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## FROM THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY'S DESK

### "The Powder Horn"

The rebirth of "The Powder Horn" occurred on 1 September 1991 when Col H.C.F. Elliot, then Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, tasked Regimental Headquarters (RHQ) to produce a Regimental newsletter a minimum of two times a year to keep members of the Regimental family in touch with past and future activities within the various components of the Regiment. During a span of eleven years, 24 issues of "The Powder Horn" have been produced under the leadership of the Regimental Secretary who also became its editor.

With the retirement in December 2002 of Steve Andrunyk, the Regimental Secretary, the editorial responsibilities will be assumed by his successor yet to be named.

As a parting gesture, I want to extend my sincerest thanks to all those who so diligently submitted articles and reports of activities in their respective organizations. Without these dedicated people, the publication of "The Powder Horn" would have been impossible.

### Association Membership

With the 2000-2001 special edition of "The Rifleman" which was distributed in early September 2002, a circular letter titled "Membership Review" from the President of the Queen's Own Association in Toronto was included in the mailing. This letter has created such confusion and concern among many of the Regiment's stalwart supporters that an apology and an explanation is in order.

First and foremost, RHQ maintains an up-to-date mailing list of some 1100 persons which include: contributors to the Trust Fund; members of association branches in Toronto, Calgary, and

Vancouver Island; widows of deceased members of the Regiment; former members of the Regiment who live in the U.S.A., the U.K., and other parts of the world; and friends of the Regiment who are regular donors to the Trust Fund. This mailing list is used for the mailing of "The Rifleman", "The Powder Horn", and any other publications that may be of special interest.

Membership in any of the Association branches is not necessarily a prerequisite for the receipt of Regimental publications.

Second, the cost of preparing for publication, printing and mailing these publications are funded solely by the Trust Fund. On the odd occasion, one or two Association branches have made a contribution to the Trust Fund to help defray the costs of these publications and other activities funded by the Trust Fund. You may be interested to know that the cost of "The Rifleman" and two issues of "The Powder Horn" this year will amount to a little over \$20,000.

Finally, it is not expected that members of our Regimental family who reside outside the Toronto and surrounding area should become members of the Toronto branch since such membership provides no benefit to a person living in Newfoundland, the United States or France. Besides, persons living in western Canada should consider belonging to either the Vancouver Island or Calgary branch depending on their place of residence.

You can rest assured that you will be retained on RHQ's mailing list regardless of your membership status until such time as you request your name to be deleted or you fail to inform RHQ that you have changed your address.

**Battalion News**  
**By Lieutenant Colonel J.M.Fotheringham, CD**  
**Commanding Officer**

Since the April 2002 edition of "The Powder Horn", Soldiers of the Queen's Own Rifles have participated in a number of challenging exercises, including **Neptune Strike 4** and **Steadfast Warrior**.

Neptune Strike is an annual combined-arms exercise conducted by the Queen's Own Rifles involving not only multiple units within 32 Canadian Brigade Group (32 CBG), but other Reserve and Regular elements such as the Navy and the Air Force as well as the Canadian Coast Guard.

Exercise Neptune Strike is a classic example of a combined arms/joint forces exercise. Extensive planning by the Queen's Own Rifles operations cell over many months, multiple coordination conferences involving most participating units, and 100% cooperation from all involved units resulted in one of the most exciting and successful Reserve exercises for 2002. Exercise Neptune Strike 5 plans are already underway for May/June 2003.

Serving members of the Battalion recently returned from the Annual Brigade Summer Exercise, Steadfast Warrior, held in Petawawa during 17-25 August 2002. Following a parachute jump into the exercise area, riflemen participated in combat team training culminating in a combined arms final exercise with a full 32 CBG company mounted in Grizzly AFVs with a half squadron of Cougars.

Land Forces Central Area (LFCA) is tasked to provide a Reserve infantry company for Roto 13 in Bosnia in 2003. The Queen's Own Rifles will be providing two platoon commanders, a platoon warrant officer, and at least a section of riflemen for this UN tour.

Welcome to Warrant Officer Ray Joseph of The Royal Canadian Regiment who comes to the Battalion as the Regular Force support NCO. WO Joseph is a pathfinder-qualified paratrooper with several UN tours whose most recent posting was with the RCR parachute company. He will assume the role of Unit Operations Warrant Officer.

Upcoming events include the Annual Christmas Dinner on the evening of 4 December 2002, the Annual Officers' Luncheon on 14 December 2002, the Sergeants' Wine and Cheese on 15 December 2002, and the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Sergeants' Mess Ball at Casa Loma on 26 April 2003.

Plans are also underway for some representation from serving members and the Regimental Band and Bugles at the official opening ceremonies of the Juno Beach Centre in Normandy on 6 June 2003.

Despite a drastically reduced budget (current unit strength of over 170 soldiers while being funded for less than 100), the Battalion continues to provide realistic and relevant training to its riflemen.

**Reception for Patricia Wilson**

Members of the Queen's Own Rifles who served with the late LCol Bill Wilson were delighted to see his wife Pat after an absence of many years. She now lives in the United Kingdom and stopped in Toronto to visit friends and to enjoy a reunion with members of the Regimental family.

On 26 June 2002, the Regiment welcomed Mrs. Wilson back to the Officers' Mess. She was delighted to see so many familiar faces among whom were Dorothy Jones, Marie Dalton, John Whyte, Bill Bernard, Erik Simundson, Adam Hermant, Allan Champion, and David Vine. Also in attendance were former Honorary Colonel Hank Elliot and his wife Bessie, and Toronto Association President Norm McCracken. A number of serving officers also made a special effort to attend. The NCOs of Bill Wilson's era were also represented including CWO Wilmot and Andy Macnaughton who presented Mrs. Wilson with the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary medallions for her and her daughters and a copy of the 140<sup>th</sup> video.

Mrs. Wilson was deeply touched by the reception and expressed her heartfelt thanks to LCol John Fotheringham, the Commanding Officer, and the Mess President, Maj Erik Simundson.

**Report from Toronto Branch**  
**Queen's Own Rifles Association**  
**By Major N.J.T.McCracken, CD**

Through the efforts of Brian Budden, the Association has purchased three bricks at \$250.00 each in memory of those members of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada who paid the supreme sacrifice on 6 June 1944, and for those who carried on.

Bob Dunk has been in touch with the Ontario Ministry of Transportation with regard to the issue of licence plates with the Regimental hat badge on them. A minimum order of 100 licence plates is needed before the Ministry will consider granting this request. Ontario residents who are interested should contact Bob Dunk through the Association.

The Regimental Band and Bugles, 40 members of the Battalion, and 30 plus members of RCL Branch #344 and the Association, led by the Commanding Officer marched at the Warriors' Day Parade on 17 August 2002 putting on an impressive display of music and marching.

About 40 veterans and serving soldiers attended the D-Day Memorial Service on 6 June 2002 in remembrance of D-Day. The Association thanks LCol J.M.Fotheringham, Maj Eric Simundson, and Padre C. Cameron for their support in making this service a great success.

The premises occupied by RCL Branch #344 are leased from the City of Toronto by the Association. Rental renewal is now underway since there is some concern about the capability of RCL Branch #344 to meet its financial obligations in the future. The possibility of forming a Garrison Club is under study whereby the building would be used to house several Regimental Associations.

The United States Government has selected Bedford, Virginia as the site for a D-Day Memorial. Brian Budden has been in contact with the Committee responsible for the Memorial and has provided a Regimental plaque to be mounted in the area dedicated to allies who took part in the D-Day landings. Brian Budden, Dave Lavery and Harry Fox made a special trip to Bedford in June where they were royally received by the hosts. The Association is exploring the possibility of participating in the D-Day plus 60 ceremonies.

John Wilmot has updated the Queen's Own Rifles Association page on the website of "The Rifleman on Line." Visit <http://www.qor.com/association.html> for a complete listing of the 2002/2003 Executive Committee of the Toronto Association.

The Second Annual Victoria Cross Tattoo took place in Tillsonberg, Ontario on 14 September 2002. This Tattoo honours V.C.Winners and this year's guests were Smokey Smith, V.C. and Col Charles E. Brown, M.C. Another highlight of the Tattoo was the celebration of the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Black Watch of Canada with their Pipes and Drums. In addition, the Pipes and Drums of The Lorne Scots, 2CMB Group from Petawawa, the Paris Pipe Band, and RCL Branch # 163 took part in the ceremony. Amid the wailing and rattle of the bagpipes and drums emerged the rousing appearance of the Regimental Band and Bugles of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada. Outstanding! Spectacular! Awesome! are words which cannot adequately describe the performance of our Regimental Band and Bugles. Led by Capt Arendz and Bugle Major Haire, the Band performed marching formations while playing flawlessly at 140 paces per minute. The massed bands, led by Capt Arendz, played the Last Post, the Lament and Reveille, God Save the Queen, and O Canada as the grand finale to an appreciative audience. Congratulations to our Regimental Band and Bugles who serve the support of every members of the Regimental family.

Mark these upcoming events on your calendar.

**10 November 2002**

Remembrance Day Parade  
Dress: Regimental Blazer, Flannels and Medals.  
FUP: Heyden and Church Streets at 1030 hours.

**2 December 2002**

Men's Christmas Dinner  
Moss Park Armoury at 1900 hours  
Cost for Association Member : \$25.00  
Date to be confirmed.

**Executive Meeting Dates:** 29 October 2002, 28 January 2003 and 25 March 2003 at 1930 hours in RCL Branch #344.

**Annual General Meeting**

26 April 2003 at 1130 hours in RCL Branch #344

**Report from Vancouver Island Branch**  
**Queen's Own Rifles Association**  
**By H.Drinkwalter**

The Branch Executive Committee wishes to thank all members in assisting with their participation and suggestions in forming the Vancouver Island Branch and in making the Association very productive. Membership has grown to 200 members and old comrades are surfacing as news spreads of the activities within the Association.

Our 142<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Birthday celebration was attended by 198 members with many off-island guests among whom were: Larry & Penny Beaton; Don & Dora Black; Peter & Lynne Busby; Bob Chandler; Lloyd & Eleanor Cornett; Ian Freeman; Ieuan & Gillian Gilmore; Gord & Bev Granger; Bert & Margot Lavoie; Bill & Shirley Major; Bill & Eve Mountain; Bill & Beverlee Noseworthy; Rollie & Delores Phillips; Garth Pinkerton; Gerry & Deanna Smith; Don & Lin Smith. It was a special occasion for John & Marni Carson who celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

The membership was particularly glad to see our Honorary members (widows): Darlene Church, Myrna Daniels, Joyce Fortin, Norma Hurst, Wyn Nixon, Sarah Scott, and Betty Waldron.

The raffle for the Shadow Box was won by our Life Member Jamie MacKendrick.

The Association congratulates Robbie & Brenda Robinson on the occasion of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary celebrated on 17 August 2002.

The Association approved the installation of a plaque on the Trans-Canada Trail depicting the stay of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalions in Victoria. The cost was covered by donations from eighteen of our members and a small amount from General Funds.

The Association has two functions a month where members can gather and reminisce about the "good old days". The first is held at the MGM Café in Nanaimo on the first Tuesday of each month, and at the Pro Pats Legion in Victoria on the last Wednesday of each month. If you are in the area during one of these dates, please call Art Saresky in Nanaimo at 1-250-758-1256, or Pete Kolbe in Victoria at 1-250-384-5316. If you wish you may contact Jim Carroll by e-mail at

[tigerlily.sask@shaw.ca](mailto:tigerlily.sask@shaw.ca) who will pass on the information.

Upcoming activities are the mixed happy hour from 1300 to 1600 hours on 19 October 2002. The annual general meeting is at 1330 hours on 18 January 2003 and the Regimental Birthday celebration will be at 1830 hours on 26 April 2003. All events take place in the Wardroom of CFB Esquimalt.

For last year's Regimental Birthday celebration, accommodation was arranged through CFB Esquimalt Base Housing Officer and the PMC of the Wardroom for out-of-town guests. If space is available in 2003 we will again be asking for accommodation. Make your arrangements through Jim Carroll by 31 March 2003.

A Museum display has been set up in CFB Esquimalt depicting the history of the Queen's Own Rifles. Donations to the Museum should be made by contacting Jim Schulz at 1-250-478-9633 or by e-mail at [hipe@shaw.ca](mailto:hipe@shaw.ca) or through Dave Stones at 1-250-658-2990 or by e-mail at [lori@pacificoast.net](mailto:lori@pacificoast.net) to ensure that the article is needed.

Our Regimental flag has been paraded with Legion colour parties by our Flag Bearer Jim Schulz.

The Association said a final farewell to members Thomas R. McConnell, John Richard Grant, Armand Gratton Middleton and the wives of Harry Groom and Tim Towers.

Moe Savard is residing at the Broadmead Lodge. He has been brought to lunch at the Pro Pat Legion on occasion.

At this point in time, the Regimental kiosk at Juno Beach Centre is taking shape. Our Branch is looking at ways of assisting the Regiment in funding this very worthwhile project.

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**Office Arithmetic**

Smart boss + Smart Employee = Profit  
Smart Boss + Dumb Employee = Production  
Dumb Boss + Smart Employee = Promotion  
Dumb Boss + Dumb Employee = Overtime

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**Report from Calgary Branch**  
**Queen's Own Rifles Association**  
**By Captain R.E.Ridley,CD**

**Regimental Birthday Celebration**

Calgary Branch celebrated the 142<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Birthday on Saturday, 27 April 2002, at #264 Kensington Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion. The event was well attended with guests coming from as far away as Newfoundland. Ron and Betty Wilson made their annual pilgrimage to Calgary from Brandon. A total surprise was the appearance of Former Sergeant Tom Eagle from Yellowknife. On retirement from the Canadian Army, Tom migrated to Yellowknife where he served as an assistant to Commissioner Hodgson. He graduated with a law degree and served as a judge in Yellowknife for 11 years. Retired MGen John Sharpe travelled from British Columbia to be the guest speaker providing great entertainment with stories and recollections from his service with the Regiment.

John Cresswell, president of the Association in Calgary, was presented with an attractive bronze statue of a rifleman by Col Paul Hughes, Honorary Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment, in recognition of his devoted and exemplary service with the Association branch for 15 years. Receiving Regimental plaques for their contribution to the Association were Bert and Jean Pendlebury and Jim and Alberta Foley. The evening ended with dancing during which Brenda Moore fascinated the audience with her creative dexterity.

**Personalities**

Congratulations are extended to John Friedt who was presented with the Nederlands Medal of Remembrance for his service in Holland during World War II. John has become an outstanding gardener as proven by being recognized by the city of Calgary as having the best senior's flower garden in 2001.

Maj Doug Williams, a member of the Queen's Own Advance Party, during "Operation Rapid Step" during the Suez Crisis in 1956 has written a brief, but interesting report on his experiences at that time. This report will be passed on to the Regimental historian who has been engaged to update the Regimental history.

Dave Luxford, a devoted member of the Regiment, suffered a minor stroke in July 2002.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery go out to David.

Condolences are extended to Jean Pendlebury on the passing of her husband Bert on 27 May 2002 and to the family of Maj John Moad of London, Ontario, who passed away on 20 August 2002.

The Royal Alberta United Services Institute, in its continuing efforts to promote and maintain military and civilian community relations in Calgary, is hosting a Vice Regal Military Ball on 19 October 2002 to mark Queen Elizabeth II's Golden Jubilee. For reservations, call the Institute at (403) 265-6628 or by e-mail at [rausi@telusplanet.net](mailto:rausi@telusplanet.net).

What was once CFB Calgary is now being redeveloped as Garrison Woods. When CFB Calgary was closed, there were fears that the area would fall into disrepair and that the local economy would suffer. These fears have been unfounded with new housing developments and accompanying infrastructure including several parks.

At the center of the development is Garrison Park Square that pays tribute to the soldiers who served on the base. The centrepiece of the park is a large monument whose design is based on a double spiral that represents opposing forces in conflict. Sandstone blocks listing the battles familiar to many Canadians form one spiral around the monument with Thunderchild, crabapple trees completing the other spiral. At the heart of the monument is one oak tree representing rebirth and life.

This is a fitting tribute to the thousands of men and women of Canada's military forces who served in Calgary at one time or another.

To be happy with a man, you must understand him a lot and love him a little.

To be happy with a woman, you must love her a lot and not try to understand her at all.

A woman marries a man expecting he will change, but he doesn't.

A man marries a woman expecting that she won't change, and she does.

**News from Ottawa and Eastern Ontario**  
**By Lieutenant Colonel B.G.Baskerville,CD**

*(Editor's Note: This report was submitted in April 2002 but missed the deadline for the April 2002 issue. Our apologies to LCol Baskerville but better late than never).*

It was with shock and sadness that members of the Regiment gathered in Ottawa to mourn the sudden death of Audrey Saunders, wife of 50 years of John Saunders. Audrey passed away on 18 March 2002 after a short illness. Eileen Munro of Kingston, Ron and Eve Werry and Bill and Joan Crew of Winnipeg, and other friends came to be with John at this time of grief.

W.D. (Bill) McKay, after spending several years with Systemhouse Ltd. and later Unysis after his retirement from the military, is now an independent contractor/consultant in the Ottawa Hi-Tech industry. He continues to help his wife Wendy in showing their purebred dogs. He has also taken on the job, as an unpaid volunteer, of Managing Director for the "Diefenbunker" Museum which is the old underground nuclear protected site for our national government.

Clair Donnelly, stating that he has no intention of retiring, continues to work for the Office of Critical Infrastructure Protection and Emergency Preparedness, formerly known by the simple title of Emergency Preparedness Canada.

E.L. (Gene) Markell has established a small business that specializes in making custom Golf clubs.

Ray Honig and his wife left the Ottawa area in the autumn of 2001 and now live in Nanaimo, B.C.

C. Pat Dillon with his wife Susie returned to Ottawa in August 2001 following a multi-year trip in Asia. They spent a year and a half in South Korea where Susie taught English at one of the Universities. Then they back-packed throughout Asia. They traveled across China from East to West and visited Pakistan, India, Burma, Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam, and back to China. They returned to Canada via the Trans-Siberian Railway to Moscow, then through Europe including Finland and back to Ottawa. Pat is now doing some contract work for the Federal Government and Susie is teaching English as a second language.

BGen Kip Kirby and his wife Janey continue to maintain their connection with the Staff College at Kingston by volunteering to act as hosts/facilitators for foreign officers of former Warsaw Pact countries who are attending the Land Forces Staff College under the auspices of the Military Assistance Training Plan. LCol Mike McKeown and his wife Marion, both on staff at RMC, also participate in the host program.

Mike McMurtrie and his wife Jeannie have sold their motel in Prescott and are now living in Marbella, Spain where Mike plays lots of golf.

**Recollection of a Memorable Trip to**  
**Normandy**  
**By Kit Reed (nee Collin)**

I thought that is may be of some interest to tell you of a wonderful experience I had in July 2001. My late husband, Rfn Jack T.D.Collin, was killed in action at Carpiquet Airport on 4 July 1944, and although I have visited his gravesite at Beny-Sur-Mer Cemetery many times, his two sons Jack T.T.Collin and Thomas G.Collin who were born in England, had never done so. So my present husband Bill Reed who was with the 1<sup>st</sup> Hussars and who also landed in Normandy decided that we would take them and their wives to see where dad fell and at the same time visit with aunts, uncles and cousins whom they never met.

We rented a gite(sic) in a place called Thon and with the wonderful help of Mary Bennet rented a 7-seater van so that we would have room for Mary who most kindly acted as our interpreter. On 4 July 2001 we took our flowers and drove to the cemetery where we were met by the Mayor of Le Mesnil-Patry, Roget and his wife Raymonde Alexandre, and the Mayor of Carpiquet, Aime Legaillard and his wife Fernande. Each of them carried the most beautiful bouquets for Jack's grave. It was a very moving experience for me and my sons. At Carpiquet there is a memorial for the Queen's Own Rifles and Aime Legaillard paid a special tribute to Jack and all the rest of our boys who lost all they had to give in the battle of Normandy. We will never forget them.

Later we all went back to the Legaillard's home where they hosted a lovely reception. Photographs were taken by the local newspapers to record this memorable occasion. My thanks to these wonderful caring people for helping us to remember the 57<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Jack's death. God bless you all.

### Annual Meeting Regimental Trust Fund

The Annual Meeting of Trustees of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Trust Fund was held in Toronto, Ontario, on Monday, 6 May 2002.

The following Trustees were elected to serve during the 2002-2003 year: Bernard Aaron, Stephen Andrunyk, Robert Campbell, Arthur Gay, Adam Hermant, Sam Hughes, Paul Hughes, Moore Jackson, John Jennings, Harry McCabe, Bruce McEachern, Tony Schultz, Peter Simundson, John Strathy, and John Whyte.

Officers elected for the coming year were:

*President: Adam Hermant*

*Immediate Past President: John Strathy*

*Vice-President: Paul Hughes*

*Secretary: Stephen Andrunyk*

*Treasurer: Moore Jackson*

*Assistant Treasurer: Tony Schultz*

*Members: Arthur Gay*

*Bernard Aaron*

The Trustees noted with satisfaction that the Trust Fund had a balance of \$89,608 due primarily to a bequest of over \$40,000 received in 2001. They approved expenditures totalling \$54,400 of which \$22,000 was allocated to support projects and activities of the Militia Battalion, \$17,000 for the publication of "The Rifleman" and "The Powder Horn", \$4,200 for the maintenance of the Regimental Museum, \$6,000 for the operation of Regimental Headquarters, \$4,400 for insurance premium on Regimental property, and \$800 for other purposes.

### Netherlands Commemorative Medal

The Dutch Government has created a Netherlands Commemorative Medal available to all Canadians who served in Holland during World War II. Veterans must apply in writing, supplying their service number, unit name and dates of service, to the Officer in Charge of Defence Assistance, Royal Netherlands Embassy, 350 Albert Street, Suite 2020, Ottawa, Ontario, K1R 1A4

### National Military Cemetery

Applications for burial at Ottawa's Beechwood Cemetery, home of the National Military Cemetery of the Canadian Forces, can be

obtained from the web site at [www.forces.ca/cemetery](http://www.forces.ca/cemetery) or by fax at (613) 996-1493 or by calling 1-800-883-6094 within Canada and (613) 992-7242 for local residents of the Nation's capital or those outside the country.

Although National Defence estimates there is sufficient space to accommodate requests for at least a century, eligible people wishing to be interred there should register their names as soon as they can. Plots cannot be selected or allocated by rank, service or regiment. The cost of burial in the National Military Cemetery may be more than burial in a veteran's plot. Therefore, anyone interested should make the necessary enquiries.

### Juno Beach Centre

A circular letter has been distributed on the QOR Veteran and Donor Brick Program-26 April 2002 which gives donors two options to order bricks.

One of the two options given was to order by way of cheque payable to the QOR Trust Fund or by Visa or Master Card.

It is regretted that the Queen's Own Rifles Trust Fund does not have the staff nor the facilities to handle these orders. First, the receipt, banking and issue of receipts is handled by a civilian employee of BDO Dunwoody who does these tasks on a voluntary basis. Her duties at work are such that she cannot undertake any extra work. Besides she will be away on holidays for six weeks starting in November which means that the orders will not be processed until January 2003.

Furthermore, the Trust Fund has no means of processing Visa or MasterCard which has necessitated these orders to be returned to the sender or re-routed to the Juno Beach Centre in Burlington.

It is requested that in future all orders be mailed directly to the Juno Beach centre office, 24-2407 Woodward Avenue, Burlington, Ontario L7R 4J2.

Some orders that have been received by the Trust Fund have already been processed while others have been returned to the sender since they could not be processed by the BDO Dunwoody employee.

### Letters

Rfn L.J.Middleton has written to "The Powder Horn" requesting that this letter be included in one of the issues of "The Powder Horn".

I served in the QOR of C from 1956 through to 1963 both in Germany and in Canada. I transferred to the Medical Corps in 1963 but served in the capacity of medic with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion during which time I accompanied them to Cyprus.

My brother joined in 1958 and remained with the Queen's Own throughout their active phase until it was converted to the PPCLI. He passed away recently and I would like his passing to be noted in "The Powder Horn";

His name was WO Armand Gratton Middleton and he served in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalions in Germany and in Cyprus. He was airborne for a time and had an impressive number of jumps. He retired as a WO in B.C. He died in Arizona of a massive heart attack in his 66<sup>th</sup> year and was cremated. His wife Carol returned to B.C. and brought the ashes with her for disposal.

Mrs. Patricia Lewis of Wimbledon, England has written to say:

Until a few years ago I lived in Whitstable – a fishing village not far from Canterbury. I wonder how many people visit the Cathedral but do not go to the Museum a few steps away. They are probably not aware that in the Museum there is a large gallery devoted almost entirely to the Buffs, but there is also a showcase dedicated to The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada.

A few years ago, Robert and Mary Bennet of Authie in Normandy, when staying with me, brought with them a piece of shrapnel from the village of Authie which was donated with all ceremony to the Museum, officiated by the Curator and local Padre. Syd Grafton (now deceased) sent over several artifacts which were gratefully accepted. I,too, have made a contribution but there is room and need for more.

Every day in the morning in the Cathedral there is the "Turning the Page" ceremony – short but very moving. One can requests it to be opened

at a particular page for a personal name to be mentioned. I only mention this as it would be such a shame for someone to make the pilgrimage to Canterbury and not take advantage of other interesting ceremonies that take place.

### In Memoriam

All members of the Regimental family are saddened to learn of the passing of the following persons and extend their condolences to the families and friends of the deceased.

*LCol Ronald J. Wilkinson, MC,CD who died in Stratford, Ontario on 6 May 2002. The funeral service took place in Trull Funeral Home in Toronto on 8 May 2002 with Major Arthur Creighton of the Salvation Army officiating.*

*Col H. Gregory Leitch who died on 20 August 2002 after a lengthy illness.*

*WO A.G. Middleton.*

*Rfn Charles (Chuck) E. Cherry who died on 2 May 2002.*

*Thomas R. McConnell.*

*John Richard Grant.*

*Maj John Moad who died on 20 August 2002.*

*Bert Pendlebury who died on 27 May 2002.*

### Moving or Planning to Move

It is requested that if you have moved from your present address or if you plan to move please inform Regimental Headquarters otherwise you may be deleted from the mailing if your letter is returned as :Address Unknown".

### The Final Word

Old aunts used to come up to a young man at weddings, poking him in the ribs and saying, "You are next".

They stopped after the young man started doing the same thing to them at funerals saying "You are next."