



# The Powder Horn

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## “WE WILL REMEMBER THEM”



(Top) Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Regimental Band led by Director of Music Capt Rita Arendz CD and Bugle Maj. MWO Fred Haire, CD. (Centre) Last Post and Reveille at the Cross of Sacrifice. QOR Wreath laid by Honorary Colonel BGen Don Pryer CD and LCol John Fotheringham CD. QOR Pioneers. (Bottom) Queen's Own Rifles marchpast led by LCol John Fotheringham, CD, Commanding Officer.

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# THE QUEEN'S OWN RIFLES OF CANADA DEDICATION CEREMONIES OF THE CROSS OF SACRIFICE AND MEMORIAL SHRINE St. PAUL'S CHURCH BLOOR STREET TORONTO, OCTOBER 1931

Most of you have, or wish you could, visit St. Paul's Church, Bloor Street East, Toronto and stand in front of The Cross of Sacrifice and remember our honoured dead, or wish you could attend a service at St. Paul's and see The Memorial Shrine and The Book of Remembrance. How did these come about and who was responsible?

In 1866 The Queen's Own first saw active service in Ridgeway during the Fenian Raid movement and lost seven men. In 1899-1902 during the war in South Africa the Regiment lost three men. The Queen's Own also furnished drafts to numbered battalions of the CEF with territorial designations which fought in various theatres during the Great War, 1914-1918. The Queen's Own casualty list was heavy: 47 Regimental Officers and 1207 other ranks killed in action, died of wounds, or died from other causes. Hence, it was decided to perpetuate the name, rank and number, CEF Battalion and the date and cause of death of all members of the Regiment who died in the three campaigns.

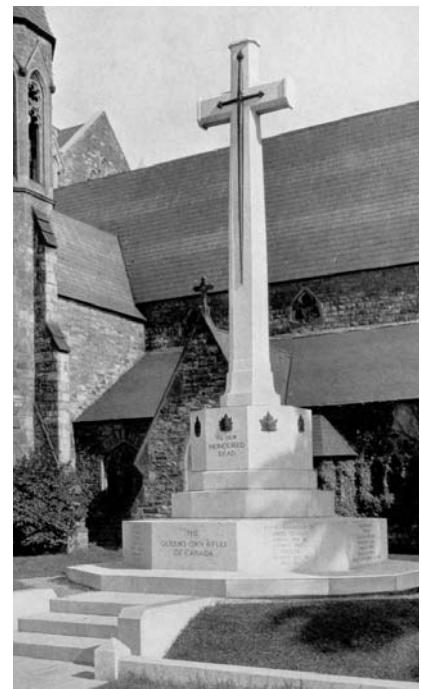
The Regimental Cross of Sacrifice, erected by The Queen's Own Rifles Memorial Association in St Paul's Churchyard, was unveiled on October 18th 1931 by Sir William Mulock KCMG, Chief Justice of Ontario, Hon. President of The Queen's Own Memorial Association and Acting Ontario Lieutenant Governor. The Queen's Own paraded 635 all ranks, accompanied by members of CEF units perpetuated by the Regiment – the 3rd, 83rd, 95th, 166th, 198th and 255th Battalions – as well as The Upper Canada College Rifle Company.

The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Memorial Shrine was established in St. Paul's and The Book of Remembrance is kept there. Beginning that day, and at every Remembrance Day service held since then, the Book of Remembrance is escorted down

the aisle in quick time at the beginning, and returned in the same fashion at the end of the service, by members of the Regiment. In 1932 WO1 Butler, The Regimental Sergeant-Major carried the Book of Remembrance together with six Staff Sergeants and Sergeants. On this occasion there was an Escort and Procession which included LCol J.W. Langmuir, OBE, Commandant, Col Reginald Pellatt, Col A.E. Kirkpatrick and BGen J.G. Langton, President The Queen's Own Rifles Memorial Association. The RSM presented the Book of Remembrance to the Rector Rev. Canon Cody, Senior Chaplain of The Regiment. Brigadier-General Langton unveiled the shrine and after dedication ceremonies, he handed the Book of Remembrance to Major-General Sir Henry Pellatt, CVO who deposited it in the shrine.

The Memorial Shrine and Book Of Remembrance is 'To the Glory of God and in grateful memory of the members of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada who gave their lives for their sovereign and their country from 1866 to date.' When you leave St Paul's Church you will have thoughts about The Cross of Sacrifice, The Shrine and The Book of Remembrance and I hope you have a greater appreciation.

LCol John G.B. Strathy





## Regimental Secretary's

### Report

LCol Bruce McEachern CD

By now you will likely have heard of the passing of Col Hank Elliot on 23 October, after a short illness. While it is beyond the scope of The Powder Horn to include full obituaries for the many riflemen, including Hank, who have contributed to the Regiment, I mention his passing because he was known to all branches of the Regimental family, most recently serving as our Honorary Colonel.

Hank's service in WWII (he was a D-Day veteran) and his later Regular Army career demonstrated him to be a respected leader and mentor to many. After retirement to Severn Bridge, Ontario, he took a keen interest in the Toronto Reserve unit and RHQ. Right up to his admission to hospital in October, he invariably attended Regimental events, including the Senate meeting in Toronto on September 13th. He was driven from home and back -- as always in his latter years -- by Queen's Own Association President, Maj. Norm McCracken.

In what proved to be timely recognition, Hank was honoured by the Association at its annual rifle shoot in CFB Borden in September, to which Rob Grieve arranged for his arrival at Langemark Range in a Ferret scout car. (Photos on page 12). A few weeks later, after suffering mild strokes, he was admitted to hospital, where LCol John Fotheringham, CO of the Reserve unit, visited him on 18 October. He reported Hank was his normal self, although tired. Five days later he passed away. On behalf of the entire Regimental family, I wish his wife Bessie and their two sons well, and salute another of the many Queen's Own riflemen who have passed on after setting positive examples to the rest of us.

I would also like to mark the retirement, and partial retirement, of two other long-serving and stalwart members of the Regimental "behind the scenes" crew. LCol Moore Jackson served for many years as Treasurer of the Regimental Trust Fund, until ill health obliged him to step down this past June. Maj Tony Schultz has taken over the Treasurer's duties, in addition to being the Fund's Secretary. LCol John Strathy served for many years as the Trust Fund's President. He handed this position to Capt Adam Hermant in May, 2002, while remaining as Chairman of the Fund, from which "perch" he chairs trustees' meetings and generally makes life difficult for the new President!

The Trust Fund was created in Toronto in 1959 to establish funds for the "efficiency, welfare and well

being of the Regiment". It is registered as a charity with the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency (formerly Revenue Canada), and its trustees and officers serve as volunteers. Over the past 44 years it has been a hugely important source of funds for many Regimental activities, such as the 1960 Regimental Centennial, publication of the Regimental History, maintenance of the Cross of Sacrifice at St. Paul's Church in Toronto, contributions to Regimental museums across Canada, refurbishment of Band and Skirmisher uniforms, the publication and mailing of The Powder Horn and The Rifleman Magazine, and small disbursements to keep RHQ open. The Fund is continuing to support these activities, and is now looking at re-publication of the History as well as an addition to cover the period since 1960. (As you will see elsewhere in The Powder Horn, the history is out of print -- and very hard to find and costly to purchase.)

Through their efforts, LCol Strathy, LCol Jackson, Gen Steve Andrunyk, and the regular donors to the Trust Fund, kept it on an even keel for decades. I wish them well in their new state of reduced duties, and thank them for their labours and contributions. Please take a moment to think about their examples when you review the Trust Fund's request for donations accompanying this issue. Every dollar really does help. Every modest contribution makes it possible to continue these Regimental activities, following the example set by these fellows and many, many others.

I wish all of you a happy Christmas and Hanukah season, and good comradeship as the branches of the Association and Regimental family get together in the coming months across the country. Finally, as we enjoy Holidays and bring in the New Year at home with family and friends, I know you will join me in also thinking of the Queen's Own Rifles soldiers serving in Bosnia and elsewhere.

## IN MEMORIAM

Col Hank Elliot CD

Rfn Harold Houghton

Maj Phil Jaques MM CD

Sgt Ron Rathgaber

CWO Bruce Lloyd MMM CD

Capt Maurice Sydney Scott MM CD

Rfn G.G.A Warden (2002)



# Queen's Own Rifles of Canada on Active Service

## CO's Report. LCol John Fotheringham, CD

The QOR had a successful summer concentration in Petawawa, organizing and conducting a 120-soldier parachute exercise, and providing one of the highest number of Reservists across LFCA (4th of over 30 units participating). Sixteen members of the German 26 Airborne Brigade participated in the exercise as guests of the QOR.

Serving soldiers were saddened by the death of LCol Mike Blanchette, CO of the Canadian Parachute Centre, who died in a parachuting accident on 5 September. LCol Blanchette was a strong supporter of the QOR and its para tasking, and thirty soldiers, led by the CO and RSM, attended his funeral in Trenton. Several riflemen also attended the memorial service in Petawawa for Sgt R. Short and Cpl R. Beerensfenger of 3 RCR, killed in Afghanistan on 2 October.



Now serving in Bosnia: Corporal John Marmion, WO Mark Shannon, Corporal Tony Babsous, Captain Karl Haupt, Lieutenant Pat Slack, Sergeant Chris Van Hamme. (Absent was Corporal Richard Mitchell.)



Lt. Pat Slack (left) and Capt Allan Champion (SAT Officer) welcome the family members to the Small Arms Trainer (SAT) where a number of weapons of varying calibre are displayed. No live ammo is used in the SAT, since each weapon is connected electronically to a computer, which displays numerous static and moving targets on a large screen for soldiers to shoot at.

The Regiment currently has nine riflemen deployed overseas - Cpl T. Babsous, MCpl M. Bioletti, Capt K. Haupt, Cpl J. Marmion, Cpl R. Mitchell, WO M. Shannon, Lt P. Slack, and Sgt C. Van Hamme on Roto 13 in Bosnia, and Sgt D. Harmes on Op Athena in Afghanistan. Several former riflemen, currently serving with 3 RCR, are also deployed in Kabul (Lt Chris Nobrega was recently featured on the cover of Maclean's magazine).

On the weekend of 26-28 September, Lt Stewart, MWO Patterson, and several riflemen supported our QOR veterans at the Korean Veterans Tribute and Monument Dedication services in Ottawa, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the end of that conflict. Attendees included retired riflemen LGen C. Belzile and MGen H. Pitts.

Watch for more information on the upcoming Change of RSM from CWO J. Wilmot to CWO S. Patterson, to be conducted on Sunday, 8 February at Moss Park Armoury.



WO Mark Shannon with members of his family (Front row, l to r) Sister-in-law Kim Shannon, nieces Lindsay and Kara. (Back row:) His mother, Shirley Dennis, nephew Drew and brother Jeffery Shannon.



A recent photo of current and former members of the QOR now serving in Afghanistan with 3 RCR Bn Gp in Operation Athena. In the background is the Queen's palace situated at the South end of Canadian Forces Camp Julien in south Kabul. (L. to R): Pte T. Baiati, Capt. Cody Sherman, Lt. Chris Nobrega, Sgt. David Harmes (current QOR), Pte D. Eustace.



## A Celebration in Newfoundland

I am a QOR veteran who joined the regiment in Oct. 1939. I was the 11th man taken on active service on June 5 1940, hence my number B63510. No. B63500 was assigned to RSM Alexander. When the regiment marched up Bay Street on Dec. 17 1945, I was one of only 12 of the originals to still be around after five and half years. I am Jewish and am one of about 20 Jewish boys who served with the QOR, including Ben Dunkleman and Barney Danson. I am enclosing a picture of ten of us attending a Jewish New Year dinner in Grand Falls, Newfoundland as guest of two of the residents. I thought this would be interesting for the Powder Horn's readers. One of the families was named Cohen and they arranged for all of us to stay at the (only) Grand Falls hotel.



Newfoundland was a good experience. When we moved to Gander airport we were more isolated. Once our platoon got lost on patrol on the runways in a snow storm. Our leader, Lt John (Butterball) Mills was a little abashed! Another time one of the boys on a patrol at Gander Lake shot a moose -- a no-no, because it was out of season. The Nfld Rangers came down on us but the culprit said: "I heard a sound...challenged...and when I received no reply...I fired!" We had moose meat for dinner! Overseas, as a company clerk, I was sent to London to brush up my shorthand and typing, but upon my return Lt. Neil Gordon told me to join the other men on the parade ground. But the adjutant transferred me to the pay office. I survived the war alive, but with a few squeaky calls!

**Sgt. Simon Goldenthal; 32 Wigan Cres., Toronto, Ont.; M3H 3A4.  
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*(Editor's note. Perhaps a Powder Horn reader can provide the name of the unknown rifleman in the middle of the photo? Also, of this group, with the exception of B63616 Cpl, (later Sgt.) Harris, all appear to have survived the war. Sgt. Harris, the son of a Toronto doctor, was KIA on D-Day and is buried in Beny Sur Mer Cemetery.)*



## THAT'S CALLED INFLATION!

Those of you who have copies of the Regimental History written by LCol W.T. Barnard and published in 1960 on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the founding of The Queen's Own Rifles will be interested, as well as amazed, I'm sure, to learn that it has not only become very hard to find, it is very costly to buy when you do find it. Offered for a pre-publication price of \$5.00 in an advertisement in the 1960 (Centenary) issue of the Powder Horn, copies of this very detailed and informative book are being offered on U.S. 'gently-used books' websites for between Sixty five and One Hundred U.S. Dollars a copy! That's about \$88 and \$135 Canadian, respectively. The last copy I saw for sale was in the QOR Kit Shop at Moss Park Armoury ten or so years ago and it was going for \$12 for a brand new book. Sad to say, there are no more available through that source.



## Six Months in Sierra Leone

LCol Steve Brand, a former commanding officer of the Queen's Own in Toronto (1992 - 95), has remained in the Reserves since then, tasked to the CF Liaison Council as a Liaison Officer for the Greater Toronto Area. The CFLC develops employer support for reservist employees. Steve has also been a volunteer director of the recently opened Juno Beach Centre in Normandy for some time.

Steve has volunteered for active duty as the Canadian Task Force Commander with the British-led International Military Assistance Training Team in Sierra Leone (Canada's Op Sculpture). He will deploy in early December for a six month tour of duty to June, 2004. The Training Team is tasked with training and advising the new army of Sierra Leone in west Africa. Sierra Leone suffered greatly during 11 years of civil war, and a properly-trained, professional army is fundamental for the maintenance of peace and security there. Canada has supported

the Training Team with a contingent for several years.

Steve says he's been preparing soldiers for deployments like this for many years, and now wishes to make his own contribution on one. The Canadian Forces are currently stretched very thin on the ground due to international military commitments. Reservists are being called to active duty more frequently to augment and complement the regular army, as is the case with the U.S. Reserves and National Guard and the UK's Territorial Army.

Readers can learn more about Steve's mission and see his photos from Sierra Leone after his deployment by going to the Sierra Leone page to be posted at his company website, ([www.tekrider.com](http://www.tekrider.com)), late in December.

While he's away, Steve will leave his wife Nancy in Kinmount, Ontario (near Minden) to watch over their two sons and stick-handle their Tekrider protective equipment business. Tekrider, founded by Steve and Nancy, designs, manufactures, and distributes upper-body protective gear for snowmobile, dirt bike, and all-terrain vehicle wear.



## REPORTING IN

I really enjoyed General John Sharpe's reminiscing in the last Powder Horn. If I remember correctly the exercise he was speaking of was "HOLDFAST". To gain a little experience he was assigned to me as deputy platoon commander. During the operation we were advancing along a secondary axis when night fell. The "enemy" decided to have a good night's rest but no one had told us to stop. It wasn't too long before we overran a bridge yet intact together with the engineer section assigned to blow it, and a battery of "the biggest bloody guns" I have ever seen. (John's words).

They were umped out for a couple of hours or so and were compounded in an area that John was overseeing. In the wee small hours I heard what I thought was a fire fight and quickly demanded a sitrep. John came on to report that the enemy's two hours were up and that he had just killed the whole lot as they tried to make good their "escape" back to their lines!

Of interest, John Sharpe served as my battle adjt. when 2QOR was the major Canadian component of AMF(L), including a wonderfully rewarding exercise in Norway.

**Regimentally yours, Thorold (Boom) Marsaw LCol (retd) 96 Lynden Hill Crescent; Brantford, ON; N3P 1R9; 519-759-5158. e-mail [immarsaw@sympatico.ca](mailto:immarsaw@sympatico.ca)**



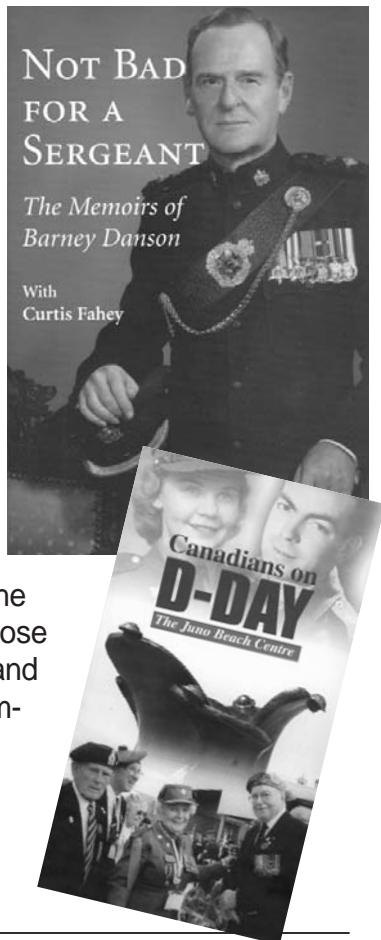
## PHOTO CALL

Virginia Nickson wonders whether anyone has a copy of a group photograph taken of the wives of The Queen's Own veterans who were present in Normandy at the D-Day+50 ceremonies in 1994. She attended, with her late husband LCol. Allen O. Nickson, and notes in a letter to the Powder Horn that "I took dozens of pictures of everybody else, but have only one (with me in the background) that is proof that I was over there." (Editor's note: I would be pleased to forward any information on this matter to Mrs. Nickson, particularly if anyone can remember who actually took the photograph. The negative may still be available for reprint purposes.)



## CHRISTMAS GIFT SUGGESTIONS

For anyone looking for a holiday gift idea, can we suggest LCol Barney Danson's recent book, "Not Bad For a Sergeant" available at book stores? A member of The Queen's Own, Lt. Danson was severely wounded in France in the North West Europe campaign, losing the sight of an eye. His book covers his early years, as well as life in the trenches of WWII and those in later years in politics and business. He was a member of Prime Minister Trudeau's cabinet and was perhaps one of the best Defence Ministers Canada ever had.



Available at WalMart, is the official video of the opening of the Juno Beach Centre in Normandy. It includes film shot at the time of the 30th Anniversary of D-Day and includes footage of the late Col. Hank Elliot CD, Charles Dalton, DSO and Elliott Dalton, DSO, all of whom landed on 6 June 1944 with The Queen's Own, telling of some of their experiences.

**Editor's Note:** We welcome your letters and e-mails and have reproduced some in this issue. Keep 'em coming, along with suggestions for stories or articles. Anything we can't use in Powder Horn will be forwarded to the editor of The Rifleman for possible use in the annual journal. All correspondence for The Powder Horn should be addressed to: Capt. C. D. McGregor, Editor, Powder Horn, 22 Calder Cres., Whitby, ON, L1N 6M3. E-mails to chickmcgregor@sympatico.ca. Telephone 905 430 1680. **In Pace Paratus.**



Bob Dunk, of the Regimental Association, reports that Province of Ontario pictographic license plates are now available from the Regimental Kit Shop at Moss Park Armoury with the Queen's Own cap badge displayed in three colours on the left side of the plate.

Dunk says, "We have our own unique numbering system with the first 100 plates -- **01QO01 to 01QO99** -- available to Ontario residents only. We sell these plates directly to our members who then take them to their local MTO office and have a new ownership typed up for their car. They can then install the new QOR plates on their vehicle. There is a one-time charge of \$52.10 payable to the QOR Kit Shop when they order their plates. By buying through the Kit Shop, car owners can pick their number." Dunk reports that they're proving to be popular and advises interested QOR personnel to move quickly if they want to get a particular number.

He says that "All MTO offices will also take orders for plates. Their regular series will be **02QO01 to 02QO99** and the buyer takes pot luck when it comes to numbering. (Unless he gets a friendly clerk at the MTO office). There is also a one-time charge of \$52.10. Anyone with an existing vanity plate, 6 characters or less, can reorder the plate on the QOR pictographic from the local MTO office, also for a one-time fee of \$52.10. Also available for \$25.00 each are metal 'sample plates' These are NOT for use on vehicles but would be great souvenirs for anyone living other than in Ontario (or in Ontario, for that matter.) The **000SAM** lettering/numbering is the same on each of these." (As in photo above)

If you have any questions, Bob can be reached at home in the evening at 416-282-4014 or by email at rjdunk@rogers.com. Orders can also be placed by contacting Kit Shop Manager Andy MacNaughton at 416 362 3946 (Kit Shop) or by e-mail at andrewmacnaughton@sympatico.ca.



## CALGARY BRANCH

### Capt (Ret'd) Ralph Ridley CD



The QOR faithful meet at Branch 264 of the Royal Canadian Legion in Calgary on the first Friday of each month for lunch. Some time ago we noted that the QOR crest was conspicuous by its absence from the ante room of the legion. John Cresswell took this in hand and had a beautiful QOR crest carved. It was presented to the legion and now hangs in a place of honour in the ante room. By the way, all are welcome to join us for lunch. And any QOR member from out-of-town who's in Calgary on business or on vacation is also invited to join us as well. Couples welcome. The more the merrier! Just let George Carsted know of your intention to attend so we can reserve the proper number of places. He's at (403) 257-0425.

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION:** The regular birthday celebration, deferred due to bad (really bad) weather in April, was held on 26 September at No 264 RCL, with 65 in attendance at a superb Candlelight Dinner. Once again Ron and Betty Wilson made the long trip from Brandon to join us. Ron is currently experiencing some health problems and we wish him well.,

**COLONEL BELCHER CARE CENTRE:** On 7 Sept. at CBCC those who had supported the "Wall of Honour" project were honoured. Consideration is now being given to extending the program due to the excellent response in exceeding the original goal of 3045 bricks. Don Ethell has a separate account in this issue of the installation of the stained glass windows from St. George's Chapel in Currie Barracks at CBCC and the former members of the Regiment known as "Friends of Belcher" are to be commended for their efforts towards enhancing the lives of the veterans and adding to the centre's environment.

**QOR REUNION 2005:** Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Paul Hughes reports that a National Reunion of the QOR Regimental Family will be held in Calgary in June of 2005. He emphasizes that this is NOT a Calgary Branch Reunion but rather a reunion of all members of the Regimental Family under the aegis of the association to be hosted in Calgary. Costs will be kept to a minimum by some creative corporate fundraising. There will be a dinner and other events on the program, including a ladies' program. More details to follow in due course.

**PEACEKEEPERS' DAY:** A large group gathered at Calgary's Museum of the Regiments on 9 August to commemorate 56 years of service by those engaged in International Peacekeeping duties throughout the world, during which time 110 Canadians have died in the service of peace. The major loss occurred on 9 Aug. 1974 when Buffalo #115461, on a routine flight to Damascus, commanded by Capt. Gary Foster, of Calgary, was shot down by the Syrians, killing all nine peacekeepers on board. The Syrians claimed it was an accident involving an incorrectly identified aircraft. Calgary is the fourth Canadian city to establish 9 August each year as Peacekeepers' Day. Alberta's Lieutenant Governor Lois Hole was in attendance, along with QOR of C representatives Bob Titus, Parade Sgt. Major and John Cresswell, Banner Bearer. Honour was extended to Colonel (Ret'd) Donald S. Ethell, OMM, MSC, OStJ, AOE, CD and Maj-General Lewis W. McKenzie, OstJ, OOnt, MSC (2) LLD (Hon) by having streets in the former Lincoln Park PMQ named after them. Colonel (Ret'd) John Gardam, OMM, MSM, CD, (Strathconas) was similarly honoured. Col Gardam will be remembered for his close relationship with the QOR of C in the 50s and 60s, especially during their Wainwright Concentration. Eight other former peacekeepers (some deceased) from different parts of Canada were also honoured. The Canadian Association of Veterans in United Nations Peacekeeping, Calgary, (CAVUNP) played a major role in the ceremonies. A reception followed in the old Currie Officers' Mess.

**CAVUNP:** The Calgary Chapter was formed in 1988 and has members in Alberta, BC and some countries abroad. Canada has been an active supporter of the UN since its formation in 1945, with over 125,000 participating in peacekeeping missions. A "founding father" was Fred Brown, of Toronto, who felt there should be an Association to permit comrades to participate in public activities and to promote good work done in support of world peace. Calgary Chapter CAVUNP, Box 40273, Highfield PO, Calgary, AB, T2G 5G6. e-mail [cavunpcalgary@cavunp.ab.ca](mailto:cavunpcalgary@cavunp.ab.ca). HQ is at Horton Road Legion 9202. Enquiries to: Barry Wood, 244 Millbank Dr. SW, Calgary, AB, T2Y 2H8.

**COMING EVENTS:** QOR of C Christmas Dinner, 06 Dec. 264 Kensington Legion. Regimental Birthday, 23 Apr/04. Details to follow. ANZAC Day 26 Apr/04. Details to follow.

**A TRIBUTE:** Jim and Dorothy Taylor are true and loyal members of the Calgary Branch. One of the 670 CANLOAN officers during WWII, Jim served in the Queen's Own for a time and still has many fond memories of his comrades of those days, as well as current ones. One of his war stories I think we'd all like to hear more about was the fact he was made a POW on the second day of his marriage to Dorothy!

**NOSTALGIA:** John Cresswell has passed along several newspaper clippings, relating mainly to the 1st and 2nd Bns' activities in the west whilst in an active force role (c.1953-68). These will be of great value to LCol Mulrooney in developing the updated Regimental History.

**MIGRATION:** We welcome back Louie and Dolores Duhault. Louie served for a number of years as the Queen's Own Depot QM. Following several tours and postings they finally retired to Saskatoon but their children settled in Calgary. Now the two of them are enjoying Calgary, where they find ample company among those who have come to Alberta from elsewhere to enjoy life (or whatever).

**KEEPING IN TOUCH:** I have had a cherished, long-standing friendship with the late Major Ron Barker and his wife, Joyce, who now lives in Richmond, BC and is part of a "Wives' Net", you might call it. Members hold luncheon meetings alternately in Victoria and Vancouver and participants, besides Joyce Barker, include: Eleanor Cornett, Annette Pope, Betty Weldron, Joan Westfall, Marjean Brown, Shirley Marchette, Ev Mountain, Teresa Leitch and Brenda Robinson.

**SICK PARADE:** The many friends of Dave Luxford will be sorry to hear that he is ailing and is now at the Colonel Belcher Care Centre. He and Pat have long been faithful attendees at our regular monthly luncheons and contributors in many ways to Association activities. If you'd like to get in touch, write to Dave and Pat Luxford, 107 Mapleglade Close, Calgary, AB, T0L 2H1. Tel 403 271 3973. e-mail [daveandpat@shaw.ca](mailto:daveandpat@shaw.ca).



## New Home for Calgary Chapel Stained Glass Windows

During our final Friends of the Colonel Belcher Society preparations for the dedication ceremony for the Wall of Honour/Legacy Garden at the Colonel Belcher Veterans Care Centre, I am delighted to report that the four stained glass windows originally located in the CFB Calgary Chapel were installed in the auditorium-cum-chapel. As coordinated by John Cresswell and the Centre Chaplain, Philip Costain, they are located in the high windows overlooking the auditorium/chapel. With the afternoon light streaming through the panes, they are magnificent! As you're aware, following the demise of the Calgary Base, the stained glass windows were moved to Toronto RHQ for safekeeping. Through the generous interventions by the Regiment's HLCOL and his wife, Paul and Bev Hughes, the windows were shipped back to Calgary earlier this year. They are now where they belong. Many thanks to HLCOL and Mrs. Hughes, John Cresswell and Padre Costain.

Regimentally yours, Col (Ret'd) Donald S. Ethell, OMM, MSC, OstJ, AOE, CD.



## D-Day 60th Anniversary

CWO Brian Budden, CD reports that a committee has been formed to organize a trip to Normandy, June 4-14, 2004 for D-Day 60th Anniversary celebrations. Here is the tentative itinerary: **4 June dep Toronto; 5 June Arr Paris; 6 June QOR Memorial, Bernieres-sur-Mer, Reception, Service Beny-sur-Mer Cemetery, Service Juno Beach Centre; 7 June Free Morning, Afternoon Le Mesnil Patry Memorial, Reception; 8 June Anisy Memorial, Reception, Afternoon Parade Giberville; 9 June Free Day (Optional Vimy Ridge tour); 10 June Anguerny Memorial, Reception; 11 June Free Day; 12 June Carpiquet Airport; 13 June Free Morning, Afternoon to Paris for Evening Tour and Dinner; 14 June Dep Paris.**

Budden reports "The cost is going to be in the neighbourhood of \$3,000 per person and we require 30-40 people for our own bus." He can be reached at: (905) 567-4975 or by e-mail at [brianbudden@rogers.com](mailto:brianbudden@rogers.com)



## Sandycove Veterans

LCol (Ret'd) Ivor MacLeod MM, CD

As is customary the Sandycove Remembrance Day activities are held on the weekend prior to November 11. This is done to facilitate the attendance of the local MP, MPP, Mayor, Legion officers, youth groups, Navy, Army, Air Cadets plus their bands - any who would also be taking part in the actual Nov 11 program in Barrie or other larger centres. The QOR Band members 'on parade' were Cliff Ashdown, Bob Charman, Gus Amodeo and George Walford.

I had the honour of taking the salute and later the very real honour and privilege of accepting on behalf of not only the Sandycove Veterans but all residents a really superb WW2 RCAF 'Escape Map'. I was also (with permission from Mrs. Jackie Corby) able to read an RCAF telegram sent to the family of Sergeant (later Pilot Officer) Corby which informed them that his aircraft had been reported missing after a bombing raid into Germany in 1943. I followed that with the reading of an RCAF letter which gave the hope that perhaps that aircrew might have survived being shot down and might be POW's. A further RCAF letter, in early 1945, brought the Corby family, in Toronto, the very happy news that PO Corby had escaped and was now safe and had arrived in England.

When reading these documents I was very impressed with the obvious care and concern expressed by the RCAF authorities...very compassionate and meaningful. Jackie Corby has retained these and other official letters regarding these long ago events and we are very grateful for her kind donation which now sits in a place of honour in the Veterans' Room. I should add that the excellent framing and plaque recognition of this map was organized by Cliff Ashdown who heads up our Memorabilia Committee. Printed on silk, the map reminded the ladies of the absence of silk stockings during the war years (due to it being needed for parachutes as well as these maps).



## Regimental Trust Fund Supports Regimental Family

Your Regimental Trust Fund continues its support of key elements of the Regimental Family. In this past year the Trust Fund has allocated funds to the Regimental Museums, at Casa Loma, Calgary and Victoria, The Band, The Rifleman Journal and The Juno Beach Centre while at the same time ensuring the funding of Regimental Headquarters [RHQ]. The Powder Horn is the main communication of your RHQ and as such allows me, as President of the Trust Fund, to tell all members of the Regimental Family how much we appreciate your ongoing interest and, in particular, your generous and meaningful financial support.

The Trust Fund relies on regular contributions from regimental members in order to fund numerous continuing obligations and, as is evidenced by our work this past year with the Juno Beach Centre, special projects that we believe are important to the maintenance of our place in history and our heritage. To this end we appeal to you to make your contribution to your Trust Fund as soon as you can. Receipts for income tax purposes will be provided for donations of \$10 or more.

Please don't delay; make out your cheque today and mail it to:

The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Trust Fund  
C/O Regimental Headquarters  
Moss Park Armoury  
130 Queen Street East,  
Toronto, ON M5A 1R9

In Pace Paratus  
Adam Hermant, Captain, President

## DID YOU KNOW?

**Planning For The Future:** Did you know that you can donate to the QOR of C Trust Fund through your Will as a codicil or bequest or through Life Insurance? More details in the next issue of the Powder Horn.



## In Memory of Col Hank

### Capt C.D. McGregor

When I became President of the Queen's Own Officer's Mess Committee at Moss Park Armoury in the 1990s, Col Hank Elliot was the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment. On his first visit after my taking over, he took me aside and said, "Mr. PMC, I have some very, very valuable advice for you." I was delighted to be the prospective beneficiary of sage advice from an individual whom I very much admired. He said to me: "While I like a good martini, when I'm in the Mess I like to drink what has become known as a 'Bloody Colonel.' That's a Bloody Mary with a dollop of hot horseradish added." I looked at him. "A dollop, Sir? How big of a dollop?" He gave me that big smile he had and winked and said "Big enough so that I know that it's in there, Mr. PMC. Got that?" I got it, and, as long as I was PMC, there was always strong horseradish at the Mess bar for the 'Bloody Colonel.' Here's the recipe: 2 oz vodka, 8 oz Tomato or Clamato Juice, good dash each of Tabasco and Worcestershire Sauce, salt and pepper, slice of lemon or lime -- plus a 'dollop' of horseradish (big enough so you know it's in there, got that?) Here's to you Hank. We will always remember the 'Bloody Colonel.'



### QOR Sergeant

Hi. I have tried to order the QOR Sergeant's model, with no luck. Could you please assist me? Cheers.  
Murray Milburn Sr.

(Editor's note: We directed Murray to Andy MacNaughton, Manager of the QOR Kit Shop at Moss Park Armoury, where, at time of writing, there were one or two "still available." If you'd like a copy of the list of items available in the kit shop, and the prices, you can reach Andy at andrewmacnaughton@sympatico.ca or at RHQ at 416 362 3946.)



### The Charlie Martin Trail

On 11 November, the City of Mississauga dedicated the Charlie Martin Trail, in memory of WO2 Martin, DCM, MM. Charlie was the CSM of A Company on D-Day and through the fighting into Holland, where he was severely wounded. His 1994 book, Battle Diary, and a CBC documentary 'A Day In The Life of Charlie Martin' of the same year, chronicled the QOR fight through Northwest Europe. The trail is a 3.5 km path in the Bloor/Dixie area where Charlie grew up,



## Memorial Coins

Members of The Queen's Own Reserve Battalion are to receive a memorial coin carrying the Regimental crest on one face and, on the reverse, the name, rank and serial number of a Rifleman killed in the Regiment's service since Ridgeway, in 1866, along with the date he died. Names were selected from the Regimental Honour Roll and include QOR members as well as those from what are now Queen's Own perpetuated CEF battalions. (Example: 172083 Rfn G.C. Milne K/A 9 Apr 1917. Milne was a member of the 83rd Bn QOR -- over 80 per cent composed of Queen's Own personnel -- and was killed on the first day of the Battle of Vimy Ridge.) The idea was that of MWO Sean Kelly, CD, a current member of The Queen's Own. The first coins were distributed at the Regiment's annual Remembrance Day Church Parade on Sunday, 9 November and future plans are to distribute them to the larger Regimental family.



### Bugles and Drums On Parade!

George Walford reports that former members of the Queen's Own Drum and Bugle Band are invited to join the 'Alumni Band' which meets on the first Wednesday of every month at Moss Park Armoury to "play the old marches and to re-live the past." Among the 20 or so who gathered for the last session was D-Day veteran, WO Ted O'Halloran, who, of course, still parades with the Regimental Band. The next session will be on Wednesday, 3 December, with members gathering in the Buglers' Mess at 2000h to loosen up their embouchures and to practice their five stroke rolls and ratamacues.

connected to an extensive web of trails through Mississauga parks. The opening ceremony included songs from the local Grade 4 class, and short speeches by Charles Martin, Charlie's grandson, and the Commanding Officer, LCol J. Fotheringham.

Those in attendance included Charlie's two sons, Rick and Stuart, their wives and children, the Honorary Colonel, BGen Don Pryer, Sgt (retd) Rob Grieve, Sgt (retd) Andy MacNaughton, and Margaret Kingston, wife of ailing QOR D-Day veteran, Lt Dave Kingston.



## COL. HANK ELLIOT DAY AT THE QOR ASSOCIATION SHOOT

**Sgt (Ret'd) Rob Grieve**



This year's Association shoot was held on Saturday, 20 Sept at CFB Borden Langemark Range. We had another day of excellent weather while our 95 members and their guests fired over 2,400 rounds of .303, 9mm and 7.62mm ammo. We added some new firearms this year, including a FNC1, a FNC2, and a C1 SMG (Sterling).

This year we paid special tribute to Col. Hank Elliot. Col. Elliot had said that during all his military years in Cyprus, he was never fortunate enough to have ridden in a Ferret scout car -- he was only riding around in jeeps and not the 'fun types' of military vehicles such as armoured cars. At this year's shoot, his wish came true when Fred Vansickle brought out his privately owned Ferret scout car to let Col. Elliot at long last ride in style. Col. Elliot met the Ferret outside the base in the town of Angus and was escorted in true convoy fashion to Langemark range by three other military vehicles.

Throughout the ride, he continually exhibited a broad smile, while behind him, a QOR flag waved proudly in the wind. At the range, the Association lined both sides of the road and cheered his arrival as he saluted back to us in honour. The shoot started at 10AM after Col. Elliot fired the first shot down-range from a 9mm Browning Hi-Power pistol.

Three members of the Museum of Applied Military History were asked to participate and they wore period uniforms as they demonstrated the different types of firearms used by Canadians in WW1 and WW2. We also had four members of another separate museum group who demonstrated volley



fire from their muzzle-loading Brown Bess rifles. Their bright red uniforms clearly showed us another part of Canadian history.

After the shoot, a short remembrance service was held for Sgt. Les Smith, who passed away in 2002. Les Smith was a long time member of the Maple Leaf club and his tribute was quite appropriate following our day's shooting activities. His family and friends were present when our bugler and drummer played the Last Post.

Due to time constraints, we did not run our team shoot, but Gord Engerer scored the top shot of the day. Many thanks to the members who helped run the range, prepare our BBQ lunch and to those who just helped and supported the day. Thanks to all!

On a final note, it was unfortunate to find out that only a few weeks after the shoot, sadly, Col. Elliot passed away. Everyone who attended the shoot could see how much the day meant to him. He will be remembered!

