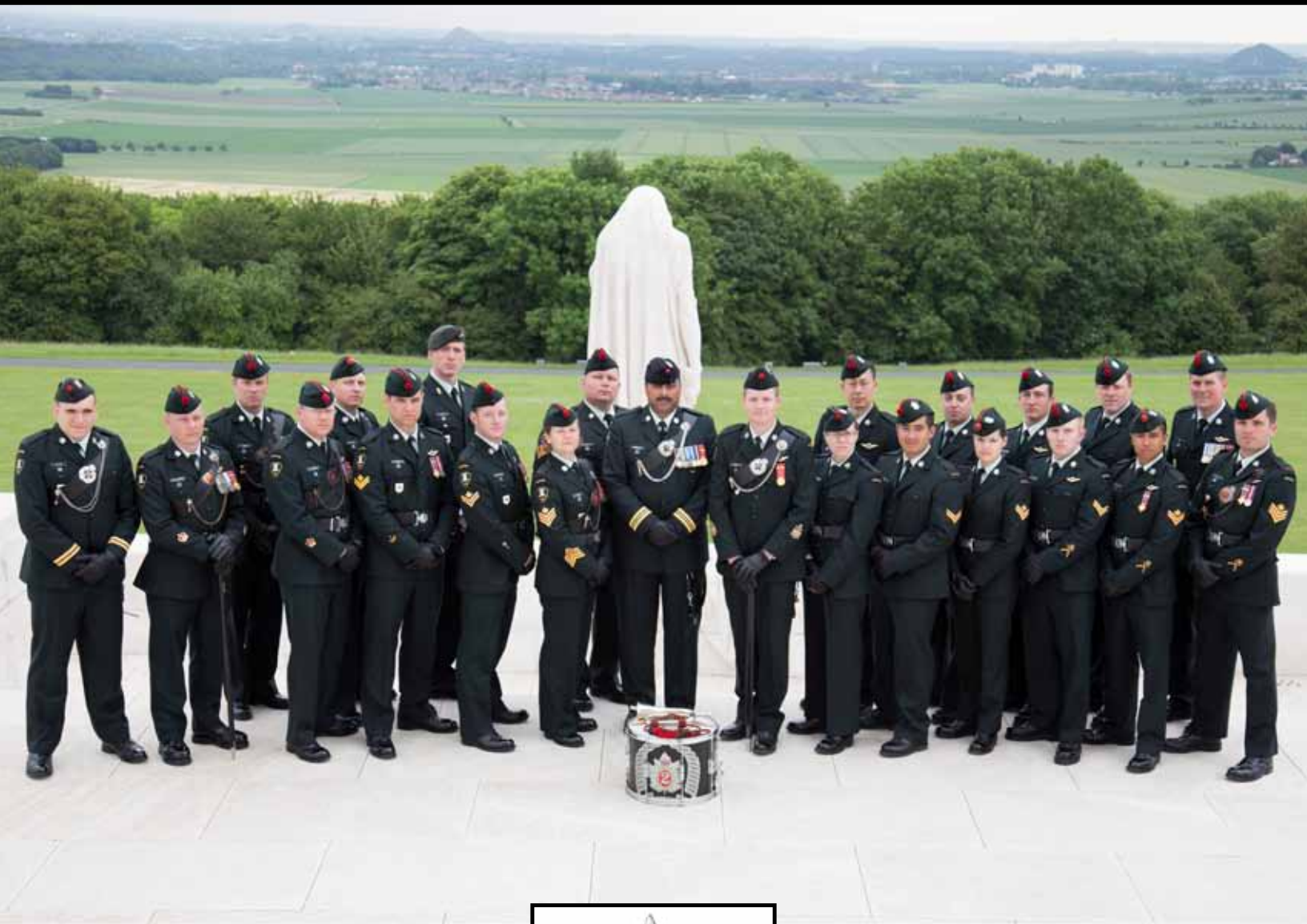


# The Rifleman

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# The Rifleman



This past year has been tremendously busy and equally rewarding for all ranks of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada. Approximately a year ago we commemorated the 100th Anniversary of the start of the First World War and the 70th Anniversary of D-Day, with a Guard in Normandy and Flanders Fields. Organised by the serving Battalion, with the support of LCol (ret) Ed Rayment and the very kind financial support of Mr Lionel Goffart, a new generation of Veterans were able to walk the very hallowed ground of two generations of Riflemen who went before.

During the visit, we were honoured to have a private audience with Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Cornwall, who came to the Juno Beach Centre specifically to see her soldiers. The Colonel-in-Chief was ever knowledgeable about her Regiment, having visited with her Honourary Colonels and Col and Mrs Hughes in Winnipeg earlier in the year. Mrs Laureen Harper represented the Prime Minister as host for the event and joined the RSM and I to discuss the Regiments' service to Queen and Country over the last century. Both were particularly pleased to note our pending commemoration for the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Ridgeway, and made aware of the efforts of the Regimental Association to ensure our nine fallen comrades were remembered in the Book of Remembrance at Parliament Hill.

While we prepare for this years' anniversary of the Liberation of Holland, we continue to force-generate for overseas operations. Currently the Regiment has deployed or is preparing to send NCOs and Officers to four theatres as individual augmentees to various Task Forces, as well as numerous taskings to support training in support of operations. While we have lost some members of the Battalion as they have transferred to Canadian Special Operations Forces Command (CANSOFCOM), we remain close to capacity and the strongest unit in 32 Canadian Brigade Group.

As I write this, from our tactical operations centre in the field, the QOR of C has taken command of 32 CBG's Battle Group, and deployed some 400 personnel to Meaford for tactical exercises. We will hold this responsibility through the busy summer months, past the Pan Am and Parapan American games, into Exercise Stalwart Guardian 15. Our 60th Coy, under Maj Frank Lamie and MWO Donovan O'Halloran have worked alongside Capt Karl Haupt and WO Justin Thorn of Buffs Coy, to ensure our Riflemen are prepared for a variety of operations. Capt Scott Moody has been quadruple-hatted this year. As the Ops O he will bring this together with WO William LePatourel. In his role as OC Para Coy, he will work with WO Brian Burns to ensure some of the most complicated and challenging para training scenarios are achieved as part of our work-ups. In his role as support to the Battle School and Course Officer on the Basic Mountain Operations course he will be working with the newly promoted WO Bill Paton to deliver another outstanding course. His last role, as OC Victoria Coy, includes overseeing our Combat Support capabilities with MWO Fred Haire, and the Regt Band and Bugles, who continue to provide tremendous support to the Regiment, the Army and our community. Our new Director of Music, 2Lt Megan Hodge, along with Bugle Major Emily Kenny, have led the Band through a series of changes that saw WO Kenny play the Last Post at the Menin Gate in June. Together they will ensure the Band supports our Skirmishers later this year at the Association commemoration at Botwood and Gander. In recognition of the Regimental Band's tremendous success, we are pleased to announce the first new set of drums in fifty years will be presented on our 155th Birthday this year. We invite all members of the Regimental family to join our 'Black Net' celebration on 25 April, 2015 at our Home Station at Moss Park Armoury.

In Pace Paratus

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Lieutenant Colonel  
Commanding Officer  
The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada

P. Martin  
Chief Warrant Officer  
Regimental Sergeant Major  
The Queen's Own Rifles

## Report by the Honorary Colonel Larry Stevenson

*Colonel Lawrence N. (Larry) Stevenson, Honorary Colonel, The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada*



This has been another outstanding year for the Queen's Own Rifles. LCol Banerjee has had a very busy first year as Commanding Officer and the Regiment continues to perform at a very high level. I am proud to continue to serve as your Honorary Colonel.

Even before he had assumed command of the Regiment LCol Banerjee led a proud guard from the QOR to Normandy for the 70th Anniversary of D-Day. This led to many "Bravo-Zulus" from several key senior folks. We also continued to evolve our para, recce and mountain ops capabilities which allowed us to do a complete tactical para insertion, followed by an air assault by an air landed company. Few units, Reserve or Regular, do this level of training.

The senior leadership team of the Regiment joined me as we hosted our Colonel-in-Chief in Winnipeg in May. HRH The Duchess of Cornwall met with my wife and I and former Honorary Colonel Paul Hughes and his wife, Bev, as we were joined by the former CO, the Hon LCol, the Adjutant and the RSM. It was a most enjoyable evening as we were able to tell the Colonel-in-Chief about the activities of her Regiment.

The year 2014 will be remembered as a difficult year for the Reserve Family. Many members of the Regiment joined me at a memorial service for Cpl Nathan Cirillo here in downtown Toronto on October 29th. Cpl Cirillo died serving his country and on that day we all mourned with the Argyll and Sutherland Highlander family. Just a few weeks later the Regiment marched on Remembrance Day down Bloor Street. So many people came up to me to thank us for our service and I know that many of them were saying a prayer for Cpl Cirillo and his family.

This was also the year that we launched Normandy Company. Our keynote speaker was the Chief of the Defence Staff, General Tom Lawson. General Lawson gave a rousing speech to the assembled business audience and was very complimentary about the contributions of the Reserves and the Queens Own in particular. Normandy Company is meant to be the Toronto business supporters of the QOR. We already have close to 50 members and I would hope that we will be above 100 by the end of 2016. You will now be seeing Normandy Company members at many of our QOR events. They are a welcome part of our family.

The world has changed in so many ways since I served as a Captain in the PPCLI and 2 Commando of the Canadian Airborne Regiment over 30 years ago. The photo below was taken just before a helicopter jump when I was in 2 Commando. Back then, as soldiers we stood out as we were the only ones with short hair. At the time the Canadian Military was not particularly highly regarded by our fellow Canadian citizens. The Army had not fought in combat since 1952 in Korea. Today our Canadian Forces, and our Regiment, have many combat veterans who have had

multiple deployments. As Canadians we have never fought to gain territory or riches but rather we fought to help others. This commitment continues to this day in Iraq.

I am particularly proud of how we, as Canadians, honour our soldiers who have fallen in combat. Several years ago I lived in Philadelphia which was very close to Dover Air Force Base in Delaware. All fallen US soldiers came back to the US via Dover. At the time, for political reasons, the US military repatriated their war dead during the night with very little ceremony or media coverage. We, on the other hand, welcome our fallen comrades in the open with the reception they so richly deserve as heroes. This past March 10th, our latest hero, Sgt Andrew Doiron, made his final journey back to his country from Iraq. Sgt Doiron served in my former battalion, 3 PPCLI. He was a skilled soldier and a great leader. Sgt Doiron was honoured one last time by thousands of Canadians waving flags and saluting from fire trucks as he made his way one last time down the Highway of Heroes. Field Marshall Jan Smuts famously said the “the other and more important side of rights is duty.” Sgt Doiron fell doing his duty so that all Canadians could enjoy their rights and freedom.

We are fortunate that Canadians, coast to coast, universally salute and honour our soldiers. This past year the highest grossing movie was “American Sniper”, based on the true story of Chris Kyle, a US navy Seal. US film Director and frequent political commentator Michael Moore called Kyle a “coward”. Michael Moore gets to hurl these insults because brave men like Chris Kyle face enemies who would destroy our democratic way of life. Mr. Moore would not last the first 48 hours of Seal training or the first day of the Maroon Beret course. Mr. Moore should learn that the other side of rights is duty.

In January 2016 I will be joining several wounded soldiers as we attempt to summit Mt. Vinson , the highest peak in Antarctica. This is a wonderful fund raising event for True Patriot Love which has raised millions for our soldiers.

I would like to thank all the members of the Regimental family for all their work this year. My Partner, Honourary LCol Brendan Caldwell, helped me as we launched Normandy Company. John Stephens continues to work wonders with the QOR Museum at Casa Loma and the Band continues to represent the unit with splendid spirit (we also got the first new Drums for the Regimental Band & Bugles in 50 years). The Trust Fund continues to build thanks to the efforts of Col Paul Hughes and Adam Hermant. The Senate could not function were it not for the excellent work of our Regimental Secretary, Ed Rayment. Finally I would like to thank Bob Dunk for his tireless leadership of the National Association.



MEDEVAC - after dropping para-troopers during EX PEGASUS STRIKE III, a RCAF CC-130J orbits to extract injured and POWs from the objective. 426 Sqn from 8 Wing Trenton, guided in by Recce Pl, conducted two para insertions to get 60th and Buffs Coy onto their objectives, then conducted a tactical landing and ERO (engines running/ on-off) extraction in support of the Land Component Commander.



Normady Company Luncheon November 2014



CO with Mary Goffart at dinner hosted by Lionel in support of a Polish Charity



Ceremonial Guard at Upper Canada Law Society Remembrance Ceremony



LCol Banerjee presenting to General Tom Lawson CDSn at Normady Luncheon



The Normady Company with Unit Members present along with The Cheif of Defense Staff, Gernal Tom Lawson

## JUNE 3 – 11, 2014 Normandy Honour Guard Tour

D-day has been considered by many to be the most important day of the 20th century and The Queens Own Rifles of Canada was among the first assault groups landing on a beach codenamed “Juno Nan White” at 0813 on 6 Jun 1944. The regiment was first to clear the beach area at 0828 and move forward to its inland target of the village of Anisy. The QOR casualty cost was highest amongst the Canadian beaches but their success was the first major step in the liberation of Europe.

On Jun 6 2014, at the 70th anniversary of this famous landing, the unit was proudly represented by an Honour Guard of members who were chosen for their outstanding contributions to the QOR of C. The Guard was commanded by the Commanding Officer designate Major Sandi Banerjee soon to be promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, accompanied by the CWO Paul Martin, the Regimental Sergeant Major of the QOR of C.



Remembrance Ceremony at Le Mesnil  
Patry France

The following were members of the guard, along with Bdr Owen Gareth Fleet of the 7th Toronto Regiment of Artillery



LCol Sandi Banerjee  
Capt Samuel Leibel  
CWO Paul Martin  
WO Bryan Burns  
WO Jamieson Murray  
WO Donovan O'Halloran  
WO Justin Thorn  
Sgt Emily Kenny  
MCpl Dominique Arsenault Bruneau  
MCpl Marc Charlebois  
MCpl David Pampe  
MCpl Adam Winnicki  
MCpl Steven Wolfe  
Cpl Robert John Byng  
Cpl Baron Hordo  
Cpl Paolo Ortega  
Cpl Charl Robinson  
Cpl Jonathan Stethem  
Cpl Justin Wright  
Cpl William Vant Erve  
Ms Laura Savage

Also joining the Honour Guard were the prime sponsor of the tour, Hon Capt Lionel Goffart who generously financed the complete tour, friends Hon Col Robert Douglas and Ms Linda Tyrrel who paid more than their way and our tour director and organizer, LCol Ed Rayment (Ret) Regimental Secretary.



Proud sole

Our special thanks to the Town of Anisy and its Mayor, Mr Nicolas Delahaye, as well as his outstanding community who made our stay so very enjoyable. We thanks them all for re-enforcing our Regimental Pride by helping us all understand what D-Day meant not only to us but also all of France.



## Meeting the Colonel in Chief in Winnipeg ~ May 2014



Col and Mrs Paul Hughes, "The Colonel In Chief,  
Hon Col and Mrs Stevenson"



LCol and Mrs Peter Sr Denis with HRH



The Complete delegation to Winnipeg



HLCol and Mrs Brendan Caldwell with HRH



Mrs and Hon Col Larry Stevenson with HRH



CWO and Mrs Paul Martin with HRH



# Parachute Company

*Captain Scott Moody, OC Para Coy*

The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada had an impressive year in 2014-15. The year started with Unit finishing off the Basic Reconnaissance Patrolman and Mountain Operations Course they ran for 32 Canadian Brigade Group Battle School. Once these courses wrapped up, Exercises Neptune Phoenix I and II took place April and May 2014. These exercises focused on offensive operations within a Battle Group context. They were held to prepare for the annual summer concentration in August. QOR of C provided a parachute company for these exercises. A jump was attempted but was weathered out.

With the 70th Anniversary of the Normandy Invasion in June, Unit sent a guard to Normandy to participate in a variety of commemorations. One member had the opportunity to participate in the commemorative jump onto DZ Ranville, France. This was a fantastic experience for all those involved.

The summer stand-down in typical the Unit was the exact opposite. The Unit conducted the annual refresher at the end of June, and then the third annual exported Basic Parachutist Course for select primary reserve members from the 4th Canadian Division was run in July. The course was held at Canadian Army Advanced Warfare Centre and graduated 30 new paratroopers. The Unit also participated in Exercise Stalwart Guardian, a ten day exercise that was held in the Niagara Region during August. An airborne "Seize and Hold" was planned for Welland Airport, however it was cancelled due to an operational requirements.

At stand-to in September the unit began to prepare for offensive operations on Exercise Pegasus Strike I in Meaford, Ontario. This exercise focused on recce and fighting patrols and was a great start to the training year. A month later Unit deployed to Petawawa, and worked with 3rd Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Mike Company and Reconnaissance Platoon to execute a company sized airborne raid on the Urban Operation Village.

In November, the Unit conducted an airborne "Seize and Hold" of Mountain View Airport just outside of Trenton. The airborne "Seize and Hold" of an airfield is the ideal operation for the Unit as we have a mix of jumpers and non-jumpers. The jumpers seize the airfield and then the remainder of the unit inserts as the follow-on force. During this exercise the unit did just that, Parachute Company seized the airfield and the follow-on force air-landed to build up combat power. Once the mission was complete the entire force was extracted by CC-130J.



During the months of November and December the Unit provided a great deal of support to 426 Squadron. This squadron trains the new crews for the CC-130J. The Unit supports their personnel static-line parachute qualification drops. This consisted of a crew of jumpers and jumpmasters from the unit being in Trenton for several weeks. The Unit's Parachute Company also took advantage of this opportunity to conduct a platoon sized drop.



With the winter weather came training for the winter warfare in January and February. To do this the Unit conducted two exercises. The first exercise was called Exercise Frozen Pegasus and was held at Mountain View Airfield. The exercise culminated with a full-equipment drop onto DZ Hodgson. The second exercise was held in Canadian Forces Base Borden, as the DZ on that base was closed, and to provide the opportunity for good airborne skill development, we boarded a CC-130J at Lake Simcoe Regional Airport. We then conducted an in-flight dress and jumped into DZ Hodgson in Trenton. Between these exercises we also sent a section to work with 3rd Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment, Mike Company. This was done to continue to build the positive relationship between the units with the secondary effect of exposing our soldiers in airborne operations with the Regular Force.

At the end of February we initiated another Basic Mountain Operations course that would continue throughout the month of March. At the end of March another parachute drop was planned and attempted, however, the jump gods were not with us and the winds were too high.

The operational and training tempo for The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada is extremely high. As a reserve unit we have continued to raise the bar by running numerous unique specialty course such a Basic Parachutist and Basic Mountain Operations. Additionally, in one fiscal year we conducted eight exercise static-line parachute drops and planned three more that were stop-drops due to weather. This was done while still supporting expeditionary operations, the 32 CBG Battle School, Reserve Summer Training, supporting 436 and 426 Squadrons personnel static-line parachute needs and our commitment as the Battle Group lead.



## Report by 60th Company

The training year for 2014 began with Captain Mark Timms, Officer Commanding 60th Company, forming teams to participate in the Ultra-Niagara endurance race. The race could be either marched with a rucksack or run. The individual team members covered distances of 25 km to total 100 km per team. The weather and terrain were challenging. The Unit teams placed very well in the final standings and were recognized by the Brigade at an awards ceremony later in the year.

Later on the year, 60th Company was handed over to Major Frank Lamie who acquired a subunit eager to train and learn. They would receive their wish through the buildup exercises towards Exercise Stalwart Guardian 2014. The Neptune series of exercises tested the Company's ability to successfully execute offensive operations at the company level. Though initial deployment and conduct was rusty due to unpractised skills, 60th Company rallied and rapidly improved over the course of the two exercises. Major Frank Lamie and Company Sergeant Major, Warrant Officer Justin Thorn placed heavy emphasis on planning and rehearsals, a key component which led to successful destruction of enemy objectives in multiple raids.

Operational training was not the only focus for members of 60th Company, many were involved in other taskings that deserve recognition. Annual shooting competitions leading up to Canadian Forces Small Arms Competition was a focus for many active soldiers of 60th Company. This year members of 60th Company, Corporals Hordo and Yen were the top shooters in 4th Canadian Division, earning numerous awards.

Though there were many individual achievements within the Company, it was Exercise Stalwart Guardian 2014 that earned the Regiment and key leaders and members of 60th Company acknowledgement at the division level. Exercise Stalwart Guardian 2014 saw the occupation of the Welland Canal, received by hundreds of supportive and excited population, 4th Canadian Division conducted various types of offensive operations. With the leadership of Major Lamie and Company Quartermaster Sergeant support by Sergeant Chuck Ezemenari, the Regiment's contingent successfully completed all missions. From an advance to contact mission on a dog compound that used enabling vehicles such as Light Armoured Vehicles IIIs and Cougars, a night raid on a police compound, to Battle Group attack on a shipyard, key soldiers and leaders from 60th Company earned recognition for mission success.

The command team brought vast experience to 60th Company, where radical change in exercise and training shaped the remainder of the year. Time on orders, training, preparation and rehearsals became the focus on training nights and all levels were deeply committed to executing a well thought out plan on exercise weekends. Common to Captain Timms' and Major Lamie's command was the Company Second-in-Command, Captain Marc Kaipio, who supported 60th Company through tireless administration. The addition of parachute descents on every exercise allowed for soldiers to practice their airborne infantry skills. These exercises allowed for sub-subunits to jump and then carry on a mission at the tactical level, a skills long unpractised and even forgotten. Offensive action through fighting patrols were a focus, numerous raids, ambushes and other operations became a norm, exponentially increasing cohesion, familiarity with these operations, infantry skills, and chemistry between officers and non-commissioned members.

By Lt Arsalan Mehmood

## Report by Buff's Company

For Buffs Company, this past year saw the Company return to a focus on the basics of soldiering. The Company was successful in the field, working at the platoon and company level. These exercises showed that Buffs had strong leaders at the section and platoon level and that there was a great deal of depth, with young soldiers ready and able to step into command roles when the need arose.

The New Year saw a change in focus to individual skills, not only through the completion of Individual Battle Task Standards (IBTS) but also through the preparation for the Cold Start exercises. January and February were focused on foundational skills such as weapons handling and on survivability skills required in a cold weather environment. This return to foundation skills provided the refresher needed for the soldiers to move into Exercise Badger Drive II, an urban operations exercise conducted at Canadian Forces Base Petawawa. This exercise saw the parachute qualified and non-parachute qualified soldiers inserted into the training area separately; link up on the Drop Zone to form the platoon responsible for Objective Silver in the town of Landry. The performance of all the Buffs Company personnel proved that when you focus on the individual skills, the section and platoon skills fall into place.



Buff's Coy conducts an ERO  
(engines running/ on-off) to extract from a raid



QOR of C extracts from a raid via CC-130J's  
from 426 Sqn, 8 Wing Trenton

This momentum in skills and drills carried over into Ex Stalwart Guardian 2014, in Welland County. The personnel from Buffs and 60th Companies amalgamated to form the backbone of a strong infantry company. Overall, the combined company achieved its training goals and was noted as the strongest subunit within the battle group.

The start of the 2014-2015 training year saw many personnel changes. In addition to losing a number of well trained and motivated sergeants to 60th and Victoria Companies, we lost the Company Second-in-Command when Lieutenant Anthony Stewart left to pursue a medical degree overseas, and lost both platoon commanders, with Lieutenant Arsalan Mehmood transferring to 60th Company and Second Lieutenant Mike Foderick releasing from the Canadian Armed Forces. This left but Captain Karl Haupt as the Officer Commanding, ably supported by the Company Sergeant Major, Warrant Officer Justin Thorn. This had the potential to have a severe negative effect on the Company, but both platoon seconds-in-command, Warrant Officer Bryan Burns and Sergeant Mike Currie, stepped up to the challenge and provided guidance and leadership to their respective platoons.

Finally, the biggest change came on 3 December 2014 when Buffs Company, supported by the remainder of the Regiment, marched out of Dalton Armoury for the last time. The landlord had decided not to renew our lease on the building and so Buffs Company moved down to Moss Park Armoury. This set the stage for a tactical realignment of Buffs and 60th Companies, which will allow the Regiment to prepare to lead the Battle Group in 2015. Although Buffs Company no longer has a viable company headquarters, the soldiers are now under the command of Officer Commanding 60th, Major Frank Lamie, and look forward to doing their part on Exercise Stalwart Guardian 2015.

## Band Report

2014 was a big year for The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Band and Bugles. The biggest change was Corporal Megan Hodge was commissioned as a second lieutenant and assumed the role of Director of Music.

Second Lieutenant Hodge's first concert as the Director of Music was our annual spring concert in April where we performed a selection of popular movie music, accompanied by a slideshow of images. A crowd favorite was when we performed "The Ride of the Valkyries" (from the helicopter scene in Apocalypse Now) to a collection of Regimental jump videos. Another highlight was the premiere of a new composition by Howard Cable entitled "The Bugle Major March" which is dedicated to The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada. The front page of this score was framed and presented to our previous Bugle Major, Master Warrant Officer Fred Haire at the annual Band dinner.

Another composition was created for the Band, but this time it was done by one of our own. Corporal Aiden Hartery, a trombonist with the Band, composed a work entitled "Calling" written for military band and bugles. "The piece mostly follows the bugles, which present various calls. The QOR of C advance is incorporated into the piece in a few different ways. I changed the rhythms a bit, but the overall structure is intact. The Band's harmonies/melodic content was derived from the bugle material and expanded upon." "It isn't every day that a composer can hear a new piece by a band of almost a hundred musicians. Having it performed in one of Toronto's best concert halls was a huge privilege." – Corporal Hartery. "Calling" was premiered at the 25th Royal Canadian Military Institute (RCMI) Concert at Roy Thompson Hall.

Master Corporal Marcel Sekine, a trumpet player/bugler in the Band, also contributed to the RCMI Concert in a special way. He is an accomplished pianist and was hired to play the massive pipe organ at Roy Thompson Hall. It was an experience he will never forget. Master Corporal Sekine carried out numerous high profile engagements in 2014. He spent his summer as a Drum Major with the Band of the Ceremonial Guard in Ottawa. Perhaps the most special tasking however was when he travelled to the Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery in Rheinberg Germany. There he had the honour of playing the Last Post at a funeral for Flight Sergeant John Joseph Carey. Flight Sergeant Carey was an Ottawa native who died in the Second World War. His remains weren't discovered and identified until 2013.

Warrant Officer Emily Kenny, Master Corporal Dominique Arseneau-Bruneau and Corporal David Jacobs participated in the Ultra Niagara marathon in honour of Laura Secord. Warrant Officer Kenny and Corporal Jacobs were on the Regimental running teams and each had to run a 20km leg, sometimes through mud up to their knees. Master Corporal Arseneau-Bruneau was on the weighted march team and had to trek through 23km rugged, hilly terrain. The Regimental team placed first overall.

The musicians of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada had a busy year and represented themselves well, not only within the Brigade, but internationally.

By Master Corporal Sheila MacMillan

"MWO Haire is presented "The Bugle Major March" in appreciation of over 20 years as BMaj with The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Band and Bugles. (L-R Master Warrant Officer Fred Haire, Howard Cable, Warrant Officer Emily Kenny).



## Riflemen Receive Legion of Honour



The National Order of the Legion of Honour is a French order established by Napoleon Bonaparte on 19 May 1802, and is the highest decoration in that country.

On occasion, the French Government will honour non-citizens who have contributed to their country. In 2007, at Moss Park Armoury, QOR Normandy veterans Barney Danson and Fred Barnard were honoured with the presentation of the Legion of Honour.

For D+70, France called for nominations to honour WW2 veterans who had participated in the Battle of Normandy, and the QOR Association nominated 10 riflemen. The Regiment was pleased that all nominations were accepted, and Jack Martin, Jack Hadley, Ernie Kells, Ted O'Halloran, James Wilkins, Edward Butler, Alec Greer, Alex Adair, Bill Ross, and Roy Shaw have all now been presented with the medal.

On 18 December 2014, at Sunnybrook Hospital where he currently resides, QOR D-Day veteran Jack Martin was presented with the Legion of Honour by Jean-François Casabonne Masonnave, the Consul General of France in Toronto, with the Minister of Veterans Affairs, Julian Fantino, and Lieutenant Colonel Roger Vandomme, Deputy Military Attaché for France to Canada also in attendance, along with a strong contingent from the Regimental Association.

Mr. Casabonne Masonnave said the award is an expression of France's wish to honour men who helped liberate the country during the war. "The whole of France is grateful toward these brave veterans who, 70 years ago, fought on the beaches of Normandy, Provence or in the skies of France. These men are the last of the young heroes who put their lives on hold to fight a ruthless war against barbarism and Nazism."



QOR D-Day veteran Jack Martin is congratulated by Lieutenant Colonel Roger Vandomme, Deputy Military Attaché for France to Canada, after receiving the French Legion of Honour at Sunnybrook Hospital on 18 December 2014.

# From Juno Beach to Ridgeway

*Ron Craig, President, Toronto Association*

On June 6th, 2014, Members of the Toronto Association participated in two ceremonies, 5,791 km. apart, to remember the 70th Anniversary of D-Day.

In France, Association members from Toronto and across the country gathered at Juno Beach to remember the brave members of the QOR who died on D-Day.

In Toronto, Association members gathered at Moss Park Armory (MPA), in front of the Wall of Remembrance, and listened to Padre Niles deliver a eulogy for the brave QOR Riflemen who made the supreme sacrifice on D-Day.

The ceremony in France was the highlight of a busy year for the Toronto Association, and the D-Day ceremony at MPA was one of the many activities involving the Toronto Association.

While members of the Toronto Executive were in Europe participating in D-Day ceremonies and visiting other important battle sites in Europe where The Queen's Own Rifles served with distinction, the Toronto Association travelled to Ridgeway, Ontario on June 1, to commemorate The Battle of Ridgeway. This battle, fought on June 2nd, 1866, against the Fenians - a group of US Irish American irregular army soldiers - was an important battle for both the QOR and Canada.

The Fenians invaded Canada in an attempt to further their goal of an independent Ireland, free of British rule. They hoped that by invading Canada they would force the British Government to negotiate a settlement with Ireland.

The Fenians were met by a force from The Queen's Own Rifles, a contingent from the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry, and other militia groups. It was the first time Canadian Officers led Canadian Troops in battle. It was the last time a battle in Ontario was fought against a foreign invader. Nine Queen's Own Riflemen, "The Ridgeway Nine", died during or following the battle.

The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada and the Toronto Association have been instrumental in ensuring that this battle is not forgotten. For the past few years, members of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada and the Toronto Association have travelled to Ridgeway in June for a memorial service at the battle site, five kilometers west of the town of Ridgeway on Highway 3 at Ridge Road.

In 2016, the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Ridgeway will be celebrated in the town of Ridgeway, and at the actual battle site where a monument is located in a four hectare park. The Queen's Own Rifles, the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry, and both Regimental Bands will be participating. The ceremony will take place on Saturday June 4th, 2016. In addition, there are a number of events being planned by the community, including a two day history symposium. This is an event you don't want to miss! National President Bob Dunk is working hard with all the stakeholders, including the town of Ridgeway, to make this a historic event.

Our activities were not only confined to ceremonial duties. Members of the Association went to Royal Canadian Legion Branch (RCL) 44 to cook hamburgers and sausages for The QOR Stand Down on June 11th. The Riflemen marched from Moss Park Armoury to the Legion on Lakeshore, and were greeted by association members when they arrived. The Association members cooked hundreds of burgers and sausages for the troops.



Members of the Toronto association prior to the start of Remembrance Day Services at St. Paul's Church, 2014



Members of the QOR Association pose for a picture at Bernieres-sur-Mer

Some of the other events we supported included the 9th Annual QOR Association Golf Tournament on June 26th, Canada Day celebrations at RCL Branch 258 in Scarborough, and a ceremony on July 27th at the Korean Wall of Remembrance to honor the 516 Canadians and 9 Queen's Own Riflemen who died in the Korean War. Finally, in August, the Toronto Association marched in the annual Warriors Day Parade at the Canadian National Exhibition. I am pleased to report that the Association placed 2nd in our category!

In November, we participated in the Remembrance Day Parade at St. Paul's Church. The Regiment marched from Moss Park to the Church, where the Association joined the Riflemen, the QOR Band, and the Cadets at the Cross of Sacrifice. Our final official event of 2014, was the Men's Christmas Dinner in December. This year, two prestigious awards were presented by the Association – Rifleman of the Year, and the Col. Paul Hughes and Bev Hughes Award for Excellence.

This year's recipients were George Walford (Riflemen of the Year), and Ben Turpin (Col. Paul Hughes and Bev Hughes Award for Excellence). Both of these individuals have distinguished careers with both The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada and the QOR Association.

Ben is the Secretary of the Maritimes Branch, and a true ambassador for the QOR. He joined The QOR in Calgary in 1963, and graduated from 119 Platoon. He served in Cyprus for six months, returning to Newfoundland after three years of service with the QOR. Ben has served the Maritimes Branch of the QOR Association with distinction. He was instrumental in overseeing the transition of the Newfoundland Branch from a stand-alone branch, into a major part of the QOR National Association.

George Walford was a member of The Queen's Own Rifles Regimental band for many years, obtaining the rank of Sergeant. George is a member of the Toronto QOR Association Executive. He is often called upon to play the Last Post when a QOR veteran passes away. This important ceremonial duty is appreciated by the families of our fallen Riflemen. During the 75th Anniversary of the D-day Tour, George played at the Menin Gates in Belgium, and 29 additional times during the tour.

Both of these outstanding individuals exemplify the qualities of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada - duty, honor and service.

In 2015, on August 7th, 8th and 9th, the Newfoundland Maritime Branch is commemorating the 75th Anniversary of The Queen's Own Rifles landing in Newfoundland in 1940. The QOR was garrisoned at both Botwood and Gander, and the Newfoundland Maritime Branch is marking the 75th anniversary with a memorial service in each town, and the unveiling of markers at both locations.

A large group of Association members from across Canada will be attending this historic event. For more information, go to the Maritimes Newfoundland website, [www.qor-east.com](http://www.qor-east.com). National Association President, Bob Dunk, and Immediate Past Present, David Lavery, will be attending along with many members of the Toronto Executive.

The Toronto Association will be participating in a full slate of activities in 2015. To learn more, please go to our website – [www.qortorontoassociation.com](http://www.qortorontoassociation.com).

Whether we are involved in activities half way around the world, or close to Regimental headquarters, the Toronto Association will continue to be the living expression of the motto – “Once in The Queen's Own, always in the Queen's Own”.



Members of the Association join with The QOR at Bernieres-sur-Mer



QOR D-Day Veteran Jack Hadley and Members of the Association during the 2014 trip to France to commemorate the 70 Anniversary of D-Day







Ron Craig, President of the Toronto Association, presents a plaque from the Toronto Association to outgoing CO Peter St. Denis, in the Sergeants Mess at Moss Park Armoury



Lieutenant Col. Peter St. Denis is presented with a copy of the Longest Day in the Sergeants Mess. QOR D-Day Veteran Jack Hadley and RSM Paul Martin joined Lt. Col. Denis for the presentation



D-Day and QOR veteran Jack Hadley adds his signature to the copy of the book The Longest day



Jean-François Casabonne Masonnave, the Consul General of France in Toronto • Lieutenant Colonel Roger Vandomme, Deputy Military Attaché for France to Canada • QOR D-Day veteran Edward Butler (who received the medal) • QOR D-Day veteran Jack Hadley (who will receive his at the QOR parade on 25 April) • CWO (ret'd) Brian Budden

## Newfoundland Association 2015 Registration

The 2015 Planning is progressing on schedule and things are unfolding as planned. It appears we are on target and barring unforeseen circumstances we will be within budget. However there are upfront costs associated with planning and this is usually covered by Early Registrations.

We have a limited number of Commemorative Coins as pictured below. It is our intention to make this coin available to each registrant that pays in advance of March 31st, 2015. We will have all paid registrants identified and guaranteed a coin when they show up for entrance registration. Registration after that March 31st date will be a coin on a first come basis and is restricted to QOR Association Members only. The per-person Registration Fee is \$80. Coins will NOT be mailed out.

The bus tour and lobster lunch is \$50 per person. You should pay both fees at the same time (that's \$130 total per person). That's your all inclusive weekend price. Our 48 passenger bus is full and we have only another 24 passenger bus to go. So book early, there may not be a third bus.

After you paid your registration fee and for some reason cannot attend; let us know in advance of July 5th 2015 and we will return your money. After that date we and you will be committed.

The all inclusive will entitle you to: one 1.5 lb Lobster, one Bowl of Fresh Steamed Mussels, one Bottle of Beer or other drink of the same value, a Tour of Scenic Twillingate and Area, the bus fair and many picture opportunities. The all inclusive also includes all of the late registration.

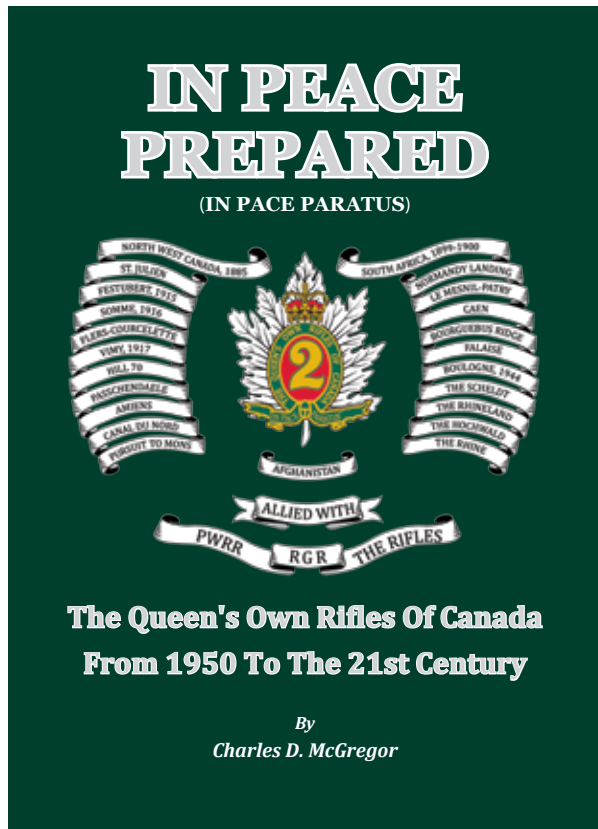
Your late registration will include: the Friday night Meet & Greet, where we will have various trays of food, the next evening Dinner, Dance, Presentations, Prize Draws throughout the evening and most important meeting old and new friends. This may very well be the last kick at the can for a lot of us. So come on down!

Go to our site to learn more: [www.qor-east.com](http://www.qor-east.com)

Below are our coins for the 2015 Event.



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## **Veteran honoured with French medal LEONARD CROSS serve in Second World War.**

European nations have expressed gratitude in various ways to Allied forces who helped liberate them from Nazi occupation during the Second World War. Leonard Bernard Cross, 93, of Nanaimo BC, was with thousands of Canadians who hit the Beaches during the invasion of Normandy on June 6, 1944 establishing a beach head that allowed the allies to assemble enough men and equipment to push German forces out of France, the Netherlands and Belgium and ultimately defeat Germany in May 1945.

On Jan. 19 at Royal Canadian Legion Branch 10, Cross was presented with a medal by Angus Stanfield, Royal Canadian Legion for B.C./Yukon Command president, awarded him the rank of Knight of the French National Order of the Legion of Honour. The Medal is France's gesture of gratitude to those who fought to liberate the country.



After the war, Cross remained with the Canadian Armed Forces, training troops and serving in various postings, including one with a diplomatic corps mission in Vietnam. He served with The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, from the early Fifties to 1968. Cross was Charlie Companies CO in Cyprus, 1965. Cross transferred from the a reserve unit in 1975 and fully retired from the military in 1984.

# The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Association

## 70th Anniversary D-Day Tour to France & Belgium

### May 30th – June 13, 2014

The 70th Anniversary of D-Day was a very memorable trip where there were 52 on the tour. The tour included visits to sites of great importance to the Regiment during the First and Second War, along with other significant battlefields and important history such as Essex Farm Cemetery where Canadian John McCrae wrote In Flanders Field in Northern France and Belgium. We also participated in special organized events with local residents, in places most important to its participation in the D-Day invasion. We visited World War I battlefields critical to the QOR such as Vimy Ridge, Hill 70, Ypres Salient and also the sites of Beaumont Hamel, and Menin Gate. The World War II sites included ceremonies at Bernieres sur Mer, Maison de Queen's Own House, Juno Beach Centre, Le Mesnil Patry, Carpiquet, Giberville, Anisy, Angurny, Basly and Dieppe.

We also unveiled and dedicated a new monument in Passchendaele at Vine Cottage to the 3rd Toronto Battalion, which was made up of various Regiments including The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada. There were people on the tour that had a trip like this in mind and was on what you call there "Bucket List". There were other's that had a purpose to remember their families and there were some very memorable ceremonies. And the awesome ceremonies with personal reflections that were shared with others on the tour. And too top things off the sites and tours in Paris at the beginning of the tour and at the end of the tour. And also the site of the famous Chateau de Versailles.

And the grand finale the wonderful farewell dinner and live entertainment on the River Seine along with the illuminations of landmarks and bridges and the delightful lights of the Eiffel Tower. To make this possible and memorable the support from Westlake Brothers Souvenir Association under the guidance of Christophe Collet made it very special at the Ceremony events and also the March of Remembrance from Bernieres sur Mer to Anisy. Also all the villages we visited the kind reception on how we were received were spectacular. We were treated with kindness and respect.

Our good friends from the Netherlands our QOR Dutch Re-enactors for all your support and help we Thank you for being there when needed.

We also had the opportunity to meet of with members of the serving Regiment a 20 man contingent under Major then and current CO Sandi Banerjee and the RSM CWO Paul Martin. In closing I want to thank all members from the QOR Association that were on the tour that helped out and supported the tour when needed. I know that those on the tour have made friends and will cherish the memories for years to come.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank my good friend from Ellison Travel our Tour Manager Dennis "Mak" Makowetsky for all his support and knowledge and being there when I needed him and it was great to work with you again. Our appreciation and gratitude to our Bugler George Walford who played Last Post an amazing 29 times on the tour. Outstanding George !!! And Thank You.

In Pace Paratus  
CWO (ret'd) Brian Budden, CD  
70th Anniversary of D-Day  
Tour Leader





Members of the Toronto Association in front of a building at the Ridgeway battle site



QOR Skirmishers at the Ridgeway 2014 Ceremony



A QOR Skirmisher at the monument at Ridgeway during the June 2014 ceremony



A QOR Rifleman, Graham Humphrey, dressed in WW2 Battle Dress, stands at the Cross of Sacrifice, St. Paul's Church during the Remembrance Day Service

# Queens Own Rifles of Canada Vancouver Island Branch

## 2010 Branch Report

### Tom Martin, Vancouver Island Branch Secretary

**2014** was a very busy and a good year for the Vancouver Island Branch due to the continued strong support of our 239. There were 220 VI Branch Members who were also members of the National Association.

We held two major social evenings held during 2014 (1) The Regimental Birthday Dinner and Dance held on Ariel 19 and (2) the Octoberfest Dinner and Dance on 19th of October. These annual events give us all a chance to reconnect with former comrades as we all gather together in celebration of the Regiment and a renew friendships that have existed for many years. We have strong turnouts by many of our members at our monthly luncheons on the last Wednesday of each month at the Pro Patria Legion on Gorge Road in Victoria and our monthly coffee breaks held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the RCL Branch #10 Legion on Harewood road in Nanaimo.

Our 2014 Annual General Meeting held January 18th, 2015 at the Langford Legion. The PMC advised that there is only one change in the Executive Committee for 2015. Due to the passing of our Branch Secretary, Leo Stamp. Janice Mercer has Volunteered to serve in that position.

Our Branch would like to extend an open invitation to all the members of our Association and their families to join us at any celebrations, lunches or meetings 2015 and that while you are here on Vancouver Island to ensure to ensure that you visit The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada exhibit it at the Base Museum located in Esquimalt at CFB Naden

For a complete schedule of our 2015 events please go to [www.qorvi.ca](http://www.qorvi.ca).



Bob Scrafton VP • Herb Pitts Member at large • Janice Mercer Secretary  
Ed Titus Membership/Treasurer • Tom Martin President • Gord Hryhoryshen Member at large

**In Pace Paratus**

# *Marianne & Herb Pitt's 60th Wedding Anniversary*



On April 4 2015 a surprise party was held at the Langford Legion in Victoria to celebrate Marianne and Herb Pitts' 60th Wedding Anniversary. The party was organized by Alder Currie, the Jumpmaster of DZ Vancouver Island, and his wife Hiroko. Over 60 people were in attendance, not only DZ VI, but also from local Branches of the PPCLI and QOR of C Association.

The Victoria Branch of the QOR of C Association was represented by Ed and Ruth Titus and Tom and Irmgard Martin, Tom on behalf of the Victoria Branch, Presented a bouquet of roses to Marianne and Herb and also a rose for all the ladies present.

There was a very large cake with a picture of the happy couple on it. There had been quite a scramble to find a picture of both, but Ben Turpin of the Maritime Branch of the QOR of C Association came through with a great photo of them both in their scouting uniforms.

Hiroko Alder presented a heart shaped wreath of sixty silk roses that she had expertly created as well as several other gift

Many congratulatory messages had been sent, including a very nicely expressed message from Col Stevenson on behalf of the Regiment. These have been tastefully in a very handsome book.

The highlight of the occasion was when Marianne and Herb got up and danced together. What a very pleasing moment for all.

It was a great occasion and very much appreciated by our good friends and regimental comrades Marianne and Herb

As described above, the QOR of C Association contributed significantly to the splendour of the occasion.





## Vancouver Island Branch links up with the Dutch “A” Team

*Herb Pitts, President Queen’s Own Rifles of Canada National Association*

Adrian Hovestad, a Dutch immigrant to Canada, a former sergeant in the Dutch Army and a member of the Branch 10 Nanaimo Legion, recently visited Doorn, the village where he was born. He was 11 years old when Doorn was liberated by The Queen’s Own and he well remembers the bren gun carriers rumbling into town and the excitement. He visited the local commemorative area and noticed a Queen’s Own memorial plaque in the “Remembrance” setting, all of which he felt needed “housekeeping.”

Queries to the Municipal officials about the appearance of the memorial area got no results, so he contacted the local newspaper, which did a story about Adrian’s wartime experience and his dismay at finding the liberators’ memorial neglected. The response was immediate. One which particularly appealed to Adrian was from a Dutch Marine chaplain, on behalf of his ten year old son. The boy had offered assistance in perpetuity, by himself and five friends of a like age, to take care of this memorial area. They refer to themselves as the “A Team.”

Through the efforts of Bill Brayshaw, President, Vancouver Island QOR Association and other Branch members, the offer made by the youngsters has been acknowledged by sending the “A Team” members QOR baseball caps, T-Shirts and QOR of C National Association lapel pins. Bill, who is also president of the Nanaimo Legion, invited Adrian to attend our regular monthly Branch luncheon in Victoria and will be coming to our Octoberfest event. We plan to keep in touch with him’

LCol Steve Brand, our European memorials liaison currently in Afghanistan, is in touch with a Dutch Marine Battalion which is stationed near Doorn. Hopefully, a liaison will be set up to strengthen relations and provide help for the boys--if needed.

What a great opportunity to link generations in the common cause of Remembrance! I would recommend that any of our tours in the future should go through Doorn to meet and thank the young men who so willingly volunteered their help in keeping the memory of heroism and sacrifice by the Queen’s Own, front and centre. This was written by Herb Pitts after our 150 birthday. In 2012 a group of QOR of C National Members made a visit to Doorn. The “A” Team still look after the memorial area.



## Falaise Community Event August 2014

The Queens Own Rifles of Canada Vancouver Island Branch received an invitation to participate in a commemorative event at the end of August, 2014 from the Falaise Community Association. It was held at Falaise Park which is in Saanich near the Broadmead shopping Centre. A permanent display board was unveiled to explain the “Falaise” title of the area and the park. This neighborhood housing area was initially developed for Veterans and named just after World War 2.

The crowd in attendance was reminded about the importance of the “Battle of Falaise” when a gap in the Allied armies was open and thousands and thousands of Germans were attempting to get themselves and equipment out of Normandy for the battles yet to come for the defence of the Third Reich. The closing of the gap came after many bitter engagements and cost both sides dearly.

The Queen’s Own Rifles were participants in the battle to close the gap and the battle is named on our drums as one of our battle honours.

Present and representing the Regiment were Tom Martin, Ed Titus, Herb Pitts and Bill Collins. Also in attendance was Ron Cullen of our Association, representing the Canadian Scottish who were participants in the same battle.



# National Association Report

*by Bob Dunk*

The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Association was first incorporated as a federal, not-for-profit corporation in 1929. Recent changes brought in by the new Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act required us to transition to the new requirements and I am happy to report that this was completed in September, 2014. Our new National By-laws, approved at our AGM in November, 2014, were accepted by Industry Canada in March of this year permitting our Association to continue operation as a not-for-profit corporation.

A number of major events are planned including the Association Reunion and marker dedication in Gander & Botwood, August 7th to 9th. The organizing committee of Newfoundland and Maritimes Branch has done an outstanding job getting things ready. More information can be found in the Newfoundland and Maritimes branch report. I encourage all of you to not miss this exceptional event and join us Newfoundland this summer.

June, 2016 marks the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Ridgeway. Plans are underway for a memorable celebration to be held on June 4th in Ridgeway. There will be more information to follow regarding this commemoration.

April, 2017 marks the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge. In anticipation of a major Federal event, the Association is in the process of developing a 12-14 day trip to Europe that will include participation in the 100th anniversary on April 9th, 2017. Hotel space has already been secured as this will be a very popular event for all Canadians.

Have a safe and happy 155th Regimental Birthday and I look forward to seeing you in Newfoundland this August!

In Pace Paratus

# Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Regimental Museum

*Casa Loma, 1 Austin Terrace, Toronto, Ontario M5R 1X8*

## 2014 Museum Report for The Rifleman “Changes, Challenges and Progress at the Regimental Museum”

In January 2014, The Liberty Entertainment Group began a new contract with the City of Toronto to operate Casa Loma for 20 years. Liberty confirmed their wish to continue to have the museum at Casa Loma and form a partnership with us. Throughout the year we work with them to make this a reality.

In February we held our first volunteer recognition night in the form of a reception in the Officers' Mess at Moss Park Armoury. This provided an excellent opportunity to say thank you to those who had volunteered through 2013. A special presentation was made to Clay and Nancy Downes for their outstanding contribution since 2012. In 2014 seventy-eight volunteers (excluding the curator) provided over 1,000 hours of service to the museum in 2014. This includes detailed cleaning, cataloguing and photographing of artifacts; cleaning display cases; painting; and redoing exhibit cases. Volunteer are coming from serving soldiers of the regiment, from the association and from others outside the regimental family.

In March, we welcomed our 2881 Cadets Corps to the museum for a tour.

We were pleased to work with John Fotheringham and the Juno Beach Centre to make a temporary loan of Rolph Jackson artifacts for exhibit during the Colonel-in-Chief's visit to the centre during her 70th Anniversary of D-Day visit in June.

In June/July we were able to assist a University of Toronto Masters in History student with his research paper entitled “A Serious Piece of Business”: Sir Henry Pellatt, The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, and the “English Trip” of 1910. In September the student (a serving MCpl with the Black Watch Regiment) provided a copy of his paper which was made available on our website.

Thanks to a generous donation we were able to contract two Masters of Museum Studies graduates who had been volunteering with us, to work for 16 days each during the summer doing cataloguing and data entry.

On September 28, 2014 we co-sponsored a First World War Symposium with the 15th Battalion Memorial Association (48th Highlanders) at Moss Park Armoury which had 50+ in attendance to hear four eminent authors discuss the subject of recent books they had published. The event, organized by LCol John Fotheringham, also



Curator Major John Stephens poses with volunteers Nancy and Clay Downes and the QOR Portraits book that was presented to them



Cadets from our cadet corps help young visitors make poppies and crosses

had dealers present and included an excellent lunch prepared by the Officers' Mess staff. We also completed the transcription of 12 WWI letters and 3 diaries of CSM Lawrence Pridham, QOR → 166th Bn → 4CMR which are in our collection. These have been posted on our website and will also produce these as a book in 2015 with a preface by author, historian and educator Dr. Eric McGeer.

Our third and well attended "Queen's Own Rifles Day at Casa Loma" on was held on Saturday November 8. The QOR Band played three sets with a focus on First World War era music, 2881 cadets assisted with children's activities, and a large number of re-enactors joined us this year with uniforms representing all periods for WWI to the present and 2 heritage vehicles. The Commanding Officer again provided support with 11 serving soldiers exhibiting various current kit. An MSVS parked in front of the castle was also hard to miss.

By the end of 2014 we had created detailed catalogue records for over 2,000 of our artifacts. These include photographs of each artifact and for this we are very grateful for the efforts of Capt (Ret) Larry Hicks' and Cpl Justin Dremanis. We continue entering these into our Museum Collections database.

Significant donations in 2014 include a collection of weapons and bayonets directed to us by a former rifleman, and the WWII uniform of the late D-Day veteran Jim Wilkins. We were also excited to see the return of an unframed 21" x 42" 1882 composite photograph from a photo conservator who had done surface cleaning, tear repair, stain reduction, adhesive stain reduction and overall stabilization.

Our museum website ([qormuseum.org](http://qormuseum.org)) continues to grow. Popular pages include our transcribed 3rd Battalion (CEF) War Diaries and the recently transcribed QOR WWI War Diaries, Routine Orders and photos completed by MCpl Graham Humphrey. We now have over 145 biographical pages on individual QOR soldiers including most of our Commanding Officers. We also have social media presence on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.

#### *Looking Ahead*

The end of 2014 saw us planning for our exhibits to be in mostly new spaces and preparing to also include more on the Regiment since WWII. April 2015 will see the official launch of exhibit of the oil portraits from the Officer's Mess reproduced as photos on canvas as an exhibit, which was made possible by the generous donations of members of the regimental family.

We also plan to begin filming veteran/soldier interviews in 2015 and post the finished products on our YouTube Channel and website.

Major (Ret'd) John M. Stephens, CD  
Curator



Visitors chat with Cpl Sean Lee about parachute equipment



Cadets from our 2881 Cadet Corps toured the museum in March





New Monument commemorating the 2nd Battle of Paschendaele



need to go over this

John Fotheringham • George Walford • Robert Latham  
Clayton Downes • Peter Szepes • David Lavery  
Brian Budden • George Carrigan

The monument is in Passchendaele at Vine Cottage, it is in the Flanders and Iepers area and one of our Battle Honours from WWI. These is were the Regimental Family that was there unveiled and dedicate a memorial to the 3rd Toronto Battalion, which consisted of the QOR, Royal Regt of Canada and Governor General Body Guards which are now Governor General Horse Guards.

The picture in front of the house is myself, Graham Jones and David Lavery.

Use CWO (ret'd) Brian Budden, CD would be correct.



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# The 2014 Trust Fund Report

In our last report the Chairman of the Trust Fund provided a backdrop....“The Regimental Trust was created in 1959 with the aim of “establishing a fund to promote the efficiency, welfare and well being of the Regiment and of its members and to appoint trustees to raise, hold and administer such funds”. Subsequently, the trust was registered with the Government of Canada as a charitable entity and as such received tax exempt status. The original trust agreement has been updated twice since then; most recently in 2008”.

Given that backdrop, the Trust Fund’s continuing annual challenge is to raise sufficient funds to cover off expenses related to maintenance of our museum, monuments, insurance, communication(s), post deployment stress and work related educational support and the special (unfunded by DND) budget needs of the Commanding Officer. Budgets continue to place stress on our limited funding and as a result the Trust has disbursed all, or almost all, of the monies donated annually. Having said that, we continue to make progress in controlling the costs associated with operating. The last Rifleman Journal was almost cost neutral as a result of advertising revenue. The plan for the print ‘Powderhorn’ to go electronic has taken hold and as this is written, we have sent the first “test” edition to a selection of our members who have allowed us to hold an email address. The ‘ePowderhorn’ is up and running. Our email provider, Constant Contact, allows us to understand how many were opened and were read. Unfortunately there were a number of addressees that did not ‘open’ the document. Hopefully the ‘open’ rate will improve with the next edition which will be sent to our complete email list April/May 2015. If you have not submitted an email address, we encourage you to do so. Send an email to [q\\_o\\_r\\_1860@hotmail.com](mailto:q_o_r_1860@hotmail.com) and we will load you up.

The Regimental Museum at Casa Loma is under the ‘umbrella’ of the Trust Fund. The museum continues to operate on the third floor at the Casa. A number of changes have been made to displays and an enormous amount of volunteer effort has been put into maintenance of our archives. See the ‘MUSEUM REPORT’ for the details. We would be remiss if we did not thank our Curator, Major John Stephens and his team of some 20 volunteers who ‘come and go’ on Thursday evenings. Do visit [QORMuseum.org](http://QORMuseum.org)

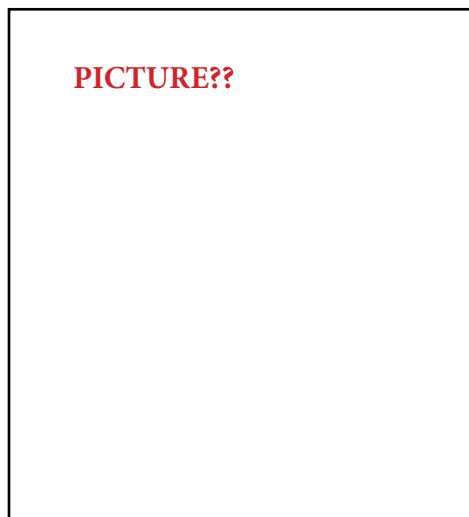
The vision to build up a fund for the future within the trust which will generate funds annually has, this past year, come to fruition. Some significant donations have been made to The Colonel Paul F. Hughes Endowment Fund. The committee responsible for this initiative continue to raise funds from high net worth individuals, corporations and foundations. As the Chairman of The Trust Fund suggested in his report last year; “This will have the advantage of our not being so dependent on the vagaries and uncertainties of annual campaigns and contributions. I have no doubt that this will take some time and a lot of work.”

Now we enter a new year and start again to fund our annual operating requirements. Your donation to the Trust Fund is vital and we welcome your support. All donations \$10 or more will receive a tax receipt for this year 2015. There are four possible methods for making a donation:

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The Memorial Program currently consists of three elements - cataloguing and maintaining the current inventory of QOR memorials in Canada and overseas; installing new memorials to commemorate QOR battles and sacrifices; and participating in services of remembrance when possible at the location of our memorials. LCol (retd) John Fotheringham and CWO (retd) Brian Budden are the coordinators of the Memorial Program.

In 2014, with thanks to the Trust Fund and some generous donors, the Regiment was able to continue the program with the installation of new 3rd Battalion marker in Belgium, a donation to the QOR Maritimes - Newfoundland & Labrador Branch to support their new markers, and a new regimental flag to St. Paul's, the regimental church.

On 6 November 1917, the 3rd Battalion (Toronto Regiment), Canadian Expeditionary Force, participated in the Canadian Corps' capture of Passchendaele Ridge. The Battalion lost 9 officer and 254 other ranks killed, wounded or captured, and Cpl Colin Fraser Barron was awarded the Victoria Cross for valour.

With the assistance of Steve Douglas, a Canadian living 100 yards from the Menin Gate in Ypres, permission from the owner of Vine Cottage was obtained to install markers commemorating the 3rd Battalion as well as the 4th Canadian Mounted Rifles, perpetuated by The Governor General's Horse Guards. The 3rd Battalion fought over this very ground, and Cpl Barron's VC was awarded for actions in the vicinity of Vine Cottage. On 3 June 2014, the QOR Association D+70 tour and senior members of the GGHG dedicated the markers.

In 1940, the Regiment spent 6 months in Newfoundland, prior to departing for New Brunswick and then the U.K. In August of 2015, the QOR Maritimes - Newfoundland and Labrador Branch will be dedicating two new markers to commemorate our riflemen's duty in Botwood and Gander. On the recommendation of the Memorials Committee, the Trust Fund approved a \$1,000 donation to the Maritimes Branch to support their initiative. Our East Coast riflemen hope to see a great turnout in August for the dedication.

In 2015, with your generous support of the QOR Trust Fund, the Committee plans to dedicate a new marker in the Ypres Salient for the 3rd Battalion's involvement in the September 1916 Battle of Flers-Courcelette, as well as the final bronze plaque on the Wall of Remembrance at Moss Park Armoury to commemorate those riflemen who gave their lives in the service of Canada during peacetime.

The Regimental Cross of Sacrifice is also in need of structural repair, cleaning, and the addition of the recently awarded battle honour of 'Afghanistan'.

We will remember them!

## In Memoriam 2014-2015

The following Members of The Queen's Own Rifles Of Canada who have passed away

### *"WE WILL REMEMBER THEM"*

CWO Claude "Buzz" Gomes

Martin Cornfield

Ian Shantz

Paul Raymond Newhall

James Hunter

Sgt (ret'd) Geoff Hatt

Clay Hodder

QOR WWII D-Day Veteran Ernie Kells

QOR WWII D-Day Veteran James Wilkins

QOR WWII D-Day Veteran Jack Leggett

QOR WWII Veteran Major (ret'd)

Bob Firlotte

Sgt (ret'd) Bill Willbond

Bruce MacDonald

James Robert "Bucky" Buchan

Frank Lee Dallison

Neil "Dusty" Campbell Rhodes

William "Punch" Westfall

Gerald Richard Venn

William "Willy" Willbond

Leo "Butch" Stamp

Ian Shantz

*They went with songs to the battle, they were young.  
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.  
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted,  
They fell with their faces to the foe.*

*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.*

*They mingle not with their laughing comrades again;  
They sit no more at familiar tables of home;  
They have no lot in our labour of the day-time;  
They sleep beyond England's foam.*

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