



# The Powder Horn

Volume 10

OCTOBER, 2000

Issue 2

## HONOURS, AWARDS AND CREDITS

The Regiment is delighted to extend its congratulations and best wishes to the members of the Regimental family named hereunder for their significant and outstanding contributions to Canadian society for which they have been rightly recognized.

**LCol The Hon. B.J.Danson, PC,OC** who has been chosen as the recipient of the Vimy Award for 2000. The Award will be presented to him by Her Excellency the Rt. Hon. Adrienne Clarkson Governor General of Canada on Friday, 17 November 2000, at a mixed gala dinner at the Chateau Laurier Hotel in Ottawa. All members of the Regimental family, particularly those living in Ottawa and surrounding area, are urged to attend this important event.

The Vimy Award was instituted in 1991 by the Conference of Defence Associations to recognize a Canadian who has made a significant and outstanding contribution to the defence and security of Canada and the preservation of our democratic values.

Previous winners of the Award include MGen L.W.Mackenzie, MSC,CD and LGen C.H.Belzile, CM, CMM, CD, two well known and highly respected members of the Regiment.

\*\*\*\*\*

**LGen C.H.Belzile, CM, CMM, CD** who has been admitted to the Order of Canada. Following a brilliant and distinguished

military career which began in the Regiment in the early 1950s, LGen Belzile is deeply committed to the military. He is a member of the Canadian War Museum Advisory Committee, a founding member and current President of the Canadian Battle of Normandy Foundation, and current President of the Conference of Defence Associations. His exemplary service and selfless dedication to Canada serve as an example for all Canadians.

\*\*\*\*\*

**MGen L.W.Mackenzie, MSC, CD** who was granted an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree by the University of Calgary on 15 June 2000. MGen Mackenzie gave an inspiring convocation address to an assembly of over 1,000 persons after which he received a standing ovation – reportedly only the second to occur at a graduation ceremony at the University. Since retirement from the Canadian Forces, MGen Mackenzie has been active with numerous charities. He sits on the Boards of the Canadian Foundation for Aids Research, Canadian Special Olympics and the Parkinson Society of Canada. He continues to remain active in motor racing.

## **HONOURS, AWARDS AND CREDITS** **(CONTINUED)**

**LCol Ray Taylor, CD** who received the U.S. Department of Defense's Legion of Merit in a ceremony held at the Pentagon on 26 May 1999. In his remarks accompanying the award, LGen P. Hughes, Director of the U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency, praised LCol Taylor's strong support and active performance in promoting closer military intelligence ties between Canada and the United States.

LCol Taylor is the son of LCol James Taylor, a career soldier with the Regiment, and Mrs. Dorothy Taylor. He began his military career with the Queen's Own Rifles in which Regiment he served until his transfer to the PPCLI.

\*\*\*\*\*

**Maj A.W.Schultz, CD** who was recently appointed Senior Vice-President, Engineering, of AXXENT Inc. With over 25 years of experience, Maj Schultz has earned an outstanding reputation in virtually every aspect of the Canadian Telecom industry.

Maj Schultz served with the Queen's Own Rifles Militia Battalion in Toronto and remains active in Regimental affairs by serving as a Trustee of the Regimental Trust Fund.

\*\*\*\*\*

**Maj L.J.Bush, CD** who recently authored a book titled "On and Off Duty" which traces his military career from the time he joined the Army Cadet Corps and the Militia in Winnipeg in 1939, through his war-time service with

the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa (MG) in the North West European Campaign, and finally with the Queen's Own Rifles until his retirement in 1971.

Copies of the book may be obtained from the publisher, Trafford Publishing, Suite 6E, 2333 Government Street, Victoria, B.C. V8T 4P4. Telephone number (250) 383-6864.

Those riflemen who served with Maj Bush in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion of the Regiment will find this book informative and interesting.

\*\*\*\*\*

**Lt Norman R. Gardner** who recently announced his resignation from the Toronto Police Services Board where he served as Chairman of the Board for many years.

In his comments following the announcement, Police Chief Julian Fantino praised Lt Gardner's contribution to the Police Services Board enhancing its ability to provide unquestioned, top-notch service to the citizens of Toronto.

Lt Gardner began his military service with the Queen's Own Rifles Militia Battalion in Toronto. He later transferred to the Provost Corps where he gained extensive experience in policing. He continues to maintain an interest in things Regimental and misses few Regimental functions.

\*\*\*\*\*



### **COLONEL-IN-CHIEF RECEIVES SENIOR OFFICERS**

On 26 September 2000, H.R.H. Princess Alexandra, G.C.V.O., C.D., Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment, received BGen D.A.Pryer, CD, (Honorary Colonel), Col P.F.Hughes, CD, (Honorary Lieutenant Colonel) accompanied by his wife Beverley, and LCol J.G.B.Strathy, CD, (President of the Regimental Trust Fund) accompanied by his wife Jane.

BGen D.A.Pryer and Col P.F.Hughes, on behalf of the Regiment, presented H.R.H. Princess Alexandra with two gifts on the occasion of the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Regiment. One was a beautifully framed display of the Regimental crest and a commemorative medallion marking the Regiment's 140<sup>th</sup> birthday. The second gift was a bronze statuette of a buffalo sculpt by Mr. Don Begg of Cochrane, Alberta. Mr. Begg has been a professional sculptor for nearly 25 years and is renowned for his bronzes which depict historic figures, wildlife and western scenes.

### **DEDICATION OF REGIMENTAL CREST - THE ROYAL MEMORIAL CHAPEL SANDHURST**

At a 1030 morning service on Sunday, 24 September 2000, at The Royal Memorial Chapel in Sandhurst, the Regimental crest which was carved on one of the pews was dedicated to the glory of God and in memory of those members of the Regiment listed in the Chapel's Book of Remembrance who paid the supreme sacrifice during the Second World War.

In the attendance at the service were the cadets of the Royal Military

College, local residents, Col Peter Cook of the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment, LCol James Cunliffe of the Royal Green Jackets, LCol and Mrs. Peter McLelland of the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment and the following members of the Regiment – BGen C.deL.Kirby and his wife Janey, BGen D.A.Pryer and Mrs. Carol Lesage, BGen S.F.Andrunyk and his wife Muriel, Col P.F.Hughes and his wife Beverley, and LCol J.G.B.Strathy and his wife Jane.

The Rev. D.M.T.Walters assisted by the Rev Steven Griffith conducted the service. During the dedication ceremony, BGen C.deL.Kirby requested the clergy that the Regimental crest be dedicated by saying, "Reverend Sir, on behalf of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, I ask you to dedicate this crest for all those riflemen who were called to make the supreme sacrifice and who are remembered in this Royal Memorial Chapel".

After a prayer dedicating the Regimental crest, Rev. Walters gave the Regimental collect prepared by Capt Craig Cameron, Regimental Padre.

A reception followed the service at which it was learned that LCol Peter McLelland served as an exchange officer with the P.P.C.L.I. during Col R.L. Cowling's command of the battalion.

### **SIGN IN THE WILLIAM IV PUB IN CAMBERLEY**

Quickly, bring me a beaker of wine, so that I may wet my mind and say something clever.

Aristophanes: Knights 424 B.C.

**QUEEN'S OWN ASSOCIATION**  
**CALGARY BRANCH**

Capt R.E.Ridley reports that Calgary Branch celebrated the 140<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the Regiment on Saturday, 22 April 2000, at the Royal Canadian Legion Kingston Branch #264 with over 100 members and friends in attendance. There were thirty-one out of town participants from as far east as Manitoba and as far west as British Columbia.

Just prior to the commencement of the dinner, the Branch continued the tradition established many years ago by the Commanding Officer of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, LCol W.H.Matthews, by parading the Rifle.

The dinner was a huge success largely attributable to the dedicated efforts of the Cresswells and the Hodders.

Col D.S.Ethell, OMM, MSC, CD traveled to Ottawa to be present at the launch of the Canadian Peacekeeping Service Medal (CPSM). In a ceremony at which over 500 Canadian peacekeepers were present, Col Ethell was presented with the medal by Her Excellency the Rt Hon Adrienne Clarkson, Governor General of Canada. Col Ethell's selection for this honour is well-earned in that he served on 14 peacekeeping missions throughout the world.

An estimated 500 peacekeepers are expected to receive their CPSM at a medal presentation parade at the Museum of the Regiments in Calgary on 15 October 2000.

Mrs. Bev Hughes hosted a special birthday celebration at the Ranchman's Club on 24 August 2000 in honour of

her husband, Colonel Paul Hughes, Honorary Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment, on the occasion of his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. The celebration was attended by many riflemen and was done up in magnificent style.

Visitors to Calgary on 16 June 2000 were LCol the Hon Barnett J. Danson and Mrs. Danson. They were entertained at the Ranchman's Club by Col and Mrs. P.F.Hughes and on the following day paid a visit to the Museum of the Regiments.

Another recent visitor was Maj L.M.Diebel, OMM, CD from Gloucester, Ontario. At a Happy Hour hosted by Lt C.A.Park and Mrs. Park many stories were exchanged, some of which were creditable.

\*\*\*\*\*

**QUEEN'S OWN ASSOCIATION**  
**VICTORIA BRANCH**

President of the Branch H. Drinkwalter reports that the turn out for the Branch's Anniversary Ball was an unqualified success with 108 riflemen and guests in attendance.

Fred Mercer has donated the Bugle Major's mace to the Association and H. Drinkwalter has presented the bugle that was used by the Duty Bugler.

It is hoped that the Branch will obtain Museum space at HMCS Naden for the display of Regimental artifacts.

The Branch is saddened by the passing of Roy McLeod and Ed Scott, two esteemed members of the Branch.



**MAJOR E.R.C.SIMUNDSON**  
**RETIRES**

Regimental friends and family gathered on 11 August 2000 to honour the retirement of Maj Erik Simundson after 39 years of service to the Queen's Own Rifles and the Canadian Forces. He joined the Regiment in 1961 as a Rifleman. He rose through the ranks and became the Regimental Sergeant Major in 1977. He was commissioned in the rank of Captain in 1980 serving in various appointments. At the time of his retirement he was the Officer Commanding Gurkha Company.

His special accomplishment was maintaining, equipping, and nurturing the Pioneers & Skirmishers team for over two decades.

The dinner was organized by LCol Tony Welsh, a former Commanding Officer. Maj Simundson was presented with an assortment of tributes, including a Brigade Commander's Commendation and an outstanding sculpture of a Queen's Own rifleman coming ashore on D-Day. The sculpture is a limited edition of 50 by Col A.D. Gauthier.

Maj Simundson will continue to serve the Regiment in a variety of volunteer roles, including PMC of the Officers' Mess.

**MACKENDRICK REUNION PARTY**

A fascinating three-generation family reunion cocktail party held in the Royal Canadian Military Institute in May 2000 was hosted by Maj James MacKendrick of North Saanich, B.C.

Maj MacKendrick first visited the R.C.M.I. in 1933 when his father, a Major in the Queen's Own Rifles, would bring him to the Library Committee meetings.

Maj MacKendrick was the son of Col Harry C. MacKendrick and his great uncle, LCol William G. MacKendrick was a World War I veteran.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

4 November 2000

**Annual Officers' Mess Dinner**

11 November 2000

**Remembrance Day Service - St. Paul's Church**

12 November 2000

**Regimental Church Parade**

16 December 2000

**Officers' Christmas Luncheon**

1 January 2001

**New Year's Day Levee**

1 February 2001

**Toronto Garrison Ball**

26 April 2001

**Regimental Birthday**

**REGIMENTAL TRUST FUND**

The Regimental Trust Fund depends on every member of the Regimental family for financial support to meet its many commitments. Your contribution, regardless of amount, would be greatly appreciated.

## **A SIXTY YEAR COMMITMENT LCOL GLENN AND MRS. JEAN MCIVER**

In 1940 Jean and Glenn McIver made two commitments that were to last the rest of their lives. One was to each other and the other was to The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada. On July 29 the McIvers celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary.

The reception was held in the lush green surroundings of the Glenvale Country Club in Newmarket. In attendance were the friends, family and members of the Regiment that woven together make up the rich fabric of the McIvers' life.

The guests enjoyed two displays. One with photo albums of trips, including the visit to London to attend the wedding of H.R.H. Princess Alexandra. There were letters of congratulations from the Prime Minister, The Rt.Hon Jean Chretien; Ontario Lieutenant Governor Hillary Weston and Toronto Mayor Mel Lastman. Another table commemorated family members who had passed away over the years and died during the war.

After drinks and dinner, daughter Ruth delivered a chronology of her parent's life together. It began with a kitchen courtship encouraged by Ruth's mother that led to a simple ceremony weeks before Glenn was to go overseas. The first years of their marriage were spent apart, the couple separated by an ocean and a war.

Life became more normal when Glenn came home. He worked as a plumber, then a long-time teacher at Toronto's Central Tech High School. Throughout the years the McIver's remained dedicated to The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada with Glenn rising to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel as the Commanding Officer of the unit.

During the anniversary celebration, BGen Don Pryer paid tribute to the McIvers praising their loyalty and service to the Regiment. He presented them with a plaque made from a special casting recognizing their sixty year commitment to the Regiment and to each other. BGen Pryer noted that Glenn had helped to win several of the Battle Honours carried by the Regiment.

Friends and neighbours from Snug Harbour, north of Parry Sound, talked about the many summers spent enjoying the waters and beauty of Georgian Bay. Special guests from Holland described how the one-time house guest had become close friends of fifteen years. Grandson Bernard proposed a toast to his grandparents.

The most touching moment came when the anniversary couple rose to pay tribute to each other. Glenn talked about his bride with the tenderness of a newly-wed and Jean described Glenn as her best friend. It was evident that their love, friendship and devotion to each other had strengthened and deepened over the decades. It was a wonderful evening of memories and tributes to a couple who embody a rarely seen personal commitment.