



The Powder Horn

In Pace Paratus

Fall 2011/Winter 2012



The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada's Honorary Colonel, Paul F. Hughes, CD, and Mrs. Bev Hughes travelled to London to meet with the regiment's new Colonel-in-Chief, Her Royal Highness Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall. Whilst there they presented her with a diamond-encrusted brooch fashioned in the shape of The Queen's Own Rifles cap badge, graciously donated by Capt Bernie Aaron and his wife, Joan.



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Change of CO and Honorary Lieutenant Colonel ceremonies



(1) New Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Brendan Caldwell receives his sword from Honorary Colonel Paul F. Hughes CD.

(2) Following presentation of the sword by Colonel James B. Claggett, CD to new Commanding Officer Peter St. Denis MSC, CD, sword and scabbard are attached to his sword sling by Capt. Adam West, CD.

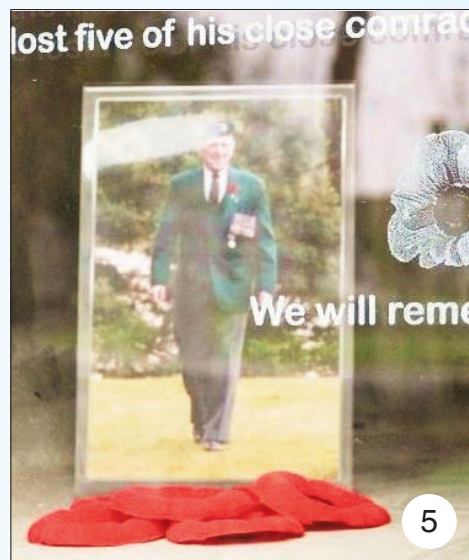
(3) Outgoing Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Dick Cowling CD and Commanding Officer John Fotheringham CD salute as their regiment marches past.

(4) Following the ceremonies, MWO Cecil Parris CD chats with Hon LCol Brendan Caldwell and his daughter Riley Anne.



Remembrance Day ceremony held in Holland for D-Day veteran Orville Cook

Queen's Own Rifles of Canada member Orville Cook was a D-Day veteran who survived an enemy attack at Sneek, Holland in 1945 which killed six members of his company. He had returned to the area on numerous occasions since the war and had made many friends in nearby Wons. On 11 November, 2011, his friends gathered to honour his memory at a memorial they created following his death in April, 2011



- (1) Last Post is sounded by Bugler Gerben van der Els of the Dutch Queen's Own Rifles re-enactment group.
- (2) Local children joined the Remembrance Day ceremony.
- (3) Photograph taken of Orville Cook during his last visit to Holland.
- (4) Orville Cook's Memorial.
- (5) Photo of Orville Cook in the Memorial with six poppies to honour the six dead soldiers.
- (6) Jan and Annie DeBoer, Orville Cook's close friends and hosts for his visits.



300 marched in the annual Remembrance Day Church Parade



On a mild and sunny day, The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, 2881 Queen's Own Rifles Cadet Corps and members of the Regimental Association -- a combined total of 300 -- marched to St. Paul's Anglican Church on Bloor St. E. in Toronto in the annual Remembrance Day Church Parade. Following the laying of wreaths and the sounding of Last Post and Reveille, all filed into the church for the service. They then marched past the Honorary Colonel Paul F. Hughes CD, and Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Brendan Caldwell before returning to Moss Park Armoury and the traditional Remembrance Day receptions.

All three Regimental Pioneers are wearing the medals they were awarded for service in Afghanistan. (l. to r.) Cpl Adam Gee, MCpl Chris Abate and MCpl Steve Thomas, who also wears the Medal for Bravery.



Honorary Colonel Paul F. Hughes CD (right) and Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Brendan Caldwell take the salute as the Regiment marches past following the Remembrance Day Church service, led by the Commanding officer, LCol Peter St. Denis, MSC, CD.



Regimental Pioneers, led by Sgt Bryan Burns (left), enter Moss Park Armoury following the church parade.



Honours for two QOR killed in the Battle of Ridgeway in 1866



CWO/RSM Mark Shannon CD and LCol John Fotheringham CD with the wreath laid at the original headstone and the new marker for Rfn John Mewburn in Niagara Falls.

Rifleman John Mewburn's new marker.

On 12 November, 2011, The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada dedicated two new markers and laid wreaths at the graves of two of the Regiment's first battle casualties, men who lost their lives fighting Fenian raiders at Ridgeway, Ontario, in 1866. Ceremonies took place in Niagara Falls and in Woodstock, attended by a group of 30 from the Regiment and the Association's Toronto Branch, led by former Commanding Officer LCol John Fotheringham CD.

Rifleman John Mewburn, who was a 21-year-old University College student from Stamford, apparently suf-

fered a head injury, was captured by the Fenian raiders and died in their custody. Rifleman Malcolm McKenzie, a farmer's son from Zorra, near Woodstock, a student at University College in Toronto, was the first in his company to fall, killed instantly with a shot to the heart.

These are the last two of nine markers which have now been replaced. Colonel Paul Hughes, CD, Honorary Colonel of The Queen's Own Rifles, donated funds to mark the rapidly deteriorating graves of the Regiment's first casualties as part of its 150th anniversary commemorative activities in 2010.



The members of The Queen's Own Rifles and the Toronto Branch of the Regimental Association made a 400km round trip by bus from Toronto to Niagara Falls, to Woodstock and back to Toronto to honour the two soldiers.



Rifleman Malcolm McKenzie's new marker.



QOR soldiers take part in Exercise RESTORE SOVEREIGNTY in Quebec



Thirty soldiers from The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada assaulted the beach at L'Île-aux-Coudres, 150 km east of Québec City on 30 September, 2011, as part of a 900-strong Battle Group from Eastern Québec. Composed mainly of regiments from 35 Canadian Brigade Group, Exercise RESTORE SOVEREIGNTY brought together 16 predominantly francophone units to conduct a river crossing, beach assault, and seizure of the island. The objective was to conduct realistic training in a geographic location that was not familiar to the troops. The Queen's Own was once again linked with Le Régiment de la Chaudière, which had followed them into Normandy on D-Day.



Photographs for the 2011 Queen's Own Rifles souvenir scrap book



D-Day Veterans Ted O'Halloran and Jack Martin got VIP treatment at the 2011 CNE in Toronto.



(Left) QOR in action during Exercise Maple Defender, held at CFB Wainright. Later they were photographed with Hon Col Paul Hughes (centre) and Honorary LCol Brendan Caldwell (extreme left).



Members of The QOR who completed the Canadian Army's DP1 (Development Phase 1) course at CFB Meaford were among those photographed with the CO LCol John Fotheringham, CD and RSM Mark Shannon CD.



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October/November 2011

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- more.

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Adam Hermant, President



Toronto QOR Association Branch members were busy

Dave Lavery, President, QOR Association Toronto Branch

Since the last issue of the Powder Horn in July our Association has been very busy, even with summer stand-down, beginning with our 6th annual golf tournament near the end of June. The event was sold out and it was one of the best tournaments we have had. Great weather, great golf, and great stories together with a wonderful turn out from the Regiment, including many of our soldiers who have been overseas which allowed us to recognize them for their efforts. We quickly moved into Canada Day celebrations which again were well attended including a great performance by the Regimental Band and Bugles.

We had a wonderful weekend with a group of 50 adults and children from France representing the Westlake Brothers Souvenir Association. This included the Hoffer family and Association President Christophe Collet who were all billeted at Dalton Armoury for the weekend. They had a visit to the CN Tower, Niagara Falls, Casa Loma and a BBQ at Legion Br 31 hosted by Association member and Branch President Doug MacNeil and wife Lee. The group enjoyed a pig roast with friends and hardly had time to rest from one event to another.

RSM/CWO Ret. Brian Budden and partner Brenda Butt with team support did an outstanding job of arranging the weekend events with strong assistance from Maj. Sandi Banergee. To complete the weekend, two trees were planted in Westlake Park in Etobicoke to honour the brother's sacrifices. (More details and some photos of the events are found elsewhere in this issue.)

September also included the Change of Command

which was an excellent display of Regimental protocol with LCol John Fotheringham passing the Commanding Officer's Sword to incoming CO LCol Peter St Denis. This was followed by Family Day hosted by our new CO which really showcased our soldiers with many events including rapelling from the roof of MPA. These young soldiers' skills stirred the young blood of retiring Honorary LCol Dick Cowling and he too rapelled off the roof to the delight of all. The Association members manned the food tables and were able to mingle with the families which made it a very successful day for all.

At this writing we have some upcoming events for November including Remembrance Day Parade on 06 Nov and a book launch at MPA on 09 Nov for the "The Hidden History of the Battle of Ridgeway", by Peter Vronsky. We also have a trip to Niagara Falls and Woodstock to dedicate the last two remaining markers of the Fenian casualties. This is expected to be an outstanding day and a great thanks to LCol John Fotheringham and wife Kim and his team of Col. Paul Hughes and Peter Simundson for getting the markers made and placed so that the dedication could take place. This will be followed by Regimental Men's Christmas Dinner in December and New Year's Levee to bring in 2012. All in all a very successful summer/fall season.

On behalf of the Association we wish you all the best of the holiday season. Please remember that your Association Executive is working hard for you so please send in your \$25.00 annual dues so they can continue to meet the challenges of 2012.

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MCpl Chris Griffiths is CAFA's "Airborne Soldier of the Year"



MCpl Christopher Griffiths, a member of the Regiment's Pioneers, was presented with his CAFA "Airborne Soldier of the Year" award by D-Day veteran Jan de Vries, President of the 1st Canadian Parachute Battalion Association (left) and Colonel

Dick Cowling, former Commanding Officer of the Canadian Airborne Regiment. MCpl Griffiths is the first reservist to be so honoured.

Copy of a letter nominating MCpl Christopher Griffiths of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada to receive the Canadian Airborne Forces Association "Airborne Soldier of the Year Award." The letter was authored by Capt Adam Harmes, CD, OC Parachute Coy., and co-signed by Queen's Own Rifles Commanding Officer, LCol John Fotheringham, CD.

I am writing to nominate MCpl Christopher Griffiths, K63 844 448, for the CAFA Airborne Soldier of the Year Award. As an NCO, JumpMaster and Advanced Mountain Operator, MCpl Griffiths has been an extremely valuable member of the QOR Para Company for the past few years. In 2010, which was also the QOR's 150th anniversary, MCpl Griffiths developed a record of achievement that exemplifies the attributes of the modern paratrooper.

From 18 January-27 April 2010, MCpl Griffiths was employed at LFWA TC Wainwright as a section 2IC for a DP1 Infantry course. In this position he demonstrated very strong skill at arms, leadership, willingness and readiness. As his PDR noted: "MCpl Griffiths thrives under intense or adverse circumstances, demonstrating his excellent leadership skills by working long hours teaching and supervising the platoon. He gave far more than his 100% in order to train the soldiers in their DP1 Inf skill set. He has shown that he leads by example to others, passing on to his troops very good infantry skills".

Following his employment in Wainwright, MCpl Griffiths demonstrated very strong willingness and readiness through his membership on the QOR's 4-man mountain operations team and participating in a month-long, fully voluntary and unpaid, series of expeditions to Ex Coelis

Mountain (the airborne mountain) and the Athabasca glacier in Alberta as well as Canada's highest mountain, Mount Logan, in the Yukon territory. In the course of these expeditions, MCpl Griffiths demonstrated the very strong skill at arms, team spirit, aggressiveness and fitness that were required to climb Canada's highest mountain in an extreme weather environment. Moreover, despite being the junior and youngest member of the team, MCpl Griffiths demonstrated excellent leadership during his turns as rope team commander and through his contributions to team decisions related to crossing high danger areas.

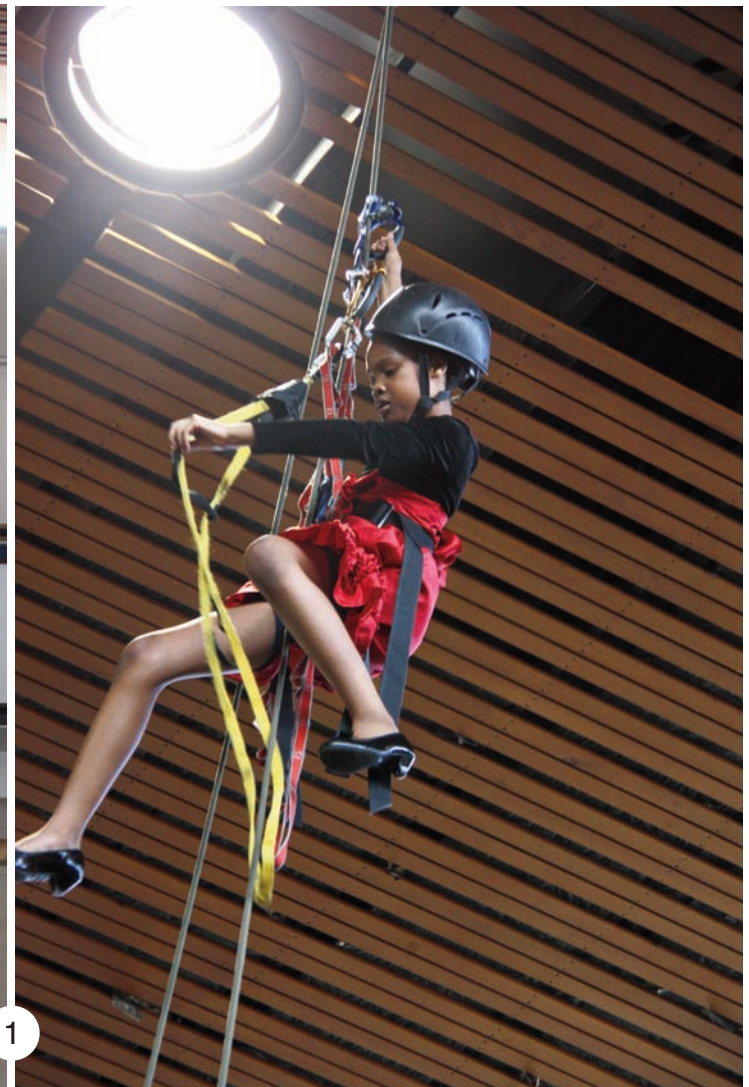
A further demonstration of MCpl Griffiths' willingness and readiness occurred on the evening he returned from the Mount Logan expedition. A last-minute spot on the Static Line Square Canopy/Military Freefall Parachuting course became available and, despite the course starting 5 days later, he was extremely keen to further develop his parachuting skills. On both courses, MCpl Griffiths again demonstrated many of the attributes of the modern paratrooper including very strong parachuting skills. In the course reports for both courses, his parachuting skills were strongly noted and he was recommended for further training as a SLSC and MFP Jump Master and Parachute Instructor.

Upon returning from the SLSC and MFP courses, MCpl Griffiths again demonstrated his willingness and readiness by acting as a section commander on OP NANOOK in Resolute Bay where he used his leadership, skills at arms and winter environment experience to train his platoon in skills beyond those that were part of the operation. The one low point of MCpl's Griffiths' year was when he was injured on OP NANOOK and was required to go on disability for the next couple of months. This development was particularly unfortunate as it prevented MCpl Griffiths from participating in the CSOR selection that he was scheduled to attend. A final highlight of his year was that MCpl Griffiths, as part of the Mt Logan team, received our unit's 2010 fitness award. Finally, as I write this nomination, MCpl Griffiths is currently one of 4 QOR paratroopers who are serving on the month-long 82nd Airborne JFEX with M Coy, 3 RCR.

MCpl Griffiths is a young reservist who has had an exceptional year as a paratrooper by any standard. In our unit's 150th anniversary year, it would be an honour for him to receive this award.



Family Day at Moss Park Armoury was great fun for all



(1) Ben Caldwell and Arieauna Blackburn found themselves up in the air at Family Day. Ben was in the para-training harness and Arieauna made it all the way almost to the armoury ceiling on the rappel rope.

(2) Armed and ready with rifle and rocket-propelled grenade launcher, two youngsters wait for their targets to appear.

(3) Happy girl. Two-year-old Georgia Pampe gets a lift from her dad, MCpl David Pampe.



Westlake Brothers Souvenir Association honoured Canadian World War Two dead

Five days after D-Day, June 6th, 1944, all three Westlake brothers from Toronto -- Tom, 29, Albert, 25 and George 23 -- were dead. Tom lived only one day after his regiment, The North Nova Scotia Highlanders, stormed Juno Beach. The following day, June 7th, he was among 75 of his comrades who were killed, wounded or captured when they were surrounded by overwhelming enemy forces. His brothers, members of Toronto-based regiment The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, died together four days later on June 11, manning their machine gun against an enemy firestorm from artillery, tanks, and machine gun and rifle fire as they attempted to capture the village of Le Mesnil Patry, near Caen.

Although all three now lie in military graves at Beny-sur-Mer Canadian War Cemetery near Juno Beach, their spirits and memories live on thanks to the Normandy-based "Westlake Brothers Souvenir Association," (WBSA) which sent a delegation of 50 members to Canada from July 7 to 11 August. More than 30 of the group are young people, ranging in age from eight to the mid-20's.

They are led by Cristophe Cattel, of Caen, founder and president of the WBSA and Olivier Hoffer, also of Caen, whose family owns La Maison Queen's Own Rifles on the beachfront in Bernieres-sur-Mer, the first house in France liberated on D-Day.

The three Westlake boys (there were five others, two of whom died in infancy) grew up in the west end of Toronto, where a park was named after them in 2000.

George Westlake was the first to sign up for the army, then Tommy, who convinced Albert to join too. All three were in their 20s. On D-Day, June 6th, 1944, they were among the 150,000 Canadians who waded ashore into the chaos and slaughter of Juno Beach as German forces put up furious resistance.

The Association's journey, which began in Ottawa on 21 July, took them from Toronto to Kingston, Montreal, Shawinigan, Quebec-Levis and Beauceville. In each of these communities they held a Remembrance Ceremony which commemorated the lives not only of the three brothers but also those of the many other Canadian troops who died in the liberation of North-West Europe. An estimated 5,000 of these are buried in cemeteries in Normandy.

In Toronto, on Friday, 22 July, at the Memorial Wall in Moss Park Armoury, the young people presented a Tribute and Remembrance program to those members of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, and all other Canadians who lost their lives in World War Two. On Saturday, 23 July, a memorial service for the three brothers was held in Westlake Park in Etobicoke, where a cairn had been placed in their honour some years ago.

The bilingual ceremonies were organized and conducted by the young people, who write and produce the programs, which conclude with the singing of the Canadian and French national anthems by the 50 members of the Association.

A group shot taken in front of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Memorial Wall. It includes members of the Westlake Brothers Souvenir Association, Queen's Own Rifles D-Day veterans and members of the regiment, as well as other guests at the memorial service.





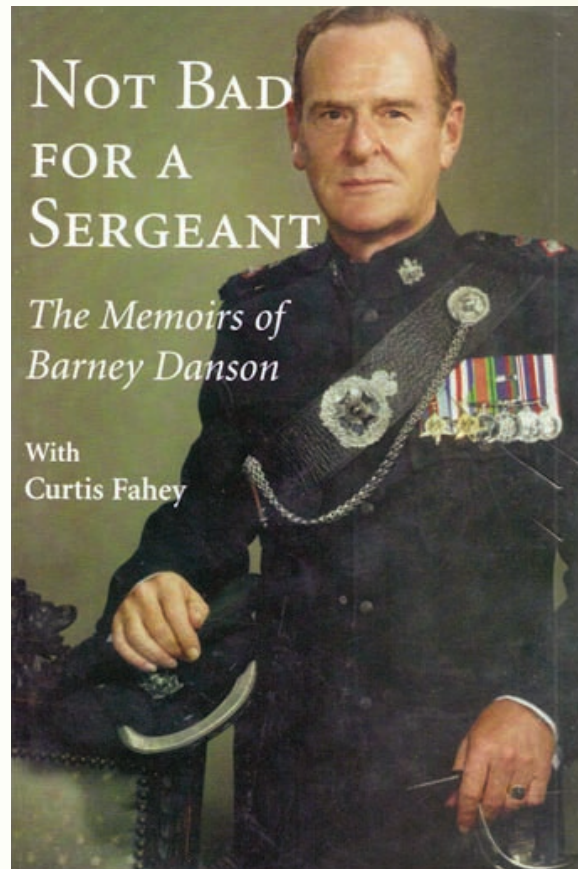
LCol Barnett J. (Barney) Danson, PC, CC. LLD (Hon), OM (Fr)

More than 500 mourners attended the funeral in Toronto on Sunday, 23 October, 2011 of LCol Barney Danson, PC, CC, a World War Two veteran of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada and the regiment's former Honorary Lieutenant Colonel. LCol Danson passed away quietly in Toronto at age 90 on Tuesday, 18 October. Included among those present were the Chief of Canadian Defence Staff, Gen Walt Natynczyk, CMM, MSC, CD, former Prime Minister Jean Chretien and former Ontario Premier Bob Rae. Also present, in addition to relatives and friends, were serving and retired members of the regiment and of the Regimental Association.

Eulogies were given by Queen's Own Rifles former Commanding Officer John Fotheringham CD, former Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien, former Ontario Premier Bob Rae and LCol Danson's sons John, Peter and Tim. Two of his grand-children quoted excerpts from his autobiography, "Not Bad for a Sergeant," which he wrote in 1992. "Last Post" and "Reveille" were sounded by Queen's Own Rifles Bugler Sgt Jonas Feldman. Interment was at Holy Blossom Memorial Park, Scarborough, where "Last Post" and "Reveille" were sounded by Queen's Own Rifles Bugler George Walford. In his eulogy, LCol Fotheringham said that: "About a year ago, I got up the nerve to ask Barney what he'd like for his funeral, from a Regimental standpoint, so that he knew what he was getting. I think that all of us would like that. I didn't know what to expect, but his eyes lit up and he said, 'I'm so glad that you brought that up!', and then proceeded to detail about a dozen very specific points that he would entrust to me and Leonard Levy, his childhood friend and fellow veteran, to coordinate. And he started by telling me that "in the Danson family, membership is invariably 100% fatal."

Most of you are familiar with Barney's military history - he joined the Regiment in December 1938 with his best friend, Freddy Harris. Barney was a Sergeant when he

arrived in England with the QOR in 1941, and he was in Canada on officer training when Freddy was killed in action on D-Day on June 6, 1944. Lieutenant Danson rejoined the Regiment a month later and was severely wounded in Normandy in August, ending his war. He became our Honorary Lieutenant Colonel in 1975.



In the QOR Officers' Mess is a picture of all of our officers who were killed in World War 2. Barney would look at that picture and tell us a story about each one. He called them "forever young", and would muse about what great things they might have done had they survived. Well, he did survive, and he came home to do great things; have a wonderful family, and continue to serve this country and our Regiment well until death. Just four weeks ago, he and Mrs. Isobel Danson attended our Change of Command parade at Moss Park Amoury.

In his book, Barney said "I never cease to wonder why I have been so blessed while wartime friends had their lives cut tragically short. I like to think that I kept my promise to those friends to be part of efforts to make Canada a better place. That is the least I could have done, both to honour their sacrifice and to show my gratitude for all that I have received."

LCol Fotheringham concluded by saying that, "To the 250 serving soldiers of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, with over 75 riflemen having served in Afghanistan, including most members of the pallbearer party, Barney was a link to our proud history. To us he was a hero, a trusted advisor, and a friend to all. He was quite the man, and a nice one at that. He bled Rifle Green, and he will be sorely missed."



John Gerard Brakenridge Strathy CD



LCol John Strathy CD, and Mrs. Jane Strathy were the first to welcome HRH Princess Alexandra KC, GCVO to Casa Loma during the regiment's 150th anniversary celebrations.

JOHN GERARD BRAKENRIDGE STRATHY CD

Passed away peacefully and suddenly from complications of Lou Gehrig's Disease (ALS) on July 28, 2011 surrounded by his family. Born, Toronto, Ontario, January 8, 1934. Son of Colonel James Gowan Kirkpatrick Strathy (deceased) and Catherine Millard (Cockburn) Strathy (deceased). Educated at Trinity College School, Port Hope, Ontario and Jarvis Collegiate, Toronto, Ontario. Survived by his loving wife and best friend of 53 years, Jane Eleanor (nee Thornton) and cherished children, Philip Alexander Strathy (Jeannette), David Ellis Strathy (Rita) and Pippa Catherine Hill-Strathy (Charles Hill) and by his six grandchildren, Tristan and Elspeth Strathy, Gerard Strathy, and Mackenzie, Adrienne and Mary Jane Hill-Strathy. John was a caring, enthusiastic father, grandfather and devoted husband who loved his golf and embraced life. John's military career included service in The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada which in 1969 he was promoted by his father to Lieutenant Colonel to command the Militia unit until 1972 when he retired to the supplementary reserve. During his tenure in the Canadian Forces John was awarded the Canada Centennial medal and the Canada Forces Decoration. John maintained a life-long commitment to the Queen's Own Rifles. John's business career began at Associates Capital

Corporation as a Financial Representative and subsequently grew to Senior Vice-President-Treasurer. Then in 1979 he created Strathy Investments Ltd. and as a portfolio manager and investment adviser he was active in the company until his retirement in 1999.



Subsequently he remained as Chairman. John held various responsibilities in the Toronto Community, Governor of York-Finch General Hospital, Director and President of The York Club, Chair of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Trust Fund. He also served The Canadian Corps of Commissionaires as a Director and National Chair. He was a Life Governor of Trinity College School. Special thanks to the excellent care provided at Toronto General Hospital. A memorial service will be held in St. Paul's Bloor Street, 227 Bloor Street East, Toronto, on Wednesday, August 3rd, 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations would be appreciated by the family to The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Trust Fund, 130 Queen Street East, Toronto, Ontario M5A 1R9 or Trinity College School Trust Fund, 55 Deblaquiere Street North, Port Hope, Ontario L1A 4K7.





LCol Clarence John (Dirk) Doerksen CD



The following is a report published in the "Lives Lived" column of the Globe and Mail on 27 September, 2011. LCol John Doerksen commanded the QOR Regimental Depot in Calgary and served with the regiment in Germany. This was written by his son, Kenn Doerksen.

Eclectic lover of life, sometime spy, fervent great-grandfather. Born April 24, 1917, in Laird, Sask. Died March 1, 2011, in Victoria of congestive heart failure, aged 93.

John Doerksen had no head start in life. He was one of four children of John and Mary Doerksen. His family struggled during the Depression, giving up their farm and moving to the Mennonite town of Laird, Sask., so his father could take a job as the school janitor. While John loved hockey and baseball (both of which he played well into middle age), a great high-school teacher instilled in him a love for reading and learning that stayed with him his 93 years of life.

In 1935, John left home and rode the rails, finding work as a ranch hand in Alberta, lumberjack in Manitoba and timber surveyor along the shores of Lake Superior. In 1937, he hopped a boxcar back to Winnipeg and signed up with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, beginning a 30-year military career that led him through Second World War Europe, then Washington, West Berlin and much of Canada. During his three years in Berlin, he worked for BRIXMIS, an elite British intelligence-gathering unit.

John met Maudie Brommell on a blind date in

Winnipeg in 1939. When he returned to Canada in 1943 to become a commissioned officer, they married. Kenn, Greg, Bruce and Joan were born in Winnipeg, Washington, Ottawa and Calgary, typical of a military family.

John retired as a lieutenant-colonel in 1967 and, with Maudie, Bruce and Joan, set out across Canada with a small trailer. On reaching Kelowna, B.C., they bought a house and settled in. John was hired by the newly founded Okanagan College in 1968, becoming its bursar and dean of administrative services. He retired in 1979.

John's enthusiasm, infectious smile and genuine interest in anyone he met were always evident. He was an active Rotarian, acted in a Kelowna Little Theatre production, served in the choir and on many committees of his local Presbyterian church and was an avid member of the Kelowna Golf and Country Club. He took lessons in oil painting, becoming surprisingly competent.

John and Maudie travelled frequently. At Christmas, you could see the extent of their many friendships around the world in the nearly 200 cards hanging in their entrance hall. When Maudie suffered a heart attack and subsequent broken hip, John took over cooking and housekeeping. After her death in 2006, John moved to Victoria the following year to be near his daughter Joan, a nurse. He lived in a retirement residence, continuing to do the daily crossword, playing cribbage with Joan and charming residence staff until his last days. John was a true gentleman, always well-dressed, courteous to a fault, with immaculate handwriting and pride in his demeanour. They don't make them like him any more.

IN MEMORIAM

Sgt Clay Bell
Garvin Ross (Gabby) Bruner
Buzz Currie
LCol Barney Danson
RSM Harry Fox MBE

Hank Killham (D-Day Veteran)
MGen Kip Kirby
MWO Don J. McDonell
Russ Moore
Frank Oertel (Orvell)

Ed Peterson
LCol JGB Strathy
Maj Vic Tweedy
Sgt Ken Umpherville
Roy Waterfield



A Newfoundland-Maritimes Branch reunion in Sydney, NS, in 2012?

John Metcalfe reports from Newfoundland that there is a tentative plan to have a reunion of former members of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada at Sydney, Nova Scotia in mid September, 2012. To be held under the

auspices of the Newfoundland-Maritimes branch of the Regimental Association. Suggestions can be sent to john.metcalfe@nf.sympatico.ca or bturpin@personainternet.com.



Major (Ret'd) Byron Burton Victor (Vic) Tweedy, CD

Major Vic Tweedy passed away at home in Sooke, BC, on October 9, 2011, in his 80th year. Born in Toronto June 30, 1931, he was the son of the late Forrest Byron and Una (nee Southall) Tweedy. He was raised and educated in Weston, Ontario, graduating from Weston Collegiate and Vocational School in 1949. He attended Victoria College, University of Toronto for one year. Major Tweedy served over 33 years with the Canadian Army (Regular) and Canadian Armed Forces from 1951 to 1984, with 1st Bn, The Canadian Guards, as Quartermaster 1st Bn The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada in Germany and The Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps until unification of the Forces when he became a member of Logistics Branch. A true United Nations and NATO soldier, about fourteen years of Major Tweedy's service was spent overseas in Korea, Japan, Lebanon, Cyprus, Vietnam and Germany, three times. A graduate of The Canadian Army Staff College, he held a variety of command, staff and other appointments throughout Canada and abroad. Major Tweedy's last posting was to Headquarters Maritime Command (Pacific) in 1981 at which time he took up residence in Sooke, where he resided until the time of his death. An inveterate traveller, there are few parts of the world which Major Tweedy did

not explore. He prided himself on having visited more than seventy nations. Though he remained single until his late fifties, Byron became a devoted family man and is sadly missed by his beloved wife, Margarita Mancera Tweedy (nee Canedo), and their daughter, Byrona Sophia Michelle Tweedy, both of Sooke. He also leaves a son, Doctor Christopher Charles Peachell McClure of Florida, USA and grandchildren, Michael Joseph, Laura Elise, Addie Rose Peachell McClure and Grace Peachell McClure. Meeting his then 21-year-old son in 1986, for the first time, was a highlight of Byron's life. Byron was a member of Branch 54 Royal Canadian Legion, Sooke; several Royal Ordnance Corps Associations; the Canadian Coast Guards Association; the Royal United Services Institute; the Sunshine Club (hiking); the Outdoor Club of Victoria (hiking); and the Adoption Council of British Columbia. At his request, Major Tweedy was given a Legion funeral by the Sooke Branch. Interment in the family plot, Hillcrest Cemetery, Smith Falls, Ontario. Though he had never lived there, he considered his roots to be there. His Tweedy forebears had all lived out their lives in that area from the time of their arrival in Canada from what is now Eire in 1832, until his father's departure in the 1920s.



Rifleman Henry J. (Hank) Killham, D-Day Veteran

Passed away at Sunnybrook Veterans Centre, L Wing on July 12, 2011. He was a good man, loved by his wife Velma and after her early death, by his dear Patricia. He served his country proudly as a member of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, landing at Juno Beach on D-Day. He worked hard his entire life to support and care for his family. He was a gentle, caring man who treated everyone he met with kindness and respect. His children, grandchildren and their families will take his memory with them as they live their lives promoting the values he taught them. The family extends a special thank you to the amazing nursing and recreational team at the Veterans Centre who provided such kind and compassionate care to him and to his family in his final days.



QOR Padres Capt John Niles and Capt Daniel Saugh and RSM (Ret.) Brian Budden with Hank Killham at Sunnybrook in 2010.



William Ross (Bill) Bailey

A Sergeant in 2nd Battalion The Queens Own Rifles of Canada who served in the Korean War, and a retired Staff Sergeant in the Ontario Provincial Police, Bill Bailey passed away peacefully at home on September 5, 2011 at the age of 78, surrounded by family. Bill served his country in uniform for 41 years as both a soldier and a police officer. Predeceased by his wife Joanne of 44 years, he is survived by his three daughters: Robin, Heather (Chris) and Sandra (Michael) and his four grandchildren: Joseph (Christina), Michael, Melissa and Rebecca. There was a private family interment at the Meadowvale Cemetery and a celebration of his life on Saturday, September 24, 2011 in the Warrior's Hall at the Royal Canadian Legion, Shelburne, Ontario. If desired a donation may be made to any Canadian Veterans' charity by contacting Doney Funeral Home at 519-925-2830.

MGen Herb Pitts, MC, CD, a veteran of the Korean War, recalled that "While I didn't know Bill Bailey well I met him a few times when I was involved in the conduct of commemoration and planning of the Korea Veterans National Wall of Remembrance near Brampton. It was completed in July 1997 in time for a National reunion there. The Queen's Own Rifles Regimental Band and Bugles band was present for the event. Bill Bailey was at the opening and purchased a double plot in front of the Wall for himself and his wife. She died some years ago and is at rest there. Bill has now joined her. They are one of two couples there that I know of and are among only a handful of Canadian vets whose ashes are interred at the site. Tom Martin and I paid a visit to the Wall when in Toronto and noted that there are six Riflemen named on the Wall."



Ken Umpherville

To Louise Umpherville, from MGen Herb Pitts, MC CD, on the occasion of Ken Umpherville's passing in July 2011.

We knew each other for a long time and shared some of our background on becoming Riflemen - in my case in May, 1954 and I believe Ken arrived at about the same time. We served together in both battalions. In 1st Battalion I was the Adjutant that signed Posting and Movement Orders for the platoon from C Coy going to the Nuclear Tests in Nevada in August 1957. That was an episode not shared by many and those that did bonded strongly, with Ken in the lead in some ways when advocates were needed.

In 1962 - 64 he was in D Coy of 2nd Battalion, which I commanded. One vivid recollection of an exercise which involved our company: We were ordered to do a quick crossing of the flooded Ribstone Creek, without benefit of a recce. The Engineers got us landed on the "far shore" which after their boats left was nowhere near the far bank! We got put onto a flooded little island and had

to swim, dogpaddle and wade for most of the next two hours to get everyone across safely. Ken was singled out to take the lead in finding the route, which he did. This needed a lot of determination, strength and common sense and plain "guts". Most of us involved in that crossing will not forget it.

I met Ken's brother on a visit to Saskatchewan after both Ken and I had retired. I recall he'd been a Rifleman during the Second World War and Ken was very proud of him. Over a few beers at the Legion, I suspect that connection led him to the Queen's Own after the PPCLI in the early years. Ken was every bit a very dedicated soldier. Like most, he had some tough times to deal with but throughout managed to perform in a professional manner. He was a good leader and possessed skills which he shared and which were models for others.

I was privileged to have served with him and to have known him as well as I did. I'll remember him with gratitude and affection. "Rest Easy Soldier. Your Duty is Done."

We Will Remember Them