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Regimental Headquarters Relocates

Readers are hereby notified that Regimental Headquarters is now located at Moss Park Armoury where it shares space with the Regimental Kit Shop.

The official address and telephone number is:

*Regimental Headquarters
The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada
Moss Park Armoury
130 Queen Street East
Toronto, Ontario M5A 1R9*

The telephone number remains unchanged (416) 362-3946, but FAX facilities are no longer available. ■

133rd Regimental Birthday Celebrations

Toronto... Despite inclement weather conditions which prevented a parachute drop by members of the airborne element of the Regiment on the morning of April 24th, the enthusiasm of the participants in the celebration were not at all dampened.

The weekend activities began on Friday evening when a dinner meeting of the Regimental Senate took place in the Officer's Mess. Attending as a special guest was Captain Orville N. Fisher, the artist of the D-Day Landing painting which hangs in the Officers' Mess.

After the aborted para drop at CFB Borden, everyone gathered

at the Queen's Own Rifles Branch #344 of the Royal Canadian Legion located at 1395 Lakeshore Boulevard West. Music by the Regimental Band and Bugles entertained the crowd until the serving of a delicious buffet dinner. Dancing followed to the enjoyment of old and young alike.

Calgary... The WOs and Sgts Mess in Currie Barracks served as the setting for the birthday celebration in Calgary which, it has been reported, was exceptionally well attended.

Victoria... Over 100 members of Victoria Branch gathered in the Canadian Scottish Regiment Mess to mark the Regiment's birthday. ■

D-Day Barbeque at the Hughes "Ranch"

Reports filtering in from the west indicate that the Hughes "ranch" in Cochrane, Alberta was practically overrun by riflemen on June 6th to mark the occasion of the 49th anniversary of D-Day.

Among those present were the Albrechts, the Ashtons, the Bunnors, Jack Glenn, Peggy Lilley, the Luxfords, Frank Mascaro, the Moads, Brenda Moore, the Mountains, the Parks, the Pitts, the Ramsbottoms, the Riddleys, Hazel Schmitz, the Taylors, the Williams and the British Exchange Officer from The Royal Green Jackets, Charles Molesworth-St. Aubyn. ■

1993 Annual Vimy Award Dinner

The third annual Vimy Award Dinner sponsored by the Conference of Defence Associations was held on 28 May in Toronto to honour this year's recipient of the Award, Major-General L. W. MacKenzie.

The dinner was attended by nearly 800 persons which was hosted by Toronto's Loyal Societies under the chairmanship of Major-General B. J. Legge.

In thanking the Conference of Defence Associations for honouring him with this award, Major-General MacKenzie paid tribute to Canada's peacekeepers who, he stated, were equally worthy of the Vimy Award. As much as he appreciated the Vimy Award and the many other tributes he has received since returning to Canada from Sarajevo, Major-General MacKenzie regarded his recognition as the Scot of the Year to be his most cherished prize.

The Queen's Own Rifles were well represented at the dinner as their tribute to one of their brother officers. ■

Prints of the D-Day Painting

Readers are reminded that a limited number of signed and numbered prints are still available from Regimental Headquarters at a cost of \$150.00 each.

Only 100 prints were signed by the artist, Captain Orville N. Fisher, during his trip to Toronto. These signed and numbered prints are bound to become collector's items. Avoid disappointment and place your order now.

Unsigned prints are available from the Regimental Kit Shop at \$45.00 each. ■

European Reconnaissance Trip

Preparatory to possible participation in the 50th anniversary celebrations of D-Day in June 1994 by the Regimental Band and Bugles and a 50-man contingent from the Battalion, LCOL S. D. Brand, the Commanding Officer; MAJ E. R. C. Simundson, DCO; CWO J. C. Figa, Regimental

Sergeant Major; and WO P. J. tenKortenaar toured the battlefield sites from Bernieres-sur-Mer to Deventer between 28 May and 12 June 1993.

During this trip across northwest Europe, the Regimental foursome also visited Vimy Ridge, Beaumont Hamel, Arnhem and the site of the Rhine crossing by airborne forces.

The group established contact with officials in various French cities where accommodation and other forms of support were assured should Regimental participation take place.

While in Europe the group also paid visits to The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment, the Royal Green Jackets, the 7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own Gurkha Rifles, and 10 Para (Volunteer) Battalion. Framed prints of the D-Day Landing painting were presented to affiliated Regiments. ■

IN MEMORIAM

The Regiment is saddened by the death of Colonel Percy R. Hampton, a member of the Regimental Senate, who died in Toronto in his 97th year on 2 July 1993.

Colonel Hampton served in the Royal Flying Corps during World War I as a pilot in the rank of Lieutenant. Prior to World War II, he commanded the Toronto Battalion of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada from 15 December 1936, when the 1st and 2nd Battalions were amalgamated to form a single Battalion of the Regiment, until April 1939. During World War II, he served in the Royal Canadian Air Force in the rank of Group Captain.

Colonel Hampton will be missed by the Regiment in which he took a keen interest. ■

Report on the Trust Fund

The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Trust Fund was established in 1959 for the purpose of raising funds to cover the costs of those Regimental activities that fall outside the responsibility of the Department of National Defence.

Between 1963 and 1992, the Trust Fund received a total of \$272,082 from donations, bequests and foundations or an average of \$13,604 per year. These funds have been spent for the benefit of the Regiment as a whole. The procurement of dress uniforms and Regimental accoutrements for the Regimental Band and Bugles and members of the Militia Battalion have been a major item of expenditure, however, the establishment and upkeep of the Regimental Museum at Casa Loma, the maintenance of Regimental Headquarters, the publication and distribution of *The Rifleman* and *The Powder Horn*, and annual insurance premiums on Regimental property valued at over \$600,000 are activities that require funds.

At the Trust Fund's annual meeting on 19 May 1993, the trustees committed funds to the following activities in the current year.

Support of Militia Battalion activities that include procurement of Regimental accoutrements, small bore rifles, etc.....	\$10,000
Publication and distribution of <i>The Rifleman</i>	9,500
Publication and distribution of <i>The Powder Horn</i>	3,000
Insurance on Regimental property.....	3,000
Operation of Regimental Headquarters.....	4,770
Upkeep of Regimental Museum.....	3,567
TOTAL	\$34,107

Considering the net balance of the Trust Fund at the end of 1992, the Trust Fund must raise a minimum of \$15,000 from members of the Regimental family to meet its financial commitments in 1993.

The trustees encourage every member of our vast Regimental family to make a contribution to the Trust Fund, regardless of the amount, however, receipts for income tax purposes will be issued only for amounts over \$10.00

Please use the form included with this issue of *The Powder Horn* to send in your donation. ■

DATES TO REMEMBER

27 September 1993
1900 hours
Regimental Executive
Committee Meeting
Moss Park Armoury



2 October 1993
1900 for 2000 hours
Black Net Mess Dinner
Officers' Mess
Moss Park Armoury



4 October 1993
1830 for 1900 hours
Regimental Senate Dinner
Meeting
Officers' Mess
Moss Park Armoury



6 November 1993
1900 for 2000 hours
Annual Officers' Mess
Dinner
Officers' Mess
Moss Park Armoury



11 December 1993
1200 hours
Annual Officers'
Christmas Luncheon
Officers' Mess
Moss Park Armoury

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Readers are requested to inform Regimental Headquarters if they are planning to move or they have moved.

Returned mail costs us money that could be better spent in other endeavours. ■

Letters to the Editor

In your April 1993 issue of *The Rifleman*, you published a report by myself of an informal gathering to honour Major John and Audrey Saunders on the occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary.

Unfortunately, it was not until I read the article on page 26, "A Good Reason to Celebrate", that I realized I had failed to mention the key players in the event, namely, Lieutenant Colonel Ron (Awful) Werry and his wife, Eve. Ron not only did a superb job as Master of Ceremonies but he also played a key role in developing and managing the agenda for the special day and weekend. Eve pitched in with household chores and became the "Molly Maid" for Eileen.

Eileen and I are very grateful to Ron and Eve for all they did to make the event a success and we feel badly that their efforts were not credited. It is almost as if a paragraph in my notes was omitted.

I would be grateful if the readers of *The Rifleman* or *The Powder Horn* could be made aware of this omission with my apologies.

W. Glen Munro
Tichborne, Ont.

Greetings to old friends and comrades from Colonel Bill Minnis and Brenda as they near the end of their four year tour in Israel where Bill has been the CFA to Israel and Canadian Defence Advisor to Cyprus.

The Minnis' return to Canada this summer and in 1994 Bill will begin retirement leave after a 37 year career with QOR of C and PPCLI. The Minnis' will retire to Prince Edward Island where they can be reached from September

1993 onward at Wanderer's Rest.

One of their early retirement aims is a cross-Canada tour to look up old friends.

W. H. Minnis
Tel Aviv, Israel

Some time ago we asked all of QOR former D-Day veterans to write an account of their D-Day experiences. Many responded and the British author, Robin Neillands, wishes to thank those who gave of their time to record their experiences which are to be published in a book titled, "D-Day 1944, Voices from Normandy", by Weidenfeld and Nicolson (Little-Brown in Canada).

This same author is now asking our Canadian veterans to help with another book which will be titled "Armageddon 1945". For those who fought in the latter five months of World War II (1 January to 8 May 1945) Robin would like your personal accounts if you were soldier fighting in Germany, or a prisoner-of-war in a German camp. He would also welcome accounts of your experiences if you were a pilot in either the RAF or the RCAF, an escaped prisoner, a refugee, held in a concentration camp, or working in a labour camp.

Robin has been commissioned to write a history of the last five months of the Third Reich and needs eye witness accounts and personal stories from anyone who was in Germany during that time.

Please write to:

Robin Neillands
PO Box 345
Bourne End, Bucks, England
SL8 5NH

His FAX number is 0628-5304114 and his telephone number is 0628-525350.

Jack Martin
Toronto

Intra Travel in Oshawa is organizing a trip to Normandy for the 50th anniversary of D-Day in 1994.

We are giving advance notice to the units that actually took part in the invasion, since we expect a sellout of our travel package — as you will understand once you have read the details of what we have in mind.

With hotels in the Normandy area already booked and those still available asking an outrageous price, we decided engage a ship to sail our veterans to Cherbourg and to act as a floating hotel while in port.

Queen Elizabeth 2 will sail from New York on May 29, 1994 with a destination of Cherbourg and a possible call at Southampton the day before.

Passengers can tour the D-Day beaches by bus over the following three or four days. Return may be by QE2, a regular economy flight via British Airways or by Concorde.

Reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis and the best cabins are expected to sell out fast. Please advise anyone wishing to take advantage of this once-in-a-lifetime trip to call our toll-free number (1-800-268-D-Day [3329]) to have their names placed on our waiting list or write to Intra-Travel, 1300 King St., E., Oshawa, Ont., L1H 8J4.

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MGen (Ret'd)
Project Director

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DATES OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO TORONTO MEMBERS

TUESDAY

MONDAY, 17 AUGUST 1993

QOR Association Executive and Directors Meeting
at 7:30 P.M. at Royal Canadian Legion Branch 344.

SATURDAY, 21 AUGUST 1993

QOR Association will parade with Royal Canadian
Legion Branch No.344.
Form up at CNE Grounds at 10:00 A.M.

SATURDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 1993

Association Rifle Shoot
Bus will leave Moss Park Armoury at 8:00 A.M. for
the Ranges.

Please forward your cheque for \$15.00 payable to
"QOR Association" and mail it to:

Queen's Own Rifles Association
Moss Park Armoury
130 Queen Street East
Toronto, Ontario M5A 1R9

Please include your telephone number.

SUNDAY, 7 NOVEMBER 1993

QOR Regimental Church Parade

Association members will form up at the Cross of
Sacrifice at St. Paul's Church, 227 Bloor Street
East at 10:00 A.M.

SUPPORT YOUR REGIMENT BY TAKING PART IN THESE
ACTIVITIES
