



THE DUKE



REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

THE CENOTAPH AT VICTORY SQUARE – 11 November 2013

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Members of the Regimental Association on parade!

Many thanks to our Right Marker, Captain (R) Rick Hourie and to all of our members who joined us on parade. Our special thanks to the Brass Band which was well turned out and lead the Regimental Association on parade. LCol (R) Dave Sproule and LCol (R) Archie Steacy laid the wreath on behalf of the Regimental Association. The Regiment looked great and in fine form. Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne had the honour of leading the Regimental Association and Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Scott Shepherd ably assisted as 2I/C.



The British Columbia Regiment (DCO) on parade!

Upon the Regiment's return to the Drill Hall, led by the Irish Pipes & Drums, Bob Fearnley delivered the traditional toast to the Fallen and Honorary Colonel Hawthorne gave the toast to the Regiment. The CO, Lieutenant Colonel Harjit Sajjan, and Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Shepherd also addressed the members of the Regiment. The Table of Remembrance was a focal point for the concluding formalities on Remembrance Day which included an eloquent address and recitation of **In Flanders Fields** by MWO Huf Mullick. Rear Admiral William Truelove, the Commander of the Maritime Forces Pacific, paid us a visit and circulated extensively in the crowd. Congratulations to TQMS Mullick for his excellent work on all aspects of the Remembrance Day Parade!

The customary meat pies were then served to all participants. All beverages for the toasts and pies were provided compliments of the Regimental Association. It was truly a family affair and certainly makes you proud to be a Duke! Many thanks to Committee Chair Bob Fearnley and his great group for all of their good work on post parade activities!

Next stop...the Junior Ranks Mess led by President Bob Fearnley who rang the bell and complimented our soldiers for the great parade and thanked them all for their service.

Up the Dukes!

REMEMBRANCE VANCOUVER POST OFFICE CEREMONY – 8 November 2013



L to R: President Bob Fearnley, John Yorke, Jim Bain, Bugler Timur Kalyuzhnyy and HCol Ted Hawthorne

Jim Bain of the Vancouver-Fraser Heritage Club conducted another memorable ceremony in the lobby of the Main Vancouver Post Office. The program included a recitation of In Flanders Fields, the reading of the names of the Fallen, The Last Post and Rouse by BCR Bugler, Timur Kalyuzhnyy and the Act of Remembrance.

The Regiment was represented by Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne and the Regimental Association by President Bob Fearnley.

Next year's ceremony is planned to be held at Canada Post's new facility in Richmond.

THE 4th ANNUAL DARPAN MAGAZINE EXTRAORDINARY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS – 4 October 2013

The annual Darpan Magazine Awards red carpet gala was held at The Royal King Palace & Convention Centre in Surrey. The extensive program for the evening included a Cocktail Reception, Iconic Fashion Show, Keynote Speaker, Dr Narinder Kapany, the father of Fiber Optics, the Extraordinary Achievement Awards and Entertainment (“A Tribute to 100 Years of Indian Cinema”). Throughout the entire program, guests were treated to numerous delightful appetizers and, following the Entertainment, an exquisite dinner and desserts.

Congratulations to all award recipients for their extraordinary achievements in such diverse fields. The award recipients positively reflect their South Asian heritage and clearly exhibit their tremendous accomplishments which contribute to the well-being of the Province of British Columbia and to Canada as a whole.

The BCR Table included Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne and his wife Gayle; the Commanding Officer LCol Harjit Sajjan and his wife Dr Kuljit Sajjan; Major Don Bentley and his wife Sylvie Trudel; Noor Virk, wife of Major Vince Virk; and TQMS MWO Huf Mullick.

The entire evening was an exceptional opportunity for members of the Regiment to participate in this recognition ceremony and to visit with many friends and supporters in the community. After many years of dedicated work by its members, the Regiment continues to maintain its longstanding reputation of excellence in the field of cultural diversity by participating in community events such as this evening's magnificent gala.

Photo courtesy of Darpan Magazine



HAPPY BIRTHDAY BCR 1883-2013

The Regiment's Birthday (officially 12 October 2013) was very well remembered by our serving members and members of the Regimental Association at the Drill Hall on Wednesday, 9 October 2013. After a special presentation by Colonel (R) Keith Maxwell, President of the Regimental Museum, on the history of the Regiment since 1883, the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Harjit S. Sajjan, addressed the members by acknowledging the **130 years** of service by the Regiment. In addition, the CO presented a Regimental Achievement Award to Corporal R. Corbett for being the top candidate in his Primary Leadership Qualification (“PLQ”) course and promoted Captain Vince Virk to the rank of Major. The members were then treated to a combined cake cutting ceremony and rendition of “Happy Birthday BCR” led by TQMS MWO Huf Mullick. AB J. Lew, RCN performed the ceremonial cake cutting with the traditional cavalry sabre (a first for a RCN member!). The three slab birthday cakes, appropriately decorated for the occasion, were provided compliments of the Regimental Association. The cakes were served to the members by the CO, Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, President Bob Fearnley, Vice President Rick Hourie and Cadet Governor Roger Prouse. (Past President Bill Diamond, as usual, providing photo

coverage). It was truly a joyous occasion with smiles all around. Special thanks to the Regimental Association for their great support! Up the Dukes!



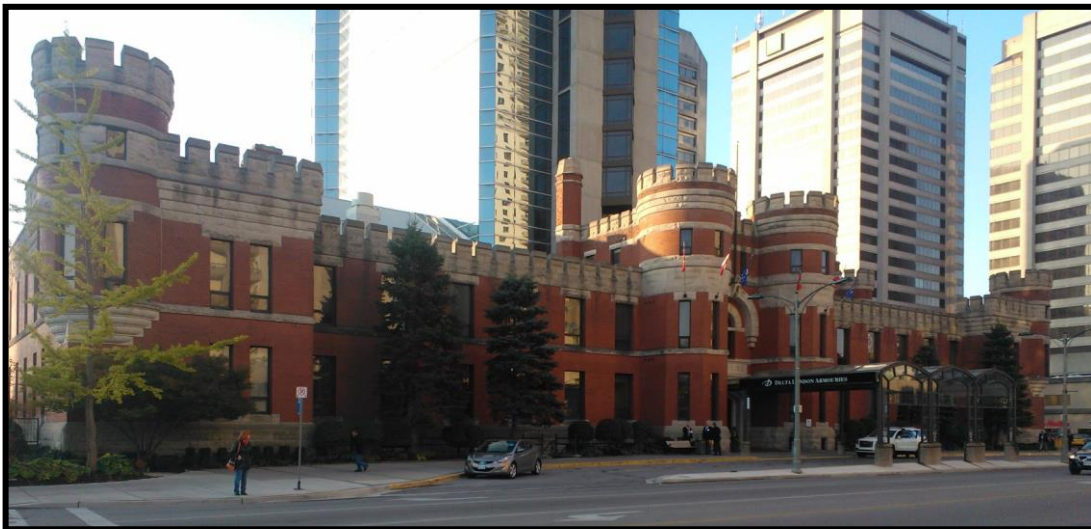
RCAC (A) CONFERENCE, LONDON, ONTARIO – 17-19 October 2013

The 90th RCAC Conference and Annual General Meeting, hosted by the 1st Hussars, were held at the historic armouries of the 1st Hussars, now the Delta London Armouries. The social activities, a Meet & Greet and a Mess Dinner, were held in the Officers' Mess of the 1st Hussars, at Wolseley Barracks. Many thanks to the 1st Hussars for a job very well done!

As a result of the restrictions on funding this year, most Commanding Officers were not in attendance. It is gratifying to note that the RCAC (A) Conference proceeded notwithstanding these financial limitations. Also worthy of note, the Artillery and Infantry Conferences were cancelled this year due to budgetary constraints. Hopefully next year is a more positive story!

Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne represented the Regiment and had an excellent opportunity to meet and discuss various timely issues with members of the RCAC(C) and RCAC Association members.

The Delta
London
Armouries



L to R: "The Dukes", Deputy Director Armour LCol Peter Bell, LCol(R) Irv Mathieson and HCol Ted Hawthorne



L to R: HCol Ted Hawthorne, MGen Steve Bowes, LCol(R) Irv Mathieson, LCol Peter Bell, MGen(R) Clive Milner and LCol Nigel Whittaker

CURRY LUNCHEON – 31 October 2013

The Commanding Officer, LCol Harjit Sajjan, welcomed home our special guest, MWO Ron Leblanc, after his recent return from his second tour of Afghanistan. The CO also acknowledged the excellent work in theatre (Op Daycare/Hospital) of MWO Leblanc. Bob Fearnley, President of the Regimental Association, presented MWO Leblanc with a 40th Anniversary Medallion of the Order of Military Merit. The Regimental Association has now presented these beautiful Medallions to four out of five of the BCRs who are members of the Order. Our guests were then treated to a very touching response from MWO Leblanc who thanked the Regiment and the Regimental Family for their great support over these many years. Colonel (R) Keith Maxwell, President of the Regimental Museum, provided our guests with an excellent review of the history of this most prestigious Order. Many thanks to MWO Leblanc for his tremendous service to the Regiment, the Regimental Family and to Canada!

Next on the agenda was the presentation of a Regimental Tie by Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne to Honorary Colonel (R) Helmut Eppich of Ebco Industries Ltd. Colonel Hawthorne took the opportunity to acknowledge Helmut's many years of service to the Regiment and, more recently, his excellent work on the production of the new Amalgamation Plaque.

In conclusion, Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne welcomed the full house of guests to the Officers' Mess and the other special guests, Honorary Colonel Jim Happer, 39 CER, and Honorary Colonel Howe Lee, 39 Service. Colonel Hawthorne also acknowledged the great work of Past President of the Regimental Association, Bill Diamond, for making the Curry Luncheon Program such a tremendous success.

During the course of the luncheon, President Bob Fearnley and Vice President Rick Hourie provided a quick briefing regarding the Helijet/Abigail's Hotel Raffle (Vancouver-Victoria return - total value \$1,400.00 +) with the draw taking place at the December 12 Fundraiser. The proceeds are to be used for the support of the annual Bursary Program, the Cadet Development Program and the production of **The Duke**.



L to R: Bob Fearnley, MWO Ron Leblanc and LCol Harjit Sajjan



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

CO's PARADE – 6 November 2013

The CO's Parade for November was once again a very busy night with over 100 serving members on parade. The Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Harjit S. Sajjan, addressed the Regiment and

acknowledged the very high tempo of operations in the unit which was clearly evident throughout the evening. Colonel Sajjan then proceeded with the following program:

1. Swearing In Ceremony:

Pte Blouin was sworn in and welcomed to the Regiment by the Commanding Officer and TQMS, MWO Huf Mullick.

2. Promotions to Trooper by Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne:

Tpr Mackay
Tpr Aliakbar
Tpr Tessa
Tpr Ferrer
Tpr Park
Tpr Sutherland;

3. Promotions to Corporal by Lieutenant Colonel Harjit Sajjan:

Cpl Parker
Cpl Lafferty
Cpl Fancy
Cpl Lee

The Commanding Officer then invited Regimental Association President Bob Fearnley to address the Regiment. Mr. Fearnley took the opportunity to announce that the Regimental Association will be in the lead for Operation Summit Duke II (Kilimanjaro) and that further information will become available in due course.

The next speaker, Honorary Colonel Hawthorne, complimented the members for an excellent turnout and for their professional appearance on parade. Colonel Hawthorne further noted and emphasized the importance of Veterans' Week and the most special parade of the year on Remembrance Day.



HCol Hawthorne with our new Troopers

The closing address by the Commanding Officer included references to the proud cultural diversity of the serving members and the pride of community which is so prevalent among them that formal recruiting is virtually unnecessary; the obvious pride and extended meaning of "wearing the uniform"; and the importance of Veterans' Week and remembering our Veterans and Fallen. The CO concluded by reminding one and all of the hectic schedule for the month of November. It was an enjoyable evening for all, including our visitors from the Regimental Association.



L to R: Pte Blouin and the CO



Our new Corporals Parker, Lafferty, Fancy and Lee

39 CANADIAN BRIGADE GROUP CHANGE OF COMMAND – 8 November 2013

The Change of Command Parade was held at Jericho in the temporary structure where the Seaforths now parade while their Armoury is remediated. The Parade Appointments were the Guest of Honour, Lieutenant Governor of BC, The Honourable Judith Guichon, OBC, the Reviewing Officer, BGen J.C.G. Juneau, OMM, MSM, CD, the Outgoing Commander, BGen R.R.E. MacKenzie, CD, the Incoming Commander, Colonel M.P. Haussmann, CD, the Guard Commander, Major Paul Lindsay, CD of the Regiment, and the Guard Sergeant Major, MWO Brian Gardner, CD of The Royal Westminster Regiment.



The Guard was composed of members of each of the eleven units in 39 CBG. The Regiment was represented by the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Harjit Sajjan, OMM, MSM, CD, Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, Major Doug Evans, CD and TQMS, MWO Huf Mullick, CD.

At the conclusion of the parade a reception followed in the Combined Mess of 39 CBG.

Congratulations on your appointment Colonel Haussmann!

B.C. HONORARIES RETREAT – 9 November 2013

Honorary Officers of 39 CBG and RCAF Honoraries attended a one day retreat held at the Armouries of the hosting unit, The Royal Westminster Regiment (“RWR”), 530 Queens Street in New Westminster. The Honoraries received briefings from BGen R.R. MacKenzie, DCO 3 Cdn Div, Col Matthew Haussmann,

Commander 39 CBG and Capt (N) Bradley Peats, representing Rear Admiral William Truelove, Commander of Maritime Forces Pacific. Our readers will recall that Capt (N) Peats, then Commander Peats, commanded HMCS Vancouver (officially affiliated with Regiment) on its deployment off the coast of Libya in the summer of 2011. MCpl Duke A. Bear accompanied HMCS Vancouver on its interdiction duties at the invitation of Capt (N) Peats.



The Honoraries were treated to a visit and special luncheon at Honour House, situate at 509 St. George Street in New Westminster, a short walk from the Armouries of the RWR. President of the Honour House Society, Al De Genova, greeted his guests, outlined the purpose of Honour House and thanked Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne for his support and service as a founding director and Counsel Emeritus of Honour House Society. The Honoraries were then given a thorough tour of this “state of the art facility” which provides accommodation for CAF members and emergency services personnel or their families while receiving medical treatment. It is truly an amazing place and congratulations to Honour House for their great work!

The Honoraries then returned to the Armouries for a wrap up session with 39 CBG OPI, LCol Jim Barrett, to conclude the day.

ANNUAL REUNION DINNER - 10 November 2013

By: Bill Diamond

Once again the Association was pleased to dine with HCol Hawthorne, LCol Sajjan and MWO Mullick. The support we receive from the Regiment and the CO in particular is greatly appreciated. We are hard pressed to think of an Association function that the Regiment is not represented!!

Our numbers were a little lower than the past few years, but a great time was held by all.

The evening started with a reception to get caught up with fellow attendees. Then with the swirl of the bag pipers, HCpl Thomas Budd led in the head table. At this time the piper normally leaves the room, but we were in for a special treat. Thomas was joined at the front of the room with Drummer Liam Diamond and explained that some time ago he was asked if he could play **I'm 95** on the bag pipes. As written, the answer was that it is not possible. So Thomas listened to the tune a number of times and with some slight tweaks to the music, he was able to play **I'm 95** on the bag pipes. He then asked Liam to write a drum score for the tune, which he did. At the dinner they played **I'm 95** on the pipes and drums!! After a quick round of applause, they left the room playing **Garry Owen**. Excellent work Thomas and Liam!

Following the exit of Thomas and Liam, Grace was said by Louise Prouse and MWO Huf Mullick lit the Candle of Remembrance. He has a true gift of being able to deliver a moving, meaningful and respectful address to the Fallen!!

LCol Jim Barrett was the MC for the evening and did a masterful job. We were also fortunate to have A/Bugle Major John More in attendance with his bugle. Again, we are fortunate to have the strong support of both the Pipes & Drums and Brass Bands. When we ask for support, they are always quick to oblige.

During the course of the evening we had the traditional update from the CO – once again a very busy year for the Regiment. After the entree the HCol was invited to say a few words. The last speaker for the evening was President Bob Fearnley who highlighted the support the Association is giving the Regiment with Operation Summit Duke II.

Thank you to Gayle Hawthorne and Lynda Steacy for their efforts with the lucky draw, door prizes and table favours / decorations. Each year they demonstrate their creativity to add to the evening.

On the topic of thank yous, we need to recognize Dan & Ellen McKenzie for looking after registration, Charlotte from HP Law for taking the RSVPs and Tom Lythe, MWO Mullick and Kim Bekesinski for their toasts.

The prize for the attendee that travelled the furthest goes to Don and Barb Bicknell. For some, it was the first time meeting this couple from Barrie, Ontario. They are great supporters of the Association and always answer the call when asked. While on the topic of the Bicknells, during their time in Vancouver there was discussion about Lt WH Bicknell who was killed on the Hill. Within the week we have been able to get some information to Don on Lt Bicknell's family. Thanks to the efforts of MWO Ron Leblanc, Don now has a photo of Lt Bicknell – something he has been looking to obtain for a number of years. Not to be out done, Don reconnected with a retired Air Force Officer in the Ottawa area and if all goes as planned, in 2014, the Museum will be the proud owner of a Silver Cross with Lt Bicknell's name on it – more to follow as this story develops.

Thank you again to all that attended.



Table of Remembrance



LCol Harjit Sajjan addressing members of the Regimental Association

SUCCESS IN SOLOS FOR BCR IRISH PIPERS AND DRUMMERS – 16 November 2013

by Heather Mosher

The first solo pipe and drum competition of the season saw some impressive results from members of the BCR Irish Pipes and Drums.

Three pipers and one drummer from the band tested their musical chops at the first of two winter 'Mini-Gathering' solo contests on November 16th. Pipers Rosalie MacDonald, Thomas Budd, and Heather Mosher, as well as Drummer Liam Diamond participated in each of two events at the contest. All four players placed in the top three for each of their respective events; most of these players were entered in a new grade level for the first time.

The Mini-Gathering contests are winter events where pipers and drummers from around the Lower Mainland gather to test out solo competition tunes, in front of a judge, for the upcoming competition season. During the summer competition season, some solo players travel around the Lower Mainland, Vancouver, Washington State, and beyond to test their mettle in front of top judges from around the continent.

At the Mini-Gathering on November 16th, players entered two distinct events (dependant on their grade level), playing against a field of up to 14 others. Judges hear the musicians play one at a time, making notes on the player's musicality, tuning, tempo, and other details, and eventually ranking the players and awarding prizes to the top performances of each event. These events bring together a range of pipers and drummers from different bands.

Solo competitions provide an excellent opportunity for pipers and drummers to improve their performance skills and receive direct feedback from judges; over the course of a season, solo competitors will hone their competition tunes, fine-tuning their technique and logging many hours of careful instruction and individual practice time. Players participating in solo events are encouraged and supported by the band.

For Piper Rosalie MacDonald, who has played with the band for over 10 years, this was her first solo competition – ever. She first learned to play bagpipes as a girl at a summer school in Nova Scotia, and when she moved out to Vancouver she re-discovered those roots. “Playing with the band opened up opportunities,” Rosalie explained, including meeting her husband, Corporal Terry Haigh, and traveling to Ireland with the band, and even played a guest performance for Bodhi Jones' recording of 'Alone on the Battlefield'. Recently she began taking private lessons, and it was her instructor who encouraged her to play solos. Going into the contest she was “a bit nervous, but confident,” and she is looking forward to the competition season and becoming more involved with the piping community.

Piper Thomas Budd is a full-time student, studying an undergraduate degree in Economics at SFU, who balances his academic load with playing with the the band. He enjoys participating in the piping and drumming community, and aspires to become the best piper he can be. Thomas writes that the Mini-Gathering was “a very good day for the Regiment and Pipe Band”, citing the success in solo contests as a “testament to everyone's hard work and dedication”. He adds: “On a personal note, I was pleased with my performance and the progress I have made over time. Special thanks to my mentor and teacher, Edward MacIlwaine. Over the years, I have been fortunate to compete with people who are committed to achieving the highest level of professionalism. We push each other to new heights. I look forward to continuing the competition season with great enthusiasm.”

A newcomer to the band, this was the first contest in British Columbia for Piper Heather Mosher. She learned to play the pipes while an undergrad student at Queen's University, Kingston, where she also began competing in solo and band contests. In her first season of competition Heather won the Eastern Ontario Champion Supreme, Grade 5 Piping and Novice Piobaireachd, for the most points achieved in that grade, before moving to New Zealand to pursue a teaching degree. She has played with a pipe band in every

place she has lived since she began piping in 2007, including Kingston, ON; Ulm, Germany; Calgary, AB, Wellington, NZ, and now Vancouver, BC. Joining a pipe band provides an “instant” community and support network. Back on home turf in Western Canada, playing at this Mini-Gathering was about facing the challenge of performance head-on: “My goal for this contest was just to play all the notes in all the parts, and all the parts in the right order.”

Perhaps the most notable story of the day is the success of young Liam Diamond, a lanky 13 year old who learned to play his instrument through the BCR Irish Pipes and Drums. This was his first contest in Grade 2; Liam is only just starting his third season of solo competitions, but has rocketed upwards through the levels. He started his first season in 2011, entered in the beginners' level and competing on the practice pad, and concluded that season by winning the next grade level, receiving the Grade 4 Grand Aggregate for the highest number of points scored throughout the season. In his second season he won the Grand Aggregate again, this time in Grade 3. Bumped up to the next level again for this upcoming season, this Mini-Gathering was Liam's first contest in Grade 2. Liam says he is “relieved” to see where he sits in the grade, but nervous for the upcoming season. He credits his success at the Mini-Gathering to his lucky pair of blue sticks, though in reality he receives weekly private instruction through the band, and practices nearly every day.

The solo successes of the BCR Irish Pipes and Drums is a testament to the vitality of the organization. Solo players are highly motivated musicians who work hard to perform well and constantly improve their playing, in turn benefitting both themselves and the band they play with. The support and encouragement of the band in these solo endeavours is warmly acknowledged and greatly appreciated.

CONTEST RESULTS:

Rosalie MacDonald

Adult Piping: 2/4 March, 1st Place
Adult Piping: Piobaireachd, 1st Place

Thomas Budd

Grade 2 Piping: MSR, 3rd Place
Grade 2 Piping: 6/8 March, 3rd Place

Heather Mosher

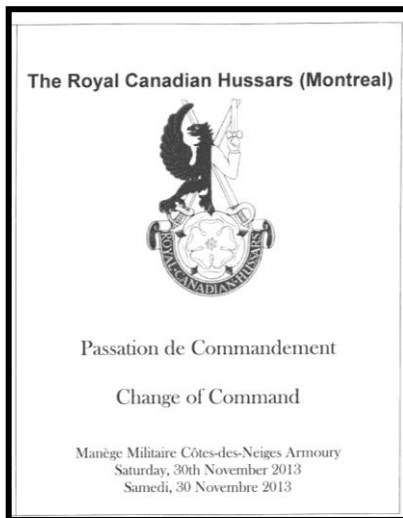
Grade 4 Piping: 2/4 March, 1st Place
Grade 4 Piping: 6/8 March, 3rd Place

Liam Diamond

Grade 2 Side Drumming: MSR, 2nd Place
Grade 2 Side Drumming: Hornpipe & Jig, 2nd Place



L to R: Liam Diamond, Thomas Budd, Heather Mosher and Rosalie MacDonald



LCol J. Hlibchuk, CD, on parade



“The Dukes”: Deputy Director of Armour, LCol Peter Bell, LCol Johnny Hlibchuk, LCol Harjit Sajjan, Colonel Commandant Darrell Dean, HCol Roger Turnell and CWO Jacques Roy (RSM 12e RBC)

The Regiment was represented by the CO, LCol Harjit Sajjan, at the recent Change of Command Parade of the Royal Canadian Hussars (Montreal) held at the Côtés-des-Neiges Armoury on 30 November 2013. The incoming Commanding Officer of the Hussars is our very good friend LCol Johnny Hlibchuk. Congratulations Colonel Hlibchuk on your new appointment!

CO’S PARADE – 11 December 2013

Another well attended CO’s Parade took place on 11 December 2013 with 106 Dukes on parade and 4 members of the Regimental Association, Regimental Family and family members of the bursary recipients in attendance.

The Commanding Officer LCol Harj Sajjan addressed the parade and emphasized the importance of being properly trained so the Regiment could meet any obligation it may be tasked. Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne complimented the members for their great service and commitment and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

On behalf of The BC Regiment (DCO) Association Charitable Trust, Rick Hourie presented the 2013 Bursaries to the selected recipients as follows:

Pte Burden
Cpl Lee
Cpl Pansegrau
Cpl Palmer
Cpl Lewis (not present to accept)



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

Promotions:

Cpl Pansegrau
Cpl Mok

CO's Commendation:

MCpl Lee
WO Harris
MWO Leblanc
HCol Hawthorne

DP3 Armoured Recce Patrol Commander's Course Graduation Certificates:

MCpl Dayal
MCpl Clews
MCpl Copp
MCpl Cobb
MCpl Schultz (not present to accept)
MCpl Boxall
Cpl Roder



The CO congratulated the newly promoted Corporals, successful graduates from the DP3 Armoured Recce Patrol Commanders Course and recipients of the Commanding Officer's Commendation Certificates.

R.A. (Rick) Hourie, Vice President
The BC Regiment (DCO) Association

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER – 12 December 2013

We are pleased to report that our annual fundraiser was a great success! The event was well attended by our members, serving members, friends and supporters. The food was great and the camaraderie was excellent. The silent auction had 31 donations and was a tremendous success. There were also 22 complimentary donations for the lucky ticket draws. This did not include our lottery draw, which was a roundtrip for two on Helijet to Victoria and an overnight stay with breakfast at Abigail's Hotel. Our lucky winner for the trip was Col(R) Keith Maxwell. Congratulations Keith and many thanks to Helijet and Abigail's for their great support.



Also, many thanks to all of those who supported this event! A special thank you to the Commanding Officer, LCol Harj Sajjan, for his support and the support of the Regiment. Kudos to our volunteers, Gayle Hawthorne, OPI of the event, and her able crew for the set-up of the tables and the silent auction. A special acknowledgment to Bill Diamond for the lottery draw, LCol Jim Barrett as our MC, and Dan and Ellen McKenzie for reception.

At the conclusion of the event, Honorary Colonel Hawthorne was presented with a miniature cavalry sabre/letter opener in a display stand with engraved plate acknowledging his past service as President of the Regimental Association.

R.A. (Rick) Hourie, VP

CADET GOVERNOR'S REPORT

By: Roger W. Prouse

BCR CADETS SUPPORT COMMUNITY EVENTS

While the delivery of the Cadet Programme will always be the main focus, Cadet involvement in Community activities is also an important part of their training. All five of our Cadet Corps assisted the Royal Canadian Legion with their annual Poppy Drive and paraded in their communities on Remembrance Day. While these Remembrance Day activities are extremely important, they are only a small part of what our Cadets contribute to their communities.

The 2290 BCR participated in the BC Regimental Association and BC Regiment Food Bank drive. They also provided a flag party for the ANAVETS when they paraded in the New Westminster Santa Clause Parade.

The 2381 BCR Irish Fusiliers participated in local parks and trails clean-up effort.

The **2827 BCR Port Moody** assisted at the local Food Bank.

The **2781 BCR Powell River** served meals at the Legion Christmas dinner, took shifts manning the Salvation Army Red Kettles and served at the Salvation Army Christmas Dinner.

The **3300 BCR Surrey** assisted a community charity with the wrapping of Christmas gifts for distribution to underprivileged children in Surrey. The 3300 Cadets will assist with the serving of food at the Gurnanyk Free Kitchen event. This event distributes free food to families and individuals in the local community.



The gift wrapped toys were collected and will be distributed to underprivileged children by Guru Nanak Free Kitchen

We can all be very proud of our BCR Cadet Corps for many reasons not the least of which is the high level of community service they provide.

On behalf of the 2290, 2381, 2827, 2781, and the 3300, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2014.

THE START LINE – A RESOLUTION

By: David Sproule

Jean and I have been completing our family preparations for Christmas. The parcels and cards have been mailed, Jean is baking shortbreads and in a day or so I will deck our halls with boughs of holly and other festive greenery. These activities are as full of joy and the holiday spirit as the Christmas day itself. I'm sure that the activities in our family home 100 years ago were similar with the exception that my grandmother was probably baking her cookies on a wood stove. Little did any of them realize the events that were looming over the horizon in 1914 that would change all of their lives and the lives of their descendants forever. I have previously written about my Dad's service as a Vickers machine-gunner and of the dire effects that the war would have on our family. It changed peoples' lives and changed Canada in a way that none of them could have predicted. It was a loss of innocence hammered home by the ceaseless casualty lists published in the daily newspapers across the country.

I have never really studied the history of WW1 in a systematic and thorough way. It was rarely talked about in our home and only in a superficial way when it was discussed. When I was writing promotion exams in the Regular Force, we had to study the leadership of Marshall Foch, the French C in C of the Allied Forces and of General Allenby's campaign in Palestine. I have done cursory reading in magazine articles and a few regimental histories but nothing that has really provided me with a sense of the scope of the war and

Canada's participation and contributions. I have always believed that as citizens of a democratic country we have a responsibility to know something of our history and so it is time for me to "Walk the Talk." I hereby resolve that in 2014, I will commence my detailed reading of WW1.

REGIMENTAL MUSEUM

Submitted by: Colonel (R) Keith D. Maxwell

THE BRITISH COLUMBIA REGIMENT (DUKE OF CONNAUGHT'S OWN)

NAMES AND LINEAGES OF THE REGIMENT

The British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own) is the oldest Regiment in western Canada and has a distinct and interesting lineage. It is the only Regiment in the Canadian Army to have served in all three combat roles – Artillery, Infantry and Armoured – and has maintained its home in downtown Vancouver since the early days of the city's history. The Regiment is the product of four distinct lines of heritage based on three pre-First World War Regiments and one that had its origins in that war. The three pre-war Regiments are the British Columbia Regiment/6th Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles, the Irish Fusiliers and Earl Grey's Own Rifles/North British Columbia Regiment. The remaining line of heritage is derived from the Vancouver Regiment; which had its origins with the 29th (Vancouver) Battalion mobilized for the First World War. In a series of reorganizations, re-designations and amalgamations the heritage of those four Regiments has been combined into British Columbia's eponymous Regiment – a title well deserved as the Regiment represents the geography, diversity and splendour of Canada's most beautiful province.

The various names and the year when that name was designated are shown below in four separate lists according to the founding Regiment of that lineage.

In the lists below some of the names are indented – that represents a unit that does not form part of the Regiment's formal lineage. Those units were active service units formed from the Regiment for wartime service, including the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF) in the First World War and the Canadian Active Service Force (CASF) in the Second World War. Those units are now perpetuated, formally or informally, by the Regiment.

The British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own)

Active 1883 - present

1883 - British Columbia Provisional Regiment of Garrison Artillery

1886 - British Columbia Brigade of Garrison Artillery

1893 - British Columbia Battalion of Garrison Artillery

1895 - 5th British Columbia Battalion of Garrison Artillery

1896 - 5th "British Columbia" Regiment, Canadian Artillery

Note – Reorganized into 2 Battalions later in 1896, with headquarters in Victoria and Vancouver

1899 – 2nd Battalion in Vancouver detached from Regiment, converted to Infantry and re-designated 6th Battalion, Rifles

1900 - 6th Regiment "The Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles"

 1914 - 7th (1st British Columbia) Battalion, CEF

 1915 - 62nd (British Columbia) Battalion, CEF

 1915 - 158th (Duke of Connaught's Own) Battalion, CEF

1920 - 1st British Columbia Regiment

1920 - 1st British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own)

1930 – The British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles)

1940 - 2nd (Reserve) Battalion, The British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles)

1940 - 1st Battalion, The British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles), Canadian Active Service Force

1942 - 28th Armoured Regiment (The British Columbia Regiment), CAC, Canadian Active Service Force

1945 - 28th Armoured Regiment (The British Columbia Regiment), RCAC, Canadian Active Service Force

1946 – 13th Armoured Regiment (The British Columbia Regiment), RCAC

1949 – The British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own) (13th Armoured Regiment)

1958 – The British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own) (RCAC)

1985 – The British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own)

2002 - Amalgamated with the Irish Fusiliers of Canada (Vancouver Regiment), retaining the name The British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own)

The Irish Fusiliers of Canada

Active 1913 - 1965

1913 - 11th Regiment Irish Fusiliers of Canada

1915 - 121st (Western Irish) Battalion, CEF

1920 – The Irish Fusiliers of Canada

1936 - Amalgamated with The Vancouver Regiment and became the Irish Fusiliers (Vancouver Regiment)

1940 - 2nd (Reserve) Battalion Irish Fusiliers (Vancouver Regiment)

1940 - 1st Battalion Irish Fusiliers (Vancouver Regiment), Canadian Active Service Force

1942 - 3rd Battalion Irish Fusiliers (Vancouver Regiment), Canadian Active Service Force

1945 - Irish Fusiliers (Vancouver Regiment)

1946 - 65th Light Anti-Aircraft Artillery Regiment (Irish Fusiliers), Royal Canadian Artillery

1958 - Amalgamated with the 120th Independent Field Battery, Royal Canadian Artillery, role changed to Infantry and designated the Irish Fusiliers of Canada (The Vancouver Regiment)

1965 - Transferred to the Supplementary List and reduced to nil strength

2002 - Amalgamated with The British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own)

Earl Grey's Own Rifles

Active 1914 - 1958

1914 – Earl Grey's Own Rifles

1914 - 68th Regiment (Earl Grey's Own Rifles)

1914 - 30th (British Columbia) Battalion, CEF

1915 - 102nd (North British Columbians) Battalion, CEF

1920 - The North British Columbia Regiment

1936 - 102nd (North British Columbia) Heavy Battery, RCA

1941 - 102nd (Reserve) (North British Columbia) Heavy Battery, RCA

1941 - 102nd (North British Columbia) Heavy Battery, RCA, CASF

1942 - 102nd Coast Battery, RCA, CASF

1946 - 120th Coast Battery, RCA

1948 - 120th Heavy Anti-Aircraft Battery, RCA

1954 - 120th Harbour Defence Troop, RCA

1956 - 120th Independent Field Battery, RCA

1958 - Amalgamated with the 65th Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment (Irish Fusiliers), RCA, role changed to Infantry and re-designated the Irish Fusiliers of Canada (The Vancouver Regiment).

The Vancouver Regiment

Active 1914 – 1936

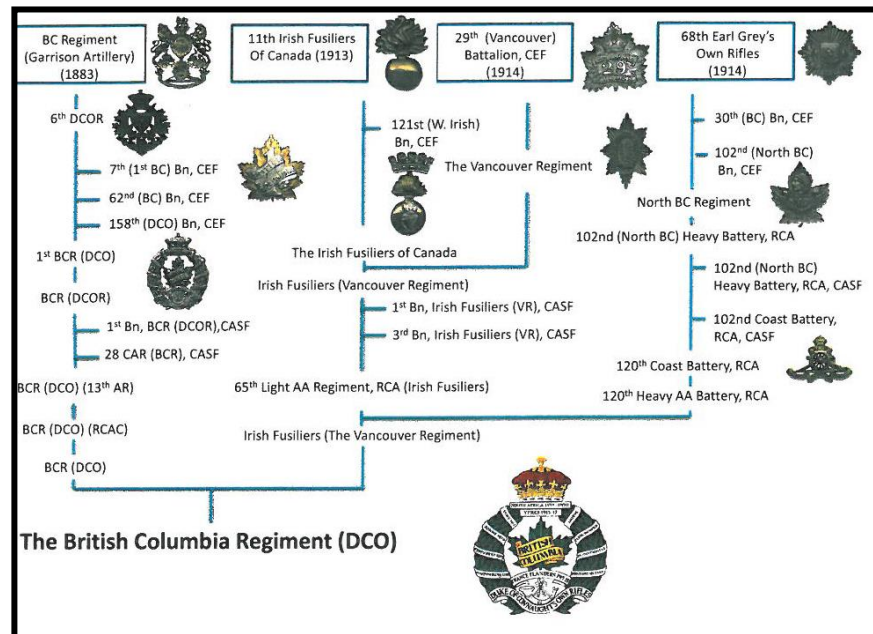
1914 – 29th (Vancouver) Battalion, CEF

1924 – The Vancouver Regiment – established from the 2nd Battalion, 1st British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own) upon the reorganization of that Regiment and designated to perpetuate the 29th (Vancouver) Battalion, CEF

1936 - Amalgamated with The Irish Fusiliers of Canada and re-designated the Irish Fusiliers (Vancouver Regiment)

A chart showing the major lines of lineage and major name designation and changes is shown below.

The British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own) and its perpetuated and amalgamated Regiments, Battalions and other units, has served under forty-six distinct names for more than 130 years. Soldiers of the Regiment bear the proud inheritance of all of those organizations that have served Canada so well both in British Columbia, other parts of Canada and abroad. Almost three thousand of them have died in defence of their country and we remember them all.



FROM THE BARRETT BUNKER

By: LCol JD Barrett, CD

To quote Shakespeare and Hamlet's remark that, "...that way madness lies." So should it be when putting on 'Revisionist' eye glasses when trying to understand in today's world, the moods and sometimes very questionable prejudices of the past. We should try to learn from these events with the aim of not repeating them ever again, and it is with this in mind, that we tackle a controversial call out to arms of the Dukes in 'Aide to the Civil Power' from 1914 as part of what is known as the Komagata Maru Incident.

By way of background, the prior year of 1913 was far from a stellar time for British Columbia. The Coal Mines in Nanaimo, Ladysmith and Wellington were hotbeds of labour and management unrest, and the world's economy has slumped into a mini-depression. The Real Estate boom which had buoyed the City of Vancouver's Economy since the great fire of 1886 had collapsed and many investors were on the brink of ruin in early 1914.

BC was not a friendly place to the non-white immigrants, especially those from China, Japan, and the Indian Sub-Continent. Racial intolerance towards the "yellow peril"

and "brown peril" was real. One only has to look at the Steveston Fishing riots of 1900 to see where things stood. There were head taxes for the Chinese, and very limited immigration of Japanese to Canada at a



maximum of 100 families per year. Although, Caucasian women in Canada had received the right to vote in 1917 during the Great War, Chinese and Japanese Canadians had to wait until 1947 and 1948, respectively, to be able to vote in this country. Immigrants were often unfairly viewed as cheap labour taking away the jobs from local workers.

In spite of a warning from Great Britain, the Canadian Government, followed the lead of the Australian and New Zealand Governments, and passed an 'Order-in-Council' on the 8th of January, 1908 that prohibited immigration to Canada of persons who did not come from the country of their birth by a continuous journey and, or, through tickets purchased before leaving the country of their birth or nationality, and have at least \$200 in their possession. In reality, these regulations applied largely to immigrants on ships departing from India, where a stop- over in Hong Kong, Japan, or Hawaii would be needed due to the length of the voyage. Ironically, this was also at a time where Canada was seeking to attract massive amounts of immigrants to the western provinces. In 1913, Canada accepted over 400,000 immigrants, mainly from Europe.

Gurdit Singh Sandhu, a well off fisherman from Singapore, and a member of the Pro-Indian Independence Ghadar Party, wanted to challenge these restrictive immigration laws by hiring a ship to sail directly from Calcutta to Vancouver, British Columbia. This original plan was altered to change the point of departure to Hong Kong. Although, he was arrested by the authorities for selling tickets for an illegal voyage, he was released on bail and was given permission to sail by the Governor of Hong Kong. Gurdit Singh Sandhu had chartered the S.S. Komagata Maru, a coastal steamer, to sail first from Hong Kong Harbour to Yokahama, Japan, where they departed from Japan on April 14, 1914 for Vancouver. They arrived and sailed into Burrard Inlet on the 23rd May, with a total of 376 Passengers on board, consisting of 340 Sikhs, 24 Muslims and 12 Hindus.



Passengers on S.S. Komagata Maru.

Front row from left to right: Gurdit Singh Sandhu; his son Balwant; Daljit Singh, Secretary of S.S. Komagata Maru; Puran Singh, Store keeper of S.S. Komagata Maru; and Gurmukh Singh Lalton, first passenger of Komagata Maru ever to return to Vancouver after their deportation in 1914. He came back to Vancouver in 1958.

(Photo: Global Birds Photo Collection)

At Vancouver, the S.S. Komagata Maru was not allowed to dock. The first Immigration Officer on board was Fred 'Cyclone' Taylor, who was one of the hockey players to lead the Vancouver Millionaires to the Stanley Cup in 1915. The Premier, Sir Richard McBride stated that the immigrants would not be allowed to disembark and that it was a matter for the Federal Government in Ottawa to handle.

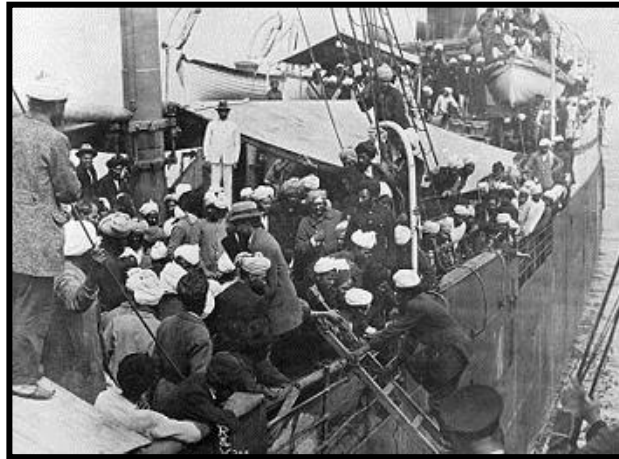
S.S. Komagata Maru and Canadian Officials
(Photo: City of Vancouver Archives)





Inspector Reid, MP H.H. Stevens and
Walter Hose on board the S.S. Komagata Maru
(Photo: Wikipedia)

Conservative MP H.H. Stevens lobbied hard to keep the immigrants on board, and in support of the passengers, a 'Shore Party' was organized by local Sikhs raising funds in the amount of \$22,000 to charter the ship. At one meeting held in Vancouver, which had been infiltrated by a British Agent, it was resolved that if the passengers were not allowed off, that Indo-Canadians should follow them back to India to start a rebellion. A legal challenge in the BC Courts in July 1913 was unsuccessful as the Federal Government held jurisdiction on immigration matters.



S.S. Komagata Maru in
Vancouver's Burrard Inlet 1914
(Photo: Wikipedia)

In the wake of the violence, the Militia of Vancouver was called out to stand by and man the waterfront, and the units responding included the 6th Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles, The Seaforth Highlanders of Canada, and the 11th Irish Fusiliers of Canada. Fortunately they were not needed.

Resolution of the incident was achieved when HMCS Rainbow from Esquimalt Harbour sailed over to Burrard Inlet. Control of the ship was returned to the Japanese Captain, and then HMCS Rainbow escorted the S.S. Komagata Maru out to open water on her long trip back to India. Of the 376 passengers on board, only twenty were allowed to disembark as immigrants, and admission was refused to the rest on the grounds that the ship had violated the exclusion laws, or that the passengers did not have the required funds, and they had not sailed directly from India.



HMCS Rainbow escorting S.S. Komagata Maru
out to sea (Photo: Wikipedia)

On return to Calcutta, the S.S. Komagata Maru was stopped by a British Gun Boat to arrest many of the leaders. A riot ensued in which nineteen of the passengers were killed, and subsequently, many of the leaders imprisoned for various periods of time.

That the incident today may be viewed as a regrettable and shameful affair in the history of our country's restrictive immigration policies, it is also fair to say that the Militia in Vancouver, called out at a time of escalating violence, and specifically our Regiment, represented by both the 6th DCOR and Irish Fusiliers of Canada, performed well in the duties to which they were assigned.

**BC REGIMENT IRISH PIPES AND DRUMS
MADE FEATURE PIPE BAND AT 2013 QUEBEC CITY CELTIC FESTIVAL
A piper's perspective by Thomas Budd**

A core objective of the BC Regiment Irish Pipes and Drums is to go on tour. The previous trip to Northern Ireland in the spring of 2010 was a great achievement. Since that time, we have been engaged in musical and financial preparation for the next opportunity, which came this past June as an invitation to attend Quebec City's Festival Celtique De Quebec in September 2013.

The Festival is Quebec City's largest celebration of Irish, Scottish and Breton culture. It is a week-long occasion comprising of numerous performances scheduled throughout the city. Our mission was to perform in the events hosted by the Festival's main sponsor, St Ambroise McAuslan Brewery. They valued our involvement as a means to make their presentations distinctive. We were to be the principle entertainment in a whiskey and beer tasting featuring their products. In addition, the band was given the prestigious assignment of opening the festival's main event, the Gaelic Football Tournament.

The evening of Wednesday September 4th, we gathered at Vancouver International Airport to begin the five day journey to Quebec City. We traveled without incident, arriving the following morning. Pipe Bands are notorious for having an enormous quantity of luggage holding uniforms, drums, and bagpipes in addition to our civilian clothing. We made known our appreciation to the seasoned staff of Air Canada for diligently seeing to the care of our fragile and irreplaceable instruments.

Our hosts were waiting to greet us at Quebec City Airport with a motorcade of minivans to transport us to our accommodations in the heart of the City. It was at this time we met Marc Desgagnés, our liaison to the festival organizers. Throughout our entire time in Quebec, Marc saw to the band's every need and logistical requirement. His support and genuine concern for our welfare was a key factor in the successful outcome of our trip.

Our performances at the whiskey and beer tastings were met with great enthusiasm by our audiences. They were held at the historic Morrin centre on the first two consecutive evenings of our tour. Each night we played two sets and provided individual pipers and drummers to march in each beer or spirit about to be tasted. Every member in the band had an opportunity to display their solo playing prowess. On the second night, we were honoured to have Peter McAuslan, the president of St Ambroise McAuslan, in attendance. He praised our band for providing a high level of entertainment.

That same evening, a tour guide from the Morrin Centre preservation society gave us an exclusive tour of the entire building. The Centre dates back to 1813 and is home to Quebec's first English language school for higher education. Two wooden doors on the second floor open to a Victorian era library containing the largest collection Anglophone books in the city. The majority of the library's contents were published between the 16th and 19th centuries.



Quebec City has a fascinating history which is marked by its renowned historic sites. Most of our piping engagements were in the evening, allowing us ample of time to be tourists. The highlight of our trip was the band tour of the Citadel, home of the Royal 22^e Régiment, well known by their nickname the Van Doos. Inside the walls of the fortress, our guide gave us an extended tour of the parade grounds, battery and museum, while relating the history of the Regiment. She placed great significance in

explaining their motto “Je me souviens” (I remember) which additionally acts as the provincial motto of Quebec and the French equivalent to “Lest we Forget.” I left with the impression that the Van Doos have a heritage to be proud of.

On the day before our departure we performed for the opening of the Gaelic Football Tournament at St Patrick’s High School. The facility was first opened in 1843 in the heart of the city’s Irish community. To this day the school offers English language training and is a major promoter of Irish heritage and culture. We played a full half-hour performance to an exuberant crowd after which we settled into the stands to watch the game. Gaelic Football is a fascinating variant of soccer that has a faster game play due to the fact that the use of hands are permitted and even encouraged.

Following the tournament, the festival organizers invited the band to attend a farewell dinner hosted in appreciation for all our efforts during the week. We gathered at the local Galway Pub where we were given a veritable feast. As the night progress we reminisced over all the activities and accomplishments of the past days. We were pleased to hear the band was given an open invitation to return to participate in the next Festival Celtique. I wish to personally convey, on behalf of the band, our deepest gratitude to the organizers and volunteers who made our stay an enjoyable experience. We returned to Vancouver with a sense of accomplishment looking to the time when we will return to Quebec City.

BC REGIMENT IRISH PIPES AND DRUMS
PAYS TRIBUTE TO VETERANS AT BC PLACE STADIUM
A piper’s perspective by Thomas Budd

On November 1st, the BC Regiment Irish Pipes and Drums participated in the annual *Salute to the Veterans* during the BC Lions halftime show. We have been actively involved in this event for many years. For our members it is a significant starting point to a period of remembrance which culminates on November 11th.

The Salute gathers hundreds of individuals from military, veteran, rescue and civilian organizations, to create one of the largest parades in British Columbia. The event demands hours of preparation in order to perfectly coordinate all marching and musical contingents of the parade. Speaking for the pipe bands involved, the Salute offers us a time and venue to have a yearly reunion. Pipers and drummers from the far corners of the province come to Vancouver in order to play in the mass band. For many, this is the only time that provides the opportunity to march together. This year we enjoyed the company no fewer than twelve pipe bands representing the RCMP, 443 Squadron RCAF, 6th Field Engineers, along with various Legion bands from BC/Yukon command and youth groups.

I am pleased to report that this year’s Salute was once again a great success. Accompanied by a host of military, veteran, and cadet colour guards, the mass band took to the open field with pipes and drum skirling. The sound of enthusiastic cheers greeted us as we marched across the open field. We formed up with the Brass Bands of the Royal Canadian Navy, Vancouver Fire and Rescue services, Air Cadets along with fellow Dukes of the BC Regiment and together played a stirring rendition of Amazing Grace. Rachel Layne, this year’s winner of the Legion Patriot Voice contest, delivered a dramatic performance that would inspire all to remember the service and sacrifice made by our dedicated veterans, past and present. The end of the salute was marked by the members of the mass pipe and brass band playing in unison as all participants marched off the field.

After bidding farewell to the other bands we ended the evening by adjourning to the Drill Hall. Special thanks goes to Sergeant Kevin Baker for inviting us into the Sergeants’ Mess and for being the most cordial of hosts. As we ended the evening at the home of our Regiment, we felt proud to have done our part in supporting the remembrance of our Veterans.

ASSOCIATION KIT SHOP

The Kit Shop has the following items for sale:

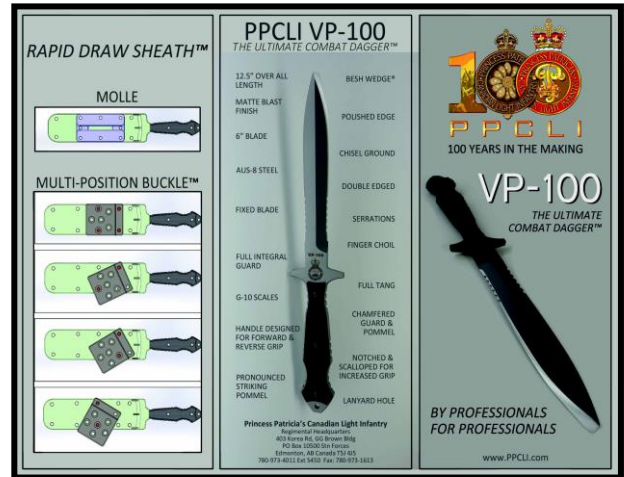
1. Mini Guidons for \$115.00 each. Once we have 10 confirmed requests, the order will be placed.
2. BCR Knife for \$135.00 each.
3. License Plate frames for \$10.00 each.

To place an order, please e-mail Bill Diamond at Bill@DukeaBear.com

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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.



*Lieutenant-Colonel H.S. Sajjan, OMM, MSM, CD
Commanding Officer*

18 December 2013

Dukes,

The Regiment is strong and our soldiers' enthusiasm is humbling. I expressed how proud I was of them at our Christmas Dinner. I also acknowledged the Officers and Sr NCOs because they have performed admirably with the utmost dedication during our time of very high tempo. The Regiment is a family and our success would not have been possible without the Regimental family. We are the envy of 39 Bde and the Corps for what we have been able to accomplish in such a short time. The battlefield tour, 'Citizen Soldier' documentary, the monthly curry lunch and the upcoming climb of Mt. Kilimanjaro are only possible because of the devotion and amazing work of the Regimental family.

Commanding Officers come and go because we are just placeholders. It is the synergy between the serving soldiers and the Regimental family that brings us success and praise. You can rest assured the Regiment is firing on all cylinders and representing all of you with distinction.

I want to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Faugh a Ballagh,

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To: The Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Harjit S. Sajjan, OMM, MSM, CD,
members of The British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own),
the Regimental Family, friends and supporters

At this time of year, one becomes more conscious of our many and varied relationships with others, as we reflect upon the greater meaning of our very busy lives. In particular, I am struck by the many accomplishments of the members of the Regiment and the Regimental Family during this past year. It is nothing short of amazing to see the sustained operationally high tempo of the Regiment with all of the extra time and effort so freely given by so many who make our Regiment what it is today. It is the relationships created by our committed people who forge the strong bonds needed for the common good of all of us. Undoubtedly, this helps to create the strength and dynamism of the Regiment which is an extension of us all.

It is indeed an honour for me to serve with you and to acknowledge your service and commitment to the Regiment and to our great country.

In summation, it is my very great pleasure to wish you and your families all of the very best, a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year!

Up the Dukes!

E. A. (Ted) Hawthorne,
Honorary Colonel

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JUNIOR RANKS CHRISTMAS DINNER – 14 December 2013

A great dinner was enjoyed by all with excellent service from the WOs' and Sgts' Mess and the Officers' Mess. The CO promoted five MCpls to the rank of Sergeant (Boxall, Clews, Cobb, Copp and Roder). Regretfully, MCpl Schultz was ill and not able to attend. A great evening indeed!

FOOD BANK

The Regimental Association, with the support of the Regiment, is actively engaged in the 2013 Food Bank initiative. Further details will be published in the April 2014 edition of *The Duke*.

UNDER THE WEATHER



World War II Dukes Ted Weddell, Kamloops, B.C. and Eddie Gudbranson, Sudbury, Ontario, both in their nineties, have recently suffered from medical problems and thankfully are well on their way to good health.

Our best wishes to you both from all ranks BCR for a speedy recovery.

Merry Christmas and a healthy Happy New Year to you and yours.

DUKE'S DEN



Santa Duke A. Bear with the Sajjan family

SANTA DUKE – 15 December 2013





RESTORING CANADIAN ARMY IDENTITY

SITREP 03
12 December 2013

STRONG. PROUD. READY.
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1

SITREP OVERVIEW

Restoration of Canadian Army. In 2011, the MND announced that Maritime Command and Air Command would be renamed back to the RCN and RCAF. Land Force Command was also restored to its historic identity as our Canadian Army (CA).

Names. Since the CA was restored, non-traditional names like 'Land' or 'Branch' or 'Area' have reverted to traditional Canadian Army names like 'Corps' and 'Division'.

Historic Device Badge. The Minister personally requested that our new CA Flag, our next pocket badge, and our public affairs products feature our historic CA badge. This day-to-day badge is based directly on our WW II to 1968 badge used by our historic Canadian Army (see above right).

Primary Badge. The Governor General also approved a new CA command badge (see below right).



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SITREP OVERVIEW

Corps. On 19 Apr 13, the MND announced that our traditional Corps have been restored with new shoulder titles (English / French): RCAC / CBRC; RCE / GRC; RCCS / CTRC; RCIC / CIRC; and RCEME / GEMRC.

Division Names and Shoulder Patches. On 9 Jul 13, the MND announced that the CA would be composed of its traditional Divisions. The former Areas have become: 2 Div CA (SQFT), 3 Cdn Div (LFWA), 4 Cdn Div (LFCA), and 5 Cdn Div (LFAA). The Divisions will receive coloured shoulder patches for wear on DEU and they will also receive traditional flags.

NCM Rank Names. On 9 Jul 13, the MND announced that trained soldiers in our Corps will also formally restore their traditional NCM rank names (English / French): Trooper/Cavalier, Gunner/Artilleur, Bombardier, Master Bombardier/Bombardier-chef, Sapper/Sapeur, Signaller/Signaleur, Fusilier, Guardsman/Garde, Rifleman/Carabinier/Voltigeur, Colour Sergeant/Sergent Fourrier (Foot Guards), Craftsman/Artisan; plus Ensign/Enseigne (Foot Guards). Members of the CRPG/GPRC program will be called Ranger/Ranger.

Officer Rank Insignia. On 9 Jul 13, the MND also directed the change of CA officer rank insignia from the post-1968 naval style back to the traditional CA insignia based on the system used by armies throughout the world.



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3

ROYAL CANADIAN CORPS METAL SHOULDER TITLES

The Armoured, Engineers, Signals, Infantry and Electrical and Mechanical Engineers will restore their historic Corps shoulder titles.

These Corps' metal shoulder titles will be worn by all Corps personnel who do not have a distinctive Regimental shoulder title.

The RCA / ARC was not affected.

CORPS	
ENG	FRE
RCAC	CBRC
RCE	GRC
RCCS	CTRC
RCIC	CIRC
RCEME	GEMRC



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4

DIVISION FORMATION PATCHES

The MND spoke about soldiers proudly wearing their identifying patches.

The CA will introduce a 2" x 3" Division patch in wool melton to be worn on the left shoulder of the DEU tunic.

The left shoulder is the historically correct side for the Division formation patches.

Our Division pantone colours are based on WW I and WW II colours.

	2 ^e Division du Canada 2 Div CA
	3 ^e Canadian Division 3 Cdn Div
	4 ^e Canadian Division 4 Cdn Div
	5 ^e Canadian Division 5 Cdn Div



1 Cdn Div HQ
(Kingston)

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DIVISION DISTINGUISHING FLAGS

These Flag designs will be distributed.



2 Div CA HQ CAMP FLAG



3 Cdn Div COMD in loc FLAG



4 Cdn Div COMD VEH PENNANT



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6

RE-INTRODUCE Distinctive CA Button

The CA will re-introduce our distinctive button based on the CA historic badge announced by the MND.

Once again, this button will be worn by all CA personnel who do not have a distinctive Corps or Regiment button.

Colonels-to-Generals will also wear it.

Senior appointment/key position CWOs will also wear these buttons.

Sizes will be:

- » DEU tunic front closure (30 line).
- » DEU breast pocket (26 line).
- » Gorget patch (20 line).
- » Head dress (20 line).



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7

OFFICER RANK

CA Officers will restore their traditional rank insignia.

The insignia will be based on the pre-1968 Canadian pattern which has continued to be worn by the Ceremonial Guard on Parliament Hill, some Regular Force units on their full dress uniform, and many Reserve units on their patrol dress and mess dress uniforms.

The pattern is also used by all Commonwealth Nations and the international system of stars is worn by almost all armies of the world. The CA will restore gorget patches for the uniform collars of Cols-to-GOs.

There will be no change to Governor General/vice-regal badges of rank on the CA uniform.

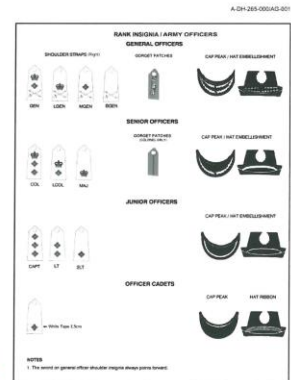


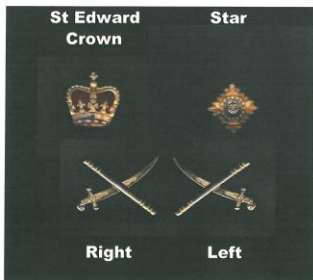
Figure 3-2-1 Army Officers Rank insignia

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DEU TUNIC METAL INSIGNIA

DEU TUNIC VARIATIONS



Rifle/Voltigeur Regiments may wear blackened rank insignia along with their blackened buttons and facings.



By Appointment

Regiments of Guards (Horse and Foot) may wear a star based on The Order of the Garter.



Regimental or Corps variances to the star and crown patterns (as above) will be supported IAW pre-1968 traditions at non-public expense.



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CADPAT & SLIP-ON EMBROIDERED RANK

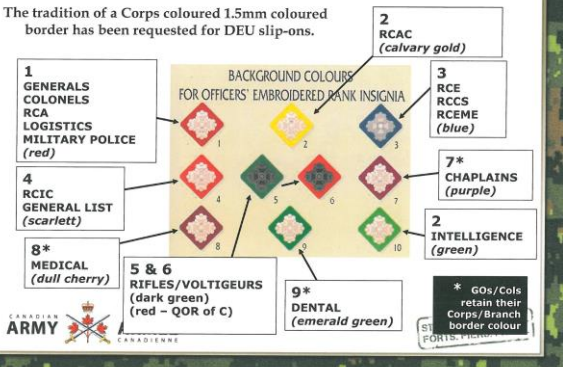


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EMBROIDERED SLIP-ONS

The tradition of a Corps coloured 1.5mm coloured border has been requested for DEU slip-ons.



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MESS DRESS

Embroidered stars and crowns which continued to be used by the majority of Reserve units will be restored to all units of the CA.

All newly promoted officers are required to wear the restored rank system of stars and crowns on the personal purchase mess dress uniform. Market cost is \$3.50-\$7.50 per item.

Officers with the current CAF rank may convert to the restored rank system now but they are also grandfathered to continue to wear their current rank insignia until they are promoted.



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GORGET PATCHES

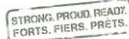
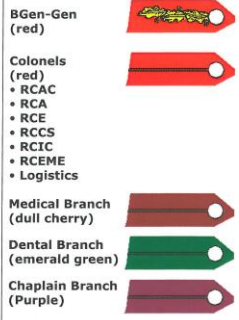
These traditional rank insignia of the general staff will be worn by Army Generals and Colonels on the DEU Order of Dress.

These devices replace the crossed swords.

These devices are not worn by Honouraries (Cols-in-Chief, Cols Comdt, Cols-of-the-Regt, or Hon Cols) who represent their units/Corps and not the general staff.

Army Colonels and Brigadier Generals of the Medical, Dental, and Chaplain Branches will once again wear their own distinct traditional colours.

The gorget patches are not symmetrical. There is a left and right design. Large gorget patches are worn on DEU jacket collar (3.5" x 1.25"). A smaller clip-on version is worn on open shirt collars (2" x 1"). Our restored CA button (20 line) will be used decoratively.



IMPLEMENTATION

A Master Implementation Plan will be released to our Divisions and Corps.

Due to scope of the changes and the requirement for contracting, procurement, and distribution, the Division and Corps identifiers will likely happen NMB the start of next FY 14-15 and the rank insignia changes later during 2014.

With the exception of Division patches which will become available through tailoring shops, the majority of dress items will become available through local Base Supply and/or members' Logistik Unicorps accounts (points). CANFORGENs will be issued next year.

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COMMENTS FROM OUR READERS and FACEBOOK FRIENDS

October 8, 2013

Hello BCR Folks:

You kindly noted in the newsletter a few months ago that my book "Mobilize! Why Canada Was Unprepared for the Second World War" was coming up. Just FYI the book will be out on November 9th. There is more information about it on my blog larrydrose.wordpress.com.

If you would like access to an electronic copy to have the book reviewed, let me know.

Cheers,
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Ex-BCR

