion, Saanich, B.C., he was 94.

Burial: Royal Oak Burial Park, Saanich, B.C., Section M



His occupation at death is listed as Farmer.

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**JULY**

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY  
CANADA DAY REMEMBRANCE  
SAINT JULIEN SQUARE  
VANCOUVER, B.C.  
1 JULY 2024**



We remembered the service and sacrifice of our soldiers, past and present, in a brief ceremony held at Saint Julien Square in the late morning of Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup> to mark Canada's 157<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

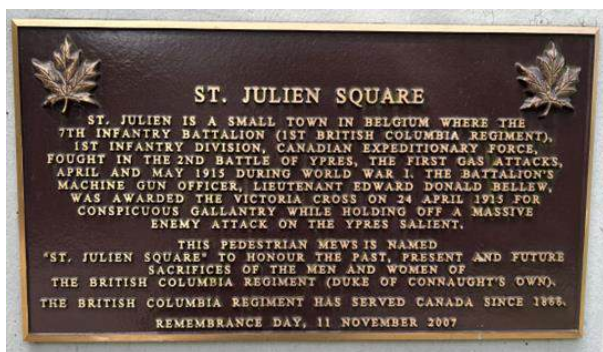


A Candle of Remembrance was lit and placed on the Memorial, a moment of silence was observed, and the Act of Remembrance was recited.





Members of the 4<sup>th</sup> Midland Venturers joined the Regimental Secretary, former Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, in placing a wreath on behalf of the Regimental Family.



**They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN AND IN THE MORNING,  
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM. WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.**

Thank you to our Venturer friends visiting the City of Vancouver from Midland, Ontario, while attending their Pacific Jamboree.

Up the Dukes!

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY  
CANADA DAY - CHINESE CULTURAL CENTRE  
CHINATOWN, VANCOUVER  
1 JULY 2024**





A first-class celebration of Canada Day took place in the courtyard of the Chinese Cultural Centre in Vancouver's historic Chinatown at noon today.



The event was hosted by the Chinese Benevolent Association ("CBA") and the Chinese Community of Vancouver. The program featured the official raising of the Canadian Flag by Warrant Officer Paul Lau, CD, 39 CBG, with his contingent from ANAVETS, Pacific Unit No. 280, followed by the introduction of special guests, including many elected officials, officers of CBA, ANAVETS President King Wan, VP Kelly Kwong, VP Steve Ko, and President, Judge (Ret'd) Randall Wong, of the Chinese Canadian Military Museum and the Regimental Secretary, former Honorary Colonel of the Regiment Ted Hawthorne.



Several dance groups performed the always enjoyable, traditional Lion Dance (to bring prosperity and good luck) accompanied by various drum groups.





The speakers were the elected officials, officers of the CBA and Judge Wong.



The concluding highlight of the celebration was the presentation of a massive “Happy Birthday Canada Cake”, accompanied by the traditional roast pig. All guests were served a delightful “snack” to conclude the festivities!



Congratulations to the CBA and thank you for the wonderful hospitality!



Happy Canada Day!



## CANADA DAY SALUTE STANLEY PARK 15<sup>th</sup> FIELD REGIMENT (RCA)



15<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment (RCA) under the command of LCol Andrew Grieve fired off the traditional 21 gun salute at Stanley Park to mark the 107<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Canada in 1867. BCR Association President, LCol Jim Barrett, also a former CO of 15 FD joined the gunners for an excellent day. A few pictures have been included of this event. More information can be found in the Vancouver Gunner News.





## CDS Message: Appointment of the new Chief of the Defence Staff



As we prepare for a new chapter in the leadership of the Canadian Armed Forces, I would like to offer my sincere congratulations to Lieutenant-General Jennie Carignan on her appointment to succeed me as the incoming Chief of the Defence Staff.

LGen Carignan's distinguished career and unwavering commitment to our nation make her an excellent choice to lead the Canadian Armed Forces. Her leadership at every level has been marked by integrity, dedication, compassion, and a profound understanding of our mission.

Having served alongside LGen Carignan, I can attest to her exceptional leadership qualities, intellectual curiosity, and strategic vision. Her deep operational experience around the world and at home, and institutional experience handling some of the most difficult challenges will be invaluable as we continue to navigate the complexities of our increasingly dangerous security environment.

In the coming weeks, we will work together to ensure a seamless and deliberate transition of responsibilities and I am confident that LGen Carignan will receive the full support of the Defence Team as she assumes her new role.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank those who stepped up to be considered for this role. Given the quality of each of the individuals, the Government had great options.

I am immensely proud of the accomplishments of all of you. I continue to be heartened by the quality of people we have in the CAF. We have been through a challenging period together, and much more urgent work remains, but I am confident that our institution is on a road to greater readiness and continued operational excellence. As I prepare to pass the torch to LGen Carignan, I know she will successfully lead the Canadian Armed Forces through this period of significant change.

Please join me in welcoming LGen Carignan to her new role. Together, let us reaffirm our commitment to upholding the values and principles of the Canadian Armed Forces as we continue to serve our nation with pride and dedication.

General Wayne Eyre  
Chief of the Defence Staff

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY  
VISIT TO THE CONSTITUENCY OFFICE OF  
THE HONOURABLE TERRY BEECH, PC, MP  
BURNABY NORTH - SEYMOUR  
MINISTER OF CITIZENS' SERVICES  
5 JULY 2024**



Kudos to the Honourable Terry Beech and his staff for their ongoing support of the Regimental Association by providing full size Canadian Flags for ceremonies and, in particular, for the Hill 140 Memorial in Normandy, small flags for the graves of our Fallen and Canadian Flag Pins for the many school children we meet on tour or at remembrance ceremonies.

Thank you once again and our very best wishes!

Up the Dukes!

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY  
CHINESE CANADIAN MILITARY MUSEUM SOCIETY  
AND  
ANAVETS, PACIFIC UNIT NO. 280  
6 JULY 2024**

The Chinese Canadian Military Museum Society (“CCMMS”) and ANAVETS, Pacific Unit # 280 (“ANAVETS”), held their respective regular monthly business meetings via ZOOM this morning. The meetings were very well attended and included many informative updates for members with respect to this very busy time of year.



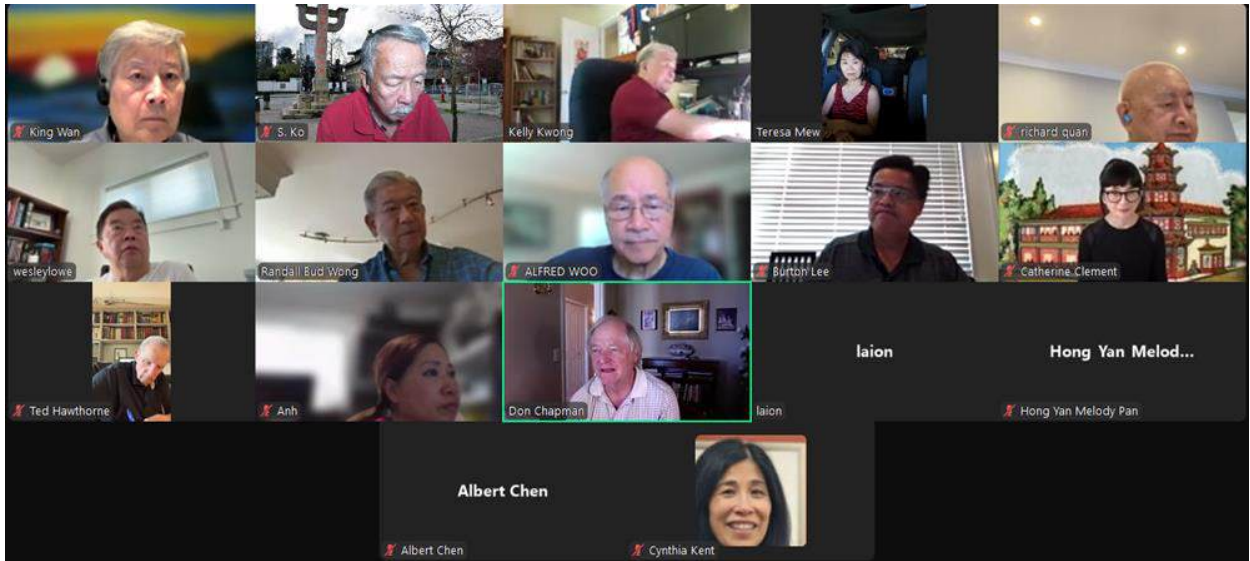
The meeting for ANAVETS was chaired by President King Wan, and the meeting of CCMMS was chaired by the President, Judge (Ret'd) Randall Wong.





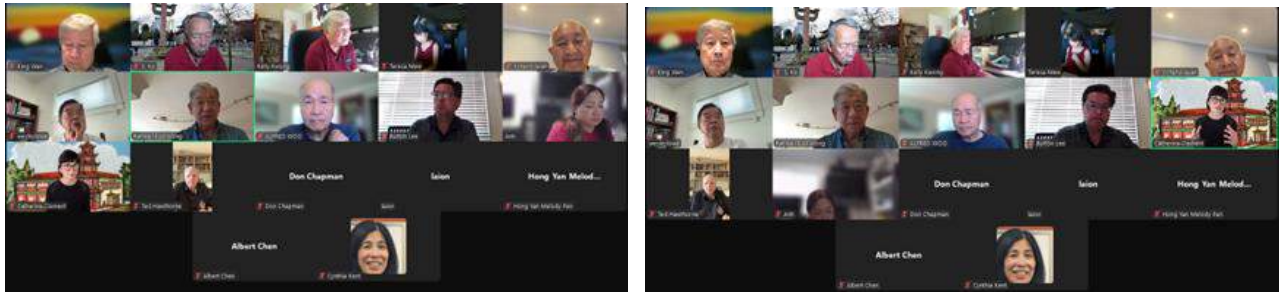


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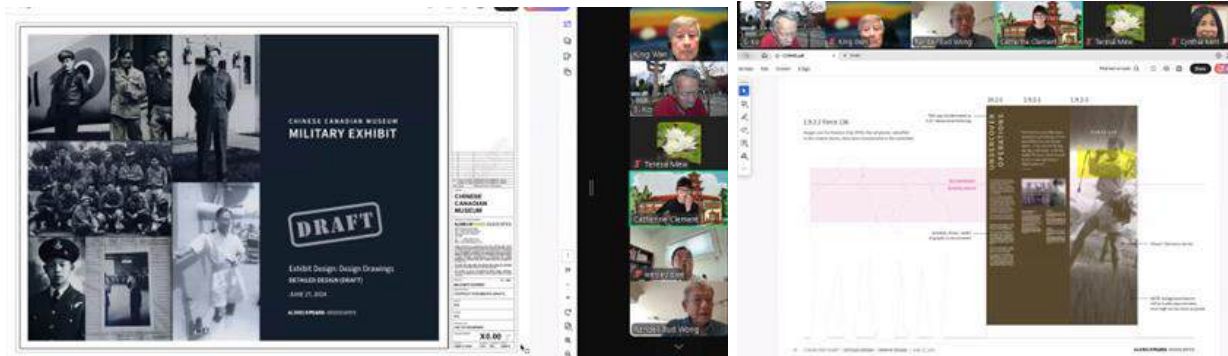


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The Regimental Secretary, Ted Hawthorne, at the request of President Wan, provided a complete update of the very well attended Regimental Association D-Day Ceremony held at St. Julien Square on Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup> last. A special thank you to ANAVETS and CCMMS for their great support!

Thank you ANAVETS and CCMMS for your continuing service and dedication to our veterans and to the community!

Well done indeed!

# INTERMENT CEREMONY NEWFOUNLAND'S TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER

By Jim Stanton

On 1 July 1916, 801 Newfoundlanders rose up out of the trenches at Beaumont-Hamel, France to attack German forces in what is known as the "Battle of the Somme." Only 68 Newfoundlanders answered the roll call on July 2nd. A generation of Newfoundland's finest young men were wiped out.



Over 800 Newfoundlanders and Labradorians lie in European military graves marked, Known Unto God.



After years of planning, an unknown Newfoundland soldier from World War I began his long journey home to Newfoundland from a military cemetery in France. Because the soldier is unknown, the Premier of the Province has been named his next of kin and accepted the remains on behalf of the people of the Province.

Canada has two National War Memorials, one in Ottawa and the other in St. John's. This is because, when the Newfoundland memorial was built, Newfoundland was a separate Dominion in the British Empire.



The French government agreed to the transfer and handed over the remains in a casket at the memorial site in Beaumont-Hamel.



Members of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment accepted the coffin from the French Army and boarded a plane to return to Canada.



As the aircraft neared the coast of Newfoundland, RCAF CF-18 fighters escorted the plane into Canadian airspace and assured its safe landing at St. John's International Airport.



A new crypt was built to hold the Unknown in front of the National Memorial.



The Unknown lay in state for three days in the rotunda at the House of Assembly (the Provincial parliament.) Thousands of Newfoundlanders filed past the remains to pay their respects.



On a cool day, threatening rain, the remains were escorted to the National War Memorial for reinterment with hundreds of personnel on parade, armed forces, police, veterans, first responders, security personnel, cadets, and service groups. Thousands of spectators attended the National War Memorial.



The Memorial itself had been refurbished and the bronze statues now have the same lustrous sheen they had in 1924.

Appropriate prayers and speeches were delivered by the Prime Minister, the Governor General of Canada, the Lt.-Gov. of Newfoundland Labrador, and the Premier of Newfoundland Labrador.

A 19-gun salute was provided by the reserve artillery battery and the RCAF conducted a fly past of a C-130 Hercules from the Nova Scotia Search and Rescue Squadron.





Soldiers from the Royal Newfoundland Regiment lowered the casket into the crypt and a temporary seal was placed on it. A permanent cover, incorporating the Forget Me Not flowers of the Province has been added.



As the VIPs departed, citizens poured onto the Cenotaph area to spend a moment of reflection. The sun came out and calm prevailed.

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY  
CELEBRATION OF BASTILLE DAY, LA FETE NATIONALE FRANCAISE  
CONSULATE GENERAL OF FRANCE  
ROYAL VANCOUVER YACHT CLUB  
12 JULY 2024**



France's National Day was suitably celebrated by the many attendees at the very enjoyable reception hosted by Nicolas Baudouin, the Consul General of France in Vancouver, at the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club in the early afternoon of Friday, 12 July 2024, on a beautiful summer day







The Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Farid Rohani, was in attendance along with the Regimental Secretary, former Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, and friends of the Regimental Family, King Wan,



President of the Naval Association of B.C. and ANAVETS, Pacific Unit No. 280, Richard Liu, Honorary Brigade Division President, Burnaby Division, St. John Ambulance, former Honorary Captain, RCN, Tung Chan, and Guy Black.

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY  
TIRGAN SUMMER FESTIVAL  
COQUITLAM TOWN CENTRE  
LAFARGE LAKE  
13 JULY 2024**



The annual Tirgan Summer Festival was hosted by the Tri-City Iranian Cultural Society and was very well attended and aptly described by Tourism Coquitlam, as follows:

“Tirgan is a vibrant and culturally rich festival celebrating the heritage of the Iranian community. Rooted in ancient traditions, Tirgan features a lively blend of music, dance, art, and cuisine, showcasing the diverse cultural tapestry of Iran. This annual event brings together people of all backgrounds to enjoy and appreciate the beauty and depth of Iranian culture, making it a cornerstone of cultural exchange and community spirit.....”



This year’s program featured the playing of “O Canada” and a traditional Persian Anthem, most ably performed by the Band of the 15<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment, RCA, under the direction of Lieutenant Eric Wong, CD.



The crowd at the TD Community Plaza responded with amazing enthusiasm. Very well done indeed to our Gunner friends! Thank you!





Honorary Colonel Farid Rohani was in attendance and represented the Regimental Family along with the Regimental Secretary, Ted Hawthorne, and Past President Gayle Hawthorne.

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY  
CANADIAN WAR MUSEUM  
CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY  
CHIEF OF DEFENCE STAFF  
OTTAWA, ONTARIO  
18 JULY 2024**





The Change of Command Ceremony from General Wayne Eyre, CMM, MSC, CD to General Jennie Carignan, CMM, MSC, MSM, CD, was held at the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa, in the mid morning of Thursday, 18 July 2024.



The Commander-in-Chief, Governor General Mary Simon, CC, CMM, COM, OQ, CD was the Presiding Officer.



Congratulations to the outgoing CDS, General Eyre, on his successful command and dedicated years of service to the CAF and congratulations to General Carignan on her promotion and her appointment as the new Chief of Defence Staff.

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY  
ANNUAL CADET BBQ FUNDRAISER**

# MERIDIAN PARK ESTATES (CLUBHOUSE) SURREY, B.C. 20 JULY 2024

By: Sandra Young, Director and Secretary



On Saturday, July 20th, the BCR Association held its Cadet BBQ Fundraiser at Roger & Louise Prouse's clubhouse in South Surrey. It was another beautiful sunny afternoon, and the clubhouse had a nice cool



breeze blowing through it. The event consisted of great food, prizes and our 3rd annual bean bag baseball tournament.



In attendance were former Association Presidents Archie Steacy (Lynda), Ted & Gayle Hawthorne and current Association President Jim Barrett (Patricia) and Association Vice President Scott Hamilton. Other attendees included Archie Pow (Judy), Mike Azzano (Elisa & new arrival Marcus), new member Don McGovern and Bob and Trudy Hanna.



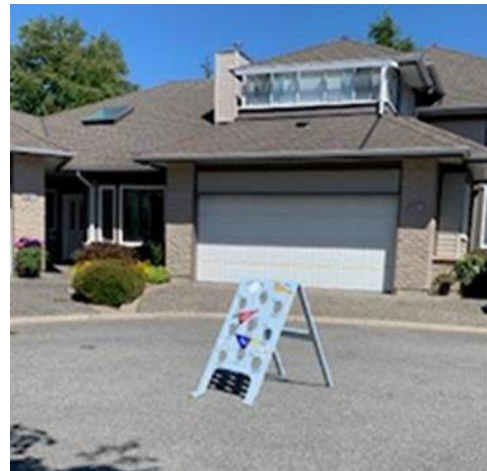
The BBQ contained appy's, hamburgers/hot dogs and fixins, salads & an assortment of desserts. Many thanks to all who contributed to put this together, Lynda Steacy, Patricia Barrett, Gayle & Ted Hawthorne, Sandra Young and grill master Graydon Young.







After lunch we had the 3rd Annual bean bag baseball tournament, which was a fun, very interactive game between Team Hawthorne & Team Barrett. Team Hawthorne finally broke Team Barrett's winning streak with a 6-4 win. Congratulations Team Hawthorne. MVP of the game will have to go out to Archie Steacy (Team Hawthorne) as he was able to get 3 home runs in a row.





After the game we headed back to the clubhouse to draw for prizes. You had chances to win door prizes, raffle lucky draw prizes and 50/50. There were many winners, and this year's raffle lucky draw prize winner for the scratch lottery ticket tree was won by Jim & Patricia Barrett.

Special thank you to Roger & Louise for the use and contribution of their clubhouse and hospitality and thank you to everyone who attended which contributed towards the event or by personal donation as its very much appreciated and helps to support our Cadet Development Programme sponsorships. Hope to see everyone next year and more.

Up the Dukes!

## FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY 4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT FOR COLON CANCER PORT COQUITLAM COMMUNITY CENTRE 20 JULY 2024



This year's Colon Cancer Event, hosted by The Goutsisson Family Foundation, was a sellout and a complete success with over 100 teams competing in the Cornhole Classic.



Congratulations to our Regimental Family supporters, Shane and Krista, for their great work with the Foundation and Kudos to our Regimental Family members for their support of this highly successful event, Michelle and Sean (Generations Real Estate Partners), Bill McCarthy (McCarthy Properties) and Ted and Gayle (The Hawthorne Family).



The net proceeds raised from the event will go to The B.C. Cancer Foundation for Colon Cancer Research. Congratulations and well done!



**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY  
VISIT OF DR. SANG TAE SHIN, CHAIRMAN  
KOREAN VETERANS ASSOCIATION  
THE DRILL HALL  
VANCOUVER, B.C.  
25 JULY 2024**



The Regimental Family was pleased to receive a visit to The Drill Hall from the Chairman of the Korean Veterans Association, Dr. Sang Tae Shin, of Seoul, Republic of Korea.



Dr Shin was accompanied by Michael Chang, President of the Korean Veterans Association, Western Canada Chapter, and Byoung Cheol Lim, Director of International Cooperation, also of Seoul. Our special guests were greeted by the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Farid Rohani, Corporal Cody Warrington, Jim Barrett, President of the Regimental Association, Bill Whalen, President of the Regimental Museum and former Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, Regimental Secretary.







Messrs. Barrett and Whalen conducted a first class tour of the Drill Hall, including an impressive tour of the Museum and the Officers' Mess.



An impromptu meeting in the Officers' Mess was held by the group where veterans issues were discussed at length. HCol Rohani presented Dr Shin with his HCol's coin.



A most enjoyable time was had by all and compliments all around were received for such an impressive visit.



Many thanks to our KVA Friends for their excellent work for veterans!



**Editor's Note:**

A photo of Corporal Warrington wearing the new CAF issue CADPAT Multi-Terrain (MT) is included....note the Maple Leaf!



Thank you Corporal Warrington for your assistance throughout the visit.

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY  
DINNER IN HONOUR OF KOREAN WAR VETERANS  
KOREAN VETERANS ASSOCIATION  
YAN'S GARDEN, KOREA TOWN CENTRE  
BURNABY, B.C.  
26 JULY 2024**



An outstanding dinner for Korean Veterans and the Korean Community was hosted by the Chairman of the Korean Veterans Association, Dr. Sang Tae Shin, of Seoul, Republic of Korea.



Our good friend and colleague, Michael Chang, President of the Korean Veterans Association, Western Canada Chapter, acted as the Master of Ceremonies before the “full house”.







The KVA in Korea represents over eleven million veteran members. Attendees for the amazing evening included Senator Yonah Martin, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Anne Kang, President of The Royal Canadian Legion, BC/Yukon Command, Craig Thomson, RCL Vice President, Bob Underhill and many other Community Leaders.







Former Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, was also in attendance representing the Regimental Family and was recognized during the course of the extensive agenda for the evening. Our good friend and supporter of the Regimental Family, Guy Black, Medal of Civil Merit (South Korea) and Honorary Citizen, Gapyeong County (ROK), was also in attendance.

Again, congratulations to Dr. Shin for a most successful and enjoyable evening!

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY  
11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL KOREAN WAR VETERANS DAY CEREMONY  
AMBASSADOR OF PEACE KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL  
CENTRAL PARK, BURNABY, B.C.  
27 JULY 2024**







The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Korean War Veterans Day Ceremony commemorating the 71<sup>st</sup> 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) in the late morning of Saturday, July 27th.



The ceremony was very well attended by many elected officials, dignitaries, veterans, supporters and first responders from the community.





Former Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne was recognized during the course of the programme and placed a wreath on behalf of the Regimental Family.



BCR Association Brass Band Bugle Sergeant Jose Blanco played The Last Post and Rouse. The Lament was played, after the moment of silence, by ANAVETS Piper Caroline Ng where the attendees all faced in the direction of the Republic of South Korea (in the direction of Pusan). The Act of Remembrance was recited by Korean War Veterans and the Commitment to Remember was recited by two students.



The Shin Myung Drum Company played at the beginning of the event and The Vancouver Korean Choir performed at the conclusion. The Ceremony also included the special attendance of Elizabeth MacHardy (sister of Pte. William Strachan, 2 RCR, KIA in 1951 during the Battle of Chail-Li at Kakhul-bong Hill in Korea), accompanied by Guy Black.

Special thanks to Senator Yonah Martin, Randeep Sarai, MP, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Veterans Affairs and Donna Twemlow, VAC, Richard N. Liu, Honorary Brigade Division President, Burnaby Division, St. John Ambulance and Michael Chang, President of the Korean Veterans Association, Western Canada Chapter, for their support.





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, with the support of Senator Martin.

Many thanks to KWCA for this wonderful ceremony of remembrance.

## **CDS ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF VCDS**

Defence Team,

Today, we are delighted to congratulate Lieutenant General (LGen) Stephen Kelsey on his new role as Vice Chief of the Defence Staff (VCDS).

LGen Kelsey is a distinguished leader with over three decades in the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF), embodying exceptional leadership and strategic insight. Commissioned in 1988, he has commanded with excellence in various roles, including operational deployments in Croatia, Montenegro, and Afghanistan. His expertise in reconnaissance and operations has been pivotal, supported by advanced education and international recognition. His appointment comes at an exciting time for Defence as we implement new initiatives like [Our North, Strong and Free](#), and require new innovative solutions to navigate the challenges ahead. LGen Kelsey will undoubtedly continue to exemplify leadership and strategic effectiveness as the new VCDS.

Today, we also bid farewell to LGen Frances Allen after 41 years of distinguished service with the CAF. LGen Allen’s diverse career has included postings such as Director General Cyber Force Development and the Canadian Military Representative at NATO in Brussels. As the first woman to hold the position of VCDS, LGen Allen led on important files such as Reconstitution and NORAD Modernization.

We extend our appreciation and gratitude to LGen Allen for her unwavering dedication and exceptional leadership to the Defence Team.

We would also like to thank Chief Warrant Officer (CWO) Christopher Robin for all his hard work supporting the VCDS Group for the past two years as Command CWO and wish him the best in his new role as we welcome Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Stan Ryan to work alongside LGen Kelsey as the new VCDS Command CWO.

Please join us in welcoming LGen Kelsey in his new role as the VCDS.

General Jennie Carignan  
Chief of the Defence Staff

Stefanie Beck  
Deputy Minister



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**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY  
MID SUMMER HEALTH CHECK  
B.C. DAY LONG WEEKEND  
PORT MOODY, B.C.  
3 AUGUST 2024**



The advance party of the BCR Junior Ranks Mess, ably led by the PMC, Cpl Stephen Delaat, initiated the Mid Summer Health Check event with the first stop at The Parkside Brewery, a children and pet friendly premises situate in Port Moody's ever popular Brewer's Row, adjacent to beautiful Rocky Point Park.



A very timely mid afternoon stop indeed with the hot spell continuing and temperatures reaching 30 degrees Celsius.





Well done, BCR Junior Ranks!  
Thank you PMC for the outstanding hospitality...great team building!

Stay hydrated and Happy B.C. Day!  
Up the Dukes!

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY  
WILLIAM P. J. MCCARTHY, ORDER OF BRITISH COLUMBIA  
5 AUGUST 2024**



I am pleased to advise the Regimental Family that our good friend and colleague, Bill McCarthy, has been awarded the Order of British Columbia. The citation reads as follows:

“William P.J. McCarthy, Burnaby, for his historic and transformative support of health care and community as one of B.C.’s most impactful philanthropists.”

A link is included for your further information:

<https://islandsocialtrends.ca/order-of-bc-awards-to-12-ipients-in-2024/>

As officially stated by the Province:

“The Order of British Columbia recognizes those persons who have served with the greatest distinction and excelled in any field of endeavour benefiting the people of British Columbia and beyond. The Order represents the highest form of recognition the Province can extend to its citizens.”

Congratulations from the Regimental Family, Bill!

Up the Dukes!



**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY  
HILL 140, NORMANDY  
9 AUGUST 1944**



Fellow Dukes,

On this day, 9 August 1944, we remember the service and sacrifice of all of our soldiers of the 28th Canadian Armoured Regiment (British Columbia Regiment) CAC and the Algonquin Regiment, our Infantry support, a very special day in the history of both Regiments.

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

Up the Dukes!

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY  
CEREMONY OF REMEMBRANCE  
SAINT JULIEN SQUARE, VANCOUVER, B.C.  
80<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF NORMANDY AT HILL 140  
NATIONAL PEACEKEEPERS’ DAY  
9 AUGUST 2024**



A very memorable Ceremony of Remembrance was held this morning at Saint Julien Square to honour the service and sacrifice of the soldiers of the 28th Canadian Armoured Regiment (British Columbia Regiment) and The Algonquin Regiment, our infantry support during WWII, and to remember the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Normandy, Operation Totalize at Hill 140.



The Candle of Remembrance was lit by Don McGovern. The wreath for the Regimental Family was placed by the Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment, Bill Diamond, escorted by Regimental Association Members Terry Ko and Don McGovern.





Regimental Secretary Ted Hawthorne acted as the Master of Ceremonies and provided the greeting, the historical background on “The Dukes at Hill 140”, Terry Ko recited the Act of Remembrance and Don McGovern recited the Commitment to Remember.

The Regimental Secretary also recognized the service and sacrifice of our Peacekeepers and provided the background of the National Peacekeepers’ Day, as follows:

“National Peacekeepers’ Day is observed in Canada each year on August 9 – a time to remember all those who have done so much for peace, security and human rights. National Peacekeepers’ Day was established in 2008. August 9 was selected as National Peacekeepers’ Day to recognize the greatest single loss of Canadian lives on a peacekeeping mission, which occurred on that date in 1974. All nine Canadian peacekeepers who were on a United Nations-marked Canadian transport aircraft were killed when their plane was shot down by Syrian missiles during a regular resupply mission in the Middle East.”

Concluding remarks were delivered by Colonel Diamond and the MC.



A reception on site followed compliments of Past President Gayle Hawthorne of the Regimental Association, where traditional Duke camaraderie was the order of the day.



Other BCRs in attendance included Roger and Louise Prouse, Andre Poitras, Roi Hirtle, Sylvia Saunders and her two brothers, Rod and Jeff (their father was wounded on the Hill).

We will remember them!

Up the Dukes!

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY  
CO'S COMMITTEE AND REGIMENTAL TRUST MEETINGS  
THE DRILL HALL, VANCOUVER, B.C.  
14 AUGUST 2024**





The August meeting of the BCR Commanding Officer's Committee was held in person and virtually via MS Teams in the late afternoon of Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Bill Diamond chaired the very comprehensive CO's Committee meeting which included detailed reports from the President of the Regimental Association, LCol (Ret'd) Jim Barrett, the Chairman of the Regimental Association Charitable Trust, former Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, the President of the BCR Museum, Bill Whalen, the Cadet Governor, LCol (Ret'd) Jim Barrett, the Band Governor, Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Bill Diamond, the Regimental Secretary, Ted Hawthorne, the Report of the BCR Trust, by Bill McCarthy, OBC and the Commanding Officer's update, by Lieutenant-Colonel Adam Brown, who provided a thorough review of the Regiment's current status.



All reports were very well received by the members. A brief meeting of The British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own) Trust, chaired by Bill McCarthy, OBC, was held to conclude the afternoon's proceedings.

Congratulations to all members for their continuing support of the Regiment.  
Up the Dukes!



**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY  
REMEMBERING THE 79<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF  
THE END OF WORLD WAR II  
CHINATOWN MEMORIAL PLAZA, VANCOUVER, B.C.  
15 AUGUST 2024**



V-J Day was remembered in a brief ceremony held at the Chinatown Memorial Plaza in the late morning of August 15<sup>th</sup> on the occasion of the 79<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of World War II.



A wreath for ANAVETS, Pacific Unit # 280, was placed by the President, Commander King Wan, CD (Ret'd), a wreath for the Chinese Canadian Military Museum Society was placed by Lieutenant-Colonel John Nosotti, CD (Ret'd) and a wreath was placed on behalf of the Regimental Family by the former Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Regimental Secretary Ted Hawthorne. The ceremony was MC'd by CPO Harry Fong, MMM, CD (Ret'd), who provided a brief history of this special day where Imperial Japan surrendered to the Allies bringing an end to World War II.



We will remember the service, dedication and sacrifice of all those who served during World War II.



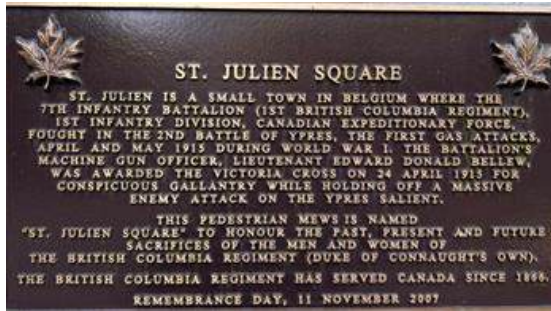
Following the brief ceremony, the attendees adjourned to the Pink Pearl Chinese Seafood Restaurant on Hastings Street to enjoy a delicious luncheon and the customary Veterans' camaraderie.

Up the Dukes!

**Editor's Note:** Photos graciously provided by Steve Ko, VP, ANAVETS, Pacific Unit #280.



**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY  
REMEMBERING THE 107<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF  
THE BATTLE OF HILL 70 - SAINT JULIEN SQUARE,  
VANCOUVER, B.C. - 15 AUGUST 2024**



The service, dedication and sacrifice of the Fallen were remembered at a brief ceremony held on the occasion of the 107<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Hill 70 action (7, 29 and 102 Bns CEF).



A Regimental Wreath was placed on behalf of the Regimental Family at the Memorial in St Julien Square by the Regimental Secretary, former Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne.

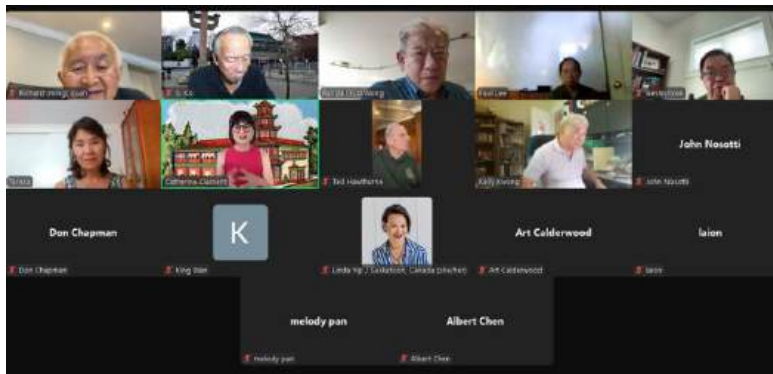


**They shall not grow old as we who are left grow old.  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
We will remember them.**

Up the Dukes!



**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY  
CHINESE CANADIAN MILITARY MUSEUM SOCIETY AND  
ANAVETS, PACIFIC UNIT NO. 280  
10 AUGUST 2024**



The Chinese Canadian Military Museum Society (“CCMMS”) and ANAVETS, Pacific Unit # 280 (“ANAVETS”), held their respective regular monthly business meetings via ZOOM this morning. The meetings were very well attended and included many informative updates for members with respect to the various activities of each organization. The meeting for ANAVETS was chaired by President King Wan, and the meeting of CCMMS was chaired by the President, Judge (Ret’d) Randall Wong.



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- To strengthen and model the relationships needed and possible between mainstream archival institutions, community archives, and community creators

The special guest speaker for the occasion was June Chow, Archivist, who worked on “The Paper Trail to the 1923 Chinese Exclusion Act” Project. June provided a thorough power point presentation and spoke on the various archival issues and approaches regarding the preservation of community archival practices. June’s detailed comments were well received and very pertinent to the members of CCMMS.



Thank you ANAVETS and CCMMS for your continuing service and dedication to our veterans and to the community! Well done indeed!

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY  
PROMOTION - MAJOR ANDREW TARDIFF, CD  
CFB GAGETOWN - 20 AUGUST 2024**



On behalf of the Regimental Family, congratulations and our very best wishes to Major Andrew Tardiff, CD on his recent promotion to the rank of Major. Major Tardiff, formerly Operations Officer and Adjutant of the Regiment, is presently posted to the 5th Canadian Division Training Centre at CFB Gagetown and is the Officer Commanding of the Administration Company.

Up the Dukes!

**Editor's Note:** Major Tardiff is joined in the photo with his wife Heidi, their daughter Brynn and Lieutenant-Colonel Siokalo and MWO Eady.

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY  
MIKE ROSELLI FAMILY BARBECUE  
BURNABY, B.C.  
24 AUGUST 2024**



Our very good friend and colleague of the Regimental Family, Mike Roselli, hosted a first class backyard Family Barbecue at his residence on Saturday afternoon and evening.





The event was very well attended and included many serving members of 39 Canadian Brigade Group, former serving members, friends and supporters of the wrestling community, along with spouses and children.



Special guests included Colonel Paul Lindsay, Commander 39 CBG, Honorary Colonel Don Foster, 15<sup>th</sup> Field, RCA, Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment, Bill Diamond, Lieutenant-Colonel Adam Brown, Commanding Officer of the Regiment, Lieutenant-Colonel Anh Foort, Commanding Officer of 39 Service Battalion, Major Greg McCullough, 2IC of the Regiment, Major Steven McNally, G3, 39 CBG, and Lieutenant Commander Jay Paton, HMCS Discovery.



Also, it was great to see and visit with Lieutenant-Colonel (Ret'd) Bruce Kadonoff, former CO BCR and fellow Duke, Lieutenant-Colonel (Ret'd) John Hlibchuck, former CO, The Royal Canadian Hussars (Montreal).



Thank you for the wonderful hospitality, Mike! You are the consummate host!

**Editor's Note:** Mike Roselli is the Tournament Director of the Annual "Duke's Cup" which is held in January and is sponsored by the Officers' Mess of the Regiment, the Vancouver College Alumni Association and the "Fighting Irish" Wrestling Team. This year's invitational competition, with 47 schools participating, was held at the Drill Hall on Saturday, 13 January 2024, and consisted of 220 contestants and 440 matches, played on three wrestling mats.

A very successful community event!

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY  
CELEBRATION OF LIFE  
MAJOR RICHARD CROTHERS (RET'D)  
OFFICERS' MESS OF 39 SERVICE BATTALION  
THE SHERMAN ARMOURY - RICHMOND, B.C.  
26 AUGUST 2024**



Many friends and family remembered the passing of our good friend and colleague, Richard Crothers, at a Celebration of Life Ceremony held in the late morning of Monday, 26 August 2024, in the Officers' Mess of the 39 Service Battalion, Richmond, B.C. As stated by the Master of Ceremonies, Lieutenant-Colonel (Ret'd) Romano Acconci:

“Richard was 78 at the time of his passing. He had 32 years of Regular and Reserve service. Regular service was all as a Public Affairs Officer in the Australian Army where he saw combat while attached to the 3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment in Vietnam...gaining him the Australian Infantry Combat Badge. Richard did two tours with the Australian Army in Vietnam. His Reserve service was also with the Australian Army Public Affairs Branch, but he also served as a Recce Officer (1978-83) with 12/16 Hunter River Lancers. After moving to Canada, he was employed as a Business Systems instructor at Kwantlen College. Richard battled a number of serious illnesses for the last 5 years and passed away on Aug 7th. One of Richard's son's, Sam Crothers, served in the BCR as an Admin Clerk and then for a short time as an Officer in 39 Service Battalion before returning to Australia. Another son, Tim Crothers, served for a couple of years as a rifleman in The Royal Westminster Regiment. Richard was a friend of the BCR, and a steady supporter of the Officers' Mess before his health challenges intensified. He also was a good supporter of 39 Service Battalion.

Richard retired from the Australian Army with the rank of Major but was appointed an Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel in the Australian Army Public Affairs Branch.



LCol (Ret'd) Romano Acconci



Bugle-Sergeant Blanco & Pte Zhi





BCR Association Brass Band Bugle Sergeant Jose Blanco played **The Last Post** and **Rouse**. **The Lament** was played, after the moment of silence, by RCEME Pte. Richy Zhi.



A reception followed the ceremony where so many good times were remembered. A strong presence of the Military Community was in attendance, including the Commanding Officer of 39 Service Battalion, Lieutenant-Colonel Anh Foort, who was thanked for her great support.

We will remember him!

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY  
 SUMMER PARALYMPIC GAMES CAULDRON LIGHTING CEREMONY  
 JACK POOLE PLAZA - VANCOUVER, B.C.  
 28 AUGUST 2024**



The Cauldron Lighting Ceremony celebrating “global athleticism as we ignite the spirit of the 2024 Paris Paralympic Games” was hosted by the B.C. Pavilion Corporation and the Vancouver Convention Centre at Jack Poole Plaza, shortly after 3:00 PM on Wednesday, 28 August 2024.





The lighting of the iconic Cauldron took place during the singing of “O Canada” and was followed by speeches from the special guests, all celebrating “the extraordinary achievements and resilience of Paralympians worldwide.”





Notable speakers included Vancouver's own Phil ("Wizard") Kim (Gold Medalist, 2024 Paris Olympic Games) and Jeff Becker, 39 Combat Engineer Regiment Veteran, Honour Ranch supporter and Invictus Games (Whistler 2025) Representative.



A wonderful event, enjoyed by so many on a beautiful summer day in Vancouver!

## AWARD OF SOVEREIGN'S MEDAL FOR VOLUNTEERS

From former CO BC Regiment LCol (Ret'd) Paul Philcox, CD, we learn of the award of the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers to Mrs. Patricia L. Philcox. On behalf of the BCR Association and Regimental Family congratulations are in order.

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY  
THE NAVAL ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING  
30 AUGUST 2024**



The Naval Association of British Columbia ("NABC") held its August Executive Committee Meeting in the early afternoon of Friday, 30 August 2024 via ZOOM.



The meeting was very well attended and included many informative organizational updates for members with respect to the numerous activities planned for the remainder of the year and into the early part of 2025.

Congratulations to President King Wan and the Executive Committee for their ongoing service and dedication!

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY  
CANADIAN ARMY RESERVES RECRUITING  
39 CANADIAN BRIGADE GROUP RECRUITING AREA  
PACIFIC NATIONAL EXHIBITION  
VANCOUVER, B.C.  
31 AUGUST 2024**



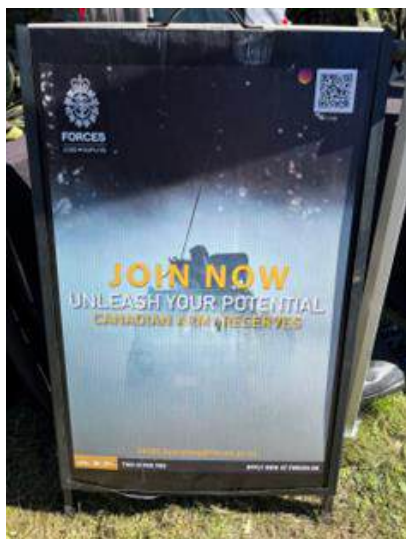
The BCR Recruiting Team was extremely busy at the 39 Canadian Brigade Group Recruiting Area (located between the PNE Agradome and the Pacific Coliseum) on Saturday afternoon, with lengthy line ups for tours of the G-Wagon, complete with overhead gun turret and C6 Machine Gun, answering many questions from the public and assisting visitors trying on Army Kit.







In addition, 39 Signal Regiment was well represented by four soldiers with a display tent and signal's vehicle.

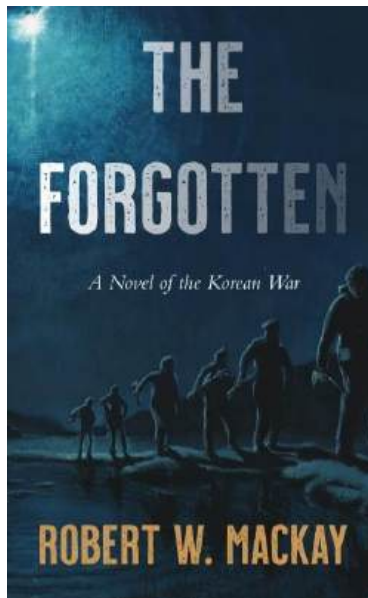


Many thanks to our fellow Dukes, Lt. Pearce, MCpl Wu and Corporals, Delaat, Mak and Warrington, and Pte Sorouri, accompanied by RCEME member Pte. Weber, for their excellent work and great hospitality during my visit!.

Well done and Up the Dukes!

Ted Hawthorne, Regimental Secretary.

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY  
THE FORGOTTEN, A NOVEL OF THE KOREAN WAR  
BY: ROBERT W. MACKAY**



The Book Launch of Bob's new novel, **The Forgotten**, will take place on October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 2 pm at the Turnbull Gallery located in the South Surrey Recreation and Arts Centre, 14601 20th Avenue, Surrey, B.C. Please confirm your attendance with Bob via email at: Robert W. Mackay [bob.mackay@hotmail.com](mailto:bob.mackay@hotmail.com)

**Publication Details:**

Paperback on Amazon \$26.95 Pre-order Price Guarantee.

eBook version will also be available on Oct 15. \$9.95

Print length - 276 pages

Publisher - Now Or Never Publishing Co

Publication date - Oct 15, 2024

“The Forgotten is the story of nineteen-year-old Charlie Black who, in 1950, desperate to prove himself to his father, joins the Canadian Army's Special Force as part of the United Nations forces defending South Korea from an attack by the North. Leaving his family and girlfriend behind, Charlie trains hard, but is soon separated from his battalion, the 2nd Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. He manages to catch up with the Patricias at the last minute as they prepare to ship out, but not before witnessing the aftermath of a fatal rail disaster. Onboard, Charlie is relegated to 13 Platoon, a group of misfits and adventure-seekers under the leadership of Frenchy, their menacing corporal. Charlie's comrades are young, only partly trained, but eager to get into battle. When the battalion arrives in Korea, however, their role has changed significantly. China has entered the war on the other side, and allied forces are struggling to survive. What the Canadian government conceived as a semi-peacekeeping role for their troops has changed into an all-out war, and after a

brief period of additional training, the Special Force - including Charlie's battalion - goes on the offensive against terrible odds. A harrowing story of war and survival, The Forgotten helps shed a light on a brutal conflict in our nation's history, and those brave souls willing to step into the breach.”

September

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY  
COMMANDING OFFICER'S "STAND TO" PARADE  
THE DRILL HALL - VANCOUVER, B.C.  
4 SEPTEMBER 2024**



The evening's busy programme of administrative matters for the start of the new training year included a well attended CO's Parade featuring medal presentations and numerous promotions.





The Stand To Parade was commanded by the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Adam Brown, with the 2IC being Major Manjeet Vinning and the Parade Regimental Sergeant Major being, Chief Warrant Officer Arnold Matibag.

After some brief opening remarks relating to the format of the evening's parade, the Commanding Officer immediately proceeded to the extensive Honour & Awards segment to commence the evening's programme.



## **HONOURS & AWARDS SEGMENT:**

### **1. Promotions (Trooper & BCR Hat Badge):**

- a. Tpr Blancard
- b. Tpr Coomes
- c. Tpr Dai
- d. Tpr F,G. Luna
- e. Tpr Jung
- f. Tpr Lu
- g. Tpr Roque
- h. Tpr Small
- i. Tpr Veber
- j. Tpr Yoshida



## 2. Rebadge Armoured

- a. 2Lt Novak
- b. 2Lt Chen
- c. 2Lt Zhang



## 3. Sgt Mark Salesse Drill Cane (For Top MCpl)

- a. MCpl Vanthournaut



## 4. Presentation of Regimental Pennant (29C) by OC, A Squadron, Major Tom Clackson

a. WO McKee



**5. Promotions**

a. WO Copp



b. Capt Pearce

c. Capt Attalaoui





## 6. Canadian Forces Decoration:

- a. Lt Nova
- b. Sgt Zhou
- c. Capt Kim



At the conclusion of the parade, the Regiment formed an informal horseshoe (“Regimental Huddle”) where the Commanding Officer delivered his closing remarks on the state of the Regiment and invited Jim Barrett, President of the Regimental Association, to say a few words.



After the completion of A and B Squadron O Groups, the evening's program was concluded. A very busy evening indeed!



Congratulations to all recipients and our very best wishes from the entire Regimental Family!  
Up the Dukes!

**Editor's Note:** From former BCR and BCD Lieutenant, Bruce Stevens, we received this photo from 1971. Bruce was serving on exercise at CFB Wainwright as a BCR 2Lt Troop Officer at the time. The umpires for the FTX were L-R Capt Mike Hall (BCR Adj), Capt Max Hughes, and CWO Bert Lincoln (BCR RSM). Bert was Capt Lincoln when I joined the Regiment in 1982 and was an excellent mentor.



Bruce recalls that it rained perpetually throughout the training with the exception of when the picture was taken.

LCol (Ret'd) Max Hughes, CD BCD passed away recently. Our condolences to his family.

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY  
LOWER MAINLAND ATTESTATION CEREMONY  
CADET ORGANIZATIONS ADMINISTRATION AND TRAINING SERVICE (“COATS”)  
CANADIAN FORCES RECRUITING CENTRE VANCOUVER  
NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C.  
5 SEPTEMBER 2024**



Officer Cadet Harmannat Pabla, late of 3300 BCR (Bhai Kanhaiya) RCACC (C/CWO and C/RSM), was duly enrolled, along with four other applicants, as a member of COATS at an Attestation Ceremony held at the Canadian Forces Recruiting Centre Vancouver, on Royal Avenue in New Westminister, in the early evening



of Thursday, 5 September 2024, in the presence of many friends, family and members of the Regimental Family.



Officer Cadet Pabla will serve with the Cadet Instructors Cadre (“CIC”). As many will know, CIC Officers are members of the Canadian Armed Forces and COATS, whose primary duty is the supervision, administration and training of Cadets from 12–18 years of age.





Congratulations Officer Cadet Pabla! On behalf of the Regimental Family, I wish you every success in your new career.

Up the Dukes!  
Ted Hawthorne, Regimental Secretary.

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY  
PRESENTATION OF THE ORDER OF BRITISH COLUMBIA  
WILLIAM P. J. MCCARTHY, OBC  
GOVERNMENT HOUSE - VICTORIA, B.C.  
5 SEPTEMBER 2024**



I am pleased to advise the Regimental Family that our good friend and colleague, Bill McCarthy, OBC, has been presented with the Order of British Columbia by the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of British Columbia, the Honourable Janet Austin, OBC, at a special ceremony held at Government House on Thursday, 5 September 2024.







As stated by Her Honour, “It is my great honour as Chancellor of the Order of British Columbia to welcome its newest members, whose contributions to our province have uplifted their communities and improved the lives of those around them. Well done and congratulations!”

On behalf of the Regimental Family, it is my happy task to congratulate our good friend and colleague, Bill McCarthy, OBC, on receiving this well deserved honour! Well done, Bill!

Up the Dukes,  
Ted Hawthorne, Regimental Secretary.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/celebrating-british-columbia/honours-and-awards/order-of-bc>

### William P.J. McCarthy

"Work hard, live well, give back." These principles, taught by his grandfather John Jambor, have guided William McCarthy's journey as one of B.C.'s most impactful philanthropists. William has leveraged his real estate expertise to support community and healthcare initiatives across B.C., particularly in his home city of Burnaby.

His transformative contributions to the BC Cancer and Burnaby Hospital Foundations have revolutionized healthcare in the region. William's historic \$21.4 million Jambor- McCarthy Legacy, at the time the largest single-beneficiary bequest in B.C.'s history, alongside his personal donations and advocacy, have profoundly advanced cancer research and patient care throughout the entire province. In recognition of this and continued giving and support the new BC Cancer–Burnaby McCarthy Centre will bear his name, the first such honour for a donor. William's community leadership has been pivotal, including most recently

chairing a \$60 million campaign in support of Burnaby Hospital's redevelopment, amongst the countless other healthcare and community initiatives that he has led and continues to lead.

A long standing supporter of First Nations art and culture, William empowers artists and fosters reconciliation through frequent commissions and gifting plans. A world renowned real estate expert and practitioner, William has continuously strengthened local communities through his work in real estate and philanthropy. From his recent \$5 million gift establishing the BC Cancer-Burnaby McCarthy Centre to his tireless support of countless community initiatives both big and small, William's unwavering commitment to giving back has improved countless lives, making B.C. a better place for generations to come.



- **Year:** 2024
- **City:** Burnaby
- **Region:** Mainland/Southwest
- **Category:** Community Leadership

**Vancouver Regiment Irish Pipes and Drums Perform  
158th Scottish Highland Gathering and Games  
Pleasanton, California  
30th August to 2 September 2024**



The Vancouver Regiment Irish Pipes and Drums recently participated in the 158th Scottish Highland Gathering and Games in Pleasanton, California, hosted by the Caledonian Club of San Francisco. This event, one of the most significant Scottish cultural celebrations in North America, provided the band with the opportunity to share their Irish musical tradition within the broader context of Scottish heritage.

**The Journey and Preparation**

On August 30th, the band departed Vancouver airport, arriving in San Francisco later that day. After collecting their vans, they traveled to their hotel, where the weekend's events were set into motion. That Friday afternoon, the band joined the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing Band for a crucial rehearsal, led by Pipe Major Andrew Hayes. His close collaboration with the Marines ensured that the music was synchronized and well-prepared for the weekend's performances.





The evening concluded with an opening concert at the hotel, setting the tone for a weekend filled with music and celebration.

### **Saturday: Highland Games Performances**



The Highland Games kicked off on Saturday, with the band starting their day by playing for the Drum Major's competition at 12:30 p.m. Later in the afternoon, the Pipe Band and the Marine Band delivered a memorable combined performance, which included stirring renditions of "The 79th's Farewell to Gibraltar" and "Oft in a Stilly Night." This performance showcased the band's skillful fusion of Irish and Scottish tunes, much to the delight of the crowd.

The day concluded with the band's participation in the grand Massed Bands performance, followed by a well-earned dinner out.

### Sunday: Final Day of Performances



The band was up early on Sunday to play again for the Drum Major's competition and perform another successful combined set with the Marines. Their participation in the final Massed Bands performance capped off a weekend of powerful, collaborative music.



The day concluded with a lively Ceilidh, where the band enjoyed traditional music and dancing, celebrating the success of their trip.

### A Weekend to Remember

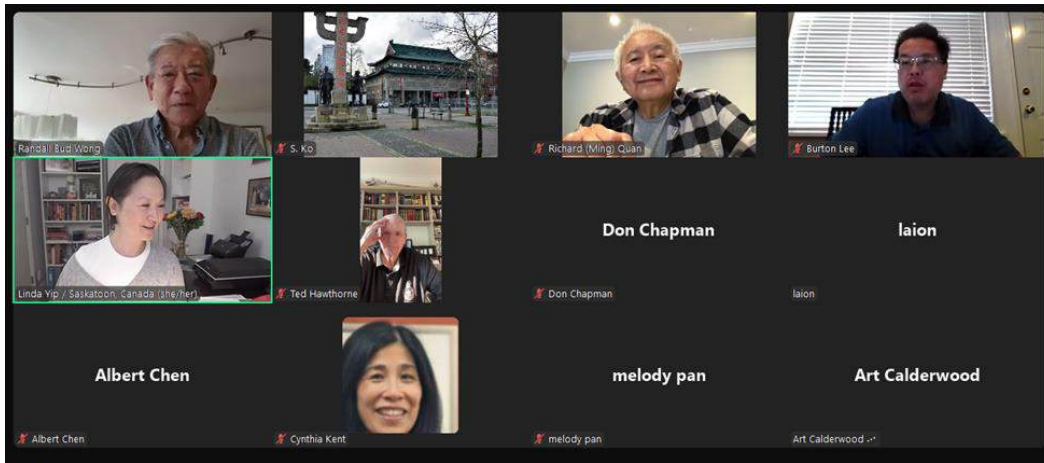
The band returned to Vancouver on Monday, proud of their performances at the Highland Games. Pipe Major Andrew Hayes played an essential role in preparing and leading the band, ensuring every



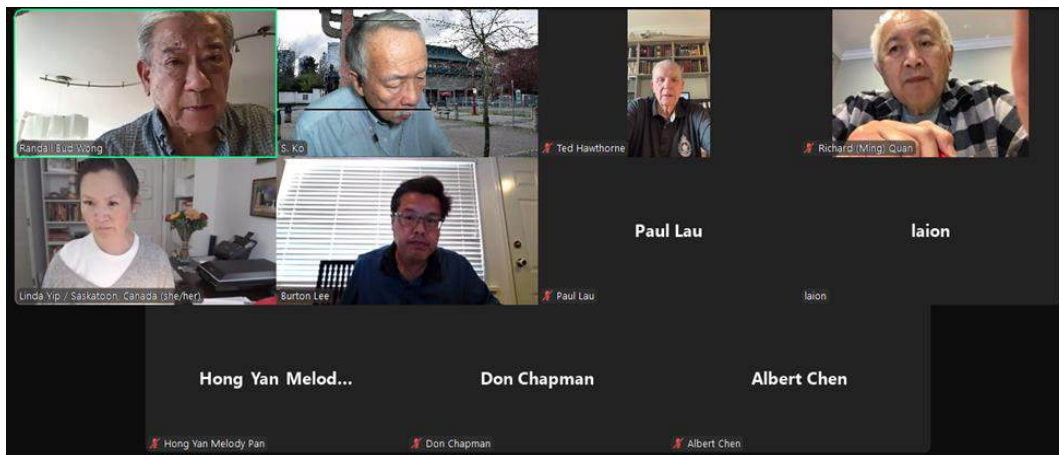
performance was executed with precision and flair. His work with the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing Band was key to the successful collaboration.

Although this was a Scottish event, the Vancouver Regiment Irish Pipes and Drums proudly shared their Irish musical tradition, contributing to the cultural richness of the weekend. It was a rewarding experience filled with music, camaraderie, and celebration, marking another milestone in the band's journey.

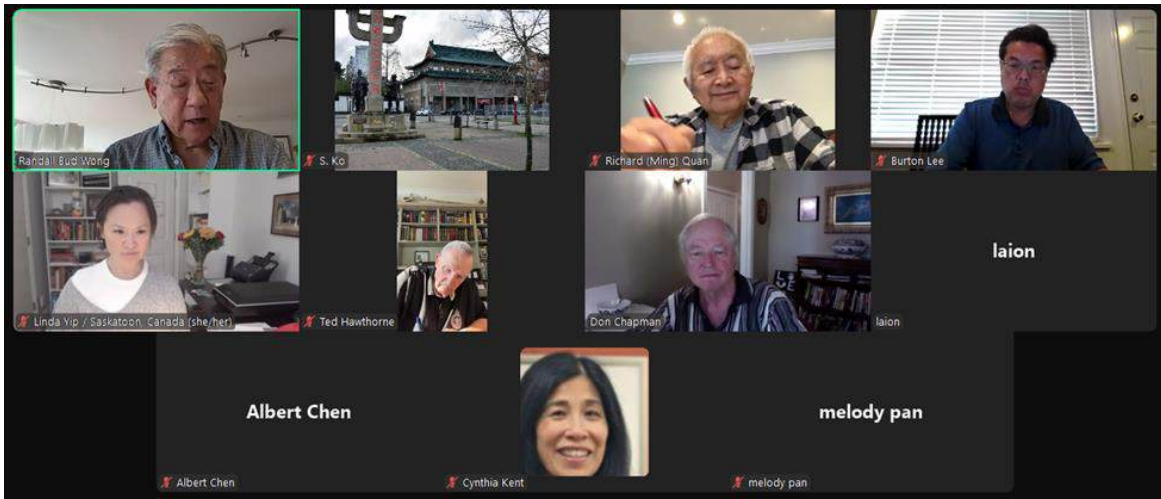
## FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY CHINESE CANADIAN MILITARY MUSEUM SOCIETY & ANAVETS, PACIFIC UNIT NO. 280 7 SEPTEMBER 2024



The Chinese Canadian Military Museum Society (“CCMMS”) and ANAVETS, Pacific Unit # 280 (“ANAVETS”), held their respective regular monthly business meetings via ZOOM this morning.







The meetings were well attended and included a number of updates for the members with respect to various activities. The meeting for ANAVETS was chaired by Vice President Steve Ko and the meeting of CCMMS was chaired by the President, Judge (Ret'd) Randall Wong.



Excellent updates were provided by Linda Yip (Research Project on Force 136 at The National Archives, Kew, UK) and Don Chapman (“Lost Canadians”).

Thank you ANAVETS and CCMMS for your continuing service and dedication to our veterans and to the community!

Screen Shots compliments of Steve Ko.

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY  
COMMEMORATION CEREMONY ON THE 84<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF  
THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN  
AIR FORCE GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE  
STANLEY PARK, VANCOUVER, B.C.  
8 SEPTEMBER 2024**



The annual Battle of Britain Ceremony, sponsored by the Battle of Britain Memorial Fund and the Air Force Officers' Association ("AFOA"), was conducted at the Air Force Garden of Remembrance in Stanley Park in the early afternoon of Sunday, 8 September 2024.





The Ceremony was very well attended and included a large turnout by RCAF Air Cadets (59 Vancouver, 111 Pegasus, 135 Bell-Irving and 888 Avenger, RCAC Squadrons), a contingent of Cadets from the USAF Civil Air Patrol Squadron in Bellingham, the Band of the 15th Field Artillery Regiment (RCA), a contingent of the Pipes & Drums of the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada and a Flag Party from ANAVETS, Pacific Unit # 280 and the Royal Canadian Legion. The Reviewing Officer for the Parade was RCAF Honorary Colonel, Dr. Robert Quartermain, 19 Wing RCAF Comox.





The program featured Preliminary Music by the 15th Field Band, the Assembly, a Land Acknowledgement and welcome by the Master of Ceremonies, AFOA President, Major Bob Reid, CD (Ret'd), the Presentation of the Lamp of Brotherhood, Opening Remarks from the Park Board Commissioner, Brennan Bastyovansky, an address and inspection by Colonel Quartermain, a Plaque presentation and dedication honouring the Royal Canadian Air Cadets for their service during World War II and for their ongoing training of future Aerospace Leaders by Captain Allan Snowie, CD (Ret'd) and the official unveiling of the Plaque by the Reviewing Officer, the singing of the National Anthem, a Benediction by Padre Major Wes Bowers, CD, the recitation of "High Flight" by WO2 Brosseau, the Last Post, a Moment of Silence, the Lament and Reveille, the General Salute, the singing of God Save the King by Battalion Chief, Vancouver Fire and Rescue Service, Dan McLelland and the concluding March Past.



The Parade Commander was Major Tim Alguire, and the Cadet Commander was WO1 Sherman. Major Derrick Gee, CD, the Regional Area Officer Commanding Lower Mainland Regional Cadet Support Unit was also in attendance.

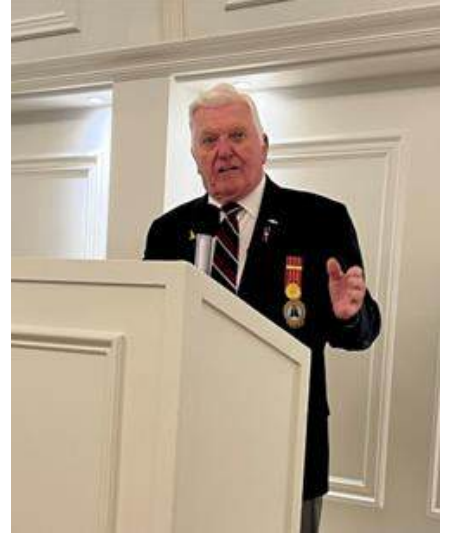


The Ceremony was preceded by an enjoyable brunch at the Stanley Park Pavilion for invited guests of the Air Force Officer' Association.









Special guests included Joe Geraghty, Public Diplomacy Officer (US Consulate), Colonel Keith Maxwell, OMM, CD, (Ret'd), President of RUSI, Vancouver, Lieutenant-Colonel Jean Francois Vallee, USAF Civil Air Patrol, Captain Ravi Gill, USAF Civil Air Patrol Squadron (Bellingham), Donna Twemlow, Commemoration Division, Veterans Affairs Canada, Major Dan Thomas, CD (Ret'd), DND Manager (Western Region-Senior Communications Advisor) and RCL President of Billy Bishop, Dr. Richard Vedan, UBC Associate Professor Emeritus/First Nations Advisor, Don Chapman, author of "The Lost Canadians" and former Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne.



We will remember them!

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY  
9/11 MEMORIAL CEREMONY  
PEACE ARCH PARK  
11 SEPTEMBER 2024**





Veteran Motorcyclists, dignitaries, cross border first responders, Canada Border Services Members and US Customs & Border Protection members, remembered those who lost their lives in the September 11<sup>th</sup> terror attacks 23 years ago today.







Those also in attendance included, Joe Geraghty, Public Diplomacy Officer (US Consulate, Vancouver), former Honorary Colonels Karen Baker-MacGrotty (RWR) and Ted Hawthorne and BCR friends, Captain Ravi Gill and Cadet 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Jayden Gill, USAF Civil Air Patrol Squadron (Bellingham).















A BBQ reception followed the ceremony compliments of the Surrey Fire Department.  
We will remember them!

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY  
THE BRITISH COLUMBIA REGIMENT (DUKE OF CONNAUGHT'S  
OWN) MUSEUM SOCIETY  
LATE SUMMER SOCIAL  
12 SEPTEMBER 2024**



The British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own) Museum Society ("the Museum") held a very enjoyable Summer Social at the renowned "Barrett Bunker" in Coquitlam, during the afternoon of Thursday, 12 September 2024. Bill Whalen, President of the Museum Society, welcomed everyone to the get together and thanked everyone for their dedicated service to the Museum.



President Bill Whalen







Jim presents D Day coin to Don Manning



Jim presents cheque to Bill and Don McGovern presents picture of his father in B Sqn 28<sup>th</sup> Armd (BCR)

Members were treated to an array of snacks, sodas and sandwiches along with the customary Regimental Camaraderie. Vice-President Jim Barrett presented a beautiful D-Day Coin to Don Manning in recognition of his ongoing research and publication of our Regimental history. In addition, as Officer Commanding and on behalf of the 78<sup>th</sup> Fraser Highlanders Fort Fraser Garrison, Jim presented a donation cheque for the BCR Museum to President Bill Whalen. Discussions of ongoing research projects and Regimental History were certainly the "order of the day" throughout the afternoon.

Many thanks to Jim Barrett for the great hospitality!

Up the Dukes!

Ted Hawthorne, Regimental Secretary



**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY  
BCR PERPETUATED WWI CEF BATTALIONS COMMEMORATION  
PARADE  
PACIFIC NATIONAL EXHIBITION  
21 SEPTEMBER 2024**



On a beautiful last day of summer morning, the Regimental Family remembered the service and sacrifice of the members of its Great War Battalions at the 29th Battalion (Vancouver Regiment) CEF Memorial located in front of the Pacific Coliseum at the PNE.





Our Cadet Corps and CIC Officers were well turned out and in record numbers with over 135 Cadets, including Parade C/RSM, C/CWO Yue (2381 BCR) and many CIC Officers. Thank you to the 2ICs of the BCR Cadet Corps for their good work while all Cadet Commanding Officers were attending an out of town conference. In addition to the large turnout of the Regimental Family, there was also a very large contingent of spectators and parents on site during the parade. A Candle of Remembrance was placed at the foot of the Memorial.







The President of the Regimental Association, Lieutenant-Colonel (Ret'd) Jim Barrett, acted as the Master of Ceremonies and Parade Marshall and provided the attendees with the historical significance of the PNE during WWI and the many CEF Battalions the Regiment perpetuates.





The Regimental Association Padre, The Reverend Gordon Barrett, delivered a very moving service of commemoration and remembrance. The Last Post was played by BCR Bugle Major Chris Ahern, followed by a minute's silence and Rouse.



Memorial Wreaths were laid at the foot of the Memorial by the BCR Honoraries, Honorary Colonel Farid Rohani and Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Bill Diamond, on behalf of the Regiment, by Vice-President Scott Hamilton and Director Graydon Young, on behalf of the Regimental Association and Major (Ret'd) Roger Prouse and Cpl (Ret'd) Don McGovern, on behalf of the BCR Perpetuated Battalions (7<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 102<sup>nd</sup> CEF Battalions).



The Parade concluded with a March Past by the Cadets with Honorary Colonel Rohani taking the salute.



At the conclusion of the Parade, a reception was held for all attendees complete with Subway sandwiches, cookies, Tim Horton's donuts, fruit drinks, coffee and water, compliments of the Regimental Association and served by Louise Prouse, Gayle Hawthorne, Adrienne Wong, MCpl (Ret'd) Chuck Davey and many other helpful Regimental Family volunteers, including CIC Officers and Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Diamond.









A special thank you to the PNE for their continuing community support of this commemoration event.



**They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN AND IN THE MORNING,  
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM. WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.**

Up the Dukes!

Ted Hawthorne, Regimental Secretary

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY  
7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CANADIAN WALK FOR VETERANS  
WHITE ROCK MEMORIAL PARK  
WHITE ROCK, B.C.  
22 SEPTEMBER 2024**



“Walking shoulder to shoulder” young and old gathered for the 7th annual “Canadian Walk for Veterans” in White Rock.





Also taking place in many cities across Canada yesterday and today. Gratefully, it was a beautiful morning for the ceremony at Memorial Park as well as the 2.5 km walk towards the western extremity of the beach and back to the Pier (Canada's Longest). And for the keeners, onward to the eastern end of the boardwalk and back to Memorial Park for the full 5 km circuit.







As announced by CWFV, “net funds raised through the White Rock Canadian Walk for Veterans will help support Veterans across Canada on their recovery journey. The 2024 Challenge Coin, received by all registrants, features “True Patriot Love, Canadian Walk for Veterans” in keeping with the “new parent organization” role adopted by True Patriot Love, On the reverse side of the coin is the inscription “You Make It Happen”. Moving forward True Patriot Love will become the lead organizer of the Canadian Walk for Veterans, working in collaboration with the team formerly known as One Veteran Society.



The attendees were treated to a program featuring the Vancouver Naval Veterans Band, with our friends, retired BCR Bugle Major John More and Kelly Kwong, Vice President of ANAVETS, Pacific Unit No. 280, the Colour Guard from the Cloverdale Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, Unit 6, followed by introductions by the Master of Ceremonies Gordie Hogg, the singing of “O Canada” and “God Save the King” by the “Amazing Grace Choir”, speeches by representatives of all levels of government, a brief update by a representative of Invictus Games Vancouver Whistler 2025 and the memorable play of the Surrey Firefighters Pipes & Drums. The consistent theme throughout the program was the heartfelt recognition of the dedicated service and sacrifice of our soldiers, veterans and first responders, and their families. There was a strong turnout of Cadets from 2822 The Royal Westminster Regiment - Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps, along with the unit’s Commanding Officer Captain Eugene Collinson and Officer Cadet Harmannat Pabla.





Regimental Secretary and former Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne represented the Regimental Family and reconnected with many friends and colleagues, including Marc Burchell, Co-National Organizer, and Dr. Matthew Kane (both are directors of Equitas Disabled Soldiers Funding Society), Susan Powelson, (a special thanks for her assistance and support on the communications side - article and photographs), and Gurpreet and Simar Pabla.







Post "Walk" festivities included a BBQ and refreshments compliments of the Knights of Columbus, White Rock Council #7015.







Thank you True Patriot Love for an excellent event and an amazing turnout!

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY  
BRITISH COLUMBIA VETERANS COMMEMORATIVE ASSOCIATION  
VOLUNTEER THANK YOU LUNCHEON  
NORTHLANDS GOLF COURSE  
NORTH VANCOUVER, B.C.  
25 SEPTEMBER 2024**



A special luncheon was held at Northlands Golf Course to thank the volunteers of BCVCA for their service and dedication.

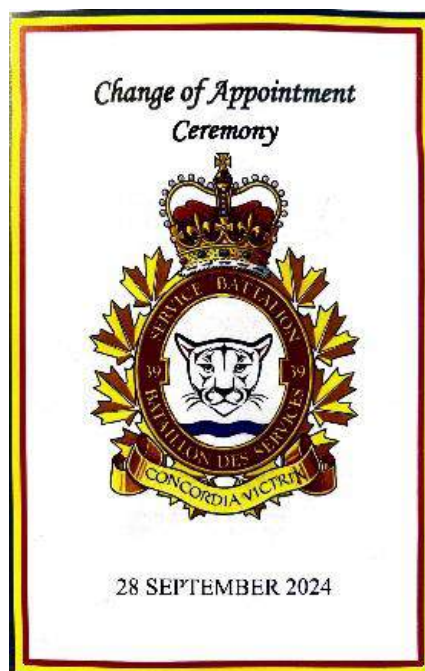
For over twenty years, BCVCA's Mission has been to "...plan and implement commemoration events that will ensure that the war and peace time contributions of Canada's armed service men and women as well as those of the citizens on the home front are never forgotten."

As many of you will know, BCVCA is the prime mover of the highly successful B.C. Veterans' Licence Plate Programme.

Congratulations and continued success in your mission, BCVCA.

Well done and thank you!

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY  
CHANGE OF APPOINTMENT OF REGIMENTAL SERGEANT-MAJOR CEREMONY  
39 SEVICE BATTALION - COLONEL SHERMAN ARMOURY  
RICHMOND, B.C.  
28 SEPTEMBER 2024**





The Change of Appointment of Regimental Sergeant-Major for the 39 Service Battalion was held on the parade square of Colonel Sherman Armoury in the early afternoon of September 28<sup>th</sup> and was very well attended by serving members, special guests, veterans, family and friends.





The afternoon's programme, included the Fall In of the Battalion, the arrival of the Reviewing Officer, Colonel Paul Lindsay, Commander of 39 Canadian Brigade Group and Brigade Sergeant-Major, CWO Tony Harris, a General Salute to the Reviewing Officer, an Inspection by the Reviewing Officer, addresses by the Reviewing Officer, the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Anh Foort, and the Outgoing RSM, CWO Michael Morrison, the Exchange of the RSM's Pace Stick, Gift and Flower presentations, the Incoming RSM's Address by CWO Michael Bergan, a General Salute to the Commander and the Dismissal. A reception followed in the WOs' & Sgts' Mess and the Officers' Mess.



Thank you to the Outgoing RSM, CWO Michael Morrison, for his many years of dedicated service and commitment and congratulations to the Incoming RSM, CWO Michael Bergan, on his Appointment. We wish RSM Bergan every success!



What a memorable occasion!



Concordia Victrix!  
Ted Hawthorne, Regimental Secretary



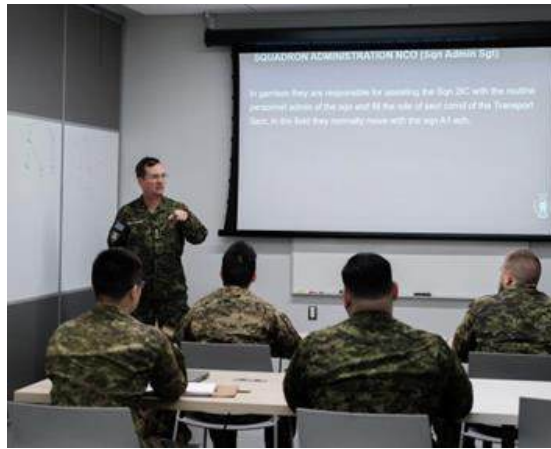
**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY  
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSION – BATTLE CAPTAINS  
CAMP WORTHY, GARRISON PETAWAWA  
CFB PETAWAWA, ONTARIO  
24 & 25 AUGUST 2024**



The following information release was recently reported by 33 Canadian Brigade Group:

“Battle Captain training during #CAMPWORTHY at Garrison Petawawa on August 24 & 25, 2024. CAMP WORTHY hosted a groundbreaking two-day Professional Development session aimed at honing the skills of Battle Captains. LCol Tom Bradley, Commanding Officer of the South Alberta Light Horse was the guest instructor. The inaugural session brought together a cohort of five participants from distinct backgrounds. The following regiments were represented: Governor General's Horse Guards, the Ontario Regiment and the British Columbia Regiment. This pioneering initiative seeks to fill a crucial gap in the development of young officers stepping into the challenging role of BC, providing them with essential knowledge and skills to excel in their duties," said LCol Caron, Commanding Officer of the Ontario Regiment, RCAC and Exercise Director of CAMP WORTHY 2024.”





Our very own, recently promoted, Captain Desmond Wong, Assistant Adjutant, attended the course and has provided us with his observations, as follows:

Lieutenant-Colonel Bradley.....”passed forward knowledge and skills to upcoming or new Battle Captains, something that isn’t taught formally on any course in an Armoured Officer’s career. Topics discussed included roles and duties of the BC, where the BC operates in the field, and planning considerations for the BC at the squadron level.....this was not only a chance to learn new skills, but also reconnect with two of the course mates that I completed my Armoured Troop Leader Course with two years ago. Special thanks to LCol Caron, Commanding Officer of the Ontario Regiment and LCol Bradley for arranging this interesting opportunity.”

Congratulations Captain Wong and our very best wishes from the Regimental Family!

Up the Dukes!

# BCR ASSOCIATION KIT SHOP

The BCR Kit Shop 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).

The blazer crest is available online at <http://www.canex.ca/british-columbia-regiment-blazercrest.html>

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

The Kit Shop has the following items for sale:

1. Mini Guidons – estimated cost is \$130.00 – in stock.
2. **NEW:** BCR cap badge on cuff links, pens and pocket watch.
3. **NEW:** BCR flag (36" x 72") - \$150.00

To place an order, please e-mail [KitShop@DukeABear.com](mailto:KitShop@DukeABear.com)

Mini -\$130.0



Cuff Links - \$35.00



Pen - \$25.00

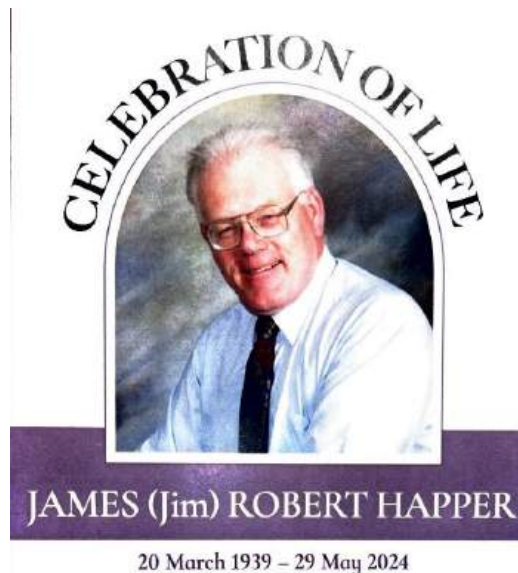


Pocket Watch - \$105.00

# REMEMBRANCE

We remember all past members of the Regimental Family who have passed away during 2022.  
May they Rest in Peace knowing they are not forgotten

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY  
CELEBRATION OF LIFE  
FORMER HONORARY COLONEL JAMES ROBERT HAPPER, CD  
39 COMBAT ENGINEER REGIMENT (“39 CER”)  
(1939 – 2024)  
14 JULY 2024**



Many friends and family remembered the passing of our good friend and colleague, former Honorary Colonel Jim Happer, at a Celebration of Life Ceremony held in the mid afternoon of Sunday, 14 July 2024, at the Calvin Presbyterian Church in Abbotsford. As part of the Order of Service which included many hymns, readings and wonderful reminiscences, Colonel (Ret'd) Bill White fondly remembered “Sapper Happer” and his many years of service in 39 CER and as a CIC Officer.





A reception followed in the foyer and adjacent banquet hall where so many good times were remembered. A strong presence of the Military Community was in attendance, including the Commanding Officer of 39 CER, LCol Stephen Piers, Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment, Bill Diamond and Audrey Diamond, Major Ward Trythall, 39 CER, Padre Bae, BGen (Ret'd) Jerry Silva, Colonel (Ret'd) Bill White, Major (Ret'd) Grant Acheson and the Regimental Secretary, Ted Hawthorne, former Honorary Colonel of the Regiment.

We will remember him.

### **Passing of LCol (Ret'd) John Bishop**

Longtime RUSI-VI member, and Executive Board member, LCol John Bishop, died Thursday, 18 July, at Veterans Memorial Lodge (VML). He suffered from dementia and had been a VML resident for the past two and half years.

John served in the Canadian Army for 36 years. He joined as a Private in 1950 and fought in the Korean War, most notably as a 2PPCLI Infantryman at the Battle of Kapyong. He remained in the Army following the war in Korea, attained a commission and served in Canada, England, Germany, Ghana, the Middle East, Vietnam and Korea. He had an extraordinary military career.

After retirement from the Army, John, along with his wife Judy, continued his adventurous life, sailing, hiking and travelling the world. They also built their lovely home in Cobble Hill. John was heavily involved in the Korean Veterans Association, Canadian Power and Sail and Fourandex. In 2001 he wrote, with the help of Stephen Brodsky, *The King's Bishop*, the story of his service during the Korean War.

John is survived by his wife of 43 years, Judy Moss, a retired Army Nurse.

Memorial Service details to be announced in the near future.

## BGen William Allan Douglas Yuill OMM, CD, (Ret'd)

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We regret to advise of the death of Brigadier General William Allan Douglas Yuill OMM, CD (Ret'd) on 19 July 2024 at age 92. Brigadier Yuill was a Korean War veteran who started his 44-year military career as a Sapper and retired as Colonel Commandant of the Military Police Branch.

William was born in Winnipeg MB. He spent four years in Army Cadets before joining the Regular Army with the Royal Canadian Engineers in October 1950. He was soon promoted and served in Korea as a Section Commander with 23 Field Squadron (1952-53). Upon return to Canada, William was selected for officer training and attended the College Military Royal in St. Jean QC. On graduation from the Infantry School in 1956, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant into the Regiment of the Canadian Guards.

William graduated from the Royal Military College in Kingston in 1958 and then served with the Canadian Guards in Camp Petawawa ON. He was next posted to West Germany (1957-59) as a Platoon Commander and later as Assistant Adjutant before returning to Petawawa. He then moved to Western Command Headquarters in Edmonton AB (1963-65), and then returned to Petawawa (1966-67).

William deployed with the United Nations peacekeeping force in Cyprus for six months in 1966. After completing his CF Staff College Course in 1975, William returned to West Germany as the Commander of Base Support for CFB Baden Soellingen (1975-77).

William returned to Canada as Director of Defence Intelligence in National Defence Headquarters (1977-80),. He then returned to CFB Petawawa as the Deputy Base Commander (1981-83). William was then posted to Vancouver BC as the Commanding Officer of the Regular Force Support Unit for the Army Reserves units in BC ( 1983-85). His last assignment was as a Brigadier General in Damascus, Syria, where he was the Deputy Force Commander of the UN Force in the Golan Heights separating the Israelis and the Syrians (1985-87).

On return to Canada, BGen Yuill retired from the Canadian Forces and became the Executive Assistant to the Base Commander, Canadian Forces Base Esquimalt BC 1988-93). William was appointed Colonel Commandant of the Military Police Branch in 1994 and held that appointment for six years.

Among his honours and awards, William became an Officer of the Order of Military Merit in 1985 and received the Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Medal in 1977. He also received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012 and the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires Long Service Medal with Bar in 2000, representing over 17 years of service.

A Funeral Service will be held for William on 1 August 2024 at 2:00 pm from the Grandview Kinsmen Community Centre in Grandview MB. Interment will follow in the Grandview Memorial Gardens & District Cemetery. Online condolences can be sent to the [funeral home](#).



## ASLEEP

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

### Editor's Final Note:

We hope that you enjoyed reading this edition of The Duke, which covers off all the activities engaged in by the BC Regiment and our Regimental Family from 1 July until the end of September 2024. This becomes part of the history of the unit. We thank all those who have contributed to the many articles attached, especially those who write articles on a regular basis.