



# THE DUKE



## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE BRITISH COLUMBIA REGIMENT (DUKE OF CONNAUGHT'S OWN) MAJOR DOUGLAS C. EVANS, CD 28 September 2014

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Passing of the Guidon. L to R: Maj Evans, HCol Hawthorne, LCol Sajjan and RSM Mullick

The Change of Command Parade took place at The Drill Hall on Sunday, 28 September 2014, before a standing room only crowd, including numerous members of the Regimental Association, represented by President Bob Remple, the greater Regimental Family, members of the military community, family, friends and supporters of the Regiment. The BCR Brass Band and The BCR Irish Pipes & Drums were well turned out and added very much to the happy occasion. The Regiment paraded in fine form under the ever watchful eye of a very proud RSM, MWO A.H. "Huf" Mullick, CD. The Reviewing Officer was 39 CBG Commander, Colonel M.P. Haussmann.

The program commenced with a Regimental Salute by the Regiment to Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne and then proceeded with the customary General Salute to the Reviewing Officer, Inspection, Regimental

March Past (outgoing CO), Change of Command, Regimental March Past (incoming CO), Advance in Review Order and Departure.

During the course of the ceremony, Honorary Colonel Hawthorne was given the honour of formally transferring the Commanding Officer's Sword and passing the Guidon from the outgoing Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Harjit S. Sajjan, OMM, MSM, CD to the incoming Commanding Officer, Major Douglas C. Evans, CD. In addition, the Honorary Colonel addressed the Regiment and the overflow audience (the balconies were even packed), taking the opportunity to congratulate Lieutenant Colonel Sajjan for a tremendous command and to thank him for his numerous accomplishments on the non-operational side which have directly benefitted our soldiers, the Regiment, our veterans and the greater Regimental Family.

The Program of Events was concluded by the traditional Roll Past by the Regiment in front of The Drill Hall on a gorgeous Vancouver day. The salute was taken by the Commander, Colonel Sajjan, and the Honorary Colonel on the Reviewing Stand situated at the entry to Saint Julien Park. The impressive Roll Pass concluded an extraordinary Change of Command Parade honouring two very fine Commanding Officers. Receptions followed in all three messes.

A heartfelt thank you to Lieutenant Colonel Harjit Sajjan for his service and commitment and a resounding congratulations to our new Commanding Officer Major Douglas Evans!

Up the Dukes!





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Dear Members of the Regimental Family:

I am pleased to report that I will have the honour of representing the Regiment while attending the Commemoration Ceremony at our Regimental Monument on Hill 140 in Normandy on Saturday, 9 August 2014 at 1100 hours.

My wife Gayle will also be attending and will represent the Regimental Association as its Vice-President.

I have attached the Program for the Commemoration Ceremony for your information.

On August 9<sup>th</sup>, please take a moment to remember our Fallen and all of our members who fought in the Battle of Normandy and elsewhere in HW Europe (1944 to 1945).


Up the Dukes!

Sincerely,



Dr. E. A. (Ted) Hawthorne,  
Honorary Colonel

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**COMMEMORATION CEREMONY**  
**70<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF NORMANDY AT HILL 140**  
**1100 HOURS on 9 AUGUST 2014**

**PROGRAM**

**ARRIVAL:** 1045 hrs.  
Honorary Colonel of The British Columbia Regiment (DCO): Dr. E.A. ("Ted") Hawthorne.  
Gayle Hawthorne, Vice President, of The British Columbia Regiment (DCO) Association.

**OPENING REMARKS:** 1100 hrs: Honorary Major, Dr. Jean-Pierre Bernadou, DBE, MSM, MT

**ADDRESS OF HONORARY COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT:** Dr. E.A. ("Ted") Hawthorne

**ADDRESS OF THE MAYOR**

**LAYING OF WREATH**  
Honorary Colonel Dr. E.A. ("Ted") Hawthorne and Vice President Gayle Hawthorne

**ACT OF REMEMBRANCE**  
Vice President: Gayle Hawthorne

**NATIONAL ANTHEMS**  
O CANADA  
LA MARSEILLAISE

**CLOSING REMARKS**  
Honorary Major, Dr. Jean-Pierre Bernadou



**COMMEMORATION CEREMONY AT HILL 140 MEMORIAL,  
RECEPTION AT MAIZIERES MAIRIE AND VISIT TO  
BRETTEVILLE-SUR-LAIZE CANADIAN WAR CEMETERY AT CINTHEAUX  
70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF NORMANDY – 9 August 2014**

The 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemoration of the day long battle between the Worthington Force, part of Operation Totalize, consisting of the Regiment and the Algonquin Regiment, and the 12<sup>th</sup> SS Panzer Division, was observed by a special commemoration ceremony held at the Regimental Memorial on Hill 140 on Saturday, 9 August 2014 at 1100 hrs.

The Regimental Family was represented by Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, for the Regiment and Vice President Gayle Hawthorne, for the Regimental Association. Special guests included the Mayors of the surrounding communities of Le Bû-sur-Rouvres (Yves Ledent), Cintheaux (Andre Grard for Michel LeBaron), Estrées-la Compagne (Gilles Lefevre), Maizieres (Tony Alimeck), OUILLY-le-Tesson (Christine Hoflack), Rouvres (Marie-Noelle Marc) and Soignolles (Patricia Fieffé), Pierre Bouillard, President of the Association des Anciens Combattants de Rouvres et Maiziers, Andre Grard, Juno Beach Committee, a three member Flag Party of French Veterans and numerous members of the community.



Vice President Gayle Hawthorne & HCol Ted Hawthorne

The commemoration program was conducted by our very good friend and colleague, Honorary Major, Dr. Jean-Pierre Benamou. The attendees were greeted and welcomed by Pierre Bouillard. The Honorary Colonel delivered greetings from the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, LCol Harjit S. Sajjan, OMM, MSM, CD, and delivered the memorial address which included the reading of a special salutation from the Commanding Officer.



HCol Ted Hawthorne  
(Algonquin Remembrance)

A beautiful floral wreath was placed at the foot of the Memorial Cross by the Honorary Colonel and Vice President Hawthorne. The Act of Remembrance was recited by Gayle Hawthorne and en francais by Andre Grard. O Canada and La Marseillaise were sung to complete this most special occasion.

All participants then proceeded to the Mairie at Maizieres. Mayor Tony Alimeck greeted all attendees and welcomed us to the reception. Honorary Colonel Hawthorne conveyed the Commanding Officer's greetings and acknowledged the gathered and citizens of the surrounding communities. The importance of this anniversary to the Regiment and the entire Regimental Family was emphasized in the Honorary Colonel's address. In addition, the Honorary Colonel acknowledged and thanked the many communities for their tremendous support throughout the many years. Presentation Plaques, beautifully crafted by President Emeritus Archie Steacy, complete with hat badge, divisional patch and shoulder flashes, were presented to Honorary Major Dr. Jean-Pierre Benamou, the Mayors of Rouvres, Cintheaux, Maizieres and Pierre Bouillard. Regimental Memorial Medallions were presented

to the remaining mayors and Regimental lapel pins were presented to the Flag Party. New full size Canadian Flags were presented to Pierre Bouillard and Dr. Jean-Pierre Benamou. The Memorial and surrounding grounds were in excellent shape for the ceremony. Our many thanks to Pierre Bouillard and his Association for maintaining the Memorial and grounds in such excellent condition and to our very own Regimental Association for their tremendous support of the Association des Anciens Combattants de Rouvres et Maizieres.

At the conclusion of the very memorable ceremony, Honorary Colonel Hawthorne thanked the Mayor and the many guests for their customary French hospitality and bid one and all "au revoir" and "Up the Dukes".



Presentation Plaque



Recipients of the Presentation Plaques

The Honorary Colonel, Vice President Hawthorne, Honorary Major Benamou and Andre Grard then proceeded to the Bretteville-sur-Laize Canadian War Cemetery at Cintheaux in order to lay a wreath to remember the service and sacrifice of our Fallen. Canadian flags were also placed on many graves of our Fallen and the Fallen of the Algonquins.



L to R: Dr. J.P. Benamou, Vice President Gayle Hawthorne and HCol Ted Hawthorne



Bretteville-sur-Laize Canadian War Cemetery at Cintheaux

It was an honour to attend this special anniversary ceremony and to remember our fellow Dukes who have come before us and served our country with such distinction.

We will remember them!

Up the Dukes!

## “WAIT FOR ME DADDY” MEMORIAL – 16 April 2014

The 2IC, Major Douglas Evans, RSM Huf Mullick and Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne represented the Regiment at a special dinner party held on 16 April 2014 and hosted by the City of New Westminster and Honour House Society. The reception and dinner were held at the beautiful heritage home facility of Honour House at 509 St. George Street in New Westminster.



L to R: RSM Mullick, Major Evans, Mayor Wright, “Whitey”, Councillor Williams, HCol Hawthorne & LCol(R) Conradi

The special guests were greeted by Allan De Genova, President of Honour Honour Society, who welcomed all the many in attendance for their support of the project. Mr. De Genova also acknowledged and thanked Colonel Hawthorne for his work as a founding member of the Board of Directors of Honour House Society.

His Worship Wayne Wright, Mayor of New Westminster, and Councillor Lorrie Williams, Chair of the “Wait for me Daddy” Memorial Committee, also greeted, acknowledged and thanked the supporters of the project, including fellow Duke Andrew Conradi, the Regimental representative on the Committee.

Whitey Bernard, the little boy in the iconic photograph, spoke to us regarding the impact that the photo has had on him as a small boy and later on in his life.

A video regarding the current status of the Memorial project was shown to the great delight of all guests. The official unveiling of the Memorial will take place on 4 October 2014.

At the conclusion of the formalities, all guests proceeded to enjoy an excellent dinner.

The post dinner formalities included the presentation to all guests of a “Wait for me Daddy” photograph, duly autographed by Whitey, with a gift bag including an official City of New Westminster pin and CO’s Coin/BCR Medallion. Major Evans greeted the guests on behalf of the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, LCol Harjit Sajjan, outlined the significance of the coins and thanked the Committee and Honour House Society for their excellent work.

The entire evening was an excellent experience for all of us as this photograph is a part of our Regimental History and has become such an enduring symbol worldwide.



# WAIT FOR ME, DADDY! MEMORIAL UNVEILING

By: Andrew Conradi

You all know what the memorial is about. If not, I am not going to tell you...you'll have to come and see. The public is invited to attend the Unveiling. I suggest you get to Hyack Square (Columbia and 8<sup>th</sup> Streets in New Westminster right by the New Westminster Skytrain Station) by NLT 1015 hours Saturday 4 October 2014.

I have been involved on this project as the CO's rep on the City Task Force. On reflection there are some points I think are worth sharing. Three of our original DCOR's are going to be present and there will be Guard composed of BCR and Westies under BCR command.

What is the significance and nature of the event and the Memorial?

We are breaking tradition to conduct two events together which normally would not occur together but rather occur separately. Tradition is based on custom and customs change over time to meet new circumstances and thinking. This is one such time when the situation calls for imagination and understanding of the context.

One event is the dedication of a War Memorial. This requires consecration i.e. blessing by a Military Chaplain in a ceremony at which weapons are not carried; the other event is the Unveiling of a monument memorialising an event at which rifles were carried and which was captured by a photographer (an important artist without whom there would be no memorial).

It is important to recognise that The Wait for me, Daddy! War Memorial is not a traditional war memorial in honour of the Fallen although it alludes to them. It is not a Cenotaph. The event and photograph memorialised by the monument to be unveiled transcends the individuals and the regiment the sculptors have portrayed. Certainly it does represent all of them, but in addition and perhaps more importantly, it represents the sacrifice of normal family life that the Second World War caused, which can also be detected in the letters exchanged between soldiers, sailors and airmen and women and their families. To those who know history, or can learn of it in the City Museum in the Anvil Centre, it also reminds us of the public support for a just cause that followed this event i.e. a young boy's assistance in raising War Bonds because of his celebrity that followed publication of the photograph. It alludes to the Fallen because it makes onlookers wonder what happened to the soldiers who went away. Did they return? Is the world a better place because of their sacrifice?

Also never let us forget that the family sacrifice depicted in the memorial continues to this day. In fact it is an everyday occurrence in the Canadian Armed Forces when members are posted away on duty, on exercise or on operations placing them in harm's way.

We should all be grateful to the City of New Westminster for this commemoration of a famous photograph of the Regiment's history.

Hope to see you there!

P.S. *The Province* newspaper is planning to run articles daily in the week leading up to the Unveiling and a wrap-around cover on 4 October plus coverage of the actual Unveiling ceremonies

## CONGRATULATIONS CPL RYAN STEACY, CD !!!



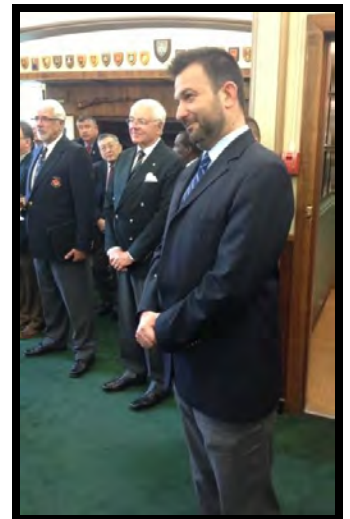
Look for details of the shooting competition in an upcoming special edition of *The Duke*.

## CURRY LUNCHEON – 24 APRIL 2014

The last luncheon of the training year was a very busy affair. Our special guests included Honorary Colonels Jim Happer and Howe Lee and Honorary Colonel (R) Bill Ireland, Colonel Bryan Gagne, our senior serving Duke, the Consul General of Greece, Ilias Kremmydas, Peter Holmes and his twin daughters Lorna and Pam, our good friend Tochi Sandhu and his quests, Shelley Besse, President of Envision Financial and Amar Sidhu, Regional Manager of Envision Financial, and six members from the Welsh Men's Choir.

The Honorary Colonel, Ted Hawthorne, welcomed all of our guests to the luncheon and thanked Bill Diamond for his excellent work in organizing the luncheons on behalf of the Officers' Mess.

The Commanding Officer, LCol Harjit Sajjan, also welcomed our many guests and duly acknowledged the Consul General of Greece, Ilias Kremmydas (pictured right). Peter Holmes, visiting us from Ottawa, made an excellent presentation of the Lt. Wm Harrison Bicknell Memorial Cross to the Commanding Officer, on behalf of the Regimental Museum, along with a binder containing complete details of the award, background information and memorabilia. Peter was thanked by the CO and presented with the CO's Coin for his assistance in making the repatriation of this part of our Regimental history a reality. The CO then proceeded to acknowledge Tochi Sandhu's special guests from Envision Financial and presented Shelley Besse, President of Envision, with a CO's Coin.



(Consul General Kremmydas)



L to R: Peter Holmes and LCol Harjit Sajjan

All guests adjourned to the WOs' & Sgts' Mess for an enjoyable lunch complete with the usual camaraderie. Major Dan Thomas, Senior Public Affairs Officer of 3<sup>rd</sup> Division spoke to our guests regarding the upcoming Army Gala to be held on 10 May 2014 and invited one and all to attend.

We will see you on the last Thursday of September when the Curry Luncheon Program commences in the new training year.



**ANNUAL VETERANS' REUNION LUNCHEON MARKED BY SIGNIFICANT EVENTS  
Kamloops - 27 April 2014**

**A Piper's Perspective by Thomas Budd**

Dukes from across B.C. gathered for the 66th Annual Veterans Luncheon at the Ramada Inn Kamloops. The reunion was well attended and was honoured with the presence of 28th Armoured Regiment veterans Sergeant (R) Don Cameron, Trooper (R) Keith Moore and the Mayor of the City of Kamloops Peter Milobar as our special Guests. We had the privilege of being joined by HCol Ted Hawthorne and his wife Gayle and LCol Harjit Sajjan as our regimental representatives.

We were pleased to have LCol Jim Barrett as our Master of Ceremonies for this special occasion. Following introductions, he called upon the attendees to light a candle at each table in remembrance of the fallen. HCol Hawthorne said grace before we settled into our finely prepared lunch. The Loyal Toast was given by Tom Lyth. Archie Steacy said a few words recognizing all those who served in the 28th Armoured Regiment before leading us in a toast to the fallen. Jack Drake offered the final toast to the Regiment. I was honoured to carry on the new tradition of providing musical accompaniment on the bagpipes for each toast. Following dessert we had a rousing chorus of Happy Birthday, celebrating the birthdays of Don Cameron, Keith Moore and HCol Ted Hawthorne. Archie Stacey prepared birthday cards and our Ramada Inn hosts provided specially made candle lit cakes to add to the merriment.



This year's lunch was marked by a number of significant highlights. During his State of the Regiment address, LCol Sajjan awarded Sergeant (R) Don Cameron and Trooper (R) Keith Moore the CO's Commendation. To each veteran he presented his personal Commendation Medallion citing their dedicated service. It was unfortunate that, due to ill health, Ted Weddell could not attend the luncheon. However, his absence did not deter the CO and the Regiment from ensuring that Ted Weddell received the honour due to him. Prior to the luncheon, HCol Hawthorne, LCol Sajjan, and Archie Steacy called upon Ted at the hospital and presented him with his CO's Commendation and Medallion. As of the writing of this of article it has come to pass that Ted Weddell is no longer with us. Our deepest condolences to his family and loved ones.



L to R: Sergeant(R) Don Cameron, LCol Sajjan and Trooper(R) Keith Moore



L to R: Rick Hourie and Jerry Couling



L to R: Ted Weddell, HCol Hawthorne and Archie Steacy

As a finish to the CO's Address, LCol Sajjan presented a video clip documenting "Operation Summit Duke II", a journey that he and fifteen members of the Regiment took to Africa to ascend Mount Kilimanjaro.

Vice President Rick Hourie recounted the accomplishments of the BCR Association in his State of the Regiment Association address. He presented Jerry Couling with a Certificate of Appreciation for his many years of service and dedication to the Association and Regimental Family. HCol Hawthorne also thanked Jerry Couling for his many years of service to the Regimental Family.

HCol Hawthorne provided an update on the 'Wait for me Daddy' commemoration. He was pleased to report that the bronze statue recreating the original photograph was on schedule to be unveiled on 4 October 2014 and Canada Post will print a commemorative stamp depicting the scene. Preliminary discussions are underway for a modern re-enactment of the 1940 Parade scheduled for May 2015. The parade will be held on Columbia Street, New Westminster where the photograph was taken. Don Cameron and Ted Weddell were participants. Don Cameron recalled the scene of the young boy, Warren "Whitey" Bernard, running to his dad on parade. Don mentioned, smiling to himself, that Whitey reminded him of his little brother at the time. Don affirmed he would be coming to Vancouver in May to watch the parade. The Honorary Colonel also provided a report on **The Duke**, Op Summit Duke II, the Hill 140 Commemoration on 9 August 2014, the 2015 Battlefield Tour and the new publication of **The Listening Post** (to cover the activities of the Regiment during the period of the CO's command). The Honorary Colonel also thanked Jim Bell for his tremendous donation to the Regimental Museum and Bill Diamond for his great work on the Kit Shop and Curry Lunch Program during the past training year.

Due to the scheduled unveiling of the statue and parade, CBC TV sent a Cameraman to document the Luncheon. He said it was a privilege to film such an important event of remembering Canada's Veterans. CBC featured the Kamloops reunion no less than three times on their nightly news the next evening.

Dan Mackenzie, the Association's video/photograph archivist, provided a special video presentation to end the festivities. He re-mastered original footage of the Guidon presentation Ceremony held on 22 May 1960. Adding to the enjoyment of the film, several members who were part the Regiment at the time identified many of their comrades on screen. Their commentary on the film added great depth to the presentation. Dan has generously donated his time and skills for well over a decade documenting the history and events of the regimental family. A special table displayed his entire DVD collection for viewing which included rare veteran interviews. His endeavors are very much appreciated.

Following the end to the program, Jim Bell, a former Duke residing in Vernon, bestowed a monumental gift to the Regimental Museum. An avid collector of historic military memorabilia from BCR and its perpetuated units, Jim amassed invaluable historical photographs, personal medals, postcards, and weaponry dating back to the Boer War. Jim decided to display his entire collection at this year's luncheon and donate it to the Museum to the benefit of the entire regimental family. The ability to see such antiquity brought great meaning to the day. Thank you, Jim.



A special thank you to all those on the planning committee who organized this year's luncheon. It was my honour to work with Gayle Hawthorne, Linda and Archie Steacy, and LCol Jim Barrett. Their dedication and mentorship were invaluable to me as this year's Chairman.

All those who attended the luncheon enjoyed the camaraderie and departed with lifted spirits. The men who served in the 28th Armoured Regiment hold a special place in our memories. I look forward to our next reunion.

## **CO'S PARADE – 7 May 2014**

The CO's Parade held on 7 May 2014 was a full evening with a very good turnout of members on parade and members of the Regimental Association in attendance. The Regiment looked great.

Brief highlights of the evening were as follows:

1. Promotions: The CO made the following promotions: Cpl Park, Cpl Sheehan, MCpl Barnes and WO Matibag.
2. Presentation of Canadian Forces Decorations: The CO presented medals to Capt Brown and Maj Evans. Sgt Roder was not on parade to receive his medal.
3. Presentation of the US Army Commendation Medal: The CO presented a miniature medal to Capt McCullough for his services in Afghanistan.
4. Presentation of BCR Dagger: The CO presented the new BCR Dagger to our good friend and colleague Farid Rohani in recognition of his great support of the Regiment.
5. Westcan Discount Announcement: Farid Rohani announced that arrangements are being finalized so that members of the Regiment will receive wholesale discounts at all twelve stores of Westcan. Further details will be announced shortly.

6. The “Last Words” from 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 complimented the members on a great parade and turnout, congratulated the medal recipients, the four members receiving promotions and acknowledged Farid Rohani for his great support and assistance in recognizing Westcan members who supported OP Summit Duke II. Colonel Hawthorne wished everyone the best of luck and continued success for the end of the training year and the upcoming summer.

The CO concluded the evening’s agenda with his closing comments by complimenting the members of the Regiment for their good work and training. All members were reminded of the National Day of Honour in Ottawa on 9 May 2014 which will recognize the CAF role in Afghanistan by observing two minutes of silence at 10:30 am as a tribute to the service of all members who served in that theatre of operations.

Shortly after the conclusion of the parade, at a brief ceremony in the Officers’ Mess, the outgoing CO of the Regiment, LCol Harjit Sajjan, presented his gift of a newly crafted wood display cabinet for the Guidon to the Officers’ Mess and the Regiment. MWO Ronald Leblanc, commanding the Guidon Team, conducted the brief transfer of the Guidon from the old cabinet to the new cabinet. The new “home” of the Guidon complete with sabres looks great. Many thanks Colonel Sajjan!

It truly was an exceptional evening and another highly successful CO’s Parade!







**C/CWO SHANNON LO, TOP ARMY CADET IN B.C. – 10 May 2014**

**“A proud moment for one of our own”**

By: Roger Prouse

In my other role as a director and Zone Chair for the Army Cadet League in BC, I had the pleasure of watching C/CWO Shannon Lo, RSM of the 2381 BCR (Irish Fusiliers) RCACC win the President’s Award as the top Army Cadet in BC. This award was presented to her by Her Honour, Judith Guichon, OBC, Lieutenant Governor for BC, at the League’s Annual Pillars Conference and Annual General Meeting held in Victoria last weekend.

In Shannon’s acceptance speech, she credited the Army Cadet Programme for allowing her to achieve goals she never thought possible when she first entered the programme as a shy, reserved 13 year old. She is now a confident, self-assured 18 year old ready to face the challenges of adult life. Shannon will age out of the Cadet Programme in November. She is currently pursuing business studies at Simon Fraser University.

A BCR Cadet has won this award five times since its inception in 2005.

Congratulations Shannon!



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## THE BRITISH COLUMBIA ARMY GALA – 10 May 2014

The British Columbia Army Gala, formerly the Garrison Military Ball, was held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Vancouver on Saturday, 10 May 2014. The Gala, under a new format, was very well attended and was a complete success. The Regimental Table consisted of the Master of Ceremonies, Steve Darling from Global TV, and his wife Jen, Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne and his wife Gayle, 2IC Major Douglas Evans and his wife Zinat, Major Donald Bentley and his wife Sylvie, Captain Warren Kerek and Captain Manjeet Vinning. There was significant Duke presence at the Gala with Colonel Bryan Gagne and Erika, Lieutenant Colonel James Barrett and Patricia, Major Dan Thomas and Jana, Captain John Perry and Sherri, Captain Adam McLeod and Mary Murray, CWO Pat Taylor and Frances, WO Marvin MacNeill and Evelyn, Sgt Sean Marr and Sheila MacPhail, Bill and Audrey Diamond, Ken and Linda Whitney, Chacko and Lize Simon and Margaret Harris. Colonel “Doc” Warrington’s table of eighteen, representing three generations of the family, clearly won hands down for “Duke” support of the event. Colonel Mike, his wife Helen and the family have been tremendous supporters of the Military Ball for so many years. Based upon the new format and the excellent attendance it would seem a safe bet that the Army Gala has a bright future. Many thanks to Steve Darling from Global TV for doing an excellent job as Master of Ceremonies and to Gala Committee Member/Coordinator/Graphics and PR “go to guy” Captain John Perry who never stopped working the entire evening!!



L to R: Major Douglas Evans, Colonel “Doc” Warrington, Helen Warrington and HCol Ted Hawthorne

## ANNUAL CEREMONIAL REVIEW 2381 BCR (IRISH FUSILIERS) RCACC – 18 May 2014

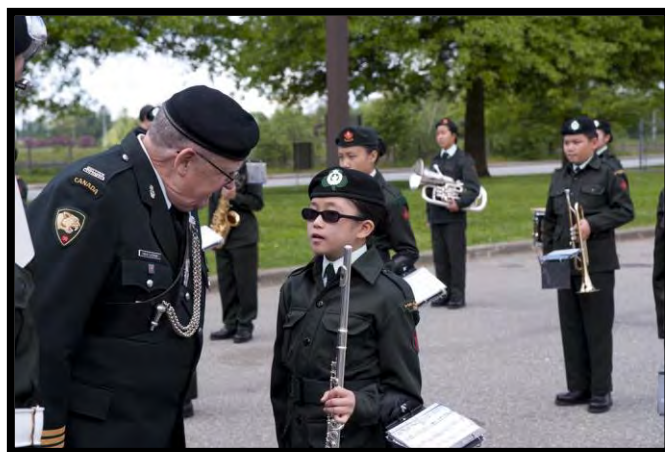
The 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ceremonial Review (“ACR”) was held at the Colonel Sherman Armoury, 5500 No. 4 Road in Richmond on 18 May 2014.



The Reviewing Officer, Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, was greeted by a Quarter Guard under the command of C/RSM Shannon Lo. After his inspection of the guard, the Honorary Colonel thanked C/RSM Lo and members of the Quarter Guard for their excellent turnout, dress and drill. Very impressive indeed!



The ACR Parade was held outside of the Armoury with ample space to accommodate the large numbers of cadets and guests. The unit paraded 110 members including a full Band (21 members) and Flag Party. The inspection of the Cadet Corps was conducted by the Reviewing Party consisting of the Reviewing Officer, the Commanding Officer, Major Gary Law, Honorary Colonel Howe Lee (39 Service Battalion), Captain Benson Lum, Adjutant, 39 Service, Major Ken Prince, Regional Cadet Support Unit (Pacific), Pius Chan, President of the Sponsoring Committee, and his wife Cindy, Roger Prouse, Cadet Governor, Louise Prouse, Army Cadet League, Archie Pow, Army Cadet League Richmond Zone Chair, Bill Spencer, President RCL #291, C/RSM Shannon Lo and Bob Fearnley, President of the Regimental Association.



Numerous awards and presentations were made to recognize the many achievements of the cadets and to emphasize the great support the unit receives. The RO presented the Commanding Officer's Coin on behalf of Lieutenant Colonel Harjit Sajjan to C/RSM Shannon Lo in recognition of her receiving the President's Award as the top Army Cadet in British Columbia.

The RO's address to the Cadet Corps consisted of congratulations to the Cadets, the CO, Officers and Staff, the Sponsoring Committee, Volunteers and Supporters and emphasized the tremendous the lifelong benefits and skills received by the cadets as a direct result of the Cadet Program.





After the departure of the RO, the Cadet Corps regrouped in the Armoury and provided excellent demonstrations by the Band, Drill Team, First Aid Team, Physical Fitness Team and Marksmanship Team to the many guests. Static displays of the five levels of the Star Program and training demonstrations were very well presented.

A reception followed where everyone enjoyed visiting and taking in the results of a most enjoyable afternoon.

Congratulations 2381 BCR (Irish Fusiliers) RCACC on an excellent ACR!

## **CO'S PARADE (STAND DOWN) – 21 May 2014**

The Stand Down/CO's Parade held on 21 May 2014 was another full evening with over 100 members on parade and very well turned out. As usual, the Regiment looked in fine form!

Brief highlights of the evening were as follows:

1. Promotions: The CO promoted Cpl Canavan to the rank of MCpl.



2. Presentation of Canadian Forces Decorations: The CO presented medals to MCpl Siwy, MCpl Galang and Sgt Roder.



3. Trophies Awarded: The CO presented the following trophies:

- Physical Fitness Spartan Helmut – Sgt Schultz;
- Top Training Squadron Soldier – Pte Spooner;
- Top Instructor – Cpl Yu (not present to accept);
- LCol A.F. Lungley Award for Top Crewman – MCpl Canavan;
- Inaugural – Arthur G. Chubb Award for Top Crew – 41 D (accepted by MCpl Galang);
- Sgt Pierangelo Dalmagro Memorial Trophy for Superior Leadership – WO Harris; and
- BCR Top Junior Officer Award – Lt Norman.





4. The “Last Words” from the Honorary Colonel: Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne complimented the members on a great parade and turnout, congratulated the medal and trophy recipients and MCpl Canavan on his promotion. Honorary Colonel Hawthorne wished everyone the best of luck and continued success for the end of the training year and the upcoming summer.

The CO concluded the evening’s agenda with his closing comments by complimenting the members of the Regiment for their good work and training and wished one and all a successful and safe summer. In addition, the CO acknowledged and thanked Past President of the Regimental Association Bill Diamond for his great work during the training year with the highly successful Curry Lunch Program and the new Kit Shop. Well done indeed Bill! It truly was an exceptional evening and another highly successful CO’s Parade!

## D-DAY – 70<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION DINNER – 21 May 2014

A reception and dinner commemorating the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day was hosted by the Government of British Columbia and was held at the Fairmont Waterfront Hotel in Vancouver on Wednesday, 21 May 2014, with 250 people in attendance. Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne represented the Regiment, Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Scott Shepherd attended as National Chairman of the Canadian Forces Liaison Council (“CFLC”) and Past President of the Regimental Association Bill Diamond represented CFLC as well.

Speakers included the Master of Ceremonies, Honorary Captain (N) Lyall Knott, QC (BC Chair of CFLC), the Minister of Finance, Honourable Michael de Jong, QC, the Premier, Honourable Christy Clark, the Minister of Veterans Affairs, Honourable Julian Fantino, PC, COM, OOnt, MP, the Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, the Honourable Judith Guichon, OBC, Veterans’ Speaker Joseph Segal, CM, OBC, CBHF, OStJ, LLD (Hon) and the Consul General of France, Jean-Christophe Fleury.

The Deputy Commander of 39 Canadian Brigade Group, Lieutenant Colonel Nigel Whittaker, MBE and Cadet Colleague, Lieutenant Colonel Terry Kopan, OMM, MOM, CD, AdeC (RCMP Inspector and Aide de Camp for Her Honour Judith Guichon) were table mates of Honorary Colonel Hawthorne and Bill Diamond.



C/CWO Shannon Lo & D-Day Veteran



L to R:  
HCol Hawthorne,  
Her Honour  
Judith Guichon &  
LCol Terry Kopan



HCol Ted  
Hawthorne &  
DCO39 CBG,  
LCol Nigel  
Whittaker



The highlight of the evening was the award and presentation of the Legion of Honour to fifteen D-Day Veterans by Mr. Jean-Christophe Fleury, Consul General of France.

It truly was a wonderful evening of recognition for our World War II veterans.

## KOMAGATA MARU, 100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION – 23 May 2014

A morning of remembrance and recognition was held at Simon Fraser University Harbour Centre on Friday, 23 May 2014. The Regiment was represented by the Commanding Officer, LCol Harjit Sajjan, MWO Ronald Leblanc and Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne.



The program of commemoration included an Aboriginal Welcome by Elder Margaret, Tsleil-Waututh Nation, Opening Remarks by SFU President and Vice-Chancellor Andrew Peter, the presentation of The Komagata Maru Video, remarks by the Honourable Tim Uppal, PC, MP, Minister of State (Multiculturalism), the Honourable Christy Clark, MLA and Premier by video message, the Honourable Amrik Virk, MLA, Minister of Advanced Education, Announcement by Amarjit S. Brar and family (gift of the impressive Arjan Singh Brar Collection to SFU), and a brief question period followed by a Reception with light snacks and live music.

A Panel Discussion followed with opening remarks by Naveen Girm and by retrospective speaker SFU Professor Emeritus Hugh Johnston, followed by introductory comments by panelists Satwinder Kaur Bains, Kanwal Singh Neel, Kalwant Singh Nadeem Parmar and moderator Naveen Girm. The guest speaker was Ali Kazimi, Associate Professor, York University.

At the conclusion of the question and answer period with the panel, the attendees then proceeded to the Khalsa Diwan Society Memorial Event at Harbour Green Park. Further speakers concluded the afternoon's commemorative program which was followed by an excellent luncheon.



L to R: LCol Harjit Sajjan,  
Major Sandeep Dhese &  
MWO Ron Leblanc



The day of commemoration continued into the evening with a dinner hosted by the Musqueam Band at the Musqueam Cultural Education Centre where the Commanding Officer and his wife Dr Kujit Sajjan along with MWO Ronald Leblanc again represented the Regiment. The CO was one of the guest speakers and took the opportunity to acknowledge Sergeant Major Leblanc as a top mentor in Canada for the First Nations Community.

Truly, a very memorable day!

## 48<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CEREMONIAL REVIEW 2781 BCR (POWELL RIVER) – 24 May 2014

Our Reviewing Officer was LCol James Barrett, CD BCR(DCO), and other dignitaries attending the parade, included LCol(R) Archie Steacy, President Emeritus of the Regimental Assoc; Mr Jim Palm, representing the City of Powell River; Colin Palmer Chairman Powell River Regional District; Bill Demkiw Royal Canadian Legion Branch 164; Gene Scheidl ACL Vanc Island; Sgt Rod Weibe, RCMP; Major Larry Jeffries representing RSCU (Pacific); Lt(N) Dave McLennan CO 64 Malaspina Sea Cadets; CPO2 Lloyd Smith and M/S Khris Walker of HMCS Vancouver; MCpl Toby Miller CSOR; Capt(N) Stuart Alsgaard, former Mayor of Powell River.



LCol James Barrett and C/WO Kimball  
(Ld Strathcona Medal)



Bill Demkiw and C/Sgt Jack Janze  
(RCL Medal of Excellence)

A full complement of 22 Cadets were on parade for inspection by the Reviewing Officer, which was followed by displays and demonstrations including fieldcraft, Air Rifle Range demonstration, unit history, and badges. The highlight of the displays was the Damage Control Wall competition, which rotates between the army and sea cadets each other year. This is the third year competing against the Navy Cadet team, and we won handily according to our judge LCol Barrett (Army 2 - Navy 1). This is an activity the cadets really get into and helps foster good relations with the Sea Cadets.

In the evening the cadets held their Cadet Mess Dinner with invited guests at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 164, catered by the Ladies Auxiliary.

In his after dinner address, LCol James Barrett complimented the cadets on their esprit de corps and their history with the Regiment. His talk was on the significance of Lord Strathcona and his contributions to both Canada and the Cadets, the Battle Honours of the Regiment and the addition of the Afghanistan Battle Honour, and the importance of belonging to the Regimental family and Association both during one's service and following. LCol(R) Archie Steacy kindly presented each Cadet with a wood printed BCR Cap Badge for their desks with a small stand.

The dinner was followed by a dance for the cadets while the adults socialized upstairs in the Legion hall. All in all a great evening.

(Adapted from a report submitted by Capt. Larry Gemmill, CD (Ret.) Admin O 2781 BCR (DCO) RCACC)

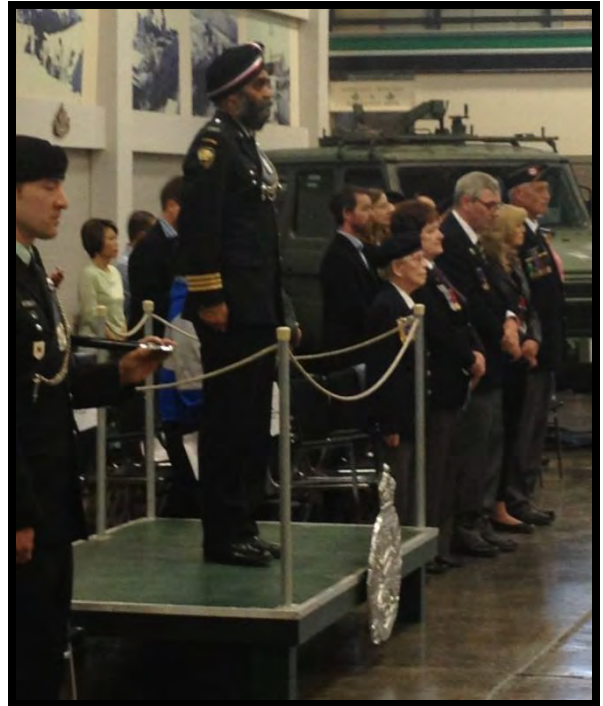
## ANNUAL CEREMONIAL REVIEW – 25 May 2014

### 2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC

The 111<sup>th</sup> anniversary Annual Ceremonial Review of the unit was held at the Drill Hall, the home of the Regiment, on Sunday, 25 May 2014.

The Reviewing Officer was the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, Lieutenant Colonel Harjit S. Sajjan. Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne also was in attendance with members of the Regimental Family including, President Bob Fearnley of the Regimental Association, Past President Bill Diamond, Cadet Governor Roger Prouse and BC Army Cadet League Representative Louise Prouse, 2290 BCR (101 DCOR) Sponsoring Committee members Lisa Wroblewski (Chair), Agnes Keegan, Janet Cho and Gayle Hawthorne. Major Ken Prince, Regional Support Unit (Pacific), was also in attendance.

As the Commanding Officer of the Cadets Corps, Captain Leah Yauck was unable to attend the ACR due to a family funeral, the DCO, Captain Tony Liem was in command.



The parade was very ably commanded by Cadet Regimental Sergeant Major Kristan Chung who did an extraordinary job. The Flag Party, Band (with the support of 2381 BCR (Irish Fusiliers) RCACC) and the cadets were all very well turned and were congratulated by Colonel Sajjan. Numerous awards and presentations were made.



Inspection by the RO, LCol H.S.S. Sajjan



RSM, C/CWO Kristan Chung & HCol Ted Hawthorne



The RO, in his address, complimented the cadets, officers, staff, volunteers, parents and the Sponsoring Committee. With all of the many skills learned by the cadets in the Cadet Program, the RO challenged all cadets to make their contribution to their society as future leaders.

After the formal parade, activities included demonstrations on the drill square (including a public speaking program, physical fitness team demonstration and band program). Static displays were worthy of note and an excellent reception was held by the Sponsoring Committee.

Congratulations 2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC on a successful Annual Ceremonial Review!

## **888 AVENGER SQUADRON, ROYAL CANADIAN AIR CADETS ANNUAL CEREMONIAL REVIEW, CHANGE OF COMMAND and SQUADRON MESS DINNER – 31 May 2014**

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Ceremonial Review (“ACR”) of 888 Avenger Squadron RCAC was held at the Drill Hall, home of The British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught’s Own), on Saturday, 31 May 2014. The ACR was very well attended by over 100 cadets on parade (elbow dressing) complete with a flag party and a 25 member band. Seating for the many family, friends, staff, volunteers and guests of the Cadet Corps occupied the entire east wall floor space of the parade square. The Reviewing Officer was Major Cindy Croston, CD. The Reviewing Parties for the two Flights consisted of the Reviewing Officer accompanied by the Parade Commander, WO2 Denny Lee, the Commanding Officer of the Cadet Corps, Captain Jagdeep Singh Masoun, CD, Deputy Commanding Officer, Captain Amar Tiwana, the Deputy Mayor, Adrienne Carr, Air Cadet League Representative, Rebecca Poon, Sponsoring Committee Chair, Elizabeth Chan, RCL Zone Chair, Joanne Anderson, Khalsa Diwan Society President, Sohan Deo, Wing Chair, Sheila Kung, WO2 Boris Tang and the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne. The cadets were very well turned out and their drill was excellent. After the March Past, the Squadron exited the Drill Hall and the Cadet Corps proceeded with their well-prepared demonstrations presented by the Drill Team (15 members), the PT Team (10 members), and the Band. The Squadron then returned to the parade square where Awards and Presentations were made. Honorary Colonel Hawthorne presented the Best Senior NCO Award and Deputy Mayor Carr presented the Best Cadet Award. The Officers of the unit made a presentation to the outgoing CO, Captain Masoun, in recognition of his tremendous vision and work in the development of 888 Avenger Squadron.

A Change of Command Ceremony was conducted by the Reviewing Officer with the outgoing CO, Captain Masoun, transferring command to the incoming CO, Captain Tiwana.





The Reviewing Officer addressed the Cadets Corps which was followed by speeches from the League Rep, Rebecca Poon, Sponsoring Committee Chair, Elizabeth Chan, and Deputy Mayor, Adrienne Carr. After the parade, a Squadron photograph was taken, and everyone adjourned to enjoy the reception and static displays.

The Squadron Mess Dinner was held at Bessborough Armoury (15<sup>th</sup> Field RCA) where an excellent dinner and a very lively evening were enjoyed by all. The Honorary Colonel was asked to address the members and conveyed a very inspirational message from the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, LCol Harjit Sajjan.

Congratulations to 888 Avenger Squadron on an excellent ACR and Mess Dinner!



## **HMCS WINNIPEG – A DAY AT SEA – 10 June 2014**

It was an enjoyable day at sea onboard HMCS Winnipeg as guests of Rear-Admiral W.S. Truelove, Commander, Maritime Forces Pacific, Royal Canadian Navy. The “Winnipeg” has just completed its midlife refit as one of Canada’s twelve Halifax Class Frigates.

Activities of the day sail included a full tour of the ship, search and rescue scenario complete with Zodiac and Sea King helicopter deployment from 443 Squadron, Pat Bay, a visit from the Canadian Coast Guard Hovercraft from the Sea Island Base in Richmond and an excellent luncheon.





Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne and his wife Gayle attended as one of the "Friends of Vancouver" Group. The Regiment and the Regimental Association continue to support the Regiment's affiliation with HMCS Vancouver and plan to complete an outstanding recognition/award presentation upon completion of the midlife refit for HMCS Vancouver. The Honorary Colonel had an excellent opportunity to discuss numerous matters in an extended discussion with Rear-Admiral Truelove. In addition, many of our colleagues and friends were in attendance, including HLCol Bill Rodgers, 15<sup>th</sup> Field RCA, HCol Mike Shields and HLCol Rod Hoffmeister, Seaforth Highlanders of Canada, Captains (N) Lyall Knott and Tung Chan and Cam Cathcart, President of RUSI, Vancouver.

A great day and many thanks to our friends in the RCN for all of their great hospitality!



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12 June 2014

Members of the Regimental Association, friends and supporters,

Dear colleagues:

I am pleased to announce that the following members were elected as directors of the Regimental Association at the annual general meeting of members held at the Drill Hall on 12 June 2014:

President- Bob Remple  
Vice President- Gayle Hawthorne  
Treasurer – Jerry Couling  
Secretary – Sharel Fraser  
Director at large – Roger Prouse

I am confident that our strong board of directors will continue to follow the well-established policy or tradition of supporting the Commanding Officer, the Regiment and our wider Regimental Family.

I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate the new members of the board on their appointment and for their strong background of service and commitment to the Regimental Association and the Regimental Family. I also wish to acknowledge the outgoing board of directors for their service. It is appreciated by all of us.

Sincerely yours,

R. A. (Bob) Remple, President



## **ANNUAL CEREMONIAL REVIEW – 14 June 2014**

### **2827 BCR (DCO) RCACC**

Lieutenant Colonel James Barrett, CD was the Reviewing Officer at this year's Annual Ceremonial Review of 2827 BCR (DCO) (Port Moody) RCACC. Thirty one cadets, including colour party, were present on the parade square adjacent to the RCL Branch #119 on Clarke Street in Port Moody. The cadets were well turned out for inspection by the RO and the remainder of the Reviewing Party (Lt Robert Rothwell, Major Ken Prince, Cadet Governor Roger Prouse, the Chief Constable of Port Moody, Chris Rattenbury, and Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, representing the Regiment). The Cadet Corps performed well and their drill was noteworthy. In addition, all demonstrations were very well executed in all respects (Drill Team, PT Team and Shooting Team complete with new field uniforms). On parade, it was announced that CWO Chung would be attending Bisley this summer as a member of the National Rifle Team. Best of luck WO Chung! There were numerous awards presented by the Reviewing Officer, members of the Reviewing Party and Vice President Gayle Hawthorne, representing the Regimental Association. Of particular note was the presentation of a new pace stick to the unit Commanding Officer, Lt. Robert Rothwell, by Bonnie Banman, widow of the late Captain Orlando Banman, former CO of 2827 BCR (DCO) RCACC. Colonel Barrett delivered an excellent address to the Cadets Corps, CIC Officers, families and volunteers by emphasizing the excellent opportunities to learn leadership and teamwork skills under the Cadet Program. Colonel Barrett also delivered a brief historical biography on Lord Strathcona and the prestigious medal bearing his name. It was a very proud time for everyone including the many family, friends and members of the Regimental Family, including a very strong representation from 2381 BCR (Irish Fusiliers) RCACC led by Captain Jackson Wong and C/RSM Shannon Lo and other senior members of their Cadet Corps.



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

## **ANNUAL CEREMONIAL REVIEW – 19 June 2014**

### **3300 BCR (DCO) RCACC**

The second Annual Ceremonial Review of the unit was held at the Sikh Academy School Gymnasium, 12895 85<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Surrey on Thursday evening and was very well attended by cadets, staff of the unit, CIC officers, volunteers, family and friends. The two Troops of cadets consisting of 22 members each were very well turned out. The unit is progressing very well for such a new Cadet Corps. The Reviewing Officer

was City Councillor Barinder Rasode who lead the Reviewing Party consisting of the Commanding Officer of the unit, Major Jim Blomme, Cadet Parade Commander, C/WO Bharbhoor Tumber, Chair Sponsor, Harbinder Singh Sewak, Chair Sponsoring Committee, Meena Ghag, the Acting Commanding Officer of the Regiment, Major Douglas Evans, the Honorary Colonel, Ted Hawthorne, and Army Cadet League (BC Branch) Major (R) Roger Prouse. Vice President Gayle Hawthorne represented the Regimental Association. Our very good friend and supporter Tochi Sandhu was also in attendance.



The program of the Annual Ceremonial Review consisted of the presentation of awards, presentation of Certificates of Recognition, addresses by the Reviewing Officer, the unit Commanding Officer and the Sponsoring Committee, excellent demonstrations by the Navigation Team, Drill Team and Punjabi Dance Team and, last of all, a well-organized and most enjoyable reception.

Congratulations 3300 BCR for a successful Annual Ceremonial Review and keep up the good work!





## ORDER OF MILITARY MERIT INVESTITURE CEREMONY – 20 June 2014



We are pleased to report that the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, Lieutenant Colonel Harjit S. Sajjan, OMM, MSM, CD, attended the investiture ceremony at Rideau Hall, on Friday, 20 June 2014 and was presented with the Order of Military Merit. The Governor General of Canada, His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, who is also our Commander-in-Chief, presided at the ceremony and bestowed the honour on 3 Commanders, 13 Officers and 34 Members.

The Order of Military Merit was created in 1972 and recognizes outstanding meritorious service in duties of responsibility and devotion to duty by members of the Canadian Armed Forces. The OMM is the second highest order administered by the Governor General-in-Council, on behalf of the Queen of Canada.

Congratulations from all of us on your well-deserved recognition Colonel Sajjan!



Above: Recipients of the Order of Military Merit  
Left: Sajjan Family

## PROMOTION – WARRANT OFFICER MICHAEL L. HILLMAN, CD – 11 July 2014

The Commanding Officer of the Regiment, Lieutenant Colonel Harjit Sajjan, elected to proceed with the promotion of Sergeant Michael Hillman to the rank of Warrant Officer rather than to wait until the next parade of the Regiment which will take place on 11 September 2014 when the Regiment stands to. WO Hillman will also be recognized at the Stand To Parade. The brief midafternoon ceremony was conducted in the WO's' and Sgts' Mess in the Drill Hall on a beautiful Vancouver day. The RSM, MWO Huf Mullick, welcomed the numerous members of the mess and invited guests, including past RSM Pat Taylor, Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne and Vice President of the Regimental Association, Gayle Hawthorne.



L to R: LCol Sajjan, WO Hillman and RSM, MWO Mullick



In addition, the RSM conveyed some very kind words in acknowledging the service and “Duke Character” of WO Hillman. The Commanding Officer then proceeded with the promotion ceremony and acknowledged the service and commitment of WO Hillman and emphasized the strength and the significant leadership role played by the Senior NCOs in the Regiment (in particular the role of the Warrant Officers) and in the Canadian Armed Forces. A reception followed in the mess.

Congratulations and well done Mike from the entire Regimental Family!



L to R: LCol Sajjan, HCol Hawthorne, WO Hillman, Gayle Hawthorne & RSM, MWO Mullick

## **ATTESTATION CEREMONY (SWEARING IN)**

### **HMCS DISCOVERY – 16 July 2014**

The official swearing in of candidates, including our very own Kristan Chung, as an Armoured Officer Cadet, formerly RSM C/CWO, and Anna Dillman, as a Logistics Officer Cadet, formerly C/Sgt, both of 2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC, took place at HMCS Discovery on Wednesday morning, 16 July 2014. Rear-Admiral William S. Truelove, Commander, Maritime Forces Pacific, RCN, was the Presiding Officer administering the oath or affirmation to the newest members of the Canadian Armed Forces.

The Regiment was represented by the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Harjit S. Sajjan, who took time out of his very busy schedule to attend, and the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne. The Commanding Officer of 2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC, Captain Leah Yauck, was also in attendance. The Regimental Family was also very well represented by Lieutenant Colonel James Barrett, Vice President Gayle Hawthorne and Cadet Governor and Director Roger Prouse of the Regimental Association, Honorary Captain Agnes Keegan, RCL, Louise Prouse of the Army Cadet League of Canada, BC Branch and our good friend Stan Clark, of 2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC.

It was a very proud day for all of the many candidates, their friends and families.

Congratulations to Kristan and Anna and all of the very best of luck in their studies at Royal Military College and in their new military career from the entire Regimental Family. We are all tremendously proud of you both!

Up the Dukes!



Kristan Chung and Anna Dillman with Rear-Admiral William S. Truelove



L to R: LCol Barrett, Maj(R) Prouse, Anna Dillman, Capt Yauck, Kristan Chung, Agnes Keegan, Vice President Gayle Hawthorne & HCol Ted Hawthorne

## REMEMBERING KOMAGATA MARU DINNER – 23 July 2014

The Remembering Komagata Maru Dinner held at the Bombay Banquet Hall in Surrey was sponsored by the Komagata Maru Heritage Foundation. The evening's festivities marked the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Komagata Maru incident in Vancouver Harbour and the turning away of the vessel and departure on 23 July 1914.

Although there were many excellent speeches delivered throughout the evening, the keynote speaker, Richard Bird, gave a very thorough account of his grandfather's extraordinary representation in the various court proceedings as counsel for the passengers aboard the Komagata Maru. The Commanding Officer of the Regiment, LCol Harjit Sajjan, was also asked to speak and addressed the very receptive audience. The Commanding Officer emphasized the extraordinary opportunities provided by the Canadian Armed Forces which ultimately enabled him to command the Regiment. The Regimental Family was also represented by Doctor Kuljit Sajjan and Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne who enjoyed a very exceptional evening of remembrance.



L to R: Lakhbir S. Sajjan (uncle), LCol Harjit Sajjan, Kundan S. Saiian (father) and HCol Ted Hawthorne

## 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL W5 BCR ASSOCIATION CADET BBQ FUNDRAISER – 27 July 2014

The 4<sup>th</sup> annual W5 was held on Sunday July 27<sup>th</sup> at Ken & Linda Whitney's home in Tsawwassen. It was a beautiful sunny warm day for a BBQ and a good opportunity for everyone to get together in the summer to catch up. Some of the people who attended were Hol Col Ted Hawthorne and Vice President BCR Association Gayle Hawthorne, Hol Col Howe Lee and his wife Hilda, President BCR Association Bob Remple, LCol Jim Barrett along with his wife Patricia, Archie and Judy Pow, LCol(R) Archie Steacy and Lynda Steacy, Lisa Wroblewski, Chair of the 2250 BCR Sponsoring Committee, WO Tony Harris, Gauthier Hebbelynck, Sandrine and Clemence from France, Anges Keegan and many more.

The BBQ consisted of your typical BBQ fixings. There were many door and lucky draw prizes to be won. Ken Whitney brought in his band to play for us as well. We would like to thank everyone who helped make this a successful event: Gayle Hawthorne, Lynda Steacy, Patricia Barrett, Lisa and Tom Lyth and Margaret Monchamp.





A big thanks to Ken and Linda Whitney for opening their home to us for this event. And thank you to everyone who attended. We hope to see everyone and more at next year's BBQ fundraiser.

Up the Dukes!  
Sandra Young

*Editor's Note: Thank you so much to Graydon and Sandra Young for their great work in putting together such a successful event!*

## **AFGHANISTAN MEMORIAL VIGIL - 29 July 2014**

The special opening of the Afghanistan Memorial Vigil took place at the Vancouver Convention Centre on Tuesday, 29 July 2014. The Vigil commemorates the loss of 158 CAF personnel, a Canadian diplomat, a DND contractor, a Canadian journalist who was embedded with the CAF and more than 40 United States Armed Forces members who were under Canadian command during 12 years of operations in Afghanistan. The travelling Memorial Vigil not only remembers and honours those who have fallen but also acknowledges the bravery, dedication, valour and professionalism of all members of the CAF who have served in Afghanistan. The plaques forming part of the Memorial were formerly part of the Kandahar Air Field cenotaph.



L to R: HCol Ted Hawthorne, HCol Rick Hansen and LCol Harjit Sajjan

The Memorial Vigil ceremony featured addresses by Douglas Horne, MLA and Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and by Rear-Admiral Bill Truelove, Commander, Maritime Pacific, RCN and the laying of wreaths by Mr. Horne, Rear-Admiral Truelove and families of the Fallen.

The Regiment was represented by the Honorary Colonel, Ted Hawthorne, the Commanding Officer, LCol Harjit Sajjan, and RSM, MWO Huf Mullick. Colleagues, Honorary Colonels Rick Hansen (Joint Forces Personnel Support Unit), Howe Lee (39 Service Battalion) and Michael Shields (Seaforth Highlanders of Canada) were also in attendance.

We will remember them!

## **FAREWELL AND GOOD LUCK TO OUR RMC CADETS – 3 August 2014**

By: Roger Prouse

On Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, a small group of the Regimental Family gathered in the Officers' Mess to say "Farewell and Good Luck" to our three RMC Cadets. O/Cdt Anton Humeniuk, will be going into 3<sup>rd</sup> year at RMC and was a former 2290 BCR Cadet RSM. OCdt Kristan Chung, also a former 2290 BCR Cadet RSM,

was recently accepted as an RMC Cadet and will be commencing his studies at RMC in September. Unfortunately, OCdt Anna Dillman, a former 2290 BCR Cadet Sergeant, had a family commitment and could not be with us. Anna was also recently accepted into first year at RMC. HCol Ted Hawthorne presented each RMC student with a copy of "Swift and Strong" and a BCR lapel pin on behalf of the Commanding Officer, LCol Harjit Sajjan, and the BCR Family. Capt Leah Yauck, CO of the 2290 BCR, will see that Anna gets her book and pin prior to her departure for Kingston. We are all very proud of Anton, Anna and Kristan's outstanding achievement.

Also in attendance were Major Ken Prince, ACICO, Vice President and 2290 BCR Sponsoring Committee member, Gayle Hawthorne, Agnes Keegan, Sponsoring Committee, Louise Prouse, Army Cadet League, and President Emeritus, Archie Steacy and Lynda.

L to R: HCol Ted Hawthorne, OCdt Kristan Chung, Capt. Leah Yauck, OCdt Anton Humeniuk and Major(R) Roger Prouse



## **FORMER RSM, MAJOR CHRIS MULLINS PROMOTED TO LT. COLONEL**

At a recent ceremony, former RSM, Major Chris Mullins was promoted to Lt. Colonel.



Chris joined the Regiment in 1976 when he turned 16. During the next four years, Chris attended every course he could get loaded on and, due to his drive and determination, gained accelerated promotion to Sergeant. His civilian work in the high technology industry led him to a job at 39 Brigade HQ managing the installation of the first computer network. Chris was promoted to CWO and RSM in 1997. In 2000 Chris transferred to the 6<sup>th</sup> Field Engineer Squadron and was promoted to Captain. He serviced with the Squadron as Troop Leader and United Training Officer.

For the last 10 years Chris has been employed full time at National Defence HQ in Ottawa in Force Development in C4ISR which translates into Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, and Reconnaissance. C4ISR is all about getting the right information to the right Commander in the right format when and where required. During this period he was promoted to Major.

Chris' new position is Branch head of Joint Information Infrastructure Management at the Canadian Forces Warfare Centre outside of Ottawa. He is responsible for a \$3 million budget and leads a team of 13 systems and network engineers. He is also the "Canadian Lead Representative" for the Coalition Federated Battle Lab Network (CFBL) which is a global "federated network" (each member country is responsible for their portion) that includes NATO nations and what's called the "5EYES" community (Canada, US, UK, Australia and New Zealand). Never before has a Reservist been responsible for representing Canada at this organization.

In Chris's own words he will also be involved in the following:

*"The most intriguing and interesting initiative I will be involved in includes working with Industry, scientists and environmental reps (army, navy, air force) to connect existing CF-18 simulators (i.e. in Cold Lake Alberta), future army vehicle simulators (in Wainwright) and SOF targeting simulators (in Gagetown) such that ongoing "joint" training and/or pre-deployment training can be conducted in a virtual environment simulating the terrain and actual threats in areas where Canadian expeditionary forces might be deployed.*

*And here's the coolest part of the work I will be involved in (design, development and sustainment of this particular capability). In the future a deployed Canadian commander in his (and his staff's) conduct of the Operational Planning Process (OPP) would engage real warfighters back at their bases in Canada to fly or fight various missions "virtually," in order to determine which outcomes produce the best results and then provide recommended Courses of Action (COAs) back to the theatre commander "before" he commits troops/pilots/sailors to combat. So cool."*

We all wish Lt. Colonel Mullins the best of luck in his new position. Even though Chris is badged Engineer we know "Once a Duke - Always a Duke".

Crew Commanding in Ft. Lewis  
in his younger days



## **CADET GOVERNOR'S REPORT**

By: Roger W. Prouse, Director BCRA  
Cadet Development

### **Our Cadet's Stars are Shining Brightly**

Two former 2290 Cadets C/CWO Kristan Chung and C/Sgt Anna Dillman were both accepted to enter Royal Military Collage this semester. HCol Ted Hawthorne, Major Jim Barrett, Capt Yauck, Gayle



Hawthorne, Louise Prouse, Stan Clarke and Agnes Keegan and yours truly, attended their swearing in ceremony at HMCS Discovery on July 16. VAdm Bill Truelove, Commander Maritime Pacific, officiated. This is a remarkable achievement for these former Cadets and to have two from the same Corps go in at the same time is virtually unheard of. A small hastily put together reception was held in the officer's mess on August 10 to wish them well in their studies. A copy of Swift and Strong was presented by Col Hawthorne on behalf of the Regimental Family to Kristan, Anna and Anton Humeniuk a former 2290 RSM, who is starting 3<sup>rd</sup> year at RMC.

C/CWO Shannon Lo from the 2381 BCR Irish Fusiliers won the Sword of Honour at the Vernon Army Cadet Summer Training Centre as the top CSM in the Battalion this summer. Shannon is no stranger to earning top awards. She is the current holder of the President Award as top Army Cadet in BC and BC's nominee for the top Army Cadet in Canada. Shannon will be aging out of the programme in November.

Lt Tiffany Lu also from the 2381 and a former 2381 Cadet won the Platoon Commander Sword of Excellence at VACSTC for her outstanding performance and contribution to the vision of VACSTC as a centre of excellence for Cadet training. Congratulations to all our high achievers.

Some very exciting appointments have been announced by the Regional Cadet Support Unit (Pacific) that directly affects two of our Corps. Lcol Jim Barrett has been approved as a CIC officer in the rank of Major and will be taking over command of the 2290 effective 25 Sept 14. This is a huge win for the 2290 as we will have a very experienced officer and one who we hold in very high regard as the CO of our flagship Corps. Capt Leah Yauck has completed her 3 year appointment as the 2290 CO and will be returning to school to complete her degree. I wish to take this opportunity to thank Capt Yauck for her service to the 2290 over the past 3 years.

Major Blomme has stepped down as CO of the 3300 BCR RCACC. Major Blomme has worked countless hours getting our new Corps in Surrey up and running. He is transferring to the Cadet Instructors Supplementary Service List (CISS) to get some much deserved time off. The new CO at the 3300 is Major Lee Taylor. Major Taylor has commanded two Seaforth Corps, most recently, the 2812 Seaforth RCACC in Surrey. He is looking forward to joining the BCR family. Also, the 3300 has recently received approval from Ottawa for a name change. They are now going to be called; The 3300 BCR (Bhai Kanhaiya) RCACC.

We also have a new Area Cadet Instructors Cadre Officer (ACICO) for Training Group Delta (BCR Cadet Corps) Major Ken Prince will be changing training groups (trg gp) with Major Rob Thompson currently the ACICO for Trg gp Charlie. (Seaforths Corps) Major Thompson also has deep roots in the Seaforths but I am confident he will adapt very quickly to working with BCR Corps. Major Thompson is a very experienced and dedicated CIC Officer and will do an outstanding job working with our BCR CIC staff and Cadets. He is excited about the opportunity to join our Regimental family. Welcome Majors Thompson and Taylor.

**Events:** Change of Command 2290 from Capt Leah Yauck to Major Jim Barrett – 25 September 2014  
Perpetuated Battalion Commemoration Parade – 27 September 2014

**General:** All Corps stood to the week of 7 September 2014. Star level trg, NCO development and recruiting will be the main focus our Corps moving forward into the fall training period. Corps COs will also be focusing on making sure they have a strong Parent Sponsoring Committee to support the Corps during the training year.

## BCR CADETS WIN MAJOR AWARDS AT THE VERNON ARMY CADET SUMMER TRAINING CENTRE – 14 August 2014

Submitted by Major (Ret'd) Roger Prouse

The Final Parade and Sunset Ceremony were held at the Vernon Army Cadet Summer Training Centre (VACSTC) on Thursday, August 14, 2014. The Parade Reviewing Officer was Her Honour Judith Guichon, Lieutenant Governor for British Columbia. Over 700 Cadets from Western Canada and the Territories were on parade with their officers.

Two of our own from the 2381 BCR (Irish Fusiliers) in Richmond received major awards for their performance at the six week Camp.

**Lt. Tiffany Lu**, a former BCR Cadet and now a CIC Officer at the 2381, received the Platoon Commander's Sword of Distinction for her outstanding performance and contribution to the vision of VACSTC as a Centre of Excellence for Cadet Training in Canada. The award was presented by Mr. Al Saunders, President of the VACSTC Alumni Association and LCol (Ret'd) Lyle Johnson, former CO of VACSTC.

L to R: Al Saunders, Lt. Tiffany Lu &  
LCol (Ret'd) Lyle Johnson



Photos courtesy of Wayne Emde



**C/CWO Shannon Lo**, currently the RSM at the 2381, won the Sword of Honour for being selected as the Most Outstanding Training Group Sergeant Major at VACSTC. Shannon is an excellent Cadet who is also the reigning Top Army Cadet in BC and is the Army Cadet League (BC) nomination for Top Army Cadet in Canada. The Sword was presented by Her Honour Judith Guichon and LCol Judy Peter, CO VACSTC.

L to R: C/CWO Shannon Lo, LCol Judy Peter &  
Her Honour Judith Guichon

The Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, was also in attendance with Cadet Governor, Roger Prouse and his wife, Louise Prouse, representing the Regimental Association.

Congratulations to Lt. Lu and C/CWO Lo.

## **WEDDING RECEPTION CAPTAIN MANJEET VINNING and GURSIMRAN SAJJAN 24 August 2014**



The reception celebrating the marriage of Manjeet and Simran was held at the Bombay Banquet Hall in Surrey. The happy couple were married the day before at Shri Guru Singh Sabha. It was an evening to remember, complete with numerous eloquent acknowledgements, a stunning array of beautiful dresses and decorations, unending delicious food, music and dancing on a packed dance floor. All in honour of the gorgeous bride and delighted groom! Congratulations Manj and Simran and our very best wishes from the entire Regimental Family!

## **EX KOOTENAY COUGAR 2014 – 25-26 August 2014 VISIT**

Regimental Family supporter Farid Rohani and Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne were guests of the Canadian Forces Liaison Council (“CFLC”) on their visit to the Trail region of B.C. to observe the annual 39 CBG exercise.

Briefings were held at the Trail Armoury, home of 44 Engineer Squadron (39 CER), being the Command HQ. The Exercise, patterned after the Afghanistan experience, was comprised of seven Forward Operating Bases (“FOB”) as follows: FOB Cougar (HQ Command 39 CBG), FOB Juno (Logistical Support 39 Svc Bn), FOB Amiens (Hasty Attack/Water Crossing BCR/BCD), FOB Normandy (4 Griffon Helicopters in support 408 Sqn RCAF), FOB Batoche (close quarter battle with Simunition and “kill houses” and downed pilot syndrome 5/15 Fld RCA), FOB Casino (Live fire range and mass casualty operation SHofC and 12 Field Ambulance), and FOB Dieppe (Grenade range and gap crossing 39 CER).

Major Douglas Evans, 2IC of the Regiment, and Sgt MacWilliam welcomed Farid and the Honorary Colonel at FOB Batoche. Major Evans provided a detailed sitrep on the exercise and emphasized the very good junior leader training on the exercise as well as the many excellent and enjoyable training scenarios which are often not available to our members. Coming as no real surprise, the Regiment’s FOB Amiens or “FOB Awesome” was clearly the favourite of 39 CBG soldiers as the BCR had the only canteen! Many thanks Major Evans for the excellent briefing and hospitality!



L to R: Sgt MacWilliam, HCol Hawthorne, Maj Evans and Farid Rohani



Also of note, MCpl Canavan was awarded a 39 CBG Commendation for his excellent efforts. Congratulations one and all on a great exercise and many thanks for the great work of CFLC.

## 75<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CEREMONY – 10 September 2014

Julian Fantino, Minister of Veterans Affairs, hosted a ceremony honouring veterans of the Second World War and a luncheon at the Drill Hall on Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. The ceremony marked the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Canada's entry into the conflict (the first time Canada declared war on its own accord). The Minister presented all veterans in attendance with a Certificate of Recognition and a commemorative lapel pin as "symbols of our country's enduring pride and gratitude". Lunch followed which provided an excellent opportunity to visit with the many veterans, friends and family. The Regiment was well represented by 2I/C Major Douglas Evans, Captain John Perry, WO Marvin MacNeill and Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne.

Congratulations to all veterans and, in particular, to Agnes Keegan and Monty Lee, members of the Regimental Association, who were in attendance.



Minister Fantino & Agnes Keegan



L to R: Major Evans, Agnes Keegan, WO Marvin MacNeill & Capt John Perry

## CO'S PARADE (STAND TO) – 10 September 2014

The CO's Parade held on 10 September 2014 was a full evening with a very good turnout of members on parade and members of the Regimental Association in attendance. The Regiment was very clearly in fine form and ready for a new training year.

Brief highlights of the evening were as follows:

1. Change of Command: After welcoming the members to the beginning of a new training year and acknowledging the good turn out on parade, the Commanding Officer, LCol Harjit Sajjan, announced that the Change of Command Parade (LCol Harjit Sajjan to Major Douglas Evans) is scheduled to take place on Sunday, 28 September 2014;
2. Recruits: The CO welcomed and presented the five new members of the Regiment (previously sworn in), namely Privates Bean, Fan, Hogan, Nam and OCdt Huang. The CO emphasized the importance of their new role in representing the Regiment as a CAF member;
3. Promotions (to the rank stipulated):
  - (a) Lt Ellis and WO Hillman were promoted in the summer and recognized by the CO on parade;
  - (b) Cpl Aliakbar;
  - (c) MCpl Corbett;
  - (d) MCpl Halpin;
  - (e) MCpl Langone; and
  - (f) MCpl Rusen;
4. Canadian Forces Decoration (“CD”): The CO presented the CD to Major Virk.
5. The “Last Words” from the Regimental Association and the Honorary Colonel: New Regimental Association President Bob Remple was graciously introduced by the CO and invited to address the Regiment. Recce Bob greeted and congratulated the members on parade and reminded everyone of the 2014 Bursary Program. In addition, the President delivered an open invitation to all members to attend the Remembrance & Birthday Dinner to be held on October 3rd. Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne welcomed everyone back after an extraordinary summer, complimented the members on a great parade and turnout, and congratulated the new recruits, the six members receiving promotions and the medal recipient. Colonel Hawthorne congratulated Bob Remple and his team on their recent election and thanked the Regimental Association for their great work in supporting the Regiment and its five Cadet Corps. Everyone was wished the best of luck and continued success in the new training year.

The CO concluded the evening’s agenda with his closing comments by complimenting the members of the Regiment for their good work and reminded everyone of the very hectic schedule in the new training year.

Congratulations on another exceptional CO’s Parade!







## FROM THE BARRETT BUNKER

By: LCol Jim Barrett

This summer marked the 114<sup>th</sup> anniversary of one of the more interesting call outs of the Regiment in “Aid to the Civil Power” during the Steveston Fishing Riots of July and August 1900. At this time, contingents of soldiers from our Regiment from Vancouver and New Westminster were on Service in South Africa, and the Regiment itself was undergoing a transition as it was in the process of being converted from Garrison Artillery to Rifles. Officially the Regiment was renamed as The 6<sup>th</sup> Duke of Connaught’s Own Rifles on the 1<sup>st</sup> of August, 1899, but, it was in their old uniforms of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Garrison Artillery under the command of Col Worsnop, that they were called out to Steveston on the mouth of the South arm of the Fraser River to quell the labour unrest in July and August in the summer of 1900.



View of Steveston waterfront during riots  
(City of Van Archives)



By way of background, Steveston in 1900 resembled a gold rush town each summer with the start of the Sockeye Salmon run. Although, the Salmon fishery has started out at the Hudson Bay's Settlement at Fort Langley in the 1820's, the real rise to the Salmon fishery grew following the 1870's with the largest growth in the ten years prior to the strike with advances in canning production. This is best illustrated when one compares the 16 canneries of 1889 with the growth to a total of 46 canneries established on the Fraser by 1899.



Early salmon fishing boat requiring an oarsman or "puller".  
(Vancouver Public Library)

At the time of the incident, Steveston was probably the world's largest salmon fishing centre, complete with saloons, brothels and approximately 2,500 fisherman including Europeans, Aboriginal, and Japanese. The canneries employed both Chinese and aboriginal labour. There had been labour unrest in the industry for some time, and there was much bitterness from an 1893 strike when the Aboriginal fishermen felt that they were sold out by the Europeans to the cannery owners.



Boats off Steveston during the riots  
(City of Vancouver Archives)

Pricing was done by the fish and the starting rate for the 1899 season had been at 25 cents per fish, and would fluctuate downwards as the salmon run peaked. Prior to the 1900 season the formation of unions had occurred largely between the European and Aboriginal fishermen, but the Japanese, especially in Steveston, preferred to join the Japanese Benevolent Society instead. The Unions, although unrecognized by the Canneries, wanted a starting rate of \$35 Cents per fish, in contrast, the Japanese and independent fishermen had discussed a starting rate at 25 Cents per fish. By the time the Sockeye season was due to open on 1 July 1900, no set price had been agreed to with the Canneries, and the stage for a major strike was set.

The Canneries took the position that the starting price would be 20 cents and would drop as low as 15 cents per fish. The Union dug its heels in at 25 cents a fish and neither side was willing to budge. The Japanese Fishermen agreed to the Cannery rate, prepared to go out to fish, and the stage was set for the 'riot'. Prior to this, there had been some isolated incidents of intimidation and threats, but there had been no serious violence. Some of the Japanese fishermen had refused to go on strike and the European and Aboriginal fishermen had established boat patrols to keep them from fishing.



(Library and Archives Canada)

From the REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE —RE: CALLING OUT MILITIA AT STEVESTON. VICTORIA, August 27th, 1900, Mr. M. B. WILKINSON, Reeve, Richmond Municipality, J. P., when asked if there had been anything in the way of disorder or intimidation, replied that, "I know of two special occasions myself. One man went out to fish and got outside the river, and he was ordered to take up his net or they would take his net from him, or dump him out of the boat. Another circumstance I saw myself ; thirty men in one boat and ten in another, and they got around a man and would not allow him to put his net out ; he said he would ; they got in front of him and wouldn't allow him to drift. This man put out his net and took up his rifle, and he threatened to shoot any one of them that tried to stop him from fishing."

Mr. EDWARD HUNT, Justice of the Peace, admitted to the committee that his idea in calling out the militia was that without their presence, "... there was danger of a collision between white fishermen and the Japanese, and that (he) didn't call the Militia there to protect the cannery property against the strikers in the first place—it was not because (he) thought that the strikers were going to destroy property of their own motion, but because (he) thought there was going to be a collision between the Japanese and the white men ..."

Mr. ROBERT WHITESIDE, Justice of the Peace, Cannery Foreman, P. C. Packing Co. testified when asked if he could give the committee an idea of some of the special occurrences or actions on the part of other people which induced him to believe it would be advisable to call out the Militia, that on the Friday night, he has seen the patrol boats from the Fisherman's Union take possession of one or two of the boats sent out from the Phoenix Cannery, on which there were six of the Provincial police on board and were unable to do anything at all.



Strikers marching through Steveston  
(Library and Archives Canada)

Without reference to the Provincial Government, nor following any reading of the Riot act, the Reeve and two Justices of the Peace, contacted Col Worsnop on the evening of 22<sup>nd</sup> July, first to give warning of the potential calling out of the Regiment in 'Aid to the Civil Authority' at approximately 9 PM, and at 11:45 PM Colonel Worsnop received his orders to deploy. As only one in five homes had a telephone at that time, Buglers rode around Vancouver calling assembly from trolley cars. Within a short time, four companies were assembled and boarded the CPR Steamer Comox bound for Steveston. Ten rounds of ball cartridge were issued to each soldier with another twenty held in reserve. The men were told that in the event of action being called of them that they were to shoot to kill. Between 6 to 6:30 AM on the morning of July 23, 1900, the DCOR disembarked to a quiet town. They set up camp nearby in front of the Gulf of Georgia Cannery, and prepared to enjoy the weather for a couple of weeks until things settled down.

Similarly, Captain Henderson from the New Westminster Companies of the 6<sup>th</sup> DCOR received first a Warning Order, and then at 11:45 PM an order from Col Worsnop to call the men to assemble. Captain Henderson went to the drill shed and got a bugler to blow the assembly throughout the town. Having got his troops on parade in two hours they boarded the steamer the "Rithet" and set sail at 4:30 AM, arriving at about 7 AM in Steveston with 53 soldiers. They joined the Vancouver contingent and then were ordered to go to the Scottish Canadian Cannery, set a guard, and were quartered there that day. The next day, 24 July 1900, they proceeded to the Malcolm and Windsor Cannery where they encountered a demonstration of approximately 800 to 1000 European and Aboriginal strikers.



6<sup>th</sup> DCOR Arrive in Steveston 23 July, 1900  
(Library and archives Canada)



6th Regiment, The Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles  
in camp during the Steveston riots

Group portrait shows Lieutenant Colonel C.A. Worsnop, Captain Alex Henderson and others and the Malcolm and Windsor Limited cannery  
(Van City Archives)



(Library and Archives Canada)



6<sup>th</sup> DCOR Arrival in Steveston, July 1900  
LCol Worsnop to left and Captain Henderson (?) at centre  
(Library and Archives Canada)



Arrival in Steveston, July 1900  
(Library and Archives Canada)

The incident was described by Captain Henderson as a demonstration to show that the strikers were a united body following a meeting of the Unionized Fishermen. The Union Fishermen formed a procession and marched through the streets of Steveston carrying a small Union Jack. They circled the Militia Camp at the Gulf of Georgia and Malcolm and Windsor Canneries, and Jeered at the soldiers, who were stood to, and sang insulting parodies, including 'Soldiers of the Queen.' Col Worsnop refused to be intimidated into reading out the Riot Act, as urged by Cannery Owner Henry Bell-Irving, and eventually with no further incident, or violence, the procession moved peacefully on and dispersed.



Stood To at DCOR Camp Steveston 1900 (Library and Archives Canada)



With the arrival of the militia in force, the Japanese Fishermen set sail on the morning of the 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 1900, to catch Sockeye Salmon for the canneries. Within two weeks, the Union Fisherman had settled for a rate of 19 Cents a fish for the remainder of the Sockeye Season, the strike ended peacefully, and the soldiers of the 6<sup>th</sup> DCOR headed home. During their deployment there had been no violence reported, and no real incidents, which could have been described as a riot, or any real substantive reason to have called the Regiment out. In fact, the Steveston Fishing Riots, as they are referred to, cannot legitimately be described as riots, but rather, should be described as unionized labour demonstrations. There was little justification in calling out the Militia under these circumstances. However, one should not second guess the feelings of the Reeve and Justices of the Peace of Steveston, that there could have been escalation into violence once the Japanese went back to fishing as 'strike breakers', if the Militia were not present.



Group portrait showing: J. Reynolds Tite, Mr. Boulton, E.M. Dockrill, Mr. Bennet, A. Henderson, G. Johnston, J.R. Grant, J. Boyd, C.B. Worsnop, Mr. Johnson and others (City of Van Archives)

All can be summed up in the findings of the BC Provincial Committee looking into the calling out of the Militia which reported, that:

“That in addition to the bona fide fishermen in Steveston, there was a rough element from across the border, which, aided by certain agitators, caused a state of excitement and unrest, That an organized effort was made to prevent any persons from fishing until such time as the Union fishermen should succeed in arriving at a price for fish satisfactory to them. That the Justices of the Peace were of opinion that, had the Militia not been called out, there would have been serious disturbances of the peace in the event of the Japanese commencing to fish, with which disturbances, had they occurred, the Provincial Police admit they would have been unable to cope. On the other hand there is a conflict of evidence, some witnesses swearing that there was no reason to apprehend danger, while others swore that they believed there would be trouble in the event of the Japanese commencing to fish.

There is no evidence to show that the Provincial Government were in any way connected with the calling out of the Militia.”

R. G. TATLOW



6th Regiment, The Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles in cannery during riots  
Group portrait showing: A. Leamy, Dave Gross, J.C. Gamon, W.J. Corbett, E. Webber, Tom Cunningham and others (Van City Archives)

In the summer of 1900, The 6<sup>th</sup> Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles, under the command of Col Worsnop, were called out to Steveston in 'Aid to the Civil Authority' by the Reeve and two Justices of the Peace of that community. This act to formally request the help of the Militia to maintain law and order was clearly done independently of any decision by the Provincial Government of British Columbia. What is remarkable is how the Regiment, with very little notice, was able to rally almost 250 troops in the late evening of 22 July 1900 by telephone and bugle calls in two cities, and be successfully deployed by steamers to Steveston Dock by the next dawn to prevent any violence at all between the striking Unionized Fishermen and the Japanese fishermen. Their mission completed with the settlement of the strike, the Regiment redeployed back to both Vancouver and New Westminster having displayed great discipline and tact in facing the taunts and more aggressive actions of the strikers, having calmly restored order without recourse to either the 'Riot Act' or any acts of necessary violence. That they achieved their main objective of keeping the peace during the Steveston Fishing 'Riots', remains a great credit to our soldiers during this interesting episode in our Regiment's history.

Sources referred to for preparation of this article include, Douglas Harker's 'The Duke' 1974, an excellent Masters Thesis Harry Keith Ralston, 'The 1900 Strike of Fraser River Sockeye Fishermen' UBC April 1965, The BC Provincial Government report of the Select Committee- RE: Calling out Militia at Steveston, my own unpublished Pictorial History of the Regiment from 1990, which is largely included in the Regiment's Web Site's Historical Notes, and Archival Photographs as identified in the body of this Article.

## **THE START LINE – A DIFFERENT SORT OF JOB FOR AN ARMoured OFFICER**

By: David Sproule

I had completed my officer training with my attachment to the Strathcona's in 1958 as a fully qualified second-lieutenant. I was however still at UBC and wanted to continue serving in some capacity or other and so I returned to the UBC COTC contingent and assisted with the training of the new First Phase officer-cadets. It was an OK job and I got to put on my uniform at least once a week. After the spring term and exams, I was wondering what to do and so I applied to go to the Vernon Army Cadet Camp on the administrative staff. And so in May 1959, I found myself at the Vernon Camp as the Institutes and Accounts Officer – a fine job for a young second-lieutenant. I think I was the youngest officer in camp on the admin side as most of the staff came up from the BC Area HQ at Jericho.

I soon found myself managing the Officers' and Sergeants' Messes, the JRC and three Cadet Canteens that is looking after all of the stock, several militia stewards on callout, two Pay Corps accountants as well as all of the banking. It was a different sort of a job. I reported to a former Strathcona, Captain Fred Catermolle, who had become a high school teacher in Creston and so he gave me lots of latitude. We started work in the cool of the early morning thus finishing early every day and headed to the Kalamalka beach to work on our tan. It seemed there was always an empty Jeep or panel truck around to get us there.

It always amazed me how much pop the cadets drank and I think they went through on the average about 45 gallons of milkshakes a week. I think the cadets got paid \$4.00 a week and spent every penny in the canteens.

1959 was the year that Queen Elizabeth visited the camp to inspect the cadets on her tour of the province as a part celebration of the centenary of the founding of the Province of British Columbia. I remember the cadets were all turned out in their best shorts and pith helmets and the drum and bugle band played throughout the inspection and march-past. If I remember correctly the band was all First Nations cadets and I think from Salmon Arm. All of us on staff turned out in our tropical worsted with polished brass and glistening Sam Browne belts and cooked in the heat of an Okanagan summer.

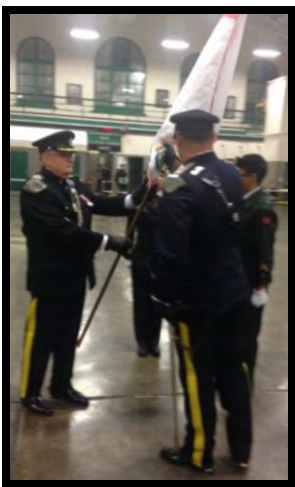
I also remember the panic when it was learned that the GOC MGen Geoffrey Walsh was going to pay a visit. Everyone knew of him by his fierce reputation and caustic manner. Old army generals always seemed to have a reputation that caused the staff (such as I was) to scurry about and to wonder what cubbyhole he would peer into and worry about what he would find. One of my tasks was to ensure that the Officers' Mess had lots of Sandemans Amantillado sherry and Hennessy cognac (his favourite) for the gruff old guy to avail himself of. Now in 1959, the LCB Store in Vernon didn't stock these delights and so a quick call to the Jericho Mess ensured that a supply was dispatched from the Coast. When the General arrived he didn't want to see the cadets or inspect any cubbyholes all he wanted was to head off fishing and so they loaded his staff car with food and beer and away he went. Beer, no sherry and no cognac, what the....! A few days later he arrived back looking kind of scruffy and off he went back to Edmonton. It seemed that the Jericho Mess had written off the case of sherry and cognac and so there was a lot of free stuff going around the mess for several days.

I joined "The Dukes" that fall and graduated from UBC at the spring commencement. I had applied to join the Regular Force but had the summer to kill and so back I went to Vernon and once again as the Institutes and Accounts Officer. It was a much quieter year without HRH or a visiting GOC. In September 1960 I was off to the RCD in Camp Gagetown and the beginning of a busy career.

## **CHANGE OF COMMAND - 2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC – 25 September 2014**

The Change of Command Parade held at the Drill Hall on Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, was well attended by family, friends and the military community, including our very own Colonel Bryan Gagne, 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Division, and Colonel Terry Kopan. The outgoing Commanding Officer, Captain Leah Yauck, transferred command of the unit to Major James Barrett, CD, formerly Second in Command of the Regiment and the Commanding Officer of the 15<sup>th</sup> Field, RCA. The Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne was the Reviewing Officer and complimented Captain Yauck and Major Barrett for their service and commitment. The Regimental Association was well represented by Vice President Gayle Hawthorne, Cadet Governor Roger Prouse and Louise Prouse, President Emeritus Archie Steacy and Lynda Steacy, Bill Diamond, Ken Whitney, Thomas Budd and Agnes Keegan. A very enjoyable reception followed the parade and a great evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Many thanks to Lisa Wroblewski and her Sponsoring Committee for their great work!

Congratulations to Major Barrett on his new Appointment and best wishes for a successful command of this historic unit, 2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC!



L to R: HCol Hawthorne, Capt Yauck, Major Barrett and newly promoted CWO, C/RSM Lo



## CURRY LUNCHEON – 25 September 2014

The first luncheon of the new training year was a very enjoyable time. Our special guests included Honorary Colonel Howe Lee, Colonel Bryan Gagne, our senior serving Duke, RSM of the Regiment, MWO Huf Mullick, President of the Regimental Association, Bob Remple, and Candice Macpherson, granddaughter of Claude Detloff, The Vancouver Province photographer who took the iconic photograph entitled “Wait for me Daddy”.

The Honorary Colonel, Ted Hawthorne, welcomed all of our guests to the luncheon and thanked the Regimental Association and Bill Diamond for the great work in facilitating the very successful Curry Lunch Program, on behalf of the Officers’ Mess. The Honorary Colonel reminded all guests of the upcoming Change of Command (2290 BCR RCACC), Perpetuated CEF Battalions Memorial Ceremony, Regimental Change of Command Parade, Remembrance & Birthday Dinner and “Wait for me Daddy” Memorial Dedication. Truly a very busy time for the Regiment and the Regimental Family!

The Honorary Colonel then proceeded with the presentation portion of the Program. The Commanding Officer, LCol Harjit Sajjan, presented a new BCR Knife to Captain Warren Kerek in recognition and appreciation of his great work as OpsO during the CO’s command. The next presentation was made by LCol (R) David Sproule to RSM Mullick. Colonel Dave remarked how very impressed he was upon hearing the RSM recite **In Flanders Fields** on Remembrance Day last year. As a token of his appreciation, Colonel Dave presented the RSM with a framed copy of the poem which was in fact the very copy sent home by Dave’s father while serving on the Western Front during WW1. The RSM responded in his customary eloquent fashion to the delight of all those present. Truly a very moving presentation indeed! In conclusion, the Honorary Colonel presented the 2014 edition of **The Listening Post** to our honoured guests and conducted a “mini book launch”. The official launch will take place at the Change of Command Parade on Sunday.

All guests then adjourned to the WOs’ & Sgts’ Mess for an enjoyable lunch complete with the customary camaraderie.



## PERPETUATED BATTALIONS CEREMONY – 27 September 2014



The annual ceremony commemorating the service and sacrifice of the members of the 7<sup>th</sup> Bn, 29<sup>th</sup> Bn and 102<sup>nd</sup> Bn CEF, all perpetuated by the Regiment, was very well attended by members of the Regimental Family, including the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, WO Michael Hillman and five other serving members, over 125 of our cadets from BCR affiliated units together with CIC Officers, Drum Major Christopher Hoskin of the Irish Pipes & Drums and members of the Regimental Association, friends and family.

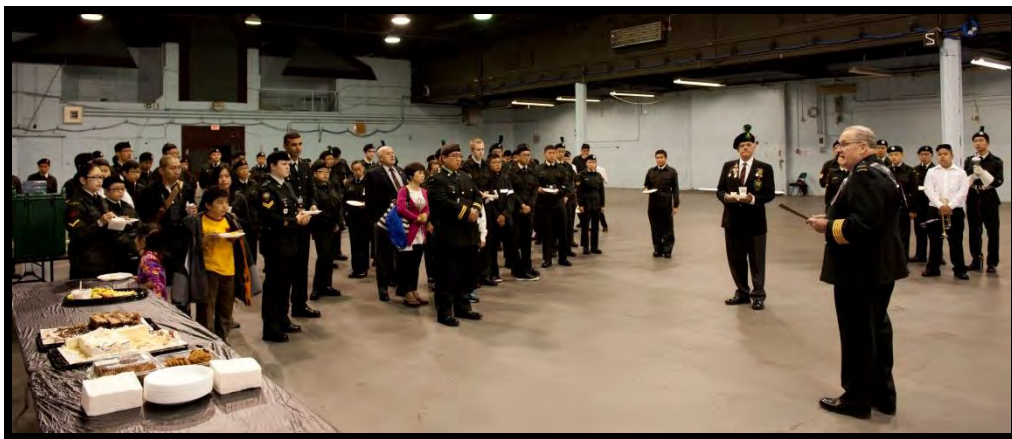
Cadet CWO Shannon Lo was the Parade Commander, Malcolm Goodman, the Parade Marshall and Major James Barrett acted as the Master of Ceremonies.

Major Barrett delivered an excellent historical synopsis of the units perpetuated by the Regiment, Padre Walter Bayley delivered a solemn invocation; Bugle Sergeant Timur Kalyuzhnyy played the Last Post and Reveille; Piper Alex Galloway played the Lament; Vice President Gayle Hawthorne laid the Wreath of the Perpetuated Battalions with Jim Britt and the Honorary Colonel. Well done fellow Dukes for a great tribute to all of those who served in our Perpetuated Battalions! We will remember them.

Cake, cookies, fruit snacks and water were served to all attendees, compliments of the Regimental Association. Starbucks of 2795 East Hastings Street, Vancouver generously provided the coffee. Many thanks to Mike Roberts, Manager at Starbucks, for his great support.

At the conclusion of the reception, the Honorary Colonel thanked the Regimental Association for organizing the very successful ceremony and congratulated everyone for the magnificent turnout on such a beautiful Vancouver day.









The British Columbia Regiment (DCO) Association  
invites you to attend the annual Regimental Remembrance & Birthday Dinner.

To be held at the Moxies Ballroom (part of Sandman Hotel)  
Friday, October 3, 2014 - 7:00 pm for 7:30 pm  
180 W Georgia Street, Vancouver, B.C.

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I was looking for some photos of my Dad's and found this poem among the images. I expect it might have been an early Legion poem as Dad was a charter member.

David Sproule

### "The Old Beret"

*At the last Roll Call, when I pass away,  
Place on my head my "Old Beret."  
Lay all my medals upon my breast,  
Ere borne away to my final rest.*

*Pin my "Arm-band" on my sleeve,  
And o'er my grave, please do not grieve.  
Place my "Button" in my button-hole,  
And pray to God to rest my soul.*

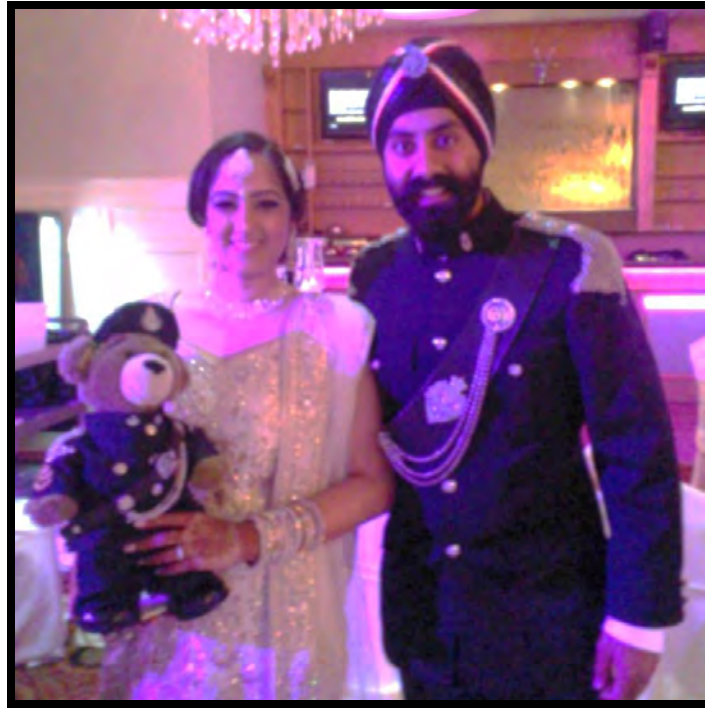
*The boys who died at the seat of war,  
Have never seen a "Beret" before.  
As I march at ease through the Pearly Gates,  
I shall be the envy of all my mates.*

*So slick me up in my "Old Beret,"  
Bury me deep, when I pass away.  
I'll tell the boys at the First Communion  
Of the time I had at the Corps Re-union.*

—J. P. CALVER (58th. Batt.)



## DUKE'S DEN



“What a stunning couple! Manjeet, you look good too!”...Duke A. Bear



“Cruising in sunny Vancouver harbour with Recce Bob!”...Duke A. Bear





## ASLEEP

**TD501180 Major Frank H, Owen** served with the 28<sup>th</sup> Canadian Armoured Regiment (British Columbia Regiment) Canadian Armoured Corps during World War II and in the Militia post war. He passed away on 8 February 2014 at the age of 94. Frank, Nina and children David and Kathryn resided in St. Adolphe d'Howard, Quebec.

**K38082 Captain Edwin (Ted) A.H. Weddell, CD** served with The British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles) and the 28<sup>th</sup> Canadian Armoured Regiment (British Columbia Regiment) Canadian Armoured Corps, during World War II, The British Columbia Regiment (DCO) (13<sup>th</sup> Armoured Regiment ) RCAC and the RCAF post war. He passed away on 3 May 2014 at the age of 93. Ted, Betty and children Mike, Sheila and Louise resided in Vancouver and Kamloops, B.C.

**K37707 Corporal Tudor J. Rutherglen** served with the 28<sup>th</sup> Canadian Armoured Regiment (British Columbia Regiment) Canadian Armoured Corps during World War II. He passed away on 23 June 2014 at the age of 97. His brothers Conway, Ted and Bill also served with the Regiment during WW II. Tudor and children Robert, Elaine and Anne resided in Nelson and Balfour, B.C.

**315278 Lieutenant A. Michael Warrington** served with 1 Royal Tank Regiment, 7<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division, "The Desert Rats" during World War II. Post war, his occupation, a medical doctor, brought him to Canada, practicing in Saskatchewan, Victoria and North Vancouver, B.C. Major Mike joined the Canadian Militia and was posted to The British Columbia Regiment (DCO) RCAC as Medical Officer. He was posted to 12 Medical Company, promoted to Lt Col and appointed Commanding Officer. He concluded his military service as Hon Lt Col and Hon Col. Mike, Helen and children Richard, Michael, John, Aileen, Brian, Gail and Cara resided in West Vancouver and Tsawwassen.

**Captain John Massey** served with the Canadian Army during World II and The British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own) 13<sup>th</sup> Armoured Regiment, RCAC in the 1950s. He passed away on 18 June 2014. John and his family resided in Langley, B.C.

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.