



The Powder Horn

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People, Places and Pleasantries

Good-Will Mission...Colonel H.C.F. Elliot, Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, and Lieutenant Colonel J.G.B. Strathy, President of the Regimental Trust Fund, and their wives will be visiting Great Britain in May on a Regimental good-will mission. Their itinerary includes a visit to the Regimental Headquarters of The Queen's Regiment in Canterbury on 12 May; luncheon with the officers and their ladies in the Officers' Mess of 4th (Volunteer) Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets in London on 13 May; an audience with Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra on 13 May; and a visit to the Regimental Headquarters of The Royal Green Jackets in Winchester on 15 May.

On the Move Again... Brigadier General Lew MacKenzie, Deputy Commander of Land Forces, Central Area for the past year, has departed for Yugoslavia where he will take up the appointment of Chief of Staff to Lieutenant General Satish Nambiar, Commander of the UN Peacekeeping Force. The Honourable Marcel Masse, Minister of National Defence, praised General MacKenzie as one of Canada's most experienced peacekeepers who has served with UN Forces in the Gaza Strip,

Cyprus, Vietnam, Egypt and as a senior military observer in Central America.

Good Samaritan...Major Jim Millet of Richmond, B.C., a retired civil servant and former officer of the Queen's Own, is one of more than 100 drivers in British Columbia who volunteer their time to drive people to and from cancer-related appointments. The program in which Jim participates was initiated by the Freemasons of B.C. in association with the Canadian Cancer Society. "It's a bit like being a cab driver," says Jim, "but far more rewarding and satisfying."

Remarkable Achievement...Captain Eileen Vaughan, who served with the Battalion in Toronto until her appointment as Personal Assistant to Major General N.M. Hall, Commander of Land Forces, Central Area, was named the 1990 Canadian Forces Female Athlete of the Year. With 4,025 free fall jumps to her credit, Eileen is the most experienced Canadian female parachutist. She is now living in Halifax, N.S.

Keeping Store...John W. Murray, who served with the 2nd Battalion in Korea and Calgary and later with the Combat Arms School in Gagetown as a Drill

Sergeant Major is now living in St. Catharines where he is the Quartermaster for the Niagara Regional Police Force.

Still Going Strong...Lieutenant Colonel I.P.F. Macleod has been re-appointed to serve as an Aide-de-Camp to the new Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, Lieutenant Colonel The Honourable H.N.R. Jackman. Ivor has had the privilege of serving as an Aide-de-Camp to four successive Ontario Lieutenant Governors and is now in his 13th year of service in that appointment.

Birthday Celebration and Reunion...Rifleman Joe Webb reports that a 1st Battalion Regimental Birthday Celebration and Reunion is planned for 25 April 1992 in the WOs and Sgts Mess at Work Point Barracks in Victoria. All ranks and support personnel are invited. Joe Webb can be contacted at 819 Woodcreek Drive, R.R.#4, Sidney, B.C. V8L 4R4 or by telephone (604) 655-3901 for further details.

Band Reunion...1 QOR of C Band Reunion will take place in Victoria, B.C. in August 1992. Contact Fred Mercer, 485 Obed Avenue, Victoria, B.C. V9A 1K6 or by telephone (604) 382-8947 for reunion plans. **More** ▶

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Where is he now?...David Wayne Olfert, son of Rifleman and Mrs. A. Olfert, was born on 8 May 1960 in the British Military Hospital in Iserlohn, Germany while the 2nd Battalion was stationed in Fort McLeod. He was the first child born to a mem-

ber of the 2nd Battalion in its second century of service. Dubbed the Centennial Baby, he was presented with a bronze Centennial medallion, an engraved silver cup, fork and spoon, and a small cash award by the then Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Col-

onel R.J. Wilkinson. Mrs. Olfert nee Smith came from a small southern Alberta Town of Raymond where according to the Raymond Recorder, "The citizens of Raymond feel they have a part interest in the Queen's Own Centennial Baby".

Regimental Birthday Celebrations

¶ On Saturday, April 25th, 1992, The Queen's Own Rifles Association in Toronto will celebrate the Regiment's 132nd Birthday with a wide range of activities to satisfy the tastes of young and old. These celebrations will take place at The Queen's Own Rifles Branch #344, Royal Canadian Legion, 1395 Lakeshore Boulevard West, Toronto, Ontario.

The day's programme will include:

1400 hours-General meeting and the election of officers for 1992/93.
1530 hours-Demonstration by the Pioneers and Skirmishers.
1600 hours-Music by the Regimental Band.
1700 hours-Buffet provided by the ladies of Branch 344. Cost will be \$5.00 per person. Tickets will be available at the Branch on 25 April.
1800 hours-Music by the Regimental Band until 1830 hours.
1830 hours-Dancing to music by the Juke Box and other entertainment.

The film "The First 100 Years" will be shown during the course of the afternoon and Art Gay will have items from the Regimental Kit Shop displayed for sale.

Don't miss this opportunity to meet old friends and to enjoy an afternoon and evening of good fun.

¶ On Sunday, April 26th, 1992, the Regimental birthday celebrations will continue at Moss Park Armoury, the home of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, with a series of activities to which all members of the Regimental family and their friends are invited.

The programme will include:

1500 hours-Induction ceremony of Brigadier General D.A. Pryan, Honorary Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment.
1515 hours-Medal presentation ceremony.
1600 hours-Barbeque.
1700 hours-Dispersion to messes for varied entertainment.

News of Regimental Interest

Association Annual Dues

Captain J. Green, President of The Queen's Own Rifles Association in Toronto wishes to inform all members of the Regiment that at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Association held in October 1991, the structure of the Association's annual dues was changed.

Association annual dues now run from 1 January to 31 December each year and are currently \$10.00 per year.

To maintain your good standing in the Association, please forward your annual dues of \$10.00 to:

Mr. Art Gay, Secretary, The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Association, 185 Frederick St, Ste. 400, Toronto, ON M5A 4L4

Amalgamation of British Regiments

Word has been received from the Regimental Headquarters of The Queen's Regiment that the Army Board has ruled that, subject to the approval of Her Majesty The Queen, the title of the new regiment to be formed by the amalgamation of the Queen's Regiment and the Royal Hampshire Regiment in 1993 is to be:

The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment
(Queen's and Royal Hampshire)

Mystery Solved

Lieutenant Peter Simundson, Curator of the Regimental Museum at Casa Loma, was quick to respond to the item in the last edition of "The Powder Horn" by reporting that the rifle which was actually carried and used by a member of the Regiment during the relief of Battleford and the Battle of Cut Knife Creek and which was presented to the 1st Battalion during Centennial Year celebrations, is held by the Museum and prominently displayed. The Shield bearing the insignia of all units of 1 CIBG is also held by the Museum but not on display.

Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Chapter, I.O.D.E.

It is with great regret that we report the disbandment of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Chapter, I.O.D.E. which has supported the Regiment with great generosity and distinction for many years. Prior to its disbandment, the Chapter donated \$1500.00 to each of the Regimental Museum and the Regimental Trust Fund to assist these two components of the Regiment in its work on behalf of the Regiment.

It is gratifying to note that the ladies of the Chapter intend to carry on as a Guild and retain its link with the Regiment.

Can You Help?

Mr. Robin Neillands, a well-known British author, is compiling material for a book to mark the 50th anniversary of D-Day.

He would like to receive personal accounts from any member of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada who took part in the assault, regardless of rank. The more personal your account, the better. When responding make sure you give your name and rank at that particular time and some idea of what you were doing at that time. He would also like to know about your training, travel to the United Kingdom and your time spent there. Brief details of what you did before and after the war would also be welcomed.

You may send your personal story to:

Mr. Robin Neillands
P.O. Box 345
Bourne End, Bucks SL8 5NH
England

Jack Martin urges all Queen's Own veterans to write to Mr. Neillands to ensure that the Regiment is well represented in this book.

The Column of Freedom

Readers of "The Powder Horn" may be interested to know that an all-Canadian project, born from an unheralded sense of patriotism, is underway. A life-size, bronze monument dubbed "The Column of Freedom" will be erected on Toronto's University Avenue in front of the Royal Canadian Military Institute. A project of principles, "The Column of Freedom" pays tribute to Canada's contemporary Forces, as well as honouring the 100 year history of pride in our military embodied in the celebrated Centenary of the Royal Canadian Military Institute.

The Column of Freedom Monument Association was formed to fund this project. Two of the Association's leading directors are BGen Don Pryer and Lt W.R.C. Houston, well-known riflemen.

One of the highlights of this project is the unique and innovative approach taken towards its construction. The monument will be created on the grounds of Canadian Forces Staff School in Toronto. The artist, RCMI member Sandra J. Shaw, has collaborated with Capt Alec Shipman of the Royal Canadian Signals Cadets to provide an exciting educational experience for the Cadets. They will receive instruction on sculpture and casting by the lost-wax method.

Regiment Loses Two of Its Finest Officers

This year the Regiment has lost two of its senior officers who served Canada and the military with great distinction.

Lieutenant Colonel Stephen MacLeod Lett, DSO died on January 18th in his 82nd year. He was second-in-command of the 1st Battalion which took part in the Normandy landings. As part

of the Canadian 3rd Division, 1st Battalion made the deepest penetration into enemy territory of all Allied units.

Colonel Lett was appointed commanding officer of the Battalion in September 1944 and led the Battalion in heavy fighting until the end of World War II. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Order for bravery.

A memorial service for Colonel Lett was held in St. Paul's Anglican Church in Toronto at which tributes were offered by Colonel J.F. Lake, Mr. Lloyd Price and Mr. Tristan Lett.

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Lieutenant Colonel William Thomas Barnard, ED, CD, died on March 7th in his 95th year. A veteran of two world wars, Colonel Barnard commanded the Toronto Battalion from May 1947 to May 1951. He was the author of the Regimental History book "The Queen's Own Rifles 1860-1960, One Hundred Years of Canada" and for many years was the curator of the Regimental Museum in Casa Loma.

The funeral service at the Trull Funeral Home was attended by members of his family, former and serving members of the Regiment, and friends.

Churchillian Quotes

One of the strengths of British officers and a source of impotent rage among those who lived under other flags and had to deal with them was that Englishmen with their background could not be offended by pomposity because their own capacity for arrogance was infinite.

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.

BARNARD, William T.	LETT, Stephen M.
BUCHANAN, T.B.	OSLER, Patrick C.
CLARKE, George R.	PETTIT, Lorne F.
COMRIE, Gordon	PORTEOUS, James
DALE, Leonard	RAY, Gordon R.
GLEW, Crawford S.	RICHARDSON, John A.
HARKER, Jack	RUTTLE, Lloyd
KEENAN, David	SCHRAM, Welby
KLEIN, Albert	WHETHAM, Victor L.
LeQUESNE, Donald J.	

*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.*

Condolences

The Regiment also extends its condolences to these members of our Regimental family who have lost their loved ones.

JOHN MOAD on the death of his wife June
ERNIE MARSH on the death of his wife Margaret

Apologies

Sincere apologies are extended to Ernie Zurch and members of his family for our error in including Ernie in the "In Memoriam" section of the last edition of "The Powder Horn". We are thrilled to report that Ernie is alive and well and enjoying life in Windfield, B.C.

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130 Queen Street East
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T-Shirts.....	12.00	Baseball Caps.....	10.00
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Track Pants.....	25.00	Decals – AB Wings.....	3.50
Kangaroo Shirts with Hood & Pouch.....	25.00	AB Bumper Stickers.....	5.00
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