



# THE DUKE



## 2012 EUROPEAN BATTLEFIELD STUDIES TOUR August 6 - 13, 2012

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Hill 140 Memorial

We are most pleased to report that the 2012 Tour was a complete success! The Tour group consisted of 35 serving members of the Regiment; the "Old Guard", consisting of our very good friends, Tochi Sandhu, Bob Rai and his wife, Harpreet; President Ted Hawthorne, Vice-President Bill Diamond and Bob Remple representing the Regimental Association; and Keith Maxwell and Bob Hall, our Tour guides. We wish to thank Keith Maxwell and Bob Hall for their excellent work.

Finally, many thanks to the CO, LCol Harj Sajjan, for including us on the Tour and to the serving members for their support and assistance to the "Old Guard". It was greatly appreciated. A great time was had by all! Please look for further photos on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/BCR.Association](http://www.facebook.com/BCR.Association). Many thanks to Bill Diamond and Tochi Sandhu for the photos!

**2012 EUROPEAN BATTLEFIELD TOUR  
PRESENTATION - 31 May 2012**

We are most pleased to report that it was another very enjoyable and successful Curry Lunch in the Officers' Mess at the Drill Hall this afternoon. This will be the last luncheon until September when the Regiment stands to. A highlight of the luncheon was the announcement by the Regimental Association that it had reached its fundraising goal of \$30,000.00 in support of the 2012 Regimental European Battlefield Tour. Accordingly, it was our very great pleasure to present a cheque in the amount of \$30,000.00 to the CO, LCol Harj Sajjan, CD and to Jerry Couling, Accountant for the Regimental Museum, the recipient.



We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our members, friends and supporters for their generosity in assisting us to achieve our goal for this most extraordinary project.



**The British Columbia Regiment (DCO) Association  
cordially invites you to attend our Reunion Dinner  
commemorating the Battle of Hill 140, Normandie  
the 9<sup>th</sup> of August, 1944  
To be held at the Moxies Ballroom (part of Sandman Hotel)  
Saturday, November 10, 2012 – 6:30 pm for 7:30 pm  
180 W Georgia Street, Vancouver, B.C.**

**(Special \$10 rate for parking available from the front desk – please obtain before parking)  
(Hotel is one block south of the Drill Hall and Stadium Skytrain Station)  
(No Host Bar)**

**RSVP by October 26, 2012  
to Charlotte Yen  
Email: corporate@hplaw.ca  
Telephone: 604-630-4585  
Please advise of any allergy concerns**

**Price \$50.00 per person  
\$95.00 per couple  
Guests Welcome  
Dress: Jacket & Tie**

**Cheques payable to:  
The BC Regiment (DCO) Association  
#208 – 1899 Willingdon Avenue,  
Burnaby, B.C., V5C 5T1**

**· Rooms available at Sandman Hotel for \$79.00 plus taxes (604.681.2211**

## **SURREY ARMY CADET OFFICER RECOGNIZED LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

Vernon, B.C.

By Wayne Emde, CPRO & Captain Debbie Middleton, PAO, Vernon Army Cadet Summer Training

After completing a military career with Royal Canadian Army Cadets and the Reserves that began in 1953, Major Roger Prouse (retired) of South Surrey has been awarded the prestigious Cadet Instructors Cadre (CIC) Lifetime Achievement Award.

"It was wonderful to be honoured," said Major Prouse after the presentation of the award at Vernon Army Cadet Summer Training Centre where he for five summers as a Company Second in Command, a Company Commander and Deputy Commanding Officer.

The CIC Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes a lifetime of exemplary service to the CIC and the Canadian Cadet Organization, and those nominated must, "have gone above and beyond the normal scope of responsibility for their rank level."

Major Prouse started his association with the military 1953 as a Cadet with 2290 BCR (101 DCOR) Royal Canadian Army Cadets. After 12 years with the BC Regiment, he achieved the rank of Master Warrant Officer. He then switched to the supplementary reserve list to allow himself more time to spend with his growing family and to upgrade his education.

In 1976 Major Prouse re-joined the reserves and took his commission as a Cadet Instructors List Officer and was promoted to Lieutenant. He served with the 2290 BCR Cadets in a number of capacities and in 1986 was promoted to Captain and appointed Commanding Officer of the 2290 BCR. He also commanded the 2893 Seaforths RCACC and the 72nd Seaforths RCACC during his CIC career.

In civilian life, Major Prouse worked for Woodward's Stores Ltd in advertising and marketing. In 1990 he retired after 30 years of service.

In 1997 Major Prouse was promoted to his present rank and appointed as Area Cadet Instructors Cadre Officer for Vancouver North Zone.

In 2003 Major Prouse retired after serving in the Primary Reserve and the Canadian Cadet Movement for over 40 years. Upon retirement from the CIC he joined the Army Cadet League and in September of 2004, Major Prouse was appointed to the position of Executive Director for the Army Cadet League of Canada (British Columbia Branch). In April of this year he was elected as the Vice President of the British Columbia Branch.

Major Prouse lives in South Surrey with his wife Louise. They have two adult children, Dennis and Carolyn and four grandchildren, Martin, Chantal, Nicole and Liam.



Major Roger Prouse (left) is presented with the Cadet Instructor Cadet Lifetime achievement award by Lieutenant-Colonel Stephen Deschamps during a brief ceremony at Vernon Army Cadet Summer Training Centre. (VACSTC Photo by Captain Debbie Middleton)

## CADET GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Major (Ret'd) Roger W Prouse CD  
BCR Cadet Governor

Our BCR Corps have stood to and are ready and excited to start the new training year. Our new Corps, the 3300 BCR Surrey Corps is moving forward and with a few more hurdles still to be cleared, should be ready for their stand up parade in November. Approximately 60 Cadets have been enrolled or have expressed an interest to join. A Field Training Exercise is planned for early in November to introduce the new Cadets of the 3300 to the Army Cadet Programme.

Last training year 2011/12 was an outstanding year where we saw 3 major awards coming to our Corps.

**Most Outstanding Army Cadet C/CWO Anton Humeniuk, Most Outstanding Army Cadet Corps 2381 BCR (Irish Fusiliers) RCACC, and the Most Outstanding Volunteer Mrs. Bonnie Banman 2827 BCR (Port Moody) RCACC.** Our Cadets have followed that achievement up by winning eight major awards at the Vernon Army Cadet Summer Training Centre (VACSTC) this past summer. They were:

**Cdt Nathan Yu, 2290 BCR, Top Cadet, Basic Leadership.**

**Cdt Trina Bailor, 2781 BCR Powell River, Best Cadet Overall, Fitness and Sports.**

**Cdt Tomothy Morrison, 2827 BCR Port Moody, Top Shot, Basic Marksman.**

**Cdt. Krisandra Berg, 2781 BCR Powell River, Top Musician, Intermediate Military Band**

**Cdt Standord Lin, 2381 BCR Irish Fusiliers, Top Cadet Overall, First intake 2 week General Trg.**

**Cdt Bernard Shin, 2827 BCR Port Moody, Best Cadet, 16 Platoon Second Intake 2 Week General Trg.**

**Cdt Lokton Au, 2381 BCR Irish Fusiliers, Best Cadet, 13 Platoon, Third Intake 2 week General Trg.**

**Cdt Christina Fung, 2290 BCR, ANAVETS Cadet Medal of Merit, 6 wk Fitness & Sports Instructor Course.**

Also, our congratulations are extended to **2Lt Geoffery Smith** for being the recipient of the Junior Officers Sword of Excellence as the top Junior Officer at the VACSTC this past summer. 2Lt Smith is on the CIC training staff of the 2290. OCdt Tiffany Lu, a CIC Officer with the 2381 BCR Irish Fusiliers, was one of the nominees for this award. Congratulations to all the winners and to all our cadets who attended the various Cadet Summer Training Centres in Canada. You have made all Dukes extremely proud.

I am very pleased to report that the former Cadet RSM of the 2290 BCR Anton Humeniuk has been accepted to attend RMC. He reported to Kingston in August to begin his studies. Anton is an outstanding individual and we are confident he will do well. As a bonus, he will train as an Armoured Officer.

**CADET DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM  
ANNUAL BBQ FUNDRAISER  
25 August 2012**

The second annual cadet BBQ fundraiser was a success once again, raising in excess of \$1,600.00. Even though attendance was down this year we had a great crowd of about 30 people. The CO of the 2290 BCR RCACC, Capt. Leah Yauck, was in attendance as well as the former CO of the 2381 BCR RCACC, Maj. Jim Blomme, CO of the new 3300 BCR RCACC starting up in September in Surrey. Also in attendance were the parents of Col. R. Mackenzie Commander of 39 Canadian Brigade Group.

Not to forget Linda and Ken Whitney who opened their home to us for this worthwhile cause. Ken and some of his band associates played some jazz tunes and some other contemporary music which was a nice added touch to the BBQ.

I think next year we might reconsider putting the BBQ back to a Sunday being that other functions are held the same weekend.

Many thanks for the support!

Graydon Young,  
BCR Association Director,  
Chairman of the CDP Committee, and  
BCR Cadet Representative



## CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION TO “THE DUKE” PUBLISHING TEAM

We are pleased to report that Certificates of Appreciation were presented to **The Duke** Publication Team on 11 July 2012 by the Regimental Association. The honoured recipients were Charlotte Yen in recognition of her dedication in producing **The Duke** newsletter and for her tremendous assistance in running the day to day operations of the Regimental Association and its Charitable Trust and to Jean Bowman for her exemplary service in producing **The Duke** and for maintaining the Regimental Association Facebook. Again, many thanks to Charlotte and Jean for their tireless efforts and support. Congratulations ladies!



Charlotte Yen, Ted Hawthorne, Jean Bowman

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## CANADA DAY 2012

HMCS Vancouver (the “Vancouver”) paid an official visit to the City of Vancouver during the Canada Day long weekend. This was the first official visit since the return of the Vancouver from active service in the Mediterranean off the shore of Libya (Op Mobile and Op Active Endeavour).

The CO, LCol Harj Sajjan, his wife, Dr. Kuljit Sajjan, Honorary Lt. Colonel Scott Shepherd, Lt. Manjeet Vinning, and Ted and Gayle Hawthorne were guests of Rear-Admiral W.S. Truelove, Commander of Maritime Forces Pacific to attend the Canada Day Fireworks reception aboard the Vancouver alongside Canada Place Cruise Ship Terminal. Other fellow Dukes representing 39 CBG were LCol Jim Barrett and his wife, Patricia, and Major Dan Thomas and his wife Jana, and Roger and Louise Prouse representing the Army Cadet League of Canada, BC Branch.



(L to R Ted, Col Rob Roy MacKenzie, 39 CBG, LCol Saiian. Dr. Saiian. Gavle and “Duke”)

This most enjoyable reception was an excellent opportunity to meet the Commanding Officer of the Vancouver, Commander David Mazur (former XO of the Vancouver) and to further our affiliation with the Vancouver. MCpl Duke A. Bear was also in attendance and reconnected with his many friends that he served with in the Med. We are told that we may receive another visit from the Vancouver in September or October before it enters HMCS Dockyard for a scheduled refit. Best wishes to all of our friends aboard the Vancouver and many thanks for the great hospitality!

**REMEMBERING ACTS OF BRAVERY  
THE LAST HUNDRED DAYS OF WORLD WAR I  
Ninety-four Years Ago**

**"For most conspicuous bravery or some daring or pre-eminent act of valour or self sacrifice  
or extreme devotion to duty in the presence of the enemy."  
September 1918**

**THE VICTORIA CROSS**



Awarded to: Private Walter Leigh. Rayfield, VC



Private Rayfield was 36 years old, a [private](#) in the 7th Canadian Infantry Battalion, (1st British Columbia Regiment) [Canadian Expeditionary Force](#) during World War I, when he was awarded the Victoria Cross. From 2–4 September 1918 during the battle for the Drocourt-Queant Switch in operations east of [Arras, France](#). Private Rayfield, ahead of his company, rushed a trench occupied by a large party of the enemy, bayoneting two and taking 10 prisoners. Later, after engaging with great skill an enemy sniper, he rushed the section of the trench from which the sniper had been operating and so demoralized the enemy that 30 others surrendered to him. Subsequently, regardless of personal safety, he left cover under heavy machine-gun fire and carried in a badly wounded comrade.

“His indomitable courage, cool foresight and daring reconnaissance were invaluable to his company commander and an inspiration to all ranks.”

## Lieutenant Graham Thomson Lyall, VC



Lieutenant Lyall was 26 years old, in the 102nd Canadian Infantry Battalion (North British Columbians) Canadian Expeditionary Force, during World War I when he was awarded the Victoria Cross.

On 27 September 1918 when leading company was halted near Bournal Wood by an enemy strong point, Lieutenant Lyall executed a flanking movement with his platoon and captured it together with 13 prisoners, one field-gun and four machine-guns. Later that day leading his men against another strong-point, he rushed forward alone and captured the position single-handed, taking 45 prisoners and five machine-guns. The completion of his final objective resulted in the capture of 41 prisoners. On 1 October in the neighbourhood of Blecourt, he captured a strongly defended position which yielded 60 prisoners and 17 machine-guns. During both these operations, on attaining his objectives, Lieutenant Lyall tended the wounded under fire.

He showed throughout most conspicuous bravery, high powers of command and skillful leadership.

Note: The 102<sup>nd</sup> Battalion (North British Columbians) CEF is perpetuated by the British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own).

By Archie Steacy



# PERPETUATED 7<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, 102<sup>nd</sup> BATTALION MEMORIAL SERVICE 23 SEPTEMBER 2012

By Bob Fearnley



The British Columbia Regiment (DCO) and the Association conducted the Annual Memorial Service for those First World War perpetuated Battalions, the 7<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, and 102<sup>nd</sup>. The service was held at the 29<sup>th</sup> Battalion Memorial site in Hastings Park (PNE Grounds). The memorial is located near the Coliseum.

Special guest was Mr. Robert Hanna, the son of Sergeant Major (later Lieutenant) Robert Hanna, VC of the 29<sup>th</sup> Battalion. Sergeant Major Hanna received the Victoria Cross for bravery in the face of the enemy at Hill 70 in France. Parade Marshall Major (ret'd) Mal Goodman, CD.



**SMALL ARMS COMPETITIONS**  
**THE BLAIR RIFLE COMPETITION**  
and  
**THE BRITISH COLUMBIA SERVICE RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIP**  
By Archie Steacy



**An Age Old Shoot Returns;  
The Blair Rifle Competition**

I'm very pleased to advise that Colonel Bryan Gagne CD, then Commander 39 Brigade, re-established the age old (1946) Blair Trophy Rifle Competition, conducted on 26/27 May 2012, with 83 competitors. The competition had been cancelled in 1986; supposedly due to a shortage of ammunition funding.

The competition, commanded by Captain Randal (Randy) Evans, 39 Bde HQ, consisted of 12 matches of deliberate, snap, rapid and rundowns ranging from 200 to 500 meters; fired at the General Chris Volkes Range, Chilliwack, B.C. Eighty-nine members from 39 Brigade HQ; BCR (DCO); BCD; 39 Canadian Engineer Regiment; 39 Signal Regiment; 5<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment RCA; 15<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment RCA; Canadian Scottish Regiment; Seaforth Highlanders of Canada; Royal Westminster Regiment and 39 Service Battalion (11 & 12 Coys) enjoyed two days of competitive serviced rifle shooting. It was great to see the spirit of inter unit rivalry rise to the fore during the Falling Plates matches and the presentation of trophies.

**BCR (DCO) Competitors**

BCR supported the shoot with 14 members; the largest contingent of shooters: Lt P.J. Osborne; WO T. Harris; Sgt K. McKee; Sgt R. Miller; MCpl S.C. Gross; MCpl A. Mansour; MCpl I. Millar; MCpl K.W. Roder; MCpl R.T. Sloan; MCpl M.L.S. Soon; Cpl H. Chan; Cpl D.A. Hill-Mah; Cpl D.R. Steacy & Pte C.W. Canavan.

**Competition Results**

Cpl Ryan Steacy placed "Top Shot" for Blair Shoot 2012; winning the **LCol Steacy Trophy**, Highest Individual Aggregate Score with – 510 -22V Bulls out of a 600 possible score, and

- Match 3 – 200 Meter Rapid – Score -50 – 5V Bulls
- Match 11 – 500 Meter Rapid Fire –Score - 49- 5V Bulls
- Match 12 – 500 to 100 Meter Rundown –Score - 48 – 1V Bull, and the
- **CWO Sorenson Trophy**, Fire & Movement Aggregate – Score – 140 3V Bulls

Lt P.J. Osborne won;

- Match 1 – 200 Meter Deliberate – 49 – 5V Bulls out of 50 possible score

MCpl Ian Millar won:

- Match 4 – 200 to 100 Meter Rundown – Score – 48 – 0V Bulls out of 50 possible score.

The Four Man Team, BCR Black Team, Cpl Steacy; MCpl Soon; MCpl Roder and MCpl Millar won with an aggregate score for Matches 1 through 12 - Score 1,885.

## The British Columbia Rifle Association; Service Rifle and Pistol Championship

The British Columbia Service Rifle and Pistol Championship shoot was conducted, 01 to 03 June 2007, at the General Chris Volkes Range, Chilliwack, B.C.

### **BCR (DCO) Competitors**

Thirteen Dukes formed the BCR shooters: Lt P. Osborne; WO T.Harris; Sgt K. McKee; MCpl S. Gross; MCpl. Millar; MCpl A. Mansour; MCpl K. Roder; MCpl M. Soon; Cpl R. Steacy; Tpr H. Chan; Tpr C. Canavan; Tpr D. Hill-Mah; & Tpr R. Sloan.

### **Competition Results**

Cpl Ryan Steacy won the:

- BC Service Rifle Championship Aggregate – Matches 1-12; BC Residents only, with a score of 564 with 43V Bulls out of 600 possible. Presented with The Wiswell Bowl & BC Service Rifle Champion Gold Bullion Badge.
- The Cramer Aggregate – Scores from the BC Service Rifle Aggregate – Lower Mainland Competitors with a score of 564-43V Bulls out of 600 possible. Presented with the Cramer Trophy.
- The BC Service Rifle Championship Aggregate, Matches 1-12; Open to all Competitors with a score of 564-43V Bulls out of a 600 possible. Presented with the BC Service Rifle Open Championship Gold Bullion Badge.
- The Reserve Force Service Rifle Championship, with a score of 564-43V Bulls. Presented with the Captain C. Dodd Tankard
- Zowalak Trophy – 200 Meter Sap Shoot- 50-3V Bulls
- 12 Service Battalion Trophy – 300 Meter Deliberate 50-5V Bulls. Tied with Gregg Trigg, an ex Duke.

MCpl Ian Millar won the:

- Rocky Mountain Ranger Match – 200 Meter Rapid Fire with a score of 49 – 5V Bulls.
- McKinnon Trophy – Aggregate Scores from Matches 1 through 8; - 380 -23V Bulls.

Lt (Ret'd) Chris Ng, an ex Duke, won;

- The Don Mitchell Trophy – 500 Meter Snap Shoot, scoring 49 5V Bulls.

### **Pistol Matches**

Cpl Steacy won;

- Match 3 – Save the Hostage – 10 Meters. Score 47 out of 60 possible score.
- Match 4 – Keep Shooting – 10 Meters, Score 60. Tied with six competitors; one being LT (Ret'd) C. Ng.

MCpl Roder won;

- Match 11 – Tactical Reload (Fast) – 10 Meters. Tied with five competitors; one being ex Duke Gregg Trigg.

### **Team Shoots**

- BC Electric Team Match Trophy: BCR Black Team - I Steacy; MCpl Soon; WO Harris & MCpl Roder, Score 70 – 6V Bulls.
- Infantry Association Team Match. Infantry Association Cup; BCR Black Team – MCpl Roder (48); MCpl Soon (45); WO Harris (430) & Cpl Steacy (37) – Total 173.
- Wilkerson Shield Team Match; BCR Black Team – Cpl Steacy (564); MCpl Roder (527); WO Harris (523) & MCpl Soon (489) – Total 2,103.
- BC Reserve Team Match; Blair Challenge Team Trophy. BCR Black Team – Cpl Steacy (564); MCpl Roder (527); WO Harris (523) & MCpl Soon (489) – Total 2,103.

Cpl Steacy is to be congratulated for his outstanding shooting achievement. He has won the four BC Service Rifle Championships for the past 12 consecutive years. Duke shooters continue to exhibit their interest and prowess in small arms competition. Dukes who did not win a trophy, in either competition, performed very well; most placing in the top thirty five of the eleven matches. The adeptness of these Dukes bodes well for success in future skill at arms competitions. It's certain Duke shooting champions of the past would be proud, and are likely smiling over your accomplishments. Congratulations to you all for your mettle; you have done your selves and our great Regiment proud. Well done.

## 39 CANADIAN BRIGADE GROUP CHANGE OF COMMAND PARADE 27 MAY 2012 - SEAFORTH ARMOURY

39 Canadian Brigade Group Change of Command Parade – 27 May 2012 - Seaforth Armoury

The well attended Change of Command Parade went like clockwork with short, meaningful speeches by the Guest of Honour, Lieutenant Governor of BC, The Honourable Steven L. Point, OBC, the Reviewing Officer, BGen P.F. Wynnyk, OMM, MSM, CD, the Brigade Commander, Colonel Bryan Gagne, CD and the Brigade Commander Designate, Colonel Rob Roy MacKenzie, CD. Special Guests included RAdm Nigel Greenwood, CMM, CD, Commander of Joint Task Force Pacific, BGen Gary O'Brien, OMM, MSC, CD, Chief of Staff Land Reserves and BGen Paul Bury, CD, Deputy Commander of LFWA. The impressive Guard consisted of members of each of the eleven units in 39 CBG. The combined band consisted of members of the 15 Field RCA and Seaforth Pipers.

Congratulations to our very own Colonel Bryan Gagne for his tremendous service and leadership as Brigade Commander. On behalf of the Regimental Association, we wish Colonel Rob Roy MacKenzie every success as the new Commander of 39 CBG.



(L to R) Colonel Mackenzie, BGen Wynnyk and Colonel Gagne signing the Change of Command Scrolls.

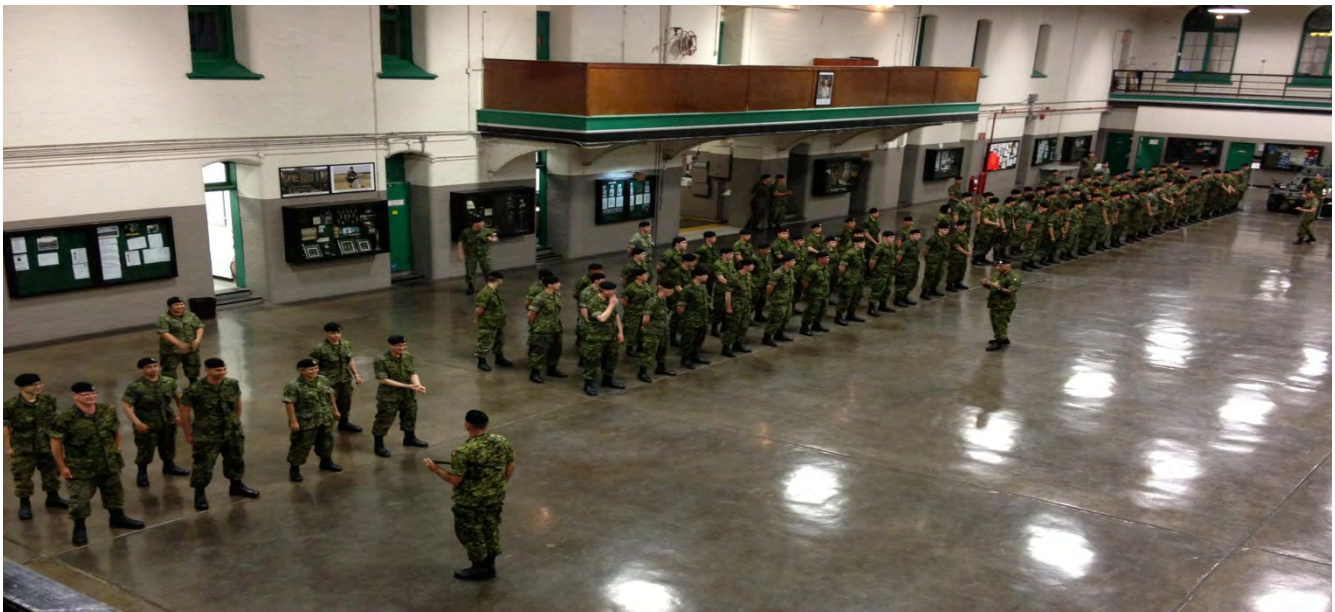
The afternoon was completed by Pat Connell and Ted Hawthorne marking the occasion of Jordan's retirement as the Commander's Piper by presenting him with the now famous 1<sup>st</sup> British Columbia gold watch for his excellent service to Colonel Gagne and the entire Regimental Family. Jordan continues to do such an excellent job in advancing the good name of the Regiment and the entire Regimental Family. Congratulations Jordan! The attached photograph shows LCol Romano Acconci, CWO Jordan Sequin and Ted Hawthorne.



## CO'S PARADE – 16 May 2012

The CO's Parade held on 16 May 2012 was one busy affair as anyone in attendance will readily attest. Well over one hundred serving members were on parade and the Regiment looked great! Members of the Regimental Association, friends and family members of the recruits and the Officer Commander of 2290 BCR (DCO) RCACC, Capt Leah Yauck, also attended this Stand Down Parade of the Regiment. The highlights of the evening were numerous and a quick recap is in order, as follows:

1. Recruits: Five new recruits, previously sworn in, were introduced to the Regiment by the CO, LCol Harj Sajjan, and welcomed. The recruits then made an about turn and faced the Memorial Wall where the CO reminded them that they now represent the Regiment and its tremendous line of history. Truly a fitting start for these new "Dukes"! Congratulations to our newest members and best of luck!



2. Promotions: The CO promoted three members to the rank of corporal, namely, Cpl Balatico, Cpl Canavan and Cpl Cheeman. In addition, WO A.H. Mullick was promoted to the rank of Master Warrant Officer. Congratulations all!
3. Presentation to Honorary Lieutenant Colonel C. Scott M. Shepherd: The CO presented a Commission Scroll to the Honorary Lieutenant Colonel and acknowledged his great work and, in particular, noted his leadership as Chairman of Canadian Forces Liaison Council during the recent ExecuTrek tour to Ex Cougar Salvo in Boise, Idaho. HLCol Shepherd addressed the Regiment with a very kind greeting and acknowledged the very great honour bestowed upon him.
4. Presentation of Silverware:
  - (a) Honorary Colonel Patrick Reid Cup – The cup was presented to the PMC on behalf of the Junior Ranks in recognition of their fundraising efforts throughout the year and for their support of Cancer Research and the Regimental Association Bursary Program.
  - (b) BCR Junior Officer Trophy – The trophy was presented to OCdt Ellis for his fine work.
  - (c) The LCol A.F. Lungley Trophy – The trophy was presented to Cpl Galang and Cpl Chandra as top crewman. The CO emphasized the definition and concept of the

word “crewman” and all of the teamwork it entails which distinguishes us from other units.

- (d) Annual BCR Hockey Trophy – The CO “reluctantly gave up the cup” and presented it to the PMC of the Junior Ranks in recognition of the great win by Junior Ranks after a titanic struggle by both teams during one of the best games in recent years.



- 5. The “Last Word” by the Regimental Association: Association President Ted Hawthorne was given the “last word” by the CO. Ted reported on the great success of Ex Cougar Salvo from an observer’s perspective, the publication and delivery of complimentary copies of the May 2012 edition of **The Duke** to all messes and the Regimental Association’s progress in its support of the 2012 European Battlefield Tour. The CO concluded the evening with his closing comments complimenting the members of the Regiment for their good work and training. The CO also reminded the members to be safe during the summer and emphasized in very strong terms the importance of individual wellness and support in conjunction with unit support.

Many thanks to the CO, LCol Harj Sajjan and RSM, MWO Pat Taylor, for including us in this parade. It was truly a grand evening!

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## MINISTER’S COMMENDATION – JIM STANTON



We are most pleased to pass along the very good news regarding the Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation awarded to Jim Stanton. Jim and Paula attended the awards ceremony in Halifax on June 10<sup>th</sup> along with 14 other Canadians from Atlantic Canada. The Honourable Steven Blaney, Minister of Veterans Affairs Canada made the presentation. Jim was awarded the commendation for his dedicated volunteer service in Vancouver.

Well done and congratulations from all of us Jim for the recognition so richly deserved! The Commendation is awarded annually to individuals who have contributed in an exemplary manner to the care and well-being of Veterans or to the remembrance of the contributions, sacrifices and achievements of Veterans.

## THE B.C. REGIMENT (DCO) IRISH PIPES & DRUMS REPORT

Pat Connell

The Pipe Band continues on its busy schedule. On February 26<sup>th</sup> a plaque dedication ceremony was hosted by the City of Port Moody and Port Moody Heritage Commission. The plaque honours three young men from the area who joined the RCAF together in the Second World War and none of them returned. CWO Jordan Seguin, Brigade Commander's Piper and a Bugler from the 15<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery represented 39BGp at this event. On April 2<sup>nd</sup> Canada's Farewell Ceremony was held for Private Archibald Lloyd Hearsey PPCLI, Korea War Veteran. The ashes of Private Hearsey were repatriated and buried alongside his brother at the Canadian Korea War Cemetery. Pipe Major WO Alistair Pattison & Bugle Major John More participated in the ceremony. On May 5<sup>th</sup> the Regiment was represented by Major Don Bentley and RSM Pat Taylor at the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner of North Vancouver – Duje of Connaughts –



Mason's Lodge. The head table was piped in by CWO Jordan Seguin who also performed during the dinner. CWO Jordan Seguin was also requested by Brigade Padre Major Paul Beckingham to perform at a graveside service at Forest Lawn for MCpl. Andrew W.C. Lew 12<sup>th</sup> Medical Co.

Following our performance at the St. Juliens Dinner of April 14<sup>th</sup>, we enjoyed a quiet few weeks



until we did a very successful Mother's Day concert in the afternoon of May 13<sup>th</sup>, at Legion 148 to the delight of some 50 folks. This was followed by a mini band playing at the British Car Show on May 19<sup>th</sup>. June was as always hopping with the band leading the Colour Party at the Burnaby Heights "Hats Off Day Parade", attended by some 15,000 people, in addition we assisted the Legion in cooking 12 boxes of chickens, and manning their beer garden which is a big fund raiser for

Legion 148, under sunny skies. We again led the Annual Squamish Sikh parade in honour of the 5<sup>th</sup> Guru, again under sunny skies on June 25<sup>th</sup>, followed by being asked to take part in the opening ceremonies at the BC Lions Football Clubs first home game of the season, on June 29<sup>th</sup>.

Our thanks to the Regiment for making the Drill Hall available for muster purposes. The Pipe Band of 24 turned out in full uniform for the raising of the Grey Cup Banners in the refurbished BC Place taking their place at Center field. The band was able to watch the game and enjoy some hospitality at the Regiment afterwards. July 1, once again saw us downtown for the evening Canada Day parade which has us leading the Military Vehicle display near the front of the parade. We had our usual summer band BBQ in July with our biggest turnout to date. The Band also became the proud owners of 8 New Andante Side Drums and 4 new Premier Tenor Drums – all state of the art – thanks to the efforts in large part to Bill Diamond.



On the individual front we had members play at several weddings and sadly for the funerals of both Lt. Colonel E. Wesson (Rtd.) and Honorary Major Raymond Glover.

CWO Jordan Seguin in his capacity as Brigade Commander's Piper played at several events for the Commander including his final Officer's Dinner on May 26<sup>th</sup>, in Chilliwack and the Change of Command Parade on May 27<sup>th</sup>, where he along with Pipe Major Alistair Pattison and Pipe Sgt. Mike Giles paraded Colonel Gagne off the parade square at his retirement. Pipe Sgt. Mike Giles represented the Pipe Major and the Band on the Regiment's Battlefield tour in August. Competition wise Piper Thomas Budd won the Grade 4 Piping Aggregate, placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Grade 3 Piobroach, and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Grade 3 – 2/4 March. Drummer Liam Diamond had an impressive run in 2012 winning no less than 3 First Place Finishes Overall, 2 Seconds and 1 Third. He also achieved the Grade 4 Drumming Grand Aggregate Winner of the B.C. Piper's Association as well as receiving a Youth Achievement Award from the Mayor of the City of North Vancouver for his drumming accomplishments.



## EXECUTREK TO RMC ST JEAN

By Bill Diamond  
BC Director, Canadian Forces Liaison Council

On September 17 I was off on a flight to Montreal to spend the next day finding out more about the NCM School in St Jean. This trip was organized by the Canadian Forces Liaison Counsel with an objective of educating about what happens at the school and to obtain feedback for future Executreks.

Tuesday, September 18 started off with breakfast in the hotel and then military transport to the school. The briefing was opened by CWO Kent Griffiths, Chief Reserves and Cadets CWO followed by Chiefs from the Army, Air Force, Navy and Health Services – a great over view from each of their perspectives. Then the Director of the school – CWO Jean Boivin provided an overview of the school, the purpose and a highlight of the courses offered. After the briefings, it was off to the classrooms.



For me the first stop was to see a presentation by the Command Team of 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade and as I sat down, I noticed the RSM two rows forward. We only saw part of their presentation, but must say we did not want to leave, but there were other courses to observe. Other course observed related to the legal process for laying charges and change management.



As the formal part of the day came to an end there was an opportunity for the attendees to offer comments and suggestions for future visits to the school. All in all, the feedback was a great experience with only a few suggested small modifications. It was then off to the Mess for a social before returning to the hotel. A number of students joined us at the reception including the RSM. This provided me the opportunity to introduce the RSM to the schools director as well as the Chief of Reserves and Cadets as well as the Reserve Sgt-Major (who will be moving into the role of Chief of Reserves and Cadets this fall).

The day wrapped up with dinner at the hotel. Then back to my room to pack and getting ready to head to the airport for the flight back to Vancouver the next morning.

**Photo of two** is RSM MWO Pat Taylor and CWO Jean Boivin, MMM, CD – Director of NCMPDC  
**Photo of three** is CWO Howard Dunbar, Army Reserve Sergeant-Major, RSM MWO Pat Taylor and CWO Kent Griffiths, MMM, CD – Chief Reserves and Cadets CWO

## THE START LINE An Accidental Collector

By David Sproule (May 2003)

Last summer when my wife returned from Ottawa having had to deal with sorting through her late Mother's effects she stated desperately, "We've got too much stuff; we've just got to edit all of this stuff." I got the message, so I chucked out some old magazines that I had neatly piled in the basement. That was relatively painless but I got to thinking about all of the stuff that I have collected unintentionally. I really am not a collector, that is to say, I have no over-riding passion that consumes my time and sucks the money out of my wallet. Like collecting guns, stamps, coins or model trains. I am an accidental collector and I know that I am not alone for many of you who have spent a career or even a few years in the army, like it or not, are also accidental collectors



Now I have written before about the contents of my old MK 5 kitbag and most of those items will never be used again and I guess could easily follow the route of the old magazines. I will never again wear combat clothing or long underwear (hopefully) and I never wore that combat scarf that I was issued at the Regiment. I also have a shoe box with a few old shoulder flashes, lanyards and buttons from sundry regiments but it is hardly a collection. My accidental collection resides on a bookshelf next to my desk and now totals about sixteen. A modest collection, but more beer mugs than I will ever need or use. Yes it seems that every time I was posted I would acquire another glass-bottomed pewter beer mug suitably inscribed. My military career in beer mugs – some resume huh. Now, not all of these mementos were presented on "taking my leave" – for there are ceramic ones from some Oktoberfest party at the mess in Yellowknife, two glass ones from some festive military event. Recently when I retired from

SkyTrain here in Vancouver, I was presented with two more pewter steins, so the practice is not confined to the Canadian Forces.

Now I must admit that I have a couple of favourites; the recce squadron mug bought through squadron funds in Egypt for all ranks that served with UNEF in 62-63. Although now I find that it leaves a brassy after-taste in my mouth. There is the one my sister-in-law gave to me that belonged to my late Brother who served in the Queen's York Rangers and of course the one that same Brother gave to me when I was commissioned away back when. There are many more remembering pleasant years among friends along life's way from Meaford Tank Range, the Combat Arms School, and Training Command HQ etc etc.

Now all of these containers were graciously received and dutifully emptied and of course are significant to me. Sorry dear but my beer mugs will not go the way of the magazines. Besides what do recycled pewter beer mugs get made into – beer mugs I bet. Someday one of our daughters is going to have to deal with all of this stuff and maybe that is one way of getting some kind of payback for the sleepless nights they caused us when they were 16. Oh well maybe some auctioneer will get big bucks for some old military guy's outstanding collection of pewter mugs for out there, there is bound to be a serious collector of all of this sentimental junk that collects along the way. In the meantime my mugs look good on my bookshelf and I guess if I was an obsessive sort of person, I could use each of them on a rotating schedule. I get too thirsty to ever let that happen.

As my wife and I have had to do, I can see our daughters sorting through all of our stuff and wondering why we kept what we did. Just wait until they locate another accidental collection, the box of plaques that were also presented but lacking the wall space, never displayed.

## MUSEUM SOCIETY REPORT

By WO Ron Leblanc, MMM, CD  
BCR Museum Society President

I would like to update the Regimental family on the latest from the BCR Museum Society. The Museum Board of Directors is riding a high after returning from our successful battlefield tour. We've returned with many battlefield finds from the "The Hill" and the site of the "Petite Douve Raid", including 37mm rounds from a Stuart (Honey) tank, a Sherman side bin lock, WW1 trench wire screw picket, fuses, and casings just to name a few. A special thank you must go to Jerry Couling, Keith Maxwell Bob Hall and "Recce" Bob for their work on the battlefield tour.



WPNS Display

Some recent donations we have received include:

- A photo book and some relevant documents from the daughter of SSM McKee who served in the BCR (DCOR), 28<sup>th</sup> CAR (BCR) and was a big supporter of the BCR Association after the War. He was one of the few Dukes who was attached to the British Army in North Africa to learn the art of armoured warfare.



- Retired Duke Jim Bell has donated a 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion Military Medal, a rare WW1 metal leave pass from the 158<sup>th</sup> (DCO) battalion, a 7<sup>th</sup> Bn medal trio, and other relevant items. Thank you Jim!

- The Belgium Civil Decoration 1914-1918, donated by Mr. Gauthier Hebbelynck our association rep in Europe. The medal was awarded to those civilians who had been recognized as active in resisting German occupation; a rare medal indeed.



7<sup>th</sup> Battalion Display

- The Seaforth while preparing to relocate at 39 CBG has discovered a few incredible items and immediately donated them to the BCR. These include an unpublished history of the Irish Fusiliers of Canada, several charred items (1948 floods report, remains of swords, a rare 65<sup>th</sup> AA uniform patch) all rescued from Stanley Park Armoury fire by the Adjutant of the time.

The Regimental website continues to be a great tool for us; several relatives of our various Battalions and WW 2 vets have contacted us through the website. Many are willing to share what information they have. Recently we received new information on the November 1944 battle in Zijpe Harbour, and biographical information and pictures relating to a decorated 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion officer, Captain Dawe, MC, MM, amongst others.

Our museum displays continue to be updated, and with our recent purchase of ten new mannequins we can now display a small number of our relevant Regimental tunics.

A final note, the BCR Museum Society is non-profit organization; we require donations to continue our work improving your museum. Please donate!!!!

## Up the Dukes!!

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### *Langley Youth for the Fallen* **“A WALK TO REMEMBER”**

We are pleased to announce that the Regimental Association has sponsored a tree for the “Walk of Remembrance” commemorating the 158 Fallen Canadian Soldiers in Afghanistan. This commemorative project is inspired by the Langley Youth for the Fallen.

We are Elizabeth and Michael Pratt, two young people from Langley, B.C. and we have a dream to commemorate the Canadians who sacrificed their lives in Afghanistan by planting a tree for each of the 158 fallen soldiers.

Calling ourselves *Langley Youth for the Fallen* and the project *A Walk to Remember*, we began working with municipal officials in February 2011 to create a memorial grove for our fallen soldiers. We have been told by federal government officials that this is the only memorial of its kind in Canada. Land near the Langley Airport was donated and on November 11, 2011, we held a planting ceremony where we planted the first 74 trees. Another 30 trees were planted in April 2012 and a funding announcement regarding the federal government contributing \$50,000 towards the construction of a cenotaph was held in May 2012. To date we have sponsorships for about 120 trees from schools, service groups, companies, individuals, and loved ones of the fallen soldiers. We are hoping to find sponsors for the remaining 38 trees prior to November 11, 2012 so we can celebrate the completion of the memorial grove on Remembrance Day.



More information, including pictures of our sponsors, the first planting ceremony and the beginning of the construction of the cenotaph, can be found on our Facebook page: *Langley Youth for the Fallen: A Walk to Remember* and by viewing our YouTube video *Langley Youth for the Fallen: Presentation*.

## THE DUKE NEWSLETTER HISTORY

By: Archie M. Steacy, President Emeritus

It's an appropriate time to record the history of the "Duke News Letter". The Duke was initiated in 1960 by the Commanding Officer, Lt Col H.G.M. (Garth) Colbeck CD, as a communication means, mixed with newsworthy Regimental activities, training, promotions and humor to help build and maintain a healthy Regimental family environment.

Lieutenant Bill Dunford, Daily Province newspaper reporter, was appointed Editor in Chief. Bill designed the newsletter format on 8-1/2" by 14" pages, featuring a Centurion tank foremost on the top of front page. Articles were placed by the squadrons and by other writers. Initially, Troopers Jeff Aitken and Terry Sawasy pitched in as reporters to assist Dunford. It was a great success, but ceased production about 1969.

During my tenure as commanding officer, 1974 – 1978, the Duke was re-established, and continued occasionally up to 1990, during LCol Joe Seymour's command.

In 1994, as President of the Regimental Association, I re-established the Duke Newsletter as a means to communicate Association and Regimental activities and a dialogue for all members of the Regimental family, especially our World War II Veterans. I acted as Editor in Chief. Over the ensuing years the following Dukes volunteered their time and effort to produce the newsletter, which is now the premium Regimental news letter in Canada; Jeff Aitken; Pam Smythe; Cameron Cathcart; Ted Hawthorne and his office assistants, Ciara Martin Charlotte Yen; Jean Bowman and Archie Steacy. The printing and mailing the newsletter demanded participation of volunteers to stuff and stamp envelopes; Dan & Ellen McKenzie; Terry & Jackie Sawasy, Graydon and Sandra Young, Ray Glover, Jerry Couling and Archie & Lynda Steacy. Sincere thanks to all Dukes who sent letters of interest, wrote articles, wartime activities, Regimental reunions, present day activities and photographs, etc. You all helped to create the Duke Newsletter. From a simple two or three page mimeographed bulletin to a matchless 20 to 30 page newsletter, with pertinent photographs imparting the life and history of the British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own).

After 18 years at the helm of the Duke Newsletter, its time to turn over the editorship; and welcome Sharel Fraser, a BCR Association Director, as the Editor in Chief, following the September 2012 issue. I have known and worked with her since 1994. Sharel was the former Veterans Affairs Canada, Director General for the "Canada Remembers" Program in British Columbia. In 1994 to date, I had the opportunity and privilege of working with Sharel on numerous Veteran related activities and events in British Columbia. Together, we established the British Columbia Veterans Commemorative Association (BCVCA) whose singular constitutional objective is "*Commemoration*"; conducted remembrance programs for school children; Salute to Veterans football half time shows; 2004 Year of the Veteran activities; created candle light ceremonies throughout Canada; initiated the British Columbia Veteran Licence Plates and creation of "Flanders Poppy Fields" in BC communities. Sharel is a tireless worker devoted to Veterans and their welfare and remembrance. Please give Sharel your full support.

Sincere thanks to you all.

## ONE WAR, TWO VICTORIES

We have attached photograph and article by Alicja Siekierska regarding the “One War, Two Victories” exhibition produced by the Chinese Canadian Military Museum Society, in partnership with the Canadian War Museum. This exhibit will run until 6 January 2013. We would like to think that the exhibition will find its way to Vancouver in due course! Many thanks to our good friend and colleagues Honorary Colonel Howe Lee for this excellent report.



WarMuseum exhibition shows Chinese-Canadians' plight, fight

By Alicja Siekierska  
May 25, 2012

OTTAWA-For the 800 Chinese-Canadians who volunteered to fight in the Second World War, the battle was about more than securing an Allied victory.

They were not only fighting for Canada; they were fighting to prove they deserved the right to vote, the right to live outside Chinatown and the right to be accepted as citizens of Canada, the very country in which they were born.

One War, Two Victories, an exhibition that highlights the Chinese-Canadian battles fought on two separate fronts, opened Friday at the Canadian War Museum. Through historical photographs, the exhibition tells the stories of the Chinese-Canadians whose wartime service helped secure not only a victory abroad, but also earned them greater equality at home.

The exhibition opened as part of Ottawa's Asian Heritage Month.

Several Chinese-Canadian veterans were on hand to celebrate the unveiling of the exhibition on Wednesday, including local Allan Lim, an Ottawa man who joined the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1941. Many veterans even flew in from Vancouver to see the exhibition.

Although veteran Frank Wong was born in Vancouver in 1919, he grew up feeling like an outsider. "When I was young, there was a lot of discrimination," said Wong. "I was considered an alien, never a Canadian."

Wong had enlisted in the armed forces when he was 23, in the hopes that the treatment of Chinese- Canadians would change after the War.

"I thought if I joined the armed forces, and showed loyalty to this country despite my treatment, that they would finally recognize me as a Canadian," Wong said. "Maybe I would even get the right to vote."

Growing up in Vancouver, Wong had said he considered himself a second-class citizen, with no confidence, whatsoever. But when he went abroad to fight, he was shocked to be treated as an equal — and even more shocked when he moved up the military ranks.

"I was surprised when I was promoted to corporal," said Wong, who was the only Chinese-Canadian in his regiment. "Best of all, I had no problems in my unit. Everyone respected me, and my rank. That was a new feeling for me."

Peggy Lee had worked with the St. John's Ambulance during the war. In a speech at the opening of the exhibition, Lee said she and her fellow Chinese-Canadians felt honoured to fight alongside the Canadians who were accepted in society.

"It was honour—an honour to be part of helping Canada and helping the Canadians," said Lee. "I am a Canadian first. Chinese next."

Jeff Noakes is the Museum's Second World War historian. He said it's important for all Canadians to learn about these stories.

"One of the reasons why we are presenting this at the museum is because it's not just a story about war," said Noakes. "It's a story about how war has shaped the lives of Canadians."

Wong is thrilled with the way the exhibition has turned out.

"A lot of Chinese-Canadians don't realize what the veterans did," he said. "They don't realize that it's because of the veterans that they received the right to vote."

One War, Two Victories will run until Jan. 6. The exhibition is a production of the Chinese Canadian Military Museum Society, in partnership with the Canadian War Museum.

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## THE ALGONQUIN REGIMENT VETERANS ASSOCIATION

We have attached an excellent report received from our good friend and colleague, Jack Patterson, President of The Algonquins. As most will know, The Algonquin Regiment was our infantry support during Op Totalize in Normandy in August of 1944. Jack and Jimmy (referred to in the report) were on the Hill that fateful day, 9 August 1944.

Many thanks Jack for keeping us up to date with your activities. Well done!!

All the very best to The Algonquins!



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By Jack Patterson  
Chair, Algonquin Veterans  
June 3, 2012

Just to let you know that your old comrades in arms, The Algonquins are still on the warpath here in Parry Sound. We held our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Ceremonial Review today. Instead of our normal flag raising, we planted the Canadian Flag and the Algonquin Flag indoors..

We had to move the ceremony into the Bobby Orr Arena because of a dose of bad weather inherited from British Columbia. However we had a wonderful event.

One Company of Algonquin Cadets from Burks Falls, a Company of Air Cadets from Parry Sound, Lt.Col. Pat Bryden (C.O. Algonquin) and yours truly, took the Salute at the March Past. Our very accomplished high school band played throughout. A Grade 10 Student played the Last Post on the battered old Algonquin bugle! I have never heard a finer rendition. We give a bursary every year to the student who is the most proficient on our bugle.

We picked up a few bucks for our monument. We have a program starting in the schools and in the community where donors will receive a certificate with their name and a name taken from our Algonquin Roll of honour. Our aim being to sort of bring back our Fallen Comrades to the land they loved.

We had about 250 out, pretty good for a small town. There was one old Hill 140 guy there, beside myself. Jimmy Broomfield 98 years old and he came all the way from Cambridge for the event.

**NE KAH NE TAH & AND UP THE DUKES**



## 2012 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This year's Annual General Meeting ("AGM") held on Thursday, 21 June 2012 was the most well attended AGM in recent memory. Many thanks to our members for the excellent display of support!

We are very pleased to announce the election of four new directors at the AGM, namely, Heather Arden, Larry Campbell, Bob Fearnley and Sharel Fraser. Congratulations and welcome to these very well qualified individuals and thank you for your commitment and support of the Regimental Association. Great to see our very first female members on the board of directors!

We also acknowledge the tremendous service and contributions of our retiring directors Kim Bekesinski, Andy Conradi and President Emeritus Archie Steacy. Your commitment has resulted in the strength of the Regimental Association we see today, namely, unabashedly, the best Regimental Association in British Columbia! We know that you will continue to support us and work with us by providing your special skills and expertise in our well structured committee system. Once again, many thanks for all that you have done for the Regimental Association and the Regiment.

Accordingly, the directors and officers of the Regimental Association for the ensuing year are as follows;

Heather Arden	Sharel Fraser (Secretary)
Larry Campbell	Ray Glover (Past President)
Jerry Couling (Treasurer)	Ted Hawthorne (President)
Bill Diamond (Vice President)	Graydon Young
Bob Fearnley	

### COMMITTEES

Band Liaison	-	Bill Diamond, Chair
Cadet Development Committee	-	Graydon Young, Chair
Commemoration & Remembrance Committee	-	Bob Fearnley, Chair
Executive Committee	-	Ted Hawthorne, Chair
Finance Committee	-	Jerry Couling, Chair
Friends of Vancouver	-	Bill Diamond, Chair
Kit Shop Committee	-	Bill Diamond, Chair
Membership Committee	-	Heather Arden, Chair
Social and Special Events Committee	-	Bill Diamond, Chair
The Community Outreach Committee	-	Heather Arden, Chair
The Duke (Newsletter)	-	Sharel Fraser, Chair

A very enjoyable reception followed immediately after the AGM with food and beverages served and with the great piping of CWO Jordan Sequin, Director of Music. It was an excellent opportunity for our members to socialize and catch up during a very pleasant summer evening. Many thanks to Gayle Hawthorne for a great reception!

## CO'S PARADE - 5 SEPTEMBER 2012

The beginning of the new training year started off very well with the Stand to Parade attended by approximately 110 Dukes on parade and members of the Regimental Association, friends of the Regiment and family members of the recruits.

As RSM Taylor and MWO Mullick were out of town, WO Brown, acting RSM, gave the command for the Regiment to fall. The CO, LCol Harj Sajjan, addressed the Regiment and welcomed everyone to the new training year.

The first order of business was for MCpl Clews to march eight new recruits onto the drill square to be sworn in or affirmed by the CO. The recruits were reminded of the great history of the Regiment and were specifically referred to the Memorial Wall which displays some of that history. The CO also gave a brief outline of what it means to wear a CF uniform and what each member represents to his fellow Canadians and to this country.

The CO then proceeded to acknowledge the good work of MCpl Schultz for successfully completing the very tough Crew Commander's course and for Tpr Corbett for the successful completion of the DP2 Course. MCpl Schultz and Tpr Corbett were first overall in their respective courses. Very well done indeed!

Next on the agenda, the CO promoted Pte Corcoran and Pte Mok to the rank of Trooper and Troopers Lewis, Corbett, Halpin, Law and Lam to the rank of Corporal.

Last of all, the CO promoted Cpl Galang to MCpl and presented him with the bar to the GCS ("Afghanistan Medal").

The CO further noted that the Regiment had delivered on its plans for the last training year with the highly successful live fire exercise (Level 4) on Ex Cougar Salvo with 39 CBG in Boise, Idaho and the European Battlefield Studies Tour which exceeded all expectations. Regretfully, all members could not attend. Col Sajjan observed that the sacrifice and service of the Dukes who preceded us will give our soldiers the necessary strength to succeed at a Regimental level and at a personal level in civilian life.

The annual "Spurs Ride" in Washington and the Cyprus Exchange with The Rifles was also noted as further successes in last year's training year.

Congratulations were conveyed to all ranks for the great work accomplished during the training year just ended.

Members of the Regiment were encouraged to engage in further thought and forward planning for further adventure exercises. In addition, the CO emphasized that the main focus for the training year would be the further development of existing skills so that the Regiment will continue to be always ready for its next assignment.

The CO also recognized Bob and Harpreet Rai for their support of the Tour and the Regimental Association for its great support as well.

The CO once again gave the last word to the Regimental Association. President Ted Hawthorne announced that the Bursary Program would continue this year, albeit modified, notwithstanding the significant support given to the Tour. All members were encouraged to submit applications immediately to the ROR. Last of all, it was announced that a special presentation would be made in the Junior Ranks Mess by MCpl Duke A. Bear in recognition of the great assistance to the "Old Guard" by the Junior Ranks during the Tour. Later on in the evening "Duke" presented the Junior Ranks Mess with an appropriate mess devise recovered/obtained in Arras during the Tour.

On behalf of the Regimental Association, congratulations to all for a job well done!  
Many thanks to the CO and A/RSM for including us in this very impressive evening.



**Up the Dukes!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wednesday, October 10** **129<sup>th</sup> Regimental Birthday Celebrated**  
7:30 PM  
Celebratory Ceremony and Cake  
The BC Regiment Drill Hall  
620 Beatty Street, Vancouver
- Thursday, October 25** **Korean Curry Lunch** **\$30/person**  
11:45 AM ~ 1:30 PM  
Officers' Mess – The BC Regiment  
620 Beatty Street, Vancouver  
(\$5 discount with reservations before October 19)  
**Contact:** Bill Diamond 604.618.3607  
[Bill@DukeaBear.com](mailto:Bill@DukeaBear.com)
- Saturday, November 10** **BCR Reunion Dinner** **\$50/person**  
6:30 PM ~ 11:00 PM  
Moxies Ballroom, Sandman Hotel **\$95/couple**  
180 W Georgia Street, Vancouver  
(\$79 Rooms Available)  
**Contact:** Charlotte Yen 604.630.4585  
[corporate@hplaw.ca](mailto:corporate@hplaw.ca)
- Sunday, November 11** **Bed & Breakfast Free Rooms to Veterans & Military**  
**Contact:** [www.BBCanada.com](http://www.BBCanada.com)  
B&B for Vets 2012  
800.239.1141 ext 6675
- Sunday, November 11** **Remembrance Day**  
**Parade to Victory Square**
- Thursday, November 29** **Korean Curry Lunch** **\$30/person**  
To be Advised
- December 2012** **Annual Fundraiser**  
To be Advised

## 60th BIRTHDAY AND RETIREMENT CELEBRATION 14 SEPTEMBER 2012



Well it was a grand evening all around commencing with the surprise greeting awaiting Padre Paul Beckingham by the Honour Guard and those assembled on his entrance to The Drill Hall, to the many fine speakers (39 CBG Commander Colonel Rob Roy MacKenzie, LCol Harj Sajjan and Association President Ted Hawthorne) conveying their heartfelt appreciation to Paul for all of his good works, service and commitment to the CF, the Regiment and to the Regimental Family. The decorations, the play of the BCR Brass Band, the Bugler and the BCR Irish Pipes and Drums and the family music tribute, biography of Paul by Aaron and the birthday cake and snacks were truly something to behold. Presentations to Paul were made by Colonel MacKenzie, Colonel Sajjan and Ted Hawthorne. It is noteworthy that all three messes of the Regiment and the Regimental Association contributed equally to a donation of \$1,000.00 towards a cruise for the Padre and Mrs. Padre in recognition of their wonderful support to the Regiment and the Regimental Family. Special thanks to the CO and the Regiment, Mary and family and MC CWO Mark Arden of 39 CBG for such a wonderful evening and a night to remember!



## DUKE'S DEN



Captain Leah Yauck,  
CO 2290 BCR

You may have missed this earlier but our Regimental Mascot, MCpl Duke A. Bear attended the annual Cadet BBQ fundraiser, which was hosted by Linda and Ken Whitney. Great music, great food and all for a great cause, our Cadet Development Program.

MCpl Duke A. Bear also enjoyed the Canada Day fireworks reception aboard HMCS Vancouver





## ASLEEP

**K451436 Sergeant (Ret'd) Raymond Ernest Glover** served with the British Columbia Regiment, (Duke of Connaught's Own) RCAC. He started his military career as a Cadet with 2290 BCR (DCO) Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps in 1954. He served the Regimental Association as Vice-president for 15 years and 3 years as President. Ray passed away on 27 July 2012. Raymond, Carol and son Cameron resided in Delta, B.C.

**Lieutenant Colonel (Ret'd) Ernest Joseph Wesson** was a career soldier, serving with the Royal Canadian Dragoons and the British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own), Royal Canadian Armoured Corps; completing his service as Commanding Officer of the B.C. Regiment. After his retirement, he was deeply involved in a number of military related organizations. He passed away in North Vancouver on 11 August 2012. Ernie, Maureen and children, Karen, Lori, Chris and Lynn resided in Vancouver and North Vancouver, British Columbia.

Sixty-eight years ago, 02 August 1944 to 29 October 1944, while fighting in offensive battles in Italy, Normandy, Belgium and Holland; the Regiment suffered the loss of seventy-three Dukes.

Capt Howard Bardon & P4647 Sgt James J. Redmond (Italy); K37649 Tpr Calvin Alton; L36731 Tpr Leslie J. Tate; Capt Carlton Allen; D77569 Tpr William Armstrong; Major Thomas S. Baron; Lieut William H. Bicknell; F31666 Tpr Neil J. M.. Campbell; F51748 Tpr Clyde St.C Chaddock; D122979 Tpr Arthur I. Cooke; B62764 Cpl John B. Faulkner; K43011 Tpr William E. Fraser; K37670 Tpr William T. Hadden; A42362 Tpr Wilbert J.H. Naines; L36975 Tpr Clifford R. Harrison; K49920 Tpr Straun A. Higgins; K37601 L/Cpl Thomas B. Hill; B17025 Tpr Lloyd G. Kellington; K38150 Tpr William E. Long; K66203 Tpr Stephen E. Maxwell; M103014 Tpr Arthur McKnight; C102980 Tpr Bernard J. Owens; K46121 Tpr Hugh G. Paterson; K38042 Tpr George Pernoski; B19632 Alfred S. Peterson;

M101424 Tpr John Pinchuck; K38060 Tpr Herbert J. Poland; K37162 Cpl Allan Shepard; G3978 Mansfield A. Shirley; Major Geoffrey R. Sidenius; K37465 Tpr Percy W. Simpson; Lieut Lawrence D. Stevens; K38106 Tpr William Swift; B132498 Tpr Alexander J. Thompson; Capt Raymond A. Tiffin; A89292 Tpr Douglas W. Wheeler; K37783 Sgt Patrick G.M. Wilson; B62931 Tpr William H. Woods; Lt Co Donalds G. Worthington; K37743 Sgt Roy T. Wright; K37562 Tpr Frank P. Browne; K37731 Cpl Frank J. Hipp; K37076 L/Cpl William F Shepherd; Lieut Bruce Wilson; K72986 Tpr John Hill; B133804 Tpt Robert D. McKean; H105046 Tpr Wasyl Mutz; D77889 L/Cpl George E. Spraggett; D98699 Cpl Mamaratus Vaisvila; K37401 Sgt Thomas J. Crawford; L84716 Tpr Otto V. Feist; K37666 L/Cpl Robert Hill; L36976 Tpr Edward J. Putney; K37367 Cpl Raymond J. Marshall; K65228 Tpr Andrew Morris; K38065 Tpr Albert Hallmark; Major John R. Worthington; Lieut James C. Harmer; F76600 Tpr Everett Borgald; C98599 Tpr James J. Maguire; 76465 Cpl Victor E. Maynard; G23573 Tpr Murray E. Blaney; K37627 Sgt William H. Clendinning, MM; C121185 Tpr John H. Hardy; D27218 Tpr Donald Crawshaw; K37706 Tpr Evander D. Rogers; D76725 Tpr John K. Somerville; Lieut Ralph B. St. George Smyth; B145466 Tpr Charles H. Sharrard; B62183 Tpr John J. Kendall; Lieut John T. Scudamore.



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