



The Powder Horn

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Season's Greetings to all Members and Friends of our Regimental Family



People, Places and Pleasantries

Toronto Get-Together...

Room 448 at Toronto's Swissotel served as a temporary QOR Shrine on 18 October when Bill and Ev Mountain of Delta, B.C. entertained an animated group of serving and former Regimental officers and their wives and friends.

Present at this rather unique gathering were, in alphabetical order, Steve and Muriel Andrunyk; Dick and Eileen Cowling; Barney and Isobel Danson; John and Maudie Doerksen; Hank and Bessie Elliot; Bob and Doris Firlotte; Larry and Joanna Jones; Margaret King (schoolteacher in Hemer 1963); Lew MacKenzie; Bob and Loraine Newman; Herb and Marianne Pitts; John and Joan Sharpe; and Richard and Ginny Talbot (2 Queen's Regt).

Hong Kong Visit...

MAJ Jamie MacDowell of Brockville, accompanied by CAPT George Caldwell, US Army Artillery, paid a visit to the 10th Princess Mary's Own Gurkha Rifles during their Far East tour in October.

LCOL Richard Lewis, the unit's commanding officer, and CAPT David Wombell, the Adjutant, provided the visiting officers with an excellent tour of Gallipoli Lines and gave them the royal treatment.

A Remarkable Achievement...

Five members of the Queen's Own Rifles who participated in the SSF Ironman Competition at CFB Petawawa on 4 September achieved commendable results.

The competition consists of a 50 km route starting with a 33

km rucksack and rifle route march followed by a 7 km canoe portage and a 10 km paddle to the finish line.

The Queen's Own Rifles team, commanded by SGT O'Halloran, was the first participation by reservists in a very tough competition.

Out of 96 entries in the competition of which 91 were members of the Regular Force, members of the Queen's Own Rifles placed as follows:

36th place: SGT O'Halloran

44th place: CPL Wolfe

56th place: MCPL Czulinski

74th place: MCPL Shannon

82nd place: MCPL Nolan

A remarkable achievement, indeed.

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Congratulations...

To MAJ Steve Brand, Deputy Commanding Officer, who will be assuming command of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada at Moss Park Armoury on 16 December 1992.

MAJ Brand was born in Hamilton, Ontario, where his

father commanded The Royal Hamilton Light Infantry on two separate occasions.

MAJ Brand joined the RHLI in 1970 progressing through the ranks reaching the rank of Warrant Officer in 1975.

He was commissioned in 1979 and has served in the Queen's

Own Rifles since 1983.

He commanded 60th Company and the Airborne Company until his appointment as Deputy Commanding Officer in 1980.

He is married with two children and lives in Minden, Ontario. □

Dates of Regimental Significance

**Wednesday,
9 December**

Regimental Christmas Dinner at Moss Park Armoury at 1900 hours.

Regimental Executive Committee Meeting at Moss Park Armoury at 1700 hours.

**Wednesday,
16 December**

Change-of-Command Parade between LCOL R.A. Campbell and LCOL S.D. Brand at Moss Park Armoury at 1900 hours.

**Saturday,
19 December**

Officers' Annual Christmas Lunch at Moss Park Armoury at 1100 hours. □

Trust Fund Update

LCOL J.G. B. Strathy, President of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Trust Fund, wishes to express his deep appreciation to those members of the Regimental Family who have generously responded to the two appeals for financial support. A breakdown of contributions between 1 January and 1 December 1992 is shown below.

Donation Amount	Number of Donors	Total
\$ 10.00 to 24.00	12	\$ 185.00
25.00 to 49.00	42	1120.00
50.00 to 99.00	21	1140.00
100.00 to 199.00	28	3130.00
200.00 to 299.00	4	900.00
300.00 to 499.00	3	900.00
500.00 & over	0	-----
Totals	110	\$7375.00

Please note that this year 61 fewer members have supported the Trust Fund with a reduction of \$5,225.00 in donations.

A handy proforma is included for those members who may have overlooked previous requests. □

The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Association

D Plus 50 Years Progress Report

It has been a slow and painful beginning but at last we are starting to see a light at the end of the tunnel. The reluctance on the part of airlines and hoteliers to provide reasonable rates has been the reason you have not heard too much from the D + 50 Committee. To complicate matters, the European currency fluctuation has made people overly cautious and demanding.

One of the French hotels, which we felt we had in our grasp, was so demanding in its request for a sizeable deposit that we had to abandon it.

It has also been necessary to cut back on our estimated numbers from 150 to just 90 (equivalent to two busloads). To date, 56 people have indicated by letter (as requested) that they would like to participate. As you can see, there are only 34 spaces available at present.

The D + 50 tour will be split into three groups, as follows,

Group "A"

June 3rd to June 12th inclusive at an estimated cost of \$3,044.00 (Canadian) per person. This group will take part in the Normandy celebrations, commemorations, and visitations and then return home.

Group "B"

June 3rd to June 23rd inclusive at an estimated cost of \$3,569.00 (Canadian) per person. This group will take part in the Normandy activities and then will proceed to the United Kingdom where each person will be responsible for his/her accommodation. Our travel agent will make arrangements for travel to and from the United Kingdom.

"Group C"

June 3rd to June 23rd inclusive at an estimated cost of \$4,604.00 (Canadian) per person. This group will take part in the Normandy activities and then tour

Holland, where daily bus trips to various scenic and historic places will take place.

All prices quoted above are subject to change. Firm prices will be provided as we draw closer to 1994.

All prices include airfare by KLM, airport taxes, hotel accommodation with two meals daily where noted in the final itinerary, luxury coaches with bilingual drivers and hostesses, and a comprehensive insurance package.

If you intend to participate in this D + 50 celebration tour, it is essential that you signify your intentions to do so by letter to me.

*Jack Martin
Tour Chairman
QOR of C Regimental HQs
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You are reminded that submissions to "The Rifleman" should be mailed to Regimental Headquarters by 31 January 1993.

Letters to the Editor

SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

In the August edition of the Powder Horn, an item on the D-Day Dinner, which I chaired, would lead the reader to think that only three survivors of the invasion beach were present.

I had announced that three survivors of 1 Section, B Company were present at the Dinner after a span of 48 years. The Section roll included CPL J.E. Gibson and RFN F. Eamon, H. Boynton, J. Kirkland, E. Westerby, A. Kennedy, and D.P. Reed who were killed on the beach. Those wounded were RFN D. Hester and me, LCPL R. W. Jackson. A very new replacement, RFN Bob Nicol, lasted for some time before he too was wounded.

My left hand was hit and I got shrapnel in my right shoulder, neither of which were life threatening. I stayed with 10 Platoon until the unit reached its D-Day objective. I was then sent to the Regimental Aid Post. Seven riflemen and I under command of a LSGT, moved off the beach. Three were wounded and when I left that night only six remained.

I think you will see where I am coming from, when I announced to the Dinner group that 30% of my section who lived through the D-Day experience were, after many years, gathered together to remember our friends.

*In comradeship,
Rolph W. Jackson
Toronto*

GENERALS ALL

In response to your request for interesting items, I thought you might like to note that half of the four Canadian brigade groups are now commanded by ex-QOR of C officers, both of whom were subalterns in the 2nd Battalion which I commanded from 1966 to 1968.

BGEN Ray Crabbe is now Commander of the SSF in Petawawa and BGEN Barry Ashton is Commander of 1 CIBG in Calgary.

When one sees these two capable Commanders and others like LGEN Charlie Belzile, MGEN Pierre Lalonde, MGEN Lew MacKenzie, MGEN John Sharpe, MGEN Herb Pitts, BGEN Steve Andrunyk, BGEN Kip Kirby, BGEN Jack Richardson, and BGEN Lou Bourgeois who are making and have made a significant contribution to Canada's military, it does seem that the 1st and 2nd Battalions of the Regular Force really did do something right before being relegated to the history books.

*Robbie Robinson
Delta, B.C.*

ANNUAL RIFLE SHOOT

As a member of our Regimental Association, I was privileged to attend the Annual Shoot at CFB Borden on 19 September. Our numbers weren't that great (for a mailing list of nearly 1,000) but those who were in attendance enjoyed the day on which the weather was most co-operative.

To those members who live north of Metro Toronto and have complained in the past when the shoot took place at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Ranges — "**Where were you?**"

We are hoping to do this again next year. We expect you there.

*Jack Martin
Past President
QOR of C Association
Toronto*

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER...

Apologies to Bill Mountain whose report on the 21st Annual Regimental Birthday Bash at the Shrine on 25th April was mislaid by the Editor and thus was omitted from the August issue of "The Powder Horn".

In attendance at this annual celebration were:

Robbie and Brenda Robinson,
George and Rose Tesla,
Jim and Jean Millet,
Win and Maureen Hunter,
John and Holly Edwards,
Art and Jeanette Gaudry,
Randy and Valerie Parker,
Lloyd and Eleanor Cornett,
Don and Mardie Creighton, and
Kelly and Jonathon Mountain.

Bill reports that telephone calls were received from:

Lew MacKenzie in Sarajevo,
Bob Ducharme in Nanaimo,
Bob Whelan in Victoria,
Al Collingwood in Brandon,
Len Quinlan in Portage la Prairie,
"Awful" Werry and "High Pockets" Crew in Winnipeg, and
Ted Ball in Penticton.

The Regimental spirit is alive and well in "God's country" according to Bill.□

QOR BRANCH 344 ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION...

The Legion Band is back at the Branch. A band concert is presented on the first Tuesday of each month to which everyone is invited. There is no charge and the concert is well worth attending.

...The Seniors' Club meets on the second and last Thursday of each month at 11:30 hours in the morning. Come and join us.

...Thanks to all who supported the Poppy Fund this year. Whether your contribution was monetary or otherwise, it was greatly

appreciated. Your support helped us to be very successful and we either met or exceeded our target. ...Every Friday evening there is a free dance at the Branch with music provided by a disc jockey. The music reflects old memories, the people are friendly, and we need your support.□

Jim Green
2nd Vice-President

QOR of C ASSOCIATION (TORONTO)

This year's rifle shoot was a huge success, and our thanks go to the officers, NCOs and riflemen of the Regiment for their fine support.

The results of the shoot are as follows.

Individual scores of the top five shots:

1st	Gary Scott	Score	261
2nd	Steve Tyndall		260
3rd	Kirk Filipovich		255

4th	Mike Holland	243
5th	Rita Boehm	242

Team Shoot Champions:

#1 Team comprising of:

Jack Martin	Score	99
Jim Wilkins		
Andy MacNaughton		
Steve Tyndall		
Larry Blom		

Plans for next year's shoot are underway and will again be at Camp Borden. Further details will be forwarded when finalized. ...Plans are underway for the Regimental Birthday in 1993. We are at present trying to put details in place and will advise you further.

...Our sincere thanks to all who participated in the Warrior's Day Parade and also the November 11 gathering. Both parades were excellent but we could always use more.□

Jim Green
President

QUEEN'S OWN RIFLES OF CANADA ASSOCIATION

Many of you have always paid your dues, but a good number of you have not.

Remember the Association supports the Regiment, and assists in supporting Regimental Headquarters, "The Powder Horn", and "The Rifleman".

Please fill out the form below and return it with your cheque in the amount of \$10.00 for your 1993 dues to Art Gay at Regimental Headquarters.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Remembering Our Veterans...

The 8th November issue of The Toronto Sun recognized 16 members of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada who visited Runnymede Chronic Hospital on the 7th of November to perform a

Remembrance Day ceremony.

Hospital Vice-President Connie Dejak said the ceremony meant a lot to the patients. "I saw tears in their eyes," she said. "I just think

that the respect shown to our patients by the Queen's Own is something special," she added. □

IN MEMORIAM

The Regiment extends its condolences to the families and friends of the following members of our Regimental family who have passed away since the last issue of "The Powder Horn".

ARMSTRONG, George H.

AUSTIN, Pat A.

AYLESWORTH, P.O.S.

BALFOUR, Vincent L.

BOUNSALL, David

CHARLTON, D.E.

DURANCE, Wilf

HAUK, Roy

MacDONALD, A.

MAIR, Alex

MARSHAND, D.R.

McCRACKEN, Jim

MERCER, W.J.

MILLER, Don

MONTGOMERY, Roy

OUGHO, Leonard

PEYTON, Eugene

RANGER, Willard

SAWYER, D.

TANCREDI, John

WESTOVER, Carl

*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.*

Worth Remembering...

The more modern war becomes, the more essential appear the basic qualities that from the beginning of history have distinguished armies from mobs. The first of these is DISCIPLINE.

– Field Marshal The Viscount Slim