



# The Powder Horn

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## People, Places and Pleasantries

### Canada's Foremost Peacekeeper Retires

MGEN Lew MacKenzie, whose resolute and courageous performance in Sarajevo captured the hearts of all Canadians, bid farewell to the Canadian Armed Forces on March 5th when he gave up command of Land Force Central Area to MGEN Brian Vernon.

In the months prior to retirement, MGEN MacKenzie addressed thousands of Canadians on his peacekeeping experiences and participated in numerous public functions which included the opening of the 20th annual Canadian International Autoshow in Toronto.

Contrary to press reports, MGEN MacKenzie has denied that he will seek political office. He has been hired by Baton Broadcasting as a TV commentator on international affairs, duties he will undoubtedly assume on completion of a book he is writing on his military experiences, particularly as they relate to peacekeeping operations around the world.

Earlier in the year, MGEN MacKenzie was awarded a second Meritorious Service Cross (MSC) for his outstanding service in Sarajevo. His first

MSC was awarded for his superb command of the United Nations observer group that helped implement the Nicaragua peace accord in 1990.

All members of the Regimental Family congratulate MGEN MacKenzie on his remarkable achievements during his 34 years of devoted service and wish him, his wife Dora and their daughter Kim all the best in their future endeavours.

### Former Minister of National Defence Honoured

LCOL The Honourable B.J. Danson, a Queen's Own veteran of WW2, former Honorary Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment, and a former Minister of National Defence, will be awarded an Honorary Doctorate by the Royal Military College during the College's graduating ceremonies in Kingston on May 14th. We join his many friends in extending our warmest congratulations on an honour that is well deserved.

### On the Move

BGEN Barry Ashton, Commander of 1 CIBG in Calgary, will be appointed Chief of Staff Administration for Land Force Command in St. Hubert, Quebec on a date to be

announced. He will be replaced in Calgary by BGEN Jim Cox, who will be promoted to that rank on assumption of command.

### Prints of D-Day Painting

CAPT Orville N. Fisher, artist of the D-Day Landing painting which hangs in the Officers' Mess, will be the guest of honour at the 133rd Regimental Birthday celebrations in Toronto.

CAPT Fisher and his wife Margaret will be arriving in Toronto on Friday, 23 April from Langley, B.C. where they now live.

The Regiment is delighted to report that CAPT Fisher has graciously consented for the Regiment to make prints of this historic painting which will be offered for sale to support the Trust Fund.

The first 100 prints (13" by 17" in size) will be numbered and signed by CAPT Fisher. These prints will be available at a cost of \$150 per print.

Unnumbered and unsigned prints will be available at a cost of \$45 per print. Orders for the numbered and signed prints are now being received by Regimental HQs.

Prints will also be available for sale during the 133rd Birthday celebrations. □

## **Regiment's 133rd Birthday Celebrations and 70th Anniversary of the QOR Association**

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A varied and exciting program has been organized in Toronto to mark the 133rd birthday of the Regiment's founding and to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Queen's Own Rifles Association in Toronto.

All members of the Regimental Family are cordially invited to participate in these celebrations.

### **Friday, 23 April 1993**

1830 for 1930 hours      Officers' Mess Dinner, Moss Park Armoury.  
Dress will be mess kit or dinner jacket with medals.  
Guest of Honour will be Captain Orville N. Fisher,  
artist of the D-Day Landing painting which hangs in  
the Officers' Mess.

### **Saturday, 24 April 1993**

0900 hours      Para jump by members of the Regiment ~~at~~ CFB  
Borden. In case of inclement weather, the jump will  
take place on the Sunday morning at the same time.

1300 hours      Open House at Casa Loma and tour of the Regimental  
Museum. A shopping tour will be organized for  
those ladies who do not wish to tour the Museum.

1500 hours      QOR Association General Meeting at 1395 Lake-  
shore Boulevard West

1600 hours      Music by the Regimental Band and Bugles at 1395  
Lakeshore Boulevard West

1900 hours      Buffet Dinner at 1395 Lakeshore Boulevard West.  
Cost will be \$10 per person.

2030 hours      Dance at 1395 Lakeshore Boulevard West

### **Sunday, 25 April 1993**

1100 hours      Brunch at Moss Park Armoury.  
Display of military equipment.

1200 hours      Reception in Officers', Sergeants' and Other Ranks  
Messes

# NEWS

## The Queen's Own Rifles Branch #344 Royal Canadian Legion

The Queen's Own Rifles Branch #344 of The Royal Canadian Legion has begun a project to display photographs of all Branch Past Presidents.

The project is proceeding favourably, however, photographs of the following Past Presidents are urgently needed:

Baptiste Johnston, Dick Medland,  
Bill Robinson, Joe Gould, Jack English,  
John (Cap) Pearson, Carol Cunningham

Readers who may have photographs of any of these Past Presidents are requested to mail them to Rolph W. Jackson, 53 Roosevelt Road, Toronto, Ontario, M4J 4T8. Photographs will be returned to the sender. □

## QOR of C Association (Toronto Br)

The Association is deeply saddened by the passing of Jim Green, Association President, on 1 February 1993.

Formerly RSM of the Toronto Battalion and later Captain, Jim was a highly respected and devoted member of the Regiment. He worked tirelessly on behalf of the Regiment and will be missed by those who knew him. He was a man dedicated to his family and his Regiment. □

## Annual D-Day Dinner

The Queen's Own Rifles Branch #344 of the Royal Canadian Legion will be hosting the Annual D-Day Dinner at its location at 1395 Lakeshore Blvd. W. on Saturday, 5 June 1993.

Reception will commence at 1830 hours followed by dinner at 1930 hours.

COL H.C.F. Elliot, the Regiment's Honorary Colonel, and a D-Day veteran who served with B Coy will be the guest speaker.

Those who plan to attend are asked to notify the Branch at 532-8892 by no later than 1 June 1993.

Cost is \$25 per person.

## Annual D-Day Parade

The Annual D-Day Parade will take place at the OLD City Hall Cenotaph at 0715 hours, Sunday, 6 June 1993.

Come and join your comrades in tribute to those who gave their lives in defence of freedom. □

## Revised Itinerary and Price for D-Plus 50 Years

- June 4.... Depart **Toronto** via Air Canada, overnight flight to **Paris, France**.
- June 5.... Arrive in **Paris** this morning. Meet tour director and board coaches for the journey north to the **Caen/Rouen** area. Afternoon at leisure to relax and/or rest. This evening enjoy a "Welcome to France" dinner at hotel.
- June 6.... Early morning ceremony at our Monument at **Bernieres-sur-Mer** (0730 hours). Take part in the official ceremonies.
- June 7.... Complete day in this area of the **Beaches** and **Caen**. Possible Canadian government reception in Caen. More on official ceremonies at a later date.
- June 8.... A joint ceremony with the 1st Hussars at **Le Mesnil-Patry** and various receptions.
- June 9.... Among other things, a visit to **L'Ancienne Abbaye Ardenne** where several Canadian Prisoners-of-War were murdered by the 12th SS German troops. Also visit other battle sites in the area.
- June 10.. A visit to the **Caen Museum for Peace**, where, I'm told, they've added quite a lot of Canadian participation that was not in the Museum when we visited in 1989.
- June 11.. Visit to **Falaise** area and general sightseeing.
- June 12.. Leave the area this morning, travelling north and pay

our respects at Canada's **Vimy Memorial**. Then, swinging south through **Picardy** and the **Valley of the Somme** to **Paris**. This evening, enjoy a "Farewell to France" dinner and cabaret show.

- June 13.. Transfer to the airport in time for return flight home. Meals will be served aboard the aircraft. Arrive home same day.

**Price... \$2,473 per person**

Persons wanting to extend their trip, or join the group for the land portion only, must make their own arrangements with our travel agent.

*Express Travel*  
1569 Bayview Avenue  
Toronto, Ontario M4G 3B5  
(416) 485-5057...Ask for **Marianna**

If you have not sent in your application to date, a deposit of \$575 is required **immediately**. We are limiting this tour now to one busload and space is available on a first-come, first-served basis. **Act now!**

Jack Martin  
Tour Chairman



# Regimental Who's Who

## COLONEL-IN-CHIEF

H.R.H. Princess Alexandra, the Hon. Lady Ogilvy, G.C.V.O., C.D.

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COL H.C.F. Elliot, C.D.

## HONORARY LIEUTENANT COLONEL

BGEN D.A. Pryer, C.D.

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The Royal Green Jackets  
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Once in the Queen's Own, Always in the Queen's Own

# 1992 Trust Fund Report

LCOL J.G.B. Strathy, President of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Trust Fund, and his Trustees wish to express their gratitude to those members of the Regimental Family and to those friends of the Regiment who were so generous in their financial support of the Trust Fund.

A total of \$12,471 was donated to the Trust Fund by 173 individual contributors. The average contribution was \$72.09, a commendable figure indeed.

A breakdown of donations is

shown in the chart below.

As commendable as this support may be, it is regretted that out of a mailing list of 1,023 only 173 persons felt an obligation to support their Regiment.

It is the hope of the Trustees that the number of supporters increases significantly in 1993 to allow the Trust Fund to meet its financial obligations to the various components of the Regiment.

All donations over \$10 will be acknowledged with a receipt for income tax purposes. □

Amount of Donation	Number of Donors	Total of Donations
Under \$25	20	\$295.00
25.00 to 49.00	55	1465.00
50.00 to 99.00	45	2455.00
100.00 to 199.00	40	4555.00
200.00 to 299.00	6	1400.00
300.00 to 399.00	5	1501.00
400.00 and over	2	800.00
<b>Totals</b>	173	\$12,471.00

## Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Association

Many of you have already paid your 1993 dues, but a good number of you have not.

Please fill out the form below and return it with your cheque in the amount of \$10 for your 1993 dues to Art Gay at Regimental Headquarters.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

# Letters to the Editor

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## *Bugles Reunion '92*

I wish to report on a very unique and enjoyable gathering at Work Point Barracks on the weekend of 31 July 1992 when members of the 1st Battalion Bugles got together for a celebration.

The organizing committee of Fred and Janice Mercer, Harold and Myrna Drinkwater, Tim and Joanne Ogilvie and Jim Hicke did a splendid job of spreading the word and arranging the program for the day and a half involved.

106 happy people sat down to a great meal at the final dinner. Some light-hearted but sincere banter filled the room and "Remember when..." was probably the most oft heard sound. Those who had a hand in putting together or supporting the reunion were recognized and vigorously agreed that a similar event should be held again and probably, the next time, in Calgary.

What was I doing at a Bugles reunion never having put lips to a horn or hand to a stick? When asked when I was in the Band—and had to answer—NEVER! It seemed logical that SOMEONE who had tried to keep step "to those many years" should be present to represent "The Musical Appreciation Society of Riflemen".

Marianne and I had a really super time among old friends and good comrades and we look forward to the next one (even if I have to take Bugle-Major lessons to qualify).

Regimentally,  
Herb Pitts  
Toronto, Ontario

**Editor's Note:** The next Bugler's course is being held at Moss Park Armoury on 1 May 1993.

## *Peacekeepers Recognized*

On October 8th, my wife and I had the pleasure of attending the unveiling of the United Nations Peacekeeping Monument in our nation's capital, Ottawa.

I wore my green beret with our Regimental cap badge so those attending would realize that I was a proud member of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada. I served with both the 1st and 2nd Battalions during my tours overseas.

It was a very moving experience for the 3,000 veterans on parade.

While in Ottawa, I met LCOL Baskerville, COL Ethell and MAJ Diebel. I was also able to telephone TSM Bruce that evening. To quote him, "We are all rich as we enjoy good health".

I am also enclosing photocopies of "The Blue Beret" issued in Cyprus on 19 July 1967.

Respectfully,  
Norm Walker  
Carnduff, Saskatchewan

**Editor's Note:** "The Blue Beret" shows photos of COL Elliot, incoming Commander of the Canadian Contingent, being greeted by COL W. W. Turner, the outgoing Commander; LCOL N. A. Robinson, CO of 2nd Bn, greeting Vice-President Kuchak to a reception in St. Hilarion Castle; and CPL Norm Walker with several Rfn

erecting a sign saying "Help Wanted". Presumably this referred to the opposite gender.

## *Remembering Comrades*

There is a shortage of news from up here in the boondocks. About all that happens is the demise of yet another QOR comrade, in this instance, Wilf Mercer.

The Orillia Legion Branch always ensures that funerals are conducted in true Legion fashion following all the rites and customs. In addition, whenever a QOR comrade passes away the trio of "Pont" Cairns, Terry "Red" Gordon and I visit that funeral parlour in Regimental blazer, green beret, etc. to let the family know that the Regiment does not forget its own. It is believed that the family really appreciates the Regimental connection which is not always fully understood by the deceased veteran's family.

Again I regret that I cannot report any news except deaths, but until something of note occurs I will close with the request that you, the lifeline of Regimental news, continue your good work in keeping us informed

Regimentally,  
Fred "Lucky" Rowell,  
Orillia, Ontario

**Editor's Note:** Lucky's daughter is secretary to the Base Commander at CFB Borden. She was a student in the Editor's class when he taught Grades 5 and 6 in Borden in 1948. A small world, indeed! □