



# The Powder Horn

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Edition 2



*SEASONS GREETINGS  
TO ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS  
OF OUR REGIMENTAL FAMILY*



## People, Places and Pleasantries

**Congratulations...**to LGen C.H. (Charles) Belzile and MGen J.L. (John) Sharpe on election to the Regimental Senate which now numbers 35 former Honorary Colonels and Lieutenant Colonels, Commanding Officers of QOR of C Battalions and the Regimental Depot.

**Recognition of Outstanding Service...**congratulations to Maj L.M. (Larry) Diebel on his admission to the Order of Military Merit in the rank of Officer.

**Appointment...**Lt John J. Jennings, a past President of the Canadian Bar Association and a serving Trustee of the QOR of C Trust Fund, was recently named a judge of Ontario Court General Division, the province's top trial court.

**1 QOR of C Band Reunion...**Sgt Fred Mercer of 485 Obed Avenue, Victoria, B.C. V9A 1K6, Telephone 604-382-8947 wants our readers to know that a 1st Battalion Band Reunion is planned for August 1992 in Victoria. For further details, contact Fred Mercer or Harold Drinkwalter 604-727-2560 or Jim Hicke 604-382-0347.

**Moving Up...**Cpl Frank Tascona, holder of the Military Medal, is the 1st Vice-President of Royal Canadian Legion Branch 147 in Barrie, Ontario.

**Promoted...**to the rank of Major-General and appointed Assistant Chief of Staff Intelligence in Casteau, Belgium, is Pierre Lalonde.

**Elected...**to the post of Chairman of the Conference of De-

fence Associations is BGen D.A. (Don) Pryer, a former Commanding Officer of the Toronto Battalion.

**Mystery Solved...**the pick-up truck sighted in Barrie, Ontario with licence plates 2BN QOR belongs to Sgt Frank Sypulski who served in the 2nd Battalion.

**Wanted...**by Rfn E.G. (Ed) King of 333 Cameron Street, Sarnia, Ontario N7T 4B4, contact with former members of D Company, 1st Battalion who served with him during 1953-1957.

**Open Invitation...**Bob Foster writes from Chilliwack to say that there are over 50 retired "riflemen" in the area. A get-together for 24 April 1992 is planned and those members of the Regimental Family who may be in the area at that time are invited.

## The Queen's Own Rifles Association News

### Annual Rifle Shoot

The Association's Annual Rifle Shoot took place under ideal weather conditions at Niagara-on-the Lake Rifle Ranges on 14 September 1991.

Congratulations to Syd Byatt who won the shoot with a score of 41. Second place went to Vic Billet with a score of 34 and Jim Green was third with a score of 32.

Team 4 won team honors with a score of 119. Congratulations to Syd Byatt, Steven Budden, Jim Green and Cam Hourde, Jr. who were the team members.

The Association extends its thanks to LCol R.A. Campbell, RSM Budden and the NCOs whose efforts made the day a total success.

### Apologies

The Association regrets having to cancel the trip to Gettysburg and apologizes for any inconvenience this may have caused. Cancellation was necessitated by lack of support due partly to the postal

strike and the strike by Federal employees prior to the trip dates. The trip has been rescheduled for 29 April to 3 May 1992.

### Battle of Ridgeway Mural

The Association has been informed by J. Missons that a beautiful mural and memorial depicting the 1866 Battle of Ridgeway has been painted on a wall at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 13, 1577 Kingston Road, Toronto, Ontario. Make this a highlight of your visit to Toronto.

### Membership Dues

The Association Executive has adopted the calendar year for dues purposes, thus Association dues become payable in January of each year. Dues for 1992 are \$10.00 and should be sent to the attention of Art Gay at Regimental Headquarters and made payable to The Queen's Own Rifles Association.

The Association Executive has also approved a motion for Asso-

ciate Membership in the Association. Persons who have not served in the Regiment but who have shown an interest in joining the Association may do so at an annual fee of \$10.00.

### 50th Anniversary of D Day

A Committee comprising Jack Martin, Art Gay and Charlie Martin has been formed to recognize the 50th Anniversary of D Day with a trip to France, and probably to Holland.

The Committee hopes to come up with a programme that will appeal to the majority of former members of the Regiment.

Since this planned trip may be the last of conducted tours to mark D Day, don't miss this opportunity to share in this special excursion.

Watch for future announcements on this special event for 1994. Your ideas will be appreciated.

### 1992 TORONTO GARRISON OFFICERS' BALL

hosted by

*The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada*

*will take place in the*

*Canadian Room of THE ROYAL YORK HOTEL*

*on Saturday, 21 March 1992*

*Plan to attend this social highlight of the year  
which will feature the Rifles traditions*

## News from the Queen's Own Rifles Branch 344

Rolph Jackson, Secretary of The Queen's Own Rifles Branch 344 of The Royal Canadian Legion, writes to inform readers of *The Powder Horn* that Branch 344 meets on the second Tuesday of each month in its beautiful accommodations at 1395 Lakeshore Boulevard West in Toronto. A warm welcome awaits those who visit the Branch.

The Branch will be celebrating its 47th anniversary on the evening of Saturday, 29 February 1992.

Branch 344 supports such Regimental functions as the Remembrance Day Parade and Church Service. It also holds its own annual service at the Toronto City Hall Cenotaph in the evening of November 10th and conducts a short D Day memorial service at the Cenotaph at 0715 hours on June 6th each year. All members of the Regimental family are invited to participate in these significant events in the Regiment's history.

### Help Wanted

Records show that on the occasion of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada centenary, Brigadier G.A. Turcot, Commander of 1 Canadian Infantry Brigade Group in Calgary, presented a scroll to the Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion which reads as follows:

In commemoration of this occasion Commander and all ranks 1CIBG present to 1st Battalion a rifle which was actually carried and used by a member of QOR of C during the relief of Battleford and the battle of Cut Knife Creek together with a shield bearing the insignia of all units of 1CIBG.

1 July 1960

Any information on the whereabouts of the rifle and/or the shield would be greatly appreciated.

Father never tired telling me the story about the cavalry officer who was so stupid that even his brother officers noticed it.

—General Lord Ismay  
in his Memoirs

In no other profession are the penalties for employing untrained personnel so appalling and so irrevocable as in the military.

—Douglas MacArthur

### Important Notice from the Editor-in-Chief of The Rifleman

Submissions for THE RIFLEMAN  
should be forwarded to  
Regimental Headquarters  
by no later than 31 January 1992.

## Trust Fund Update

Lieutenant Colonel John Strathy, President of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Trust Fund, and the Trustees wish to express their gratitude to those members of the Regimental Family who have responded to the two appeals for financial support.

A total of \$12,600.00 has been contributed to the Trust Fund between 1 January and 1 December 1991. A breakdown of the contributions is shown below for the interest of everyone.

Amount of Donation	Number of Donors	Total of Donations
\$10.00 to \$24.00	16	\$260.00
25.00 to 49.00	59	1605.00
50.00 to 99.00	49	2585.00
100.00 to 199.00	30	3275.00
200.00 to 299.00	13	2825.00
300.00 to 399.00	2	650.00
400.00 to 499.00	1	400.00
500.00 to 999.00	0	0.00
1000.00 and over	1	1000.00
<b>Totals</b>	171	\$12,600.00

A handy proforma is included at the end of this newsletter for those who have not yet contributed to the Trust Fund.

If we are to continue as a self-respecting country we must maintain a reasonable military force. I know of no civilized country—or uncivilized for that matter—which does not maintain a reasonable military force. Not a force for aggression, not a force for engaging in military ventures, but a force sufficient to prevent invasion from without or to maintain peace at home.

—The Honourable Hugh Guthrie  
Canadian Minister of Militia and Defence, in 1920.

## IN MEMORIAM

*The Regiment extends its condolences to the families and friends of the following members of the Regiment who have passed away in the past few months.*

ALMAS, John W.

BAIRD, Robert G.

BOYD, Scottie

CHALKIN, A.

CHAMBERS, C.D.

CUMMINGS, Gordon

DOUGHERTY, Clarence

DUGAN, Lloyd

HAAGENSON, P.G.

LANG, John

Le SAGE, Jim

NEWSHAM, Rev. R.J.

ORTON, William

SEMINICK, Michael J.

WARREN, John Ivan

ZURCH, Ernie

*They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.*

## The Maple Leaf Rifle Club

The Maple Leaf Rifle Club, one of the oldest, if not the oldest rifle clubs in North America, held its 79th shoot at Moss Park Armoury on Sunday, 1 December 1991. Attended by a record number of members and guests, winners were presented with prizes at the end of a delicious meal prepared by Club members under the guidance of the Club's High Cock-a-lo-rum Archie McQuade.

Top prize went to Jerry Sennetckho who fired a perfect score of 100. Jim Green was a close second with a score of 98. Third, fourth and fifth prizes went to Wilf Durrance, Don Pryer and

Ken Gregory who attained scores of 97. Fifth to tenth prizes were awarded to Dave Keenan, Rocco Polsinelli, Bill Ives, Syd Byatt and Scott Patterson with identical scores of 96.

Top prize in the BINGO shoot went to Ralph Jackson with Harry Fox coming in as a close second.

Syd Byatt was declared the winner of the guest shoot for which he was awarded a shooting jacket donated by John Bennett.

At the end of the day's activities, Jim Green, acting club President expressed his gratitude to those in attendance.

The Club's Executive for 1992 includes the following:

President..... Mike Holland

Vice President... Rocco Polsinelli

Secretary..... John Strathy

Treasurer..... Moore Jackson

High Cock-a-lo-rum  
..... Archie McQuade

### *The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Trust Fund*

Donor's Name.....

Military Rank..... Decorations.....

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Amount of Donation \$.....

Please make donations payable to: The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Trust Fund and mail to the Regimental Secretary at Regimental Headquarters.

Your generosity is much appreciated by the Trustees of the Trust Fund.

### **Have You Moved or Planning to Move?**

If you have moved or are planning to move, please let Regimental Headquarters know of your new address. Just fill in the form provided below.

#### **Change of Address Form**

To: Regimental Secretary  
QOR of C Headquarters  
185 Frederick Street  
Suite 400  
Toronto, Ontario M5A 4L4

My new address effective ..... is .....

Name.....

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Province:..... Postal Code:.....

Telephone Number.....