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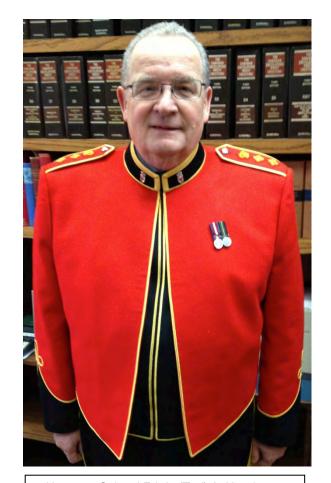
# THE DUKE



## LANCE CORPORAL TO HONORARY COLONEL

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Honorary Colonel Edwin (Ted) A. Hawthorne

Edwin (Ted) A. Hawthorne was appointed Honorary Colonel of the British Columbia Regiment (DCO) by the Minister of National Defence the Honourable Peter Mackay upon recommendation of the Chief of Defence Staff on 2 November 2012.

Ted was born in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, and moved to Burnaby, British Columbia in 1954. He received his Juris Doctor from UBC and has been a partner in the law firm of Hawthorne, Piggott & Company since 1973.

He has been actively involved in numerous aspects of The British Columbia Regiment (DCO) for many years; initially serving in the Cadet Corps, joining the Regiment in 1961 and participated in all facets of the Regimental Family.

Ted is Chairman Emeritus of Columbus Long Term Care Society after 27 years of service and also serves as a director and officer of many other non-profit charitable organizations, including The Hatfield Society, Chacko & Lize Simon Scholarship Trust, The BC Regiment (DCO) Charitable Trust, The Army Cadet League of Canada (BC Branch) and Chairman of the 2290 BCR Cadet Corps Executive Committee of the Sponsoring Committee.

He is a member of the BC Veterans Commemorative Association (which includes the highly successful veterans' licence plate program), Royal United Services Institute-Vancouver, Life Member of The Royal Canadian Armoured Corps Association, founding member of the Citadel Charitable Funding Society, President of The BC Regiment (DCO) Association, member and past director and officer of The BC Regiment (DCO) Museum Society and Royal City Youth Ballet Company Society, Chairman of the Commanding Officer's Committee, Governor and Chairman of The BC Regiment (DCO) Regimental Trust, Counsel Emeritus of Honour House Society and past Trustee of the Burnaby Art Gallery. Ted is also Special Counsel to the Vancouver Artillery Association, 15<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regimental Society, 15<sup>th</sup> Field Museum and Archives and Royal United Services Institute - Vancouver.

Ted has led two BC Regiment (DCO) Association Battlefield Tours, including the 2007 Vimy Memorial Re-dedication and the 2008 BC Regiment (DCO) European Battlefield Tour where ten Regimental remembrance ceremonies were conducted and seven commemorative plaques dedicated.

Ted was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in March 2012 in recognition of his contributions to Canada.

Professionally, Ted is a member of the Law Society of British Columbia and the Canadian Bar Association.

Early in the 20<sup>th</sup> century in Canada Sir Robert Borden described the practice of appointing Hononaries as "of greatest advantage to the Militia to be able to enlist the interest and sympathy of gentlemen of position and wealth by connecting them to Regiments"

That sentiment remains to day. The Honorary is seen to be the guardian of Regimental traditions and history, promoting the Regiment's identity and ethos and being an advisor to the Commanding Officer on virtually all issues excluding operations.

All ranks BCR are extremely pleased, and extend our most sincere congratulations on your appointment to Honorary Colonel of The British Columbia Regiment (DCO).

### Up the Dukes.

LCol (Ret'd) Archie M. Steacy CD President Emeritus British Columbia Regiment (DCO) Association

## 2381 BCR (Irish Fusiliers) RCACC Change of Command - 2 October 2012

Submitted by: E.A. (Ted) Hawthorne, President The BC Regiment (DCO) Association

We are pleased to report that the Change of Command Parade was held on 2 October 2012 at Colonel Sherman Armouries with an excellent turnout of 95 cadets on parade including a Colour Party and Band. The Presiding Officer was LCol Harj Sajjan, CD, AdeC, Commanding Officer of the Regiment. After the inspection, Col Sajjan congratulated the entire Cadet Corps, the outgoing CO, Maj Jim Blomme, CD, the incoming CO, Maj Gary Law, CD, Staff and the Sponsoring Committee for their excellent service. Maj Blomme and Maj Law each addressed the parade and acknowledged with great pride their opportunity to command 2381 BCR RCACC. Snacks and refreshments were served which concluded a very fine evening. Many thanks to the Cadet Corps for the great hospitality!

On behalf of the Regimental Association, we congratulate Maj Gary Law on his appointment and wish him every success in his new command. We also congratulate Maj Blomme for his excellent service to the unit and wish him every success in the formation of the new Cadet Corps in Surrey.



L to R: Major Jim Blomme, Lt. Colonel Harj Sajjan and Major Gary Law

## 2827 BCR (PORT MOODY) RCACC Change of Command - 9 October 2012

Submitted by: E.A. (Ted) Hawthorne, President The BC Regiment (DCO) Association

We are pleased to report that the Change of Command Parade was held on 9 October 2012 with an excellent turnout of 35 cadets on parade. The Reviewing Officer was Major Doug Evans, CD, 2IC of the Regiment. As Captain Shannon Rothwell, CD, was unable to attend as the outgoing CO, command was transferred directly by Major Evans to Lt Orlando Banman, CD. Major Evans complimented Capt Rothwell on a job well done and congratulated Lt Banman on his appointment. In addition, Maj Evans complimented the entire Cadet Corps, Staff and Sponsoring Committee. Lt. Banman addressed the parade, conveyed his gratitude and promised to continue the good work with 2827 BCR RCACC. Cake and refreshments were served which topped off a most enjoyable evening.

On behalf of the Regimental Association, we congratulate Lt. Banman on his appointment and wish him every success in his new command. Well done Lt. Banman and our very best wishes to 2827 BCR RCACC!



SC Chair Bonnie Banman and Lt Orlando Banman

L to R: Maj Prince, Ted and Maj Prouse Front row: Maj Evans and Lt Banman

## HAPPY 129<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY 12 October 2012

Submitted by: E.A. (Ted) Hawthorne, President The BC Regiment (DCO) Association

The Regiment's 129<sup>th</sup> Birthday (officially 12 October 2012) was very well observed by our serving members and members of the Regimental Association at the Drill Hall on Wednesday, 10 October 2012. During a short break in the evening's training schedule, the members formed up into an open square and were presented with three slab birthday cakes duly decorated in our Regimental colours. The CO, LCol Sajjan, addressed the parade marking this happy occasion and acknowledged the service of the members of the Regiment in all of those 129 years. "Service" was the keynote of the CO's address. Ted Hawthorne, President of the Regimental Association, was invited to say a few words. Mr. Hawthorne also noted the tremendous service of the Regiment to our country and observed that we share this significant honour (i.e. years of service) with the RCDs, RCRs and The Royal Winnipeq Rifles.

The September issue of **The Duke** was presented and complimentary copies were made available to all three messes. Hon LCol Scott Shepherd also addressed the members and emphasized the great honour that had been bestowed upon him as Honorary Lt. Colonel. HLCol Shepherd assured every one of his commitment to serve the Regiment and its members. Pte. Barton then proceeded to cut the cake with the traditional cavalry sabre. The cakes were served by the CO, Maj Evans, Capt Perry and RSM Taylor to the grateful recipients! SSM Huf Mullick, MWO, led the assembled group in a memorable rendition of Happy Birthday! It was truly a joyous occasion with smiles all around. Up the Dukes!

## 5 KOREAN CURRY LUNCHEON – 25 OCTOBER 2012

Submitted by: E.A. (Ted) Hawthorne, President The BC Regiment (DCO) Association

It was a most enjoyable luncheon hosted by the Officers' Mess and coordinated by the Regimental Association's Vice President Bill Diamond. The food and company was excellent all around.

Our good friend and supporter, Tochi Sandhu, was in attendance with his colleague David Lanphear, Vice President, Commercial Banking and Insurance, of Envision Financial. David presented a congratulatory 129<sup>th</sup> Birthday greeting to the President of the Regimental Association, Ted Hawthorne, and thanked all Dukes, past and present for their service. On behalf of



David, Ted and Tochi

the Regimental Association, we thank David and Tochi for their fine expression of support of the Regiment and its members!

## SOUTH ASIAN FILM FESTIVAL - "CITIZEN SOLDIERS" 4 November 2012

Submitted by: E.A. (Ted) Hawthorne, President The BC Regiment (DCO) Association

The premiere showing of "Citizen Soldiers" on Military Family Day took place at the Empire Granville 7 Cinema in Vancouver on Sunday, 4 November 2012. The Mini-Documentary was filmed, produced and directed by Rajesh Thind of Pindu Productions Ltd. and was presented by the South Asian Film Festival ("SAFF Canada"). The premiere was well attended by many serving members and their families, the Regimental Family, friends and supporters. The film was wholeheartedly enjoyed by us all!



Congratulations to the CO, LCol Harj Sajjan, SSM Huf Mullick, Bugler Timur Kalyuzhnyy, Pipe Major Alistair Pattison, Pipe Sgt Mike Giles and Pipers Thomas Budd and Greg Greene of the Irish Pipes and Drums for adding the necessary Regimental component to this most enjoyable event. A post premiere reception was held in the WOs' and Sgts' Mess and the Officers' Mess.

The tremendous success of this film is a direct result of the unforgettable 2012 European Battlefield Studies Tour by 43 serving members of the Regiment and certain members of "the Old Guard". The Tour was directed by Keith Maxwell and Bob Hall of the Regimental Museum and supported by the Regimental Association, members of the Regimental Family, friends and supporters. We can all be proud to have supported the Regiment on the Tour and the Mini-Documentary. We sincerely hope that all of you will be able to view this film as it definitely is a keeper!! Stay tuned for further information regarding further showings.

## TANK/NAVAL ENGAGEMENT

## **CANADIAN ARMY versus GERMAN KREIGSMARINE**

Tanks Versus Minesweepers (Minensuchboots)

Zijpe Harbour, Holland

5 – 6 November 1944

Submitted by: LCol (Ret'd) Archie M. Steacy CD President Emeritus The BC Regiment (DCO) Association

The 28<sup>th</sup> Canadian Armoured Regiment (British Columbia Regiment) and the Lake Superior Regiment (Motor) (LSR) fought the first and only naval engagement between M4A2 Sherman tanks, Infantry and four German Kriegsmarine armed Minensuchboots, at Zijpe Harbour located on the eastern end of the Island of Schouwen en Duievland, Holland during the final stage of the Battle for the Scheldt.

The 4th Canadian Armoured Division was finalizing its operations during late October and early November 1944, north of Bergen op Zoom to Steenbergen and the northwest corner of Holland below the Maas River.

Immediately after the capture of Steenbergen and the bridges at Moerdijk blocked, all that remained to be done was to close the Zijpe Channel between the St. Phillipsland and Schouwen en Duievland, to prevent further escape of German Forces. On 5 September 1944, the 4<sup>th</sup> Canadian Armoured Brigade learned that several German Naval vessels were harboured at Zijpe. "C" Squadron, of the 28<sup>th</sup> Canadian Armoured Regiment (The British Columbia Regiment) and Infantry of "A" Company of the Lake Superior Regiment (Motor) quickly took up fire positions on the dykes along the western end of St. Phillipsland. The troop of Sherman tanks, commanded by Lieutenant Rustemeyer.(Rusty) H. Goepel and Sergeant George Raitt opened fire with the Sherman, M4A2 Fireflly tank's 17 pounder and three other, 75 millimetre tank guns, supported by the Infantry firing their 6 pounder anti-tank guns and mortars. The fire, directed across the intervening channel,to Zijpe Harbour, sank three and damaged a fourth German Kriegsmarine Minesweepers (Minensuchboots).

During the afternoon of 6 November, a two fighting patrols, commanded by LSR "A" Company's Captain Styffe and BCR Lieutenant Goepel, acquired a fishing boat and a police cutter and crossed over to the harbour discovering three German vessels had been sunk while the fourth was listing badly. The Lake Superiors acquired the ship's signal flags and Iron Cross Pennant, a Kriegsmarine Jack, 1939-145. The ship's bell and a "Kriegsmarine War Ensign of Germany", second pattern, 1938 – 1945 from Minensuchboot C 24, was acquired by Lieutenant Goepel. The bell now stands in the Officers' Mess of the British Columbia Regiment (DCO) in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada and the Kriegsmarine War Ensign was acquired by Captain Fred Smith, but is now in possession of his son, Mr. Darrel Smith.

The final act taken by Captain Styffe was to write a final entry in the ship's log: "Gersunken by Lake Superior Regiment and British Columbia Regiment, Canadian Army.



Zijpe Harbour after the attack by the Lake Superiors and the British Columbia Regiment
Zijpe Harbour after the attack by the 28<sup>th</sup> Canadian Armoured Regiment
(British Columbia Regiment) CAC and the Lake Superior Regiment.(Motor). (Photo Credit- DND)

It was here at Zijpe Harbour, on 06 November 1944 that the 28<sup>th</sup> Canadian Armoured Regiment (British Columbia Regiment), 4<sup>th</sup> Canadian Armoured Division1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Army fired its last shots in the Battle of the Scheldt.

I always wondered about the sinking, and the actual type of vessels involved. The plaque on the bell states the ships were Corvettes, but since the German Kriegsmarine did not possess Corvettes, I decided to discover the ships type.

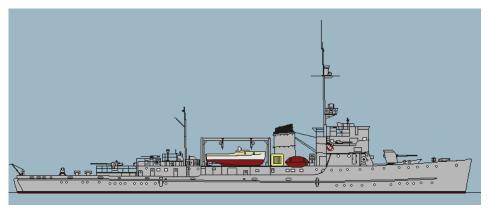
In 2008 I checked the bell for ID. Inside I found the letters "C24". I happened to mentioned my finding to Bill Diamond, stating that the number was likely relating to a bell style. He advised that he would speak with Mr. Michael Bechthold, Communications Director, Laurier Centre for Military Strategic and Disarmament Studies about the bell number. Michael responded with the following information found in in the book German Warships 1815-1945 Vol 2: U-boats and Mine Warfare by Erich Gröner I discovered that vessel "C 24" was a 1935/39 Minensuchboot (Minesweeper) Class M-1,launched 6 May 1938, commisioned 29 August 1938.

I was now determined to find a photo of a C24 vessel. After a number of e-mail exchanges with Mr. HTM Kauffman of the Netherlands Institute of Military History. He referred to the war diary belonging to Seekommandant Südholland (Naval Commander Southern Holland); Kapitän zur See Aschmann found in the collection of the NIMH (Dutch Institute of Military History). In the section dealing with the period 1-9 November 1944, the allied attack on Zijpe is briefly noted twice. In this manner, Aschmann heard on 6 Nov 44 that 3 art.Träger und 2 Boote der Rheinflottille' were fired upon in Zijpe's harbour that afternoon.

A lengthy search of the internet provided a photo of a C24 vessel, an architectural drawing and technical data as follows:



"C24" MBOOT35 - Minensuchboot) M-1 Class 1935 to 1938



"C24" MBOOT35 (Minensuchboot) M-1 Class 1935 to 1938

Technical Data: 90 officers and men, 874 tons displacement fully loaded, 204.3 feet long, 26 foot beam, 2 x 10.5 cm guns, 2x 3.7 cm guns, 6x 20 mm MGs and 30 mines. A bronze plaque evoking this tank/naval engagement was created and dedicated by the BC Regiment (DCO) Association at Zijpe Harbour on 3 September 2008.

My thanks are extended to Bill Diamond, Michael Bechthold and Mr. KTM Hauffman for their assistance in resolving as best possible the issue of the Zijpe battle after 68 years. The next step must be to correct the error on the Bell plaque, and provide framed photos of the C24 Minensuchboot and Zijpe Harbour.



### CO'S PARADE - 7 NOVEMBER 2012

Submitted by: E.A. (Ted) Hawthorne, President The BC Regiment (DCO) Association

Another well attended CO's Parade took place on 7 November 2012 with 110 Dukes on parade and members of the Regimental Association, Regimental Family and family members of the recruits in attendance.

The Commanding Officer, LCol Harj Sajjan, addressed the parade and emphasized the importance of Remembrance and our duty to remember the Fallen. The CO further noted that the turnout on Remembrance Day is expected to be very good. The CO also made reference to the emergence of a great story from the 2012 European Battlefield Studies Tour which culminated in the production of "Citizen Soldiers" which was shown at the Granville 7 Theatre on 4 November. The only regret is that all members could not attend the Tour! The CO announced that the Regimental Family Day will be held in January 2013 and that the Regiment's priority remains the family with more time and effort to be expended.

The CO then proceeded to make the following promotions and presentations:

- to MCpl Cpl Ricky Chandra and Cpl Andrew Siwy;
- 2. to Cpl Tpr Allard;
- 3. Bar to the GCS ("Afghanistan Medal") to Cpl De La Garza;
- 4. CD Maj Paul Lindsay;
- 5. Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal:
  - a. MCpl Ricky Chandra;
  - b. MCpl Steve Clews;
  - c. MCpl Steve Gross;
  - d. MCpl Jessica Schultz;
  - e. Sgt Dwayne Snow;
  - f. MWO Huf Mullick;
  - g. WO Tony Harris (to receive the medal from his MP);
  - h. Capt Jennifer Hillman; and
  - i. Maj Doug Evans.
- 6. Queen's Commission Scroll Officer Cadet Ellis
- 7. Pipe Band Promotions:
  - a. to Cpl Piper Thomas Budd; and
- b. to Cpl LCpl Alex Johrden

The CO also acknowledged Jerry Couling for his great work with the Regimental Museum and on the recent Tour.

The CO then requested Regimental Association President Ted Hawthorne to say a few words. Mr. Hawthorne congratulated all recipients. In addition, Mr. Hawthorne spoke briefly on Veterans' Week activities, the parade on Remembrance Day, post parade planning and the Bursary presentations to take place in December.

At the CO's request, Sgt Snow previewed the new Regimental Challenge Coin ("RCC") to those members on parade. Full details of criteria and cost were given. The RCC is a beautiful piece indeed! Many thanks to Capt John Perry for his great work in producing such an extraordinary creation!



Last of all, the CO confirmed the receipt of many well thought out Adventure Training proposals. The enthusiastic participation of the members was duly acknowledged.



## **ANNUAL REUNION DINNER - 10 NOVEMBER 2012**

Submitted by: E.A. (Ted) Hawthorne, President The BC Regiment (DCO) Association

Well....another great Reunion Dinner has come and gone! Our second year at Moxie's Ballroom was very well received by our members and guests. The Sandman Inn's room rate was very popular with many members making a weekend of it. The service and the dinner in Moxie's Ballroom was excellent. Many thanks to Vice President Bill Diamond for all of his great work in making this reunion such a successful event!

Our special guests for the evening included Colonel Bryan Gagne, Area Chief of Staff – Reserves, LCol Harjit Sajjan, the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, LCol Jim Barrett, 39 CBG, incoming 39 CBG Sgt. Major CWO Mark Arden and RSM Pat Taylor. We were most pleased to see so many serving members in attendance at our dinner. The head table, consisting of the new Honorary Colonel, President Ted Hawthorne and his wife Gayle, Colonel Sajjan and his wife, Doctor Kuljit Sajjan, RSM Pat Taylor and his wife Frances and Colonel Gagne and his lady friend Erika, was piped in by Pipe Major Alistair Pattison. Many thanks Alistair for your customary great work. The Table of Remembrance was prepared by Sgt Major Huf Mullick who also lit the Candle of Remembrance. Many thanks Sgt Major for you excellent work!

The Commanding Officer delivered his greetings from the Regiment and provided us with an excellent report on the State of the Regiment. After dinner, our customary toasts were given to the Queen (Ron Gilbert), the Fallen (Kelly Parks) and the Regiment (Tom Lyth). Bugle Sgt John More played the Last Post and Reveille. Great work as usual John! Colonel Gagne provided us with an update from the LFWA perspective. Many thanks to Colonels Sajjan and Gagne for their excellent presentations and for their support of the Regimental Association.

President Hawthorne conducted a "Passing of the Torch Ceremony" by presenting a mess dress US Cavalry Stetson (a gift originally intended for the late Ray Glover by Major Brad Benson of the 1 Battalion 303<sup>rd</sup> Cavalry, Washington State National Guard) to his son Cameron. Cameron will be assisting the Regimental Association with some of the projects that Ray worked on. Congratulations Cameron and all of our best wishes to you, Sharon, Catey and Carol.

We adjourned in time for a night cap in our complementary meeting and hospitality suite where a great post event review took place inter dispersed with a few good stories. We all retired in good time to be ready for the Remembrance Day Parade at the Cenotaph at Victory Square.

Our many thanks to all who attended the Reunion Dinner; Gayle for set up and table decorations (ably assisted by Major Doug Evans); Archie for providing the BCR Hat Badge replicas and Fallen Place Cards for each table; Gayle for the Nutcracker theme (even with MCpl Duke A. Bear in costume!); Dan and Ellen for reception duties; Dan for video; Bill Diamond for an excellent job of planning the event and Bob Fearnley for acting as MC. A great job by all!

## REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY THE CENOTAPH AT VICTORY SQUARE

Submitted by: E.A. (Ted) Hawthorne, President The BC Regiment (DCO) Association

Many thanks to our Right Marker Sgt (R) "Recce" Bob Remple and all of our members who joined us on parade. Our special thanks to the Irish Pipes and Drums Band who were well turned out and played so great...little wonder we were in step the entire way, especially on the march past! Many thanks to Pipe Major Alistair Pattison for his excellent work and to Drum Major Chris Hoskins for leading the Band and our marching contingent. Congratulations to Capt (R) Jerry Couling for laying the wreath on behalf of the Regimental Association. Agnes Keagan was unable to assist at the last moment due to a painful fracture in her foot. The Regiment looked great with approximately 140 members on parade! President Ted Hawthorne (Honorary Colonel) had the honour of leading the Regimental Association and Honorary Lt. Colonel Scott Shepherd ably assisted as 2I/C.

Upon the Regiment's return to The Drill Hall, led by the Brass Band, Ted Hawthorne delivered the traditional toast to the Fallen and Honorary Lt. Colonel Scott Shepherd gave the toast to the Regiment. Our customary meat pies were then served to all participants. All beverages and pies were provided compliments of the Regimental Association. It was truly a family affair and makes you proud to be a Duke! Many thanks to Committee Chair Bob Fearnley and his great group for all of their good work on post parade activities!



Next stop...the Junior Ranks Mess led by the CO, LCol Harj Sajjan and President Ted Hawthorne,



who were cordially greeted by the PMC. Congratulatory messages were delivered by the CO and the Regimental Association. The bell was rung twice to recognize the great turn out and esprit de corps. They are indeed a great group of young people and we are very proud of them all!!

After the formalities, the new Regimental Challenge Coin (absolutely beautiful...great work by Capt. John Perry) was available for serving members as well as "Citizen Soldiers" in DVD. Needless to say, there was quite a line up! **Up the Dukes!** 

# "A Walk to Remember" 11 November, 2012

Submitted by:
Graydon Young
BCR Association Director
BCR Cadet Representative

I was able to attend the Langley Youth for the Fallen Dedication Ceremony, "A Walk to Remember", for the 158 Canadian who have fallen in Afghanistan. The ceremony was held at the Derek Doubleday Arboretum on Fraser Highway.

The dedication was initiated by Elizabeth Pratt (3<sup>rd</sup> yr UBC Student) and her brother Michael Pratt (Gr 10, Student), and with the help of the Arboretum & Botanical Society Langley, Township of Langley and the help from many others. For the rising of the Canadian Flag Mark Warawa MLA, Langley presented a Canadian Flag which came from the Peace Tower on Parliament Hill. (The wait time this is usually 35yrs for this flag) The unveiling of the dedicated monument resembles a very old 20ft tree truck with a metal ribbon wrapping around listing the names of the fallen. In addition they plant 158 trees for every fallen. Music was played by the 15<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment Band, Royal Regiment of the Canadian Artillery. The ceremony ended with the remaining trees to be planted, which were finished planted by all who attended. This was a very impressive dedication ceremony as Elizabeth Pratt and Michael Pratt did a wonderful thing to commemorate our fallen and to show what our youths can do if they put their minds and hearts into something so important.







## 3300 BC Regiment Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps RCACC Enrolment Officially Opens – 22 November 2012

Submitted by: Major (Ret'd) Roger W. Prouse CD Cadet Governor The BC Regiment (DCO) Association

I am very pleased to report that our new Corps in Surrey has officially stood up. The 3300 BC Regiment RCACC officially started enrolling boys and girls aged 12 to 18 on November 22. A total of 29 Cadets were enrolled on the 22<sup>nd</sup> with another 10 joining on the 29<sup>th</sup>. As soon as the Cadets were enrolled they were measured for a uniform.

Major Blomme's plan is to have informal parades through the month of December with Cadet training to commence in January 2013. While the initial enrolment consisted of youth from the Sikh community, the Corps is open all youth of the appropriate age group in the City of Surrey. There is a solid Parent Sponsoring Committee in place who's role is to support the Corps by way of managing the Corps funds, raising money, assist in the recruiting of Cadets and CIC officers, providing food and refreshments for the Cadets as required, raise awareness in the Community and engaging parents to assist in these very important functions. This group of parent volunteers is being trained by Mrs. Cathy Bach, a National Army Cadet League Executive, who lives in the Surrey area and is an expert on the development of parent sponsoring committees.

Major Blomme has Capt. Karm Nagra, formally of the 2381 BCR (Irish Fusiliers) Cadet Corps in Richmond, as his DCO and will seek the cooperation from neighbouring Corps to provide trained Senior Cadets and CIC officers on a temporary basis to assist in the development of his own Corps key personnel. He hopes to send 35 Cadets to the various Cadet Summer Training Centers this summer.

2290 BCR (101DCOR) RCACC Capt Leah Yauck has 64 Cadets on strength. With the influx of new recruits, they had to form a 3<sup>rd</sup> trp. The Corps TrgO has put together a training programme that is both challenging and fun for the Cadets. MCpl (Ret'd) Stan Clark is back as an volunteer and along with Cpl Quong from the Regiment have developed an effective leadership programme for the senior Cadets. C/ MWO Kristan Chung has been appointed the RSM and has shown he intends to carry on the legacy of a highly motivated RSM that was left by C/CWO Anton Huminuk's retirement as a Cadet. The Corps held a field training exercise in conjunction with 2381 in Oct where many lessons of living in the field were learned. (Including how to keep dry) The Cadets were very active during the month of November by helping the Legion with their annual poppy drive and parading at the Cenotaph for the annual Remembrance Day Parade. Two Cadets along with 2Lt Jeff Smith as the Flag Party Commander, formed part of a 12 member the Vancouver Flag Party that paraded at the BC Lions Football game "Salute to Veterans" half time show on 9 Nov, the lighting of the Olympic Flame at Jack Pool Plaza on November 11th and at the Cenotaph at 1030hrs the same day. The Newly formed Vancouver Flag Party was very well received.

<u>2381 BCR (IRISH FUSILIERS) RCACC</u> Major Gary Law is maintaining the very high standard that was set by Major Blomme. The Corps currently has 136 on strength with an average attendance of about 100 Cadets on a parade night. The Corps has 6 CIC officers and 2 Civilian Instructors to deliver the Cadet Programme. The Corps held a joint FTX with 2290 in Oct. Basic lessons on

outdoor living were taught as well as basic map and compass lessons. The annual Corps Fund raiser was held on Nov 24<sup>th</sup> with its usual success. The annual Christmas pot luck dinner will be held on 18 Dec. Several teams have been started that include Band, Marksmanship, Drill First Aid and Physical training. The Sponsoring Committee remains strong and motivated under the leadership of Mr. Pius Chan.

2781 BCR (POWELL RIVER) RCACC Lt(N) Alan Walkers reports a total of 21 Cadets currently on strength. The month of November the Corps was busy with preparing a large percentage of new recruits for the Remembrance Day parade. The Cadets participated in Poppy Sales for the Legion and had a couple of parade practices over the weekends leading up to Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>. They participated in a range practice hosted by the Sea Cadets the weekend of Nov 17<sup>th</sup>. The cadets will be assisting the Salvation Army on the 8<sup>th</sup> of December and 4 cadets will assist the Legion with their annual family Christmas party by manning the event tables and helping out where needed. They will be having our annual Christmas potluck dinner on Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of December and have invited Col.(Ret'd) Temple to attend if he is able. He was an Army Engineer in the Regular Forces stationed at Edmonton, Gagetown and Ottawa. Hopefully, he will be able to attend. The Cadets are planning an FTX (Snow hare) for the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of January which involves a 4 hour snowshoeing trek up to a cabin on the Sunshine Coast Trail where they will be met by some of our local search and rescue personnel to learn map and compass work, winter survival, avalanche rescue techniques using personal locators and many other activities.

**2827 BCR (PORT MOODY) RCACC** Capt Orlando Banman reports that he has 36 Cadets on strength. They have had a very busy Oct/Nov assisting their Legion Sponsors with their annual Poppy Drive. They also conducted a Candle Lighting Ceremony for deceased members of the Canadian Forces and Legion Members at the Roberson Cemetery. Two Cadets assisted Br 236 RCL at their Remembrance Day Parade with 34 Cadets parading with Br 119 on November 11. EX Water Rat was conducted in Garibaldi Park on the week end of 16-18 Nov. It rained almost all week end but all Cadets managed to stay dry and happy all week end and had a great time. The Star level Training is continuing and is on schedule to complete before the end of the training year.

Our Cadet Corps will stand down the week of 16 December. All Corps in the BCR family wish all members of the COs Committee and their families all the very best for Happy Holiday Season and a Happy and Healthy 2013.



# DEPARTURE WITH DIGNITY CEREMONY PADRE PAUL BECKINGHAM 29 November 2012

Submitted by: E.A. (Ted) Hawthorne, President The BC Regiment (DCO) Association

It was a very great pleasure to represent the Regimental Association at the DWD ceremony held at the Jericho Mess on Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. This recognition ceremony honouring Padre Buckingham was very well attended by the military community. Numerous presentations were made to the Padre and Mrs. Padre. The ceremony and reception thereafter was a tremendous acknowledgement of the service, dedication and commitment of Padre Buckingham! We are pleased that the Padre will continue as the Regimental Association Padre. Congratulations Padre! You are indeed a star!!





# ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER 6 December, 2012

Submitted by: E.A. (Ted) Hawthorne, President The BC Regiment (DCO) Association

We are pleased to report that our annual fundraiser was a great success! The event was well attended by our members, friends and supporters. Our RCN friends, with Brooke Campbell in the lead, had two tables for members of the Naval Officers' Association of BC. The food was great and the camaraderie was excellent. The silent auction was impressive, and there were numerous complimentary draws and lucky draws. All proceeds raised from the fundraiser and cash donations go directly to the Regimental Association Charitable Trust to support our various activities such as our Bursary Program, Cadet Development Program, Commemoration Program and our Community Outreach Program. Needless to say, we all had a great time!

Many thanks to all of our friends who supported this event! A special thank you to the Commanding Officer, LCol Harj Sajjan, for his support and the support of the Regiment. Kudos to our volunteers, Bill Diamond for his event planning, organization and coordination, Bob Fearnley our MC, Dan and Ellen McKenzie our check in folks and Gayle Hawthorne and her crew for the Silent Auction and set up!



## The START LINE

## Submitted by: David Sproule

My brother Hugh and I were young boys during WW2. Our Dad, a veteran of WW1 had enlisted in the RCAF, a flight sergeant, was located at RCAF Station Trenton throughout the war and was home on a 48-hour pass occasionally during those years. Our older brother was a platoon commander in the Green Howards in North Africa and was about to be captured and spend the remainder of the war as a guest of the Third Reich. It was therefore up to our Mother to start our journey into manhood. One of my early memories in maybe '42 or '43 was of Mother taking us into the basement of our house in Port Credit, Ontario to show us how to polish our shoes. This became a responsibility prior to embarking for our weekly trek to Sunday school. Victory in 1945 brought Dad and older brother home but soon their work responsibilities once again took them away and mom once again was central in our lives. In high school she ensured that I knew how to iron my shirts, sew on a button and press my pants because a man needs to know how to do these important tasks. When out on a date or off to a party, I had to pass her inspection prior to leaving home. Hugh and I had lots of help as boys as we were both in Scouts and there were some very able leaders setting a fine example and nurturing the boys and a few teachers too.

Hugh left home in 1951 and joined the RCN and was soon immersed into the old school of the "square-rigged" navy. It was in 1955 at UBC that I embarked on my army career as a member of the Canadian Officer Training Corps (COTC) for as I saw it, it was now my turn to "man-up." The following summer I found myself in Officer Candidate Squadron at the RCAC School, Camp Borden as a member of First Troop and up to my eyeballs in basic training. We marched everywhere and often at the double. We had to press our uniforms daily and quickly learned to spit-polish our boots and ensure that our brass was shining brightly in those pre-anodized brass days. Our 1951 pattern webbing was also polished to a high shine even though it was often scratched and beaten up after frequent range work and field exercises. Our kit was inspected daily by either our troop sergeant or corporal and there were usually consequences such as extra duties if our kit didn't achieve their standards. Every Thursday night we got a haircut and worked well into the night to make our rooms and kit spotless for the Commandant's inspection on Friday morning. Only two Officer cadets in our troop were RTU'd during this rigorous training and the remainder of us looked very smart on our passing-out parade. Like most soldiers, there were times when I hated all of this "chicken sh\_", but in the end I found I loved the order and the tidiness that it instilled in me. It's the sort of thing one only needs to learn once and take with you into life.

I had two more summers of intense training before I finished UBC but no one ever had to show me how to press my pants or iron my shirts or tell me to be on time because there are always consequences for sloth and tardiness. Now that I am older I am grateful to our Mother for her example and nudging into adulthood but also to Sergeant Bud Wheat and Corporal House for their example and insistence. I am still somewhat compulsive about the details of my dress as shoes must be shone, pants pressed and shirts ironed. It "bugs" me when I see men that haven't learned these basic things and have no sense of their appearance or that they should take pride in how they look. Fortunately the army continues to show young men the way by developing a sense of self-esteem, example and leadership.

The next generation is always dependent on the present generation to provide the roadmap as we move ever forward and it is often the little and important things that serve as mileposts on our journey. As they say, God is in the details.

## THE BC REGIMENT (DCO) IRISH PIPES AND DRUMS

## Submitted by: Pat Connell The BC Regiment

The Pipe Band enjoyed a fairly quiet summer this year with the exception of playing at the Annual 'Bowfest' parade and festivities on Bowen Island on August 25, hosted by our good friend and supporter former Irish Fusilier Hank Strubin. Sadly we must also report that Hank had a stroke at the end of October and passed away. Four members under WO Matt Dolan attended his "Celebration of Life". on Bowen Island on November 8th. Matt who piped at the function and was joined by Drum Major Chris Hoskin, along with Liam Diamond and Pat Connell, representing the Pipe Band as space for the service was very limited.



The Pipe Band also played at the 29<sup>th</sup> Battalion Memorial Service on September 23, at the PNE, otherwise September and October where devoted to training and preparation for the many activities in November and early December. November saw the Pipe Band turn out in force for the Annual Salute to Veterans at the B.C. Lion's Game on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, as well as participate in Remembrance Week activities on November 9, 10, and the full Pipe Band leading the B.C. Regimental Association at Victory Square on November 11<sup>th</sup>. The afternoon of November 11<sup>th</sup>, saw the band play at Legions 30 & 148, as well as the Mulberry Senior's Retirement Center in South Burnaby. The band sent a mini-band each night of November 16 & 17, to the Annual Beer & Whiskey Festival called "Hopscotch", at the PNE Forum as entertainment for the sellout crowd. November 24<sup>th</sup>, saw the band play at the Annual Officer's Dinner of the 12<sup>th</sup> Service Group – 39<sup>th</sup> Brigade at the Sherman Armoury.

On the competition front both Piper Thomas Budd and Drummer Liam Diamond continue to win events, with Liam receiving the Grade 4 Aggregate Drumming Trophy for 2012, at the B.C. Pipers Association Gathering on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

The Pipe Band ended a busy year by having its Annual Christmas Party on December 4<sup>th</sup>, with Special Guest – "Duke A Bear" leading the toast, along with other noted guests – Capt. Greg McCullough, Reg. Adjutant & Band Officer, Lt. Colonel Jim Barrett from 39<sup>th</sup> Brigade and Bill Diamond representing the Regiment Association. The Pipe Band turned out to play for the Soldier's Christmas Dinner at the Drill Hall on December 8<sup>th</sup>, and enjoyed a turkey dinner with the members of the Regiment. We wrapped up the year by the playing at a Fundraiser for the Food

Bank held at the Wolf & Hound Pub on Sunday afternoon, December 9<sup>th</sup>, after which Pipe Major Pattison led several members of the band over to visit long time BCR Association member Bill Schmidt (S/Sgt. Rtd.), and wish him the best for the Holiday Season.

# SPECIAL EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT BC REGIMENT (DCO) IRISH PIPES AND DRUMS WHISKEY TASTING FUND RAISER

The Band will be holding its main Fund Raising event – A Whiskey Tasting – on Friday evening, March 1, 2013, at the Beatty Street Drill Hall hosted by the Officer's Mess. Tickets are limited and must be purchased in advance. Please contact Pat Connell @604-802-2576 or Robert Greenslade @ 604-294-2049, to secure your tickets for this very important fundraiser for the Pipe Band.

## The BC REGIMENT (DCO) MUSEUM SOCIETY

Submitted by: Ron Leblanc MMM CD Warrant Officer National Defence

Fellow Dukes, much progress to again report on your regimental museum. Our displays continue to be updated and refreshed. We've had many visitors these past few months, all have mentioned our collection is rich in our history and traditions. The museum society most recent completed project is the new beautifully designed (by Capt Perry) Regimental coin; further details on how to obtain one are within this issue. If you are a serving or retired Duke, buy the coin! Our collection continues to grow, some of our recent purchases in include relevant badges, mannequins display aids. Donations include a 32' inch flat screen TV from LCol Sajjan, Military Medal from Jim Bell, various Irish Fusiliers items and photo from the Matheson family. Thank you all. As we move into 2013 a new board was voted in this past December:

President: Col (ret'd) Keith Maxwell, OMM, CD Vice President and Curator WO Ron Leblanc, MMM, CD Treasurer Mr Bob Hall, CD Secretary Sgt Dwayne Snow, CD

Good luck to the new board, and thank you to the outgoing board. Also special thank you must go to Mr Jerry Couling for continuing to keep our finances on the straight and narrow. Our museum operates solely on donations. Please donate!



Boer War display



North Room with Artillery, DCOR and World War One display's



7th Battalion display



Tunic's and headdress worn by the Regiment



LCol Hart-McHarg's medals



LCol Worthington's medals and badges



# British Columbia Regiment Challenge Coin





The BCR Museum Society has developed and produced this beautifully designed **Regimental Challenge Coin**.

To qualify you must be a serving member and completed your trade course or be a retired "Duke" from any era.

The coin facing features the cap badge with regimental colours behind and the motto beneath. The reverse features the 6th DCOR cypher surrounded by all the Battle Honours that are displayed on our Guidon. Each coin has a unique serialized number.

Price is \$20 plus \$4 for shipping. To reserve your coin please contact WO Ron Leblanc by email at ronleblanc@telus.net or call 604-785-2769.

All proceeds from the sale of this coin directly benefit the BCR Museum Society.

Coin designed by BCR Captain John Perry, CD.

## **BRC SUE with 7 RIFLES IN CYPRUS**

## Submitted by: Capt John Perry

On 15 August 2012, four Dukes rendezvoused in the United Kingdom for Exercise Lion Star 8 with the 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The Rifles. Unlike most exercises where the Dukes consciously conduct training in environments that are wet, frigid, and designed to challenge our warrior spirit, The Rifles brought us to an unfamiliar environment, the island of Cyprus. In the days prior to our journey to Cyprus, we were accommodated at Dennison Barracks, which is located in the small hamlet of Hermitage, England. Our stay in Hermitage gave us an ample opportunity to explore the English countryside, which is generally shadowed by the larger tourist spots that England has to offer. Graciously, WO2 Mike Lacey, Sergeant Major Headquarters took us on a day trip. We visited Stonehenge, and The Rifles RHQ in Winchester. Here we visited their Regimental Museum and some of the soldiers of RHQ. Conveniently the oldest bar in England was right around the corner. On 18 August, we finally linked up with the battalion and spent one last night in England prior to flying to Cyprus aboard a 1960s RAF transport.



Upon arrival at the airhead at Akrotiri, Cyprus, we were shuttled to one of three British Sovereign Bases, Dhekelia Garrison, which is only several kilometers from the UN Buffer Zone on the eastern side of the island. Once we reached our final destination and barracks we unanimously agreed to never again complain about staying at CFB Wainwright, because our barrack appeared to be a leftover Turkish prison camp from the war; which was brilliantly coined "Hotel California"... remarkably only the first floor was condemned. With no central air or fans in "Hotel California" the mid-30°c nighttime low gave us no relief the daytime heat. However on a good note, our room that

the four of us shared was filled only to half capacity, however as soon as we were provided with electricity on the third night, a envious nest of wasps decided to move in with us and provided MCpl Pesklevits with a wake up call in the morning.

Initially it was suspected that we would be participating in desert warfare training, however time revealed to us that this exercise was to be mainly focused on marksmanship training, mountain operations and adventure training. We spent the first week on the range conducting training on the L85-A2 and Browning 9mm pistol in blistering 40°c heat (now we know how it felt to be the first Canadians in Afghanistan in 2002 reference photos). The small arms training that we participated in was first class. WO2 Rich Bennetts and Colour Sergeant Dillon "Coffin Nails" Gennell lead us through valuable technical CQB shooting skills. Particularly, WO2 Bennetts and C/Sqt Gennell made a strong effort to make sure we were taken care of for the duration of the exchange. On the final day of the ranges the Annual Combat Marksmanship Test was carried out. Needless to say, the Dukes dominated the range. Out of 35 shooters, there was 18 re-shoots, which no Duke had to do. Only nine soldiers scored high enough on their marksmanship test to be considered marksmen. Of those nine, three of the soldiers were Dukes. Notably Cpl Docherty finished second overall, and MCpl Pesklevits, and Cpl Farr tied for third. The British NCOs and Officers were very impressed with our ability to master their weapon systems and they took from us our "Gun Fighter" techniques. To formally conclude the first weeks' activities, the Officers and Senior NCOs put on a BBQ at the Victor Beach Club for us on Friday night. The BBQ allowed us to relax after a strenuous week on the range and forge new friendships with the soldiers of The Rifles.

The second week of training was a different pace from the week before. On Sunday, 26 August, we departed for Episkopi Garrison to prepare for the adventure training that the following week presented. At Episkopi we engaged in a week of adventure training mainly focused on ocean kayaking, powerboat operations, swimming, and care and maintenance of the body in a Mediterranean climate. Once again the Dukes displayed that they are consummate professionals in the later category.

Although our exchange was only two and a half weeks, invaluable friendships were conceived during this period. Particularly we witnessed our alliance between the former Royal Green Jackets and the British Columbia Regiment transform into an alliance with The Rifles and the British Columbia Regiment. Delightfully, there was a strong desire from all ranks of The Rifles to visit and participate in training with the regiment in the future.

## **EX CHIONIS DUKE: A RETROSPECTIVE**

Submitted by:

Lt E. G. G. Thomas, 2 Tp Recce Sqn

From 26-28 Oct, Recce Sqn deployed to the Sherman Armoury in Richmond to conduct Ex CHIONIS DUKE. This was a patrol and troop-level recce exercise, where the troops were mounted not in their usual G-Wagons, but in computer chairs. The exercise was conducted entirely on the

Virtual Battlefield Simulator 2 (VBS 2). The VBS 2 system was brought to Richmond from Wainwright for the sole purpose of Ex CHIONIS DUKE.

The troops arrived on Friday evening in Richmond for familiarization on the system while the Squadron leadership launched into its battle procedure. For many soldiers, this was their first time using the VBS 2 platform. However, the learning curve was very small – the VBS 2 system is essentially modeled on a 'first person shooter' video game platform, meaning anyone who has used an Xbox or Playstation before will easily adapt to the VBS 2 system. That said, as Recce Squadron discovered, the VBS 2 is much more than a 'game.' The VBS 2 is highly detailed and accurate, modeled on Canadian, Australian, and/or American weapons and vehicle systems, utilizing terrain that is mapped to the Gagetown training area which is very familiar to all armour soldiers. The computers, laid out in a computer lab setting, were arranged according to crews, with separate stations for drivers, gunners, and commanders.

On Saturday, Recce Squadron 'deployed' into its area of operations to practicing crew and patrol level drills against a vastly superior Tartan military force, equipped with BRDMs and BMPs. With a modest amount of practice on the VBS 2, the system quickly proved to be a valuable training aid for refreshing crews on basic recce skills. At the end of the trace, sneak and peak had a whole new meaning as a couple of close encounters with the enemy force had not gone well. While 1 Troop earned the right to paint a few vehicle kills on the side of their callsigns (CMTC would not allow us to actually paint on the side of the computers), 2 Troop did not fair as well, losing the troop leader and his junior callsign to effective fire from a BRDM. Fortunately, the end of the trace allowed everyone to hit 'reset' and to bring 2 Troop back to full strength.

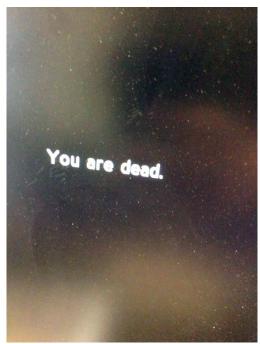
Sunday was fast and furious. With the patrols well rehearsed from Saturday, Recce Squadron's two troops deployed on area reconnaissance tasks across the Gagetown training area. The troops were well conscious of the fact that good recce involves never having to fire your weapon; this second trace provided numerous opportunities for excellent training in observation, picketing, defining contacts, reports and returns, and troop-level coordination. At the same time, Recce Squadron found itself confronting a desperate enemy force, fighting to the last man and looking to engage the Canadians at every encounter. Lessons were well learnt from the day before; Recce Squadron suffered no casualties.

Feedback from the troops was excellent. The VBS 2 system was easy to learn, yet dynamic and adaptable to ever more demanding scenarios. It gave crews, patrols, and troops all the chance to revisit, refresh, and hone many of their fundamental recce skills, without having to invest hours of time in driving to an actual training area and then in post-ex maintenance. Once on trace, the VBS 'world' was all encompassing, immersing all the soldiers in a complex and challenging scenario that required good basic soldiering skills (driving too fast into the vehicle in front of you will indeed result in a Veh-Cas report to 49C, as one callsign discovered) as well as effective patrol and troop coordination. Moreover, the ability to hit 'pause' and do an on the spot 'walk through, talk through' allowed everyone to learn from both mistakes and successes. All levels of leadership agreed on the value that the VBS platform brought to recce training, with the hope that one day a permanent installation of computers will be available in the local area.

With no guns to clean and no trucks to refuel, Recce Squadron redeployed back to the Beatty Street Drill Hall on Sunday afternoon, ready for future tasks.



Picture 1. The VBS 'world.'



Picture 2. Some recce skills were re-learned the hard way.



Picture 3. A larger and more civilized work station than you normally find in a G-Wagon, hot coffee included.

## 21 DUKE'S DEN



MCpL Duke A. Bear hoisting a Toast to the Regiment at the Irish Pipes & Drums Christmas Party!

## ARMY RESERVE RECOGNITION DAY 3 OCTOBER 2012



39 CBG Commander, Col Rob Roy MacKenzie and our CO, LCol Harj Sajjan, officiated at the ceremony. The Attorney General, Shirley Boyd, presented Col. MacKenzie with the official proclamation.

# REMEMBRANCE - VANCOUVER POST OFFICE CEREMONY 9 November 2012



Jim Bain of the Vancouver – Fraser Heritage Club conducted another memorable ceremony. The Dukes were well represented!

# GLOWING HEARTS EVENING 16 October 2012

A great evening hosted at the Drill Hall by Canada Company in support of Operation Husky 2013.

We were visited by our friends from 1 PPCLI, the CO, RSM and Major Mandaher, former Regimental Major.



RSM CWO Rene Kiens, LCol Nick Grimshaw, Maj Manny Mandaher and the CO.

# RETIREMENT DINNER FOR COMMANDER KING R. WAN, CD 24 November 2012

An excellent evening of recognition for Cdr King Wan was held at HMCS Discovery. King received numerous tributes acknowledging his tremendous service to the CF and to his country. Congratulations King and all the best!





## **ASLEEP**

**K37260 Lieutenant Lawrence Samuel Hourie** served with the 28<sup>th</sup> Canadian Armoured Regiment (British Columbia Regiment) CAC during World War II. Lawrence joined the Regiment as a Rifleman in 1939; promoted to Lieutenant in the field during the North West European Campaign. He passed away on 27 October 2012. Lawrence, Margaret and sons Robert and Rick resided in Richmond, B.C.

**Colonel, Doctor Anthony Vincent. Grasset, CD** served in the Royal Berkshire Regiment and the56th Recce Regiment, 78<sup>th</sup> Division, British Army, North Africa, Sicily and Italy during World War II. He passed away on 28 November 2012. After graduating with a Medical Degree, he emigrated to Canada (Vancouver) in 1961. Enlisted in the Canadian Army Medical Corps, in the rank of Captain, he was posted to the B.C. Regiment (DCO) RCAC as Medical Officer; serving from 1961 to 1971. He continued serving with 12 Field Ambulance which he commanded and concluded his military service as Honorary Colonel. Tony, Gillian, children Antoinette, Stephen, Sara and Richard resided in West Vancouver, B.C.

#### Captain (ret'd) Arthur Wates Strathearn HUGHES

Born in Shanghai, Mother concert pianist, Father Insurance CEO and "Old China Hand". Initially schooled in Kobe, Arthur fled to his Grandparents in Nanaimo spring of 1941 with Mother and Sister, Isobel (predeceased 1995). Arthur later attended Qualicum College. In 1950 Arthur moved to England and joined the British Army, later commissioned. Arthur was stationed at NATO HQ, France where he completed service being awarded The Queen's Coronation Medal and US Army Commendation Medal. Arthur then returned to Canada and attended UBC. He joined the Player's Club and became an active member of Beta Theta Pi. Arthur graduated in Asian Studies and then entered the Translator's Program at Alliance Française, Paris, Arthur was a competent linguist. After returning to Vancouver again, Arthur attended SFU post-grad specializing in Education. Arthur enjoyed a varied professional career as a: teacher (Britannia High); Stockbroker (Pemberton Securities); Graphic Designer (freelance); Parking Enforcement (City of Vancouver); and semi-retired in 1997. Arthur had a wide area of interests; motorcyclist early life; car nut entire life - member several car clubs (ten Best-of-Shows and many firsts from Vancouver to San Diego with Mustang and Datsun cars); automotive writer (Western Driver); avid numismatist (VNS); Symphony regular (40 years VSO); Jazz and Folk enthusiast (5-string banjo performer and songwriter - SOCAN affiliate); Broadway Show addict; Bard on the Beach since day one; filmgoer and critic (The Courier). Arthur was well respected as the long-time Archivist and Director at Billy Bishop Legion Branch 176 and member of BCR Officer's Mess, Capt., Retired. Arthur was awarded Canada SSM in 1995, Queen's Jubilee Medal by his Member of Parliament in 2003, and Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation in 2008. For the past 14 years Arthur volunteered for the annual Legion Poppy Campaign, in uniform at Robson and Hornby with record donations in 2010 of \$20,375. Over the course of his volunteer service, Arthur raised more than \$200,000 believed to be the most by any volunteer in Canada. Arthur's proudest life moment was participating with fellow Unitarians in the 1965 MLK Civil Rights March in Alabama. Arthur was a life-long humanist, never smoked, always fit and a constant humourist. Arthur is survived by Niece, Felicity Lawson and Nephews David and Graham, presently residing in Europe.

Thank you for your service to the Regiment and Canada.

At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, We shall remember them.