



The Powder Horn

In Pace Paratus

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Remembrance Day Church Parade, 2010



Bugle Major Fred Haire CD salutes as he leads the Regimental Band and Bugles past the Cross of Sacrifice.



Following the service of worship in St. Paul's Anglican Church, Sergeant Jesse Behan (centre) salutes as the Regimental Pioneers lead The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada and the salute is taken by Honorary Colonel Paul F. Hughes CD and Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Richard Cowling CD.



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Five more Battle of Ridgeway victims are honoured



Honorary Colonel Paul Hughes CD and Commanding Officer John Fotheringham CD salute after laying a wreath at three of the new markers, as Skirmisher MCpl Allan Kiss stands vigil.



Cpl Francis Lakey's new gravesite marker.

Skirmisher Cpl Michael Carrier stands vigil at the gravesite of Cpl Francis Lakey, one of nine members of The Queen's Own Rifles who lost their lives battling Fenian raiders at Ridgeway, ON, on 2 June, 1866.



Troops march through Toronto's St. James' Cemetery to attend ceremonies dedicating gravesite markers of five members of The Queen's Own Rifles who were killed during the Battle of Ridgeway in 1866.





The Honorary Colonel leads a party to visit Royalty in England



In the photo above (L. to R.) Commanding Officer LCol John Fotheringham CD, Honorary Colonel Paul Hughes, CD, Camilla, The Duchess of Cornwall, RSM/CWO Shaun Kelly, CD and Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Richard (Dick) Cowling CD.



(L. to R. front row) Honorary LCol Richard (Dick) Cowling CD, Mrs. Veronica Cowling, HRH Princess Alexandra, KG, GCVO, Mrs. Kathryn Kelly, Mrs. Bev Hughes. (L. to R. rear row) Honorary Col Paul Hughes CD Commanding Officer, LCol John Fotheringham CD and RSM/CWO Shaun Kelly CD.

Colonel Paul F. Hughes, CD, Honorary Colonel of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, and Mrs. Bev Hughes, recently led a group representing the Regiment to London, where they met with the new Colonel-in-Chief, Camilla, the Duchess of Cornwall. They also met with HRH Princess Alexandra, who was Colonel-in-Chief for 50 years, until standing down this year.

In addition to the Honorary Colonel and Mrs. Hughes, the party included the Honorary Lieutenant Colonel, Richard (Dick) Cowling CD and Mrs. Veronica Cowling, the Commanding Officer, LCol John Fotheringham CD and RSM/CWO Shaun Kelly CD and Mrs. Kathryn Kelly.

Col Hughes and the members of the party met with the Duchess of Cornwall at Clarence House where she received them graciously and expressed her pleasure at her new role as Colonel-in-Chief of Canada's oldest continuously-serving infantry regiment.

"I told her of our delight that she had agreed to be only our third Colonel-in-Chief since the founding of the Regiment in 1860, following HRH Princess Alexandra and, before her, Her Majesty Queen Mary" Col Hughes said. "We are

also privileged to be the first Canadian regiment to have the Duchess as our Colonel-in-Chief," he added.

"In announcing, during the celebrations of our 150th anniversary this year, that the Duchess would be 'joining' our Regiment, I also noted that we are pleased that our new Colonel-in-Chief is already familiar with rifle green in that she is Royal Colonel of the 4th Battalion Rifles in Great Britain," Col Hughes said. "Additionally, her father, Major Bruce Middleton Hope Shand, MC and Bar, was a decorated World War Two soldier who was awarded the Military Cross twice, first for his bravery in action at Dunkirk and later in North Africa."

"Princess Alexandra was our Colonel-in-Chief for 50 years and we were saddened that she decided to step down. However she has many duties to perform in the United Kingdom and we wish her well for the future. She will always have a place in our hearts. It was a great disappointment to all of us that, on her visit to Canada to mark our 150th Birthday in April, the Icelandic volcanic eruptions prevented her from travelling to Victoria and Calgary to participate in celebrations there. However, she did come to Toronto and we made her very welcome."



The first QOR of C-Princess Alexandra Bursary Awards are made

A total of sixteen applications were submitted for the newly created The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada-Princess Alexandra Bursary. Two were accepted and bursary funds in the amount of \$ 750.00 have now been provided to the successful applicants

The bursary, established in 2010 to mark the 150th anniversary of the founding of the regiment in 1860, is administered through The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada's National Association.

The first recipient, whose name was submitted by the Vancouver Island Association Branch, was Derek Costeloe, grandson of the late Major Geoff Costeloe, who served with The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada. Derek's Certificate of Acceptance and cheque were presented by British Columbia's Lieutenant Governor Steven Point to his grandmother Betty, and his father Nigel at the Association's 150th Anniversary Dinner in April. Derek was unable to attend the dinner since he is studying engineering at Queen's University, in Kingston.

The second recipient was Cpl Rui Saraiva, a serving member of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada. Cpl Saraiva received his Certificate of Acceptance and cheque from HRH Princess Alexandra KG GCVO, the regiment's Colonel-in-Chief, at the 150th Anniversary Dinner held in Toronto in April.

At the time of the presentation MCpl Saraiva, had completed his Trade Qualification Courses, the Basic Parachutist Course and had begun his Primary Leadership Qualification Course to qualify as a Master Corporal. He is currently in his first year of the Firefighting Program at Humber College.

The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada-Princess Alexandra Bursary is a very worthy cause and needs support from members of the regimental family. Through an agreement with the Toronto Community Foundation, TCF will manage the bursary funds on behalf of our National Association. This will ensure that the funds will be pooled and managed by a team of professional advisers maximizing return with minimal risk.

There are three ways to make donations:

1. On-line at www.tcf.ca. Click on the "Make a Gift Now" button. This will take the donor to Canada Helps. The Queen's Own Rifles-Princess Alexandra Bursary will soon be added to the drop down menu and donors can make contributions on-line using their credit cards.

2. By mail to the Toronto Community Foundation. Make your cheque payable to the "Toronto Community Foundation" and ensure that you have put "QOR-Princess Alexandra Bursary" on the memo line of your cheque which should be mailed to: Toronto Community Foundation, 33 Bloor Street East, Suite 1603, Toronto,



Corporal Rui Saraiva, awarded an education bursary by The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada-Princess Alexandra Bursary Program received his certificate and cheque from HRH Princess Alexandra, KG, GCVO, during the 150th Anniversary Ball in Toronto



The certificate and cheque for Derek Costeloe, grandson of the late Major Geoff Costeloe, of The Queen's Own, were presented by British Columbia's Lieutenant Governor Steven Point (left) to his grandmother Betty, and his father Nigel at the Association's 150th Anniversary Dinner in Victoria. Derek is at Queen's University.

ON, M4W 3H1. Donation envelopes are also available through each Association Branch which will enable the donor to make a credit card contribution by mail.

3. By credit card over the phone by calling TCF at 416-921-2035. Tax receipts will be issued for donations of \$25 or more.



It was a “Very Good Year” for the Vancouver Island Branch

MGen Herb Pitts, MC CD, President, The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada National Association

The year opened with our AGM at the Langford Legion on 16 Jan. About 60 members present. Plans were presented for the celebration of the Regiment's 150th Birthday. The Committee for the events was Bill Brayshaw, Tom Martin, Ed Titus, Gord Hryhoryshen, Joe Webb, Russ Kierstead, Wally Ratz and Herb Pitts. Volunteer helpers Wayne Thomas and Bill Collins joined as events drew near. Most of these were at Government House for a Recce Visit from 15-17 March. Included in the group were Diane Duke (HRH's Private Secretary), Rob Sears (Scotland Yard) an RCMP Rep, Col Paul and Mrs Bev Hughes, Col Dick Cowling and Capt David Harmes (ADC).

While we were greatly disappointed to lose the opportunity to welcome our Colonel-in-Chief due to the Icelandic volcano, we soldiered on. Before the formal program started, a Meet and Greet was held in the Pro Pat / Trafalgar Legion Branch. This very well-attended event gave the Branch an opportunity to welcome our Regimental visitors from Toronto and to acknowledge their support.

The strength of the Branch has grown to 280 members of whom 250 belong to the National Association. This reflects the interest in Anniversary events and the real benefit of belonging to both Branch and National Associations. Pictured on these pages is the Quarter Guard mounted at Government House for Inspection by The Lieutenant Governor of BC, The Honourable Steven L. Point. In the foreground is Larry Beaton, uniformed as a 1950 – 60s Sergeant. Guard Commander Gord Hryhoryshen and Herb Pitts accompany the L Gov. Bugler and Piper.

Ceremonies at Work Point involved the unveiling of the stone Cairn commemorating the First Battalion's stationing there from 1963 to 1970 when conversion to 3PPCLI took place. Also carried out was a presentation to Base Esquimalt for its very considerable support of events there. They provided the base for the Cairn, The Naden Band and a Reception in the Gun Room at which time gifts were exchanged. A Band Book and Regimental Battle Honours Plaque were presented to the Base. The photo seen here shows part of the crowd assembling for the unveiling of the Cairn. Yes, it's Victoria and just a little rain fell. The gentleman sitting at the end of the front row is former King's Royal Rifle Corps RSM John Butler. Harry Miller is in the forefront “protecting seats” for late arrivals.

As the day moved along, the sun appeared and we got a break for the unveiling of a plaque commemorating the Second Battalion's stay at Gordon Head Barracks – now the University of Victoria (U Vic). U Vic was most supportive and generous in the assistance given to stage the event on the University grounds. Unveiling the new plaque were Ray Protti (Chair of the Board of Governors of U Vic) and John Doerksen, who as the Major, OC Rear Party, turned over the keys to the barracks when the unit departed for Germany in 1957. They were supported by the

Honorary Colonel and the President of the Vancouver Island Branch. Adding a touch of tradition were two of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Skirmishers, Sgt Bryan Burns and MCpl Chris Abate.

The day moved on to the major event – The Birthday Dinner at the Saanich Recreation Centre. Over the course of the evening 420 meals were served, some of these to 5th Field Regiment Band, bar staff (Knights of Columbus) and a few volunteers. Seated at the tables were 373 Birthday celebrants.

The very first of the Princess Alexandra Bursaries was awarded to Derek Costeloe. The cheque and certificate were presented by the Lieutenant Governor to Betty Costeloe (grandmother) and Nigel Costeloe (father) as Derek was writing exams at Queen's University.

Highlight of the evening was the cutting of a Birthday Cake by His Honour Steven Point. All rose to sing “Happy Birthday Queen's Own” and a Rifles sword was presented to His Honour to make the ceremonial cut. The cake was one of three differently decorated and generously provided by Ed Widenmaier and family for the occasion. In the background, supervising the procedure are Robbie and Brenda Robinson, Brenda and Bill Minnis, Bill Westfall, Betty Waldron, Ed and Ruth Titus, Bev Hughes, Lynn Redikopp, Ray Protti and Iuan Gilmore.

As this report covers most of the year, there are a couple of other events that warrant mention.

The Branch supports a group of young Dutch children who look after a “Liberation Square” in the village of Doorn. Each month on the last Wednesday they gather to sweep and tidy up the area. We call them the “A Team” and provide regimentally crested ball caps and T-shirts for them. This effort came into being after a visit by one of our Honourary members to his hometown, Doorn, a little more than a year ago. The “A Team” and their efforts to honour the liberators in 1945 has gained considerable attention in Holland. See P. 15 and the 2011 Rifleman.

The Fall Octoberfest party on 15 October at the Edelweiss Club saw 80 members and their companions enjoy an evening of really fine German food and dancing to the music of “MC Squared”, our favourite dance band.

We meet on the last Wednesday of each month at noon for an informal lunch at the Trafalgar / Pro Pats Branch of the Legion. The address is 411 Gorge Rd East, Victoria, B.C., V8T 2W1. Tel 250-384-7814. Anywhere from 35 to 60 normally attend so good comradeship abounds. On the Second Tuesday of each month we gather at the Harewood Branch of the Legion for coffee at 1030 hrs. All Riflemen are invited to drop in and renew acquaintances. For information regarding events or Branch matters contact Ed Titus, at 250-478-6426 or cetitus@telus.net.

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A variety of 150th anniversary events were held in Victoria



Quarter Guard mounted at Government House in Victoria was inspected by the Lieutenant Governor, Hon Steven L. Point, accompanied by Guard Commander Gord Hryhoryshen and MGen Herb Pitts. Larry Beaton is uniformed as a 1950s-60 Sergeant.



Guests assembled at Work Point for the unveiling of a stone cairn commemorating the 1st Bn's stay there from 1963-1970. Seated at the extreme right of the front row is former RSM John Butler, of the King's Royal Rifle Corps.



Guests at the Meet and Greet in the Pro-Pat/Trafalgar Legion Branch were among many who took a nostalgic trip down memory lane.



A plaque commemorating the 2nd Bn's stay at Gordon Head Barracks (now the University of Victoria) was unveiled by (l to r) Vancouver Island Branch President Bill Brayshaw; U Vic Board of Governors Chair Ray Protti, John Doerksen, Major, OC Rear Party in 1957; Honorary Colonel Paul Hughes and Skirmishers Sgt Bryan Burns and Cpl Daniel Leader.



Vancouver Island Branch President Bill Brayshaw and BC Lieutenant Governor Steven Point get ready to cut the 150th birthday cake.



Skirmisher Cpl Daniel Leader (L) and Pioneer MCpl Chris Abate are either arresting or protecting Tom Martin and Wayne Thomas at the 150th Anniversary Dinner.



Calgary Branch staged outstanding 150th anniversary events



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#1 Overhead view of the hundreds gathered for dinner in the Military Museums formal dining area.

#2 Honorary Colonel Paul Hughes and Honorary Lieutenant Richard Cowling flank the members of the Skirmishers, Pioneers and Band following the unveiling of the Memorial Cairn at the Military Museums.

#3 Honorary Colonel Paul Hughes makes a presentation to Calgary Branch President Bob Titus at the 150th Anniversary Dinner. With them is Erica Anderson, the artist who painted the Alberta scene.

#4 150th Anniversary Dinner MC Jack Glenn thanks all for their support.

#5 MWO (Ret) Ken Barrett prepares to return the ceremonial .303 Lee Enfield rifle to its resting place of honour.



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Toronto Branch looks back on a very successful 150th Anniversary

Dave Lavery, President, Toronto Branch, QOR of C Association



Toronto Branch members stepped out proudly as they marched past St. Paul's Anglican Church during the 150 th Anniversary Church Parade in April.

It's hard to believe that the summer is over and Old Man Winter is just around the corner but that is how fast the year has gone. When we consider the many activities that took place this year one can start to understand how time can fly. As you all know by now it was a very successful 150th Anniversary with spectacular events held across the country with a final splash here in Toronto. It was great to see old friends and meet many new ones and finally put faces to names.

The highlight, of course, was having HRH Princess Alexandra KG GCVO attend the Toronto events and inspect her Regiment. This was extremely satisfying when you consider HRH had to cancel her stops at Victoria and Calgary due to the volcanic ash cloud emanating from Iceland. The down side was that HRH announced her retirement and would be stepping down as The Regiment's Colonel-in-Chief. It was also announced that the Duchess of Cornwall would be the next Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment.

Of course we didn't stop there and as you will see in our upcoming news letter. We had our June 6th D-Day Ceremony which was well attended at MPA. July 01st saw Canada Day Parade hosted by RC Legion Branch 258 with the Regimental Band and Bugles and Association members in attendance. As well on July 08/10 we hosted our 5th Annual Association Golf Tournament which

was another great success only to be followed by a fantastic trip to Ottawa in July where our QOR Soldiers took part in The Changing of The Guard ceremony on Parliament Hill as well as mounting a guard at The Tomb of The Unknown Soldier. Three our Association D-Day Veterans, Jack Hadley, Bill Bettridge and Alex Adair laid a wreath for our fallen Comrades. Warriors Day Parade in August was one of the best in years with large crowds

and a great turnout of Association members and the Regimental Band and Bugles.

Remembrance Day Ceremonies at St Paul's were followed by dedications at St James Cemetery at the grave sites of QOR soldiers who died during the Fenian Raids of 1866. Other dates to remember will be the Regimental Christmas Dinner on Dec 08 2010 and Levee on Jan 01, 2011 at MPA. Hope to see many of you there.

The Executive is currently working on arranging a date and place for our next fund-raiser to Support Our Troops. We will be holding a card night and will have lots of great prizes, food and beverages and of course a lot of laughs. We will be sending out email to those addresses we have but if you are interested please contact me by phone @ 905-831-7966.

In closing we await the safe return of our QOR soldiers overseas and also hope that by now our friends in the Newfoundland Branch have made a recovery from the effects of Hurricane Igor.

Please remember to send in your dues for 2011 if you have not already done so and don't forget to visit the qor.com Web page for all the new information of the Regiment and the Associations.

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Queen's Own Rifles members march with the Ceremonial Guard and stand sentry duty at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Ottawa



Preparing to lay a wreath at the Tomb, (l to r,) D-day Veterans Alex Adair, Justin Onderkirk and his grandfather Jack Hadley, Bill Bettridge, Cpl Graham Humphrey and Linda Newton, grand-daughter of Rfn Buck Hawkins who, along with 15 other QOR members, were killed in the battle at Giverville, on 18 July, 1944.

Cpl Graham Humphrey and Rfn Robert Langille, The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada

During the months of July and August, a number of members of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada embarked on a heritage-laden journey to the nation's capitol. Nine soldiers from both 60th and Buff's Companies took part in the Ceremonial Guard in Ottawa, along with at least 100 other reservists from regiments in various parts of Canada.

We traded in our green DEUs and Queen's Own Rifles berets for the red wool tunics and bearskin headwear of the traditional Guards Regiments. Once in uniform we were ready to ready to do battle with the summer heat and humidity as we represented the Canadian military in the Ceremonial Guard, a major tourist attraction on Parliament Hill each summer.

Two Canadian Reserve Regiments comprise the Ceremonial Guard -- the Canadian Grenadier Guards of Montreal, and the Governor General Foot Guards of Ottawa, who have combined to perform a Changing of the Guard ceremony on the lawn in front of the Parliament Buildings since 1959. It is similar, in a number of ways, to the Changing of Guard ceremony performed at Buckingham Place in London every day.

While the soldiers in each regiment wear uniforms with scarlet tunics, there are differences which make each distinct from the other. The most noticeable difference

between the two is the colours of plumes on the bearskins. The Foot Guards wear red plumes, while the Grenadier Guards wear white. Each regiment's tunics differ in the placement of their uniform buttons and in the regimental cap badges they wear on their peaked service caps.

It is noteworthy to mention that The Governor General's Foot Guards fought with The Queen's Own Rifles during the Northwest Rebellion in the Battleford Column in the 1880s. Also The Canadian Grenadier Guards carry the battle honours of the 1st Battalion, Volunteer Militia Rifles of Canada.

The Changing of the Guard ceremony begins in Ottawa the week before Canada Day each year. On the first day of parading the entire company, divided into the two regiments, is inspected by the Governor General, with this year's inspection taking place on Parliament Hill, since this was the final parade for Her Excellency, the Right Hon. Governor General Michaëlle Jean

The Changing of the Guard ceremony is composed of the 'New Guard' and the 'Old Guard'. The New Guard is a complete platoon, while the Old Guard is only a half platoon. In the Old Guard half of the platoon participates in the parade and the other half performs sentry shifts. The sentry shifts are at Rideau Hall, the official resi-

dence of the Governor General, and at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, on the south side of the National War monument. the Tomb was added onto the monument in year 2000 to honour and symbolize the sacrifices of every Canadian Soldier for our country.

The sentries take their posts at 9 am and are on duty until 5 pm. Each shift is an hour, with two soldiers posted for each of the hour. This year was a special year for the Ceremonial Guard, as they took part in three very important parades. The Guard was present at the War Museum to witness the change of the Commander of the Land Staff, to be inspected on Parliament Hill by the outgoing Governor General, and most importantly, and memorably, to be inspected and stand on guard for Queen Elizabeth II on Parliament Hill on Canada Day.

At these important events the members of The Queen's Own Rifles performed to the highest standard and were excellent additions to the Guard companies. However, there would be one final important ceremony for which only Canada's oldest and finest continuously serving infantry regiment could take part in. On July 17th, the nine Queen's Own Riflemen in Ottawa mounted the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier as a unit, wearing the traditional rifle green ceremonial uniforms.

In hourly shifts the Rifleman carried out sentry drills at the tomb. As the parade marched by from Cartier Drill Square at 1000hrs the Rifleman presented arms. Once the Parliament Hill ceremony had concluded, the Honorary and members of the regimental family assembled at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier to participate in a ceremony honouring those members of the regiment who were killed in Gibreville France, on July 18, 1944.

Wreaths: were laid on behalf of the Regiment by Honorary Colonel Paul Hughes CD and by three D-Day veterans, Alex Adair, Jack Hadley, and Bill Bettridge. It was certainly a day to remember, as onlookers stopped to enjoy the different colours and the proud members of The Queen's Own Rifles standing guard at the tomb.

In summary, the time spent was a complete success for the Public Duties company of the Ceremonial Guard, and all of those of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada who were selected to participate left with a sense of accomplishment and pride, both in the job well done and in their regiment. All members were valuable assets to their division and to the company, providing leadership, motivation and discipline as they led the way.

The Queen's Own Riflemen have once again proven that no job, no matter how divergent from the ordinary, is too difficult for a Rifleman. **In Pace Paratus.**

"Soldier On" Team comes first in its class in Targa Newfoundland



The "Soldier On" Team entered in the recent Targa Newfoundland came first in its class and seventh in its division. Major General (Ret'd) Lewis MacKenzie (far right) looks on while John Metcalfe (second from the left) made a donation to "Soldier On" represented by Master Cpl, Jody Mitic (left) and Cpl Andrew Kinisley, drivers in the team which competed in the week long motorsport event on the Rock. The donation was made on behalf of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Association, Maritimes-Newfoundland Branch.

Two disabled Canadian Forces soldiers, severely wounded in the war in Afghanistan, set their sights on raising \$150,000 to help with the rehabilitation of their injured comrades by completing the rugged five-day, 2,000-kilometre Targa Newfoundland international car rally in Newfoundland, Canada's longest and toughest motorsport event.

Master Corporal Jody Mitic and Corporal Andrew Knisley were committed to raise money for the Soldier On Fund, a trust fund of the Canadian Forces established to improve the quality of life of ill and injured soldiers through active participation and peer interaction in fitness and sports. Both men suffered devastating injuries in combat that have left the pair with just three arms and one leg between them. They credit the Soldier On program with contributing to their remarkable recovery.

The Targa project is managed by MGen Lewis MacKenzie with engineering support from retired Transport Canada executive Nigel Mortimer, winners of their category in the 2004 Targa Newfoundland.

The 9th annual Targa Newfoundland began in St. John's on September 11 and ended back in the capital on September 18, after covering more than 2,000 kilometres of the island's twisty, challenging roads.



The Queen's Own Rifles Drum in Canterbury Cathedral has been fully refurbished and is now back on display



In a ceremony on Canadian Thanksgiving Day, 10/10/10, members of The Regimental Association of The Queen's Own Buffs (PWRR) were present to see The Queen's Own Rifles drum returned to its place in Canterbury Cathedral. The drum was presented to The Buffs by the Colonel of the Regiment, J.G.K. Strathy OBE, ED, to mark the 100th anniversary of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada in 1960. The Buffs and The Queen's Own trace their affiliation back to April, 1914.

Major Peter White MM, wrote to say that, "I thought that you would like to know that Canterbury Branch of our Regimental Association have arranged to have The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada's memorial drum, in the Warrior's Chapel, cleaned and refurbished. Mr Brian (Sammy) Supple, an ex Drum Major of the Regiment, has stripped the drum down, repaired it where necessary and cleaned it thoroughly. It is being taken back to the cathedral this Wednesday and on Monday 11th October, after

the Turning of the Page ceremony, it will be professionally photographed with Sammy, the local papers have already picked up on the story and I will make sure that you get copies of the photos and the press coverage.

As you know there is a silver plaque fixed to the drum with the following words.

To the glory of God and in the memory of all members of The Buffs and of the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada who gave their lives in the service of their Monarch and Country and to commemorate 50 years of the alliance between these two regiments. Presented in the year of the centenary of the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada 14th September 1960.

"It is appropriate that in your 150th year the drum has been restored to its former splendour."

Sincerely, Major Peter White MM.

Year-round discounts for all military personnel on VIA Rail

Military personnel, veterans and their families are being offered a 25 per cent discount off the best available VIA Rail fares, all year round, it was announced recently. "With today's announcement, even more of our Canadian heroes and those who love them will be able to take advantage of (VIA Rail's) enhanced service," said federal Minister of State (Transport), Rob Merrifield.

"We are pleased to honour our Forces members by offering this exclusive year-round discount," said Marc Laliberté, VIA Rail's President and CEO. "This underscores the contributions members of Canada's military and its veterans have made to our country since its earliest days."

The offer applies to all classes of VIA service, including economy, business and sleeper. The 25 per cent discount off the best available fare has no route or date restrictions. Regular and Reserve Canadian Forces' members and veterans who qualify may be accompanied by up to five additional family members. These family members will be eligible for the discount provided they travel on the same trains, dates and in the same classes as the CF members or veterans.

Proper identification will be required to be eligible for this offer.
(Some conditions may apply.)



The military will miss their very good friend, Governor General Michaëlle Jean



Two veterans of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, LGen Charles Belzile CM, CMM, CD and Maj John Saunders CD, were among those members of the Canadian military saying farewell to outgoing Governor General Michaëlle Jean in Ottawa in September.

(Canadian Press Photo)

“Passing the Torch” Tour of Commemoration for D-Day+67

Members of the Regimental family wishing to join The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, 67th Anniversary of D-Day, “Passing the Torch” Tour of Commemoration, June 4 – 14, 2011, are urged to act now. Tour coordinator is LCol John Fotheringham CD.

Friday/Saturday 3/4 June: Depart for Paris and Caen. Sunday, 5 June: Juno Beach Centre, D-Day Museum at Arromanches, Le Mesnil Patry and Carpiquet; Monday 6 June: (D-Day + 67) Memorial Service w/QOR at Bernieres sur Mer, Canadian War Cemetery at Beny-sur-Mer (Reviers), official services commemorating Canadian participation in WWII at the Juno Beach Centre in Courseulles sur Mer.

Tuesday 7 June: Airborne Museum Pegasus, and Pegasus Bridge and Cafe, Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery at Ranville, Le Mesnil crossroads

and the Merville Battery. Wednesday 8 June: Normandy American War Cemetery in Colville-sur-Mer, Omaha Beach, Pointe du Hoc and Utah Beach. Thursday 9 June: Bruneval, Dieppe and Boulogne. Friday 10 June: Forte de la Creche and mediaeval city of leper, Belgium

Saturday 11 June: Ypres Salient, including St. Julien, Mount Sorrel and Passchendaele. Menin Gate, Verdun, Last Post Ceremony. Sunday 12 June: To Paris via Vimy and Beaumont Hamel. Monday 13 June: Cruise on the River Seine with Bateaux Parisiens. Tuesday 14 June: Return Toronto.

Double occupancy cost will be between \$2,548 and \$2,764 per person.

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Wounded three times, D-Day veteran Peter C. Rea celebrated VE-Day with The Queen's Own Rifles

Shortly before 11a.m. on Thursday, 11 November, Remembrance Day, The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada D-Day veteran Major Peter C. Rea passed away quietly in his 95th year. Predeceased by his wife of 58 years, Kathleen Grace (nee Mulligan), his brothers David and Fred and his granddaughter Amanda. He will be deeply missed by his sister Jocelyn, sons Michael (Barbara) and Tony, his grandsons Matthew, Anthony, Tyler (Becky) and Mike and great grandchildren Boelare and Kalib.

As a proud member of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, he was in the first wave of soldiers to go ashore on D-Day, where he was severely wounded. After several months of recuperation, he returned to his regiment, and fought until the end of the war.

Peter Rea was a young lieutenant in Major H.E. (Ellie) Dalton's A Company on D-Day. Two I/C was Captain Dick Medland and Company Sergeant Major was Charlie Martin. A Company touched down on the right edge of Nan White Sector on Juno Beach shortly after 8 a.m., facing the heavily defended wall behind which lay the resort town of Bernieres-sur-Mer. Met by heavy enemy enfilade fire they, nonetheless, pounded up the beach, taking heavy casualties in the process, eventually scrambling over the sea-wall en route to their initial objective, the railway line.

Lt Rea's No. 9 Platoon, in its location on the extreme right flank, found itself facing deadly fire from an 88mm gun whose presence hadn't been noted in air photos of this area that they had studied before the invasion. It created serious problems, killing or wounding two-thirds of the platoon's members, including Rea, who was wounded twice.

The following day, while his wounds were being treated by a member of the RCAMC, a mortar shell landed nearby and Rea was wounded a third time. Following treatment and recuperation at a hospital in England, he recovered sufficiently from his wounds that he was able to return to his regiment where, now Major Rea, he was a company commander on 28 March, 1945, when The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada crossed the Rhine into Germany, the end of the war now only a little more than a few weeks of hard fighting away.

In his 94 years, he showed all round athletic prowess, winning the first ever squash doubles championship at the Toronto Racquet Club and reaching the finals of the club championship at the Toronto Golf Club in 1962. For many years he was one of the lead batsmen for the Oakville Cricket Club and played a good game of tennis at the Oakville Club.

In 1952, he moved to Oakville to manage the first branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia in that town. In the same year he bought the house that he lived in until a few days ago. He and Kay were both active in various charities within the Oakville community. In the final week of his life, he was still living in his own home, entertaining his family, playing a winning game of bridge at the local bridge club, watching a DVD on the fundamentals of music and wondering if the Leafs would ever win another hockey game.

A celebration of Peter's life was held at 11:00 a.m. on 18 November 18th in Oakville, which was attended by a number of members of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada's regimental family.

“Support Our Troops” Calendars now available

Past President of the Toronto Branch of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Association, Brian Budden, is once again selling 2011 Calendars, with proceeds going to the “Support Our Troops” program. Contents are the work of award-winning photographer and artist, Silvia Pecota. (See her work at

www.silviapecota.com.)

Calendars are \$15 and can be acquired by contacting Brian Budden at: 905-567-4975 (Cell) or: 416-417-4975, or by email at brianbudden@rogers.com or brianbudden900@hotmail.com.



2 Last call for the Korea Service Badge, 1950 – 1954

Time may be running out for Canadian military personnel who served in Korea to apply to receive a Korea Service Badge. Current expectation is that the cut-off date to make application to Veterans Affairs Canada will be 31 December, 2010.

Award Criteria: Korean War veterans who served with the Canadian forces or associated support groups between June 27, 1950, and July 27, 1954 are eligible for the

badge. The immediate family of a deceased veteran may also apply for the badge.

Veterans who are applying for the badge can call 1-877-995-5003 to provide VAC with the request and service information. Application can also be made by mail to: Veterans Affairs Canada, Honours & Awards Section, 66 Slater Street, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0P4



Korean War 60th anniversary marked in Korea and Canada

Republic of Korea President Lee Myung-bak officiated at the opening ceremony of the 60th anniversary of the Korean War on 25 June in Seoul, Korea. Many veterans attended, including 41 from Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the UK plus a large contingent from the U.S. and other nations.

President Lee attended the G-20 summit meeting and on 26 June paid respects to Canadians who fell in the Korean War by leading commemoration services at the Korean War Veterans National Wall of Remembrance in nearby Brampton. After floral tributes were laid a minute of silence was observed in remembrance of Canada's 516 service-

men who lost their lives on Korean War service.

KVA of Canada National President Terry Wickens noted that President Lee took time to greet each of the Korean War veterans present, a total of 120 Canadians and 40 Korean-born veterans who had served with the ROK Forces.

President Lee was met by then Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, Honourable David Onley and Mrs. Onley, Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty and Senator Yonah Martin, who recently had her private bill passed in the Canadian Senate that makes July 27 Canada's National Korean War Veterans Remembrance Day.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Queen's Own Rifles of Canada veterans of the Korean War 1959-1954 take legitimate offence to be called "peacekeepers." (Letter to Powder Horn, Summer/Fall 2009.) The 2nd Battalion QOR of C were a line battalion. As part of 25 Canadian Infantry Brigade Group, 1959-54, on 6 November, 1954 Canada's active duty role officially ended in Korea, with the last Canadian infantry battalion departing Korea at Inchon, on 5

April, 1955. Please set the Korean War debacle straight.

1) There were no "Peacekeepers" in Korea.

2) Lester Pearson, Prime Minister of Canada, sent the first "Canadian Peacekeepers" to the Nile in 1964.

Thank you. Yours truly.
CSM Russ Moore OStj CD (Retd) Box 91, Gilbert Plains, MB, R0L 0X0

Canadian Airborne Forces Association; Founding Member Canada Korean Veterans Foundation; Lifetime Member General John M. Rockingham Memorial Unit 1.

(Editor's Note: Our apologies to CSM Moore for taking several months to print this letter. It was not intentional)



The "A" Team literally "Cleans Up" in Doorn, Holland



An initiative of the Vancouver Island Branch, spearheaded by President Bill Brayshaw, continues in the small town of Doorn in Holland, where the "A" Team of local youngsters tends to The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada memorial in the town square. The boys and girls, who have been equipped with Queen's Own Rifles baseball caps, T-Shirts and The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada National Association lapel pins, all volunteered to take responsibility for the care and cleaning of the large plaque after Adrian Hovestad, a Dutch immigrant to Canada, had visited his hometown and saw that work needed to be done to bring it back to its original condition.

Hovestad, a former sergeant in the Dutch Army and mem-

ber of the Branch 10 Nanaimo Legion, was 11 years old when Doorn was liberated by The Queen's Own Rifles and he well remembers the day when the troops entered the town as liberators. He convinced the local newspaper to do a story about the neglect of the memorial plaque which prompted a reply 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 on the care of this memorial area. Thus was born the "A Team."

There are hopes that members of the Vancouver Island Branch will be able to visit Doorn and to meet the "A" Team at a future time -- perhaps in 2011.

IN MEMORIAM

Frank Battersill
Robert Freeman Budgell
Brian Casey

Harold Frederick Goss
John Lavantis
Leonard Quinlan

Peter C. Rea
David Stones



Sergeant Bill Paton is “On Top of the World” during a mountain climb in Antarctica



Queen's Own Rifles Sergeant Bill Paton, currently engaged in private contract work in Afghanistan after serving with the PPCLI Battle Group there in 2008-2009, took a vacation break to travel to Antarctica to go mountain climbing and was photographed, with a Queen's Own flag, “on top of the world.” In his report to the regiment, he wrote that, “Just attaching a photo of the QOR flag flying on a mountain in Antarctica. I am not sure if it is the first time a QOR flag has flown in Antarctica but it must be the first time it has flown on this mountain. It is a fitting tribute to the Regiment to have our flag fly in the Arctic (previously on Mount Logan in the Yukon) and the Antarctic for the 150th anniversary. This was possible only with the support of the Regimental Association and the Regiment, as well as the serving members.” Sgt Paton is the regiment's senior Advanced Mountain Operations Instructor, and regularly teaches on the Canadian Forces Land Advanced Warfare Centre AMO course. He has now climbed mountains in seven continents.



D-Day veterans enjoy Huronia Branch happy get-together



Standing (l to r)
QOR D-Day Veteran Bill Ives,
QOR D-Day Veteran Jim
McCullough,
Andy MacNaughton,
Norm McCracken,
CO John Fotheringham,
RSM Shaun Kelly,
Brian Budden.

Seated (l to r)
Roy Whitsed,
QOR D-Day Veteran
Jack Martin
and QOR D-Day Veteran
Orville Cook.



The Queen's Own Rifles Buglers gather in their Mess for what may have been their 150th annual meeting



Members of the 150th Anniversary Reunion Band formed by members of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada's Bugler's Association met recently for lunch in the Buglers' Mess at Moss Park Armoury; Back Row -- (L to R) Gord Fulton, Bob Rivers, Mike Holland, Phil Ten Kortenaar, Bill Harper, Mike Glebocki. Middle Row--Harry Thornton, Mike Bailey, John Moffatt, Dick Yorke, Brian Anderson, Gord Herbert, Cliff Ashdown. Ed Robinson, Fred Sanderson, George Walford. Front Row--Gary Thomson, Gord Callaghan, Frank Adams, Andy McNaughton

Home for Christmas!



Taking a time out from their duties during their recent deployment to Kanadahar, (L to R) Capt Mark Timms, Capt Ben Lee and Capt Rick Moyer and most of the 20-plus members of The Queen's Own Rifles who were in Afghanistan are now back home, although a small contingent will remain there until next year.

Soccer team wins championship



Top : Cpl Adam Winnicki , MCpl Stephen Thomas, MCpl Darnel Leader, Cpl Matt Buie, Pte Habib Burwa, Nick Mikalundra
Bottom: Cpl Bruno Maiolo, Rfn Jonathan Chan, Rfn Denis Abazovic, Cpl Dave Hannan , Cpl Dwayne Brooks
Missing : Cpl Chris Hinds, Cpl Andy MacKinnon, MCpl Chuck Ezemenari, Rfn Johnathan Brisbane-Babin.



D-Day Veterans honour Queen's Own Rifles members who were killed in action in Sneek, Wons and Mooshof



- 1) D-Day veteran Orville Cook salutes after laying a wreath at the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Memorial in Wons.
- 2) (L to R) Mark Ross, his father D-Day veteran Bill Ross, Toronto Branch Association Member Gary Muir and D-Day veteran Orville Cook at the Wons Memorial.
- 3) Wreath at the Wons Memorial plaque which records the names of all QOR members killed or died of wounds in Normandy.
- 4) D-Day veterans, tour members and Wons villagers gather with the local flag. 5) Bugler Phil Tacheur sounds Last Post and Reveille.

In trips to the villages of Wons and Sneek in Holland, and Mooshof in Germany, D-Day veterans Bill Ross and Orville Cook were present at ceremonies honouring members of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada. A number were killed in action in Wons and Sneek in April, 1945, shortly before the end of World War II. It was in Mooshof that Aubrey Cosens performed the brave deeds which earned him a posthumous Victoria Cross. The D-Day vets were accompanied by Bill Ross' son Mark and Queen's Own Rifles members, Bugler Phil Tacheur, (second QOR guy) and Toronto Branch Association members Brian Budden and Gary Muir. Wreaths and flowers were laid at the memorial plaques in each village and flags were exchanged, as villagers looked on. On each occasion Bugler Tacheur played Last Post and Reveille.



YOUR REGIMENT NEEDS YOU!

An appeal to all former Regular Force members of QOR

This is a request to all readers of The Powder Horn – particularly those who served in 1st and 2nd Battalions The Canadian Rifles and 1st and 2nd Battalions, The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada – to provide material which could be used in the updated Regimental History.

I would especially like to hear from those few survivors who were among the members of The Queen's Own Rifles who participated in "Operation Plumbob" in 1957 and who were exposed to radiation. This involved the explosion of nuclear bombs in the Nevada desert and many of those present have died of various forms of cancer suspected to have been caused directly by exposure to radiation.

Many members of The Queen's Own Reserve Regiment have also served in foreign postings in many different parts of the world and I would like to hear from you as well.

The time to act is NOW!

While the first 100 years of the Regiment's life were documented in the excellent history published in 1960 written by LCol William T. Barnard, ED, CD, his book ended in 1960. With the wealth of material he had covered from the regiment's founding in 1860 to the end of World War Two it was not possible for him to do complete justice to the 20 years of service of the Regular Force Battalions. As author of this new book I would like to ensure that

Some of you have already offered memoirs but I am certain there are many more good stories out there that could be put on paper and used in this new book. Material can be provided as Microsoft Word documents sent by e-mail, or typed or written in (legible) longhand and sent by Canada Post. If you have photographs which would serve to illustrate your manuscript, I would be interested in seeing those.

E-mail documents should be sent to me at qorpubs@sympatico.com. Material sent by Canada Post should be addressed to Charles McGregor, 1152 Ashcroft Court, Oshawa, ON, L1K 2N9. I can be reached by telephone at 905 743 0259.

Were you in Germany? Korea? Cyprus? Anywhere else, including Canada?

If you were in the 1st Bn Queen's Own Rifles of Canada in 4 CIBG and participated in EX CANADA CUP in Germany, in October, 1962 – and in any other such exercises conducted elsewhere in Europe – we'd like to hear from you. Your recollections of these mock battles and other schemes conducted by NATO's brigade in Germany to keep its troops "action ready" belong in the updated regimental history book which is now in the process of being written. Also, if you were with the 2nd Bn Queen's Own Rifles in Korea after the armistice agreement was put in place in 1953, your experiences will be of interest to readers of the new history book as well.

This also applies to those members of the regiment who served in the six-month rotations as part of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP).

Additionally, there were many similar exercises conducted in Canada and the U.S. which are worth remembering. Tell us about those. (Contact information above)

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Fenian Markers Parade, 11 November 2009; 9 April, 2010 - Vimy Day at Toronto City Hall.

Birthday Week:

Victoria - 20 April - Reception at Government House, cairn and plaque unveilings, Reunion Dinner at Commonwealth Complex;

Calgary:

- 22 April - Cairn dedication and Reunion Dinner at Military Museums;

Toronto:

- 23 April- Meet and Greet at MPA; 24 April - Casa Loma reception; 150th Anniversary Dinner; 25 April-Church Parade; MPA reception and Regimental group photograph, presentations, HRH remarks.

Post Birthday Week:

- 26 April - Flag Raising at Toronto City Hall; 6 June-D-Day+66 at MPA; D-Day+66 celebration at Toronto City Hall and presentation to D-Day veteran Ted O'Halloran; 17 July-Ceremonial Guard event at Parliament Hill and D-Day veterans' wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

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