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EDITOR'S WELCOME

I hope that our readers enjoyed the changes which were made with our September issue The Duke. This edition reflects a new format beginning with **articles on Regimental history, and activities, which are now to be found at the front of this edition and our articles on remembrance of fallen members of the Regimental Family can be found towards the end following the monthly articles capturing what we have done from week to week for the last six months less any articles from other services split into Part 1 and Part 2.**

Our intent as we move forwards with these changes 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.

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. I hope to receive more articles from our various BCR Cadet Corps highlighting the activities of our youngest wearers of our historic cap badge.

Jim

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

THE BARRET BUNKER – MARCH/JUNE 2025

Another month of June has finished with the completion of Annual Ceremonial Reviews from All five of our BCR Cadet Corps from Vancouver, Port Moody, Surrey, Richmond and Powell River. As BCR Association President and Regimental Cadet Governor, I was able to attend all five this year. Many of those cadets and staff are now off at summer camps learning skills ranging from expedition and music to expedition training and many are engaged as staff on those programmes many at the Vernon Cadet Camp which is a place familiar to many Dukes of the past. I thought it would be of interest to include this excerpt from a history of the BCR Cadet Corps which I have been working on over the past several years.

The origins of our affiliated cadet corps goes back much further to 1901 when Sergeant Bundy of the Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles (DCOR) was asked by the Vancouver School Board to teach marching drill to the school children, so that they could take part in the Royal Celebrations held for the arrival of their Royal Highnesses, the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall (later King George V and Queen Mary) that fall and which included the formal opening ceremony of the newly build Drill Hall at 620 Beatty Street.

The military activities of marching was so popular with the students, parents and school board that it was decided to continue the programme, and so, as early as the 4th of May, 1903, the Vancouver Province announced the commencement of military instruction and drilling of students by Sergeant-

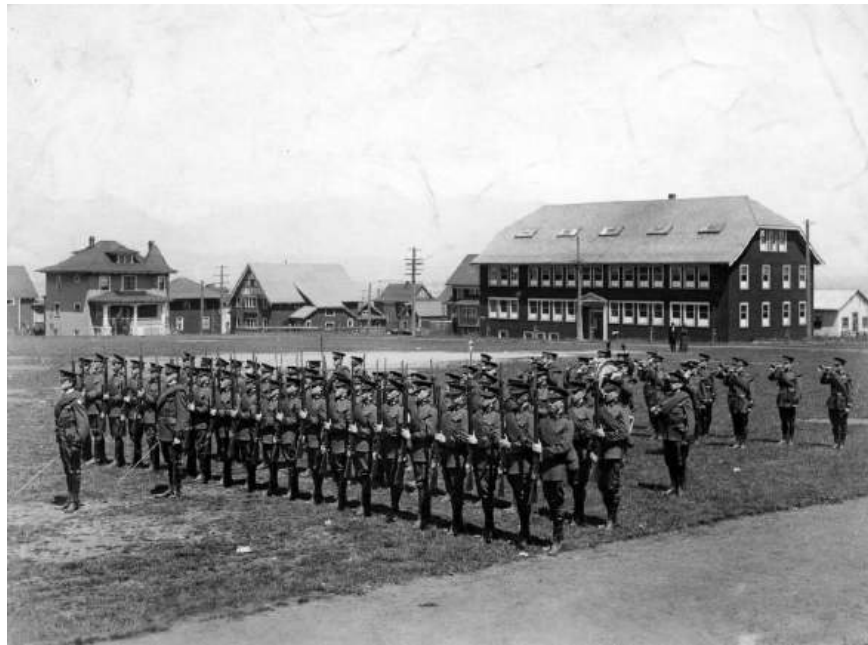
Major Bundy of the DCOR, and that an number of the students were to be given instruction in rifle shooting in the indoor range at the Drill Hall.



101 VHS Cadets Parade at Christ Church Cathedral Vancouver, BC

On 18 November 1903 Number 101 Vancouver High School Cadet Corps was officially formed as a unit of the Canadian Militia at ‘no expense to the public’ and was attached to the DCOR. Initially uniforms were an issue, but a solution was found with the discarded dark blue artillery uniforms worn by the regiment up to its conversion from artillery to rifles in 1899. A tailor altered the uniforms at the parent’s expense and as early as 1904, armed with wooden dummy rifles and ammunition pouches a company of 35 cadets held their first formal parade in uniform.

In 1909, the 101 VHS Cadets accompanied their parent unit, the DCOR to the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition as guest of Seattle, and they participated in the parade, and attended the Exhibition. In 1912, they were granted permission by the Minister of Defence and Militia to accept an invitation from Australian Cadets, who had attended Vancouver in 1911, to tour Australia and New Zealand. Led by Captains Davey and Gibson of the DCOR, 65 101 VHS Cadets departed Vancouver and toured for five months. Of these cadets, Forty-five were to serve with the CEF and two with the AEF in World War I, with nine being killed in action.



101 Vancouver High School Cadet Corps on grounds of King Edward High School prior to departure on Australian and New Zealand Tour 1912

Regimental Archives hold nothing in the way of information about the Vancouver High School Cadet programme from 1914 until 1939 and early WW II when St George's and St Patrick's High Schools commenced training under the guidance of the Regiment, and instructors were provided by the BC Regiment (DCOR) to train the boys. These cadets provided the nucleus of what was later to become 2290 BCR.



101 VHS Cadet Corps on Parade in front of DCOR Drill Hall at Larwell Park 1917



Vancouver High School Cadets on Parade 1944

As for the 101 Vancouver High School programme, there is evidence to suggest that it successfully carried on from 1914 through the school board and existed until approximately 1946 at the end of WW II. It is believed that an examination of the Vancouver school Board Archives may re-establish the link and lineage between the BCR (DCO) and 2290 BCR beyond the two cadet corps mentioned above.

I have a reference to the Minutes of the meetings of the 101 VHS Cadet corps in the Vancouver Archives, and hope to follow up with those historical records in the near future.

DUKE'S DEN

**14 FEBRUARY 2025
VALENTINE'S DAY GREETING**



Happy Valentine's Day to all Members, Veterans, Cadets and Friends of the Regimental Family!



Up the Dukes!

MCpl Duke A. Bear

Editor's Note: Duke has just returned home safely under the watchful eye of fellow Duke, Lieutenant-Colonel Vince Virk, from Operation SagU (Security Assistance Group - Ukraine) in Wiesbaden, Germany. Welcome home after a most successful deployment!

HAPPY SAINT PATRICK'S DAY 17 MARCH 2025



We wish one and all in the Regimental Family, our friends and supporters, a very Happy Saint Patrick's Day!

Faugh a' ballagh, from MCpl Duke A. Bear!
Up the Dukes!

BCR MUSEUM SOCIETY

Editor's Note: Next follows a number of not published research articles completed by Don Manning of our BCR Museum Society. Don's research honours the memory and service of past Dukes including those of our perpetuated units and battalions.

LIEUTENANT NIGEL DRURY THEOBALD, MC 7TH BATTALION (1st BC) CEF



Credit: From an Image of Officers No. 4th Company 7th Battalion, CEF 1917

An introduction:

In 1917, Lt. Theobald appeared in a photograph along with the following officers:

Lt. Albert Henry Wheeler, Lt. Lancelot Joseph Bertrand, MC Vimy Ridge (KIA Hill 70), Lt. William George Ross (KIA Vimy Ridge), Lt. William George Ross (KIA Vimy Ridge), Captain Claude Llewelyn Harris (KIA Vimy Ridge). The then Lt. Theobald and Lt. Albert Henry Wheeler survived the War, the others did not. Despite searching in media, and various military sources, the above image from 1917 seems to be the only available image of this man.

For the purposes of this article, we have relied on Lt. Theobald's surname spelling as it appeared in his Attestation Document. Some media gathered for this article spell it differently and some of his family also spell it differently, as Theobold.

Personal Information:

Birth: 26 April 1893, Woodbridge, Suffolk, United Kingdom

Parents: Father: Admiral Charles Barstow Theobald, Royal Navy (1873-1905), Mother: Ellen nee Drury Theobald (1856-1943)

Nigel Theobald had two siblings, a sister and a brother

Occupation at enlistment: Farmer

Spouse: Evelyn Notman Clyne (1910-1980), married 6 August 1931, Vancouver, B.C., two children

Death: 12 September 1965, White Rock, British Columbia, Cremated

Burial: Cremated

Military Service Prior to The Great War:

3 Years OYC, 1 Training

104th Regiment Western Fusiliers of Canada (1913) (Editor's Note: The 104th Westminster Fusiliers were raised 1 April 1910 from two companies of 6th DCOR and two new companies of infantry. IN 1919 the 6th DCOR, the 104th and a host of CEF Battalions were amalgamated into the 1st British Columbia regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own. In 1925 the BCR was split into three units, the BCR (DCO), the Vancouver Regiment, and what became the Royal Westminster Regiment)

CEF Record:

Date of Attestation: 23 September 1914, Valcartier, Quebec

Regimental Number: as Private: 17176

2 April 1915: Transferred to 11th Battalion Transferred to Infantry Base Depot Shorncliffe

21 April 1915: 7th Battalion Transfer to 1st Battalion

25 May 1915: Wounded, Awarded Military Cross, L.G. No. 31092

30 April 1915: Transfer from 1st Battalion to 7th Battalion

25 May 1915: GSW Left Arm

10 June 1915: Wounded/Gunshot wound, arm, Rank Private/Returned to duty 15 June 1915

15 June 1915: Returned to Duty

10 June 1916: To be Lance Corporal

3 October 1916: Promoted to Temporary Lieutenant

14 October 1916: Granted Commission as Temporary Lieutenant

27 September 1917 to 4 October 1917: Treated for Trench Fever

15 - 18 November 1917: Detached to England to BCRL Home Forces Horse Guard London in exchange to report to GHQ

15 November 1917: Attached to B.C. Reg, & Seaford, on proceeding to England in exchange (to report to GHQ Home Forces, Horse Guards, London).

25 January 1918 B.C.R.D. Ceases to be att. To G.H.Q. Horse Guards. S.O.S. on proceeding o/s to 7th Battalion

15 March 1918: S&S & Estab. Absent for month?

1 April 1918: Having returned from England on completion of Course? As bombing instructor, i.e taken on strength

1 April 1918: Ceases to be attached to GHQ Horse Guards, returns to 7th Battalion

11 October 1918: 2nd Infantry Brigade: Attached to 2nd Infantry Brigade as Bombing Officer

21 October 1918: Granted 10 days Leave to England.

29 October 1918: Ordered by GHQ to be Act. Captain AB Markhill (wounded)

1 January 1919: Awarded the Military Cross

16 March 1919: S.O.S. Pending Return to Canada

10 April 1919: Sailed from Liverpool/S.O.S. of the OMHC on proc. To Can.

28 April 1919: XI D.D. D.O. 118

24 May 1919: Struck off Strength

25 May 1919: Demobilized.

Record of Service – Included with CEF Record

Major Nigel Drury THEOBALD, M.C.

1, Enlisted 7th Battalion, 22-9-14, No. 17176, Rank Private

2. Embarked for England, 3-10-14

3. Transferred to 11th Battalion: 31-5-15

4. Transferred to Infantry Base Depot, Shorncliffe, 2-4-15

5. Proceeded to France: 26 April 1915

6. Taken on Strength 7th Battalion, France, 30-4-15

7. "Wounded" 25-5-15

8. Rejoined Unit, 15-6-15

9. Appointed Lance Corporal, 15-5-15
10. To be Temp. Lieutenant and posted to 7th Battalion
11. Detached to B.C.R. Depot, Seaford on proceeding to England in exchange, to report to G.H.Q., Home Forces, Horse Guards, London, 15-11-17
12. Having returned from England is Taken on Strength, 7th Battalion, 1-4-18
13. Attached to 2nd Infantry Brigade as Bombing Officer
14. Ceases to be attached to 2nd Infantry Brigade, H.Q., 5-10-18
15. Appointed Acting Captain, 29-10-19
16. Proceeded to England, 15-3- 19
17. Struck off Strength C.E.F., 25-4-19 on General Demobilization
18. Honours and Awards

MILITARY CROSS: (Auth. London Gazette, dated 1-1-19)

Summary of Promotions (Handwritten)/ Includes Promotions following Demobilization from C.E.F.

Lt./3rd Battalion, BCR: 15-10-14

Westminster Regiment

Captain: 13-3-21

Major: 1-9-22

Msc ? : 1928

Lt. Colonel: 18-7-31

? : 18-7-34

Medals Awarded, from Library & Archives Canada (1900-1969)

Major, Westminster Regiment: Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long Service Medal

Major: ED- Efficiency Decoration (1946)

Major: Military Cross, 1 January 1919

Post Great War Military Appointments

1931 – 1934: Commanding Officer, Westminster Fusiliers Regiment, New Westminster, British Columbia

**Promoted to
Lt.-Colonel and
Command of Regt.**

Major M. D. Theobald has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant-colonel, and to command the Westminster regiment, with regimental headquarters at New Westminster, B. C., it was announced by the department of national defense.

Major Theobald replaces Lieut.-Col. G. B. Corbould, who has been transferred to and appointed to command the 2nd (reserve) Battalion of that regiment, vice Lieut.-Col. H. W. Cooper, who has been transferred to the reserve of officers.

Lt.-Colonel Nigel Theobald is one of the few surviving members of the original 7th Battalion which left British Columbia in the early days of the war. He served with distinction overseas, winning the M.C. Since returning to Canada shortly after the war, Lt.-Colonel Theobald has made his home on Fairfield Island, having started Chilliwack's first golf course a few years ago on his farm property.

Credit: Chilliwack Progress 29 October 1931

Lt.-Col. Theobald Honored By Officers Westminster Regt.

In honor of Lt.-Col. N. D. Theobald, M.C., of Chilliwack, officer commanding the First Battalion, Westminster Regiment, a complimentary mess dinner was given by his associates in the New Westminster militia unit at the Armouries on Saturday night. Colonel Theobald is retiring as commanding officer of the unit, having completed his tenure of that post on August 18, and the function was in the nature of a farewell arranged by his fellow officers to mark the termination of a happy association during the time he commanded the regiment.

Major F. J. Simpson, V.D., second-in-command of the regiment, will succeed Colonel Theobald as the commanding officer, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel, and the appointment will be gazetted shortly by headquarters.

The mess dinner on Saturday night was marked by the attendance of all former commanding officers of the Westminster Regiment since its reorganization a number of years ago, with the exception of Lt.-Col. F. H. Cunningham, who was unable to be present, and Lt.-Col. W. A. Johnston, deceased. Former commanding officers present included Lt.-Col. J. D. Taylor, Lt.-Col. A. Leslie Coote, who just recently returned from a visit to England; Lt.-Col. H. W. Cooper and Lt.-Col. G. B. Corbould.

Other guests present included Lt.-Col. G. H. Whyte, M.C., officer commanding the First B. C. Regi-

Credit: The Chilliwack Progress 30 August 1934

Westminster Regiment Changes announced, Vancouver Sun 2 May 1940

Westminster Regiment Changes Announced

NEW WESTMINSTER.—
Lieut.-Col. J. E. Sager has been appointed commander of Westminster Regiment and Major A. B. Noble, formerly officer commanding Headquarters Company, will be second in command, according to district orders which came through today. The appointments are effective as from Jan. 4.

Other appointments announced are: Major N. D. Theobald, M.C., formerly officer commanding the Regimental Depot, transferred to command Headquarters Company; Lieut.-Col. C. J. Leat, V.D., formerly officer commanding the regiment, transferred to command of the Regimental Depot; Capt. W. T. Ibbett, formerly officer commanding "A" Company, promoted to major.

He boosts morale wherever he goes

It was an informal "Monty" who inspected the Westminster Regiment at Queen's Park Saturday. He was a friendly, morale-boosting soldier with a word for everyone.

And later, still smiling and amiable, he attended the annual Melfa dinner and parade at New Westminster.

There, Field Marshal Sir Bernard Montgomery met Victoria Cross holder Lt.-Col. Jack Mahoney, of New Westminster, who won the decoration at the Melfa River battle May 23, 1943.

Monty first met six former commanding officers of the New Westminster Regiment—Lieutenant-Colonels F. J. Simpson, W. J. Williams, Nigel Theobald, F. C. B. Cummins, B. V. Morgan and Col. D. G. Eakins.

This was in the reviewing stand, and all rather formal. It was on the parade ground that Monty excelled himself.

He stopped to speak personally to many of the men and most of the members of three affiliated cadet corps.

He even strolled over and

talked with members of the public in the grandstand.

Many more people, military and civilian, will see the field marshal receive an honorary degree at University of B.C. tonight.

He leaves Vancouver for England by plane Tuesday morning.

Road crash suit settled for \$31,000

An ambulance firm and its driver have settled an injury claim arising out of a traffic accident for \$31,000.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie G. King, 2248 East Eighth, were injured Oct. 2, 1955, when their car was struck by an ambulance at Cambie and Sixth.

Payment was made on behalf of Kingsway Ambulance Services, 483 West Sixteenth, and Victor Browne, 2420 Edgemont, North Vancouver.

Credit: Vancouver Province 9 May 1960

Personal Life Following The Great War

The family owned a farm near Chilliwack, B.C., following the then Major Theobald's return from Europe in 1919, the farm was sold about 1924 to a group of investors, led by Dunc Sutherland, a well known Golf Designer of the day to develop the property into Meadowlands Golf Club.

Major Theobald and his family moved to the White Rock area, at the time of his death, he was living near the corner of 16th Avenue (North Bluff Road) and Johnston Road (152nd Avenue) on today's Surrey/White Rock Border. Newspapers of the day made mention of him acting in the theatre in White Rock extending over several years. Prior to that, he lived on Victoria Avenue in White Roak, B.C.

Death, 12 September 1965, White Rock, B.C.



Credit: Vancouver Sun, 15 September 1965

A Regimental Funeral Service (Westminster Regiment) was held 18 September 1965 for Lt. Col. Theobald.

Credit: Vancouver Sun 15 September 1965

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[1969/Pages/list.aspx?Surname=Theobald&EventSearchEn=1900-1969&](https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/military-heritage/military-medals-1812-1969/Pages/list.aspx?Surname=Theobald&EventSearchEn=1900-1969&)

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[decorations/medals/military-cross-mc](https://www.veterans.gc.ca/en/remembrance/medals-and-decorations/medals/military-cross-mc). Note: This suggests he was elevated to Major during the Great War.

Ancestry.ca: [https://www.ancestry.ca/family-](https://www.ancestry.ca/family-tree/tree/170009588/family?cfpid=102200000179&fpid=102200004224&usePUBJs=true)

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Find a Grave: https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/262730266/nigel_drury-theobald

Chilliwack Progress: 26 March 2013, Page A3

Newspaper articles as they appear in this Article

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Prepared: 9 December 2024

The British Columbia Regiment

Officers of No. 4 Company, 7th Battalion - 1917



Back Row - L to R: Lt Nigel Drury Theobald • Lt Albert Henry Wheeler
Lt Lancelot Joseph Bertrand (KIA 15 Aug 1917, Hill 70)

Front Row - L to R: Lt William George Ross (KIA 9 Apr 1917, Vimy Ridge)
Capt Claude Llewelyn Harris (KIA 9 Apr 1917, Vimy Ridge)

From a post card sent from the front and signed on the back by all five officers

PRIVATE LOUIS DAEM (D'HAEM)
102nd BATTALION (NORTH BRITISH COLUMBIANS) CEF
(later attached to Central Ontario Regiment)



Credit: Find a Grave/Wouter van Dijken

Private Daem is remembered today in the records of The Revelstoke Museum and Archives as well as at the Cenotaph in Revelstoke, B.C. I would like to acknowledge Ms. Cathy English, curator of the Museum in the preparation of this article, as well as Mr. Morgan Brewster, a member of the family, who has done extensive research into the Daem family.

Private Daem was born in Revelstoke, British Columbia, Canada, on 10 November 1893, of originally Belgian born parents, (Johannes Camilius D'Haem (Daem) and Marie Johanna nee: Goeham). Louis was one of nine children.

Occupation at enlistment: Blacksmith, his employer was believed to be The Canadian Pacific Railway. Previously he was known to have worked at Halfway Hot Springs, located on the Halfway River close to Nakusp, B.C. as well as today's Halcyon Hot Springs Resort.

Private Daem served first by enlisting within the 121st Battalion, (Western Irish) in 1915, would have done his basic training at Vernon Military Camp, and was subsequently taken up by the 102nd Battalion CEF. His parents had come to Canada to enable his father to take up work and to maintain a postal address in Revelstoke, B.C. In those years Revelstoke was a hub town in the West Kootenays as well as a Station operated by the Canadian Pacific Railway. He had two sisters living in New Westminster at the time of his death, as well as a next of kin listed as Joe Daem, his brother.

There is a side bar to his enlistment, that is referenced in the Revelstoke Museum and Archives that must have influenced his thinking about enlisting: An interesting incident involving the nephew of Louis Daem occurred before his enlistment, as chronicled in the Revelstoke Mail-Herald of January 20, 1915:

"Joris Daem, the three year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Daem, who was in Belgium when the war broke out, and of whom all trace was lost, arrived in Revelstoke on Saturday night in charge of his aunt Miss Mary Daem. They were in Alost until two months after the war broke out when they obtained passports and Miss

Daem walked from Alost to Holland, a twelve hour tramp, carrying the little boy all the way. From Holland they took a boat to England and came to Canada on the Missanalue.”

11th Regiment Irish Fusiliers of Canada.

Attestation: Vancouver, British Columbia, 14 January 1916. (This suggests that he likely travelled to Vancouver via The Canadian Pacific Railway, from Revelstoke, in those times an approximate 7 hour transit.)

Regimental Number: 760929

14 January 1916: Medical Examination: Vernon Camp

121st Battalion (Western Irish) CEF

25 January 1916 – Transferred to 121st Battalion, C.E.F.

Embarkation Date: 14 August 1916, Halifax, Nova Scotia, S.S. Empress of Britain, arrival Liverpool, United Kingdom 24 August 1916



Credit: Veterans Canada



Credit: Morgan Brewster Family Tree

Note the Medical Band (a stretcher bearer?)

16th Reserve Battalion

29 September 1916 – Discharged 17 October 1916: Coun, Hosp - Aldershot

102nd Overseas Battalion, C.E.F.

5 December 1916: Transferred from 121st Regiment C.E.F., posted Overseas (e.g. France) from Bramshott, United Kingdom

6 December 1916: Arrived C.B.D. – France

13 January 1917: Joins Unit

7 February 1917: Private Daem executed a will providing for distribution of property as follows:

His Homestead near Kamloops, B.C. to John Delus, his Brother in Law

His share in his parent's Estate in Welle, East Flanders Belgium as well as his personal estate to his sister Mary Daem

24 March 1917 – 17 April 1917 – 16 April 1917: Omer: Evacuated , treated for Mumps

25 March 1917: No. 7 Gen. Hosp. St. Omer
5 May 1917 – 3 June 1917: To Corps Signaling School
27 December 1917: Granted 14 Days Leave, Returned from England 13 January 1918
14 January: Awarded Good Conduct Badge
27 January 1918: 12 C.F.A. – Barbed Wire wound – Evacuated returned 26 January 1918
2 November 1918: SW Arm to Leg -6CCS- 2 November 1918:
2 November 1918: SW (or sever?) Arm to leg SW Arm Right Leg & thigh(?) – 6 CCS
3 November 1918: To 42 CCS
4 November 1918: 4 G.H. Carmiere (?) G.S.W. Thigh L. Arm Rt. Leg. R.
6 November 1918: Invalided Wd Posted to the BCRD Seaford – Brighton
2 December 1918: Seriously ill – GSW thigh W. Left
9 December 1918: Died of Wounds
Subsequently Died: 9 December 1918 at Endell Street Military Hospital, London England

Note: some medical records have not been included in the preparation of this article.

Word of his Death

Courtesy of Revelstoke Museum and Archives:

The Revelstoke Review in it's December 19, 1918 edition carried this news:

"Word was received from the military authorities of the death of a former Revelstoke boy, Private Louis Daem, M.M., who died of wounds during the great advance. Born in Revelstoke 24 years ago and is a brother of Joseph Daem, Revelstoke, and Philip Daem, Arrowhead."



Credit: Vancouver Province 17 December 1918

Note: The above insertion of 17 December 1918 in The Vancouver Province suggests that Private Daem was awarded a Military Medal sometime in October 1918. This raises the possibility that Private Daem was awarded a Military Medal in October 1918, however if that is correct, there does not appear to be any documentation referencing such an award of Military Medal at that time.

Mr. Morgan Brewster advises from his research that "His MM appears to be the result of action at The Drocourt-Quéant Line. I know that he was part of D Coy, or a stretcher-bearer attached to it (this is unclear), and that they were "clearing Lockwood". I believe it was the night of Sept 30 or 31, 1918. He and a few others received the MM that evening - it could be that all of the stretcher bearers in action that night received it".

Mr. Brewster has also pointed out that Captain Harry Dunlop, M.C., a medical officer attached to the 102nd Battalion was mortally wounded at the doorway to the 102nd Battalion Headquarters, then located at Aulnoy, France, on the morning of 2 November 1918. At this stage of the war, the 102nd Battalion was engaged in the offensive to take the Drocourt-Quéant Line. The source was an enemy shell or shells landing close to the Battalion Headquarters, then located at Aulnoy, France. The Citation card for Private Daem below indicates that The Battalion in the field awarded Private Daem a Military Medal on 3 November 1918, ergo the following day. This suggests that Private Daem, as a stretcher bearer, was close to the location where the shell(s) struck, causing the serious wounds that led eventually to the amputations Private Daem suffered, followed by infections that ultimately led to his death in England on 9 December 1918.

A link to information on the Drocourt-Quéant Line offensive, part of The Last 100 Days of WWI is linked in the reference section to this article.

Medals and Awards

No.	Rank	Name	Unit	Medal (Lodge) Folio
760929	Pte.	DAEM, J.	102nd Batta.	Receipt Nos.
No.	Honor or Award	Date	Authority	Details
1.	MILITARY MEDAL	3.11.18.	Corps Order 1930, 13.3.39. L.9.31887.	

E.148. 21-2-18-18.

Military Medal Citation (ancestry.ca), 3 November 1918

It is unclear as to whom his Military Medal was sent, however it seems possible that it was sent to his reported next of Kin, namely Joe Daem, his brother, of Revelstoke. It is also possible that it was forwarded to his sister Mary, living at Three Valley (south of Revelstoke on the CPR mainline). His record also suggests that a Memorial Cross was produced but it is unclear to whom it was sent.

Example Medals, WWI



Victory Medal and Military Medal, WWI, (resized) credit: Canadian War Museum

Given the years of his Military Service, Private Daem would have qualified for the Victory Medal and the British War Medal. He was not eligible for the 1914-1915 Star as per his Military Record.

Burial: Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey, United Kingdom, Plot: III.I.II
He is one of three Canadian soldiers buried at this cemetery.



Grave image (Find a Grave)

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Find a Grave: <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/17663029/louis-daem>

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**LIEUTENANT-COLONEL STANLEY DOUGLAS GARDNER,
COMPANION OF THE ORDER OF ST MICHAEL & ST GEORGE
(CMG), MILITARY CROSS, CHEVALIER LEGION D'HONNEUR
7TH & 38TH BATTALIONS CEF**



Credit: Find a Grave



Credit: Traces of War.com

Introduction:

When the 7th Battalion (1st BC) CEF issued its Nominal Roll in 1915, the Headquarters Staff included some well-known figures in the Regimental History, including:

Lt-Col. William Hart-McHarg, 6th Regiment, Major Victor W. Odum, C.M.R., Major Percy Byng-Hall, Indian Army, and next appears Captain Stanley Douglas Gardner, Royal North-West Mounted Police. Captain Gardner reported his address as 5 Cavendish Road, Clapham, London, S.W., England, having been taken on strength on 23 September 1914 at Valcartier, Quebec. Keep in mind that when The Imperial German Army invaded Belgium on 4 August 1914, Canada was going to be involved. Captain Gardner, as he then was, was already a seasoned and experienced officer, gaining much of his experience in South Africa.



Credit: Dimitrios Corcodilos in 'Find a Grave'

Lt-Col. Gardner's Military Record clearly shows a dedicated and courageous soldier who did not hesitate to lead his men into battle and be prepared for the numerous injuries he suffered as a result of his Military Service.

Personal:

Birth: 22 August 1880, City of London, Greater London, England, Father: Edward Thomas Gardner (1848-1930), Mother Catherine (Kate) Charlotte Gardner (1853-1918) . He had one brother and five sisters.

Marriage: Married to May Gardner (nee: Machel), 11 July 1910, London, England. At his death she was living with her in laws at 65, The Grove, Palmer's Green, London England (Source: Commonwealth War Graves Commission)

Profession: Accountant

Arrival in Vancouver: Henderson's Directory (1911) shows Stanley D. Gardner residing at 109 East Broadway, Vancouver, B.C.

Death: 30 September 1918, died of Wounds, at Canal du Nord, at the time of the breakout at the Hindenburg Line and prior to Second Battle of Cambrai (27 September 1918 - 11 October 1918).

Military Career:

South Africa – 22nd Battalion, London Regiment

From an article in The Vancouver Province dated 8 June 1916, adapted by the writer:

"A veteran of the South African campaign, Captain Gardner saw considerable service before the present war. He wears two medals with five clasps for the South African War. He was a lieutenant in the 22nd Battalion of the London Regiment before coming to Canada.



Credit: Regiment Website

Royal Northwest Mounted Police

Prior to attesting at Valcartier, our man reports that he served in the Royal Northwest Mounted Police, information not located for this article.



Credit: spiritofthepeace.ca

Canadian Mounted Rifles

As Disclosed in his Attestation Document. No details located.

The 6th Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles (6th DCOR)

"He was a lieutenant and afterwards captain and adjutant of the 6th DCOR in Vancouver" 12 August 1914 (following his arrival in Vancouver)."



Outbreak of War – 1914

"On the outbreak of hostilities our man volunteered for service with the 7st C.E.F., with the 1st Contingent from this city being appointed adjutant of the 7th. He was wounded at Festubert (sic Pas-de-Calais) on Empire Day last year. He has been awarded the Military Cross, and he is a Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur. He was mentioned in dispatches last December for his bravery in heading an expedition which rushed up ammunition and was instrumental in saving a battery of guns from capture"

Military Record, Great War

7th Battalion, C.E.F. and 38th Reserve Battalion, C.E.F. – Selected entrieis

23 September 1914, Enlisted, Valcartier, Quebec

14 October 1914: On Strength, France

24 May 1915: Wounded, recurrent pleurisy

18 June 1915: G.S.W. Shrapnel, Right Chest – 43 Days in Hospital, recurring 10 October 1916

26 June 1915: Transferred to England to 30th Battalion

28 October 1915: Unfit for duty, England

31 October 1915: Taken on Strength, 30th Battalion

5 November 1915: Attached to S&T

30 November 1915: Unfit for duty, England

13 December 1915: Vacated from Appointment, Shorncliffe

22 December 1915: To be Major of 14th

3 January 1916: Bramshott: Brigade Western

January 1916: Recommended for Gallant and Distinguished Service London Gazette 1 January 1916 RO 1669 – returns to 7th Battalion
 14 January 1916: Awarded Military Cross – London Gazette 24 March -RO1668
 13 February 1916: 1st Canadian Division - French Legion - Awarded Croix Chevalier London Gazette 24 March 1916 RO 1753
 1 June 1916: 4th Division Performed duty Staff Officer to Bde (brigade) in the Canadian Division Bramshott
 2 June 1916: Transfer to 11th Can. Infantry Brigade – TOS
 16 June 1916: Struck off Strength having proceeded O/S to 7th Battalion
 16 July 1916: 1st Division To be Temp. Major
 24 July 1916: 1st Division – To be Acting Lieut. Col. – to be Temp Major but not to carry – pay or allowance prior to 20 June 1916 – To be Temp Lt-Col 7th Battalion
 7 October 1916: G.S.W. Chest
 11 October 1916: Adm. To General Hospital Rouen
 18 October 1916: Sick COD Shorncliff
 12 October 1916: DDMS – Adm Mrs. Arnold's Hospital
 16 October 1916: GOCC2D On Leave, found unfit for duty by Medical Board
 17 October 1916: 30th Battalion – General Service – 3 months
 23 October 1916: 30 CC2D – To be Commandant Canadian Troops Shoreham area
 16 October 1916: 30 CC2D -Taken on Strength – Posted to General List
 22 December 1916: To be Brigade Commander
 26 December 1916: Returned from Leave
 1 January 1917: From HQ 3rd Reserve Battalion from Shoreham to No. 3 Reserve Battalion Seaford
 2 January 1917: From HQ CEF – To be Act. O/C 3rd Can. Reserve CEF
 17 January 1917: Transferred to General List to 3 Reserve Brigade
 10 April 1917: To be Temp Col – Temporary Commander
 16 August 1917: 7th Battalion – Col. S.D. Gardner, MC having pro o/s on duty
 3 July 1917: Seaford – Lt. Col. C.R. Bolt 16 Res. Bn. Temp assumes duties of OC (Officer Commanding) Can. Troop 5 (?) Seaford from 3 July 1917
 13 July 1917: Seaford – Returned from “On Command”
 4 August 1917: Seaford – Ceases to be shown On Command
 17 July? – WO? - Brought to notice of Secretary for War for Valuable Services ? for Conduct of the War
 5 August 1917: CRO – admitted to Can ? Hospital Shoreham
 24 August 1917: Granted Sick Leave from 22 August 1917
 3 September 1917: extension of leave
 22 September 1917: Assume Command of Troops Seaford
 16 October 1917: Transfer? To London On Command
 3 June 1918: To be Comp St. Michael & St. George Order
 13 June 1918: Wounded, Dislocated Right Shoulder
 17 June 1918: - Seaford – Trans from 3rd Reserve Battalion to ?
 19 June 1918: Admitted to General Hospital Eastbourne
 6 July 1918: Brought to Notice of Secretary of War for valuable Services rendered during the war.
 18 July 1918: HQ Seaford – Proceed to France on temporary duty.
 20 August 1918: Proceed overseas for duty
 1 October 1918: WO – Relinquishes Act. Rank of Col. on ceasing to be Brigade Commander
 1 October 1918: AMS – Reported from Base – Died of Wounds 30 September 1918
 24 October 1918: Died while at 4 Can CC Stn 30 September 1918, while attacking Canal du Nord.
 16 October 1918: To Command a Bn. E.O. Regt (38th Battalion) 10 September 1918

Note: Lt. Col. Gardner's Medical Records are as lengthy as his direct military service. I have not included them for reasons of brevity, but they are well worth a read as they show the sacrifices he made as an officer.

Burial:

Duisans British Military Cemetery, Etrun, Departement du Pas-de- Calais, Nord-Pas-de-Calais, France
Plot: VII.A.85.



Find a Grave (Claude Laignel)

Gravesite Details:

“Lieutenant Colonel, 7th Battalion, Canadian Infantry (British Columbia Regiment) attd. 38th Battalion, Canadian Infantry (Eastern Ontario Regiment). Died of wounds. Awarded the Companion of The Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George,”

Medals, Awards and Citations

Companion of The Most Distinguished Order St. Michael and St. George (CMG) (United Kingdom) concurred to with Canada

Military Cross (United Kingdom), concurred to by Canada

Croix de Chevalier (French Legion - France)

Eligible for 1914 – 1915 Star

Above were forwarded to his Widow, Mrs. Rachel Gardner, London, England

Plaque & Scroll and Cross of Sacrifice forwarded to Mrs. Rachel Gardner

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“The Dukes” Douglas E. Harker, 1973

Lest We Forget

From For the Fallen, by Laurence 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.”

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3 January 2025

CAPTAIN JOHN GRANT KNIGHT, MC 102ND BATTALION (NORTH BRITISH COLUMBIANS) CEF



Credit: BCR Museum Society Archive

Personal:

Birth: 10 January 1877, Pembroke, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada

Death: 4 January 1937, Grand Forks, British Columbia, Canada

Parents: Thomas Knight, 3rd, Blacksmith, (1845 – 1925), Mary McPhail, (1845 -1920)

Siblings: Four sisters, one brother

Spouse: Mary Isabella Campbell, Marriage: 10 June 1908, Kamloops, British Columbia, no issue

It appears that following his birth in Pembroke, Ontario, his family lived in Manitoba, and Vernon, B.C.

Military Record

Prior to CEF:

104th Regiment, W.F. of C.

No entries found on his service record.

121st Battalion, CEF (Editor's Note: the 121st Western Irish CEF trained in Vernon prior to deployment to the UK where they were broken up as reinforcements largely to the 29th Battalion (Vancouver Regiment) CEF and now perpetuated by the BC Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own)

No entries found related to this unit.

Canadian Expeditionary Force (Excerpts)

131st Battalion CEF

Enlisted: 17 February 1916

Embarked Halifax: 1 November 1916 on S.S. Caronia (Nominal Roll indicates 31 October 1916.)

Disembarked Liverpool: 11 November 1916

30th Battalion

30 October 1916: Transferred to General List, 30th Battalion

13 November 1916: Posted General List, 30th Battalion

102nd Battalion

1 December 1916: Posted to 102nd Battalion, proceeded to 102nd Battalion

1 December 1916: Taken on Strength, 102nd Battalion

6 December 1916: Proceeded from England to France, Taken on Strength

4th Ent. Battalion

8 December 1916: Left for 4th Ent. Battalion (Fired?)
11 December 1916: T.O.S. of 4th Ent. Battalion
4 January 1917: Dispatched to Unit/Arrived at Unite 6 January 1917
17 September 1917: Awarded Military Medal
16 November 1917: To Canadian Corps School for course/retuned to unit 25 November 1917.
17 March 1918: To be Acting Captain
9 April 1918: To be Acting Captain British Columbia Regiment
2 May 1918: Admitted No. 11 Field Ambulance.
3 May 1918: Treated for Trench Mouth.
1 May 1918: Evacuated to Field Ambulance

102nd Battalion C.E.F.

18 May 1918: Returned to Dity
14 September 1918:
9 August 1918: Transfer from BCR A 2nd COR
14 September 1918: T.O.S. Army ? School
8 October 1918: From 102nd to 1st Army Musketry (?) Returned School.
12 October 1918: Return to duty
30 January 1919: To be Temp. Captain 2nd Corps
1 February 1919: Awarded Bar to Military Cross
6 May 1919, with 102nd Battalion, returned to England
11 May 1919: Note on file - nose and hearing damage medical report: Canadian Corps Bramshott
12 May 1919: Struck off Strength pending return to Canada
31 May 1919: Sailed for Canada: H.M.T.S. Mauretania
6 June 1919: "A" Wing C.C.C. Bramshott – S.O.S. on Sailing for Canada for demobilization
10 June 1919: M.H.Q. Ottawa – Taken off Strength for General Demobilization
23 June 1919: 2nd C.O.R.D. – Taken off Strength
25 June 1919: M.H.Q. Ottawa: T.O.S. from C.E.F. on General Demobilization
On General Demobilization, Captain Knight reported that his address would be Vernon, B.C., where his wife was residing, there were no children at that time.

Award of Military Cross

From Supplement to the London Gazette, 17 September 1917

"Lt. John Grant Knight, Infy

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in personally leading his platoon against concrete defenses, three of which he captured in spite of very strong hostile opposition, also mopping up the enemy trenches and capturing fourteen prisoners, It was entirely owing to his and dash that his objective was obtained, as his men had to climb over a steep embankment before they could commence the attack."

Source: <https://www.thegazette.co.uk/London/issue/30287/supplement/9591>

Comment: this appears to document his initial award of The Military Cross while holding the rank of Lieutenant. The date of the award and the fact that the 102nd Battalion fought at Hill 70 leads to the possibility that the initial award of Military Cross took place at Hill 70.

Citation for Award of Military Cross – Supplement to London Gazette 1 February 1919. 1633

"Lt. (A./Capt.) John Grant Knight, M.C., 102nd Bn., Can. Infy., 2nd Cent. Ont. R. (M.C. granted 17th September, 1917.)

For conspicuous courage and able leadership during the advance from Dury to the Canal du Nord 3rd-4th September. He led his company through heavy shell and machine-gun fire with very small casualties, and

successfully reached his objectives. When information was required regarding the bridges over the Canal du Nord, he went out with two scouts over open country commanded by enemy machine-gunners and snipers, and personally obtained valuable information. Citation for Bar to the Military Cross published in the London Gazette, number 31158, supplement dated 1 February 1919, page 1633.”

Source: <https://www.thegazette.co.uk/London/issue/31158/supplement/1633>

Comment: This appears to be documenting Acting Captain Knight's actions in September 1918, at the start of "The Last 100 days" campaign, taking place between The Dury start line and the taking of Canal du Nord. This may shed light on how Captain Knight was awarded the bar for his Military Cross. His Military record indicates he was awarded the bar on 1 February 1919.

Life Following Discharge from the Military

Following discharge our man worked for many years as a Civil Engineer working on planning, construction and repair of a number of hydro-electric projects in British Columbia, operating as Yuill & Knight Construction Engineers at 626 West Pender Street, Vancouver, B.C. Although he had previously resided in New Westminster and his base was in Vancouver, B.C., he had been called back to Grand Forks to attend to a leak that had developed in a municipal dam (Granby Dam) that he had been involved with from planning and construction in 1933. He had met late into the night on 3 January 1937, immediately prior to his death, with City Officials in Grand Forks and passed away the following day. He was scheduled for eye surgery soon after, which obviously did not happen.

Death: 4 January 1937, Grand Forks, B.C., obituary appears in the Reference Section. It appears that our man was in poor health and was awaiting surgery in Vancouver, B.C. at the time of his death. The obituary appeared in The Vancouver Sun:

KNIGHT—SUDDENLY AT GRAND Forks, B. C. Jan. 4, 1937. Capt. John Grant Knight, M.C., 102 Battalion, C.E.F., of 317—3rd Ave., New Westminster, beloved husband of Mary I. Knight. Survived by his wife, two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Bird and Mrs. Hedley Miller, Kamloops; one brother, Archibald C., of Vancouver; an aunt, Mrs. Eve B. Knight, New Westminster; and nephew, Alvin Knight, Saskatoon. Funeral services from the chapel of the Mt. Pleasant Undertaking Co., Wednesday, Jan. 6, at 1:30 p.m., Rev. N. B. B. Larmouth officiating. Cremation.

Credit: Vancouver Sun 5 January 1937

The Story behind the MG-18 Rifle

Many of you know of or have seen the MG-18 Rifle that the Museum cares for and has maintained over many years.



This weapon was obtained by Captain Knight, MC in Europe, and a link to information about this weapon is included in the reference section below.

From Lt-Col. (Ret'd) James Barrett:

“As for the provenance of the weapon, it was in the collection of the Vancouver Museum Collection for many years when I believe our curator, Capt. Bill Edgar (Ret'd WWII veteran) arranged for a long term loan from their museum to ours which is ongoing. Based on timings, it is likely that it may have been donated to the Vancouver Museum after Maj Matthew's retirement, (i.e. 1970) as he donated the bulk of their military collection off to the 1 CER Museum in Chilliwack in the late 1960s. Only the accession records with the Van Museum can confirm that information. An interesting and rare piece likely used in Operation Michael in 1918.”

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The MG-18

Theodor Bergmann MP 18 : The First Submachine Gun: <https://calibremag.ca/bergmann-mp18-the-first-submachine-gun/>

Operation Michael

Operation Michael: <https://vimyfoundation.ca/battles/operation-michael>

Thanks go to Lt-Col. (Ret'd) James Barrett and our President, William Whalen for their contributions to this article.

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26 November 2024

LIEUTENANT JOHN 'SUD' TRELAWNEY SCUDAMORE, MID 28th (BC) CANADIAN ARMoured REGIMENT



Personal

Birth: 29 April 1922, Toronto, Ontario His Parents: Father Rev. Harold Burt Scudamore, B.A. (1891-1964), Mother Maud Trelawney (1891-1984). His father was a CEF veteran. His had one Sibling John Owen Salisbury Scudamore (1927-2017)

Lt. Scudamore was never married, nor did he have issue.

Occupation on Enlistment:: Accountant/Student

From his Military Record

11 June 1942: Taken on Strength/Appointed A.Sgt. Cadet 6 June 1942

His Regimental Number was K.46063 effective 5 September 1942

11 November 1942: Promoted from Cadet to 2nd Lt. Active Unit C.A.C. (PR) No. 11 DD

Transfers/Promotions/Reversions

11 September 1942: Trans. Frto A-8 T.C. (PR) C.A.C. R.O.# 2546, 11 November 1942

29 December 1942: Embarked Canada – Sailing List No. 2244, arrived England 7 January 1943

8 January 1943: Taken on Strength #3 C.A.C.R.U.

20 January 1943: To be Lt. CAC ((RRINT?) No. A-8 T.C., 2 December 1942 RO# 2809 Effective 20 January 1943.

4 March 1943: To 28th Armored Regiment.
30 March 1945: Awarded M. in D. RO. 5512 o/2 RO 5644.

Training Phase in Canada and The United Kingdom

12 June 1942: Assigned to Officer Training Course, Gordon Head.
5 September 1942: Appointed P/2/Lt pending promotion in CARO
10 September 1942: Ceases to be On comm & Att. OTC.WC.CA & RQDD Effective 4 September 1942 on
proc to A 8 CAC TC Camp Borden Ontario
11 September 1942: TOS A/ C.A.C. (A) T.C. Eff. 11 September 1942
3 December 1942: App'd Lieut. w/e 2-December-1942
26 December 1942: SOS A-8 CAC Eff. 27 December 1942 to CFOS F.

Canadian Armoured Corps

Rank: 2nd Lt. (K.46063)
Mentioned in Dispatches: RO. 5644o/d/w
Taken on Strength effective 5 September 1942, T.O.S. 30 December 1942
7 January 1943:: Disembarked
8 January 1943: T.O.S. #3 CACRU
12 January 1943: TOS CAO 30 December 1942/ TOS 3 CACRU effective 4 March 1943
11 February 1943: Adm. To GH eff. 30 January 1943
4 March 1943: SOS 3 CACRU. TOS 28 CAR eff. 4 March 1943
11 March 1943: TOS 28 CAR (BCR) from #3 CACRU eff, 15 March 1943
29 April 1943: On Command to 4th ADCA Crse. Returned
29 April 1943: S.O.S. to Spl. Inc?
30 April 1943: S.O.S. to Special Increment
30 April 1943: T.O.S. from 38 Armd. Regt.
2 May 1943: On Command to 4th ABCA Course, Chatham House, London from 29 April 1943 to 1 May 1943
8 May 1943: SOS 28 (BCR) to Spec. CICncrement effective 15 March 1943 - ?. TOS SPEC Increment eff..
30 April 1943
29 May 1943: S.O.S. to 28 C.A.R.
30 May 1943: TOS from Spl Inc
5 June 1943: SOS Spec. Increment – 29 May 1943 & TOS 28 ? eff. 30 May 1943
26 July 1943: On CmHQ Crse 138 Can. Trng. Centre FAP and attend to S.E. Army
26 July 1943: CMHQ Crse 130 Camouflage Ser. M.2 to 30 July 1943 62%
30 July 1943: OU CMHQ Crse 138 Can. Training Centre & Att to SE Army
About 30 July 1943: Awarded The Canadian Volunteer Service Medal & Clasp
15 January 1944: Awarded Canadian Volunteer Service Medal
29 January 1944 returning 12 February 1944: Armour & Projectile Course
7 February 1944: On Armour & Projectile Course & Att Sch FAP
12 February 1944: Off TK Tech Armour & Projectile Crse & C/att (Course 703: Sherman Gunners
8 March 1944: Proceed on CMHQ Crse 703 Ser 487 Attd. To AFV Sch. Sep?
8 March 1944: to 22 March 1944: On course Sherman Gunnery Instruction/ CMHQ Crse No. 703 Ser 487D
Gunnery Instrs. Refresher * Mar to 22 March 1944
22 March 1944: Off CMHQ Crse 703 & cf att APV – sch FAP
23 June 1944: Awarded Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with Clasp
22 July 1944: Embarked for France arriving 24 June 1944
29th October 1944: Killed in Action
29 October 1944: Struck off Strength/Killed in Action

There is no information in Lt. Scudamore's Military Record that sheds any light on his service following embarkation to France in June 1944. The media articles attached shed some light on his career after that date. I could find no reference to support his appointment as "Acting Captain", which is referenced in Chilliwack Museum & Archives posting on their website.

Note to reader: During preparation of this article, I was advised by Ms. Iris van Landschoot, a friend of the Regiment, the following: "Bergen op Zoom used to be a garrison town where many military buildings/barracks were. The exercise terrain at one of them was/is know as "Plein XIII". In October 1944 about 59 soldiers were buried there (killed during the liberation of that town and close area). Most of them Canadians. One of them was John Trelawney Scudamore. On June 6th 1945 their bodies were reburied at the Bergen op Zoom military cemetery." See the links for: Plein XIII.

Campaign Medals

1939 - 1945 Star

France & Germany Star

Defense Medal

War Medal

CVSM & Clasp

There is no evidence of a Silver Cross being forwarded to his Mother.

Articles Retrieved for this Article that reference Lt. Scudamore

INTO BELGIUM

On the second Canadian army attack against Falaise on Aug 14 the BCR's took a notable part in charge of the 300 Canadian tanks over the Laison River to the high ground northeast of Falaise. They rolled into the German gun lines and prisoners streamed out.

A few days later, the squadron led by Maj. Toogood got over a river at Dambianville, between Falaise and Trun, and there it contained a sizeable German force while the rest of the Canadians and the Polish division swung around on a left hook on Trun.

The regiment fought in the Trun Gap and shared in the attack which relieved the Poles when they were cut off. From Trun, the BCR's rolled across northern France and Belgium to Bruges, having several engagements on the way. For several weeks they were on the Leopold canal and then were moved north of Antwerp.

The attack on Esschen was their next show. Supporting the Algonquins and the Lincoln and Wetlands from the Niagara peninsula, they fought their way up the fields and roads to the Esschen area and their tanks actually were the first Canadian force into the town.

Later, tanks of the regiment were in action between Esschen and Bergen op Zoom and they also fought on the canal north of Bergen. Lieut. Scudamore was killed there by a mortar bomb as he was crossing the canal in his tank. He had been in every battle the regiment fought.

Credit: Canadian Virtual Memorial



KILLED IN ACTION—Lieut. John Trelawney "Scud" Scudamore, 21, son of Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Scudamore, Agassiz, has been killed in action in Belgium. He was a veteran of a "terrific tank battle" on the Falaise Road in Normandy.

Lieut. Scudamore was born in Toronto and came with his parents to Sardis seven years ago. In 1940 he entered the University of B.C., enlisted the following year, and went overseas in January, 1943.

Vancouver Sun 14 November 1944 p. 3

FALAISE GAP HERO

Lieut. John T. "Scud" Scudamore, 21, son of Rev. and Mrs. Harold B. Scudamore of Agassiz, was killed in action in Belgium at the end of October, was with 28th Armored (DCOR), had been overseas since January, 1943. Particulars and picture were published in The Vancouver Sun of Nov. 14 and he also came in for special mention in the epic story of Ross Munro published on Monday of the heroic battle of the DCOR at Hill 195 north of Falaise on Aug. 9. He survived that fight which cost so many lives of officers and men from British Columbia and went on to new fronts only to make the supreme sacrifice himself in a struggle the details of which will be told some day soon and which will be found to shed equal glory on his unit.

Vancouver Sun 6 December 1944, p. 24

DCOR's Lose 38 Tanks in Epic Battle

B.C. Men Heroic In Death Fight On Hill 195

By ROSS MUNKO
Canadian Press War Correspondent

WITH THE 1ST CANADIAN ARMY, Dec. 4. — The British Columbia Regiment (DCOR) from Vancouver has fought in many of the big battles of the Canadian Army on the western front, but the terrible fight last Aug. 9 near Hill 195, north of Falaise, will rank forever in the battle annals of this regiment — the oldest on the Pacific Coast.

The full story of this bloody, chaotic battle has been long in the telling, yet it stands out even now as a Canadian epic of sacrifice and heroism.

It took weeks for this tank regiment to sort out the story itself, and recently, at its headquarters I heard it in detail from a handful of officers who survived that battle in which the unit lost 38 tanks in about 14 hours of furious battle.

B.C. OFFICERS DIE

The 30-year-old commanding officer, Lt.-Col. Don Worthington of Vancouver, was killed in this action as he gallantly led his men, and of two squadron commanders, Maj. Tommy Baron was killed in action and Maj. Geoffrey Sidenius, both of Vancouver, is now reported missing.

The regiment came out of the fight decimated, yet for days wounded and cut-off men stumbled back to the Canadian lines. It was estimated that despite the tremendous tank losses, 75 per cent of the crews, including wounded, got back.

The regiment went into the line south of Caen at the end of July and after one diversionary attack on Tilly la Campagne it took part in the big offensive of the Canadian Army on August 8, with the thrust going straight down the Caen-Falaise highway.

The unit got to Cinthieux the night of August 8 and it was ordered to attack in darkness the following morning with the Algonquin regiment from northern Ontario to get on Hill 195, about five miles north of Falaise.

BARON LEADS WAY

At 2:30 a.m., on August 9, the DCOR's headed down the highway for Hill 195. Major Baron's squadron led the way and the leading troop was commanded by Lt. F. G. Hooton of Winnipeg, who survived, and is now on the staff at divisional headquarters. The colonel, with regiment headquarters, came next in the order of march and then came the squadron led by Major Sidenius.

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LT.-COL. D. G. WORTHINGTON



MAJOR J. W. TOOGOOD



MAJOR T. S. BARON



MAJOR E. F. BARLOW



LT. J. T. SCUDAMORE



CAPT. A. E. BIDDLECOMBE

BATTLE HEROES—When the DCOR, British Columbia's oldest regiment, went into action August 9 at Falaise in one of the most desperate and important tank battles of the war, two of its outstanding officers were killed, including Lt.-Col. D. G. Worthington (top left), son of Ald. G. H. Worthington. Major T. S. (Tommy) Baron, former city gridiron star, also lost his life. Lieut. J. T. Scudamore of Agassiz was killed in a later battle. The others pictured here are back on duty.

Chiang Makes Soong New China Premier

CHUNGKING, Dec. 4—(AP)—Foreign Minister T. V. Soong assumed the premiership of China today in a move which will enable President Chiang Kai-Shek, as commander-in-chief of China's armies, to concentrate fully on military tasks.

Soong stepped into his new post with his appointment as acting vice-president of the Executive Yuan, succeeding his brother-in-law, H. H. Kung. He then was designated acting president of the Yuan.

There were unconfirmed, and possibly inspired reports, of an agreement in principle between

DIPLOMAT FOUND SLAIN

NORFOLK, England, Dec. 4—(AP)—Sir Eric Teichman, 60, veteran British diplomat in the Far East and one-time counsellor of the British Em-

DCOR's WRITE WAR EPIC IN FRANCE

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Barging south with the Algonquin, this powerful "ice cream" tank blazed its way through the black night, shooting up everything in its path. They went to capture Hill 20, which was the key to Falaise, and the DCOR's went for the hill through the darkness, which made it very difficult to keep direction.

By dawn the leading squadron was in the area of the attack, slightly to the east. The other squadrons were moving up from the front had carried the regiment to within 200 yards of the headquarters of the 2nd Valour Division. Then the Germans struck.

RUSS DESPERATE

Masses of enemy guns from the area around the square set up on the Canadian tanks. Enemy tanks appeared and Tigers and Panthers blazed at the attackers.

Hill 20 was the key in the desperate battle for Falaise, they fought everything they had of the DCOR's and the Algonquin and they had the whole area covered with fire. On one section of ground along the hill there were 25 enemy 88mm guns.

Thirty of the DCOR tanks and two companies of Algonquin took up positions in a three mile square, and there they fought the enemy. Lt. Col. Worthington and the regimental headquarters were inside this square. Maj. Balfour was in command of the Algonquin squadrons, the rest of the force being caught in the open near Quarry Wood when daylight came. They stood and fought there in the open.

FURIOUS BATTLE

From dawn to 9 p.m., the battle raged with a fury that had no precedent, even in the fiercest trench fighting and the fiercest struggle for Orléans.

The German artillery and tanks systematically wiped out strip after strip of the Canadian squares and battalions by night near Quarry Wood.

One tank after another was hit, its crew falling out in the night with the Algonquin infantry. The crews begged the other gun crews their tanks with which to continue the fight.

Lt. Col. Worthington was a fearless, inspiring figure as he moved around the front square on foot, encouraging the men and organizing the defence. The square got smaller and smaller and yet the DCOR's and the Algonquin hung on.

The commanding officer of the Algonquin, who was in the square, had a leg blown off and Lt. Col. Worthington took over command of the infantry as well.

WORTHINGTON HIT

In the afternoon he was hit by a straight when he was out on the perimeter trying to direct targets for the Canadian artillery. But he was carried on a stretcher to the rear and he was killed on his regiment's tribute to him. There could not be a better commanding officer. He had fought in Tunisia with the British Army and this was his second campaign. He was killed on his own battlefield.

Lt. Hester was in the thick of the inferno of the square and others included Capt. Hester, John Seaman, Sgt. R.C. Linn, John Snow, Battalion Cpl. and Lt. J. T. Jessel, Cpl. and Cpl. Stock and Johnson were awarded.

GERMANS RELOADED

Capt. Art (Bobby) McIntyre of Vancouver was in the square in his tank and he fought until his tank was finally hit and he leaped from the blazing tank and made his way back out through Quarry Wood, which was full of Germans, as enemy infantry overran the position the DCOR and the Algonquin had held since dawn.

Two other tank commanders who, the 10th Battalion, fought with their crews until their ammunition was gone and their position wiped out were Cpl. H. A. Beckwith, of Vancouver, who, a cousin of Lt. Col. Worthington, and Sgt. Bill Crawford of Trail, B.C. These three men with their crews were the last DCORs to leave the square at the Germans broke it in pieces.

Clanking made his way back to Canadian lines that night but then he too was captured. Clanking later was killed near Falaise in Belgium.

15 OFFICERS LOST

The evening after the battle the DCOR's reported they had been 15 officers and 100 men but for days lost and men and one who had been wounded as straggled into the Canadian lines. They had returned to duty under and some of them lay out in the enemy line for two and three days before being able to slip back.

The DCOR's had suffered heavily, as did the Algonquin in this spearhead attack towards Falaise but they had given the enemy a terrific job and destroyed a lot of German equipment. They found out the strength of the enemy and a new 100mm Canadian anti-aircraft was launched five days later which was an overwhelming success.

The remainder of the regiment was spread up in one squadron on Aug. 10 under Maj. John Thompson of Vancouver and it set up a holding force a mere 2000 yards from the German stronghold in Quarry Wood. By Aug. 14, however, when the next enemy attack was made, the DCOR's attacked as a full regiment.

FORGOT AT THIN

They fought their way made the great advance across France and Belgium and they had more still fighting, having reached the front.

The present squadron commander is Maj. Norman, Maj. Q. A. Lambie, Airborne, Ont., and Maj. G. S. Currie, Montreal, son of the late Sir Arthur Currie, Canadian Corps commander in the last war. Maj. A. G. Chubb of Calgary is second-in-command. Capt. L. E. Jones of Calgary and Vancouver and Lt. J. H. Jones is in charge of the 10th Battalion headquarters staff. Maj. E. F. Burke of Vancouver has headquarters squadrons and some of the officers who have been with the unit for a long period include Lt. J. S. MacLennan, Capt. J. O. Stevens, Lt. G. E. Gibson of Vancouver, and Capt. McEwen, R. D. Jay of Vancouver is regimental sergeant major and regimental quartermaster. Capt. H. J. H. is Lt. of Vancouver. The four squadrons sergeant majors are: Sgt. J. H. H. of the 1st, Henry Patterson, S. A. D. McKee and Frank Allen.

In the Canadian Army attack against Falaise on August 15, the DCOR's took a vital part in charge of the 300 Canadian tanks over the Lahn river to the high ground northeast of Falaise. They rushed into the German tank lines and prisoners streamed out.

TOO GOOD IN COMMAND

A few days later the squadron led by Maj. Thompson set out a river at Embouchure, between Falaise and Thionville and it captured a valuable German force while the rest of the Canadian and the Polish divisions swung around to a left hook on Thionville.

The regiment fought in the Thionville and cleared in the attack which released the Poles when they were cut off from Thionville. The DCOR's moved across Northern France and Belgium to Brussels, having made valuable gains on the way. For several weeks they were on the Leopold Canal and they were named in the Order of Merit.

The attack was led by the Algonquin and the Lincols and the Wellheads from the Niagara peninsula, they fought their way over the bridge and made to the Eastern area and their tanks actually were the first Canadian force into the town.

Later, tanks of the regiment were in action between Eindhoven and Bergen Op Zoom and they also fought the canal north of Bergen. Lt. Col. Stoddard was killed by a sniper's bullet as he was crossing the canal in his tank. He had been in every battle the regiment fought.

Worldwide Prayers For War-Torn Poland

Attention of the adherents of various religions in the special intention of the annual services to the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Archbishop William M. Luke announced at the 13th Mass at Holy Rosary Cathedral on Sunday. The special services are international.

This feast, which falls on December 8, emphasizes the spiritual leadership of Mary as the Mother of the Church. Masses of the feast at the Cathedral on December 8 are 6:30, 7:15 and 8 a.m.

Special Mass will be celebrated at the War of the Sacred Virgin at 8:15 a.m., followed by the procession and dedication of youth and men's day Mass at 12:15.

L. M. Lloyd Walters Heads RCMP Veterans

The Royal North West Mounted Police Veterans Association, at their meeting in Victoria last week, elected the following officers for 1945:

L. M. Lloyd Walters, president; A. R. Scholz, vice-president; and Fred Cree, secretary.

C. E. Fritson, past president; C. G. Under, F. Patterson, E. Harris and W. E. Pierce form the executive.

Church Accused of Being Behind Times

The church has failed to move with the times, Fr. G. Wilby said while speaking at the Union Church, Burlington, Sunday.

He said that disintegration of religious life was a modern innovation, but that Christians could be ordered with the modern movement of churches which made modern life and common claims possible.

Vancouver Healthy, Health Officer Finds

Despite the fact that there are 25 cases of scarlet fever, 20 of chicken pox and 72 of measles in Vancouver at the present time, Dr. Stewart Murray, medical health officer, told City Health Services Committee today that the city's health is good for this time of the year. He said the number of communicable diseases is actually low.



WEST FRONT ADVANCES—Large shaded areas locate the two main week-end advances on the Western Front (heavy line), the American push taking Lincich, Lochem and Berendrecht east of Aachen and the advance to the north by other U.S. troops into Sauerlauren and across the Roar River. To the north, British 2nd Army troops broke into the salients of Vaux, reducing the Germans' last Meuse bridgehead. Smaller arrows indicate other Allied drives.

Christmas Kettles Bring \$190 First Day

Salvation Army Christmas kettles which made their appearance on the streets of Vancouver on Saturday brought in \$190, which will be applied to the relief of distress among needy families, Major Arthur Hill, secretary of the Cheer Board, announced today.

A number of applications have already been received and forwarded to the Salvation Army's Christmas hamper division. All contributions for the Cheer Fund should be mailed to Major Arthur Hill, 201 East Hastings Street.

Child Hurt in Fall

Robert Evans, 2, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Evans of 3300 Huxie, suffered head injuries when he fell down the basement of his home Sunday. He was admitted to General Hospital, where his condition today is "good."

CHRISTMAS TREE VENDORS

Those on hand a limited number of Christmas trees. Place orders now to ensure early delivery.

MR. W. SPAIN
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117 Water St.

LPP Speaker Condemns Conservative Strategy

"Labor must mobilize its forces against the Tory drive for power," John McPhee told a forum of the Labor Progressive Party in the Maske Room Theatre, Sunday.

Condemning the Tory threat to national unity, he said they "will through the division of laborist forces into power on labor issues" would weaken the struggle of industrialists in 1945 and central for the armed forces overseas.

How you can borrow up to \$500 in monthly instalments

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50	25.00	10.00%	17.00	8.00%	13.00	8.00%
75	38.00	15.20%	26.00	12.00%	20.00	12.00%
100	51.00	20.40%	35.00	16.00%	28.00	16.00%
125	64.00	25.60%	44.00	20.00%	37.00	20.00%
150	77.00	30.80%	53.00	24.00%	46.00	24.00%
200	100.00	41.00%	71.00	32.00%	61.00	32.00%
300	151.00	60.40%	106.00	48.00%	88.00	48.00%
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Death and Burial

At the time of his death, his Military Record indicates that Lt. Scudamore was killed in action, hit by a mortar bomb, in his turret, commanding his tank crossing a canal north of Bergen op Zoom, Netherlands. This is confirmed on page 271 of "The Dukes".

Death: 29 October 29, 1944, near Bergen-op-Zoom, Netherlands:

Initial Burial: Bergen op Zoom Central Park Cemetery, subsequently reburied at Bergen-Op-Zoom Canadian War Cemetery, Bergen op Zoom Municipality, Noord-Brabant Netherlands, Plot 4.G.9



Credit: "Astrid"

Memorial, Maitland Cemetery, Goderich Ontario

LOST A SON
The wreath from the next-of-kin group was placed before the memorial by Rev. Harold Scudamore of Goderich, Ont., whose son, Lieut. John Scudamore, 21, died in action in Holland in 1945. Scudamore, 74, had his left arm shot off below the elbow while serving as a Canadian infantryman in France in 1917.



Credit: Find a Grave

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Note that his father served in the 34th Battalion, CEF, and his brother was also killed in 1944.

Age at Death: 21

Son of the Revd. Harold Burt Scudamore, B.A., and Maud Trelawney Scudamore, Sardis, British Columbia.

From the Chilliwack Museums & Archives

The Scudamore family moved to Sardis in 1937, and their son John attended Chilliwack High School. "Scud" participated in many student activities including, student government, track and field, basketball and hockey. He excelled at academic subjects and upon graduation attended the University of British Columbia for one year and then accepted a position with a Vancouver accounting firm. He enlisted in the Canadian Army in 1941 and underwent officers' training at Gordon Head, in Victoria, B.C.. John graduated in September 1942 and while undergoing further training John was assigned to the British Columbia Regiment, a unit of the 4th Canadian Armoured Division. During the Battle of Falaise in August 1944 he was mentioned in despatches, however, no citation is recorded. John's father was the Reverend Harold Burt Scudamore. Reverend Scudamore and his wife, Maud, lived in Sardis and at the time of their son's death were living in Agassiz. At Reverend Scudamore's former church, St. John the Baptist Anglican Church an altar rail was donated in their son's memory."

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The Dukes/Harker/The British Columbia Regiment, p. 271

Liberation route: Plein XIII: <https://www.liberationroute.com/pois/1831/from-exercise-ground-to-largest-canadian-cemetery>

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Chilliwack Museum & Archives Website

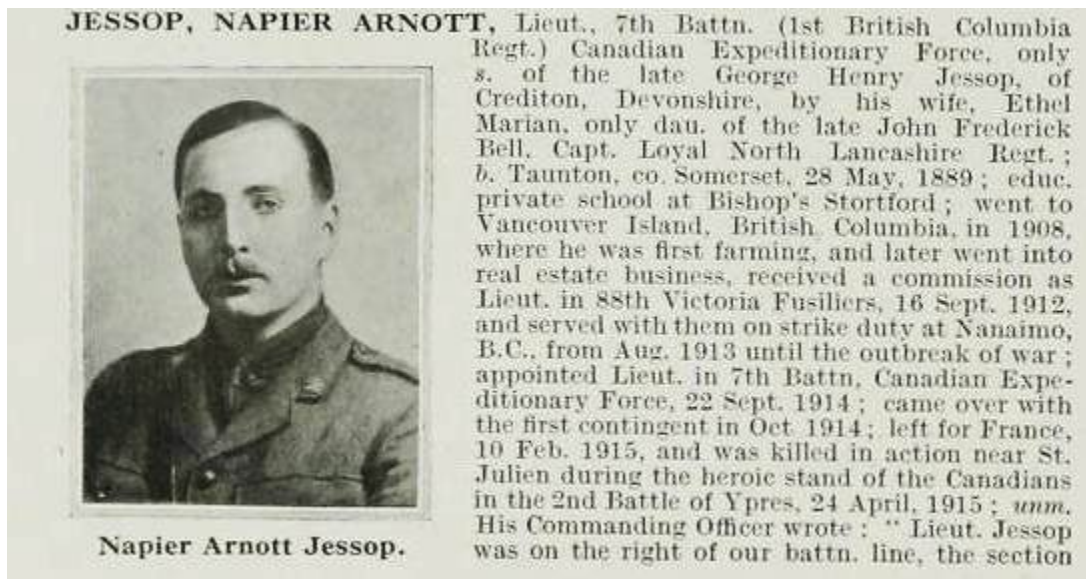


Credit: Pinterest

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5 December 2024

LIEUTENANT NAPIER ARNOTT JESSOP 7TH BATTALLION (1ST BC) CEF



Credit: Operation Picture Me (de Ruvigny's Roll of Honour)

This article was written in honour of Lt. Jessop, following the writer reading a posting on the "Following in the footsteps" Facebook page that was posted a few years ago. Lt. Jessop's Military Record is somewhat thin on his service with the 7th Battalion, hence to the reference to the Battalion War diary. Lt. Jessop was killed within days of the death of Lt. Col. Hart McHarg.

Birth: 28 May 1888, Taunton, Taunton Deane Borough, Somerset, England
Parents: Father: George Henry Jessop (1857-1888); Mother: Ethel Marion Napier Bell (1863-1893), of Ealing, London, England. He had one sister and never married.

15th Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment, 2nd County of London Yeomanry



Credit: britishmilitarybadges.co.uk

Prior to coming to Canada Mr. Jessop served in the 15th Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment. This infantry Regiment served in Canada during the American War of Independence as well as the War of 1812, Today, it is part of the 3rd East Anglian Regiment in the U.K.

He also served in the 2nd County of London Yeomanry (Westminster Dragoons), a Cavalry Unit, The Yeomanry are known to have served in South Africa.



Credit: Wharton Militaria.co.uk

Arrival in Canada

Napier Arnott Jessop arrived in New York from Liverpool aboard S.S. Arabic on 14 May 1908. Following that, The Montreal Gazette of 25 September 1911 (page 16) reports that Mr. Jessop arrived in Montreal on 23 September 1911 aboard S.S. Virginian.

Farming near Shawnigan Lake, Vancouver Island and Real Estate in Victoria, B.C.

Mr. Jessop operated a farm following his arrival in 1908, known as Hill Farm, near Shawnigan Lake, which he subsequently left to move to Victoria, B.C. and lived at 1026 Carberry Gardens. Henderson's Directory of 1913 shows him connected to a company named Hall & Floyer, a Real Estate, Insurance and Stock brokerage located at 1121 Douglas Street. During 1913, he advertised for the sale of his furnishings by way of a public sale, as you will see following, he was called for Military Service moving forward.

Commission , 88th Regiment, Victoria Fusiliers, an early Militia unit comprised mostly of ex-Pat British members.



Credit: ebay.com

On 16 September 1912, he received a commission with the 88th Regiment, Victoria Fusiliers, rank Lieutenant. It is known that he served at Nanaimo B.C. on strike duty (Vancouver Island Coal Miner's Strike 1912-1914) from August 1913 until the outset of hostilities in Europe on 14 August 1914.

From CFB Esquimalt Naval Military Museum website:

“On August 7, 1914, the 88th Regiment marched displaying their new colors to quarters at the Dockyard, where they were to reside and train prior to departing from Victoria on August 28th , destined for “*over the seas*” to the front.”

7th Battalion, CEF



Credit: emedals.com

Attestation, 29th September 1914, Valcartier, Quebec:

Mr. Jessop reported his occupation as Gentleman. He appears in the Nominal Roll of the 7th Battalion as a Lieutenant in “G” Company under Major Guy Moberly, late of the 57th Regiment.

Military Record Excerpts and References to the Battalion War Diary.

(Note: references to medical issues are not included and grammar as written has been included as it appeared.)

Embarked, Quebec City: 3 October 1914, RMS Virginian

Disembarked, Devonport, 16 October 1914

Embarked: 9 February 1915 – Avonmouth, Port of Bristol, on Transport “Cardiganshire”, arriving Saint Nazaire, France 15 February 1915.

21 February 1915: In action, trench warfare, Ploegsteert, Wallonia, Hainaut, Belgium. – 1 March 1915.

1 March 1915: Enroute to La Boutillerie, Fleurbaix Sector, Pas-de-Calais, France

On Strength, France: 1 April 1915

5 April 1915: Marched from billets in Estaires, Nord Pas-de-Calais France, to Steenvoorde, Nord, France where they remained until 12 April 1915 when at first an advance party crossed to border into Belgium soon followed by the rest of the Battalion . Transport was done by motor bus until Vlamertinghe, West Flanders, (a Borough of Ypres) , Belgium, where they continued on foot, 14 April 1915 at 4pm , through Ypres towards St. Julien and on to the trenches at Graventafel, Belgium (site of the Second Battles of Ypres – 22 April – 25 May 1915), relieving the 3rd Battalion, CEF the next day.

17 April 1915: Trenches and Battalion Headquarters shelled, four wounded, Attack on the right by Hill 60. Work on improvement trenches.

23 April 1915: Marched rom Graventafel Ridge to St. Julien. Took up position, facing west, with the left on St. Julien and the right near Keerselaere. Positions shelled, Lieutenant Colonel wounded while reconnoitering between British and German lines. (re: Lt-Col Hart-McHarg died of wounds at Poperinghe and is buried at Poperinghe Old Military Cemetery). Night spent digging in and improving position,

24 April 1915: at 3:30 am – Enemy opened very heavy shell fire on our position, Gas liberated but owing to direction of wind full effects not felt.

24 April 1915: at 5am – Stream of 3rd Brigade passed through reporting line broken and evacuated as result of gas attack.

24 April 1915: 5:15 am – Transferred to 3rd Brigade for orders, Never succeeded in establishing communications, All lines broken

24 April 1915: 8:30 am – right flank surrounded and wiped out, Enemy advancing from rear.

24 April 1915: 11 am – requested to get reinforcements on orders from 3rd Brigade but failed.

24 April 1915: 1 pm – ordered withdrawal from right, kept coming, Battalion to fall back on trenches between St. Julien and Fortuin.

24 April 1915: 5 pm – counter-attack developed, one Company of the 7th Bn. Joining in.

Casualties about 500, Weather bright. Concentrated before Wielcje second support line.

25 April 1915 at 2 am – marched out composite of remnants of 7th and 10th Battalions, via “Bombarded Crossroads” to Gravenstafel Ridge to expose left flank of the 8th Battalion, Reached positions at 4 am. Attacked by enemy at once. Fight continued all day. Heavily shelled at 3 pm. 5th Durhams on right broke and retired from trenches at 5 pm. General retirement behind line drawn by the 10th Brigade. 7th and 10th Battalions together with the Suffolks held on to position throughout the night, withdrawing successfully at 3 am.

26 April 1915 – another Brigade took position on ridge south of Fortuin. Heavily shelled. Weather fair.

27 April 1915: Position unchanged, again heavily shelled, Marched at 8 pm via Potijze and Ypres into huts at Brielen, Weather fair.

28 April 1915 at Brielen- Position shelled. Dug in along the hedges. Weather fair.

29 April 1915 at Brielen – position unchanged, again shelled, Weather fine.

Note. Napier (Lt, Jessop) went missing, between 23rd to 25th but 29 April 1915 was kept as day of death, later confirmed killed.

Death: Killed in Action: 29 April 1915, Ypres, Arrondissement Ieper, West Flanders, Belgium

Struck off Strength, Rouen: 29 April 1915

Burial: Oosttaverne Wood Cemetery (Belgium)

Grave Reference: V.G.12



Credit: Mark Banning, England

Lt. Jessop is remembered at Menin Gate, Ypres, (Leper), Belgium. If you are wondering how or why he appears at The Menin Gate, he was initially buried as an unknown Canadian Lieutenant. From subsequent investigation of contents of his uniform, it was determined that the remains were those of Lt. Jessop. The CWGC Concentration report referenced below is attached, for those interested in this turn of events.

HOLTON B. A.	WOOD
HOPKINS J.	YATE
HULBERT H. J.	YEAT
7TH BN. CANADIAN	
CAPTAIN	
MOGG C. K. B.	PEAR
LIEUTENANT	
BROMLEY H. A.	THO
CARTER H.	TOW
DUNN J. D.	VANS
ELLIOTT F. F.	LAN
FIELDING W. S.	PROO
FISHER F. J.	CURR
HEWITT J. T.	GAYE
HOLMES C. C.	HUGG
JESSOP N. A.	MOO
LATTA R. F.	SPAR
PETERS G. H.	C
THWAITES B. C.	ASKE
COY. QMR. SER. JT.	BUND
MOBAN T.	CAND
	CLOR

Photo courtesy of Reg. Leveson
http://www.ww1canadianheritage.org/leveson

British Columbia Officers Killed at Front



OFFICERS OF THE 88TH REGIMENT ARE SHOWN ABOVE

Standing—Lt. L. H. Major, Lt. H. E. Rowley, Lt. C. C. Holmes (killed), Lt. N. A. Jessop (killed), Lt. W. S. Barton, Lt. H. B. Boggs (killed), Lt. H. A. Bromley (killed), Lt. H. T. National, Lt. H. C. V. Macdowall (missing), Lt. W. D. Holmes, Lt. Rothwell.
Sitting—Capt. R. V. Harvey (killed), Capt. H. T. R. Cullin, Major C. F. de Salis, Lt.-Col. J. A. Hall, Major P. B. Hall, D.S.O. (missing), Capt. W. G. Cunningham, Capt. C. A. Moorhead, Capt. R. C. Cooper.
Front Rank—Quartermaster and Hon. Lt. H. L. Roberts, Lt. A. F. Nation, Lt. Hay, Lt. Hirsch, Lt. G. S. Shaw.

Credit: Vancouver Daily News, 1915, Lt. Jessop is standing, 4th from the left.

From Roll of Honour:

Extract from *The Roll of Honour*, A Biographical record of all members of His Majesty's Naval and Military Forces who have fallen in the War, by the Marquis de Ruvigny, Volume I., The Standard Art Book Company, Ltd, December, 1916:

JESSOP, NAPIER ARNOTT, Lieutenant, 7th Battalion (1st British Columbia Regiment) Canadian Expeditionary Force, only son of the late George Henry Jessop, of Crediton, Devonshire, by his wife, Ethel Marian, only daughter of the late John Frederick Bell, Captain Loyal North Lancashire Regiment; born Taunton, co. Somerset, 28 May, 1889; educated private school at Bishop's Stortford; went to Vancouver Island, British Columbia, in 1908, where he was first farming, and later went into real estate business, received a commission as Lieutenant in 88th Victoria Fusiliers, 16 Sept. 1912, and served with them on

strike duty at Nanaimo, B.C., from Aug. 1913 until the outbreak of war; appointed Lieutenant in 7th Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force, 22 Sept. 1914; came over with the first contingent in Oct. 1914; left for France, 10 Feb. 1915, and was killed in action near St. Julien during the heroic stand of the Canadians in the 2nd Battle of Ypres, 24 April, 1915; unmarried. His Commanding Officer wrote: "Lieutenant Jessop was on the right of our Battalion line, the section which was first surrounded, and which was later practically wiped out. Lieutenant Jessop, all agree, was perfectly splendid under the fierce attack that was thrown against us that day. He was an inspiration to his men. There is not much to tell, for his platoon were in trenches throughout, and merely fought the Germans off by rifle fire. There was nothing spectacular about it, but it was the height of enduring courage."

Medals and Awards

Eligible for 1914-1915 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal

No other medals or awards were noted in his Military record.

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Facebook Posting, Johan Moors :“In the Footsteps” – includes relevant excerpts from the 7th Battalion War Diary

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8 April 2025

MAJOR THOMAS EDWARD CASKEY 29th BATTALION (TOBIN'S TIGERS) CEF



Credit: veterans.gc.ca



Credit: veterans.gc.ca/Operation Picture Me
Pictured: Officers of the 29th Battalion

Major Thomas Edward Caskey was born on 21 August 1870 at Madoc, Hastings County, Ontario, Canada, and was of Irish roots. His parents were James and Deborah Caskey. Prior to the outbreak of war, he was a resident of Chilliwack, B.C., and was the editor of The Chilliwack Progress for several years.

The Vancouver News Advertiser of 15 March 1908 reports that he was one of the First slate of Aldermen elected in Chilliwack.

His next of kin was listed as Rebecca Caskey nee: Carleton, his spouse, then living at Chilliwack, B.C. She was born in Kincardine Township, Bruce County, Ontario on 14 February 1901. She would return to British Columbia from England following his death, and died in Agassiz, B.C. on 10 June 1967. She and Major Caskey did not have issue. She is buried at Chilliwack Cemeteries, Chilliwack, B.C. with her second husband Cameron Alexander Biggs.

His parents were James Caskey (1841-1910) and Deborah Harrison (1845-1898)
His Attestation date with the Canadian Expeditionary Force was 11 November 1914 at Vancouver, B.C., and would become a senior officer with the 29th Battalion, He appears on the Nominal Roll of the 29th Battalion dated 20 May 1916, sailing with the Battalion from Montreal, Quebec on S.S. Missanabie.

The 32nd Regiment



Credit: bruceremembers.org

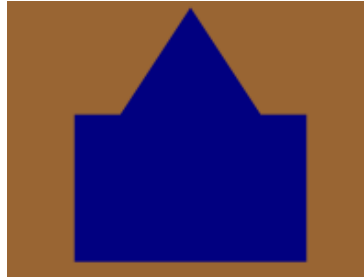
Prior to joining the 29th Battalion, Major Caskey reported he had served with the 32nd Regiment based in Ontario. This Regiment played historic roles in Canadian history during The Red River Rebellion, The North-West Rebellion and the South African War.

104th Regiment, Westminster Fusiliers of Canada, New Westminster, B.C.



An article in The Vancouver News Advertiser of 20 June 1915 reports that Captain T.E. Caskey had been granted a Field Officer Certificate as Captain while with the 104th Regiment in anticipation for an assignment in the C.E.F. at the Vancouver Fairgrounds. There is a reference to this in The Canada Gazette vol. 77 no. 49.

29th Battalion, CEF



Attestation

Rank at Attestation: Captain

Occupation: Journalist

Attestation Date/Place: 11 November 1914, Vancouver, B.C.

Age at Attestation: 40

Major Caskey arrived in England with the 29th Battalion, however, he was not sent “overseas” to France with his men as he was chosen to remain in command of the Base Company at Shorncliffe. However, on 9 March 1916, he was sent to the front and had command of his old company

Events from his military record, excluding Medical

29th Battalion

10 September 1915: Transferred to Base Details

48th Battalion

10 October 1915: Taken on Strength

30th Battalion

10 November 1915: Transferred to 30th Battalion

GOC CTD

4 March 1916: Qualified in Musketry & Lewis M.G. as 1st Class Instructor

30th Battalion

6 March 1916: Proceeded to 29th Battalion – France

82nd Battalion

6 June 1916: Attached to 82nd Bn. As Musk. Instr.

8 July 1916: Ceases to be attached.

4 September 1916: AMS – Admitted Shorncliffe Military Hospital

29th Battalion

8 March 1916: Arrived Boulogne, France

9 March 1916: Proceeded to 29th Battalion - France

9 March 1916: Joined Battalion/Field

14 March 1916: Taken on Strength

1 June 1916: Returned to England

2 June 1916: Left for England from Boulogne

3 June 1916: Taken on strength & posted to General List

6 June 1916: Attached to 82nd Battalion

82nd Battalion

5 June 1916: Attached to 82nd Battalion

7 June 1916: Struck off strength on return to England

8 July 1916: Ceased to be attached from 82nd Battalion

AMS

4 September 1916: Admitted Shorncliffe Military Hospital 30 August 1916 Casualty List 460– 2 October

1916: Casualty List 510

30th Battalion

3 November 1916: Ceases to be attached 6th Canadian Training Brigade and attached to 30th Reserve Battalion East Sandling

26 November 1916: Attached to 30th Battalion

26 November 1916: Attd. To 30th Battalion. – Det. 30th Bn. &

1st Reserve Battalion

26 November 1916: Attd. 1st Res. Bn.

4 January 1917: Transferred to 1st Co. R. Battalion CEF

4 January 1917: Taken on Strength Detgate?

1 February 1917: On Command Adjutant General Office

8 February 1917: Transferred to 1st Res. Bn.

9 March 1917: Admitted Westcliffe Can Eye & Ear Hospital, Folkstone

20 April 1917: Admitted Queen Alex's Mil. Hospital Millbank St.

1st Reserve Battalion

20 April 1917: Found unfit for any duty for 3 weeks by M.B.

10 April 1917: Reposted from Red X Hosp. for Officers

25 April 1917: Struck off Strength on admission to Hospital – Seaford

29 April 1917: T.O.S. 1st Reserve on admission to hospital -Seaford

9 September 1917: S.O.S. Died in Hospital

Death of Major Caskey

Major Caskey suffered from a number of Medical issues, including an appendix as well as the acute nephritis referenced below, resulting in his return to England for two surgeries. Complications arose, with the result that he died at Princess Louise Hospital for Officers at Brighton, England. Find a Grave lists his place of death as: Covington, Huntingdonshire District, Cambridgeshire, England.

Obituary

Major Caskey died on 9 September 1917 from acute nephritis, in Brighton, England,

MAJOR CASKEY DEAD. *
KINCARDINE, Sept. 13.—A former Kincardine boy, Major Tom Caskey, has died in a hospital in Brighton, Eng. Major Caskey was born in Madoc Township, moving to the 10th concession of Kincardine when a boy, where he resided with his parents for 25 years. Twelve years ago he and his wife moved West, to Chillwack, where Major Caskey edited the first paper in that town, The Chillwack Progress. Nearly three years ago Major Caskey joined a Western battalion, going almost immediately to England. After remaining in England some months he was sent over to France, where, after seeing active service for some time, he took appendicitis and was removed to England, where he was operated on. The operation was successful, but Major Caskey never regained his usual strength, and six months ago a mastoid formed, which caused him great suffering and which ultimately proved fatal.

Credit: veterans.gc.ca

Burial, Seaford Cemetery

Major Caskey is buried at the Seaford Cemetery, Lewes District, East Sussex, England. His date of burial was not located. The Plot is Plot A572



Medals and Decorations

There are no notations as to medals awarded, although there is a notation that he was not eligible for the 1914-1915 Star. A plaque and Scroll as well as a Memorial Cross were forwarded to his widow 22 May 1920.

Editor's Note: Major Caskey would have been entitled to both the Volunteer Service Medal and the Victory Medal to be awarded posthumously and would likely have been forwarded to his widow.

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Acknowledgments

The Chilliwack Archives (WWI)

Chilliwack Progress newspaper

It is clear from newspaper coverage of the day that Major Caskey was well respected, there was no difficulty or lack of articles about him, right up to the date of his passing.

Lest we Forget

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10 February 2025

CAPTAIN HENRY WHEELER, MiD 7TH BATTALION (1ST BC) CEF



Credit: The Wheeler Family

Introduction

Lt. Wheeler was one of the five Officers of Number 4 Company, 7th Battalion

Other Members of No. 4 Company Officers included Lt. Nigel Drury Theobald (survived the Great War), Lt. Lancelot Joseph Bertrand (KIA, Hill 70), Captain Claude Llewelyn Harris (KIA Vimy Ridge), Lt. William George Ross (KIA Vimy Ridge)

Birth: 19 October 1886, Ladywood, Birmingham, England, Father unknown, Mother Susanna Wheeler

Arrival in Canada: 15 May 1910, S.S. Tunisian, arrived Quebec, bound for New Westminster, B.C., Stated Occupation: Nurse

Married: 24 November 1911, spouse: Annie nee: Ward Wheeler. From the 1921 Canada Census, It appears that Annie may also have been from Birmingham, and they were married at New Westminster, B.C. Once in Canada, together they had a son and a daughter about 1916 and as well as a son, about 1918.

Death: 31 December 1970, at Shaughnessy Hospital, Vancouver, B.C.

7th Battalion, CEF

Regimental Number: 140641 and 17081

Rank at Attestation: Corporal (25 August 1914)

Rank at Discharge: Captain

Attestation: 23 September 1914, Valcartier, Quebec.

Occupation at Enlistment: Carpenter

Address at Attestation: 114 Carroll St., New Westminster, B.C.

Boarded S.S. Ruthenia: 4 October 1914

Arrived France: February 1915

Commissioned Officer: 12 June 1916

Reported for Duty/Training: 12 August 1914 – 12 June 1916

Previous Military Experience: 12 years Royal Warwickshire Regiment, one year - 104th Regiment

Promotions/Transfers:

1 April 1915: To be Acting Sergeant

26 April 1915: To Be Sergeant

13 June 1915: To be Acting Sergeant – Major

31 July 1915: To be Coy. 2 M S & No. 9 S-M

3 July 1916: Granted commission as temporary Lieutenant

12 October 1917: Transfer to England – to 30th Regt. Depot Seaford for the purpose of returning to Canada for instructional purposes. (Note: this is following Hill 70)

19 November 1917: Struck off Strength of FC. Returned to Canada for instructional duty.

7 December 1917: Taken on Strength, Victoria, B.C.

28 December 1917: Mentioned in Dispatches, London Gazette #30448

2 February 1918: O.C. 2nd Depot Battery, B.C. Regiment – promoted to rank of Captain

24 September 1918 – 17 December 1918: T.O.S. Depot Battn. B.C. Regt. CEF – Vancouver, B.C.

17 December 1918: Transferred to 11th Sist. Depot.

30 December 1918: T.O.S. District Depot XI. – Victoria, B.C.

10 May 1919: S.O.S., Vancouver, B.C.

Service History CEF:

Canada: 12 August 1914 – 29 September 1914

England: 29 September 1914 – 9 February 1915

France: 9 February 1915 – October 1917

England: October 1917 – November 1917

Canada: November 1917 –

Struck off Strength: 8 May 1919

Address at Discharge from the CEF: 114 Carroll St., New Westminster, B.C.

Medical issues while in uniform

Heart Issues began: June 1917, France, attributed to strain of 32 months service at the front.

11 December 1918: Medical Report sent him to a convalescent home for two months.

Medals, Awards & Citations

Mentioned in Dispatches: London Gazette #30448 28 December 1917

Captain Wheeler arrived in England in 1914 and France in 1915. His Military record is silent in regards service or combat medals. His Military record is also silent as to any field military action.

From this, he should be entitled to receive the following as service medals:

1914 -1915 Star

British War Medal

Victory Medal

After Military Service

There is virtually no media that appears in B.C. Newspapers about his military or civilian careers. between 1914 and 197, excepting his obituary.

Mr. Wheeler reported his occupation in the 1931 Canada Census as Salesman.

His occupation was listed as a Security Policeman at the time of his death, he ceased working in 1947.

Death Information

Mr. Wheeler's Death Record indicates he died on 31 December 1970 at Shaughnessy Hospital, Vancouver, he had resided there for about seven years. He was Cremated and his obituary was provided by his family.

Obituary

Reported cause of death was reported in his Death Record as pneumonia and (sic) Dementia.



Credit: Ms. Jo Wheeler and The Wheeler Family
Appeared in The Vancouver Province 4 January 1970

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Images provided by his Great Granddaughter, Jo Wheeler

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JANUARY

FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY LOWER MAINLAND BC - LEVEE 2025 1 JANUARY 2025



The first stop on the 2025 Levee Tour for the BCR contingent (Honorary Colonel Farid Rohani, Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Bill Diamond, President of the Regimental Association, Jim Barrett, and the Regimental Secretary, Ted Hawthorne), was the Wardroom of HMCS Discovery.



The Commanding Officer of HMCS Discovery, Lieutenant-Commander Jeff Baxter, hosted the event featuring a strong contingent of NABC members in attendance, including the President of NABC, King Wan, Dr. John Blatherwick and Mark Zwanski (Friends of Vancouver), which provided the traditional high caliber Navy hospitality.



Other friends and colleagues in attendance during the visit were Honorary Colonel Derral Moriyama (39 Signal Regiment), Richard Liu, Honorary Brigade Division President, Burnaby Division, St. John Ambulance, Steve Ko, President of ANAVETS, Pacific Unit No. 280 and Roddy MacKenzie, well known author of **“Bomber Command, Churchill’s Greatest Triumph”**.



Many thanks to our friends at HMCS Discovery for the extraordinary welcome and reception.



The BCR group then proceeded to The Drill Hall where Levee was hosted once again by the WOs’ & Sgts’ Mess.



Attendees received top notch hospitality from the RSM, CWO Arnold Matibag, and the members of the Mess, which included a complimentary full breakfast, hors d'oeuvres and Moors Milk. The Mess was honoured to receive a visit from the Commander of 39 Canadian Brigade Group, Colonel Paul Lindsay, and Brigade Sergeant-Major, CWO Tony Harris, Honorary Colonel Derral Moriyama and Honorary Brigade Division President Richard Liu, in addition to other members of the Regimental Family.

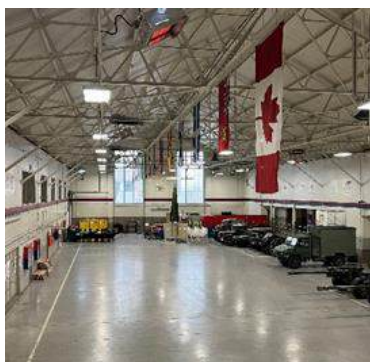


The next visit on the very tight schedule was paid to the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada where Levee was hosted by the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Kent Wickens.





Also, in attendance was Brigadier-General Paul Ursich, Deputy Commander, 3 Canadian Division. Both the Officers' Mess and the WOs' & Sgts' Mess accommodated the numerous guests in attendance. Many thanks to our Seaforth friends for such a great time!



Next stop, "The Guns"! Levee was hosted by the WOs' & Sgts' Mess of the 15th Field Artillery Regiment, RCA.



Among others, we were greeted by Honorary Colonel Don Foster and former Commanding Officer,

Lieutenant-Colonel Nick Watts. Many thanks to the Gunners for a most enjoyable time indeed!



The last stop on the Levee Tour was at 39 Service Battalion in Richmond where the event was held in the Officers' Mess and was hosted by the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Anh Foort.



Among many others, we were also pleased to visit once again with 39 CBG BSM, CWO Tony Harris, 39 Service Battalion Regimental Secretary, LCol (Ret'd) Will Watkins, LCol (Ret'd) Romano Acconci and Major (Ret'd) Gino Simeoni, BC Branch President of the Last Post Fund.



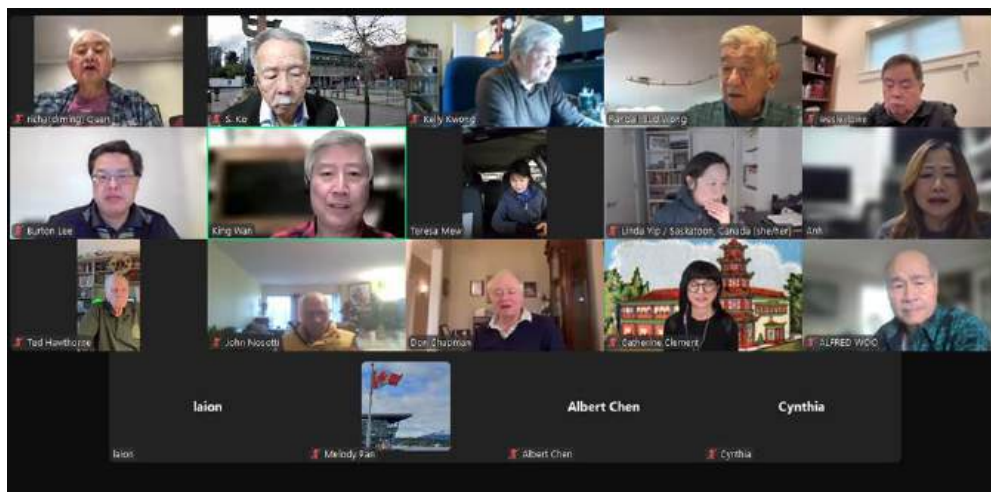
To conclude the 2025 Levee Tour, a “Drive by Visit” was conducted to include The Royal Westminster Regiment (sorry we were too late!).

The Levee Tour was a complete success with Vancouver weather cooperating for a pleasant day with little traffic.

Happy New Year and Up the Dukes!

Editor’s Notes: Photo credits to our good friends, Steve Ko, Richard Liu and Ted.

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
CHINESE CANADIAN MILITARY MUSEUM SOCIETY &
ANAVETS, PACIFIC UNIT NO. 280
4 JANUARY 2025**



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 detailed updates (financial, special projects, events and administrative) were circulated to all members.



Another very busy year lies ahead! The meeting for ANAVETS was chaired by the President, Steve Ko, and the meeting of CCMMS was chaired by the President, Judge (Ret'd) Randall Wong.

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

.Screen Shot Credit – Steve Ko

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
THE NAVAL ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
7 JANUARY 2025**



The Naval Association of British Columbia ("NABC") held a Special Board Meeting of the Executive Committee in the mid-morning of Tuesday, 7 January 2025, via ZOOM. The meeting was well attended and dealt with on-going planning issues for the very busy schedule of events undertaken for this year.



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

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
THE 6TH ANNUAL “DUKE’S CUP”
THE DRILL HALL, VANCOUVER, B.C.
11 JANUARY 2025**



The 6th annual “Duke’s Cup” invitational wrestling competition was hosted by the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, Lieutenant-Colonel Adam Brown, and Vancouver College. With 40 schools participating, the very well attended event was held at the Drill Hall from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm on Saturday, 11 January 2025, and featured 160 contestants (50 female and 110 male athletes) and 400 matches, played on three wrestling mats.





This year's winner of the "Duke's Cup" ("Top Team") was, once again, Vancouver College and the winner of the MVP Award ("Top Wrestler"), The Allard Trophy, was Jamie Wiseman, of Terry Fox Secondary School, in Port Coquitlam.



Both trophies were presented by the Commanding Officer of the Regiment.

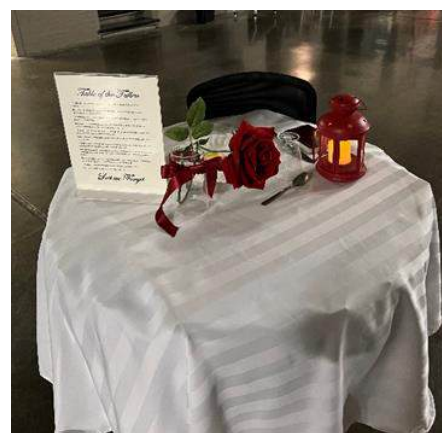


Congratulations to our good friend and colleague, the Tournament Director, Mike Roselli and his team, and the Commanding Officer and our Soldiers, for supporting this very popular and successful community event.

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
CADET HOLIDAY MESS DINNER
2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC & 2827 BCR (PORT MOODY) RCACC
THE DRILL HALL
11 JANUARY 2025**



The Annual Cadet Holiday Mess Dinner, hosted by 2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC (CO - Capt Dil Pangalia) and 2827 BCR (Port Moody) RCACC (CO - Capt Jiri Motak) was held on the drill square at The Drill Hall on Saturday evening, January 11th.





The programme for the evening's affair included, a Land Acknowledgement (C/Tpr Lilly LeClair), Grace (C/Sgt Tiffany Adams), a delicious dinner (Lori's Catering) served by CIC Officers and Support Committee Members), the traditional toasts (fruit juice); The Loyal Toast (C/CWO Calvin Adams and C/MWO Kratschmer Ezekiel), The Fallen (C/MWO Cole McMillian), The Regiment (C/MWO Carter Kan and the Reply by former Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne), The Guests (C/Sgt Santos and the Reply by Nyal Wilcox), The Cadets (Wendy Igbinedion) and the Reply (C/MWO Dane Cuevas), an excellent address by Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Bill Diamond on the meaning of the Regimental Family and a most informative and inspirational presentation by the Keynote Speaker, Ronon Byrne.



Impromptu entertainment for the evening was provided by the four BCR Cadet RSMs in attendance singing their favourite "Taylor Swift " song, Capt Karm Nagra (CO - 3300 BCR (Bhai Kanhaiya) RCACC) delivering a flawless rendition of "I'm a Little Teapot" and Captain Motak and Thea Wilcox (Vice Chair of the 2290 BCR Support Committee) adeptly performing the "Macarena".



“Aging Out Mug” presentations were made to Colby Holmes and to Nyal and Thea Wilcox on behalf of their daughter, Laila (by Ted Hawthorne).





Congratulations and thank you to the Cadets of 2290 BCR and 2827 BCR, the CIC Officers, volunteers and special guests for such a wonderful evening.

Up the Dukes!

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
2024 FOOD BANK PROGRAMME
DELIVERY DAY TO SANCTA MARIA HOUSE
THE BC REGIMENT (DCO) ASSOCIATION CHARITABLE TRUST
13 JANUARY 2025**



A remarkable collection of an outstanding selection of canned goods, non-perishable food and household

consumables donated by the Members of the Regiment, the Regimental Family and our community supporters during the Christmas Season, was delivered to a very grateful Sancta Maria House (Agape Street Ministry), a women's shelter in Kitsilano, on late Monday morning, 13 January 2025.



Chairman of the Charitable Trust, Ted Hawthorne, and Trustee, Bill McCarthy, OBC, and Alex, of W.P.J. McCarthy and Company Ltd., joined with Members of the Regiment, Ops WO, Warrant Officer Gerri Davidson, and Sgt Law, in the delivery. The BCR contingent was greeted by Sancta Maria House President, Sharon Dobin, and Lindita Gashi, House Parent. Sharon thanked the Regiment and the Regimental Family for their annual generous support. Ted conveyed greetings from the Regiment and Regimental Family and thanked Sancta Maria House for their good work.



Many thanks to the Regiment, the Ops Staff, in particular kudos to Warrant Officer Gerri Davidson for her great assistance and support, the Regimental Family and our friends at W.P.J. McCarthy and Company Ltd., our Community Drop Centre, for their very generous support of this important community outreach programme. With the amazing support of Bill McCarthy, this year's programme was our most successful ever in the many years we have supported Sancta Maria House.

Well done everyone!

Congratulations to Sancta Maria House for their great community service.

Up the Dukes!

SANCTA MARIA HOUSE FOOD DRIVE UPDATE

Editor's Note: A nice letter was sent to Ted Hawthorne from the director thanking our participants including our BCR Day Staff and soldiers.

Good Morning Ted,

It was very good to see you, Mr. McCarthy and the other kind persons that assist with the food delivery on Monday. Sancta Maria House is so very grateful for all the gifts and food products.

It was just amazing!!!

We send our appreciation and best wishes to you, and everyone involved in this lovely gift to Sancta Maria House.

Thank you to all for helping us keep Sancta Maria House doors open.

God Bless,

Sharon Dobin

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
KING CHARLES III CORONATION MEDAL PRESENTATION
KEN HARDIE, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT,
FLEETWOOD – PORT KELLS
18 JANUARY 2025**



The Regimental Family is pleased to announce that Major Manjeet Singh Vinning, CD, Officer Commanding A Squadron, has been presented with the King Charles III Coronation Medal by Ken Hardie, Member of Parliament, Fleetwood-Port Kells, in a brief ceremony held in the riding of the Member.

On behalf of the Regimental Family, congratulations Major Vinning, on receiving this much deserved recognition.

Up the Dukes!

**3300 BCR (Bhai Kanhaiya) RCACC
NORTH AMERICAN CYBER CHALLENGE
13 DECEMBER 2024**



Editor's Note: From 3300 BCR RCACC we received a delayed article regarding the following:

Cyber Challenge:



On December 13, 2024 3300's Cyber Team competed with teams across North America in their second challenge.



While working together to ensure their machines were secure, they were visited by Capt Ret'd Michael Larden who joined the team for dinner.

Capt. Harminder Palak

3300 BCR (Bhai Kanhaiya) RCACC STAND DOWN PARADE 19 DECEMBER 2024



On December 19, 2024 cadet RSM, CWO Jasleen Mangat aged out, completing 5 years in the cadet programme. She was presented with her 5 year service bar on January 23, 2025.



During her time at 3300, Jasleen took advantage of many opportunities, such as expeditions, being a member of the marksmanship team, attending pre-para training in Vernon, participating in local activities, ceremonial parades and volunteer opportunities. We wish you all the best in your future endeavours.



During the stand down parade, Ikjot Chauhan was promoted to CWO and appointed as the new RSM at 3300 RCACC. She has been working hard and continues to support the programme while attending post-secondary.

Congratulations to you both!



The last training night before the holidays was a nice relaxing evening for the cadets. We had a pyjama party; all enjoyed the pizza and a movie.

Capt Harminder Palak

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
THE BC REGIMENT (DCO) ASSOCIATION CHARITABLE TRUST
ENVISION FINANCIAL PRESENTATION
27 JANUARY 2025**



The Chairman of the Charitable Trust and former Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, attended at the ever popular “Tasty Indian Bistro” on 120th Street in Delta and was greeted by our very good friend, colleague and supporter, Tochi Sandhu, Director, Business Development, East to West Group of Companies, and the Envision Management Team (Robert Deol, Regional Manager, Commercial Banking, and Tim McMorrان, Vice President), where everyone enjoyed a wonderful luncheon in a most cordial atmosphere.

After lunch, everyone returned to the offices of Envision Financial, a Division of First West Credit Union, North Delta Commercial Branch, the bankers of the Charitable Trust. In a brief ceremony, Ted was presented with a cheque in support of the Charitable Trust and its very successful programmes for the Soldiers of the Regiment, Cadets and Veterans pursuant to “The Tochi Sandhu Legacy Programme”, established some years ago.

Thank you to Envision, their Management Team and Tochi Sandhu for their outstanding support and hospitality.

Up the Dukes!

Editor’s Note: The Envision presentation concludes the Annual Fundraising Programme for 2024. The Charitable Trust wishes to acknowledge and thank all of its many supporters in the Regimental Family and the Community.

36 CBG HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING SERIES AFTER ACTION REPORT 27 JANUARY 2025



Colonel Lindsay,

On behalf of Vancouver College, BC High School Wrestling, BC School Sports and all the boys and girls that competed in this year's events, thank you for your steadfast support of our sport.

Without the units of 39 CBG, this season could not have happened. Together we hosted over 60 secondary schools from across the province in 4 separate competitions. We saw the inaugural Sapper and Westie Cups at the 39 Combat Engineers and the Royal Westminster Regiments respectively. We held the 5th annual Duke's Cup at the BC Regiment (DCO) and set an attendance record of 250 student athletes at the 3rd annual Seaforth Cup. We gave opportunities to kids that don't have many opportunities and that matters.

Attached to this email are specific soldiers of those units that made everything possible. Without these people we could not have succeeded, they all have my deepest gratitude and need to be recognized for their service to our kids.

As you already know Colonel Lindsay, wrestling builds character, teaches kids how to overcome obstacles, handle their emotions, respect authority, the importance of being a good teammate, and that success has to be earned through hard work and determination. These are the traits needed to be a good and productive citizen; they are also the traits the Canadian Armed Forces are looking for in their members. Our relationship is important for us all.

I remain at the service of our kids and the units of 39 CBG.

Your friend,

Mike Roselli
Teacher/Coach

"A society grows great when citizens plant trees in whose shade they shall never sit." — Greek Proverb.

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
THE NAVAL ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
ROYAL VANCOUVER YACHT CLUB
29 JANUARY 2025**



The Board of Directors of The Naval Association of B.C. ("NABC") held its monthly business meeting in the Chartroom of the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club in the mid morning of Wednesday, 29 January 2025, on a beautiful Vancouver day.





The meeting was followed by a reception and luncheon open to all members where the order of the day was excellent food, service and camaraderie! With the surprise attendance of our good friend and colleague, Jim Stanton, visiting from Mt. Pearl, Newfoundland, it was a wonderful opportunity to catch up and visit with him.

Kudos to NABC for a most enjoyable and memorable time!

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
TGIF - MEET & GREET
39 SERVICE BATTALION
COLONEL SHERMAN ARMOURY'S OFFICERS' MESS
RICHMOND, B.C.
31 JANUARY 2025**



A very successful Meet & Greet, hosted by the Commanding Officer of 39 Service Battalion, Lieutenant-Colonel Anh Foort, and the Regimental Sergeant Major, Chief Warrant Officer Michael Bergan, was held in the Officers' Mess in the late afternoon and early evening of Friday, 31 January 2025.



The full house, including many guests from the military and civilian community, enjoyed delicious snacks, first rate camaraderie, welcoming greetings, a unit update and superb hospitality from the CO and RSM.



Very well done indeed!
Concordia Victrix!

Editor's Note – Thank you to Steve Ko for his photo contribution.

FEBRUARY

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
CHINESE CANADIAN MILITARY MUSEUM SOCIETY AND
ANAVETS, PACIFIC UNIT NO. 280
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
PINK PEARL CHINESE SEAFOOD RESTAURANT - VANCOUVER, B.C.
1 FEBRUARY 2025**



The Chinese Canadian Military Museum Society (“CCMMS”) and ANAVETS, Pacific Unit # 280 (“ANAVETS”), held their respective regular monthly business meetings in person at Pink Pearl Chinese Seafood Restaurant in Vancouver on Saturday morning, 1 February 2025. The meetings were well attended and detailed updates (financial, special projects, events and administrative) were circulated to all members. The meeting for ANAVETS was chaired by the President, Steve Ko, and the meeting of CCMMS was chaired by the President, Judge (Ret’d) Randall Wong.



The highlight of the morning was the Installation of the Officers and Directors of ANAVETS by Acting President Nicholas Newell, B.C. Provincial Command. Immediate Past Unit President King Wan was thanked for his leadership and guidance over the past 5 years. King and Catherine Clement were recognized for their service and dedication by Terri Mews during a brief presentation.





After the Installation of Officers, the members and invited guests of the community were treated to a wonderful luncheon where camaraderie was the order of the day.





Among the special guests attending were, Sharon Goshko, ANAVETS Dominion Command Vice President, and members of the Chinese Benevolent Association.

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

Editor's Note – Thank you to Terry Ko for his photo contribution.

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
BLACK HISTORY MONTH
39 CANADIAN BRIGADE GROUP FACE BOOK POST
LIEUTENANT LANCELOT BERTRAND, MC
1 FEBRUARY 2025**



“The commemoration of Black History Month dates back to 1926, but in 1995 the Motion to Recognize Contributions of Black Canadians and February as Black History Month was officially recognized by the House of Commons, and in 2008 was adopted by Parliament. It is celebrated annually in Canada in the month of February. Black History Month is an opportunity to celebrate

the many achievements and contributions of Black Canadians who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada the culturally diverse, compassionate, and prosperous nation it is today. For the Defence Team, it is a time to celebrate and learn more about the important contributions, both historical and present, of Black Defence Team members.

Lieutenant Lancelot Bertrand, MC, is believed to be the only Black infantry officer to serve overseas with the Canadian Expeditionary Force. Enlisting from Saskatchewan, he was posted to the 7th (1st BC) Battalion (one of six battalions raised by the BC Regiment for the Great War) and deployed with them to Flanders. He served as a rifleman through the battles of Neuve Chappelle, St. Julien and Festubert. He was wounded by shrapnel at Festubert and was posted to the BC Depot during his recovery and promoted to sergeant. As a Black soldier, in an all-white unit from BC, this was unheard of. But he continued to distinguish himself and in 1916 was commissioned from the ranks and returned to his unit.

Arriving in time to see action on the Somme, Bertrand was given his own platoon. After six months of bitter trench warfare he led his men over the top at Vimy Ridge on 9 April 1917. By the time his company reached the final objective, Bertrand was the only officer left standing. His daring that day earned him the Military Cross. Four months later, at Hill 70, his company was pinned down on their objective and in dire need of reinforcements. Bertrand volunteered to cross the fire swept forward slope of Hill 70 to get desperately needed support. Tragically, Lieutenant Bertrand was killed during this gallant attempt.

After the battle, Bertrand and many of his comrades were hastily buried in a shallow trench. But over the next 15 months, the grave was obliterated by repeated shelling. In 2011 a mass grave was located near where Bertrand fell, and efforts are now underway to identify the remains. It is hoped, but not confirmed, that Bertrand is amongst them. Volunteers from The BC Regiment are currently working with the Casualty Identification Section to identify these remains.

#BHM2025 #BlackHistoryMonth #MHN2025 # MoisDeLHistoireDesNoirs

La commémoration du Mois de l'histoire des Noirs remonte à 1926, mais en 1995, la motion visant à reconnaître les contributions des Canadiens noirs et février comme Mois de l'histoire des Noirs a été officiellement reconnue par la Chambre des communes et, en 2008, a été adoptée par le Parlement. Elle est célébrée chaque année au Canada au mois de février.

Le Mois de l'histoire des Noirs est l'occasion de célébrer les nombreuses réalisations et contributions des Canadiens noirs qui, tout au long de l'histoire, ont tant fait pour faire du Canada la nation culturellement diversifiée, compatissante et prospère qu'elle est aujourd'hui. Pour l'Équipe de la Défense, c'est le moment de célébrer et d'en apprendre davantage sur les contributions importantes, tant historiques que présentes, des membres de l'Équipe de Défense noire.

Le lieutenant Lancelot Bertrand, MC, serait le seul officier d'infanterie noir à servir outre-mer au sein du Corps expéditionnaire canadien. Enrôlé depuis la Saskatchewan, il a été affecté au 7e (1er BC) Battalion (l'un des six bataillons levés par le BC Regiment pour la Grande Guerre) et déployé avec eux en Flandre. Il sert comme carabinier lors des batailles de Neuve Chapelle, Saint-Julien et Festubert. Il a été blessé par un éclat d'obus à Festubert et a été affecté au BC Depot pendant sa convalescence et promu sergent. En tant que soldat noir, dans une unité entièrement blanche

de la Colombie-Britannique, c'était du jamais vu. Mais il continue à se distinguer et, en 1916, il est retiré des rangs et retourne dans son unité.

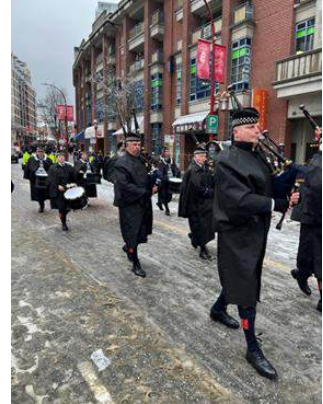
Arrivé à temps pour assister à l'action sur la Somme, Bertrand reçut son propre peloton. Après six mois d'âpre guerre de tranchées, il mena ses hommes au sommet de la crête de Vimy le 9 avril 1917. Au moment où sa compagnie atteignit l'objectif final, Bertrand était le seul officier encore debout. Son audace lui vaut ce jour-là la Croix militaire. Quatre mois plus tard, à la cote 70, sa compagnie était bloquée sur son objectif et avait cruellement besoin de renforts. Bertrand s'est porté volontaire pour traverser la pente avant balayée par le feu de la colline 70 afin d'obtenir le soutien dont il avait désespérément besoin. Tragiquement, le lieutenant Bertrand a été tué lors de cette vaillante tentative.

Après la bataille, Bertrand et plusieurs de ses camarades furent enterrés à la hâte dans une tranchée peu profonde. Mais au cours des 15 mois suivants, la tombe a été détruite par des bombardements répétés. En 2011, une fosse commune a été découverte près de l'endroit où Bertrand est tombé, et des efforts sont actuellement en cours pour identifier les restes. On espère, mais ce n'est pas confirmé, que Bertrand en fait partie. Des bénévoles du BC Regiment travaillent actuellement avec la Section d'identification des victimes pour identifier ces restes.
#BHM2025 #BlackHistoryMonth #MHN2025 #MoisDeLHistoireDesNoirs”

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
LUNAR NEW YEAR
VANCOUVER CHINATOWN SPRING FESTIVAL PARADE
YEAR OF THE SNAKE
2 FEBRUARY 2025**



The 51st anniversary of the Vancouver Chinatown Spring Festival Lunar New Year Parade took place in Vancouver's historic Chinatown on Sunday morning, 2 February 2025, at 11:00. It was a snowy and cold Vancouver morning with attendance surprisingly good, considering the weather!





The signature event featured traditional lion dance teams, cultural dance troupes, marching bands, martial arts performances and a very strong showing of St. John Ambulance Cadets.



The 1.3 km parade route started at the Millennium Gate on Pender Street (between Shanghai Alley and Taylor Street), proceeding along Pender turning south onto Gore Street, turning west on Keefer Street and ending at Keefer and Carrall. Former Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, Regimental Secretary, paraded with ANAVETS, Pacific Unit No. 28 (Warrant Officer Paul Lau leading the unit), the first entry in the parade.



The veterans' contingent was joined by 39 Service Battalion Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Anh Foort, Kelly White, National Aboriginal Veterans and Richard Liu, Honorary Brigade Division President, Burnaby Division. Colonel Foort took the salute at the Reviewing Stand, accompanied by Richard Liu, SJA, as the Veterans passed in review as well as members of 39 Service Battalion, accompanied by their heavy transport trucks contingent at the end of the Parade. Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Alexa Loo of 39 Service Battalion was also in attendance at the Reviewing Stand.



The traditional Veterans Luncheon was held at Floata Seafood Restaurant on Keefer following the Parade and was hosted by ANAVETS, Pacific Unit No. 280.

A very memorable time was enjoyed by all!
Happy New Year!

Editor's Note – Thank you to Steve Ko, Richard Liu and Members of ANAVETS for their photo contribution.

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
KING CHARLES III CORONATION MEDAL PRESENTATION
THE HONOURABLE SENATORS BEV BUSSON, MOBINA JAFFER AND YUEN PAU WOO
THE ISMAILI CENTRE VANCOUVER
BURNABY, B.C.
2 FEBRUARY 2025**



A very impressive King Charles III Coronation Medal Presentation Ceremony was held by Senators Bev Busson, Mobina Jaffer and Yuen Pau Woo, at the beautiful Ismaili Centre on Canada Way in Burnaby during the mid- afternoon of Sunday, 2 February 2025.





LCol James Barrett, CD (Ret'd)



Lt Patricia Barrett, CD (Ret'd)



LCol Barrett accepting KCM for Capt Douglas Gayton, MMM, CD (Ret'd)

The programme featured Opening Remarks by the MC, the singing of “God Save the King” and “O Canada”, a Land Acknowledgement and Special Greetings. Each Senator presented their respective allotment of medals to the recipients, approximately sixty medals in total.



Senator Mobina Jaffer



HCol Farid Rohani



Pipe-Major Michael Bain, CD (Ret'd)

The Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Farid Rohani, was presented his medal by Senator Jaffer, and the President of the Regimental Association, Lieutenant-Colonel Jim Barrett, CD (Ret'd), Association Treasurer, Lieutenant Patricia Barrett, CD (Ret'd) and good friend of the Regiment Family, Captain Doug Gayton, CD (Ret'd) (in absentia), were presented their medals by Senator Busson. Jim was presented with Doug's medal as he was unable to attend.



Our good friends and colleagues, Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Alexa Loo, 39 Service Battalion, and Richard Liu, Honorary Brigade Division President, Burnaby Division, St. John Ambulance, were presented their medals by Senator Yuen Pau Woo.



Regimental Family members in attendance were Association Padre, Captain, the Reverend Gordon Barrett, and the former Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne.

The Closing Remarks were given by the MC with a reception following.
Congratulations to all medal recipients for their exceptional service to the community! Thank you!

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
KING CHARLES III CORONATION MEDAL PRESENTATION
THE HONOURABLE SENATORS BEV BUSSON, MOBINA JAFFER AND
YUEN PAU WOO - THE ISMAILI CENTRE VANCOUVER - BURNABY, B.C.
2 FEBRUARY 2025**

Editor's Note: Just received the official photos from Feb 2's Presentation ceremony.





Senator Bev Busson presents KCM to LCol Jim Barrett, CD (Ret'd) & Lt Patricia Barrett, CD (Ret'd)



Senator Mobina Jaffer presents KCM to HCol Farid Rohani

BELGIAN - CANADIAN LUNCH LEKE – BELGIUM



Editor's Note: We are pleased to included pictures for Leke and the Luncheon for our readers. Thank you, Luke!

Hello,

We send you some photographs of our 6th Belgian- Canadian Lunch party at the community centre 'LECCA in LEKE.



We had 140 participants and there was a special mention for our friends of the British Columbia Regiment (see the flag of the Regiment in front).



Luke & Duke-a-Bear's Belgian Cousin

Greetings from Belgium.

Luke Vandebussche
Secretary Belgian-Canadian Association- LEKE.

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
KING CHARLES III CORONATION MEDAL PRESENTATION
MARIE-LAFRANCE LALONDE, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT,
ORLEANS, ONTARIO
1 FEBRUARY 2025**



The Regimental Family is pleased to announce that Major Chris Blencowe, CD, of the Directorate of History and Heritage, has been presented with the King Charles III Coronation Medal by Marie Lafrance Lalonde, Member of Parliament, Orleans, Ontario, in a brief ceremony held in the riding of the Member.



On behalf of the Regimental Family, congratulations Major Blencowe on receiving this much deserved recognition. Thank you for your service and dedication!

Up the Dukes!

Editor's Note: Major Blencowe, a recognized expert on Canadian military heritage, has made significant contributions in recording, preserving, and protecting the history and heritage of military units across Canada. He is especially well known throughout the military and veterans' community for his readiness to selflessly assist others in their own similar efforts by providing advice, direction and hard-to-find resources.

In the photo, Major Blencowe and Mme Lalonde, MP, are accompanied by Major-General Greg Smith.

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
KING CHARLES III CORONATION MEDAL PRESENTATION
TERRY BEECH, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT &
MINISTER OF CITIZENS' SERVICES OF CANADA
BURNABY, B.C.
7 FEBRUARY 2025**



The Regimental Family is pleased to announce that Pipe Major Andrew Hayes, of the Vancouver Regiment Irish Pipes and Drums Society, has been presented with the King Charles III Coronation Medal by Terry Beech, Member of Parliament, Burnaby North-Seymour, in a brief ceremony held on Friday afternoon in the Minister's Constituency Office on Hastings Street in Burnaby.



Also in attendance were Andrew's wife Sam and children, August and Ruth, the Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment and Band Governor, Bill Diamond, and the Regimental Secretary, former Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne.



On behalf of the Regimental Family, congratulations Pipe Major Hayes on receiving this well-deserved recognition.

Thank you for your service and dedication to the community and to the Regimental Family!
Up the Dukes!

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
KING CHARLES III CORONATION MEDAL PRESENTATION
TERRY BEECH, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT &
MINISTER OF CITIZENS' SERVICES OF CANADA
BURNABY, B.C.
7 FEBRUARY 2025**



The Regimental Family is pleased to announce that Bugle Major Chris Ahern, of The British Columbia Regiment Band Society, has been presented with the King Charles III Coronation Medal by Terry Beech, Member of Parliament, Burnaby North-Seymour, in a brief ceremony held on Friday afternoon in the Minister's Constituency Office on Hastings Street in Burnaby. Also in attendance were the Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment and Band Governor, Bill Diamond, and the Regimental Secretary, former Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne.



On behalf of the Regimental Family, congratulations Bugle Major Ahern on receiving this well-deserved recognition. Thank you for your service and dedication to the community and to the Regimental Family!

Up the Dukes!

**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 OF CANADA
7 FEBRUARY 2025**



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
KING CHARLES III CORONATION MEDAL PRESENTATION
39 CANADIAN BRIGADE GROUP HEADQUARTERS
VANCOUVER, B.C.
29 JANUARY 2025**



The Regimental Family is pleased to announce that Major Greg McCullough, CD, Second-in-Command of the Regiment and the Deputy Commanding Officer of 39 Canadian Brigade Group Headquarters, has been presented with the King Charles III Coronation Medal by Lieutenant-Colonel Patrick Brown, CD, PPCLI, Chief of Staff, 39 CBG, in a brief ceremony held at 39 CBG HQ, the Major-General B.M. Hoffmeister, OC, CB,CBE, DSO Building in Vancouver.

On behalf of the Regimental Family, congratulations Major McCullough, on receiving this much deserved recognition of your service and dedication.

Up the Dukes!

Editor's Note: In the accompanying photo, from L to R...Lieutenant-Colonel Patrick Brown, CD, COS, Major Greg McCullough, CD, Colonel Paul Lindsay, CD, Commander, 39 CBG and Chief Warrant Officer Tony Harris, CD, Brigade Sergeant-Major.



Sovereign Order Of ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM Knights Hospitaller c.1048



Vancouver Commandery

The **Sovereign Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Vancouver Commandery**, has awarded a \$10,000 grant to the Padre's Fund to support Christ Church Cathedral's Regimental ministry to the British Columbia Regiment (BCR) Reservists, with the primary aim of funding Pastoral and Spiritual Support, Resilience and Outreach Ministries to the Troops and Veterans of the British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own). The Cathedral has been the Regimental Church of the British Columbia Regiment since the Colours were first laid up in 1919.

Over the past four years, the Dean of New Westminster has established this new ministry that engages with and supports the troops and their needs in areas that are not being met by other sources. This ministry has been funded by a line item in the Cathedral Budget, and since 2023 also by the annual Piping for the Padre fundraiser with the BCR Irish Pipes and Drums, the Pipes and Drums of the Seaforth Highlanders, and the 15th Field Artillery Regimental Band.

The Padre's Fund provides much needed infrastructure and support in areas of spiritual and emotional resilience, spiritual care, physical resilience, and economic and emergency support for the women and men who serve Canada at home and abroad.

The fund primarily supports the active members of the BCR, a Primary Reserve Armoured Reconnaissance Regiment that is the oldest in British Columbia and also one of the most diverse in Canada. The members of the unit come from all over the Lower Mainland and parade weekly on Wednesdays in the Beatty Street Drill Hall in Vancouver from Sept to June. The members are female and male, ranging in age from 17 to 60+, and represent Christian, Sikh, Muslim, Jewish, Buddhist, and some other religions. They are "citizen soldiers," including students, tradespeople, teachers, longshoremen, and public servants, as well as a variety of other professions. They are parents, grandparents, children, and siblings, from large to small families, and in addition to attending Drill Nights,

some have been deployed for a time in Europe. Others have served as emergency responders to the floods in the Fraser Valley, the fires in the Interior, and other natural disasters.

The project seeks to address some of the areas that do not receive adequate funding or emphasis from other sources. This funding is critical for the spiritual, mental and physical health, and well-being of the troops, while at the same time offering emergency support and preventative care to reservists. This coming year we will be focusing on physical and mental resilience and team building through the expansion of grappling and boxing training. This will require equipment (mats, gloves, pads) and coaching. The goal is to increase the wellness, confidence, and morale of the members, as well as to provide psychological benefits. The fund also offers spiritual, crisis, and mental support and seeks to purchase spiritual resilience guides, suicide prevention curriculum/training and peer support infrastructure. And, of course, it also seeks to provide instruments and equipment for the BCR

Bands. Over the past 4 years the Regimental Ministries have supported and will continue to support: Monthly "Pizza with the Padre Nights" on Parade Nights which provide meals, team building and unit cohesion for the BCRs.

- The creation of a resilience training program by engaging and supporting the establishment of grappling and boxing training for the regiment to build physical resilience, self-confidence and mental wellness.
- Donations of children's Christmas gifts, food hampers, and support for members and families of the BCRs for whom the holiday budget is stretched tight.
- Ad-hoc employment opportunities for regiment members to supplement their incomes.
- Rent, repair, and emergency request funding for members. Pastoral support and spiritual counselling to members including access to professional coaching and leadership support.
- Spiritual and mental resilience building, mental wellness, as well as morale and team building.
- Subsidized wedding and funeral access for regiment members.
- Commissioning of a Regimental historical and memorial display cabinet in the Cathedral.
- Leadership support and advocacy for the Junior ranks, Sergeants and Warrants, as well as support for Officers.
- An Annual Pipe, Drum and Music Concert to support the Regimental Ministries and provide entertainment.
- Sponsorship of Remembrance Day services and other special services for members of the units and the general public.

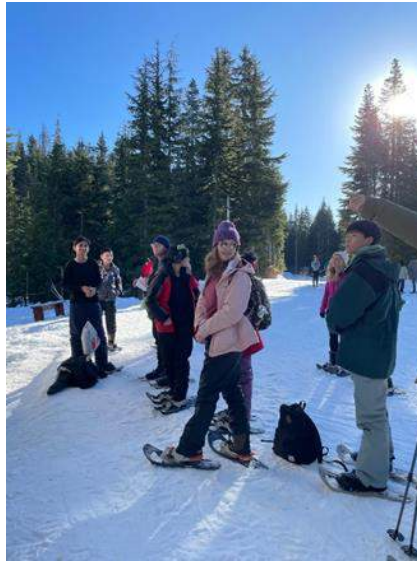
The Very Rev. Christopher Pappas

'DUKES' OF CYPRESS MOUNTAIN 2827 BCR (DCO) RCACC – WINTER HIKE



On January 25th, 2025, 2827 BCR (DCO) RCACC from Port Moody went snowshoeing on Cyprus Mountain. This was a great first opportunity for our new Cadets to experience one of the many outdoor activities our corps engages in. It was also a great learning experience for some of our senior cadets to put their leadership skills to the test. Our officers, who were present, examined the senior Cadets on their capabilities.





The Senior cadets took the initiative to coordinate through the snowshoeing trails of Cyprus mountain and ensure the safety and well-being of the group, which consisted mostly of new and eager cadets.



When we arrived at one of the warming huts to rest, the Senior Cadets took the opportunity to educate the new Cadets on the History of the British Columbia Regiment (Better known as the Duke of Connaught's own), and our motto, UP THE DUKES!

They explained to the new Cadets of the historical regiment they were now apart, and about their first deployment in the Second Boer War in South Africa, 1900. It was one of the earliest conflicts that used trench warfare in the 20th century, prior to WW1. During the conflict, the 'Dukes,' which became our nickname, were always the first to go over the top of the trenches the moment the whistle was blown. From the Regiment's distinguishing bravery during the conflict, they earned the motto which we use today to immortalize them, UP THE DUKES!



When we got back to the base of the mountain where we started, our journey came to an end. By the end of it, our Seniors had put on an amazing display of leadership and mentorship for the officers to take much into consideration. As for the new cadets; their performance, positivity and eagerness during the snowshoeing up and down Cyprus mountain has helped them further to cement themselves as a part of RCACC 2827.

We look forward to seeing how our new cadets have become determined to not only make their mark as army cadets... but also, as Dukes.

UP THE DUKES!

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
REGIMENTAL WHISKEY TASTING
THE DRILL HALL
VANCOUVER, B.C.
8 FEBRUARY 2025**



It was a “Whiskey Tasting” event at its very best, with the hosts for the evening being the Officers’ and Warrant Officers’ & Sergeants’ Messes of the Regiment....a complete sell out! The amazing gathering, where camaraderie abounded, was very well attended by the Regimental Family and our friends and supporters in the military and civilian community.









Special thanks to Master of Ceremonies and accomplished event planner, Major Adam McLeod, for an excellent evening! The Regimental Museum was open for visitors during the course of the evening. Special thanks to BCR Museum Vice-President Jim Barrett for the support. Well done indeed!

Up the Dukes!

Editors' Note: Special thanks to Ravi Gill for many of the photos.

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
TERRY BEECH, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT &
MINISTER OF CITIZENS' SERVICES OF CANADA
PRESENTATIONS - BURNABY, BC
7 FEBRUARY 2025**



The Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment, Bill Diamond, and the Regimental Secretary, former Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, were each presented with a framed official photograph of His Majesty, King Charles III, a Certificate of Appreciation and an official Coronation Pin by Minister Terry Beech, Member of Parliament, Burnaby North-Seymour, in a brief ceremony held on Friday afternoon in the

Minister's Constituency Office on Hastings Street in Burnaby. During the presentation, the Minister stated, in part:

“Thank you for your dedication to uplifting and celebrating our veterans. On behalf of the Government of Canada, I want to express my sincere gratitude for your contributions.”



Each Certificate of Appreciation presented was given in recognition of “your dedication to advocating for our veterans in B.C...and for your commitment to making a positive impact in our community.”

Up the Dukes!

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
BRITISH COLUMBIA VETERANS' COMMEMORATIVE ASSOCIATION
INVICTUS GAMES VANCOUVER WHISTLER 2025
VANCOUVER CONVENTION CENTRE
VANCOUVER, B.C.
13 FEBRUARY 2025**



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Congratulations to British Columbia Veterans Commemorative Association (“BCVCA”) for their exceptional support of the Invictus Games, Vancouver-Whistler 2025 (8-16 February 2025). BCVCA and its dedicated members have maintained the exhibit, which includes its magnificent replica of the National War Memorial and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, at the Vancouver Convention Centre during the Invictus Games.



Visitors to the Exhibit have included such dignitaries as The Honourable Darren Fisher, Minister Veterans Affairs, General Jennie Carignan, Chief of Defence Staff, Lieutenant General Michael Wright, Commander of the Canadian Army, The Honourable Rebecca Patterson, Rear Admiral, OMM, MSM, CD (Ret’d), Senate of Canada, CSG Ontario, and The Honourable Marty Deacon, Senate of Canada ISG Waterloo. BCVCA has been advised that the Duke of Sussex privately toured the venue before the opening of Invictus Village, so undoubtedly viewed the replica.





Well done and thank you, BCVCA, for your outstanding work!

Editor's Note: A special thank you and kudos to our very own Lieutenant Roger Wong, a Training Officer with 2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC, and an Invictus Volunteer, for his wonderful hospitality and assistance during our visit and for providing us with most of the photos produced with this article.

As you may know, in addition to the highly successful B.C. Veterans' License Plate Programme, BCVCA also engages in "a year round commemorative programme to educate all generations of Canadians about the extent and value of the nation's military heritage, promotes the historic significance of Canada's military accomplishments as part of its development as a Nation and profiles British Columbia's part in this history and encourages recognition of the contribution of veterans by their communities throughout the province."

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
NATIONAL FLAG OF CANADA DAY
THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION, BRANCH 119
PORT MOODY, B.C.
15 FEBRUARY 2025**



The Regimental Secretary, former Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, attended at RCL #119 in Port Moody at noon on Saturday, 15 February 2025, to mark the 60th Anniversary of the inauguration of the Canadian National Flag on 15 February 1965.



“At the stroke of noon on February 15, 1965, Canada’s red and white maple leaf flag was raised for the very first time on Parliament Hill. On the same day in 1996, National Flag of Canada Day was declared. Our national flag is a symbol that unites Canadians and reflects the common values we take pride in — democracy, inclusion and equity.”

Up the Dukes!

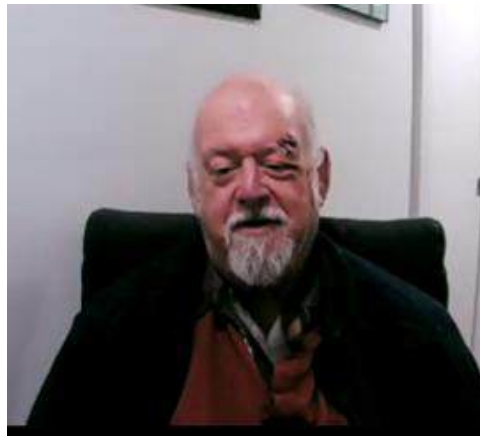


Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles Band 1907

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
CHURCHILL SOCIETY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
A “VIRTUAL” EVENING WITH CHURCHILL VIA “ZOOM” - GUEST SPEAKER,
LIEUTENANT-GENERAL STUART BEARE, CMM, MSC, MSM, CD
(RETIRED) - 18 FEBRUARY 2025**



The Churchill Society of British Columbia (“CSBC”) hosted an excellent presentation by Lieutenant-General (Retired) Stuart Beare via the ZOOM Platform in the late afternoon of Tuesday, 18 February 2025. After a warm welcome and introduction of General Beare by the Honorary Colonel of 15th Field Artillery Regiment, Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery, Don Foster, the many members and guests of CSBC were treated to a first class presentation on the topic of “Defence and Security in the World – as it has become, and that is coming. Reflections for Canada.” The presentation was thoroughly enjoyed as evidenced by the very thorough and informative question and answer session following. The President of CSBC, Brad Newby, thanked General Beare for such a professional and timely presentation pertinent to the extraordinary times in which we now live.



Editor’s Note: As noted in the advance promotional literature:

“LGen Beare has seen command at every level, including leading the Canadian Force’s efforts in land warfare and training during combat operations in Afghanistan. LGen Beare led Canadian, multi-national and multi-agency troops and forces in major domestic and international operations. His last command was CJOC– commanding CAF operations at home and abroad. LGen Beare earned a bachelor’s degree in engineering from CMR and the Royal Military College in 1983. He is a graduate of multiple Command and Staff programs, including the Technical Staff Course run by the UK’s Royal Military College of Science and Cranfield University; Canada’s Joint Command and Staff Program; and attended the U.S. Joint Forces Command Capstone and Pinnacle program. Since retiring, LGen Beare has been a member of the Canadian Red Cross Government Relations Advisory Committee, a Fellow with the Canadian Global Affairs Institute, and is currently Colonel Commandant of the Intelligence Branch and the Canadian Intelligence Corps. He is chair of the Board for Soldiers Helping Soldiers and Patron for the Roman Catholic Military Ordinariate in Canada. He remains – since 2016 – a Strategic Advisor for Defence and Public Safety for Accenture, here in Canada and as part of Accenture’s Global Defence practice and Defence Council.”

Editor’s Note: Shared with our readers from RUSI Victoria.

RUSI VICTORIA

Panel Discussion Summary Notes On Canada's National Defence

12 February 2025

1. Our introductory speaker pointed out that the main role of the Canadian Forces is the defence of Canada and its national interests including Canadian sovereignty, continental defence in cooperation with the U.S., contributions to NATO, our national economic well-being and prosperity, a stable world order, and the promotion of Canadian values (freedom, democracy, rule of law, and human rights). In carrying out these roles, the CAF must concentrate on preparedness (being aware of the risks and threats to Canada's interests); readiness (trained and equipped to meet all challenges); responsiveness (organization and capabilities to respond/deploy in a timely manner); and sustainability for deployment (logistics/personnel support) over time.
2. From the perspective of our strategic overview speaker, the 20th Century was an exponential century in which our capacity to kill rose from Lee-Enfield rifles to hydrogen bombs and our capacity to travel rose from an eighty-day journey round the world to a trip of little more than a day. Exponential population growth after 1900 had the world's population grow fourfold to 6.5 billion by 2000. The 20th Century was characterized by gigantism and speed. Toward the end of the century technology turned inwards with the focus on microscopic genes and electronics in which the planet's environment was fundamentally reshaped. Not only was the world warming, but biodiversity was declining and pollution mounting. Globalization became a new theology that promised ever greater prosperity. Simultaneously the US became the one remaining Superpower. But with 9/11 the unipolar decade was over. Resulting wars of retribution in Afghanistan and Iraq proved fatal distractions to the US while Putin's corrupt and revanchist oligarchy rose from the dead and China became an unqualified threat. The global mood began to change for the worse and disinformation and misinformation allowed some to control the narrative for the worse. The result is that we have ended up with three powerful states headed by monomaniacs who act like mafiosi dons.
3. In this mix Canada is adrift with its citizens living in a legacy from the past and characterized as naïve, self-satisfied, parochial and entitled. Our failure to grasp reality has weakened us economically, militarily, and diplomatically to the point that we have become irrelevant spectators in an increasingly challenging and dangerous world. And we can no longer rely on the US as a source of strength since President Trump has deemed us free-loading laggards worthy of his punishment. Canada's innate desire to please and to advance commonsensical solutions is no longer sufficient. We are thus in a state of war that we don't recognize. Foreign interference, cyberwarfare, disregard for international law, sabotage, espionage etc. have upended our reality. Prophetically, "Our arsenals are empty, our supply train is nearly non-existent, our troops are few, and our weapons, more likely than not, unready."
4. On the matter of RCN readiness and generating naval capacity, the commander of the RCN's priorities are people, platforms, and being ready to fight. On "people" there are many challenges: the RCN is approximately 23% short of its authorized establishment and the current year's recruiting target has reached only 68% so far; marine technical trades are particularly short and recruiting for those trades is not going well; the RCN is struggling to assemble crews for ships to deploy and skills

maintenance for sailors (especially submariners) is challenging; accommodation is lacking or inadequate, especially for families; and the current operational tempo and training bottlenecks are encouraging higher rates of attrition. Some solutions to this situation include delegating recruiting to Naval Reserve Divisions; the Naval Experience Programme (the pilot for which has been a success); training modernization with increased use of simulators in training and preparation for operations; the Naval Occupation Restructure study that is expected to report this year; and some investments in single accommodations.

5. In terms of “platforms”, challenges include the fact that the Halifax Class of warships is aging out and despite excellent combat capability there are only 4 to 5 vessels of 12 available for operations; Halifax Class maintenance costs are very high with an extra \$300 million injection needed this year alone; The MCDV has also aged out with some crews diverted to the Halifax Class; the leased MV ASTERIX is the sole operational replenishment asset currently in service; the Victoria Class submarines have aged out with only one or two vessels available and with maintenance costs unacceptably high; ORCA Class training vessels will need replacement soon; and the Cyclone helicopters are still not fully operationally accepted.
6. By way of solution, the National Shipbuilding Program (NSS) is slowly delivering capability (6 Harry DeWolf Class Arctic Offshore Patrol Ships (AOPS), 4 large tugs, two replenishment vessels, and the River Class destroyer contract for 3 vessels expected soon). Dockyard infrastructure improvements and maintenance facility upgrades are world-class, the government seems committed to submarine replacement and the RCN is considering a new class of corvettes as well as a whole suite of Unmanned Vehicles (air, surface, and sub-surface).
7. On “Ready to Fight”, technical faults are bedeviling high readiness units; submarines are spending little time at sea and crew skills/confidence are slipping; the RCN has failed over the last three years to meet its target of 60% of fleets serviceable to meet training and readiness needs for concurrent operations. On the positive side, readiness training for ships’ companies on deployment is world-class. Generally, RCN readiness is not good, but it will improve once personnel numbers recover, and ship replacements arrive.
8. The RCN’s responsiveness is dependent upon its ability to deploy. Among the challenges to this is that the task group unit of naval capability is not available right now; individual ship deployments, occasionally with ASTERIX, are thus the norm; falling back on the MCDV and Harry DeWolf Class AOPS for lower intensity operations like counter drug, NATO presence, and naval diplomacy are ways to stay engaged with allies. On the upside, the RCN is surging three ships per year to the Indo-Pacific on 6–8-month deployments; they are gaining experience with Arctic and Antarctic deployments of the AOPS; and the RCN regularly exercises leadership in multinational naval operations.
9. On the matter of RCN sustainability and longer term effectiveness, there are significant challenges: the Halifax Class availability will get more difficult and expensive by 2040 when four River Class vessels should be delivered and pay-off of the Halifax Class begins; the River Class will be very expensive with 15 hulls needed as a minimum to sustain two deployed task groups; Canada currently lacks the digital environment to manage the capability that the new platforms will bring; new submarines will need to be available beginning in 2035 and the RCN wants 8 to 12 of these vessels (3 deployed, 3 for training and remainder in maintenance); there has been perennial under-investment

in ammunition, especially missiles so that ships become vulnerable shortly after any significant engagement; and the two PROTECTEUR Class replenishment vessels fall at least two short of the real requirements for a robust future fleet. On the brighter side, ships are coming and there seems to be a serious will to replace the fleets; two more PROTECTEUR Class could offer serious economies of scale; and a follow-on program of warship construction after the River Class group is complete would validate the investment in the NSS and definitely help government plans to spend at least 2% of GDP on defence.

10. From the Army speaker's point of view, combined arms are the only way for modern forces to survive on today's battlefield. But Canada can't just do a part of the puzzle. We need to invest in the whole package so that we do not rely on our allies (particularly given current state of play with the U.S.). We must innovate with, for example, tanks deployed with drones in direct support as a multiplier effect. In terms of procurement, the problem must be approached on an urgent basis Army-wide. There are currently 47 projects under way at various stages, but urgency needs to be built into the procurement systems with staff shortages remedied for quicker results.
11. On the subject of mobilization and sustainability, it is instructive that the National Advanced Air Defence System procured by Canada for Ukraine took 2 years to field at the front. We can no longer wait until the last minute and expect systems to materialize on order. The Army can probably currently sustain about 4,000 people in operations, but we are in a very bad way for equipment sustainability. There is just not enough stock to sustain operations for any length of time. The Reserves have often been used as individual augmentees to regular units, but the Reserve Force should be looked to for full unit augmentation. To make this work, those Reserve units need to be fully equipped and trained. Special Operations Forces must also be retained as an essential part of our fighting forces. Achieving the 2% of GDP expenditure on our fighting forces is essential. While we are already #6 among NATO partners in actual spending, we need to keep hammering away at achieving the 2% of GDP target.
12. The Airforce and Navy stress the procurement of complete "platforms" like ships, which combine several capabilities including AD, torpedoes, radar, ASW tools and helicopters. DND purchases all these mutually supporting capabilities together under one project heading. The Army is missing out on the advantages of doing the same for its procurement. We need to evolve our thinking to see Army Task Forces as combined arms "platforms" inclusive of multiple capabilities and purchase them as such. Such "platforms" would include mechanized infantry, tanks, artillery, drones, AD, EW, and engineering assets, as well as signals, maintenance and logistical capabilities. Rather than asking how many tanks we need, ask how many Task Forces and what capabilities these should include. We need to procure these Army "platforms" as a package of multiple capabilities, just as we do for our warships. In other words, procure the needed capabilities together to meet how the Army fights – as combined arms Task Forces.
13. With respect to the state of the RCAF, like the RCN and Canadian Army, there are challenges in terms of personnel, introduction of and transition to the new F35 starting within the next year and managing the transition with substantial infrastructure needs. Aircrew shortage – particularly pilots – and equally critical technical trades aviators- are challenging both recruitment and training systems. The incoming F35, the Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance P8 Poseidon, the CC330 Multi-Role Transport Tanker, and the MQ9 Reaper Remotely Piloted Surveillance and Reconnaissance Aircraft will see substantial increases in capability for the RCAF in sovereignty and air defence over the next

five years and, with the financial and political support will likely change the recruitment pattern as well. This is provided they are able to secure a long term, stable & predictable funding commitment from the federal government!

14. During the Q&A session following the panel presentations, a member asked how we can build public awareness to get the defence-related message out there. Panelists opined that we need to control the narrative in that awareness among the Canadian public is slowly increasing but the lack of urgency is the killer. Successive governments have been and continue to dither. We are at war, but we are trapped in the historical myth that we can get ready once the fighting starts. Panelists also made the point that the recruiting system is too slow; it is not a lack of interest among prospective recruits; we don't have a recruiting problem, we have a process problem. Given the deteriorating security situation world-wide, Canadians are getting scared, and this is therefore an excellent time to press the defence readiness discussion. But logistics is our Achilles heel; we are nowhere near ready for conflict of any real intensity.

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
THE GUILD OF WAGGONEERS AND ARTIFICERS
WITH TOMBOY DIGITAL PRODUCTIONS
PREMIERE SHOWING OF OP FAUST, HUNGER WINTER '45
RIVER ROCK RESORT THEATRE, RICHMOND, B.C.
19 FEBRUARY 2025**





The premiere of the Video Documentary, Op Faust: Hunger Winter '45, was hosted by the Guild of Waggoneers and Artificers and Tomboy Digital Productions on Wednesday, 19 February 2025, in the early evening.





Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel of 39 Service Battalion, Alexa Loo, hosted the well-attended showing which included opening remarks by the Consul General of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Sebastiaan Messerschmidt, and solemn words from the Padre, Captain Kenneth Lo. After the viewing of this most informative and well produced video, Lieutenant-Colonel (Ret'd) Will Watkins provided the attendees with a detailed summary of the historical significance of Op Faust to our serving soldiers and to our country. A question and answer segment followed, which included various questions to Alison MacLean of Tomboy Digital Productions, the producer. This special event, supported by 39 Service Battalion, was well attended by many serving members of the unit.

Editor's Note: The promotional material for the event states as follows:

“During the latter part of World War II, in the Spring of 1945, the occupied Dutch people in Northern Netherlands were being starved in what came to be known as the Hunger Winter. Previous air resupply operations, Op Manna (RAF/RCAF) and Op Chowhound (USAF) were thwarted by the German occupiers. On the 2nd of May 1945, 300 Royal Canadian Army Service Corps trucks crossed no man's land behind the Axis front line during Operation Faust. For 10 days these young Canadian soldiers bravely drove across the German lines to deliver up to 1,000 tons of food and medical supplies a day to the starving Dutch people. This created an endearing and lasting relationship between Canada and the Netherlands. This was the first ever Humanitarian Aid Corridor negotiated by the Canadian Military. Op Faust is Canadian military history at its best, as seen through the lens of archival newsreels, child witness statements, and troop comments.”



Our congratulations and best wishes to our friends at the Guild for their exceptional dedication and service and to Alison MacLean for her most professional production of the documentary on such an important part of our history. Thank you!



Special thanks for the photos goes to our good friend and colleague, Richard Liu, Honorary Brigade Division, President Burnaby Division, St. John Ambulance.

CHANGE OF APPOINTMENT PARADE CADET RSM E. KRATSCHMER TO C/RSM K. KAN 2827 BCR (DCO) RCACC Port Moody 11 FEBRUARY 2025



A Heartfelt Goodbye

On February 11th, 2025, the BCR (DCO) 2827 RCACC (Port Moody), bids farewell to Master Warrant Officer Ezekiel Krätschmer. After years of service, devotion, and working his way to the top, RSM Ezekiel Krätschmer finally aged out on Wednesday, February 12th, his 19th Birthday. On Tuesday, February 11th was his last training night at the 2827 RCACC as both a cadet and Regimental Sergeant Major (RSM), as both a farewell and change of appointment ceremony was in Order. After a regular night of lessons, it was at the last hour of the training night the officers had announced to the corps of, then RSM Krätschmer's last night as a cadet. As soon as classes were concluded, a parade was formed immediately to begin preparing for the ceremony.



Around this time, the family of Ezekiel Krätschmer came to attend the ceremony, as well as close friends that Ezekiel had made when they were in cadets and had aged out in the years prior. One of the officers that attended the ceremony was one Captain Dean McLennan, who had had the privilege to watch Ezekiel grow and thrive in the Cadet programme from when he joined the programme.



Now, he, along with the other officers, were going to watch him step down and pass down the mantle of RSM. When the ceremony had commenced, there were three individuals standing before the parade of old and new cadets watching their RSM go.



There was Ezekiel Krätschmer himself, the commanding officer (CO) of the corps, Captain Jiri Motak, and C/MWO Karter Kan, who was become and is now our new RSM. Each signed documentation signifying both Krätschmer's resignation and MWO Kan's induction as RSM with the approval of the CO. After the documents were signed, RSM Krätschmer handed over his BCR Regimental Rifle Crossbelt, officially handing the mantle of RSM to Kan.

In army Cadets, we have a tradition for when a cadet ages out, they are not only handed a certificate for their completion of service but are also given a mug with their name and years of service engraved onto it. C/RSM Krätschmer, like the Cadets that aged out before him, have received just that. Finally, at the last stretch of the ceremony, C/RSM Ezekiel Krätschmer gave his farewell speech. It was a heartfelt and meaningful speech about his time during cadets, his perseverance, and how it has transformed into the person he is today, and how it can do the same for us if we keep going and never give up. He concluded his speech with one last "UP THE DUKES" which the whole corps roared back, followed by 3 cheers for Krätschmer and the new RSM.

The ceremony had now concluded, and C/RSM Kan stepped up to give his first orders, in which he ended the ceremony and our training night by dismissing the parade. While the cadets were waiting for parents to pick them up, heartfelt goodbyes, congratulations, and brownies were exchanged between RSM Krätschmer, friends, family, and officers.

To C/RSM Ezekiel Krätschmer, thank you for making our corps into what it is today and giving cadets like us an amazing experience. Thank you for being a tremendous leader, and friend to all the cadets. As your chapter ends, a new chapter begins.



From 2827 RCACC, we bid you farewell and wish you the best for this new chapter of your life. As for us and our new RSM, the dukes shall march on, **UP THE DUKES**.

Author: Cpl. D Minachi Moghaddam

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
KOREAN VETERANS ASSOCIATION, WESTERN CANADA CHAPTER
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & LUNCHEON
THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION, BRANCH 263
COQUITLAM, B.C.
22 FEBRUARY 2025**



A very enjoyable luncheon was hosted by the Korean Veterans Association, Western Canada Chapter ("KVA"), with special guests from the Korean War Veterans Association, the Vietnam War Veterans

Association, the Korean Seniors Society, the Veterans' Community, Politicians from all levels of Government, First Responders, the Canadian Armed Forces and the Community-at-Large, at The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 263, on Ridgeway Avenue, Coquitlam, in the late morning and early afternoon of Saturday, 22 February 2025.



Michael Chang, President of KVA, acted as Master of Ceremonies with Jayden Eo, Executive Director. The many speakers remembered the dedicated service and sacrifice of our soldiers and the soldiers of the Republic of South Korea during the Korean War. In addition, the dignitaries recognized KVA for their remarkable service and dedication with veterans and within the community generally and wished the membership of KVA every success in the community for the ensuing year.

Guest speakers included, the President of the Korean War Veterans Association, Woo Seok Lee, Michael Chang, President of KVA, Senator Yonah Martin, Tako van Popta, MP, Langley-Aldergrove, Bonita Zarrillo, MP, Port Moody-Coquitlam, Raj Chouhan, MLA, Speaker of the House, and Richard Stewart, Mayor of Coquitlam.



The speeches were followed by the Presentation of Awards segment of the programme, which included the presentation of five Certificates of Appreciation for “dedicated service, devotion and commitment to Korean Veterans and the Korean Community in B.C.” Two of the recipients, our good friend and colleague, Honorary Brigade Division President, Burnaby Division, St. John Ambulance, Richard N. Liu, and former Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne were honoured to receive this wonderful recognition.



The Regiment was represented by Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Bill Diamond and Captain David Kim.



Also in attendance was Guy Black, Medal of Civil Merit (South Korea) and Honorary Citizen, Gapyeong County (ROK).

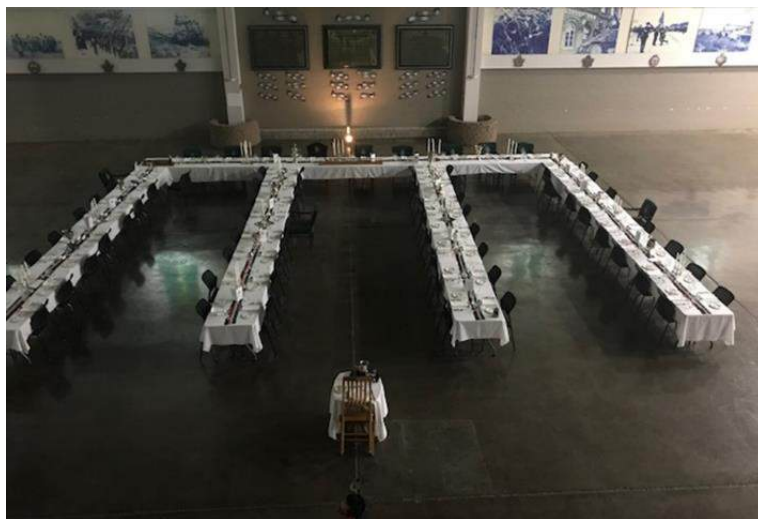


After the agenda of the meeting was concluded, the attendees were treated to a traditional Korean Luncheon with generous servings of delicious food.



Congratulations and well done KVA! We wish you every success for another successful year of operations, with your many friends and supporters from all levels of government, veterans and the Korean community.

**BCR WARRANT OFFICERS & SERGEANTS' MESS
BATTLE OF PAARDEBERG DINNER
THE DRILL HALL
22 FEBRUARY 2025**



On Saturday the 22nd of February the annual WO & Sgts' Mess dinner was held on the floor of the BCR Drill Hall in remembrance of the Battle of Paardeberg during the South African War of 1899-1902.



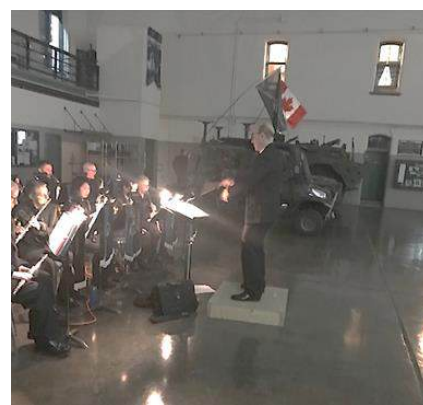
Prior to the dinner after the guests had gathered in the mess, a brief Depart with Dignity ceremony was held for retired member Sgt JA Schultz, CD in which she was presented with her service pin and certificates.



A good attendance was had for the dinner with over 60 members and guests including HCol Farid Rohani, HCol Bill Diamond, and LCol Jim Barrett (Ret'd) President of the Association. Many former members attended including former RSMs Mark Arden, Floris Van Weelderen, and Capt Pat Taylor, who is still serving as a BCR with the 39 Service Battalion. Others included former WO Kim Bekesinski, Sgt's Jay Schofield, Duncan Maillie and many others. WO Dwayne Snow attended from Kelowna.



Music for the event was provided by both regimental association bands of the Regiment, with the Brass and Reed Band under the direction of Brian Smith performing the initial music and later the Irish Pipes and Drums under the direction of Pipe-Major Hayes and Drum-Major Chris Hoskin joining them for several combined tunes. During the intermission after the loyal toast, Padre Pappas and others had the opportunity to direct the band.



RSM Arn Matibag as RSM presided over the head table, and Maj Greg McCullough stood in for LCol Adam Brown, who was unable to attend.



A number of brief and excellent toasts were given, and an enjoyable evening was had by all.



On display were artifacts from the Regimental Museum including a pith helmet, bandolier for .303 bullets, and a tin which was given to all participants at Christmas by Queen Victoria containing essentials such as a car, woodbine cigarettes and sweets.

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
REMEMBERING THE BATTLE OF PAARDEBERG
SAINT JULIEN SQUARE, VANCOUVER
24 FEBRUARY 2025**



The Regimental Family remembered the dedicated service and sacrifice of our Soldiers on the 125th anniversary of The Battle of Paardeberg at Saint Julien Square in Vancouver at noon on Monday, 24 February 2025.



A Regimental Wreath and Candle of Remembrance were placed at the Memorial by the Regimental Secretary, Ted Hawthorne, to remember our Fallen from the War in South Africa (Privates Whitley, MacKintosh and Jackson). The Act of Remembrance was recited.



We will remember them!

Up the Dukes!

**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.**

**RUSI VANCOUVER & 15 FD REGT SOCIETY
LUNCH AND PRESENTATION
26 FEBRUARY 2025**



"The Special Force and the Korean War"

On Wednesday the 26th, members of RUSI Vancouver and guests joined together for another excellent lunch at the 15th FD RCA Officers' Mess at the Bessborough Armoury. Attendees enjoyed an excellent buffet lunch which was followed with the feature presentation for the day.



RUSI president, Keith Maxwell, introduced Robert Mackay, a retired Naval Officer from the RCN, who gave an interesting talk on the Special Force raised by Canada and deployed to Korea and some of the challenges faced both within operations and by the veterans upon their return, including their acceptance by the WWII veterans. Of interest was the history of the painting used as part of the front cover, which indicated a Canadian Patrol frozen by the firing of a para-flare over 'no man's land'.



Following a question and answer period, Bob was thanked by HCol Don Foster, 15 FD RCA, and then a book signing session with the remainder of the attendees.

Thank you RUSI, the Vancouver Gunners and 15 FD RCA for hosting another great event.

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
KING CHARLES III CORONATION MEDAL PRESENTATION
RON MCKINNON, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
COQUITLAM - PORT COQUITLAM
THE DRILL HALL - VANCOUVER, B.C.
24 FEBRUARY 2025**



A very enjoyable King Charles III Coronation Medal Presentation Ceremony was held by Ron McKinnon, MP, in the Officers' Mess of the Regiment on the evening of Monday, 25 February 2025. The Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Adam Brown, gave the opening remarks and welcomed everyone to The Drill Hall and the Officers' Mess. The ceremony was well attended by family, friends and colleagues of the six recipients, Colonel Scott Raesler, Chief of Staff, 3 Canadian Division, Lieutenant-Colonel Adam Brown, Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Bill Diamond, Regimental Sergeant-Major, Chief Warrant Officer Arnold Matibag, Master Warrant Officer Bernie Li and Corporal Kathleen Parker. Each recipient was duly honoured for their exceptional service to the community and their unwavering dedication and commitment to Canada.





Regimental Family in attendance included, the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Farid Rohani, President of the Regimental Association, Jim Barrett, and the Regimental Secretary Ted Hawthorne. Also in attendance was special guest, Honorary Colonel Derral Moriyama, 39 Signal Regiment.



The Closing Remarks were delivered by the Member and a reception followed. Many individual family photos were taken with the recipients and the Member, to conclude this most festive occasion.





Congratulations to all medal recipients and special thanks to Ron McKinnon, MP, for his outstanding support of the military community!

Up the Dukes!

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
THE NAVAL ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
ROYAL VANCOUVER YACHT CLUB
VANCOUVER, B.C.
26 FEBRUARY 2025**



The Board of Directors of The Naval Association of B.C. ("NABC") held its monthly business meeting in the Chartroom of the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club in the mid-morning of Wednesday, 26 February 2025, on a balmy Vancouver day.



The meeting was followed by a reception and luncheon open to all members where the order of the day was excellent food, service and camaraderie! Members were treated to a detailed update by special guest speaker, Roger Elmes, of the Naval Reserve Association of Canada (NRAC), formerly the University Naval Training Division (UNTD).





On a very sad note, the Members were advised of the sudden passing of our good friend and colleague, Bob McIlwaine. Our heartfelt condolences to Mary and her family for their loss. He will be remembered!

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
KING CHARLES III CORONATION MEDAL PRESENTATION
TERRY BEECH, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT &
MINISTER OF CITIZENS' SERVICES OF CANADA
THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION, BRANCH 148 - BURNABY, B.C.
27 FEBRUARY 2025**



A standout King Charles III Coronation Medal Presentation Ceremony was held by Terry Beech, MP, at The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 148, on Hastings Street in Burnaby, in the early evening of Thursday, 27 February 2025.



The programme included a Land Acknowledgement, Opening Remarks by Minister Beech and the Presentation of 28 King Charles III Coronation Medals.



The ceremony was very well attended by family, friends and colleagues of the medal recipients. Included in the presentations were an impressive number of our friends and colleagues serving in the Canadian Armed Forces, St. John Ambulance and the Regimental Family, namely;

- Brigadier-General Paul Ursich, Deputy Commander, 3 Canadian Division
- Lieutenant-Colonel Stephen Piers, Commanding Officer, 39 CER
- Warrant Officer Angela Joy Van Erp, 39 CER
- Master Corporal Justin Lee, BCR
- Farhang Ahadzadeh, SJA
- Captain The Reverend Gordon Barrett, (Ret'd) Padre of the Regimental Association
- William P.J. McCarthy, OBC, Chairman of the BCR Trust
- Donald Manning, BCR Museum
- Captain Duncan Maillie, Regimental Association
- Mark Zwanski, Chairman, Friends of HMCS Vancouver





Regretfully, Lieutenant-Colonel Brent Purcell and John McCarthy were unable to attend the ceremony so that the medals will be presented to them at a later date. Each recipient was duly honoured for their exceptional service to the community and their unwavering dedication and commitment to Canada.



Regimental Family in attendance included Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Bill Diamond, the President of the Regimental Association, Jim Barrett, BCR Association Treasurer, Patricia Barrett, and the Regimental Secretary Ted Hawthorne.



The Closing Remarks were delivered by Minister Beech and a reception followed to conclude this most festive occasion.

Congratulations to all medal recipients and special thanks to Minister Terry Beech for his outstanding support of the military community and the Regimental Family!

Up the Dukes!

March

PRESENTATION OF KING CHARLES III CORONATION MEDAL TO WO GERRI DAVIDSON NORTH VANCOUVER, BC – 1 MARCH 2025



Congratulations to WO Gerri Davidson on today's presentation of the King's Coronation Medal by Minister Jonathan Wilkinson at the Delbrook Rec Centre in North Vancouver. Unfortunately, MCpl (Ret'd) Randy Sloan was not able to attend today, so will receive his medal at a later date. HCol Farid Rohani and HLCpl Bill Diamond were please to attend the ceremony to see our OpsWO receive her well-deserved recognition.



Other current and retired 39 Brigade members that were recognized today include Capt (Ret'd) George Dempsey, 15th Field, Sgt (Ret'd) Monty Black, 39 CER and Cpl Liam Diamond, CScotR.



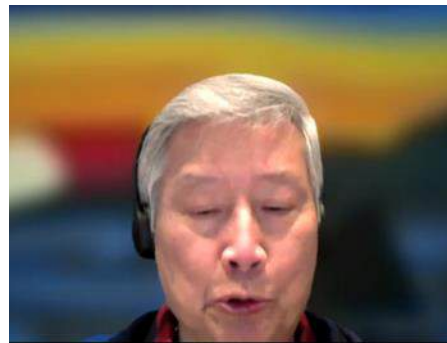
Congratulations to all the recipients and thank to Minister Wilkinson and his team for hosting a wonderful event.

Bill Diamond
HLCol

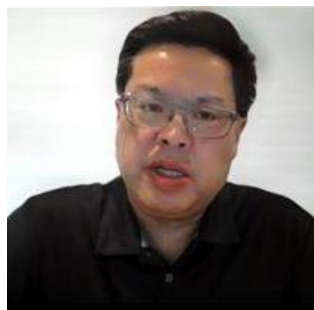
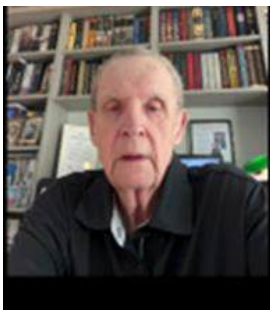
**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
CHINESE CANADIAN MILITARY MUSEUM SOCIETY AND
ANAVETS, PACIFIC UNIT NO. 280
1 MARCH 2025**



The Chinese Canadian Military Museum Society and ANAVETS, Pacific Unit # 280 programme for the morning forum on ZOOM commenced with special guest speaker, Mark Paine, a security and defence professional and Vice President of MriyAid, a not-for-profit entity focusing on the training and equipping of Ukrainian Sappers for action in the war in Ukraine. Mark provided the members with a very thorough and timely account of the current state of the war in Ukraine. The question and answer session was certainly a lively event, all of which was thoroughly enjoyed by the members.



The host, King Wan, thanked Mark for his excellent presentation (“Ukraine Update”) and invited Mark to return to provide further updates after his next visit to Ukraine.



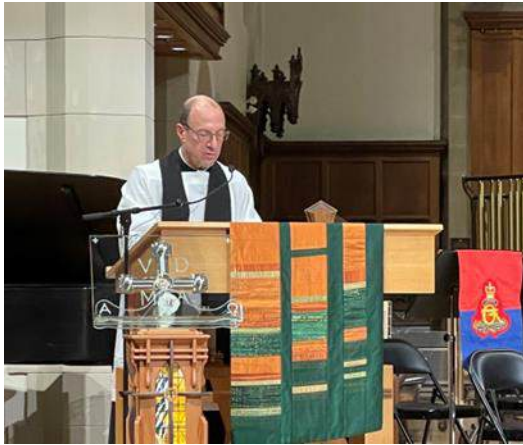


The regular business meeting of ANAVETS chaired by President Steve Ko, as the Chairman, followed the presentation. The regular business meeting of CCMMS with President, Judge (Ret'd) Randall Wong, in the chair concluded the morning's proceedings. Thank you ANAVETS and CCMMS for this most interesting forum. Very well done indeed

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
CONCERT FOR THE PADRE
CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
VANCOUVER, B.C.
1 MARCH 2025**



The “Concert for the Padre”, featuring excellent performances by The BC Regiment Irish Pipes & Drums (“Pipes & Drums”) and the 15th Field Artillery Band (“15th Field”), was a well-attended and a most enjoyable event held in the early evening of Saturday, 1 March 2025 at Christ Church Cathedral in Vancouver.



The evening commenced with the singing of “O’ Canada” by Calixa Lavallee, arranged by Pete Coulman, and the combined rendition of “Highland Cathedral” with Dr. Neil Cockburn, Director of Music at Christ Church Cathedral.





The programme for the evening included the following pieces played by the Pipes & Drums:

- Minstrel Boy March Set
- Irish Polkas
- Danny Boy
- Back to Donegal March Set



The sets of the Pipes & Drums were followed by the following pieces played by 15th Field:

- Esprit de Corps, by Robert Jager
- Music from: How to Train Your Dragon, by John Powell, arranged by Tom van Grevenbroek
- Callisto: Scarred Memory, from In the Courts of Jupiter
- A Suite for Symphonic Wind Ensemble, by Wayne Ablitt
- Animation Songs Medley – music by Jo Hisaishi, arranged by Kazuhiro Morita
- Super Mario Brothers – music by Koji Kondo, arranged by Takashi Hoshide
- Sogno Di Volare – from the Video Game “Civilization VI” – by Christopher Tin, transcribed by Matt Conaway
- The Pines of the Appian Way – from: The Pines of Rome, by Ottorino Respighi, transcribed by Guy M. Duker

The evening’s performance was concluded by a Combined Set featuring “The Sands of Kuwait”, “79th Farewell to Gibraltar”, and “Killaloe”.



Congratulations to the Padre, The Very Reverend Christopher Pappas, Rector and Dean, Diocese of New Westminster for a most enjoyable evening to remember and for his great support of our Soldiers. The net proceeds of the Concert will go “to support the Dean’s pastoral work with the men and women of the military”.



Members of the Regimental Family in attendance included the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Farid Rohani (Nika), Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel and Band Governor Bill Diamond (Audrey), President of the Regimental Association, Lieutenant-Colonel (Ret'd) Jim Barrett (Patricia), the Regimental Secretary, former Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, and Bob and Trudy Hanna. Also in attendance were our good friend and colleague from 15th Field Artillery, RCA, former Honorary Colonel, Retired Judge, Bill Rodgers, and Bob Underhill (Bev), First Vice President of The Royal Canadian Legion, BC/Yukon Command.

Up the Dukes!

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
ST. JOHN AMBULANCE, BRITISH COLUMBIA & YUKON
2025 AWARDS CEREMONY
TRINITY WESTERN UNIVERSITY - LANGLEY, B.C.
2 MARCH 2025**



The 2025 Awards Ceremony of St. John Ambulance, B.C. & Yukon, was held in the early afternoon of Sunday, 2 March 2025, in the DeVries Centre at Trinity Western University, in Langley.



The "Order of Procedure" included the singing of O Canada, an Opening Prayer by the Provincial Chaplain, Nahum Ip, Opening Remarks by the Director of Ceremonies, Anna Boekhoven, the Welcome Address by the Chair of the Board of Directors, Brendan L'Heureux, the Award Presentations of the King Charles III Coronation Medal, the Priory Vote of Thanks Award, the Chair's Commendation Award, the Council Vote of Thanks Award and the St. John Ambulance Lifesaving Award, Closing Remarks, a Closing Prayer, and the singing of God Save the King. A delightful reception was held in the foyer of the DeVries Centre where camaraderie was the order of the day!



Honorary Colonel Farid Rohani and former Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne were each awarded the Priority Vote of Thanks, the highest civilian National Award by St. John Ambulance for non-members.





Friends of the Regimental Family in attendance included, Cadet Brigade Commissioner Raymond Chow (KCM Recipient), Provincial Deputy Commissioner (Operations), Steve Kern (KCM Recipient and Chair's Commendation), Brigade Commissioner Frederick Yim (KCM Recipient) and Provincial Staff Officer (Protocol), Bob Underhill.



Congratulations to all award recipients and thank you to our friends at St. John Ambulance for their continuing support of the community and for a job well done!

Editor's Note: An article from our Surrey BCR Cadet Corps from the pen of Captain Harminder Palak.

**3300 BCR (BHAI KANHAIYA) RCACC
"A MEETING PLACE – HIWUS FEASTHOUSE"
8 MARCH 2025**



Good evening, Sir,

I have attached some pictures and a video of the amazing adventure at Grouse Mountain thanks to Captain Pangalia for organizing this and the extended invitation to the other units.

"A Meeting Place - Hiwus Feasthouse"

On Saturday, March 8, 2025, amid the Atmospheric River storm, BCR cadets from 2290 (Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles) extended an invitation to cadets from 3300 (Bhai Kanhaiya) and 2281 (Irish Fusiliers) for an unforgettable adventure at Grouse Mountain located on the unceded territories of the Squamish, Musqueam, and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations.





We stepped into the gondola, escaping the rain, and emerged onto the mountain, greeted by perfect weather for snowshoeing up to the authentic Pacific Northwest Longhouse. Along the path, our guide recounted the story of a carving in a tree of a woman that an artist had carved to honour his grandmother who had passed away during the construction of the longhouse.



As we approached the Hiwus Feasthouse, we bowed our heads at the low entrance and removed our headdress to show respect and humility. Squamish Elder William “Kwel-A-A-Nexw” Nahanee welcomed us inside a stunning red cedar longhouse constructed from real wood.



He wore traditional clothing, including a hat made by his sister from cedar, adorned with an eagle feather. The elder explained that, "An eagle feather should be gifted or found, but one should never wish to find a feather, as it implies wishing harm upon an eagle." He also wore a paddle jacket with two different types of paddles, one design honouring his mother and the other his father. His drum, made of deer skin by his mother, is something he cherishes and uses in his ceremonies. Every item and piece of clothing told a story and symbolized his culture, from the hat on his head to the drum in his hands and the moccasins on his feet.

Elder William shared songs and stories about his ancestors, ceremonies, culture, and traditions, he encouraged everyone to speak with their elders to learn about their own family history. While he played the drum and sang a song, the cadets and officers participated in a cultural dance around the fire, with one group representing the wolf clan and the other the raven clan.





After the singing and dancing was over, the Elder shared his artwork and asked that we all create our own pieces on cedar wood. While the paint dried by the fire, we enjoyed lunch which included Bannock and smoked salmon; those who wanted the last pieces of Bannock and smoked salmon participated in a "frog dance" dance-off.



Before we headed back into the snow, we thanked the Elder by raising our hands to our hearts and saying, "Hych'ka"



Before heading back down the mountain, we snowshoed up another trail to learn about avalanche and wilderness safety. Our guides emphasized the importance of navigation, overnight survival skills, and avalanche awareness. They also discussed the necessity of following signs, avoiding closed trails, checking conditions before leaving home, and properly packing a survival kit. As we travelled a bit further, we came upon the Grizzly bear den. Unfortunately, we couldn't see Grinder and Coola, the two male rescued orphan bears, as they were in their 24th winter dormancy/hibernation period. After returning our snowshoes, we took the gondola down the mountain and began our journey back home.

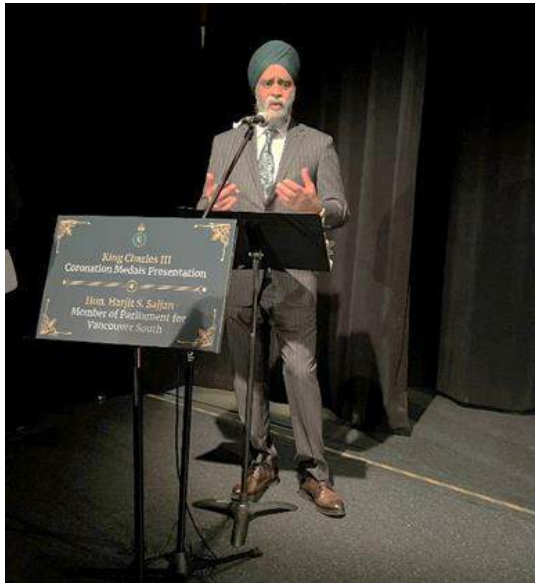
**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
KING CHARLES III CORONATION MEDAL PRESENTATION
PRESIDENT OF THE KING'S PRIVY COUNCIL,
MINISTER OF EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
THE HONOURABLE HARJIT S. SAJJAN, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
MOBERLY ARTS AND CULTURAL CENTRE
VANCOUVER, B.C.
7 MARCH 2025**

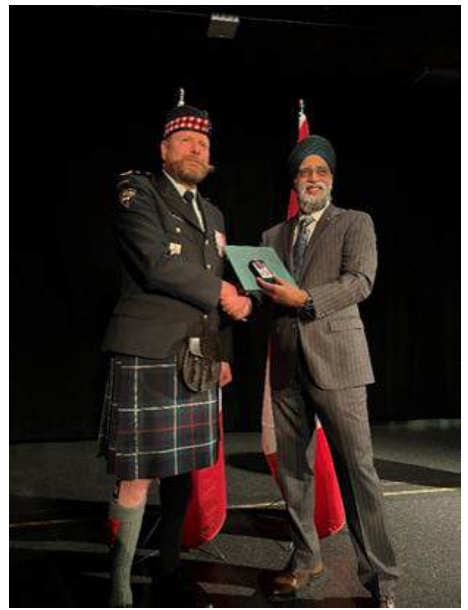


A standout King Charles III Coronation Medal Presentation Ceremony billed as “An Evening Celebrating Community Heroes”, was held by The Honourable Harjit S. Sajjan, at the Moberly Arts and Cultural Centre in Vancouver, on the evening of Friday, 7 March 2025, after a most enjoyable pre-event reception complete with a delicious array of snacks, beverages and great hospitality.



The programme included Opening Remarks by the Director of Ceremonies, Helen Pahou, a Land Acknowledgement, an excellent rendition of “O Canada” by Helen, greetings from Minister Sajjan and the presentation of seventeen King Charles III Coronation Medals.





The ceremony was very well attended by family, friends and colleagues of the medal recipients. Included in the presentations were Regimental Family members, Lieutenant-Colonel (Ret'd) Romano Acconci, Captain (Ret'd) Huf Mullick, Past President of the Regimental Association, Gayle Hawthorne, and former Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne.



Friends of the Regimental Family also receiving their medals were Lieutenant-Colonel Kent Wickens, Commanding Officer of The Seaforth Highlanders of Canada, Captains Jagdeep Masoun and Amar Tiwana and Officer Cadet Bryan Mak, of the Royal Canadian Air Cadets.



Each recipient was duly honoured for their exceptional service to the community and for their dedicated service and commitment to Canada.



The Closing Remarks were delivered by Minister Sajjan and an informal reception followed to conclude this most festive occasion.



Congratulations to all medal recipients and special thanks to Minister Harjit Sajjan for his outstanding support of the military community and the Regimental Family!

Up the Dukes!

2827 BCR (DCO) RCAC – PORT MOODY EX WATER RAT – CAMP COYOTE, LANGLEY, BC 8-9 MARCH 2025



Editor's Note: From Second Lieutenant Mark Dailey we have received this article on their latest adventure on a very wet weekend.

On the weekend of 8-9 March 2025 30 cadets and staff from 2827 BCR (DCO) RCACC participated in Ex Water Rat at Camp Coyote in Langley, BC. The Training Officer's intent for this exercise was to expose cadets of all Star levels to basic bivouac and field craft skills.



Inclement weather throughout the weekend proved challenging for the cadets, many of whom were out in the field for the very first time. Despite the wet and windy weather, a good and productive weekend was enjoyed by all.

2827 staff are now busy organizing activities including the Vimy parade on 5 April, a day hike, a one-day geocaching FTX, and our ACR in mid-June which will mark the conclusion of our training year.

Up the Dukes!

2Lt Mark Dailey
Training Officer
2827 BCR RCACC

BCR CADET CORPS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY Lt-COL SHERMAN ARMOURY 22 FEBRUARY 2025



On February 22nd, 2025, the senior cadets of BCR (DCO) 2827 RCACC (Port Moody), commuted to the Col. Sherman Armory in Richmond to undertake our next steps in becoming leaders and role models in our Corps. These are known as professional development days, where senior cadets from different Corps across the BCR (DCO) come and attend leadership building lessons and activities, developing skills and knowledge we would bring back to our respective Corps and for 2025 were organized by LCol Jim Barrett, BCR Cadet Governor and by BCR Port Moody's CO, Capt Jiri Motak. These fellow BCR (DCO) RCACCs were from Port Moody, Surrey, Vancouver, Richmond, and Powell River, all of us being accompanied by our respective Commanding officers (COs).



When entering the main building of the armoury, it was quite the spectacle. Upon entering the main doors, we were met with rich military history and achievements that this armoury had the honour of presenting. Glass cases filled with medals, battle honours, older uniforms worn in the Canadian Armed Forces years prior, and even a decommissioned motorbike! Personally, I would say that this was definitely the highlight of the Pro D day, and I am glad we were given time in between lessons to explore and witness these encased historical relics.



As for the lessons themselves, we had two speakers that instructed us. Our first speaker was an officer from the BC Regiment, who came to teach us the basis of creating, giving, receiving, and interpreting operation orders in the same style they use in the armed forces. He stressed on the necessity of gathering important and relevant information when being debriefed on orders, so that note taking is limited to only recording key info. Operation orders must take many things into consideration such as time, place, available resources, distribution, instructions, possible obstacles to what they are trying to achieve, etc. These are factors are underlined in smaller objectives that help complete the overall mission the order states. For an example, we were given a fabricated operation order on scenario based on real events regarding forest fires in Quebec. Aside from debriefing us on the given situation and our mission, these

orders went into detail on logistics, locations, timings, groups, routes, mobility, and other factors that need to be considered relevant to the situation. The point of the exercise was to give us an idea of creating, debriefing, and receiving operation orders would look like and how it could be applied in a cadet corps setting such as Task Procedure.

Our second speaker was the CO of the BCR (DCO) RCACC in Powell, Captain Caroline Visser, who has a deeply connected history with the Regiment itself. She taught the different types of leadership and when best apply each one. These types of leadership ranged from autocratic and authoritarian to coaching and democratic. She listed out the details and differences of each style of leadership and remarking on both the benefits and mis-benefits of each one. Her underlying point being that there is no superior style of leadership, as they are all necessary. Rather, it is how, when, and where to use each style to maximize the benefits of each one. For this, we were given a crashed plane survival scenario, which was intended to see how we would organize ourselves and the resources given to help us survive. This exercise was particularly fun for all of us, as we given the freedom and creativity to come up with the best course for survival.

There was a lesson near the end of the Pro D day, on the summarized history of the BCR (DCO), in which I, the writer of this article, had the privilege of teaching. For this lesson, I organized the lessons into going over the most significant and pivotal events in the regiment's history. These events were chronologically ordered from the creation of the Colony of British Colombia to the San Juan Islands and the 'pig war,' the creation of organized militia companies across BC, Confederation and BC joining Canada, the Russo-Turkish war of 1878 which compelled the militia companies to form the BCR, and the messy conversion process from an artillery regiment to a rifle regiment. By the turn of the century, the Duke of Connaught would take command of the BCR, transforming it into a formidable military force; hence, the Duke of Connaught's own. Following that would be a series of overseas deployment to places like South Africa in the second Boer War, to Europe in both World Wars. During that time, the first Cadet corps associated with the BCR would start in 1903, with more following during the 1960s. These would be the Cadet corps that we senior cadets are apart of and leading to this day. The last deployment the BCR had was in Afghanistan, which we have since pulled out of and became a reserved Regiment, which leads us to now. With that, I concluded my lesson, and the Pro D day came to an end.



This was the first ever lesson I have ever given in cadets, and I would never had guessed that my first time would be to the senior cadets of all the BCR (DCO) corps in BC. After a long day of learning important skills

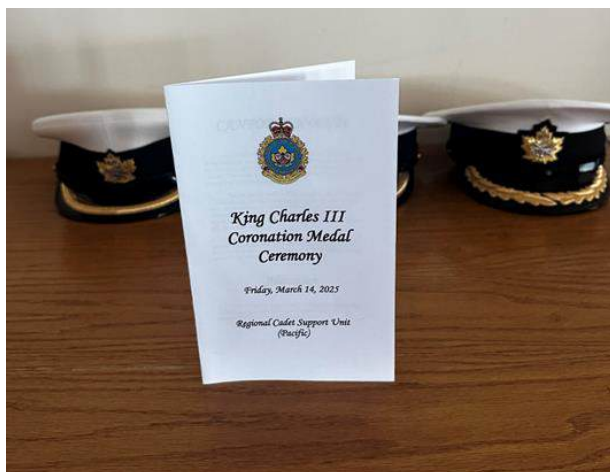
and knowledge, all of us would commute back to our homes to enjoy the rest of our weekend. We knew that when we go back to our corps, we would bring these lessons with us, and change our corps for the better,

Author: Cpl. D Minachi Moghaddam

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
KING CHARLES III CORONATION MEDAL PRESENTATION
REGIONAL CADET SUPPORT UNIT (PACIFIC) (“RCSU”)
THE CHIEFS AND PETTY OFFICERS MESS
ESQUIMALT, B.C.
14 MARCH 2025**



The Regimental Family is pleased to announce that Captain Harminder Palak, Deputy Commanding Officer and Training Officer of 3300 BCR (Bhai Kanhaiya) RCACC was presented with the King Charles III Coronation Medal by Commander Paula McHale, the Commanding Officer of RCSU, in a ceremony held at The Chiefs and Petty Officers Mess in Esquimalt.





On behalf of the Regimental Family, congratulations Captain Palak, on receiving this much deserved recognition of your service and dedication.

Up the Dukes!

PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE KING'S CORONATION MEDAL MP NEW WESTMINSTER - THE HONOURABLE PETER JULIAN 15 MARCH 2025



On a cold and wet afternoon, Recipients of the King's Coronation Medal gathered together at New Westminster Secondary School Theatre where MP Peter Julian hosted the ceremony. The ceremony commenced with Piper Jeffrey Sim playing the King Charles III March as he led in the recipients from the Royal City.



A traditional Welcome was given by Chief Rhonda Larrabee of the Qayqayt First Nation, wearing her own KCM. Chief Larrabee spoke of her long service in speaking to the community and its steps forward in reconciliation.



This was followed by the playing of O' Canada sung by Salvacion E Dayao and the attendees. Mr Peter Julian spoke about the many contributions of the recipients to the community and then proceeded to read each citation in turn as the individuals moved forward to receive their medals and acknowledgment.



From the BCR family we saw Capt Jiri Motak, CD, a long time CIC Officer in the BCR Cadet Corps (presently, CO of 2827 BCR (Port Moody) RCACC) receive his medal in front of his Mother and Niece and his friends. In attendance, were Regimental Secretary and former HCol Ted Hawthorne, BCR Association President and Cadet Governor, LCol (Ret'd) Jim Barrett and BCR Association Vice-president Scott Hamilton. LCol (Ret'd) Beth Brown was also present to see Mr David Morley from the 39 Service Battalion receive his award. Another familiar face was Mr Tony Spiess who also served with the Seaforth Highlanders. Former CO and Seaforth Association President, LCol (Ret'd) Rod Bell-Irving was also in attendance as was LCol Greg Chan, CO of the R West R to see Sgt Sampal Kullar receive his medal.

Following a singing of God Save The King, and the closing remarks, Piper Sim piped the recipients out to the reception area where group and individual photos were taken. Sandwiches, pastries and soft drinks were provided.





Thank you to MP Peter Julien for honouring our members with the ward of the King's Coronation Medal and congratulations to Captain Motak and all the recipients.

Editor's Note: We were also pleased to see Ava Turner, Executive Director of George Derby Care Society in Burnaby, receive her medal at the ceremony in recognition of her dedicated service to the community. Congratulations to all recipients!

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
KING CHARLES III CORONATION MEDAL
AWARDED BY TERRY BEECH, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
TO LIEUTENANT-COLONEL BRENT PURCELL, CD
PRESENTATION BY BRIGADIER-GENERAL PAUL URSICH, CD
15 MARCH 2025**



As a follow up to the Presentation Ceremony held by Terry Beech, MP on February 27th last, where the Coronation Medal and Certificate were awarded to Lieutenant-Colonel Brent Purcell, CD, of 3 Canadian Division HQ (Division Reserve Advisor), in his absence (unfortunately unable to attend the presentation), the Medal and Certificate were presented to Colonel Purcell by Brigadier-General Paul Ursich, CD, Deputy Commander 3 Canadian Division, on Saturday, 15 March 2025.

On behalf of the Regimental Family, congratulations to Colonel Purcell on receiving this much deserved recognition of his service and dedication.

Up the Dukes!

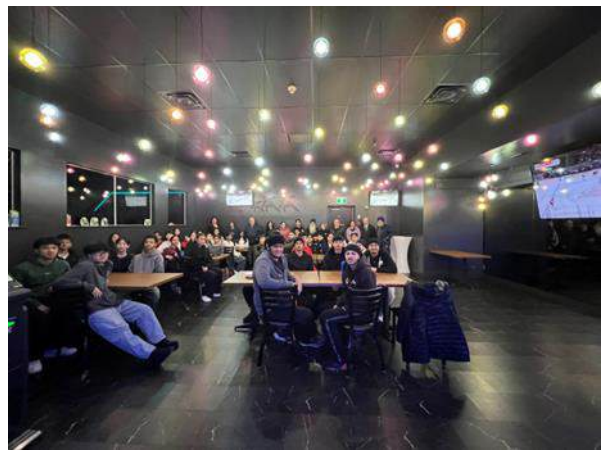
**3300 BCR (Bhai Kanhaiya) RCACC
SCOTTSDALE BOWLING LANES, SURREY, B.C.
“PIZZA NIGHT”
13 MARCH 2025**



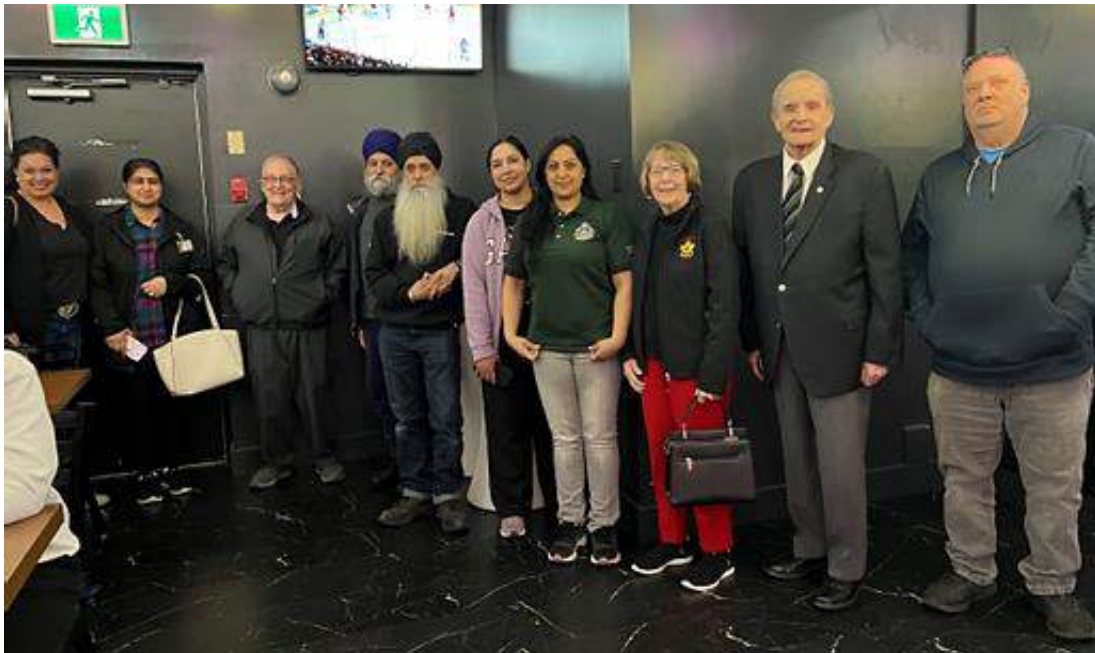
A very good turnout of 45 Cadets from 3300 BCR (Bhai Kanhaiya) RCACC enjoyed Pizza Night and bowling at Scottsdale Bowling Lanes in Surrey on Thursday evening, 13 March 2025. The pizza was compliments of the Regimental Association.



Regimental Family members in attendance, included Jim Barrett, President of the Regimental Association, Roger and Louise Prouse, Sonia Kundan, Chair of the Support Committee, and former Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne.



Thank you to the CO, Captain Karm Nagra, DCO and TO, Captain Harminder Palak, Captain Mitch Hayes, 2Lt Singh Barber and the Cadets of 3300 BCR for their outstanding hospitality!



Up the Dukes!

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
KING CHARLES III CORONATION MEDAL PRESENTATION
PAM BAINS, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT,
STEVESTON - RICHMOND EAST
RICHMOND RIVERSIDE PALACE
19 MARCH 2025**



The Regimental Family is pleased to announce that Sergeant Carlos Galang, CD, Troop WO, "A" Squadron, was presented with the King Charles III Coronation Medal by Pam Bains, Member of Parliament, Steveston-Richmond East, in a ceremony held at Richmond Riverside Palace on Wednesday, 19 March 2025.

On behalf of the Regimental Family, congratulations Sergeant Galang, on receiving this much deserved recognition of your service and dedication.

Up the Dukes!

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
KING CHARLES III CORONATION MEDAL
TERRY BEECH, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
BURNABY, B.C.
21 MARCH 2025**



Special thanks to the Constituency Staff at the office of the Honourable Terry Beech for their continuing and outstanding support of the Regimental Family and friends.

Thank you once again and our very best wishes to your team!

Up the Dukes!

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND, IN VANCOUVER
NATO ASSOCIATION OF CANADA, LAUNCH OF VANCOUVER BRANCH
25 MARCH 2025**



The “Launch of the Vancouver Branch” of the NATO Association of Canada was hosted by Aleksandra Kucy, Consul General of Poland in Vancouver, in the late afternoon of Tuesday, 25 March 2025 and was a very well attended affair with many members of the Diplomatic Community attending, including, the United Kingdom, the United States of America, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Argentina and Ukraine.

The afternoon’s programme included a very enjoyable reception, followed by short presentations by the dignitaries (MC, Marcus Wong, Branch Chair, Consul General Kucy, MLA and Parliamentary Secretary, Susie Chant, President and CEO of the NATO Association of Canada, Robert Bains, and a brief presentation.



Friends of the Regimental Family in attendance were the Honorary Colonel of 39 Signal Regiment, Derral Moriyama, and Richard Liu, Honorary Brigade Division President, Burnaby Division, St. John Ambulance. Regimental Family members Warren Kerek and Ted Hawthorne, Regimental Secretary, were also in attendance.



Congratulations to The NATO Association of Canada, Vancouver Branch, for a successful launch, at a very crucial time in our present day world and which highlighted its Mission “to promote peace, prosperity, and security through knowledge and understanding of the importance of NATO...and to educate and engage Canadians about NATO and NATO's goal of peace, prosperity and security.”



Editor's Note: A special thanks to Richard Liu, SJA, for all photos reproduced with this write up.

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
KING CHARLES III CORONATION MEDAL PRESENTATION
MASTERWARRANT OFFICER RON LEBLANC, MMM, CD (RET'D)
THE DRILL HALL - VANCOUVER, B.C.
27 MARCH 2025**



Master Warrant Officer Ron Leblanc, MMM, CD (Ret'd) was presented with the King Charles III Coronation Medal by the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Farid Rohani, in a very memorable ceremony held in the WOs' & Sgts' Mess, in the presence of his family, wife Tami, her father Dennis Weist and his partner, Lore Ruschiensky, and friends and members of the Regimental Family in the late morning of Thursday, 27 March 2025. Our good friend Ron was duly recognized and honoured for his exceptional service to the community and his unwavering dedication and commitment to Canada.



Regimental Family members in attendance included, the Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment, Bill Diamond, President of the Regimental Association, Jim Barrett, President Emeritus Archie Steacy, and wife

Lynda, Roger and Louise Prouse, Duncan Maillie and son Logan, and the Regimental Secretary, Ted Hawthorne.



Special thanks to Jagmeet Singh, MP, Burnaby South, for his support in recognizing Ron with the award of the King Charles III Coronation Medal.



Congratulations Ron!

Up the Dukes!

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
THE NAVAL ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
ROYAL VANCOUVER YACHT CLUB
COMMODORE PATRICK MONTGOMERY, OMM, CD,
COMMANDER NAVAL RESERVE
26 MARCH 2025**



Congratulations to The Naval Association of B.C. for hosting a highly successful reception, luncheon and excellent presentation by Commodore Pat Montgomery, Commander Naval Reserve, held at the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club on Wednesday, 26 March 2025. As billed, the Commodore spoke on the topic of "Our Navy" and all of its many facets, including its current status and future planning.



The presentation was very well received by the full house and was followed by an extensive Q & A Session. Commodore Montgomery was most generous with his time and answered all of the many questions of the attendees.



The Master of Ceremonies, King Wan, thanked Commodore Montgomery for his most informative and outstanding presentation, complete with slides.



Special guests in attendance included Shawn Wade, President of the Royal Commonwealth Society, who presented King Wan, President of NABC, with a framed official portrait of King Charles III, Dr. Richard Vedan, Associate Professor Emeritus, UBC, and First Nations Advisor, LCdr Jeff Baxter, Commanding Officer of HMCS Discovery, Dr. Marv Westwood, Professor Emeritus UBC, Veterans Transition, Bob Mackay, author of the submarine thriller, "Terror on the Alert", an autographed copy of which he presented to Commodore Montgomery, and Roddy MacKenzie, author of "Bomber Command, Churchill's Greatest Triumph".



The monthly meeting of the Executive Committee preceded the reception and luncheon and was held in the Chartroom.

Kudos to NABC for an outstanding reception, luncheon and presentation.

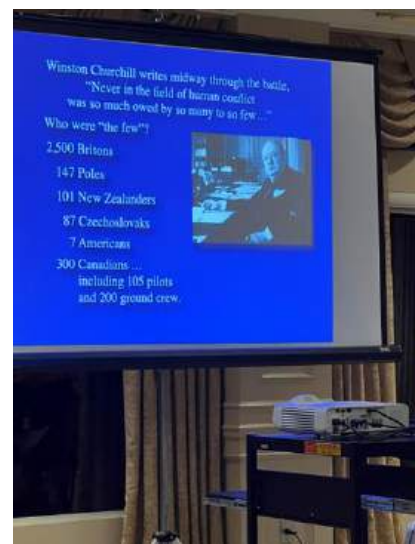


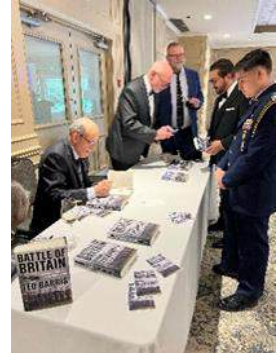
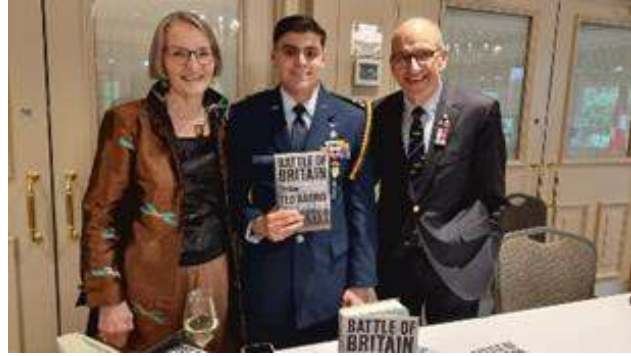
Editor's Note: Commodore Pat Montgomery enrolled as a Naval Warfare Officer with Her Majesty's Canadian Ship (HMCS) Malahat in 1986. Since then, he has served ashore and afloat in a range of part time and full-time positions with the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) while continuing his academic civilian studies and then career. At Malahat, Commodore Montgomery served as the Deck Officer while completing his B.Sc. and M.Sc. at the University of Victoria. He obtained his Bridge Watchkeeper's Certificate in 1989 and spent several summers serving in Porte Class gate vessels, PBs and "YAG" (Yard Auxiliary, General) training vessels. In 1993 he transferred to HMCS Nonsuch, Edmonton's Naval Reserve Division, while continuing his postgraduate studies at the University of Alberta. While at Nonsuch, he served as the Operations Officer, and continued to go to sea at every opportunity, including as Executive Officer (XO) for the unit's final Gate Vessel Weekend, which brought HMCS Porte Quebec alongside for the last time. On completion of his Ph.D. in Applied Mathematics, Commodore Montgomery moved to Prince George as faculty at the University of Northern British Columbia. While there, he maintained his part-time career with the Naval Reserve and trained with Nonsuch whenever possible. After gaining knowledge on the new Kingston class, he was awarded his Minor Warship Command qualification in 2004, serving several periods as XO of HMCS Nanaimo during the summer months. In 2008, after a tour as XO of HMCS Kingston, Commodore Montgomery moved to Victoria and assumed command of HMCS Edmonton followed by a hull transfer to HMCS Saskatoon. During nearly four years in command, he was involved in the full range of coastal operations, including Operation PODIUM, the CAF contribution to the Centennial of the Navy and Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics security efforts, Exercise RIMPAC 2012, and a variety of port visits from Juneau, Alaska to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. On completion of his sea posting, he moved ashore as the Mine Warfare Officer for Coastal Forces (Pacific), working towards growing our Navy's capability in this important warfare area. In 2015, Commodore Montgomery transitioned back to part-time service while joining the faculty at Camosun College in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics. He served as the Naval Reserve Western Region Captain from 2015 to 2018, followed by a posting as Special Assistant to the Director General, Naval Strategic Readiness. Commodore Montgomery was promoted to his current rank and appointed Commander Naval Reserve in July of 2021. He currently resides in Victoria with his wonderfully supportive wife and enjoys spending time with his two sons, sailing the Gulf Islands, and playing tuba in the Greater Victoria Community Band.

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
AIR FORCE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL RCAF ANNIVERSARY DINNER
THE UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB
VANCOUVER, B.C.
28 MARCH 2025**



The Annual Air Force Officers' Association Anniversary Dinner was celebrated in grand style in the early evening of Friday, 28 March 2025, at The University Golf Club. The "full house" event featured a pre-dinner reception, a delicious dinner, the Loyal Toast, Padre Wes Bower's solemn words of comradery and hope, President Bob Reid's words of welcome, a King Charles III Coronation Medal Presentation to Allan Snowie, followed by an informative presentation by the Guest of Honour, renowned Canadian Author, Ted Barris, who provided a thorough presentation on the historical background, complete with an excellent slide show, to his latest book, **Battle of Britain, Canadian Airmen In Their Finest Hour.**





The Dinner also marked the 101st Anniversary of the Royal Canadian Air Force (1 April 2025) and remembered the 85th Anniversary of The Battle of Britain.



Many friends of the Regimental Family were in attendance, including Lieutenant-Colonel Brent Purcell, 3 Canadian Division, Reserve Advisor, NABC Directors King Wan, Mark Fletcher and John Nosotti (with his partner Helen), Ravi Gill, USMC Staff Sergeant (Ret'd) and his son, Jayden, Cadet Captain, Civil Air Patrol, and Edmund Wu, Hong Kong Veterans Commemorative Association. The Regimental Secretary, former Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, was also in attendance.



Congratulations to the Air Force Officers' Association for such a well organized and successful event.....well done!!

Editor's Note: The Event Program provides the following biographical information:

"ABOUT AUTHOR TED BARRIS

Ted Barris is an accomplished author, journalist and broadcaster. As well as hosting stints on CBC Radio and TV Ontario, and regular contributions to the Globe and Mail and the National Post, Barris has authored

21 non-fiction books, including a dozen bestsellers on Canadians in the Great War, the Second World War, the Korean War and the War in Afghanistan. Since completing his Bachelor of Applied Arts at Ryerson in 1971, Barris has pursued a freelance career across Canada and the United States. His broadcast work has been heard and seen on CBC Radio & Television, the CTV Network, TV Ontario, ACCESS in Alberta, as well as on National Public Radio in the United States. His writing is regularly published in periodicals such as Legion magazine, Esprit de Corps and Zoomer. He also writes a weekly newspaper column - the Barris Beat - and recently retired as professor of journalism at Toronto's Centennial College. Among the awards Ted Barris has received: the international Billboard Radio Documentary Award, the Yorkton Film Festival's Golden Sheaf, as well as numerous ACTRA nominations. In 1993, he received the Canada 125 Medal "for service to Canada and community." In 2004, the Remembrance Service Association of Halifax recognized him with its Patriot Award. In 2006, the renowned 78th Fraser Highlanders (Canadian) Regiment presented its annual excellence award, the Bear Hackle Award. In 2011, the Ontario (116th) Regiment awarded him the Medallion of Excellence for his work in documenting military history. Also in 2011, he was recipient of the Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation. In 2012, the Air Force Association of Canada selected Ted Barris to receive Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee Medal. His book *The Great Escape: A Canadian Story* won the 2014 Libris Non-Fiction Book of the Year. In 2018, his book *Dam Busters: Canadian Airmen and the Secret Raid Against Nazi Germany*, was awarded the RCAF Association NORAD Trophy. His 19th book *Rush to Danger: Medics in the Line of Fire* was long listed for the 2020 RBC Charles Taylor Non-Fiction Prize. In 2022, at the time his book *Battle of the Atlantic: Gauntlet to Victory* was published, Ted Barris was recognized with Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Award. In December 2022, he was appointed as a Member of the Order of Canada."

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