



# The Powder Horn

In Pace Paratus

Summer/Fall 2011

## *“Welcome to Calgary, Kate!”*



Queen's Own Rifles of Canada veterans Bob Titus (right) and Ken Barrett were delighted to have the chance to chat with The Duchess of Cambridge, Kate Middleton, during the recent Royal Tour to Canada. They joined representatives of other veterans groups in the event at Calgary's Rotary Challenger Park. Titus served 15 years with The Queen's Own Rifles and 15 more with PPCLI. He is President of the Calgary Branch of the QOR of C Association as well as well as the Canadian Association of Veterans in UN Peacekeeping (CAVUNP). Barrett is a veteran of the Korean War and Canadian Peacekeeping Missions. (Photo by Phil Noble, Reuters)







## WW2 QOR Veteran RSM Harry Fox MBE is laid to rest

Former Queen's Own Rifles of Canada RSM Harry Fox, MBE, aged 97, died on May 23rd, 2011. In WW2 he served in Italy with The Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment and in North-West Europe with The Queen's Own.



(1) Skirmisher Presents Arms; (2) RSM's Sword and Medals; (3) RSM Fox, MBE, Cap, Medals and Sword; (4) Leaving the Church with pallbearers from The Queen's Own Rifles and the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment; (5) Last Post is sounded at the graveside; (6) The Canadian flag and the RSM's Medals are presented to family members by Queen's Own Rifles DCO, Maj Peter St. Denis MSC, CD.



## *BGen Kip Kirby*

A Memorial Service was in held in Kingston in June for BGen Christopher de L. (Kip) Kirby CD, former CO of 1st Bn The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, who died in March. Eulogies were given by BGen (Ret'd) W.W. Turner, former Commandant of Royal Military College and former Brockville Rifles Honorary Colonel J.A. Selkirk, as well as family members Sheila Kirby-Hart, William and Matthew Kirby and David, Aileen, Jeffrey and Allan Lingwood. Last Post and Reveille were sounded by Queen's Own Rifles Sgt Jonas Feldman. Guests included former Canadian Chief of Defence Staff Gen John de Chastelain, Queen's Own Rifles Hon LCol Dick Cowling, current CO LCol John Fotheringham and former CO LCol Bob Campbell.

Who, if he rise to station  
of command,  
Rises by open means; and  
there will stand  
On honourable terms, or  
else retire  
And in himself possess  
his own desire;  
Who comprehends his trust  
and to the same  
Keeps faithful with a  
singleness of aim...  
This is the happy Warrior;  
this is he  
Whom every Man in arms  
should wish to be.

William Wordsworth

Presented  
by his officers  
to  
BGen Kip Kirby  
THE HAPPY WARRIOR  
Who might well have been  
Wordsworth's model  
-on his retirement-  
1979

Celebrating the Life

of

Brigadier General (Ret'd)  
Christopher de Lavelle (Kip) Kirby

October 16, 1924 - March 17, 2011







D-Day + 67



Queen's Own Riflemen,

I am truly disappointed that I am unable to be with you this morning to mark the 67<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the D-Day landings. To be in the company of members of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, including D-Day veterans, would have been a great honour for me, as the Regiment's new Colonel-in-Chief.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of June, 1944, 61 members of The Queen's Own Rifles sacrificed their lives, and most of them on the beach near to where you stand now. Another 76 of the Regiment were wounded. This was the highest price paid by a Canadian unit during the fighting which took place on Juno Beach and inland on the first day of the invasion. God Bless them.

As you stand at the memorial overlooking the beaches this morning and, indeed, visiting the Canadian War Cemetery at Beny-sur-Mer this afternoon, one can only imagine the immense bravery of the men who took part in the landings and ensuing battles as they pushed through the towns and villages. We must never forget their sacrifice for our sakes.

There will also be vivid memories for many of you in The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada's regimental family of D-Day veterans you have known who are now no longer with us. May their memory live on in you and in the new generation of Queen's Own Rifles.

My thoughts and countless blessings are with you all today and go with you during the remainder of your trip and safe return to Canada.

*In Pace Paratus.*

*Camilla*

HRH The Duchess of Cornwall



CO LCol John Fotheringham brings greetings from the Colonel-in-Chief, at la Maison Queen's Own Rifles, at 0815 on 6 June 2011.





## D-Day+67 Ceremonies in France include QOR veterans

From 3 - 14 June, 17 soldiers, including D-Day veterans, participated in the Passing the Torch Tour of France and Belgium, covering QOR battle sites from Normandy to Ypres, along with other key sites such as Pegasus Bridge, Dieppe and Beaumont Hamel. QOR vets Bill Bettridge and Jack Hadley were joined by 1CanPara D-

Day vet Jan de Vries and British Army D-Day veteran Cyril Crain, who had landed with the Queen's Own. In addition to CO LCol Fotheringham, also present were former Queen's Own Hon LCol Richard Cowling and incoming Hon LCol Brendan Caldwell, along with many Association members and companions.



D-Day veterans Bill Bettridge (left), Jack Hadley (centre right) and Cyril Crain, with QOR soldiers at the D+67 ceremony at JBC on 6 Jun, 2011.



QOR serving soldiers and reenactors with the Mayor at the Village of Anisy's QOR memorial on 6 June 2011.



D-Day veterans Jack Hadley and Bill Bettridge lay a wreath at le Mesnil Patry, assisted by Cpl Jansen Ng.



QOR Padre, Capt John Niles, leads a prayer at the Menin Gate



Cpl Graham Green and his father, Martin, lay a wreath at the Menin Gate in memory of Cpl Green's great grandfather, LCpl H.J. Green, 3rd Battalion (Toronto Regiment), killed at the Battle of St. Julien on 23 April 1915 and commemorated on the Gate



Hon LCol Brendan Caldwell reads "In Flanders Fields", at Essex Farm Cemetery, where LCol John McCrae wrote the famous poem in WW1.





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QOR troops at the Menin Gate Ceremony



New Hon LCol Brendan Caldwell in the cockpit of a downed Spitfire, recovered from a swamp.



Kim Mathieson and LCol (retd) Reg Scotland in the trenches at Vimy Ridge



D-Day veterans Jack Hadley, Jan deVries and Bill Bettridge front the group photo taken at the Vimy Memorial.



New Hon LCol Brendan Caldwell and his father Tom at Vimy Memorial





# The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Cadet Corps Inspection

LCol John Fotheringham, CD, Commanding Officer of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada was Inspecting Officer at the annual inspection for 2881 Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Cadet Corps. The cadets put on an

excellent display of marching and drill before an appreciative audience of parents and friends. A number of cadets were promoted to higher rank and several awards were presented.



(1) Cadets "At Ease" await the inspection party; (2) LCol John Fotheringham chats with Cpl Kendell Reid; (3) CWO Bryan Kerr and Sgt Justin Dreimanis pass the saluting base; (4) RCL Branch 258 President Bill Kinnaird presents Legion Medals of Excellence to (left) MCpl Sandra Bhushan and 2Lt Fatima Brunning; (5) Mrs Flora Wilson (Widow of former Commanding Officer Major A.D.R. Wilson CD), presents "Rifleman of the Year" award to Cpl Rajeev Sowamber in her late husband's memory.



## 6 June was D-Day plus 67 AND D-Day Veteran Jack Martin Day

**Mayor Rob Ford**

June 17, 2011

Mr. Jack Martin  
3300 Don Mills Road, Suite 505  
Toronto ON M2J 4X7

Dear Mr. Martin:

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation for your participation in the D-Day Ceremony held on Monday, June 6, 2011.

It is important to honour the veterans who fought for our country and made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. As this year's keynote speaker, you contributed greatly to a successful tribute to our veterans and made the ceremony a dignified and memorable one for everyone in attendance. I truly appreciate you sharing your story with us.

On behalf of the City of Toronto, thank you for your commitment to this important event. I hope you will consider being a part of this ceremony again in the future.

Yours truly,

Mayor Rob Ford  
City of Toronto

(Jack Martin - thank you!)

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
100 QUEEN STREET WEST, TORONTO, ONTARIO, M5H 2N2



D-Day Veteran Jack Martin is welcomed to Toronto's Nathan Phillips Square by Mayor Rob Ford. It was D-Day Plus 67 and Jack had been named Guest of Honour for the Day. During the ceremonies he was introduced from the stage and a memoir of his D-Day service was read.





(1) In a ceremony at Moss Park Armoury D-Day veteran Jack Martin salutes at the Wall of Honour, accompanied by Toronto Branch President Dave Lavery (left) and former RSM/CWO Scott Patterson; (2) Before the D-Day+67 ceremony at Nathan Phillips Square, Toronto. (3) Queen's Own Rifles Buglers and Drummer stand at Attention as the Canadian flag is lowered to half-staff.



## Korean Veterans Association Unit lowers its final flag

The Barrie, Ontario unit of The Korean Veterans Association lowered its flag for the last time on Saturday, 25 June. The organization dedicated to helping people remember the Korean War – the “Forgotten War” – was formed in 1975 and has branches across Canada.

“We are closing down the unit, done and finished,” said Queen’s Own Rifles Frank Sypulski, Barrie-Huronia, KVA president. “The average Korean veteran is 80 or 81 years old, five years behind the Second World War vets,” he said. “They’re diminishing very quickly now. I’m 78 and I’m one of the younger ones. There are as many of 30 of us but most of them are immobile now.”

He added that the vets wanted to see their unit close with

dignity and style. The organization fought for recognition and respect for those who served in Korea from 1950 to 1953 – a military action that Sypulski said wasn’t even called a war for many years. “It took 40 years to get the veterans a service medal. We didn’t get any support whatsoever.”

However, on 27 July, at 11 a.m. he will be present at the Armistice Day ceremonies held each year by the Korean War Veterans Association of Canada at their Wall of Remembrance in Meadowvale Cemetery, Brampton. At the end of August, in Winnipeg, the KVA will stage “The Last Hurrah,” the final national reunion of Canadian Korean War Veterans and their guests from allied countries.



## The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Regimental Trust is in need of your continuing financial support

Much of what continues to make The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada's oldest and finest infantry regiment is funded through the financial support of its Members and Friends. Consider just some of the many worthy activities which are supported through your Trust Fund and not through public funding:

Regimental dress uniforms, accoutrements and support for the Unit, The Regimental Band and Bugles; Lease costs and maintenance related to the Regimental Museum at Casa Loma; Maintenance of The Book of Remembrance, Cross of Sacrifice and other memorials; Support of RHQ; Preparation and distribution of Regimental publications including The Rifleman and the Powder Horn; and last but not least, writing and printing of a new Regimental History.

We can appreciate that many of you are on fixed incomes and others may be facing financial challenges. We ask only that you give whatever you can afford. To leave a lasting gift to your Regiment, please consider a

legacy gift as a bequest in your Will. Tax receipts provided for donations of \$10 or more.

Please make out your cheque payable to: The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Trust Fund and mail to: The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Trust Fund, 4981 Highway 7 East, Unit 12A, Markham, ON, L3R1N1  
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Thank you again for your support. It is genuinely appreciated.

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Members of the Toronto Branch of The Queen's Own Rifles Association, including the Flag Party, stand at attention during Canada Day ceremonies at Highland Creek Canadian Legion.

Canada Day group representing Canadian Association of Veterans in UN Peacekeeping (CAVUNP) gathered in Sidney, BC for the Canada Day Parade on 1 July. The United Nations blue Cadillac convertible is owned and was driven in the parade by Ed Widenmaier (Ex QOR and PPCLI). Seated is Major Murray Edwards (Ex QOR and PPCLI). Standing (l to r) Jim MacMillan Murphy, Gerry Ratchford, Canadian Soldier Poet Billy Willbond (Ex QOR, PPCLI and Canadian Airborne Regt) and Ed Widenmaier.



Parade Marshal RSM/CWO (ret) Brian Budden CD salutes as drummer Kushmin Balasuriya and Bugler Cpl Patrice Boileau sound Last Post followed by Reveille.







## CWO Mark Shannon CD takes over from CWO Shaun Kelly, CD

Ceremonies for the Change of Regimental Sergeant Major for The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada were held at Moss Park Armoury in Toronto on 1 May, 2010, with CWO Mark Shannon CD, taking over from CWO Shaun Kelly CD.



Honorary Colonel Paul F. Hughes inspects Capt Adam Harmes' Para Coy.



Honorary Colonel Paul Hughes CD salutes as CO LCol John Fotheringham CD, leads the regiment past the saluting stand.



National Association President Bob Dunk presents a Princess Alexandra bursary to Cpl Dominique Arseneau-Bruneau.



LCol Sandi Banerjee CD, receives a Commander's Commendation for outstanding service to the Mission in Afghanistan.



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Incoming Regimental Sergeant Major, CWO Mark Shannon, CD is drummed onto the parade square by John Missons.



Honorary Colonel Paul Hughes CD presents the RSM's sword to CWO Mark Shannon CD.



More than 100 guests attended the parade.

In the "Rifles Tradition," CWO/RSM Kelly CD, doubles past the ranks of the regiment to end his stint as RSM of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada.

### IN MEMORIAM

RSM Harry Fox MBE

BGen Kip Kirby, CD  
Sgt Ken Umpherville

Ed Peterson





## A heavy schedule of events in 2010 for Regimental Band and Bugles

Capt. R. P Arendz, MMus, BMusPerf, CD, Director of Music

*(This is Part 2 of the 2010 activities report of the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada's Regimental Band and Bugles. Part 1 was carried in the 2011 issue of The Rifleman and Part 3 will appear in the Fall/Winter issue of Powder Horn)*

The month of May did not let up with the number of engagements. Another 10, and this during a period when the Band started to see it's DND members begin summer taskings at CFSAL Music Training Company in Borden (MWO Fred Haire as the Training Sergeant Major, Capt Rita Arendz as the QL7 Basic Conducting instructor, Cpl Dominique Arseneau as the Assistant Administration Clerk, and MCpl Noonan as the Drill Instructor) and courses (Sgt Jonas Feldman for his QL6B Trumpet Qualification and Cpl Winston Hind for his QL6A Tuba). The Brass Quintet was involved with the Province of Ontario's Tribute to the Fallen Ceremony for Police Services, Buglers supported not only the passing of our QOR D-Day Vet Joe Oggy but also the Investiture of MGen Lewis MacKenzie into the Grand Priory in Niagara-on-the-Lake, the Dinner Band was again employed at the Canadian Forces College for their spring dinner, the Woodwind Quintet supported the RCMP for their annual dinner, a Brass Quartet was put together for the Aga Kahn Museum Groundbreaking Ceremony, and the Parade Band was involved in two 32 Canadian Brigade Group Basic Military Qualification Graduation Parades. As well, there was a day on the ranges for several of us to pass the annual weapons qualification.

By June, five more members of the Band were off on taskings, this time four were off to the Ceremonial Guard (Cpls Kate Mills (clarinet), Marcel Sekine (trumpet), Alon Soraya (trombone), and Suraj Rajkumar (trumpet)) and one to CFSAL Music Training Company (Cpl Megan Hodge as Trombone Instructor). It also should be noted that two of our members were on Exempt Drill and Training. At this point we had over 50% of our on-strength personnel away from the Band. It made for an interesting, yet challenging summer.

The pace of June was slightly slower but with equally important functions to support. The Band went to Lakefield for the Memorial Service of CWO Sid Byatt (he had passed away on January 4, 2010 in his 83rd year). Not only had he been a former RSM of the unit, but also a former Bugle Major, the band felt a special connection to Sid and performed not only the traditional hymns, but a wonderful air and variation on Eternal Father Strong to Save. Our current Bugle Major, MWO Fred Haire, commented on numerous occasions that

Bugle Major Byatt was who he greatly admired and emulated (except for the moustache!)

Scarborough saw again the presence of the QOR Band in their annual Highland Creek Heritage Day Parade. Remember the saying that it never rains on the Queen's Own? Well, it didn't rain, but it was drizzling by the end! The month ended with the Brass Quintet providing musical support to the Canadian Forces College for their Graduation Ceremony and Reception. This day, however, it did rain - and wouldn't let up. The first 15 minutes were performed under a tent, before the decision to move into the auditorium was made.

However, the band also gained during June as Cpl Michael Mackenzie (Saxophone) from 36 Canadian Brigade Group (Halifax) was starting his transfer into the Band as he was to begin his Masters in Music program at the University of Toronto in September.

July didn't stop as we started off the month with our traditional participation in the Canada Day Parade at Royal Canadian Legion 258, Highland Creek. The Land Force Central Command Operation Connection (a public relations program where Canadians can meet with members of the CF to learn more about them and what they do at home and abroad) had the Band (along with other Bands within 32 Canadian Brigade Group) participate in the opening ceremonies of the game between the Toronto Argos and the Calgary Stampeders on 14 July, and the opening ceremonies of Race Day at the Honda Indy on 18 July.

While the Band remained in Toronto, Sgt Kenny went to Ottawa for the 150th celebrations occurring there. On July 17th, 2010, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier was guarded by members of QOR, dressed in patrols, as Parliament Hill honoured the 150 years of service to Canada by The Regiment. The Changing of the Guard was accompanied by The Maple Leaf Forever, and The Buffs performed by the Band of the Ceremonial Guard. A contingent of QOR Riflemen and guests looked on from their seating in the VIP area.

Following the Changing of the Guard, the contingent remembered its fallen at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. D-Day Veterans Alex Adair, Jack Hadley, and Bill (Boots) Bettridge laid a wreath for their friends and fellow Riflemen lost in WWII to which Sgt Emily Kenny sounded the Last Post. During the evening all present enjoyed a celebratory dinner over shared stories and



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memories spanning The Regiment's living history.

Cpl Marcel Sekine who was on a tasking with the Band of The Ceremonial Guard during the summer mentions that "if a dedication is made during a Changing of the Guard ceremony it has been for America's Independence Day and France's Bastille Day, however on the morning of 17th July 2010, Ceremonial Guard dedicated their Changing of the Guard to QOR. Being a proud member of Canada's longest and finest continuously serving regiment, it was a privilege to be joined by three other QOR musicians, Cpl Mills, Cpl Rajkumar, and Cpl Soraya on that special morning."

But back at in Toronto, Last Post was sounding by QOR for the passing of Col Geoff Parker, and drums beating by QOR for Sapper Brian Sapper. However, life continues and the month ended with a park concert at the Centennial Park Bandshell at the Canadian National Exhibition.

The program was one of celebration and festivity. The audience was very receptive. After a rousing version of Robert Farnon's Toronto City, William Himes Cause for Celebration was performed. However, we couldn't take all of the celebrating for ourselves - our Naval Reserve colleagues were celebrating their centenary. To help them celebrate a medley from Klaus Badelt's Pirates of the Caribbean was a "salty" addition to the program. Canadiana was well presented in the program with Roy Kaighin's Adanac (Canada spelt in reserve, and the name of a street in Vancouver), Donald Coakley's Canadian Folk Rhapsody, and Howard Cable's Parliament Hill March.

And since we can't do a concert with bugling, A.E. James' Jellalabad and Sir Paul Neville's Silver Bugles were performed. To wrap the festive atmosphere, Claude T. Smith's Santiago Carnival and Stevie Wonder's Signed, Sealed, and Delivered had the audience clapping and humming.

By the beginning of August, the Band had 65% of its on-strength members elsewhere employed either on courses or taskings. This is the first time in over 20 years that we have seen this high a level of our members away from the band during the summer - a great testament to the musical talent we have within our band. Earlier in July, Cpl Patrice Boileau was off the Penhold, Alberta to be a trumpet instructor to the Cadet Music Training Wing of Penhold Air Cadet Summer Training Centre.

In 2008, the Canadian Forces initiated a Musical Salute to thank the Canadian Public during the first weekend of the CNE. The first two years were held at the BMO Field. However, for 2010, due to Toronto

Football Club's schedule with a home game, coupled with the change from astro-turf to natural grass, the CF Musical Salute had to find a new venue. Instead, the CNE Bandshell was used. Unfortunately, this meant that fewer musicians were used, but the programming was more interesting following the format of a concert presentation. The week of August 17 to August 21 was very busy with rehearsals every evening and two shows for the Salute (August 20 and 21).

Added to that activity on Friday (August 20) was the Unveiling Ceremony of the CFL's Jake Gaudaur Veterans' Trophy at Moss Park Armoury. The Honourable Jean-Pierre Blackburn, Minister of Veterans Affairs and Minister of State (Agriculture), Mark Cohon, Commissioner of the CFL and members of the Gaudaur family were present. The Award is to be presented annually to a CFL player who demonstrates the attributes shared by Canada's Veterans. Jake Gaudaur served as a pilot in WWII and helped win the 30th Grey Cup as a member of the Toronto RCAF Hurricanes during the 1942 season.

Saturday, August 21, was also the 89th Warriors' Day Parade - and we're still marching! Despite the overcast weather, it remained dry. That might have had something to do with the Honourary Parade Marshall being Honourary Colonel Dave Devall (retired weather reporter of CFTO-TV). The Warriors' Day Parade Council celebrated the 65th Anniversary of VE-Day, 200 years of Cavalry in Canada, 150th Anniversary of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, and the Naval Reserve Centenary. This did result in three bands in the Honour Section with NAVRES Band leading, GGHG second, and QOR Band third - a little bit of the Battle of the Bands, and none of it above 120 paces to the minute. Even our Chief of Defence Staff, General Walt Natynczyk, the Reviewing Officer, noticed our slightly slower than traditional speed. And before we knew it - the parade was over - that was short! One right turn out of Gore Park, through the Princes' Gate, straight down Princes' Boulevard, and as we approached the West end of the Direct Energy Building and sharp left turn - Dismiss!

The remainder of August was filled with the Band's involvement with LFCA Op Connection's involvement with the CNE. First the band would participate in the CNE's Mardi Gras parade followed by a 45 min concert at the CF Pavilion - a few times under the tent. For QOR the involvement with the CNE continued until September 4.

(Part 3, the final content of this lengthy report, will be carried in the next issue of Powder Horn.)