



THE DUKE



REGIMENTAL SERGEANT MAJOR ABDUL HAFEEZ (“HUF”) MULLICK, CD

APPOINTMENT – 11 March 2014

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RSM Huff Mullick, CD (Above and Below)

We are pleased to acknowledge the appointment of MWO Huf Mullick, CD, as the Regimental Sergeant Major of The British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own) effective 11 March 2014. On behalf of all Dukes, our friends and supporters, we congratulate RSM Mullick on this most prestigious and well deserved appointment. We also wish to thank RSM Mullick for his tremendous service to our country and to our Regiment. Just a cursory review of the attached biography very clearly demonstrates the credentials of a soldier completely fit and qualified for the position of RSM in one of Canada's premier reserve armoured regiments. We are truly fortunate to have a soldier of Huf's calibre assuming this great leadership role in the Regiment.

Up the Dukes RSM with our heartiest congratulations on your appointment!



BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Current as of: 28 Oct 2013

MWO Abdul Hafeez (Huf) Mullick

Service Number: V55 834 040

Place and Date of Birth: Nairobi, Kenya, 10 October 1964

Marital Status: Married to: Surinder K Bhogal

Children: Aaron Thomas Webb, 14 Feb 1984

Education: North Surrey Secondary – Grade 12

Royal Roads University- Master of Arts

Civilian Employment: Present: ICE Intercultural Services Inc

Military Service: Enrolled as NCM –Royal Westminster Regt

Graduated Top Candidate SYEP

Transferred to YTEP – PPCLI

Graduated 3 of 34

Posted to 3Bn PPCLI Workpoint Barracks, Esquimalt BC

Private – C2 Gunner A Company

Posted to 2PPCLI Baden-Sollingen

Promoted to Corporal- Section 2i/C Delta Company

Posted to 2PPCLI CFB Winnipeg, MB

Det Comd – Mortar Platoon Cbt Sp Coy

Infantry Section Comd's Crse

Promoted to Master Corporal - UNFICYP (Cyprus)

Section 2i/C Bravo Company

Section Comd 5PI Bravo Company

B Coy Stores 2i/C

Section Commander – UNPROFOR (Croatia)

Line NCO Mortar Pl Cbt Sp Coy

Posted to Language Training Centre 17 Wing, Winnipeg

Canadian Forces Leadership & Recruit School – St Jean, QC

Section Commander – C Coy Recruit Division

Promoted to Sergeant – Pl 2i/C Leadership Division BOTC instructor

Section Comd C Coy 2PPCLI

Mess Manager WO's & Sgt's Mess Admin Coy

Diversity Coordinator – Diversity Cell CFRC Vancouver

Received Comd CFRG Commendation – South Asian Recruiting initiative

Received RCMP OIC Commendation –Lifesaver 1000

Received RCMP OIC Commendation- OP Remembrance

Transferred to BCR(DCO) – Sergeant Major Training Sqn

Presented with Commanding Officer's Commendation

Completed DP1 & 2 Armd Recce

Completed Intermediate Leadership Qualification

Completed DP3 Armd Recce Crew Comd

Completed DP3A Patrol Comd Crse

Completed DP3B Armd Troop WO

Promoted to Warrant Officer – Ops WO Recce Sqn

Completed DP4 Squadron Sergeant Major Crse

Completed Advance Leadership Qualification

Promoted to Master Warrant Officer

Sergeant Major –BCR (DCO) Battlefield Tour

Technical Quarter Master Sergeant

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Awards, Decorations and Service Medals:

Canadian Forces: SSM (NATO BAR), UNFICYP, UNPROFOR, CPSM, Canada 125, QDJM, CD,

Clubs, Associations: PPCLI Association, BCR (DCO) Association

Special Interests: Hiking, Swimming, Travel, Mil History, Communications.



STAND TO PARADE – 15 January 2014



The Regiment's first parade of the year saw the promotion of Master Corporal Jessica Schultz to the rank of Sergeant. Sgt Schultz was unable to attend the Junior Ranks' Annual Christmas Dinner due to illness where the CO, L/Col Harjit Sajjan, promoted her colleagues, Sergeants Boxall, Clews, Cobb, Copp and Roder. Congratulations to all of our new Sergeants!

L to R: Roger Prouse, Major Douglas Evans, L/Col Harjit Sajjan, Sgt Jessica Schultz and MWO Huf Mullick
Behind: VP Rick Hourie and President Bob Fearnley

BMQ 0041 GRADUATION PARADE – 29 January 2014

The BMQ Graduation Parade was held on the Jericho Garrison Sprung Shelter Parade Square, the temporary home of the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada. The Regiment was represented by Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, 2I/C Major Douglas Evans and CWO Middleton. Forty-five graduates were on parade, seven of whom were BCR recruits. The Reviewing Officer was the Honorary Colonel of the Seaforths, Mike Shields. At the conclusion of the parade, Major Evans and Colonel Hawthorne each addressed the seven BCR recruits and congratulated them on their graduation and complimented them on their commitment. We look forward to seeing them all at the Drill Hall!



2I/C Major Douglas Evans and BCR Recruits

CURRY LUNCHEON – 30 January 2014



L to R: HCol Ted Hawthorne, HCol Bryan Brulotte and Major Douglas Evans

The first Curry Luncheon of the year was a memorable occasion and was marked by the visit of our special guest, Honorary Colonel Bryan Brulotte, of the Governor General Foot Guards. Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne welcomed Colonel Brulotte and our many guests. Colonel Hawthorne announced that 15 members of the Regiment, led by the CO, LCol Harjit Sajjan, were to commence their climb of Mt. Kilimanjaro, the highest peak in Africa, on 31 January 2014. The Honorary Colonel also took the opportunity to thank the Regimental Association for their sponsorship of Op Summit Duke II and OPI Gayle Hawthorne and Vice President Rick Hourie for their great work on this tremendous project for our soldiers. HCol Hawthorne will be joining the members in Tanzania for their post climb activities. Major Evans, 2I/C of the Regiment, addressed our guests and delivered a thorough briefing of the excellent state of the Regiment. Many thanks to all of our friends for supporting this successful event.

OP SUMMIT DUKE II (MOUNT KILIMANJARO)

Congratulations are in order for our fifteen Duke climbers who completed their ascent of Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest peak in Africa (19,341'), on Thursday, 6 February 2014. Our Dukes (LCol Sajjan, Maj Lindsay, Maj Virk, 2Lt Ellis, WO Harris, Sgt Clews, MCpls Boxall, Carswell, and Lee, Cpls Cheema, Fleming, Halpin, Palmer, Pansegrau and Togeretz) and Regimental Mascot MCpl Duke A. Bear were accompanied by friends of the Regimental Family, Sgt (R) Chris Alden, PPCLI, Ranjiv Sandhu and "Na" Utumporn Aupatcha.



MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!

The climbers were met at the foot of the mountain by the Honorary Colonel, Ted Hawthorne, and our friends of the Regimental Family, Azmina Jivan and Salim Jiwa. Our climbers were then treated to a pasta luncheon complete with large bottles of Kilimanjaro beer or Coke compliments of the Honorary Colonel who congratulated them all. After a memorable good bye to the 62 porters and guides, our climbers headed to the African Tulip Hotel in Arusha for a much anticipated hot shower!!

On behalf of the entire Regimental Family we congratulate you for your tremendous accomplishment and for your service and commitment. This climb was a brilliant example of Regimental team building and development of endurance skills which are the hallmark of any armoured recce unit.

Special thanks to the Regimental Association for taking the lead in this project and to the many friends of our Regimental Family who so generously stepped forward to fund this most worthwhile event.

The members were then treated to a two day safari consisting of a tour of the Lake Manyara National Park area and stay at the Serena Safari Lodge on the first day and a tour of the Ngorongoro Highlands and crater on the second day.

On the climbers' return to Vancouver, they were met at YVR by a greeting party of the Regimental Association complete with piper. What a welcome home!

COLONEL BRYAN GAGNE AWARDED THE US BRONZE STAR – 18 February 2014

Our fellow Duke, Colonel Bryan Gagne, has been awarded the very prestigious Bronze Star Medal by the United States Army today.

On behalf of all Dukes, congratulations on a job very well done!!

Colonel Bryan's Quote: "Our time in Afghanistan is nearing an end and I have been honoured to work with a superb team of professional Soldiers. While travelling in South Afghanistan for the last time, today I was summonsed back to Kabul to receive the unexpected, a US Bronze Star. So proud to be part of Canada's lasting contribution."



Colonel Bryan Gagne



The Bronze Star Medal

CAPTAIN ORLANDO JAMES DAVID BANMAN, CD A SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND THANKSGIVING – 22 February 2014

A very moving memorial service was held in The Drill Hall for the Commanding Officer of 2827 BCR (DCO) (Port Moody) RCACC with Major (R) Roger Prouse officiating. The Regiment was represented by Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne and 2I/C Major Douglas Evans and the Regimental Association was represented by President Bob Fearnley and former President Bill Diamond. Also in attendance were Commander Andrew Muir, Commanding Officer RCSU (Pac), LCol James Barrett, Major Ken Prince, ACICO Trg Gp Delta and many Cadet Officers, Cadets, volunteers, family and friends. A special thank you to Bugle Major John More and Piper Thomas Budd for their professionalism which added so much to the service.

After the service and reception on the drill square, the attendees regrouped in the Officers' Mess and the WOs' and Sgts' Mess to toast the memory of our good friend Orlando and to witness the presentation of the CDS Certificate of Service by Commander Muir to Orlando's wife Bonnie.



Commander Muir and Bonnie Banman

We will remember him!

CURRY LUNCHEON – 27 February 2014

Another very successful luncheon was held in the Officers' Mess and the WOs' and Sgts' Mess at The Drill Hall on February 27th with many guests and supporters in attendance. We were pleased to receive visits from our good friend Honorary Colonel Jim Happer, 39 CBG CER, the Commanding Officer of 2290 BCR (DCO) RCACC, Captain Leah Yauck, the Deputy Commanding Officer of 2381 BCR (DCO) RCACC, Captain Jackson Wong, our special friend Tochi Sandhu with four of his colleagues and Irv White fresh out of the hospital! What an impressive group of individuals from the Regimental Association, Regimental Family, our community and friends, all in support of the Regiment.



The CO, LCol Sajjan, and President Bob Fearnley with some of the many guests in attendance.

At the request of many, the Commanding Officer, LCol Harjit S. Sajjan, took the opportunity to brief all guests on the successful completion of OP Summit Duke II (Mt. Kilimanjaro) and the very positive effect on all sixteen of our climbers and the substantial trickledown effect already quite evident. The CO thanked the Regimental Association for its lead in this great initiative and acknowledged the great supporters in the community who have so enthusiastically stepped forward to support the Regimental Association in making Op Summit Duke II possible.

Well done indeed!

CO's PARADE – 5 March 2014

The CO's Parade for March was an exceptional evening of recognition with approximately 120 serving members on parade and witnessed by friends, family and members of the Regimental Family. In addition, the Commander of 1st Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group ("1 CMBG"), Colonel David Anderson, and BSM CWO David Coxall paid us a visit in order to recognize the good work of the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Harjit Sajjan, and the Regiment and to acknowledge the excellent relationship between the PPCLI and the Regiment. It was a full house and the Regiment looked terrific!

Colonel Sajjan opened the parade by addressing the Regiment and acknowledging the excellent turnout and the ongoing service and commitment of the members.

The CO then proceeded to recognize and introduce three new recruits to the Regiment. The CO emphasized the long and remarkable history of the Regiment and reviewed the pictorial history prominently displayed on the east memorial wall of The Drill Hall. The CO noted that it is this history which each soldier will represent in his or her journey as a soldier in the CAF. The new recruits, previously sworn in, were Pte Cang, Pte Luna and Pte Papin.

The evening's program continued with Colonel Sajjan's promotion of Troopers Barton, Sutherland, Zheng and Zherka to the rank of Corporal. The CO reminded the new corporals of their expanded role and increased responsibility to be observed and performed as they proceed in their careers encountering many different and exciting opportunities.

The next recognition took the form of a presentation of the Commanding Officer's Commendation and Medallion by the CO to Gayle Hawthorne in recognition of her excellent work for the Regiment, including, as

the Regimental Association OPI on Op Summit Duke II, as the Regimental Representative on the Sponsoring Committee of 2290 BCR (DCO) RCACC, as the Chair of the Annual Christmas Regimental Association Fundraiser and for her many years of service as internal accountant for the Regimental Association and its Charitable Trust.

Colonel Sajjan then proceeded to present MWO Ron Leblanc with the Commander CCTM-A Commendation and coin for his excellent work during Op Attention – the Canadian Contribution Training Mission Afghanistan. The CO acknowledged MWO Leblanc's consistent attention to finding solutions to problems at every turn even in a war zone. A true leader indeed!

The CO then requested President Emeritus LCol (R) Archie Steacy to proceed with the presentation of the medals of the late Colonel Johnny Toogood to the Curator of the Regimental Museum, MWO Ron Leblanc. The CO and President Emeritus Steacy outlined the many contributions of the late Colonel Toogood in war and in peace. What a wonderful addition this piece of history is to our Regimental Museum. Our special thanks for this wonderful donation from Audrey Toogood, Johnny's widow.

The remainder of the evening was dedicated to Op Summit Duke II (Mt. Kilimanjaro), as follows:

1. **Video** – an excellent five minute video produced by Captain John Perry, highlighting the climb by our sixteen soldiers and friends, was presented. The video was very well received by all in attendance;
2. **Presentation of Certificates to Climbers** – President Bob Fearnley introduced President Emeritus Archie Steacy who gave a brief history of Op Summit Duke I (the climb of Mts. Hart-McHarg and Worthington by members in August 2006), and acknowledged MWO Ron Leblanc as the planner of the climb. President Emeritus Steacy recognized and congratulated each of the climbers of Op Summit Duke II (Mt. Kilimanjaro) and presented Certificates to all climbers in attendance.
3. **Presentation of Commander 1 CMBG, Colonel David Anderson** – the Commander acknowledged the excellent turnout by the Regiment and the tremendous support evidenced by the attendance of the many members of the Regimental Association and Regimental Family. Colonel Anderson also noted the longstanding links between the PPCLI and the Regiment and the excellent support the PPCLI has received from the Regiment and the CO. The presentation to the CO by Colonel Anderson was in recognition of this support.
4. **Presentation of Mini – Guidon and Certificate** – the CO presented the Commander 1 CMBG with a mini Guidon in recognition of his great support of the unit. The CO also presented the Certificate of Sgt (R) Chris Alden, late of the PPCLI, who climbed with our soldiers. The Commander will personally present the certificate to Sgt. Alden.

The “final word” was given to Honorary Colonel Hawthorne who congratulated all recipients and the serving members for their excellent turn out and service. In addition, the Honorary Colonel thanked our special guest Colonel Anderson for his recognition of the CO and the unit and thanked the Regimental Association and the Regimental Family for their tremendous commitment and unwavering support of the Regiment. Congratulations to all recipients and Up the Dukes!



LCol H. Sajjan with new recruits



LCol H. Sajjan with new Corporals



L to R: HCol Ted Hawthorne, MWO Ron Leblanc, Gayle Hawthorne and LCol Harjit Sajjan



MWO Ron Leblanc and President Emeritus LCol (R) Archie Steacy



LCol Harjit Sajjan and MWO Ron Leblanc



Climbers of Op Summit Duke II (Mt. Kilimanjaro) showing their Certificates



HCol Ted Hawthorne, Commander 1 CMBG, Colonel David Anderson, and LCol Harjit Sajjan

BRITISH COLUMBIA VETERANS COMMEMORATIVE ASSOCIATION (“BCVCA”) – 14 March 2014



President Archie Steacy and HCol Ted Hawthorne

The annual volunteer recognition luncheon was held by BCVCA at the Marinaside Grill, Lynnwood Marina in North Vancouver on Friday, 14 March 2014. In addition to the recognition of volunteers of the highly successful BC Licence Plate Program, BCVCA also acknowledged the support of three members in attendance from ICBC and the support of the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne. The Honorary Colonel took the opportunity to thank BCVCA for its support of the Regiment, especially in the production of the DVD *Citizen Soldier*, and for its service and commitment to veterans. Colonel Hawthorne also presented President Archie Steacy with the CO's Coin in recognition of his support and that of BCVCA.

A DUKE WELCOME HOME RECEPTION AT YVR – 20 March 2014



It was a great welcome home to our very good friend and colleague Colonel Bryan Gagne, being the last Canadian soldier to return home after the completion of our Mission in Afghanistan. Colonel Gagne was met by his special ladies, Erika and Jemima, and was then accompanied by two members of the BCR Irish Pipes & Drums, Piper Thomas Budd and Drummer Liam Diamond, to meet the assembled group of members of the Regiment and the Regimental Family. The Regiment was represented by the Commanding Officer, LCol Harjit Sajjan, and the Honorary Colonel, Ted Hawthorne. The very large contingent of the Regimental Association was represented by President Bob Fearnley.

The group photograph says it all....we are a Regimental Family indeed and very proud of it! Congratulations Colonel Gagne on your service to our country and to the people of Afghanistan and for a very successful deployment. Welcome home from all of us. Many thanks to our Bill Diamond for the excellent photographs.



L to R: HCol Ted Hawthorne, Colonel Bryan Gagne and LCol Harjit Sajjan



L to R: Piper Budd, Colonel Gagne, Erika Rouby and Drummer Diamond

ST. PATRICK'S DAY – 23 March 2014

By: Sandra Young

The St. Patrick's Day event was held on Sunday March 23 at the Drill Hall mainly in the Sgt mess. The mess was decorated in St. Patrick's Day style and all was set for everyone to arrive. While people were arriving and chatting with friends things were getting underway. We had a good turn out and many of the usual suspects were there to name a few, Hon/Col Ted Hawthorne, his wife Gayle, Hon/Maj Bill Diamond, his wife Audrey, Association VP Rick Hourie, Col Jim Barrett, his wife Patricia, Dr. Chacko Simon, his wife Lize, and many others. Lunch was kept hot while the final trimmings were being put together and games were getting started. For lunch it was Irish Stew made by Sandra Young, sandwiches and desserts made by Gayle Hawthorne and Ellen McKenzie. Ellen made two wonderful Trifles and Gayle make St. Patrick's Day Cupcakes. Thank you both...they were perfect and everyone thought they were great. While lunch was finishing and the afternoon was moving on, people were filling in their ballots for the Best Dressed prize and the tickets for the lucky draw prizes were up for grabs. Before the prizes were drawn we were able to listen to the BCR Irish Pipes & Drums. They did a wonderful job. We thank Pipe Major Matt Dolan and his mini-band for entertaining us in such fine fashion and for making time for us in their busy schedules. The Best Dressed prize was won by Margaret Monchamp. Well done Margaret.



L: Prize table

R: BCR Irish Pipes & Drums mini-band



The event had many ways to test your fate with luck though. You could play in the Toonie Toss for your chance to win a bottle of Bailey's. Anyone who was able to get a Toonie into the pot was given a ticket to be eligible to win. Only one person was able to do that, and that person was Roger Prouse. There was a pot of gold coins that you could guess the number of coins and if you won you got the coins and proceeds.

There were 104 in total which was won by Steve Scott. We also had again what we called the Blarney Stone, and hopefully you'd get a little luck. After awhile it was time for the test of luck as it would be time for the drawing of the prizes. There were a few door prizes to be had and then the lucky draw prizes. To name a few winners, Ellen McKenzie, Margaret Monchamp, Roger Prouse, Jamie Osmond and others too. It was a fun afternoon and we would like to thank the senior NCOs of the Regiment for allowing us to use the mess and would especially like to thank Sgt Kevin Baker for arriving early for set up and for taking care of us during the afternoon. We hope everyone had a good time and we thank everyone for coming.



L to R: Rob Greenslade, Thomas Budd, HCol Ted Hawthorne, Pipe Major Matt Dolan and Liam Diamond



HCol Ted Hawthorne with Dr. Chacko Simon and his wife, Lize

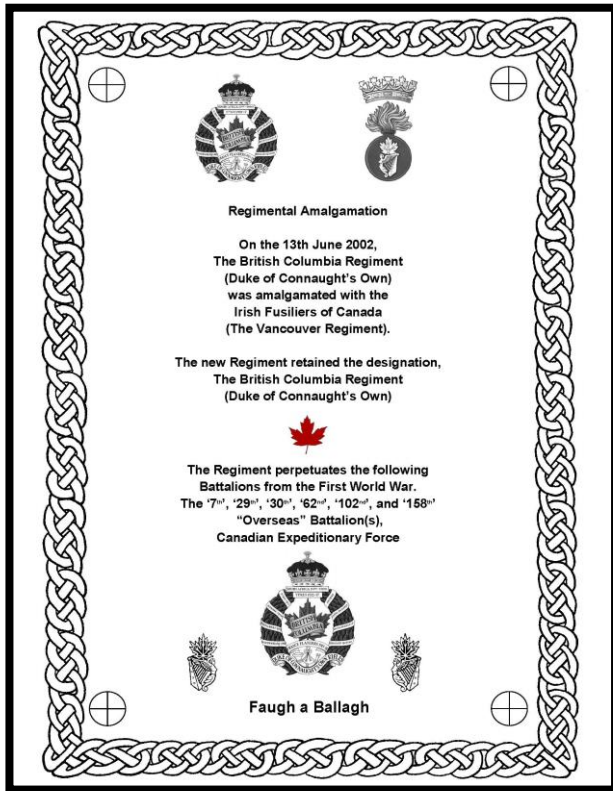
ANNUAL REGIMENTAL HOCKEY GAME – ROGERS ARENA

Another hotly contested match between Team Senior NCOs and Officers versus the widely favoured Team Junior Ranks took place at the home of the Vancouver Canucks, Rogers Arena, on the regular parade night (26 March 2014) under the watchful eye of RSM Huf Mullick. Although Team Junior Ranks scored nine unanswered goals which reflected their dazzle, the game did not really reflect the true grit of their opposition. The turnout and support by the members was remarkable at this iconic venue. Congratulations Team Junior Ranks on an excellent performance! Until next year.....!



AMALGAMATION PLAQUE DEDICATION – 27 March 2014

The Amalgamation Plaque produced by our good friend and colleague, Honorary Colonel (R) Helmut Eppich, CM, OBC, of Ebco Industries Ltd. was dedicated at a special ceremony held at the Drill Hall on 27 March 2014.



The dedication ceremony was conducted by Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne with many of our Curry Luncheon guests in attendance. The Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Harjit Sajjan, acknowledged the great support of the Regiment by Colonel Eppich and presented him with a CO's Commendation and Medallion. The Amalgamation Plaque was dedicated and unveiled by the Commanding Officer, the Honorary Colonel, OPI of the project, LCol (R) Romano Acconci, and Honorary Colonel (R) Helmut Eppich. Faugh a Ballagh!



L to R: LCol Sajjan, HCol (R) Eppich & HCol Hawthorne



L to R: LCol (R) Romano Acconci, LCol Harjit Sajjan, HCol (R) Helmut Eppich & HCol Ted Hawthorne



L to R: LCol (R) Romano Acconci, LCol Harjit Sajjan, HCol Ted Hawthorne & HCol (R) Helmut Eppich

IRISH CURRY LUNCHEON – 27 March 2014

It was another full house in the Officers' Mess and the WOs' and Sgts' Mess at The Drill Hall on March 27th with many guests, including a good number of our Mt. Kilimanjaro benefactors, Regimental Association members, friends and supporters in attendance.

After the dedication of the Amalgamation Plaque, our guests headed for the Officers' Mess for the pre-lunch social. Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne greeted the group and turned the recognition portion of the festivities over to the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Harjit Sajjan. First of all, the Commanding Officer presented a belated Canadian Forces Decoration ("CD") to Past President of the Regimental Association, Jerry Couling, and congratulated him for his many years of service. Secondly, Colonel Sajjan recognized five strong supporters of the Regimental Association and the Regiment for their assistance on the Op Summit Duke II (Mt. Kilimanjaro) project, namely Nash Jiwa, Carlo Rahal, Bob Rai, Farid Rohani and Ranjiv Sandhu. The Commanding Officer presented each individual with a Commanding Officer's Commendation and Medallion. The CO also recognized and welcomed our good friend and supporter, Salim Jiwa, who participated in our post climb activities with climber Na, his wife. Our guests adjourned to the WOs' & Sgts' Mess to view a brief video of the successful climb of Mt. Kilimanjaro by our soldiers.



L to R: HCol Ted Hawthorne, Jerry Couling & LCol Harjit Sajjan

The Honorary Colonel concluded the proceedings and all of our guests proceeded to enjoy a delightful lunch and camaraderie all around.



HCol Ted Hawthorne and LCol Harjit Sajjan with: Carlo Rahal, Nash Jiwa and Ranjiv Sandhu



HCol Ted Hawthorne and LCol Harjit Sajjan with: Bob Rai, Farid Rohani and Salim Jiwa

WOs' & SGTs' MESS PAARDEBERG DINNER – 29 March 2014



RSM Mullick recognition of CWO Taylor



RSM Mullick recognition of Sgt Patterson

The annual Paardeberg Dinner held by the WOs' & Sgts' Mess on 29 March 2014 was a most enjoyable evening and a complete success. The Regiment's two bands, the Brass Band and the Irish Pipes & Drums, had a very strong showing and added so much to the evening's festivities. In addition, three members of the Mess were dined out and appropriately recognized by the RSM, MWO Mullick and the CO, LCol Sajjan, namely CWO Pat Taylor, CD, Sgt Frederico Angulo, CD, and Sgt Ian Patterson, CD. In addition, a friend and supporter of the Regiment, CPO Tom Curley, MMM, CD was also recognized and thanked.

It was a memorable evening with good food and camaraderie while recognizing our Regimental traditions.

Up the Dukes!



RSM Mullick recognition of Sgt Angulo



RSM Mullick recognition of "Chief" Tom Curley, RCN

CO'S PARADE – 2 April 2014

The CO's Parade held on 2 April 2014 was a full evening with over 110 members on parade and members of the Regimental Association in attendance. The Regiment looked great on the newly polished parade square.

Brief highlights of the evening were as follows:

1. Promotion: The CO promoted Trooper Ted Tutte to the rank of Corporal.
2. Presentation of CO's Commendation and Medallion to Wayne Chester: The CO presented a Commanding Officer's Commendation and Medallion to Wayne Chester for his great support of the Regimental Association and the Regiment during the 2012 European Battlefield Tour and Op Summit Duke II (Mt Kilimanjaro).
3. Presentation to RSM Abdul H. Mullick, CD: The CO presented the official RSM Pace Stick to RSM Huf Mullick in a brief ceremony highlighted by a sustained round of applause of all members and guests. What an unforgettable moment indeed!!

Congratulations and continued success to Corporal Ted Tutte, Wayne Chester and RSM Huf Mullick.

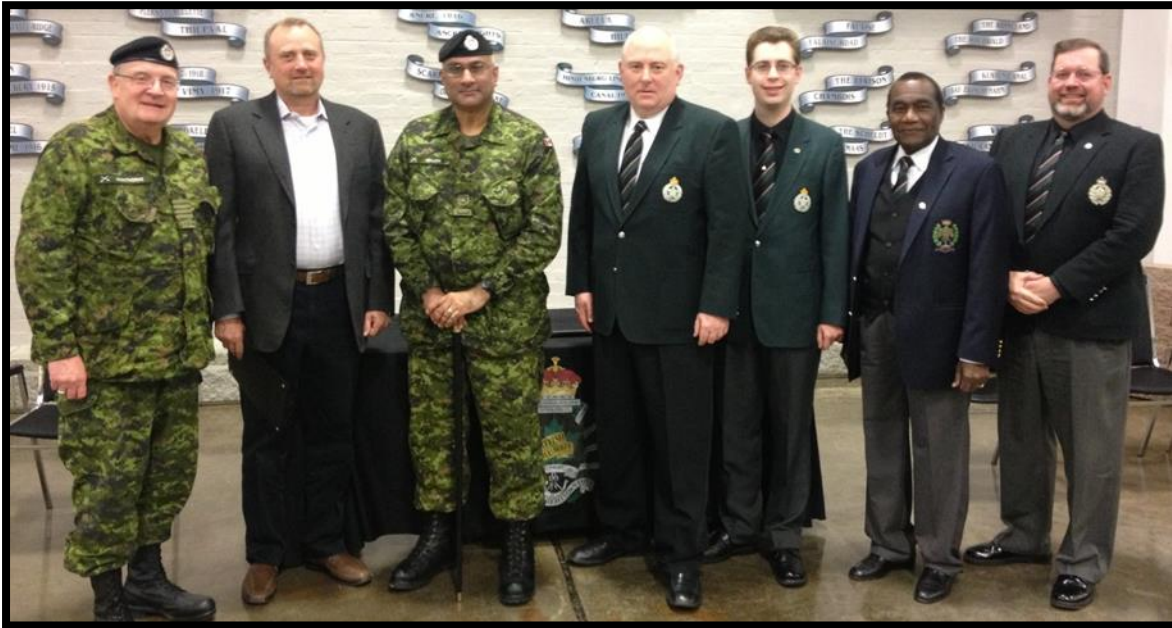
4. The "Last Words" by the Regimental Association and the Honorary Colonel: President Bob Fearnley was invited to speak by the CO and greeted and congratulated the members on parade.

Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne also complimented the members on an excellent turnout, RSM Mullick on his appointment and upon receiving the traditional symbol of his appointment, the RSM's Pace Stick, Cpl Tutte on his promotion and Wayne Chester on his receipt of the CO's Commendation. As the end of the Training Year fast approaches, Colonel Hawthorne wished everyone the best of luck and continued success.

The CO concluded the evening with his closing comments complimenting the members of the Regiment for their good work and training.



LCol Harjit Sajjan with Corporal Ted Tutte (left); Wayne Chester (centre); RSM Huf Mullick (right)



L to R: HCol Ted Hawthorne, Wayne Chester, RSM Huf Mullick, Bob Fearnley, Thomas Budd, Ken Whitney and Bill Diamond

ST. JULIEN MESS DINNER – 5 April 2014

The Officers' Mess held their annual St. Julien Mess Dinner commemorating the Battle of St. Julien (24 April – 5 May 1915) on 5 April 2014. It was a memorable evening enjoyed by all. The Regiment's two bands, the Brass Band and the Irish Pipes & Drums, had a very strong performance and added a great deal to the overall success of the evening. The Commanding Officer, LCol Harjit Sajjan, provided the assembled guests with an update of the high tempo operational status of the Regiment, thanked the Regimental Family, friends and supporters, recognized the great success of Op Summit Duke II (Mt Kilimanjaro) and premiered an excellent video on Mt Kilimanjaro produced by MCpl Tim Lee. Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Scott Shepherd then proceeded to acknowledge the tremendous service and commitment of our members. Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne took the opportunity to acknowledge the numerous "stand out" non-operational accomplishments of the Commanding Officer during his command which have all benefitted and will continue to benefit our serving members. The service, commitment and leadership of the Commanding Officer are truly extraordinary!

Prior to the dinner, the President of the Regimental Association, Bob Fearnley, presented the OMM Commemorative Medallion to our last remaining OMM recipient, Captain (R) Don Neish. Congratulations to all Duke recipients of the OMM Commemorative Medallion!



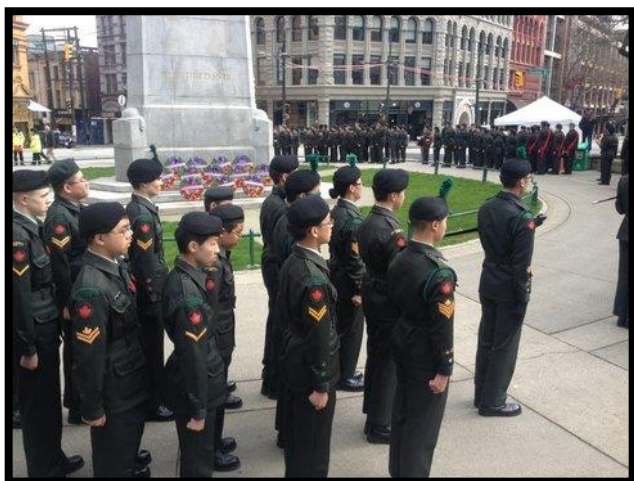
L to R: Bob Fearnley, Keith Maxwell, Don Neish, LCol Harjit Sajjan and HCol Ted Hawthorne

CADET GOVERNOR'S REPORT

By: Roger W. Prouse

CADETS COMMEMORATE THE BATTLE FOR VIMY AT THE CENOTAPH

Our BCR Cadets joined nearly 300 other Army Cadets from the Lower Mainland at the Vancouver Cenotaph on Sunday April 6th to Commemorate 97th Anniversary of the Battle for Vimy. Three years ago, the Army Cadets in Canada adopted Vimy as their Day of Commemoration and it is marked by the Army Cadets from coast to coast on the closest Sunday to April 9th.



H/Major Cam Cathcart did his usual splendid job as the MC which also featured the Vancouver Cadet Flag Party, a moving Robert Service poem by Christopher Gaze and a stirring rendition of "Maple Leaf Forever" by soloist Dan McClellan of the Vancouver Fire and Rescue.

C/RSM Shannon Lo from The 2381 BCR Irish Fusiliers was the Cadet Parade Commander, and C/Sgt Bronson Ng a bugler, also from the 2381 BCR Irish Fusiliers, played the Last Post and Rouse. C/WO Ken Mayall-Johnson from the 2893 Seaforths in Port Coquitlam piped the Lament.

Upon conclusion of the service, the Cadets and their officers returned to Drill Hall for lunch.

In other BCR Cadet news, our five BCR Corps had another very successful training year. Currently, approximately 290 youth ages 12 to 18 parade with our 5 Corps. The 2381 BCR Irish is the largest Corps with over 130 in current strength. They also have a very accomplished military band and marksmanship team. All our Corps work very hard to prepare for the various competitions including first aid, drill and band. To complete their training year, they will be attending Spring Training Exercises and preparing for their Annual Ceremonial Reviews (ACR).

Please make a note of the dates for our Corps ACRs and plan to attend. Your support is very much appreciated.

2290 BCR - Sunday May 25 at 1300 at the Drill Hall

2381 BCR - Sunday May 18 at 1300 at the Col. Sherman Armouries, Richmond BC

2781 BCR - Saturday 24 May at 1300 at the Timberline Barracks, Powell River BC

2827 BCR - Saturday 14 June at 1300 at the RCL Br 119-2513 Clarke St., Port Moody BC

3300 BCR - Thursday 19 June at 1900 at The Sikh Academy 12895-85th Ave., Surrey BC

97th ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF VIMY RIDGE

The Regiment and the Regimental Association commemorated the 97th Anniversary of the First World War Battle of Vimy Ridge (9 - 12 April 1917) at a ceremony held at the Cenotaph at Victory Square on Sunday, 6 April 2014. The ceremony was very well attended by approximately 280 cadets from various units around the Lower Mainland and members of many veterans' groups including our Regimental Association. The

four local BCR Cadets Corps were well represented in this magnificent turnout. The President of the Regimental Association, Bob Fearnley, and the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, laid the wreath in memory of our Fallen.

The post parade reception was held at The Drill Hall and was also very well attended. Congratulations to the Sponsoring Committee of 2290 BCR RCACC for their great work in hosting the post event reception, Roger Prouse, Major Ken Prince and Bob Underhill for their excellent cadet coordination of the event and of course Cam Cathcart, the Master of Ceremonies. Very well done indeed!

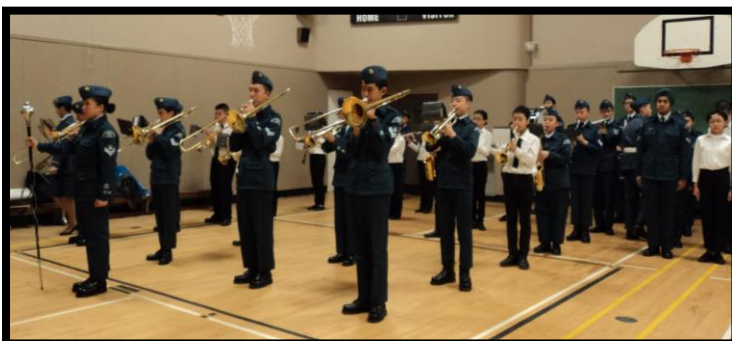


Parade Commander RSM C/CWO Shannon Lo, RSM 2381 BCR



L to R: President Bob Fearnley and HCol Ted Hawthorne

888 AVENGER SQUADRON, ROYAL CANADIAN AIR CADETS CO'S PARADE – 8 April 2014



At the invitation of the Commanding Officer of 888 Avenger Squadron, Captain Jag Masoun, Roger Prouse, the Cadet Governor, and the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, attended at Moberly Elementary School on the regular Parade night (130 cadets in very cramped quarters). It was a very full

evening with our host, the 2IC of the unit, Captain Amar Tiwana, directing our very thorough visit, including a portion of the opening parade, a visit to the Sponsoring Committee, two lectures with opportunities for us to talk to the cadets and their leaders, informational background meetings, excellent display of the Drill Team's capabilities, under command and without command, and the CO's Parade where the Honorary Colonel was the Reviewing Officer. Colonel Hawthorne inspected the unit, promoted three Sergeants and one Flight Sergeant, awarded three Bursaries/Scholarships and presented a Cup to the unit's winning team in Dodge the Ball. The Honorary Colonel thanked the cadets, officers, parents and Sponsoring Committee for the invitation, their hospitality and their great work in making the unit such a success. The Honorary Colonel then presented the CO's Coin to C/WO2 Denny Lee, the Parade Commander, and conveyed the greetings of the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, LCol Harjit Sajjan. We certainly hope to follow the progress of this remarkable Cadet Corps!



Promotion to Flight Sergeant, Vanessa Lau,
by HCol Hawthorne



C/WO2 Denny Lee and HCol Ted Hawthorne

MEMBERS OF THE BC REGIMENT IRISH PIPES AND DRUMS HONOURED FOR A SUCCESSFUL COMPETITION SEASON A Piper's Perspective by Thomas Budd

I am pleased to report that the winter solo piping and drumming competition season resulted with members of the BCR Irish Pipes and Drums taking home top prizes. Our band broke a personal record for the most awards received in one season. Of the five members who entered the competition, all came away with the recognition of finishing in the top three placements of their respective classes.

The winter competition, known as the BC Pipers Association 'Mini Gathering,' consisted of four events that took place over two separate days of competition in November and February. For the December issue of The Duke my band colleague and fellow competitor, Heather Mosher, wrote an excellent commentary on the first day of competition.

On the auspicious Saturday afternoon of February 15th, following the second round of competition, the judges tallied competitor scores to award the overall aggregate winners of the winter season. The top three of each class, receives a special invitation to attend the BC Pipers Association Annual Dinner. As honoured guests, these individuals are presented awards before the Piping and Drumming Community. The results were favorable for the BCR's. We had achieved our high placements.

After a month of anticipation, the evening of the Annual Dinner came. Top professional solo players and band members of the BC Piping and Drumming community were in attendance, all of whom were waiting to see who the up and coming amateur winners of the year would be.

Following a enjoyable Scottish dinner, complete with haggis, the award ceremony began. Individually the prize recipients were called upon to receive their certificates and perpetual plaques. Each name, when announced by the master of ceremonies, was met with enthusiastic applause. The piping and drumming community has a long standing tradition to encourage those who endeavor to learn the instruments and continue the art. All those who received an award felt the full support of that community.

We ended the evening with a sense of accomplishment. Our thanks go to our personal instructors, who directed our efforts and generously shared their knowledge and experience with us.

FINAL AGGREGATE RESULTS:

Rosalie MacDonald
Adult Piping: 1st Place
Winner of the BCPA Shield

Thomas Budd
Grade 2 Piping: 1st Place
Winner of the BCPA Shield

Heather Mosher
Grade 4 Piping: 3rd Place

Terrance Cadiente
Grade 1 Tenor Drumming: 1st Place
Winner of the BCPA Shield

Liam Diamond
Grade 2 Side Drumming: 3rd Place



L to R: Heather Mosher, Terrance Cadiente, Thomas Budd and Rosalie MacDonald

FROM THE BARRETT BUNKER

By: LCol JD Barrett, CD

Sometimes in the course of collecting items of regimental history we stumble across something unusual. Such is the case of a book published by William Briggs of Toronto published in 1916 with an introduction penned by Admiral Sir Albert Markham, KCB, and dedicated to Major-General A.W. Currie, CB. The book is titled "Maple Leaves in Flanders" and was written by "Herbert Rae". The book is all about a "fictional" Regiment named "the Pompadours." Fortunately, I have the annotated notes from another edition which was, "Received in old German dugout/ at 11a 1.4. between Pozieres +/Courcelette, Oct 31, 1914 (Sic 1916)/ V.W. Odlum." Lt-Col Odlum being the Commanding Officer of the 7th Battalion (1st BC Regiment) CEF following the death of Lt-Col Hart-McHarg at the Battle of St. Julien. The notes explain that "Herbert Rae" was the pen name of the medical officer of the battalion Captain George Gibson. Other places and people are clearly identified by Col Odlum who appears to have made the notes in the early 1930's, as it mentions the death of Dr. Gibson in Scotland in 1932.

Fortunately, the story of the battle of St Julien can be recreated for us from the observations of the MO from the point of view of the HQ of the 7th Battalion. I shall recreate excerpts from his account inserting the believed identities where possible, based on Col Odlum's notes and other references.



"The telephone bell buzzed industriously. Then came the order, "The Dukes will stand to." (This was just after 6 PM on the afternoon of April 22nd) with our equipment on, we stood waiting, watching the racing limbers, the flying cyclists, and the wounded black men who still staggered by...Now the something which had come to us before was wafted to us again, bringing the tears to our eyes, gripping us by the throat, and setting us catching our breaths. And with it came a Highlander (likely from the 13th Royal Highlanders of Canada), one of our own Canadians, bleeding from a wound in the shoulder, pale and gasping. .."The Germans are attacking; they're all over the place; we're being suffocated by gas."

"Take him away," said the Colonel (Lt-Col Hart-McHarg), as cool as if on church parade, to the Medical officer (Capt Gibson). "Let him lie down."

One after another the companies reported all present and correct, and received (at approx 1 AM on the morning of the 23rd) their orders-to assemble at a certain cross-roads on the ridge (Today this is known as Vancouver's Corner just east of the town of St Julien)...The companies had all departed in the oncoming night, leaving the Colonel and the Medical Officer and a few stretcher-bearers and signalers beside the farm-house (The headquarters then moved forward to the company positions where they were digging in).

The Colonel anxious to ascertain as accurately as possible the position of the enemy on our immediate front, went out with Major Odlum and our Bonaparte of Engineers, Lieutenant Matheson. From the trench they advanced some three hundred yards to where a ruined *estaminet* offered shelter and an opportunity for observing. On looking through the sash less back window, they found the ground immediately behind alive with the enemy. Germans lined the hedge on either side of them. The only thing to be done was to get out as quickly as possible. Hurrying from the building, a fusillade of rifle-shots greeted them from the hedge on either side, and the Colonel fell mortally wounded in a shell-hole. From our first beginning he had looked after the battalion with watchful care. Our best interests he had ever at heart, and all his thoughts were for the Dukes...



Late Colonel Hart McHarg
Taken on SS Virginian Oct.
1914. (Maj. Thorne 'Three
Years a Prisoner in
Germany')

It was nightfall before the Colonel could be brought in (Capt Gibson and stretcher bearers). For five hours he had lain in the muddy bottom of a shell hole within fifty paces of the Germans, receiving such rude care as it was possible to give him, silent and uncomplaining. He left us in the morning, departing from Battalion Headquarters for the last time to go on a longer journey. (Lt-Col Hart-McHarg was conveyed to the medical station at Poperinghe, where he died the next day and was buried at Reningheist. He was later buried in the Poperinghe Military Cemetery.)

The Major (Odlum), (Captian S.D. Gardner) the Adjutant, and the Medical officer had lain down for a few minutes just before the dawn. The time to be exact was precisely 4 AM when the ball opened-the long-drawn ceaseless roar of a continuous bombardment. The headquarters staff gathered outside the low farm buildings, found a precarious shelter, praying that that particular spot might be unmarked on the German artillery maps; if not, it was merely a matter of time when their crazy shelter would go up in smoke as the farms around them were already doing...



Our trenches were suffering badly; from time to time news came to us of casualties. Captain Harvey was already down, badly hit, several men were wounded. And now the German artillery lifted; down below us on the lower slopes and around the devoted village of St Julian they were getting it hot. The cross-roads and the main roads suffered most...now amid the loud roar of artillery fire, came the persistent patter of the rifles and machine-guns, and insidiously there swept upon us the yellow crawling pestilent haze that dried our throats and parched our mouths, and caused our very souls to shrivel. The gas floated down among us.

In the front line the three companies waited patiently for their turn to come...Suddenly the hedge that fronted the Dukes' trench across three hundred yards of open was alive with grey-blue figures.

"Here they come!" shouted Major Byng-Hall. "Rapid independent! Give them hell!"

Across the open space the attack came, not in dense masses as we had been led to expect, but line on line, like waves ...no wild charge....they came on methodically and silently, as men with a duty to be performed in which they took small delight. It was a magnificent example of their discipline...Across the fields they stumbled forward, running clumsily...behind each line we saw their officers urging them on. From the trench our rifled cracked and machine-guns spat; before the hail of bullets the Germans fell. Soon the field was spotted with fallen figures...but still they came on...Down the road towards our lines, blowing what, presumably was the charge was a German bugler. A platoon of the Dukes must of hit the life out of him with a splash of rifle bullets. Now the wave lapped against the edge of our trench...A huge red-headed warrior, his mouth open and breathing hard from running, got it square between the eyebrows; the force of the rush carried him onward to fall against the parapet, where he lay, the back blown out of his head and with a look of mild surprise on his face. One or two rushed the parapet...and fell like sheep on the points of our bayonets. The attack had failed for the moment.

At headquarters the Major (Odlum) waited for news. The signal wires were cut; wiremen, sent out to repair them, never returned. Orderlies dispatched with messages turned up days after in base hospitals badly wounded, or died before delivering their missives. The thatched roof of the orderly-room was burning; the end of the low house, hit by a salvo, tottered and fell with a crash and the Major and the Adjutant moved into the medical dressing-room in search of a healthier quarters. The attack on our immediate front had failed for the moment, but to the right the Highlanders, after two days' furious fighting, were gradually being driven back. Outside the building the bullets pattered on the walls like hail. On the other side, the Germans

in a wood to our left had turned a machine-gun on the dressing-station door, and repeated flights of bullets flicked inside, knocking the plaster from the walls, and rattled on the brick floor. The Major was writing a report of the situation, pausing from time to time to ask the Adjutant, who, sheltering behind the side of the window, gazed into the valley below, if there was any sign of reinforcements.

From the front line came a message from Major Byng-Hall, "Evening's infantry attack repulsed. We are now being shelled heavily. Our casualties are heavy. We are holding on."

The room was filled with dying and badly wounded men; trampled straw and dirty dressings lay about in pools of blood. The air, rank with the fumes of gas, was thick with the dust of flying plaster and broken brick, and stifling with the smoke from the burning thatch.

In the front line things were rapidly going from bad to worse.

The German artillery had again taken up the tune, pounding the flimsy earthwork and bringing death to its occupants. Again the storm lifted, and again the blue-grey uniforms swarmed across the intervening ground to meet the thin but waiting line of Khaki.

(At approximately 8 AM)... A wounded Duke arrived at headquarters, blood streaming from a cut on his forehead. "The Germans are in our trenches." As he delivered the message, the machine-gun, waiting in the wood, caught him on its whirring blast and crumpled him up on the threshold. Crash! A shell hit the outside wall with a thundering impact. Outside the remnants of the Dukes and Highlanders were retiring, taking what cover they could, loading magazines and firing coolly and carefully....The wounded were got out, as many as could limp and hobble; others were hastily borne away on stretchers; the remainder, who were dying, were placed in dugouts so as to escape the worse death from burning.

The Dukes took up a new line, all that was left of them. The Adjutant...and...the Major moved back along the ridge....(Doctor Gibson)...was executing a strategic retrograde movement across the fields, taking advantage of every bit of cover that appeared convenient in the shape of hedges and dead ground. With him went his stretcher-bearers, sluggishly meandering across country. The fields across which they went were heavily shelled, but luck was with the medical profession, and the party disappeared finally...behind some buildings.

The remaining company of the regiment perched...in their fortified position on the ridge, had also not had things all their own way. At the beginning...they mustered a fighting strength of close to two hundred. As with the other companies, they suffered from an alteration of shelling and infantry attacks, until, with scarce two dozen left and all their officers were gone, the shattered remnant fell back and joined the ranks of the battalion on the right (48th Highlanders of Canada).

By this time the much needed reinforcements were coming up. The Quartermaster (Captain JM MacMillan), standing in the doorway of his store on the main street at Vlamertinghe, saw regiment after regiment swing by...That evening the Quartermaster and the transport officer had some difficulty in following the movements of the battalion. The way by the north end of the town...was hardly a health resort. However, the battalion had to be fed; others might fail, but not the lean and hungry transport or the MacMillan....At the moment the road was blocked, as other transport waited fretfully while the Bosche lashed Eternity Corner (Likely Shrapnel Corner) with a hail of metal. It was dark with a blackness that struck the Quartermaster as being like inside a coffin...so inky that even his horses' ears and withers could not be seen. The men dismounted, stood beside their horses, endeavouring to quiet their nervous and excited fidgeting. "If the Hun only lengthened his range, he'd get a good bagful."in the crush of nervous horses and mules,



extrication would have been impossible. Two abreast they were packed, their axles touching in the centre of the narrow road. "Look out, Mac; we'll be off in a moment: the Highlanders are taking a chance. Stand to, Dukes. Prepare to mount. Mount!" shouted the transport officer (Lt OF Brothers). They were off down a small incline and rounded a blasted corner, the horses travelling far beyond the schedule speed and the limbers swaying behind like sledges over glare ice. Once they passed they corner they slacked up, and through the outskirts of the city (Ypres)...Up the road, where fallen trees half blocked the fairway and dead horses occupied the ditches...Then to the right in an open field the transport officer halted them. Here they were comparatively safe, as there were no churches near, and no steeple to attract the Hun shells like moths to a candle.

Here the transport officer and the Quartermaster left the wagons while they set out to find the battalionThrough St Jean the two, ...hurried to the village of Boscap (most likely Wieltje on the St Julien road). Here they found the Medical Officer, standing in the light of an open doorway. "Whither away?" he asked..."You'd better ask at Brigade Headquarters they are next door. As far as I can find out, the battalion has taken to the hills. I've tried to find them and failed." Inside two staff captainsthey obtained a rapid sketch of the progress of events, and were out again on the road....Through Wieltje they went, where houses on either side of the street burnt and lighted up the scene of devastation.

"Hurry over this spot," said the Medical Officer and they came to the end of the stamped-out village, where the road forked...It was a parting of the ways, and the Quartermaster and Transport Officer waged a war of words as to their suitable way...."The road to the right leads to our old headquarters. There's nothing there; the Boches hammered it flat this afternoon. You may find fragments of my kit there if you care to have a look." (the Medical Office advised). The road to the left goes to St Julien; we still hold that."

Breaking away from the narrative of Dr Gibson, it appears the Quartermaster and Transport Officer took the road to St Julien, became lost, learned that the town had been taken by the Germans, but eventually located the remnants of the Dukes still up on the ridge on the 'GHQ Line', mixed with survivors from other units and nearby two other western units still in their trenches. Headquarters was in a ditch, back of the firing line, and there Maj Odlum and the Adjutant, Capt Gardner, gradually got in touch with the scattered remains of the Dukes. Capt Gibson returned to his dressing station in Wieltje and the troops were found out by the Quartermaster and were fed.

In recounting the dead and wounded, Captain Gibson noted, "Then of the others, Lt Bellew had been seen badly wounded, but still fighting his machine-gun as he hung to its stock, with the gun team all knocked out around him. (Later awarded the Victoria Cross for his actions).

Such is the story of the Battle of St Julien as seen through the eyes and narration of the Medical Officer.



From time to time similar unusual or long 'out of print' books surface for our reading. Many of these are being republished as reproductions, including "Maple leaves in Flanders". I will be happy to provide any requesting a copy of Col Odlum's guide. Some readers may also be interested in Lt-Col Hart-McHarg's, "From Quebec to Pretoria", last in print in 1902, which can be obtained new on Amazon.ca for under \$20. Other books include Major JC Thorn, of the 7th Bn, and his account of his life as a prisoner of war following his being taken prisoner as a Lieutenant during the St Julien Battle. Many similar books are being reprinted as part of the public domain and their historical significance. So keep hunting! Next article from the bunker will examine the Steveston Fishing Riots of 1900 and the role of our Regiments called out in Aid to the Civil Authority.

CANADIAN SOLDIERS FIGHTING HUNGER AT HOME

by: Andy Conradi

The Regiment throughout its history has proudly supported the community in which it is based in many ways. For the last few years, the BCR through the initiative of a few soldiers, one of whom was MCpl Clewes, asked their comrades, former serving members, cadets and friends to contribute non-perishable food items to a food bank. One, Cpl Canavan asked his employer, Bosa Foods, for a contribution which was picked up and delivered by Kim Bekesinski of Polar Express Transportation.

The Regimental Association, which had been the major organiser of the homeless dinners, was asked to decide where the donations should go. Historically the (Catholic) Knights of Columbus have helped the Regiment's soldiers in welfare and recreational matters in two World Wars, both in Canada and overseas.

Major Douglas Harker, who served in 28 Canadian Armoured Regt (BCR) wrote in the Regimental history, *The Dukes*: "The Knights of Columbus had a supervisor attached to the Regiment and such men as Jim Steele and Bill Champagne had made themselves a much respected part of it. ... [especially while awaiting repatriation in the Netherlands] the Knights of Columbus organization was of greater importance than ever and rose magnificently to the occasion. Its particular responsibility was hospitality and social functions." This included showing films; operating a famous (or in Harker's words "notorious") mobile bath and facilitating parties and dances - which also necessitated dancing lessons for some men.



L to R: Pravi, Andrew Conradi, Manager Julia Ruggier,
Cpl Canavan and Maj Evans

Photo by Kim Bekesinski

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Once the Regiment arrived home after WW II and started the Christmas dinners for the homeless, the Catholic connection shifted to Catholic Charities. This year the food collected in the Drill Hall was given to *Sancta Maria House* on the west side of Vancouver and the Bosa Foods donation of three skids was given to *The Door is Open* in the downtown east side.

THE START LINE – SECONDARY DUTIES

By: David Sproule

In their own minds, junior officers see themselves as constant field companions, out with their troops “swanning” around in the field. Equally so and for the most part they remain contemptuous of administrative responsibilities which in reality will inevitably occupy most of their time as subbies and in fact most of their careers. Such duties usually include conducting summary investigations into Lost ID cards or personal kit, being a member of a Board of Inquiry, acting as a member of the mess committee or an audit team. We also served as attending officers for soldiers that had to appear before a judge. Of course there was the inevitable orderly officer rotation that seemed to ensure the security and good order of the Regiment during the quiet hours. I can honestly say that I fulfilled every one of those tasks and some of them several times. All character building experiences but all vital functions towards ensuring the health of the Regiment.

Apart from all these responsibilities junior officers like all unit members quickly become immersed in the history and culture of the Regiment which is so essential to their career development and success. One of the important historical activities was absorbing the unit's participation in the various battles of WW1 and WW2 and the honours that came to the Regiment from the blood of its men (and nowadays its women too.) When I was a member of the Royal Canadian Dragoons we celebrated the Leliefontein action from South Africa which occurred on November 7, 1900. It was on this day that the Dragoons won three Victoria Crosses rescuing the artillery's “D” Battery 12 pounder guns. A significant day remembered by all Dragoons both serving and association members every year since. It was in November 1961 that I was called into the adjutant's office and as I remember he said.

“Sproule as you know Leliefontein is coming and the Colonel-of-the-Regiment will be here for the festivities. I have another secondary duty for you as you will be his ADC.”

I had never been an aide-de-camp before and had no idea what it involved but knew that others had been and could help me out.

“Talk to the assistant adjutant as he did it two years ago.” Interestingly enough the assistant adjutant of the day was my old friend and colleague and fellow Duke, Ernie Wesson.

“Well”, says Ernie, “you need to ensure the comfort of the C-of-the-R by ensuring that all of his needs are met. When he is in the mess that he has the drinks he needs, brandy and soda as I remember, and that the mess sergeant has allocated a batman to look after his kit. Oh! And remember to install his pennant on the staff car or ensure that the driver does. And one more thing, you won't be able to hang-out with the subbies as they will distract you from your task. You need to be attentive but not in-your-face.”

“Thanks Ernie, I think”, I said.

The Colonel-of-the-Regiment in 1961 was Major-General Churchill Mann, CBE, DSO, CD who had served in that position from 1958. I quickly learned that he had joined the Regiment in the 1920's and served with distinction in the Regiment and on staff during WW2. He was retired and living on his farm in King City, Ontario. I remember there was a portrait of him in his mess kit in the Gagetown mess. I remember that on the appointed day prior to November 7th, I picked up the aiguillette from the adjutant slipped it through my left epaulette and RV'd with LCol “Bomber” Bateman our CO.



It was a short drive to Fredericton airport and the TCA Vickers "Viscount" soon landed and the MGen emerged. The CO introduced me, I picked up the General's bag and away we went. The photo from that day kind of says it all. Oh and by the way, that's not my brief case.

My Jones, Chalk and Dawson serge was just out of the box and I felt like a million dollars in it. I had only been with the Regiment just over a year and most of my kit including serge, forage cap, Sam Browne and sword was all brand new.

As I remember the events of the weekend, there was a parade, a roll past, a mess dinner and maybe a church parade and as I think everything went along just fine. Here's another photo of the C-of-the-R inspecting a Recce Squadron escort.

Most generals that I have met during my service were very courteous towards their juniors and I still have the letter that MGen Mann wrote to me thanking me for my efforts on his behalf. Even by this act he was providing an example that small courtesies are important and will be remembered and hopefully emulated in due course.

One never knows where a secondary duty will lead but often the lessons learned will be important and long lasting. And so being a subaltern in an Armoured regiment has many challenges but memories and rewards that will last a lifetime.



*MGen Churchill Mann inspecting
Cpl McMaster and
Sgt Jack Flannery,
Leliefontein, Nov 7, 1961*

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military Division) – 18 February 2014

Commander Jeffrey Campbell Climenhaga, M.S.M., C.D. (Kindersley, Saskatchewan), CO of HMCS Vancouver, received the Meritorious Service Medal. While deployed to Afghanistan from March to November 2012, Commander Climenhaga delivered an exceptional performance as the J7 within the Deputy Commander-Special Operations Forces organization, and as the senior Canadian at Camp Eggers. He planned, coordinated and executed equipment acquisitions, as well as oversaw the building of infrastructure that greatly enhanced the capabilities of the Afghan National Army, all while concurrently ensuring Canadian personnel were fully supported.

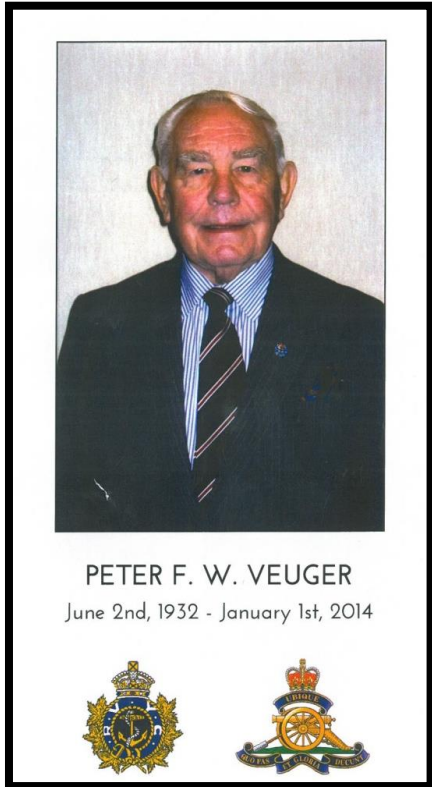
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Commander Jeffrey Campbell Climenhaga and
His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston

PETER F. W. VEUGER

June 2, 1932 – January 1, 2014



Members of the Regimental Family attended an Eight Bells service of celebration and thanksgiving for the life of Peter Veuger, formerly Honorary Lieutenant Colonel of the 15th Field Artillery Regiment, at Royal Vancouver Yacht Club on 7 April 2014. Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne represented the Regiment and Past President, Bill Diamond, represented the Regimental Association.

We will remember him.

CANADA POST SOLDIERS WW1

The Van-Fraser Heritage Club continues to search out information on Vancouver Post employees who served in WW1. We have located the family of Alfred Edward Doyle (#16996), 7th Battalion, BC Regiment. Doyle volunteered at the outbreak of War. He told his daughter that his supervisor said to him; "why are you are volunteering. You'll just get shot!" Apparently he told the supervisor; "That's alright , I'm going to get half shot tonight."

Doyle's daughter, Mrs. Janet Proctor, told us that her father was captured and became a POW in camps in Germany and Holland. Doyle did not like to speak of his time as a POW and she has no information regarding his experience in captivity.

Doyle married in Dublin on the way home, returned to the Vancouver Post Office, and with his wife raised a family of two daughters. His grandson was recently named Bishop of Prince George.

By coincidence I knew Janet Proctor's husband Bob Proctor who was a supervisor in the North Vancouver Post Office. Small world!

We intend to carry on with our research and any information we find on former "Dukes" we'll pass along.

Jim Bain
Van-Fraser Heritage Club

DUKE'S DEN

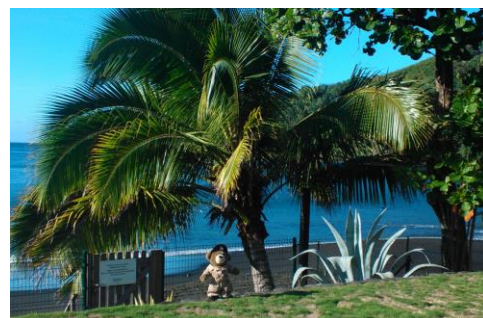
MCPL DUKE A. BEAR'S SOUTH PACIFIC CRUISE – 27 Dec. 2013 to 16 Jan. 2014

After a lengthy flight from Vancouver, Toronto, Santiago, Chile, Duke boarded his ship, the Oceania Marina, in Valparaiso. Duke's eighteen day cruise itinerary included many sea days and calls at the following places:

1. Robinson Crusoe Island;
2. Hanga Roa, Easter Island;
3. Adamstown, Pitcairn Island;
4. Fakarava, French Polynesia;
5. Bora Bora, French Polynesia; and
6. Papeete, Tahiti, French Polynesia.

Duke's final day of holidays consisted of lounging around the beautiful open air facilities of the hotel overlooking the beach and beautiful waters of Tahiti.

After a lengthy flight to Vancouver via Los Angeles, Duke unpacked and prepared for his next adventure with fifteen members of the Regiment who are climbing the highest mountain in Africa, Mt. Kilimanjaro. This exceptional project was made possible by the sponsorship of the Regimental Association and great friends and supporters of the Regimental Family. Did you notice "Duke" at the summit...see photo page 4.





ASLEEP

K37808 Trooper Robert H. Vigne served with the 28th Canadian Armoured Regiment (British Columbia Regiment) CAC during World War II diligently serving as a Regimental Cook. He passed away in January 2014. Robert and Ethel resided in Creston, B.C.

Major Danny McLeod, MC served with the 29th Canadian Armoured Regiment (South Alberta Regiment) CAC, Divisional Recce Regiment, 4th Canadian Armoured Division during World War II. He passed away on 7 January 2014. Major Danny was a great friend of our Regiment. He resided in Kingston Ontario.

Lieutenant James Allan served with the 28th Canadian Armoured Regiment (British Columbia Regiment) CAC during World War II. He passed away in 2010. Allan and Ruth resided in West Vancouver, B.C.

K38554 Trooper Alvin Graham served with the 28th Canadian Armoured Regiment (British Columbia Regiment) CAC during World War II. He passed away in 2006. Alvin, Tina and children resided in Richmond, B.C.

F45871 Tpr Alexander McDonald served with the 28th Canadian Armoured Regiment (British Columbia Regiment) CAC during World War II. He passed away on 09 March 2007. Alexander resided in New Glasgow, NS.

L103557 Trooper Clifford E. Murch served with the 28th Canadian Armoured Regiment (British Columbia Regiment) CAC during World War II. He passed away in April 2008. Clifford and Jean and children resided in Lancer, SK.

Sergeant (Ret'd) Nelson Geddes served as a cadet in 2290 BCR Cadet Corps 1952 to 1955. He then served with the British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own) RCAC, 1955 to 1976. He passed away on 10 February 2014. Nelson and Lorraine, children Arlene and Brenda resided in New Westminster, B.C.

Honorary Major Toon Grobden, British Columbia Regimental Association and Honorary Member of the Dorset Regimental Association, passed away on 29 December 2013. He treasured his association with our Regiment and kindly laid floral wreaths at Hengelo's War Memorial, commemorating the Regiment's liberation actions and "Fallen" since 1993. Toon, Betsie and children resided in Hengelo, The Netherlands. Thank you Toon and Betsie for your thoughtfulness.

Unable to make contact with the following World War II Dukes, must presume they have passed away.

L36213 Cpl Cliff Anderson, Richmond, BC
K2229 Tpr Larry Bakken, Kamloops, BC
K38531 Tpr J. Zane Beam, Cranbrook, BC

Cfsm Harry Belyea, 41 LAD, Winnipeg, MN
Tpr Pat Bessinger, Nakusp, BC
M100934 Sgt Harold R. Billings, Scotch Creek, BC
B71190 Tpr William A. Burns, Wasaga Beach, ON
L37538 Tpr David C. Cameron, Vancouver, BC
Tpr Stanley Chambers, Marysville, BC
P7471 Lt. Lionel Cockrell, Victoria, BC
Tpr Walter Craig, Abbotsford, BC
K67321 Sgt Edward S. Dodge, Vancouver, BC
Douglas Gee, Richmond, BC
TK10550 Capt Robert Gourley, Langley, BC
L64886 Tpr Robert Gibb, Saskatoon, SK
K75131 Tpr John Gillespie, Niagara Falls, ON
Tpr Gilmore, W.B., Glouster, ON
B63351 Tpr Howard E. Gransden, Owen Sound, ON
B50073 Tpr Charles Hamerton, Penticton, BC
Tpr Len, Harrison, Yorkton, SK
K37558 Tpr Jack E Harrop, Chilliwack, BC
Tpr Gordon Harvie, Haunts Co., NS
Tpr Arthur Hiscock, Victoria, BC
Sgt Harty, J.J., MM, Nebraska, USA
Tpr Hooper, D.C., Edmonton, AB
K46807 Tpr John R. James, Richmond, BC
L36735 Capt Lyle R. Jensen, Surrey, BC
K37659 Tpr Law, TRL, Kamloops, BC
Tpr J. Lawrence, Hamilton, ON
Tpr Nobby Knowles, USA & Victoria, BC
K38156 Rfm Albert A. Loveridge, Chilliwack, BC
K38156 Tpr Merwin L (Slim) Loveridge, Aberdeen, WA
Tpr James McLean, Delta, BC
K37452 McNair, A, Britannia Beach, BC
K37612 Tpr Steve Melnick, Castlegar, BC
K45492 Tpr Lee Mighton, Surrey, BC
M17279 Cpl Allen Moore, Calgary, AB
Tpr John Moroso, Vancouver, BC
B4868 Tpr Larry Morgan, Orillia, ON
Tpr Archie Mutch, Mission, BC
Major Ken Morris, Nanaimo, BC
F95172 Sgt Henry E. Newcombe, Victoria, BC
F36323 Tpr Fred Pound, Summerside, PEI
Tpr President, P, North Bay, ON
K98659 Tpr Jake Reimer, Kelowna, BC
F36469 L/Cpl Arthur R, Scott, Truro, NS
K37766 Lt Patrick Sheppard, Victoria, BC
K38142 Tpr Frank T. Size, Vancouver, BC
Tpr Andy Szarkowics, Calgary, AB
Tpr Simington, F, North Vancouver, BC
Tpr Toking, R., Vancouver, BC
Tpr Jim W. Thompson, Madoc, ON
K37590 Lt Thomas Wagstaff, Nanaimo, BC
F82489 Cpl John G. Weeks, Winsloe, PEI
K15413 Tpr Robert White, Burnaby, BC

K38600 Tpr Herbert H. Whitehead, Enderby, BC
K3210 Tpr A, Carol, Willems, Lumby, BC
K53068 Lt Robert Woolman, Kelowna, BC

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.