



THE DUKE



CO'S PARADE AND "STAND TO" OF THE REGIMENT - 11 September 2013

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L to R: LCol Harjit Sajjan, Janet & Brooke Campbell, Grace Lungley, Audrey Toogood, Rob & Lorraine Travers, LCol(R) David Sproule and HCol Ted Hawthorne

The CO's Parade and the "Stand To" of the Regiment was one very impressive event. There were **141 members** on parade and the Regiment looked absolutely terrific!

The CO, LCol Harjit Sajjan, OMM, MSM, CD, welcomed all members back to a new training year; emphasized the meaning of service to our country and to the Regiment; introduced the newest recruit, Pte Seth Grainger, to the Regiment and the many members of the Regimental Family in attendance; promoted two Troopers to Corporal (Cpl Bergler and Cpl Fleming); awarded Certificates of Achievement to Pte Walters (BMQ-L), Pte Burden (RMS QL3) and MCpl Boxall (ARCC); presented the belated Commission Scroll to Maj Don Bentley; and awarded a Commanding Officer's Commendation to Capt John Perry in recognition of his great work on so many important projects.

The CO then introduced LCol (R) David Sproule, Colonel Sajjan's first CO, who presented to the Regiment the newly commissioned portraits by Artist, Michael Kluckner, of the late LCol John Toogood and the late LCol Arthur Lungley, two very prominent historical figures in our Regiment. Also present were Audrey Toogood (Johnny's widow), Grace Lungley (Arthur's widow) and Brooke (son of Arthur) and Janet

Campbell. Congratulations to Colonel David on all of his great work on this important project and for his excellent presentation.

The “last word” was given to Bob Fearnley, new President of the Regimental Association, who encouraged all members to consider membership in the Association. I was also honoured to say a few words of welcome and to congratulate all recipients and Colonel David for his presentation.

A great evening was had by all!

All the very best and Up the Dukes!

E. A. (Ted) Hawthorne,
Honorary Colonel

THE BC REGIMENT (DCO) IRISH PIPES AND DRUMS HOLDS FAREWELL BARBECUE – May 14, 2013 A Piper’s Perspective By: Thomas Budd

At our annual band barbeque, hosted by Pat Connell, we bade farewell to our Pipe Sergeant Mike Giles. Mike had held the position of Pipe Sgt. for two years after his work transferred him to Vancouver from his home in Calgary. He is now returning to Alberta to assume a senior leadership position in his company.

In Calgary, Mike left behind him the legacy of a successful term as Pipe Major of the Calgary Highlanders of Canada Pipes and Drums. Their loss was certainly a gain to our Regimental Family. During his tenure in the BC Regiment, he was appointed lead instructor of the pipe band, was the duty piper at many Regimental and Association functions, and was given the honour of accompanying the Regiment on their 2012 Battlefield Tour in Europe. With such contributions, it was only fitting to celebrate his time with us with a barbecue.

Friends and family of the band gathered together for an evening of celebration. We were honored to have the attendance of special guests, Hon. Col. Ted Hawthorne, Association President Bill Diamond and MCpl. Duke A. Bear. Special thanks go to Drum Major Chris Hoskins who worked tirelessly over the barbecue and saw to each of our culinary requirements.



L to R: Alistair Pattison, Mike Giles (with MCpl Duke A. Bear) and HCol Ted Hawthorne

After the feasting portion of the evening came to a close, we gathered to give our final tribute to Mike. Our Pipe Major Alistair Pattison spoke on behalf of the band to thank Mike for his contribution and presented him with a personal certificate and regimental watch. Following Alistair’s presentation, Colonel Hawthorne had the privilege to speak on behalf of the CO in relaying his gratitude for Mike’s service to the Regiment, with a special mention regarding Mike’s part in the Battlefield Tour. Colonel Hawthorne then saw to the CO’s wish of presenting Mike with his personal coin. To conclude the tribute, Bill Diamond presented Mike a certificate of appreciation and awarded him an application for a year’s membership compliments of the Association. As an end to the evening, we all drank a toast to Mike with a bottle of Bushmills Single Malt kindly provided by MCpl. Duke A. Bear.

We wish Mike all the best and the greatest success in his future endeavors.

CO'S PARADE – 15 May 2013

The CO's Parade (Stand Down for the end of the training year) held on 15 May 2013 was a very busy evening indeed! Over 110 serving members were on parade and the Regiment looked great! Members of the Regimental Association were also in attendance.

The CO, LCol Harjit Sajjan, reviewed the many highlights of the training year, the continuing success of the Regiment and the future planning of activities, all within the current budgetary requirements. All is going very well for the Regiment.

The CO proceeded with numerous presentations, honours and awards, as follows:



The Regiment on parade – a full house!

1. **Swearing In Ceremony** – Pte Joseph Uzelac;
2. **Presentation of the Armoured Corps Cap Badge** – Privates Zho, Swanson, Aliakbar, Park and Barton;
3. **Promotions to Corporal** – Troopers Eng, Faber, Johnston, Palmer, Su, Togeretz and Van Velden;
4. **Certificate of Achievement** – Pte Burden, Walters (not present) and MCpl Schultz;
5. **Canadian Forces Decoration** – MCpl Carswell;
6. **Trophies –**
 - (a) **OC's Challenge** – Cpl Sloan;
 - (b) **Capt J.D. Barrett Challenge Cup (Regimental Hockey Trophy)** – Jr Ranks (Score 10-1);
 - (c) **Blair Shoot Trophies:**
 - (i) Individual – LCol Steacy Trophy for Top Individual – Cpl Steacy;
 - (ii) Cpl Wills Trophy for High Deliberate Aggregate – Cpl Steacy;
 - (iii) CWO Sorenson Trophy for Fire and Movement Aggregate – Cpl Steacy;
 - (iv) Team – MBdr MacKeigan Trophy for 200m Mover Team;
 - (v) LCol Blair Trophy for Top 4 Man Team – MCpl Roder, Cpl Steacy, Cpl Chan and Cpl Canavan;
 - (d) **Inaugural - Brigadier Arthur G. Chubb Award for Top Crew** – 42B (MCpl Copp to accept);
 - (e) **Sgt Pierangelo Dalmagro Memorial Trophy for Superior Leadership** – Sgt Snow (not present to accept);
 - (f) **BCR Top Junior Officer Award** – Lt Thomas (not present to accept);
 - (g) **LCol A.F. Lungley Award for Top Crewman** (presented by Honorary Colonel Hawthorne) – Cpl Kovacs; and
 - (h) **Top Instructor** – MCpl Cobb
7. **Commanding Officer's Commendation** – Capt Perry (not present to accept), Cpl Canavan and Cpl Alexander.



Presentation Table

Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne congratulated the members for an excellent training year and thanked everyone for the great time on Ex Cleomenes Duke at Joint Base Lewis-McChord. All were wished a safe and enjoyable summer.

President Bill Diamond also commended the members for the successful training year and the opportunity of the Regimental Association to be a part of it. President Bill also announced the distribution of complimentary copies of **The Duke** to all messes.

Maj Doug Evans then addressed the Regiment and confirmed the CO's recent award of the Meritorious Service Medal (Military Service) in recognition of his excellent service in Afghanistan. The CO was loudly applauded by all. Congratulations Colonel Sajjan.

It was a great evening for everyone!

BMQ-L GRADUATION PARADE – 20 May 2013



Graduation parade for 10 BCR candidates on BMQ-L.

STAFF SERGEANT MAJOR BOB UNDERHILL RETIREMENT CELEBRATION – 24 May 2013

After 39 years of service, SSM Bob Underhill was honoured in style by his many friends and colleagues at the new “state of the art” RCMP HQ at Green Timbers Way in Surrey. The celebration of Bob’s retirement was held in the Senior NCOs’ Mess. The many guests were treated to a wonderful evening complete with an excellent dinner, numerous presentations, gifts and memorable stories of Bob’s great service to the RCMP, his country and the community. The Regimental Family was present in great numbers to thank Bob for his great service to the Regiment and to the entire Regimental Family. Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne presented Bob with the Commanding Officer’s Coin in recognition of his great support. Congratulations Bob and may you have a long and enjoyable retirement!



L to R: Ken Whitney, Roger Prouse, BSM CWO Mark Arden, SSM Bob Underhill, RSM Pat Taylor, HCol Ted Hawthorne and Bill Diamond

2013 ANNUAL CEREMONIAL REVIEW 2781 BCR (DCO) RCACC – 25 May 2013

The Commanding Officer of the Regiment, LCol Harjit Sajjan, was the Reviewing Officer at this year’s ACR of 2781 BCR (DCO) RCACC Powell River. The CO of the Corps, Lt (N) Alan Walker was the parade commander. Eighteen cadets including colour party were on parade. The cadets were well turned out for inspection by the RO and the remainder of the Reviewing Party (Lt (N) Alan Walker, Maj Ken Prince and Hon Col Ted Hawthorne). The drill of the Cadet Corps was excellent. In addition, all demonstrations were very well rehearsed and executed. Numerous awards were presented by the RO and members of the Reviewing Party. LCol (R) Archie Steacy, as President of BC Veterans Commemorative Association, presented Vimy Pins to all cadets. LCol Sajjan delivered an inspirational address to the cadets, officers, volunteers and family emphasizing service, commitment and teamwork, which was very well received.

LCol Harjit Sajjan
and Cadets



At the conclusion of the parade, we were treated to further demonstrations, displays, a plentiful luncheon and an opportunity to visit with the cadets and friends. Congratulations 2781 BCR for a great ACR!



L to R: Capt(R) Larry Gemmill, HCol Ted Hawthorne, LCol Harjit Sajjan and Lt(R) Paul Campbell

The annual 2781 BCR Cadet Mess Dinner was held at a new venue this year, namely Carlson Community Club on Joyce Avenue. The CO, LCol Harjit Sajjan, delivered a stirring address to the cadets and congratulated them for good work as a team and for representing the unit and Regimental Family so well. The CO presented Lt. Walker with his CO's Coin and congratulated Lt Walker for his good work. Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne announced the Award of \$500.00 to the unit pursuant to the Regimental Association's Cadet Development Program and presented the Commanding Officer's Coin to PMC Larry Gemmill and Paul Campbell for their excellent work with the unit and for their support of the Regiment and Regimental Family.

CURRY LUNCHEON – 30 May 2013

Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne welcomed the full house of guests to the Officers' Mess and to the last Curry Luncheon of the training year.



L to R: LCol Wickens, HCol Bill Rodgers, HCol Shepherd and LCol(R) Brownlee-Baker

Guests were treated to a special presentation by Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Bill Rodgers of the 15th Field RCA accompanied by the CO of 15th Field, LCol Ken Wickens, and LCol (R) John Brownlee-Baker. The presentation was in recognition of the good work of Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Scott Shepherd in his position as BC Chairman of Canadian Forces Liaison Council ("CFLC"). Colonel Shepherd was presented with a beautifully engraved artillery shell casing. In thanking the 15 Field, Colonel Shepherd took the opportunity to announce that the Minister of National Defence, Peter MacKay, had just advised him of his appointment as the National Chairman of CFLC. Congratulations Scott for your great work with the CF and for your well-deserved appointment.

The next presentation was made to the CO, LCol Harjit Sajjan, on behalf of the Regiment, by Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne and Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Scott Shepherd. Colonel Hawthorne presented the CO with a beautifully framed enlarged reproduction of the cover page of the September 2009 edition of **The Advocate** depicting Honorary Colonel (R) William E. Ireland, QC. **The Advocate** is a professional journal published by the Vancouver Bar Association. This piece of art represents an important part of our Regimental History and recognizes the important service of our good friend and colleague Colonel Bill.



L to R: HCol Ted Hawthorne, LCol Harjit Sajjan and HLTCol Scott Shepherd



RSM, CWO Pat Taylor and LCol Harjit Sajjan

Next on the agenda was the promotion of the Regiment's RSM, MWO Pat Taylor to CWO by LCol Harjit Sajjan. Congratulations RSM on your promotion and well done!

The CO also recognized Colonel Bryan Gagne and wished him safe travels and best wishes on his ten month deployment to Afghanistan. Colonel Gagne will depart for Afghanistan tomorrow. The CO concluded this segment of the festivities and wished everyone bon appetite.

We hope to see you all in late September (tentatively September 26) when the Curry Luncheon program commences and the Regiment stands to.

2013 ANNUAL CEREMONIAL REVIEW 2827 BCR (DCO) RCACC – 8 June 2013

The Commanding Officer of the Regiment, LCol Harjit Sajjan, was the Reviewing Officer at this year's ACR of 2827 BCR (DCO) (Port Moody) RCACC. The DCO of the Corps, Lt Robert Rothwell, was the parade commander in the absence of the Cadet Corps CO, Capt Orlando Banman, who was ill and in the hospital. Thirty seven cadets including colour party were present on the parade square adjacent to the RCL Branch 119 on Clarke Street in Port Moody. The cadets were well turned out for inspection by the RO and the remainder of the Reviewing Party (Lt Rothwell, Maj Prince, Roger Prouse and Hon Col Ted Hawthorne). The drill of the Cadet Corps was well done. In addition, all demonstrations were very well executed in all respects. There were numerous awards presented by the RO and members of the Reviewing Party. LCol Sajjan delivered an inspirational address to the Cadets Corps, families and volunteers by emphasizing the excellent opportunities to learn leadership and teamwork skills under the Cadet Program. It was a very proud time for everyone including the many family, friends and members of the Regimental Family in attendance.

Capt Shannon Rothwell, CD was well recognized on her retirement by the LCol Sajjan who presented her with a CO's Commendation Certificate and a Commanding Officer's coin. Roger and Louise Prouse presented Capt Rothwell with a Certificate from the Army Cadet League of Canada-BC Branch and Gayle

Hawthorne presented Capt Rothwell with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Regimental Association and a complimentary membership for one year. In addition, Gayle Hawthorne presented a Certificate of Award in the amount of \$500.00 to Lt Rothwell pursuant to the Cadet Development Program of the Regimental Association.

Guests retired to the Legion Hall and were treated to further displays, a plentiful luncheon and an opportunity to visit with the cadets and friends. Congratulations 2827 BCR for a great ACR!

2013 ANNUAL CEREMONIAL REVIEW 2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC – 9 June 2013

Ms. Jody Vance, well known sportscaster and commentator, was the Reviewing Officer at this year's ACR of 2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC. RSM MWO(C) Kristen Chung was the parade commander. Forty-three cadets, including the colour party, were on parade. Also in attendance were Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne and numerous members of the Regimental Association and the Regimental Family. The cadets were well turned out for inspection by the RO and the remainder of the Reviewing Party (the CO of the Cadet Corps, Captain Leah Yauck, and Major Doug Evans, 2I/C of the Regiment). The drill of the Cadet Corps was excellent. In addition, all demonstrations and a skit were very well rehearsed and executed in every detail. A highlight of the afternoon was the excellent performance of the band from 2381 BCR (Irish Fusiliers) RCACC. In addition, the CO of 3300 BCR (DCO) RCACC, Major Jim Blomme, and a squad of his cadets attended in support of the event. Numerous awards were presented by the RO and members of the Reviewing Party. In addition, Jerry Couling, Vice President of the Regimental Association, presented a Certificate of Award in the amount of \$500.00 to Capt Yauck pursuant to the Cadet Development Program.



At the conclusion of the parade, all were treated to further demonstrations, displays, a plentiful luncheon and an opportunity to visit with the cadets and friends. Congratulations 2290 BCR for a great ACR!

2013 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BC REGIMENT (DCO) ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting (the "AGM") of the members of the Regimental Association was held on 19 June 2013 and was a full house.

The results of the election of directors and subsequent appointment of officers were as follows:

Jerry Couling (President)
Bill Diamond (Past President)
Bob Fearnley (Vice President)

Sharel Fraser (Secretary)
Rick Hourie (Treasurer)
Roger Prouse

The members acknowledged the passing of Honorary Colonel (R) Garde Gardom and the ill health of our great friend and supporter Willie Schmidt.

Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne congratulated the new board of directors and the new executive committee of the Regimental Association with Jerry Couling as President. In addition, the work of President Emeritus Archie Steacy and our late friend and colleague Ray Glover was acknowledged as a major reason for the strength of the Regimental Association today. Additionally, the Honorary Colonel conveyed the greetings of the CO, LCol Harjit Sajjan, and thanked the Regimental Association for its great support of the Regiment.

BSM CWO Mark Arden acknowledged the good work of the Regimental Association and its support of the Regiment. In addition, CWO Arden acknowledged the recent promotion of RSM Pat Taylor to the rank of CWO.

The traditional post AGM reception hosted by the Hawthornes was a great time (inside and poolside) with lots of food, refreshments and great piping compliments of CWO Jordan Seguin, Director of Music. Many thanks to Gayle Hawthorne for hosting this very enjoyable and successful event.

2013 ANNUAL CEREMONIAL REVIEW 3300 BCR (DCO) RCACC – 20 June 2013

The first ACR of 3300 BCR (DCO) RCACC (“3300”) was a great success. The ACR was held at the Sikh Academy and was a full house with family, friends, CAF members, Cadet Program members and supporters and of course members of the Regimental Association (President Jerry Couling, Past Presidents, Bill Diamond, Ted Hawthorne (Gayle), Archie Steacy (Lynda) and Roger Prouse (Louise), and Tom Lyth and the RSM, CWO Pat Taylor. The Reviewing Officer was the Honourable Jenny Simms, Member of Parliament for Newton-North Delta. The CO of the Corps, Major Jim Blomme, greeted all of the many guests and turned the parade over to the Cadet Parade Commander, Cadet Bharbhoor Tumber. Fifty two cadets including colour party were on parade. The cadets were well turned out for inspection by the RO and the remainder of the Reviewing Party (Major Jim Blomme, Chairman Sponsor, Harbinder S. Sewak, Chairman of the Sponsoring Committee, Dr. Pargat S. Bhurji, Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne and Major (R) Roger Prouse, representing the Army Cadet League of Canada-BC Branch). During the course of the inspection, Honorary Colonel Hawthorne presented each cadet with a Regimental Hat Badge and had the privilege of congratulating each cadet. Given the very short period of operation by 3300 BCR, the conduct of the parade and the drill of the Cadet Corps was very well done. A number of awards were presented by the RO and members of the Reviewing Party.



L to R: HCol Ted Hawthorne, Cadet Manmohan S. Hunjan and family

The Honorary Colonel had the honour to present the first award, the Best Dressed Award, to Cadet Manmohan S. Hunjan. In addition, the Honorary Colonel addressed the Cadets Corps, family, friends and supporters and congratulated 3300 BCR for their excellent progress. Colonel Hawthorne also read the address of the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, LCol Harjit Sajjan, to the Cadet Corps, the families, Sponsoring Committee, Volunteers and Major Blomme. The congratulatory message was read in the CO’s absence as he was attending the funeral of a fallen comrade at West Point. After the parade, an excellent reception was held with ample opportunity to visit and enjoy the wonderful hospitality of 3300 BCR.

Congratulations 3390 BCR for a great ACR and many thanks to Major Jim Blomme, his officers, volunteers and the Sponsoring Committee for a successful year and a tremendous first ACR!



RED TAILS AND DRAGON TALES – 28 - 30 June 2013

This extraordinary event was billed by The Chinese Canadian Military Museum Society (“CCMMS”) as “a historic summit of two groups of WWII veterans that faced discrimination: the Tuskegee Airmen and Chinese-Canadian soldiers. Meeting for the first time ever, these aging veterans will share their stories with the public on how they overcame prejudice to serve their countries with courage and distinction”. In every sense of the word, the summit was a resounding success!

The full agenda for the summit consisted of the Opening Symposium at UBC (Irving K. Barber Learning Centre) Friday morning, a Memorial Service at the Chinatown Railway Workers & Veterans Memorial Friday afternoon followed by the One War: Two Victories Photo Exhibit at the Chinese Cultural Centre. On Saturday afternoon, the summit continued with the Downtown Symposium at SFU Harbour Centre. On Sunday afternoon, a further event was held at the Richmond Public Library. The summit was concluded by a gala celebratory banquet dinner held at The Floata Chinese Seafood Restaurant in Chinatown.

Congratulations to our Tuskegee Airmen, our Chinese-Canadian Veterans and to CCMMS for a wonderful weekend!



L to R: LCol Sajjan, Col(R) Charles Magee, Senator Victor Oh, HCol Hawthorne and Past President Bill Diamond



L to R: HCol Hawthorne, Lt(R) Robert Ashby and LCol Sajjan

THE CONSUL GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES INDEPENDENCE DAY RECEPTION

The annual reception to celebrate the US Independence Day was held at the residence of Consul General Anne Callaghan on Wednesday, 3 July 2013. The Band of the 15th Field RCA provided the guests with excellent background music for a most enjoyable garden party. The Colour Party, consisting of four members from Whidby Island Naval Air Station in Washington State and three members from 39 CBG (including our own MCpl Lee), presented the flags of the US and Canada. Both National Anthems were sung by Erick Lichte, Artistic Director of Chor Leoni Men's Choir. Consul General Callaghan welcomed the many guests to the celebration of the 237th Anniversary of US Independence and noted the excellent relationship between our two countries. Intergovernmental Relations Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier, Norm Letnick, MLA, representing the Province of BC, emphasized the common aspects of so many things enjoyed by our respective countries.

Members of the Regiment and the Regimental Family attending the celebration were Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, the Commanding Officer, LCol Harjit Sajjan, Honorary Colonel (R) Bill Ireland and his wife Heather, Consul General for Iceland, Cam and Christine Cathcart.

Happy Birthday to our American friends!



THANK YOU LUNCHEON FOR MWO BRIAN BROWN – 4 July 2013

The Regimental Association had the honour of hosting an informal luncheon to thank MWO Brian Brown for his support and assistance to the Association and Regimental Family during his two-year posting to our Regiment. Those in attendance at Frankies in the Georgian Court Hotel were Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, LCol Harjit Sajjan, LCol (R) Archie Steacy, Major Doug Evans, Captain Warren Kerek, President Jerry Couling and the guest of honour, MWO Brian Brown. Brian was recently promoted to Master Warrant Officer and will be leaving Vancouver shortly for St. Jean, Quebec, to take up his new

position. To show our gratitude for the assistance, President Jerry Couling presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation, a membership card and plaque recording MWO Brown's new status as an Honorary Member in our Association.

LCol Sajjan took a few minutes to express appreciation to MWO Brown for his service to the Regiment and advised him that he is and always will be a member of our Regimental Family and, to help Brian remember his days with the Dukes, presented him with a Regimental hockey stick (with call sign duly engraved) and a very impressive golf driver.

It was an enjoyable occasion of shared experiences and stories among friends, over a meal.

A Special "Thank You" to Archie Steacy for: designing, drafting, and framing the Certificate of Appreciation; creating the plaque and membership card and for organizing the lunch.



LCol Harjit Sajjan and MWO Brian Brown



MWO Brian Brown and Jerry Couling



L to R: Major Douglas Evans, Capt Warren Kerek, LCol Harjit Sajjan, MWO Brian Brown, Jerry Couling, Archie Steacy and HCol Ted Hawthorne

THE HONOURABLE GARDE BASIL GARDOM, KStJ, OBC, LLB, LLD (HON), BA



Garde Basil Gardom

1924 - 2013

Twenty-sixth Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia

Christ Church Cathedral
Vancouver, British Columbia

July 17, 2013

The Order of Service at the funeral of the late Honorary Colonel (R) Garde Gardom was a fitting tribute to a great friend and colleague of the members, former members and supporters of The British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own). The Regiment was represented by Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, Deputy Commanding Officer Douglas Evans and RSM CWO Pat Taylor. Many members of the Regimental Family were in attendance to pay their respects. Pall Bearers were members of 39 CBG including several Dukes. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Major Evans presented the medals of Colonel Gardom to his widow, Helen Gardom, on behalf of the family.

The reception was held in the Pacific Ballroom of the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver where all were invited to remember Garde and thank Helen and her family for the great service and commitment of our friend. We will remember him!

BCR IRISH PIPES AND DRUMS IMPRESSES SPECTATORS AT RCMP MUSICAL RIDE IN GIBSONS – 30 July 2013

A Piper's Perspective By: Thomas Budd

On July 30, 2013, the BCR Irish Pipes & Drums had the opportunity to open for the RCMP Musical Ride in Gibsons. The story of this event begins three months prior, when we received a personal invitation by the Gibsons Rotary Club, host of this year's Ride. We accepted their gracious offer with great enthusiasm as it would be an excellent opportunity for the band, on behalf of the Regiment, to support our comrades in law enforcement.



Sunshine and clear skies marked the day of the Ride. Our Irish clan gathered at Horseshoe Bay Ferry Terminal in the early afternoon. We were privileged to have the attendance of Hon. Col. Hawthorne and Lt.

Col. Barrett as our regimental representatives. MCpl. Duke A. Bear, ever a loyal supporter, joined our company as we journeyed across Howe Sound.

As a member of the piping and drumming community, I am accustomed to seeing large numbers of individuals in full Scottish and Irish attire. Even so, I was duly impressed by the scene of fifteen fully kilted men and women marching one by one over the ferry gangplank. Our fellow passengers expressed the same sentiment, greeting us with great enthusiasm and interest as to who we were and where we were heading. I am pleased to report, by the end of our crossing the BCRs had once again become the principle subject of many personal photographs.

At Gibsons Ferry Terminal we were greeted by members of local Legion 109. With three minivans and a mustang sports car, they transported us to their home legion. I personally wish to convey, on behalf of the Band, our deepest gratitude to the members of Legion 109 for being the most cordial of hosts. They provided complimentary drinks and a full chicken dinner with mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, and proprietary gravy.

At the conclusion of our feasting, we took the opportunity to unveil and present Hon. Col. Hawthorne with his newly arrived pipe banner. Our Pipe Major, Alistair Pattison with the kind assistance of MCpl Duke A. Bear, made the presentation. Col. Hawthorne had no prior knowledge of the banner's arrival or our intention to unveil it for the first time in Gibsons. We were glad that our efforts to maintain secrecy had met with success. Col. Hawthorne was genuinely surprised and pleased at the sight of his personal banner.



L to R: Pipe Major Alistair Pattison, HCol Ted Hawthorne and Cpl Thomas Budd with MCpl Duke A. Bear

With Col Hawthorne's officially commissioned banner in hand, we made for to the performing arena at Ryan Dempster Field. The stadium was filled with eager spectators, many lining the edges of the riding ring. Colonels Hawthorne and Barrett assumed their positions in the reviewing stand while the Pipe Band, after tuning preparations, formed up at the entrance.

The entire program surrounding the Musical Ride was very interesting and enjoyable to watch. Prior to the Pipe Band's entrance, the show began with Gibsons' very own Coast Cow Girl Drill Team performing their competition routines. It was certainly a highlight as it required great skill among the riders. Following the drill team's exit the pipe band took to the field. We marched on with determination playing none other than The Maple Leaf Forever. I thought our performance went extremely well. We played our customary diverse sets of marches, jigs, hornpipes, and slow airs of which all were met with enthusiastic applause from the audience. In addition, our drum corps displayed their solo fanfare. To end the performance we closed with Garry Owen and honored the review stand by marching past with salute and eyes right. Hon. Col. Hawthorne and LCol. Barrett took the salute as we exited the arena.

Once the band was dismissed we all took our seats with great anticipation to watch the RCMP Musical Ride. It was truly an enjoyable experience. For anyone who has never attended the Ride, I highly recommend adding it to their To-Do List. All were very impressed with the highly intricate formations taken and the speed in which the horses performed. The efficiency of movement, the harmony of rider and horse, and the synchronization of the rider's use of sharp lances was truly inspiring. I asked the RCMP Senior Instructor, watching from the side, if any of the riders had previous experience with horses. To my surprise, there is no requirement to have any training or equestrian background. The RCMP accepts and

encourages anyone with an interest in riding to join the troupe. A very inclusive group indeed. Their grand finale was signaled by the traditional full gallop charge with lances held at the attack position.

One would think that with the objective of our trip complete, the excitement of the day would be at an end. This was not the case. There was one last daunting task ahead of us. The time was 20:30; we had just under an hour to catch the last ferry for Horseshoe Bay. The breakdown and packing of instruments was quick and seamless. We mustered in the parking lot, loaded on to the Legion mini vans and headed off in all different directions for the ferry terminal. Only after boarding the ferry did we know for certain that all members of the group were fully accounted for.

No event with the Band is complete without a toast. Once again, MCpl Duke A Bear, came through for us by providing a bottle of Jamison Single Malt. We gathered on the top deck and, with a view of Gibsons receding in the distance, celebrated the success of the day. There is no doubt in my mind the memories of our time in Gibsons will never fade for those who participated in our venture to the RCMP Musical Ride.

W5 3RD BC REGIMENT ASSOCIATION and CADET BBQ FUNDRAISER – 11 August 2013

The BBQ fundraiser was again a perfect and successful day. It was a gorgeous day in Tsawwassen and the Lower Mainland. However, the day started with some heavy rain showers, but by the time everything was set to go the sun was out and the temperature was perfect.

The BBQ was held again at Ken & Linda Whitney's beautiful home in Tsawwassen. We thank them very much for their generosity and for opening their home to all as well as everything they've done to help make this another successful event.

As everyone arrived Dan & Ellen MacKenzie (right) were ready as always at the check-in table, and Dan also took pictures during the event. Their continued dedication is greatly appreciated and we thank you.

The event had a good turn out with many guests. To name a few, Col Sajjan & family, H/Col Ted Hawthorne & Gayle, RSM Huff Mullick, Gauthier Hebbelnyck & family, Tony Harris, Agnes Keegan, H/Col Howe Lee & Hilda and many more....



As the afternoon went on the BBQ was started by our BBQ grill master Graydon Young. Graydon did a fine job of grilling the burgers and hot dogs with the help of Tom Lyth. Thanks for making good burgers guys. As the burgers were grilling food was being brought out to the beautifully set table Linda & Ken had put together. It was a typical BBQ feast put together by Sandra Young and with the help of Linda and her appy's and Lisa Lyth who each made a salad, thank you ladies. We had all the burger toppings, many salads, all that you could eat, and of course dessert. As the burgers were cooking we were selling 50/50 tickets and lucky draw tickets. Once the burgers were cooked and everything was ready to go it was time to eat. The feedback we've received regarding the food was that everything was fantastic.



However, before long Col Sajjan and his family had to leave due to other commitments. But before they left Col Sajjan made a speech to us about the Regiment and thanked everyone for their support, then presented Ken & Linda Whitney the CO's Regimental coin. After Col Sajjan and his family left it was time to draw the door prizes, 50/50 & lucky draw prizes.

There were 5 door prizes drawn, and the 50/50 was won by Roger Prouse. He was so excited. Congratulations Roger on winning the 50/50. Then there were 5 lucky draw prizes. Lynda Steacy won the scratch ticket tree again. Good luck Lynda. Also congratulations to all the other lucky winners.



L to R: Graydon Young, Archie Steacy, WO Tony Harris and Bob Fearnley



L to R: Jemima Rouby, Louise Prouse and Gayle Hawthorne holding the beautiful quilt that was presented to Gauthier by the Clendinning Family

As the afternoon carried on it was time for RSM Huff Mullick to leave, he addressed the group and talked about his experiences with the Regiment and Cadets. We thank him for his support and dedication to both. Then soon after it was the end to another successful BBQ.

We would like to thank everyone who was able to attend the BBQ, it was a fun summer afternoon to get together, and also to those who were not able to attend. Without your contributions and everyone helping together we wouldn't have been able to raise funds for development, training and more. Thank You!

CADET GOVERNOR'S REPORT

By: Roger W. Prouse

Our Cadets have resumed their activities at our five affiliated Cadet Corps for the new training year. The Cadets who attended the various Army Cadet Training Centres both in Canada and abroad enjoyed their various training experiences and represented the BCR family very well.

Louise and I attended the final parade and Sunset Ceremony at The Vernon Army Cadet Summer Training Centre (VACSTC) in August. Two senior BCR Cadets from the 2381 BCR Irish Fusiliers were recognized for their outstanding achievements and contributions.

L to R: Camp
RSM MWO
David Schultz,
C/CWO Zhao,
LCol Lyle
Johnson
Camp CO



C/CWO Kevin Zhao was awarded the Sword of Excellence for being the most proficient Company Sergeant Major at the VACSTC.

C/MWO Shannon Lo received the Pace stick award for being recognized as the most outstanding Senior NCO. Both these Cadets were employed as Staff Cadets at the VACSTC.

At The Connaught Ranges in Ontario, C/MWO Wina Huang also from our Irish Corps, received a scholarship/ bursary for being recognized as the top female Staff Cadet at Connaught.

Our new Corps, The 3300 BCR Surrey RCACC, sent a total of twelve Cadets to The Vernon Army Cadet Training Centre this past summer. The Cadets who attended, were a little apprehensive at first but soon got into the routine of camp life and got a lot out of their experience.

Louise and I attended a memorial service for the late William Schmidt a former member of the Regiment and a great supporter of our Pipe Band and the Cadet Programme. A member of our Pipe band, Alistair Pattison, played three moving pipe solos including Amazing Grace.

Ken and Linda Whitney most graciously agreed once again to host a Cadet Fund raiser at their home on Sunday Aug 11. The fund raiser was sponsored by the BCR Association as means of raising capital for their Cadet Development Programme. On behalf of all Cadets, I would like to thank the BCR Association, Ken and Linda Whitney, Graydon and Sandra Young for all their hard work in making this event a wonderful success.

ADEGEM CANADIAN MILITARY CEMETERY (BELGIUM) ANNUAL CEREMONY – 8 September, 2013

By: (Hon.) Capt. G. Hebbelynck

Waking up that morning I felt relieved to see we would have a gorgeous day, not a single cloud or any other potential threat was visible on the horizon.

The ceremony in Adegem is a very long one. It is supposed to last two hours but it often lasts even longer. This is due to the number of people attending - close to 2,000 (with delegations travelling from countries around Belgium, Great Britain, France, The Netherlands and Germany). Also, the ceremony takes place in four different languages - English and Flemish of course, but also in French and in Polish as a tribute to the fallen of these nations buried in Adegem.

Which also means that all songs, texts, prayers are presented in those languages as well, which of course makes the ceremony last longer than other events.

In other words, bad weather conditions are something you don't even want to consider when you're heading over there.

Little Trooper was up and running around the house, ready to go.

A bit of a special day for her as she was about to visit "her" Dukes again, but would also honour some graves of The Canadian Scottish Regiment as well, who suffered many casualties in the area at the end of 1944.

Last summer a good friend of mine, whom I've known for over 20 years now, currently serving with the CScots but an ex-Duke, WO James Bingham, presented her with a Glengarry with an original WW2 cap badge.

In return she told me she would lay flowers on a couple of CScotR graves, on top of her "regular duties" for the Dukes.

To be honest, it really looks good on her and later on some people would be a bit confused when they noticed her alternatively wearing her black beret and the glengarry. Little Trooper became, in front of certain graves, "Little Fusilier". Confusing! But coming from the bottom of her heart.

I'm also conscious that in a couple of years from now she might get some extra attention not just because of her beret. I already requested the Regiment to provide a couple of chaperones to help me out by then.

We picked up the wreaths, one for the fallen of the Regiment, and another one presented by my family to honour specifically Sgt Clendinning. We met his family for the first time in August, after Christine Courtenay, Sgt Clendinning's granddaughter discovered Little Trooper's picture (when she was honouring his grave last year) on the internet. The night we met will remain in our hearts forever. When leaving, my wife, Sandrine, Clémence and myself heard Bill Clendinning say "welcome to the family"! I've still got shivers when I write this down.

We also had to make sure we would not forget a huge bouquet of roses for all individual graves, little Canadian flags, hundreds of maple leaf pins for the school kids, etc., etc. We're getting better and better in logistics!

Last check on beret and tie and off we went.

On our way to Adegem we received lots of attention, especially when traffic lights turned red, as Clémence was sitting in the back of the car alternatively putting on her beret and her glengarry.

The ceremony starts at 10, but participants are requested to arrive at 0930 latest.

Two reasons for that - first, the flow of visitors generates huge traffic jams on the narrow roads in the immediate surroundings, which needs to be managed proactively.

Secondly people should be seated, before the Representative of His Majesty King Filip arrives. That's the Protocol.

We were kindly assigned a parking place by a police officer. This is being facilitated by a sign, put in front on the car window, and which I received from the city of Adegem a couple of weeks prior to Sept 8th. I'm impressed by the organization rolled out each year again, with limited resources, by that small town in the middle of nowhere.

In between the parking and the main entrance we saw lots of familiar faces, after all these years, lots of regular visitors and representatives almost become friends.

Veteran associations, all lined up, were posted at the main entrance and it's always quite a spectacular view when all those Belgian and other veterans present their regimental colours when walking through the "corridor". Somehow Little Trooper always gets a bit more attention.

First thing we had to do was to align our wreath for the Regiment on a dedicated location, strictly following guidelines from the organization. Our wreath carried number 52 out of 87.

There was, however, not much time to make it to the other end of the cemetery and get our seats, which are the ones next to Sgt Clendinning's grave, lay our wreath on behalf of my family and two flags, plus an additional rose.

It was getting very hot at 10, when around 100 representatives with their banners and flags kicked off the ceremony by marching in with a piper and getting aligned behind the Cross of sacrifice, with 50 or 60 school kids in between them.

The representative of the King arrived and came in being the last dignitary.

The structure of the ceremony remains the same since a couple of years, which is:

1. Prayers
2. Speech by the Mayor of Maldegem
3. Speeches and poems by Belgian and British school kids
4. Choirs performing songs "a capella"
5. Speech by the British Ambassador
6. Speech by His Excellency Denis Robert, Ambassador of Canada to Belgium
7. Choirs (Danny Boy, Closer to thee my Lord, Where have all the flowers gone..)
8. Speech by the Polish Ambassador
9. Speech by the Governor of Eastern Flanders
10. Piper – Lament
11. Act of Remembrance
12. Last Post
13. Minute of Silence
14. Réveil
15. Wreaths
16. God Save the Queen
17. O Canada
18. Polish anthem
19. Brabançonne (Belgian anthem)
20. "Missing man" formation by 4 planes flying over the cemetery.

Some numbers here: 87 wreaths (see pictures), 60 choir members, 50-60 school kids, 100+ flags of veteran units, around 2000 visitors, 3 ambassadors, and 500+ cars parked on the road.

When it happened to be our turn to lay the wreath, Little Trooper proudly helped me. On top of the wreath she laid a beautiful, big size plaster red coloured poppy which is being used by Canada House for the ceremonies in Normandy. Once again, we were the only Canadian Regiment to be represented that day.

Little Trooper saluted in front of the wreath, turned around, walked towards the Chair of the Representative of the King, stopped and nodded with her head into his direction as she had seen so many people do. The representative of the King should not be saluted in order not having them to salute back. Always good to know!

At the end of the ceremony we looked up our Dukes, laid our flowers and flags, had a little prayer for all of them, and we did the same with the C Scots graves.

Sgt Clendinning's grave had lots of visitors, due to the wreath, the two little flags and his picture.

It was close to 1PM and time to head back to my parents'. We would have to drive all the way back to Paris afterwards. A 350km trip but so much worth it! Little Trooper had a couple of roses left, and as usual picked out a couple of Canadian graves (and a Polish one) to leave her testimony of remembrance.



The RCL saluting Sgt. Clendinning



86 wreaths...Belgium will always remember

Will she be the last generation?

Will she look back in thoughts one day, thinking about all my visits with her there?

Will she take her children to Adegem? Probably. Hopefully.

What I know for sure is that our Dukes have well-kept graves with flowers throughout the year and are not forgotten – they are part of our family.

She loves to visit them and is paying much attention on doing so, and from where they are I'm sure they send her lots of blessings.

Rest in peace fellow Dukes... We stand on guard for thee.

Editor: Many thanks to Gauthier for his excellent work and generosity in providing the wreaths and roses for the Regimental Family.

PRESENTATION ON THE PERPETUATED BATTALIONS OF THE BRITISH COLUMBIA REGIMENT (DCO)

By: Keith Maxwell

On 29 September the BCR Association is holding a memorial ceremony to commemorate the Perpetuated Battalions of the Regiment. This article provides some additional insight into our perpetuated battalions, which form a significant part of the Regiment's history and heritage. The British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own) perpetuates seven battalions from the First World War. Those battalions are the 7th (1st British Columbia) Battalion, the 29th (Vancouver) Battalion, the 30th (Overseas) Battalion, the 62nd (British Columbia) Battalion, the 102nd (North British Columbians) Battalion, the 121st (Western Irish) Battalion and the 158th (Duke of Connaught's Own) Battalion.

First, it is helpful to look at how the concept of perpetuated battalions came into being. When WWI broke out there were tens of thousands of young men who came forward to volunteer their service. The three existing Regiments that are now associated with the BCR (DCO) – the 6th Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles, the 11th Irish Fusiliers and the 68th Earl of Grey's Own Rifles – along with many other old regiments formed the building blocks for the expansion of the Canadian Army to 260 infantry battalions. Fifty of those battalions were assigned as fighting units of the Canadian Expeditionary Force. On arrival in France, the remaining 210 battalions were broken up for reinforcements, once trained and ready for battle, or were assigned to non-infantry roles.

Of the seven battalions now perpetuated by the BCR (DCO), three served as formed units in the Canadian Corps – the 7th, 29th and 102nd. The remainder were broken up in England to provide replacements mainly for the Regiments three fighting units. All together there were 15,000 volunteers forming these battalions and subsequent drafts, and the average age was 26.

Following the war the pre-war militia Regiments were re-formed into new Regiments consisting of multiple battalions. These new regiments accomplished the goal of perpetuating not only the history and traditions of the pre-war Regiments; they also addressed the concerns of veterans that overseas battalions that served in the CEF be perpetuate and preserved.

The 6th Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles became the 1st British Columbia Regiment (DCO) and perpetuated four infantry battalions that had served in the war. The 1st and 2nd Battalions of the Regiment perpetuated the 7th and 29th CEF Battalions and the two inactive reserve Battalions perpetuated the 62nd and 158th Battalions.

The renamed Irish Fusiliers of Canada perpetuated the 121st (Western Irish) Battalion. The 68th Earl Grey's Own Rifles became the North British Columbia Regiment, with its active Battalion perpetuating the 102nd (North British Columbians) and its reserve Battalion perpetuating the 30th Battalion. Later, the North British Columbia Regiment was amalgamated (in two steps) into the Irish Fusiliers and that Regiment continued the perpetuation.

Some details of the various battalions provides a look at their makeup and history. The 7th Battalion was formed at the outset of the war and was manned mainly by soldiers from the DCOR and the Irish Fusiliers. It was assigned to the 2nd Brigade, 1st Division and Lieutenant-Colonel William Hart McHarg, a native of Ireland, veteran of the South Africa War, and long-time officer of the DCORs, was assigned to Command. The Battalion was formally stood up in Camp Valcartier Quebec in September 1914 and proceeded overseas the following month. It then moved to France in February 1915 and entered the front line the following month.

In April 1915 the Battalion distinguished itself by holding Vancouver Corner against the German gas attack and subsequent onslaught during the Battle of Saint Julien, which formed part of the Second battle of Ypres. The battalion went on to mount the first major trench raid in November 1915.

6,200 officers and men served in the battalion. 3294 were wounded and 1,538 were killed in action. Members of the battalion were awarded 270 medals and decorations for gallantry, including 3 Victoria Crosses - Lieutenant Edward Bellew, and Pte Mickey O'Rourke and Private Walter Rayfield, all of whom survived the war.

The battalion took part in every major Canadian action throughout WWI, including Mount Sorrel, the Somme, Vimy Ridge, Hill 70, Passchendaele, Amiens, Arras, the Hindenberg Line, Canal du Nord and the Pursuit to Mons.

Following the defeat of the German Army the Battalion formed part of the Rhineland occupation force.

The 29th Battalion was formed under the leadership of Lieutenant Colonel Henry Tobin in September 1914 and initially bivouacked at Hastings Park - today's PNE grounds. The members of the battalion came from the 6th DCOR, 11th Irish Fusiliers, 72nd Seaforth Highlanders and the 104th Westminster Fusiliers.

4,524 all ranks served in the battalion with 1400 wounded and 606 killed. When they came home, Colonel Tobin was the only surviving officer of the original group.

The battalion received 355 decorations for gallantry, including one Victoria Cross to Sergeant Major [later Lieutenant] Robert Hannah.

The 102nd (Northern British Columbians) Battalion - Warden's Warriors- was raised and commanded by LCol John Warden. He served with the 7th Battalion and was wounded at Saint Julien. He returned to Vancouver, was promoted and subsequently raised the 102nd, in Comox BC. Colonel Warden then took the unit to France and commanded for two years in the field. He later took part in the British expedition to capture Baghdad and proceeded to Siberia in 1919 with the Canadian Siberian Expeditionary Force; there he was assigned to Command the Imperial Russian Officers' Academy in Vladivostok and was decorated by the Russian government before it was eventually defeated by the Bolsheviks. 3,863 all ranks served in the 102nd battalion. 1,175 soldiers were wounded and 667 were killed.

The 102nd Battalion earned 287 awards for gallantry including one Victoria Cross to then Lieutenant Graham Lyall.

30th Battalion was formed by LCol Hall, an officer of the 88th Victoria Rifles, in Victoria BC and departed for England 1915 where it was broken up for reinforcements.

The 62nd Battalion was led by LCol Henry Hulme, a DCOR officer, and was formed in Vancouver. It was initially assigned a Pioneer role in England but was subsequently broken up to provide reinforcements, mainly for the 7th and 29th Battalions.

The 121st Western Irish Battalion was led by LCol McLellan and was raised in New Westminster in 1915. 1,065 all ranks served in the battalion. The unit arrived in England 1916 and was broken up to reinforcement other BC battalions.

The 158th (Duke of Connaught's Own) Battalion was formed and led by LCol Charles Milne of the DCORs. The Battalion was raised in Vancouver BC in 1916; 997 all ranks proceeded overseas with the Battalion. On arrival in England it was also broken up for reinforcements.

There is a very brief history of our perpetuated battalions. British Columbia's proportionate contribution to the war was the highest of any province and almost half of BC's soldiers served in Battalions perpetuated by the BCR (DCO).

Today the BCR (DCO) perpetuates the various fighting units in which 3000 soldiers died for their country and 10,000 were wounded in five wars stretching over one hundred and ten years. We are honoured with the responsibility to maintain the memory and honour of the 6th DCOR, the 7th, 29th and 102nd Battalions of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, the 28th Canadian Armoured Regiment (BCR), the Irish Fusiliers (Vancouver Regiment) and The British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own).

Perpetuating the battalions and Regiments in our history is a sacred duty and a great honour. We will remember them.

THE START LINE

REMEMBERING OUR DAD

By: David Sproule

Our Dad was born in 1897 and we were three sons, Noble (1921), Hugh (1934) and me (1937) thus he was 40 when I came along. 2014 marks the 100th anniversary of the beginning of WW1 an event that helped shape our family as well as the lives of many other Canadian families and as we all know the battle for Vimy Ridge among all of the battles became a seminal moment in our countries history. It is therefore important for me to honour him and his contribution to Canada and so perhaps you will indulge my reflections. In a manner typical of veterans, Dad rarely talked about his military experiences in either war but shape him, oh yes most certainly. It goes without saying that all of these important WW1 events in his life happened long before my brothers and I were even a “twinkle...” Much of what I know is from occasional glimpses into his life as a soldier and from his letters home which were saved for us to discover.

Dad was on holiday at Wasaga Beach on Georgian Bay when WW1 broke out – he had just turned 17. He and his Dad returned immediately to Toronto only to find out that his twin brothers had already enlisted and in September were off to Valcartier. The entire family rallied around with great enthusiasm and pride as they embarked on what would literally be the singular and tragic adventure of their young lives. They were 1 ½ years older than Dad, had been in cadets and were newly assigned to the Queen’s Own Rifles of Canada. Their cousin Henry in Bowmanville had also joined the ranks of the QOR of C. Blessedly for my grandparents, Dad was as yet too young. One twin, Hugh was the first to die in April 1915, he was reported missing and the family had hope that he might have been taken prisoner but all efforts to locate him were dead-ended. His remains were ploughed up by a French farmer in 1921. His brother Noble was KIA in July 1916 and cousin Henry, known as Hal, in October that year. I cannot imagine the grief that my grandparents and their extended family must have endured throughout their lives, a grief shared by thousands of families across Canada as the death toll mounted daily.

And then there was our Dad. He turned 18 in June '15 and of course immediately joined up. He promised his father that he would be a non-combatant to assuage the family fears for his safety. He was to be a stretcher-bearer but once enlisted, he became an infantryman instead and was soon in England at Camp Sandling, Kent. (*photo on the left*).



He volunteered for machine gun training and was in action in France in early 1916, a Vickers gunner in No.3 MG Company, 3rd Division. These things I know from his letters home. He never complained about his lot only that he was always hungry and grateful for the food parcels from Canada. The photos home show his transformation from recruit to hardened veteran.

Machine guns were brigaded into a corps in WW1 and often used in the indirect role. Each division had an MG company within its ORBAT. The corps hat badge consists of crossed Vickers MGs surmounted by a crown and was a very unique badge. I cherish dad’s badge as it is beat up and was worn on his forage cap all those many years ago. They also wore on their sleeve the maroon arrow as a corps identifier as most of you who have marked a map know the arrow is the map symbol for MGs.



MG Badge chromed as worn by the MG Association and the MG patch sewn onto the Division patch (both sleeves)



Pte Joe Sproule seated in the middle of the front row surrounded by his chums in France on a December day, 1917.

Dad also trained as a signaller and became the Company runner “bobbing and weaving” his way through the mud back to his HQ or to flanking battalions. I like this picture of him and his buddies or chums as they referred to each other and he listed all of their names and jobs on the reverse side of the photo.



Dad was the lucky one, he fought with No. 3 MG Coy throughout the war and participated in all of the major battles from 1916 until the Armistice and came home seemingly unscathed. He never talked about the serious events only the funny things that occurred, like when he and a buddy got blown off a crapper into a pile of you know what. Not too many of us would see the humour in that. The left-hand photo was taken in France on his 21st birthday in June 1918 and much changed from the lad on duty at Sandling Camp we saw in the first image.

He came home in March 1919 on the SS Olympic in the same ship that took him to Southampton and a sister ship to the Titanic. I know that it was difficult for him to adjust to civilian life back in Toronto. Of the four members of his family that went overseas, he was the sole survivor and much was expected of him. His father wanted him to join him in his business but Dad had no interest in that but over time he did find his way on his own terms. After the war he joined the Canadian Corps Association and the MG Corps Association and was a charter member of the Royal Canadian Legion. We know that he especially enjoyed his reunions each year with his MG buddies at the Royal York hotel in Toronto. My brother tells the story of him coming home from one of these Royal York reunions during the Great

Depression when he “liberated” a chair from the hotel as well as a glass and a bottle of scotch. Our family then lived about 15 miles west of Toronto and so without a vehicle he walked until he got tired and then sat down on the chair and poured himself a scotch and repeated this until he made it home. We had that chair and glass for many years in our home in Ontario. I think we can all relate to the importance of maintaining our military associations as there are few things in life that are more important than the company of those that we served alongside.

Dad served in a Toronto Militia field artillery unit in the 1920s and joined the fledgling RCAF Auxiliary in the 30s and served in the RCAF Active force during WW2. He became a Flight-Sergeant and had a crash crew with the often gruesome task of recovering crashed aircraft throughout Ontario and his photo album indicates that he witnessed plenty of those. In spite of all of the traumatic events he experienced in both wars he tried to live an ordinary life as a civilian and I believe he largely succeeded. He had an intensity about him though and a commitment to life that I know had its beginnings sitting behind a Vickers gun delivering hell to the “Huns.”

ANNUAL REUNION (10 NOVEMBER 2013)



**The British Columbia Regiment (DCO) Association
cordially invites you to attend our Reunion Dinner
commemorating the Battle of Hill 140, Normandie
the 9th of August, 1944**

**To be held at the Moxies Ballroom (part of Sandman Hotel)
Thursday, November 10, 2013 – 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)
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Guests Welcome
Dress: Jacket & Tie**

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

FROM THE BARRETT BUNKER: THE NANAIMO COAL RIOTS 1913

By: LCol JD Barrett, CD

In the days before the establishment of sizeable police forces to deal with civil unrest and rioting, the military, and more specifically the militia, were often called out to protect the peace as part of the 'Aid to the Civil Authority'. Although a century has passed since the Nanaimo Coal riots were dispersed, this little remembered episode in the Regiment's history is worth recounting.

The origin of the labour unrest lies within the harsh conditions of mining on Vancouver Island and the staunch anti-labour attitude of the times among BC politicians and business owners. The typical response to organization of labour, was the immediate firing of those involved, and the hiring of replacement labourers. Families of the fired workers would be ordered to immediately vacate their company provided housing.



(Photo courtesy Major JS Matthews DCOR Van Public Library)

The strike effectively commenced on 16 Sep 1912 when miners at the Cumberland Mines declared the day a 'holiday,' protesting the firing of one of their workers. Canadian Colliers promptly locked out the miners and began hiring Chinese, Japanese, and other replacement workers from Britain and Washington State. At the heart of the Worker's complaints were unsafe working conditions and the lack of any recognition of their union.

By the spring of 1913 over 3,500 miners had gone out on strike from the coal mines at Nanaimo, Extension, Ladysmith, and South Wellington. In Nanaimo specifically, 1,000 miners outraged over the hiring of Chinese and Japanese strikebreakers rioted, looting the town and burning residences and businesses and property. Many non-striking families fled to the woods for safety.



Burned out Residence at Extension Mine, BC
(Morden Mine News Sept 2013)

Attorney General, WJ Bowser, the Acting Premier in the absence of Sir Richard McBride, called out the militia. As part of a 1,000 soldier force, the DCOR, Seaforths, Corps of Guides, 5th FD RCA, and others advanced on the troubled area. Our Regiment, the DCOR, boarded the CPR vessel SS Charmer on the night of 13 May 1913; each rifleman was issued two rounds of Enfield .303 ammunition under the command of Major Hulme (who later recalled that the ammunition was blank).

On arrival at Nanaimo the troops were quartered in railways cars of the E&N Railway. The next evening they surrounded in complete silence the Nanaimo Athletic Hall where the miners were holding their meeting. When the miners emerged the lights of the Army's transport Vehicles were turned on, and in groups of ten, the miners were led away by guards of soldiers with fixed bayonets to the Nanaimo Courts where the Riot Act was read in the name of the King ordering them to disperse.



6th Regiment D.C.O.R. camp at the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Station during the coal miners' riots
(Van City Archives)

Within a month, men who wished to return to their old jobs were allowed to do so. Thus, the Nanaimo Coal Riots were ended at the point of the bayonet, but not the involvement of the Militia. Troops were required to escort the replacement workers to and from the mines, keeping general order, and maintained this duty until the break out of the Great War in 1914.



6th Regiment D.C.O.R. camp at the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway station during the coal miners' riots
(Van City Archives)



Officers of the 6th Regiment D.C.O.R. camp at the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway station during the coal miners' riots
(Van City Archives)

Notwithstanding that the Nanaimo Coal Strike was lengthy, destructive, violent, and bitter, this difficult situation was superbly handled by the militia throughout its fifteen months duration, and remains another successful chapter in our Regiment's history.

My thanks to various internet sources, including [The Canadian Encyclopedia](#), Major Douglas Harker's Regimental History [The Duke](#), Van City Archives, Morden Mine News, and Robert Turner & Donald F. MacLachlan's History of the CPR's E&N Railway 1905-1949.

OPERATION DAYCARE

Fellow Dukes, as many of you know there are currently four of us (Col Gagne, Capt McCullough, Lt Matheson, Myself), serving in Afghanistan as part of the NATO Training Mission called Operation Attention. This is the final and third rotation in Kabul. The Dukes here are all doing a variety of jobs and we have different redeployment dates. My job is mentoring the Afghan National Police at the Headquarters staff level, I also assist another mentor team in training assessments at the Regional training Centre's.

On my Camp known as Eggers I got involved in the VCR (Volunteer Community Relations) as soon as I found out about it in early July. I wanted to ensure that Canada gets some recognition, so I volunteered my time and skills.

I learned that there was a daycare at the Afghan Nation Police Academy (ANPA) from my supervisor Colonel David Shuster. He had visited the daycare and told a few of us about its purpose and the some of their needs. The daycare allows female Afghans to take part in police training; the users of the daycare are single parents. Most of the father's had simply left or been killed. Without the daycare, female Afghans could or would not enroll in the Police. Soon after I visited the daycare and spoke with (through an interpreter) the head of the all-volunteer daycare staff. On the same day I conducted my visit I was lucky enough to witness an all-female police graduation, of which there were 12 new officers. Some of these women utilized the daycare while they attended their Initial Police Training Course.



MWO Leblanc with daycare staff

Once I determined what aid they needed, I sent a simple email back home to LCol Sajjan requesting help and I got over \$2000 dollars thanks to the CO's committee and private donations. I arranged to have pampers, female hygiene products, kids clothing, playground equipment and of course toys purchased. Since we are not authorized to just head out into Kabul and simply purchase the items I needed, I asked my team of language assistants if they would volunteer. They of course said yes, and went ahead and scouted the city for me; they brought me back pictures and quotes for my \$1000 budget. My recce now complete I tasked them into teams to purchase all the items.

On 28 August 2013 volunteers from the police mentors conducted the delivery for Operation Daycare. The delivery team consisted of nine Canadians, two US soldiers along with 1 x Language Assistant. The staff and children were overwhelmed by the all the goods and stated we were the first group to do such a thing, as many groups often come by and wrote down lists and offered help but never return. Supporting the ANPA daycare directly supports our training mission here. The female ANP Officers I spoke with who use the daycare could not attend the Academy without it. I've made sure it's widely known that the money and effort behind this initiative all came from the BC Regiment in Vancouver.



My team for the Operation Daycare



Some of the items

Although this tour will be relatively short for me I've seen much change from my last tour five years ago. Females are allowed to join the Police and the Afghans are training Afghans. But, most of all I have the pleasure working with some amazing Canadians, NATO allies and some very bright Afghan Police Officers. When I leave Afghanistan this time around I'll be leaving with a sense of optimism.



Girls enjoying new dolls



Parent and son

I would like to thank those in the Regiment that made “Operation Daycare” a reality. We’ve made a difference, as was evident by the faces of the parents and kids.

Up the Dukes!

Ron Leblanc, MMM, CD
Master Warrant Officer
NTM-A / DCOM-Police
Plans & Policies
Camp Eggers, Kabul

Editor’s update: The Regimental Trust, Regimental Museum, Regimental Association, Knights of Columbus and the RCMP have supported Op Daycare through the excellent work of MWO Leblanc.

BATTLE OF BRITAIN CEREMONY – 15 September 2013

The annual Battle of Britain Ceremony, sponsored by the Battle of Britain Memorial Fund and the Air Force Officers’ Association, was conducted at the Air Forces’ Garden of Remembrance in Stanley Park.

Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne represented the Regiment and LCol James Barrett represented 39 CBG at this very moving commemoration service of the 73rd Anniversary of the Battle. The Irish Pipes & Drums Band of the Regiment was also in attendance and was well received by the numerous attendees notwithstanding the inclement weather.

CURRY LUNCHEON – 26 September 2013

Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne welcomed the full house of guests to the Officers’ Mess and to the first Curry Luncheon of the new training year. Special guests included the Honorary Colonel of The Royal Canadian Hussars (Montreal) Roger Turnell, a sixties Duke, with son Matthew, Audrey Toogood, Grace Lungley, Brooke and Janet Campbell accompanied by a strong RCN contingent, portrait artist Michael Kluckner, Bob Hanna, Marj Ratel and Brenda MacLeod.



Guests were treated to a special presentation by Bob Hanna of a priceless Mounted Scroll which was presented to CSM Robert Hanna, VC, on 27 February 1918. Bob presented the Mounted Scroll to the CO, LCol Harjit Sajjan, and to Col (R) Keith Maxwell, President of the Regimental Museum, the recipient. Truly a wonderful piece of Regimental History has now been brought home. Many thanks Bob!

The next presentation was from Marj Ratel, President of Korkle-Bu Neuroscience Foundation, who gave a brief introductory outline of the vision of the Foundation to “enhance the health and lives of West African communities” and to help to “heighten awareness of...

medical missions and educational services provided to West Africans.” Marj’s colleague, Brenda MacLeod, a former member of the Regiment, was also in attendance. Many thanks for the insightful presentation Marj.

The final presentation was conducted by LCol (R) David Sproule who unveiled the portraits of “Johnny” and “Arthur” now prominently displayed in the Officer’s Mess. Congratulations to Colonel David for his excellent work in bringing this project to a reality. Very well done Dave!



The CO greeted all attendees and thanked everyone for the great support and wished one and all...bon appetite!

The Honorary Colonel reminded everyone of the upcoming annual fundraiser of the Regimental Association on 12 December 2013 and thanked everyone for their tremendous support.

Also, a special thank you to Past President of the Regimental Association, Bill Diamond, for his excellent work in making the Curry Luncheon Program such a tremendous success. Well done Bill and greatly appreciated!

Hope to see one and all at the next Curry Luncheon planned for Thursday, 31 October 2013!

PERPETUATED BATTALIONS CEREMONY – 29 September 2013



The annual ceremony commemorating the service and sacrifice of the members of the 7th Bn, 29th Bn and 102nd Bn CEF, all perpetuated by the Regiment, was very well attended by members of the Regimental Family, including, Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, 2 I/C Major Douglas Evans, TQMS MWO Huf Mullick, SSM WO Tony Harris and six other serving members, over 100 of our cadets from BCR affiliated units together with CIC Officers, the Irish Pipes & Drums of the Regiment, A/Bugle Major John More and members of the Regimental Association, friends and family.

Major Evans was the Parade Commander and President of the Regimental Association, Bob Fearnley, acted as the Master of Ceremonies.



As the Parade was moved inside due to inclement weather, the program was altered somewhat due to the change in venue but included the cadets, members of the Regiment, the Irish Pipes & Drums and the Regimental Association all formed into an open square facing the Parade Commander. MC Bob Fearnley provided the opening greeting and delivered a brief historical sketch drafted by Col (R) Keith Maxwell; Padre Walter Bayley delivered a solemn invocation; A/Bugle Major John More played the Last Post and Reveille; Pipe Major Alistair Pattison played the Lament; Honorary Colonel Hawthorne placed the Candle of Remembrance; and President Fearnley laid the Wreath of the Perpetuated Battalions. At the conclusion of the Ceremony, the Irish Pipes & Drums and A/Pipe Bugle Major More marched off the parade square in fine form while playing Killaloe! Well done fellow Dukes for a great tribute to all of those who served in our Perpetuated Battalions! We will remember them.

After the ceremony, the Wreath and Candle of Remembrance were officially placed at the Cairn.

Sandwiches, cake and cookies, coffee and water were served to all attendees, compliments of the Regimental Association.

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ASSOCIATION SPECIAL PROJECTS

The Association continues to support, through its Charitable Trust, various annual initiatives such as our Bursary Program for serving members of the Regiment and our community outreach program in the month of December. In addition, the Charitable Trust supports various projects which assist in maintaining our link with the history of the Regiment (i.e. commemorative ceremonies, dedication of memorial plaques and support of our five Cadet Corps). The Association has increased its support of the Cadet Corps by the establishment of the Cadet Development Program. Further information will be published as the program develops.

A special thank you to all of those members who support the Charitable Trust! Your generosity has made it possible to accomplish many of the commemorative projects your Association has undertaken.

We also wish to thank our supporters for their "In Memoriam" donations. This is a very effective way to remember our loved ones.

For your reference, we have included the Honorary Colonel's letter regarding the 2013 Bursary Program and a thank you letter received from MCpl Jessica Schultz.



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September 18, 2013

Dear Fellow Dukes:

As you know, the Charitable Trust of the Regimental Association annually awards bursaries to members of the Regiment who have demonstrated financial need, commitment to the Regiment and good academic potential.

Continuing this very successful program of many years, the Charitable Trust hopes to award at least five bursaries in the amount of \$1,095.00 each to deserving candidates at the Stand Down/CO's Parade in December.

As some members of the Regimental Family have already pledged their support, I am hopeful that you too may wish to be a part of this investment in our future leaders.

As you will appreciate, all donations, large or small, will be gratefully received and tax receipts issued (all cheques should be made payable to "The BC Regiment (DCO) Association Charitable Trust" and mailed to #208-1899 Willingdon Avenue, Burnaby, BC V5C 5T1)

I look forward to hearing from you regarding this very important initiative.

All the best and Up the Dukes!

Sincerely yours,

E.A. (Ted) Hawthorne,
Honorary Colonel

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22 May 2013

The BC Regiment (DCO) Association
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To the Regimental Association, and the family and friends of Mr. Ray Glover,

I was deeply honoured to be awarded the Ray Glover Memorial Bursary, and I would like to extend my sincerest thanks. Ray was an outstanding example of service and dedication, and was looked to by all members of the regiment as a positive role model. I very much appreciate receiving this award. Not only has it help me achieve my academic goals, but it is also a reminder of what Ray stood for and his everlasting support for the regiment.

This month I will be graduating from the University of British Columbia with a Bachelor of Science Honours, specializing in Marine Biology. I could not have achieved this degree without the ongoing support of the BCR Association, for which I am extremely grateful. At the end of the summer I will be working as a field research manager at the Vancouver Aquarium, where I will be responsible for reasearching and monitoring the Howe Sound marine ecosystem through the use of SCUBA and other methods. In future years I plan to persue a masters degree or PhD in marine science.

Like Ray, I began my military service as a cadet. Later I joined the Army Reserves, first as a British Columbia Dragoon in Kelowna in 2001. I became a Duke in 2005 when I moved to Vancouver, and I had the opportunity to deploy to Afghanistan in 2008 as a part of Force Protection at Kandahar Airfield. Our job was to protect supply convoys moving throughout the province, as well as to conduct gate security. This was a great learning experience, and I look forward to future opportunities to pass on my knowledge to my fellow Dukes.

Ray's support for veterans and serving members is well known and widely appreciated among the junior ranks. He will always be remembered for his steadfast support and unwavering friendliness at regimental events. I am extremely grateful to receive this award in his name, and I will do my very best to live up to his example.

Up the Dukes.

Sincerely



Jessica A. Schultz
MCpl
British Columbia Regiment (DCO)

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

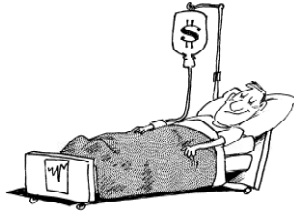
DO YOU KNOW THE BCR SOLDIER IN THIS PICTURE?

Our good friend from Belgium, Iris Van Landschoot, has asked for help in identifying the BCR soldier in the photograph to the right.

Iris writes: *"The local amateur historian association and the people of Bassevelde would highly appreciate this. Greetings from Belgium and thanks beforehand, Iris Van Landschoot"*.



UNDER THE WEATHER



Captain (Ret'd) E.(Ted) A. H. Weddell (WW II Duke) was recently hospitalized, in Kamloops, B.C., with an immune system condition. Thankfully, Ted is now home and on the mend. Incidentally Ted is 91 years young. Ted would be delighted to hear from you – 1-250-828-0130.

Sergeant (Ret'd) Donald N. Cameron (WWII Duke) was hospitalized with a head injury from a fall while taking his daily ¼ mile walk. Veterans Affairs Canada provided Don with an electrically driven scooter to ensure continued and safe mobility outings. Incidentally, Don is 96 years young. Don would be delighted to hear from you – 1-250-554-1998.

Ted and Don, all Dukes wish you well, speedy recovery and many years of happiness.

NOTE: Don, remember your scooter is not an M4A2 Sherman tank!!!!

Up the Dukes.

DUKE'S DEN



Duke at the North Sea Oil Rigs



Duke "detained" by the Provost!

Check out Duke's recent activities on Facebook (RCMP Musical Ride in Gibsons, visit to RCL Branch #109 and Tour of The British Isles).

COMMENTS FROM OUR READERS and FACEBOOK FRIENDS

2013-05-16

Just wanted to pass my congratulations for a newsletter that is superb in its breadth, detail and relevance.

Being stuck over here on the Island, I value these issues greatly.

As well, I thoroughly enjoyed the St Julien Dinner and, also want to ensure that the CO is aware of that -- so I have cc'd him.

I am sure he is already well aware of how good his Regiment looks these days (in all aspects) and the role the active support of the Association plays in this unit. Some unit associations within the Army are better than others. I would suggest, based on my observations as former Chief of Staff of BC District/39CBG as well as Commander 39 CBG, that the BCR are at the top of the heap when it comes to Association support and relations with the community.

Most critically, now, more than ever in my experience, the BCR has achieved a truly remarkable operational and training readiness, surpassing all previous eras with which I was associated. No small credit to the CO and his leadership team is due for this.

Keep up the good work!!

F. Paul Crober
Colonel (retired)

2013-05-24

This is one of the highest quality regimental journals I have ever seen. Both the content and the format are excellent. Of course I enjoyed the reminders of my very pleasant time at the strategic studies conference and the St Julien dinner.

Thank you for sending this on to me.

Best regards,

Ed
Major-General E.S. (Ed) Fitch (retired), OMM, MSM, CD

Ralph Schoenig posted on The British Columbia Regiment (DCO) Association's timeline on Facebook:

"As an old guy from the Queen's Own Rifles, I'm very glad that you have this up and running! The BCR have a great deal of history and this is a great venue to showcase that, as well as some of what is going on in your regiment today.

Besides, notwithstanding your current role, there will always be part of you that remains "Rifles". (love the cross-belts for officers & Sr NCO's and the Rifle green that your band wears) After all, you are The Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles.

At any rate, I'm happy to "like" your page, and in a small way support your great Regiment! For the administrators here - keep it up - you have a great page! cheers all, and keep safe - Ralph"



ASLEEP

Sergeant (A/WO2) (Ret'd) William (Bill) E. Schmidt served with The British Columbia Regiment (13th Armoured Regiment) RCAC in the 1960s, following service as a cadet with 2290 BCR Royal Canadian Army Cadet Cadet Corps. He also served with the United States Marine Corps for a short stint. Bill graduated from UBC with a law degree; practicing in Vancouver and retiring in January 2012. He was an ardent and generous advocate of the Regimental Association and Pipe and Drums Band. Bill is survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Marilyn and Marty Hemmann of Olympia, Washington and Uncle Godfrey and Betty Schmidt of Yorkton, Saskatchewan.

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.