



THE DUKE



REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY THE CENOTAPH AT VICTORY SQUARE – 2014 11 November 2014

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Members of the Regimental Association on parade!

Photo by: Yvonne Armbruster

Many thanks to our Right Marker, Regimental Association President Bob Remple, and to the forty plus members who joined us on parade. Our special thanks to The BC Regiment (DCO) Irish Pipes & Drums which led the Regimental Association on parade. Vice President Gayle Hawthorne and Capt (R) Jerry Couling laid the wreath at the Cenotaph on behalf of the Regimental Association. LCol (R) Archie Steacy, accompanied by Cpl Terry Haigh, laid the wreath for the Veterans of the Canadian Army. The Regiment looked great and in fine form on a glorious sunny day in Vancouver, albeit a little cool. Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, complete with newly authorized "Pips and Crowns", had the honour of leading the Regimental Association and Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Scott Shepherd ably assisted as 2I/C.

After the ceremony and prior to the return of the Regiment, the BCR Irish Pipes & Drums piped the Honorary Colonel and the Honorary Lieutenant Colonel into the Drill Hall. Colonel Hawthorne addressed the band and thanked Pipe Major Matthew Dolan and the band for their excellent performance. Upon the Regiment's return to the Drill Hall, led by the BCR Brass Band, the Regiment was greeted by hundreds of spectators. Colonel Hawthorne, who was accompanied by Sgt Dwayne Snow and WO Marvin MacNeill, saluted the Regiment as the soldiers marched along Beatty Street on their way in to the Drill Hall.



The parade was dismissed and assembled around the Table of Remembrance where President Bob Remple delivered the traditional toast to the Fallen and Honorary Colonel Hawthorne gave the toast to the Regiment. The CO, Major Douglas Evans, the Honorary Colonel and Honorary Lieutenant Colonel also addressed the members of the Regiment, families and friends. The Table of Remembrance was a focal point for the concluding formalities on Remembrance Day which included an eloquent address and recitation of **In Flanders Fields** by the RSM, MWO Huf Mullick. Congratulations to the RSM for his excellent work on **all** aspects of the Remembrance Day Parade! Well done indeed!

Chili and sandwiches were then served to all participants in the messes and in the lecture rooms for cadets and the bands. All beverages for the toasts were provided compliments of the Regimental Association. It was truly a family affair and certainly makes you proud to be a Duke! Many thanks to the Hyland Brothers for all of their good work on post parade activities!

Next stop...the Junior Ranks Mess led by President Bob Remple who rang the bell and complimented our soldiers for the great parade and thanked them all for their service. The CO, RSM and Honorary Colonel all briefly addressed our soldiers.

“At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them”.

Truly a memorable day for all of us. Up the Dukes!



Above: The Regiment on Parade



Right: “In Flanders Fields”



Photos by: Yvonne Armbruster

REMEMBRANCE and BIRTHDAY DINNER – 3 October 2014

By: Bill Diamond

An early birthday party and a weekend of remembrance was indeed a weekend to remember!! In years past, the Association's fall dinner was referred to as a Reunion Dinner and focused on remembering Hill 140, receiving an update on the Regiment's activities and the Association President providing a "State of the Union". Earlier this year a recommendation was made to change the name of the dinner to Remembrance Dinner to ensure all felt welcome to attend.

This year provided the opportunity for a couple of other changes. With the high tempo of the Regiment, it was decided to combine the Birthday celebration with this dinner as well as look for a date in October to encourage more serving members to attend. It is also the year that the Wait for me Daddy memorial was being unveiled. This provided a great opportunity for Charles Bernhardt and Henry Kriwokon – BCR WWII vets that were in the march, as well as family members of marchers, who were too ill to travel (Don Cameron and Joe Simpson) or recently passed on (Ted Weddell and Tudor Rutherglen), to attend the dinner and the unveiling of the Wait for me Daddy monument the next day.

Back to the dinner – it started off with our Master of Ceremonies Jim Barrett asking all to stand as Pipe Major Matt Dolan lead in the head table of HCol Ted & Gayle Hawthorne, Major Doug and Zinat Evans, Col Bryan Gagne & Erika Rouby, RSM Huf Mullick and President Bob Remple. This was followed by Andy Conradi saying Grace and RSM Mullick lighting the Candle of Remembrance.

The first update for the evening was Andy Conradi who provided some background and highlights about activities for the Wait for me Daddy celebration the next day. Andy had been involved with this project for the past few years as the Regiment's representative on the City of New Westminster's committee. Later in the evening Andy and Archie Steacy presented six certificates to the two WWII vets and the family members of other vets. Andy took a minute to ensure Archie was thanked for his assistance in communicating with the vets and families for the Wait for me Daddy celebration. This was followed by Jim acknowledging Archie for his efforts to keep in touch with the WWII vets over the years on behalf of the Association.



Charlie Bernhardt and son, Rob Bernhardt



Henry Kriwokon, Don Trudeau (care assistant) & Dave Menzies, Henry's cousin

Just before and during the main course we had an update from our new CO, Major Doug Evans. The CO is very pleased to take over command of the “best Reserve Regiment in the country”. He reiterated his comments from the Change of Command about the importance of the Regimental Family and how he looks forward to working with all elements during his command

Following dinner Col Bryan Gagne was given a few minutes to highlight his activities the past couple of years. Bryan has been a strong supporter of the Association and we appreciate the effort he makes to remain active with the Association as well as with the CO’s Committee and the Regimental Trust. It was interesting to hear of some of his activities while serving overseas as well as the responsibilities he has with the First Canadian Division.



131st Birthday!!

What would a birthday dinner be without a cake?? Seeing how we were celebrating the Regiment’s birthday, a cake was in order. The cake was brought into the dining room as all sang Happy Birthday and it was presented to the CO. He blew out the flame that represented 131 candles. It was then off to the kitchen to be cut for dessert!!

While the cake was being cut, HCol Hawthorne addressed the group and thanked the Regimental Association and its Charitable Trust for the tremendous support of our veterans, the Regiment, the Regiment’s five Cadet Corps and the Regimental Family. He highlighted **The Listening Post** which is a new tradition for the Regiment. This publication is a collection of highlights during the CO’s command. Copies were made available and he is looking forward to the contents that will be included in the book produced in three years’ time.



L to R: Carol Glover, Bill Diamond, Cameron Glover & Lorie Hyland

While we were enjoying our cake and coffee, President Bob took to the podium to give us his “state of the union” address. He is pleased to be the President and acknowledged and thanked the Directors and Trustees of the Charitable Trust for their commitment to the Association. As he was bringing his comments to a close he advised that he was going to break with tradition and not acknowledge the many people that contribute so much as he feared he would forget someone.

With the speakers complete, it was time for the lucky draw tickets and door prizes – always a hit at the dinner. We would like to thank Dominique Michel who was the grand prize winner for donating her prize to the Christmas Fundraiser Lunch. More details on the lunch will be provided in the coming weeks.

In closing, Jim thanked Gayle Hawthorne and Lynda Steacy for once again doing a superb job on the decorations. The hotel staff complimented their efforts and commented at how elegant they made the room look. Thanks were also given to those who gave the toasts as well as retired Bugle Major John More for their contributions during the dinner.

It was a great dinner where all had a good time and was a great lead into the festivities in New Westminster on Saturday. Many thanks to Jim Barrett for keeping the dinner on track with the many speakers and we hope to see another good turnout at the 2015 Remembrance Dinner!!

THE WAIT FOR ME, DADDY! MEMORIAL UNVEILING – 4 October 2014

By: Andy Conradi

Thanks to the City of New Westminster, a moment of Regimental history captured by the famous and iconic 1 Oct 1940 photo by Claude Dettloff of *The Vancouver Daily Province* has been immortalized in bronze by Veronica and Edwin Dam de Nogales. Not only in bronze, but in silver coins by the Royal Canadian Mint and on paper in a stamp by Canada Post. It all speaks of duty, service and the pain and suffering of the loss of loved ones and comrades and family separation and break-up. These all were, and still are, the price of our freedom. From the City, we are particularly indebted to Councillor Lorrie Williams and city staffer Ruby Campbell – but also many, many others including volunteers.



A close up view of the Wait for me, Daddy! Memorial by Veronica and Edwin Dam de Nogales

The Unveiling on 4 October 2014 was preceded by the Association Dinner (thanks to Bill Diamond) the night before at which the Guests of Honour were the only two original marchers able to be present, Riflemen Charlie Bernhardt and Henry Kriwokon. They were flown return from Penticton in a private Lear jet arranged by Mr. Kerr of London Air at the request of Allan DeGenova, President of Honour House – just two examples of the many people who were behind this memorial. I was firmly instructed by the City to make sure Charlie and Henry were returned to Honour House in good time to get a good night’s sleep! I replied they are Dukes so I cannot promise that – but being Dukes they will, without fail, be on parade the next morning! (Been there, done that!) I presented them with new Regimental ties which they wore to the Unveiling with pride and Certificates produced by Archie Steacy. Some family members of those unable to attend were also in attendance. They are rightly proud of their relatives’ service and the recognition of it.

I would especially like to recognize the efforts of Archie Steacy and Dan Mackenzie in maintaining contact with and recording the memories of our vets; and of Hon Col Ted Hawthorne and Col (Ret’d) Keith Maxwell for hosting Candace Macpherson, the granddaughter of Claude Dettloff (the original artist without whose

photo the memorial would not have happened), at the Curry Lunch when I was away in Colombia. (In Bogota I introduced myself as being from Colombia, which they could tell from my accent was not true. Then I would say the other Colombia! No, not DC, the British one!). Dettloff's grandson, Scott, served in the Regiment during my tenure of Command and would have been offered a commission had he not taken his release to concentrate on his university studies.

Unveiling day started for some with a breakfast hosted by the City at which Hon Col Ted Hawthorne and some other BCRs, including the two Riflemen, were in attendance. The military presence was a 50 man Guard commanded by CO, BCR, Maj Doug Evans and "moulded" into shape by RSM Huff Mullick. It was composed of half BCR and half Westies. In the BCR Guard was Sgt Marr, a grandson of one of the original marchers, Rifleman William Marr, who was unable to attend. Riflemen Charlie Bernhardt and Henry Kriwokon were on the stage with the Lieutenant Governor and spoke a few words. Charlie, 93 years old, recalled: "I feel quite emotional sometimes, because I can't look at that picture without thinking about the guys that didn't make it."

"You have to remember, I am one of the many that gave you the freedom you have enjoyed all your life", said 94 year old Henry Kriwokon. In the Guard were Afghan vets, God bless them! Lest we forget! Capt Don Bentley was the LG's aide de camp. Adding to the ceremony, also present and performing were Bugle Major John More and the BCR Irish Pipes & Drums and the brass band of the Royal Westminster Regiment.

Whitey Bernard, the little boy in the photo, now 80 years old, was there with his family, including a blonde five year old granddaughter (he was five when the photo was taken). The Memorial was dedicated by Maj the Rev John Steele, 39 Brigade Chaplain.

There were many speakers (13!) and our soldiers had to endure over two hours of standing – luckily it did not rain – apart from a very slight drizzle for a few moments at the start. I would say that every speech taken on its own was good and relevant, but 13 in a row is a lot to take. The Dukes acquitted themselves superbly; we can be very proud of our serving members. Also we can be proud of the support of the many members of the Regimental Association present in mufti "uniform" (tie, blazer, beret and decorations) including the two original marchers, whose generation's service is recognized by the WWII Battle Honours on the Guidon and whose example was, and always will be, an inspiration to us who follow in their footsteps.



Major Douglas Evans and RSM Huff Mullick lead the Guard onto Hyack Square in New Westminster for the Unveiling of the Wait for me, Daddy! Memorial



Her Honour Judith Guichon and the CO

The Guard and bands were hosted at lunch by the City and included acknowledgement of the WFMD City Task Force, which included me as the BCR CO's rep. New Westminster's Anvil Centre Museum opened two weeks ago and right opposite the memorial has a "Wait for me, Daddy!" exhibit that is worth seeing.



HCol Hawthorne, "Whitey" and Major Evans



888 AVENGER SQUADRON, ROYAL CANADIAN AIR CADETS CO'S PARADE – 7 October 2014

The first CO's Parade of the new training year was held on the outdoor "parade square" at Walter Moberly Elementary School in Vancouver and was very well attended by over 125 cadets on parade, family, friends and neighbours.

The parade included an inspection by the CO, Captain Amar Tiwana, Honorary Colonel of the Regiment Ted Hawthorne and past CO, Captain Jag Masoun, a March Past lead by a full cadet band and an advance in Review Order. The highlight of the evening was a number of promotions at the Cadet Senior NCO level. More specifically, WO2 Denny Lee was promoted to WO1 and Flight Sergeants Marcus Zheng, Calvin Lee and Jeffery Ma were promoted to the rank of WO2 by Colonel Hawthorne with the able assistance of the CO.



The parade was very impressive indeed with many an enthusiastic smile from the many cadets on parade. It looks like the start of another great training year for 888 Avenger Squadron.

Congratulations and all the best to a great unit!



HMCS DISCOVERY CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY – 14 October 2014

The Change of Command Parade from Lieutenant Commander Philip D. Horner, CD to Lieutenant Commander G. Bryan Price, CD was held on Tuesday, October 14th at HMCS Discovery. The Reviewing Officer was Captain (N) Tim Gizen, CD, newly appointed Captain (N) Western Region.

The Regiment was represented by Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne and the Regimental Association by Past President, Bill Diamond.

Congratulations to Commanders Horner and Price on a most memorable evening and our very best wishes to all of our friends at HMCS Discovery!



L to R: Lt. Comm Price, Capt(N) Gizen and Lt. Comm Horner



L to R: Lt. Comm Price, Capt(N) Gizen and Lt. Comm Horner

59 VANCOUVER ROYAL CANADIAN AIR CADET SQUADRON OFFICIAL CHARTERING PARADE – 15 October 2014

By: Captain Sarra Lyford, CO

59 Vancouver Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron was officially chartered on Wednesday October 15th. The Reviewing Officer for this occasion was Honorary Colonel Stephen Millen from 442 Search and Rescue Squadron at 19 Wing Comox. The cadets were inspected by the RO, and Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne of The British Columbia Regiment (The Duke of Connaught's Own) as well as Major Brent Deck from the Regional Cadet Support Unit and Mr. Ron Rique, president of the Air Cadet League of BC. All were very impressed with the cadets and how far the Squadron had come in a short time.



Mr. Ron Rique presented the official Charter to 59 Vancouver Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron's Commanding Officer, Captain Sarra Lyford and the Squadron Sponsoring Committee Chair, Mrs. Lisa Peng, and the Official Squadron Banner was presented to the Squadron by the Reviewing Officer, Hon Col Millen. This marked the official start of 59 Vancouver Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron.



HCol Millen and Capt Lyford



March past by 59 Vancouver

59 Vancouver RCACS had 65 Cadets on parade that consisted of 2 flights of cadets, a Flag Party and a Squadron Band. The Squadron Commander was FSgt Aaron Cheung, the Drum Major was FSgt Mitchell Chow, and the Flag Party Commander was Sgt Brian Cheung. The cadets were excited to see their hard work pay off and be the first official cadets of 59 Vancouver RCACS.

59 Vancouver RCACS started out as a Flight under 759 Falcon Squadron. The flight started in the fall of 2012, with 12 cadets from 759 Falcon and 6 new recruits. Through the next year and a half, the staff recruited new cadets and planned their own cadet program and in spring of 2014 applied to the ACL and RCSU(Pac) to become their own Squadron, and were granted approval.

When asked to choose a new name and number for the Squadron, the staff was urged to resurrect a number that had cadet history in Vancouver. Because of the similarities to their parent squadron 759, they chose the number 59, and decided to use the name Vancouver to pay homage to the original Squadron with that name and number 59 Vancouver Rotary Club Squadron. 59 Vancouver Rotary Club Squadron was a cadet squadron from the early 1940s to the 1960's. With the growth of the cadet program it felt like a fitting time to bring back a Squadron name and Number with so much history in Vancouver.

October 15th 2014, marks the starting point for 59 Vancouver RCACS, they are working hard to continue to establish ourselves in the East Vancouver Community and grow the Squadron into a strong and stable youth program. Since September 2014, they have seen a 100% growth in cadets and have gone from a small Flight of 35 to a full Squadron of 70.

MAJOR JOHN M. PERRY, CD PROMOTION CEREMONY – 15 October 2014

Captain John M. Perry was promoted to the rank of Major by the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, Major Douglas Evans, at a brief ceremony held in the Officers' Mess at the Drill Hall on Wednesday, October 15th before a full house of serving officers, including Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne and Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Scott Shepherd. Special guests included Lieutenant Colonel Harjit Sajjan and Lieutenant Colonel D.W. Whittier, 39 Signals Regiment.

Congratulations to Major Perry on his well-earned promotion!

Up the Dukes!



CO'S PARADE – 5 November 2014

The CO's Parade held on 5 November 2014 concluded a very busy evening of training (regular plus Cenotaph Sentry Drills run by the RCMP). The Regiment was well turned out and looked in fine form. As the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, Major Douglas Evans, and RSM, MWO Huf Mullick, had spoken to all members at length earlier in the evening, the CO briefly noted that promotions and recognition awards for standout performances would take



place at the next CO's Parade. In the interim, increased force protection levels are being emphasized and are in effect as a result of the tragic loss of WO Patrice Vincent in St-Jean, Quebec and Cpl Nathan Cirillo at the National Monument in Ottawa. A strong turnout for Remembrance Day was emphasized by the CO.



The CO introduced and invited Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne and Regimental Association Vice President Gayle Hawthorne (pictured left) to deliver the "Last Words". The Honorary Colonel acknowledged retired Honorary Colonel Bill Ireland and thanked him for his excellent service to the Regiment. Colonel Hawthorne also acknowledged Vice President Hawthorne and Past President Bill Diamond and thanked the Regimental Association for the highly successful

Bursary Program, Cadet Development Program and for supporting the upcoming 2015 European Battlefield Studies Program. Vice President Gayle Hawthorne reminded the members of the importance of the Bursary Program, provided an open invitation to all members to attend the Annual Christmas Fundraiser Luncheon at a preferential rate and announced that a "Wait for me Daddy" Toonie exchange would take place after the parade. The well-stocked Kit Shop with many new items, thanks to our Bill Diamond, was prominently displayed just off the drill square and was very popular with the members.

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 importance of Veterans' Week and the Remembrance Day Parade. The CO further noted that the very hectic schedule from now until Christmas and into the New Year would continue.

CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION CANADA CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY – 7 November 2014

By: Farid Rohani

On Friday, November 7th, 2014, Citizenship and Immigration Canada ("CIC") and the Institute for Canadian Citizenship ("ICC") welcomed 40 new Canadians from 26 countries during a community citizenship ceremony at the proud home of The British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own).

Jointly organized by CIC and the Vancouver ICC committee led by Ali Solehdin with help from Hamidreza Ahmadian, and held in such a welcoming and historical Drill Hall during Remembrance Week, the citizenship ceremony is not one to soon be forgotten by those that were part of it. This was indeed a celebration of a significant milestone in a new Canadian's life and was a joy to see by those in attendance.

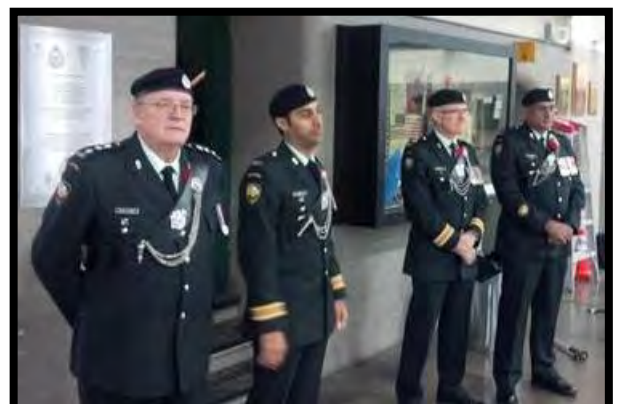
The day began with compelling roundtable discussions on what it means to be Canadian. Members of the community – from neighbors to professionals and city leaders were invited to lead discussions with the soon-to-be new citizens that encouraged the sharing of stories, experiences and perspectives.

Citizenship Judge Ann Dillon oversaw the event with guest speakers Major Douglas Evans, the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, as well as Veteran George Ing.

John Ralston Saul, co-chair of the Institute of Canadian Citizenship and husband of former Governor General Adrienne Clarkson, delivered an inspiring speech to those in attendance prior to taking the Oath of Citizenship.

ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP

The Institute for Canadian Citizenship (ICC) is a national, non-profit charity (founded and co-chaired by the Rt. Hon. Adrienne Clarkson and John Ralston Saul) that helps accelerate new citizens' integration into Canadian life through original programs, collaborations and unique volunteer opportunities. While the focus is on encouraging new citizens to take their rightful place in Canada, ICC wants all citizens – new or not – to embrace active citizenship in their daily life.



A VISIT TO THE DRILL HALL, A RENEWAL – 10 November 2014

The Regimental Family was very pleased to play host to a visit to the Drill Hall by Jennifer Margaret Finlay, niece of brothers Don and Jack Worthington, killed in action in Normandy in August 1944. Jennifer had never visited the Drill Hall before. She was warmly welcomed by President Emeritus Archie Steacy, Past President Bill Diamond and Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne and was given a first class tour of the Drill Hall, including a thorough visit of the Regimental Museum, Officers' Mess and WOs' and Sgts' Mess. Jennifer was absolutely delighted with the tour and reception accorded her by the Regimental Family. Jennifer was also presented with many photographs compliments of Archie and prints compliments of the Regimental Association.

On Remembrance Day, Jennifer returned to the Drill Hall with her two daughters, Kate and Molly, and joined in on this very special day of remembrance for all of us. The Commanding Officer, Major Douglas Evans, presented Jennifer with a complimentary copy of **The Listening Post**. President Bob Remple and Vice President Gayle Hawthorne presented Jennifer with a bottle of "Black Beret".

After so many years, this important link in our history has been re-established. Thank you, Jennifer, for visiting us and reestablishing this meaningful connection.



Medals of LCol Donald Worthington



HCol Hawthorne, Archie Steacy, Bob Remple, Jennifer Finlay, Kate and Molly, Major Evans

GUIDON SASH

By: MWO Ronald Leblanc, MMM, CD

In 2012, I formally inquired about the price for creating a Regimental Sash for our Guidon. Before seeking any official permission from the Regiment ("BCR"), I took it upon myself to get some quotes from three different Canadian companies with experience making Sashes for various other Canadian regiments. The quotes were based on my rough design and input from selected BCR Senior NCOs. After my 2013 deployment, I again pursued obtaining a Regimental Sash. I had asked for official permission from the CO (LCol Harjit Sajjan, OMM, MSM, CD) to pursue my request to purchase a Regimental Sash for the Guidon Bearer. In March 2013, LCol (Ret'd) Romano Acconci, CD approached me and indicated that the Regimental Trust would likely be able to financially support the proposed Regimental Sash. Armed with financial support, I then requested Major John Perry, CD to assist me in submitting a detailed graphic design to William Scully Ltd., the chosen company to produce the Sash. Being the Regimental Guidon Bearer, I felt it was important to have all Battle Honours not on the Guidon displayed on the Sash; thus the bearer would be displaying all of the BCR earned Battle Honours. I also had all three of our World War One fighting battalions' cap badges displayed on the back of the Sash.



In July 2014, the Sash was delivered and soon after the announcement was made that several units would be awarded the “Afghanistan” Theatre Battle Honour (“TBH”), including the BCR. Once this was announced, I knew the Sash was outdated and I eagerly waited for official permission to bear the new TBH via CANFORGEN message. By August, with official permission granted, I forwarded the Sash back to William Scully Ltd. to have “Afghanistan” embroidered on the Sash. This alteration was generously covered by HCol Ted Hawthorne.

VISIT OF GENERAL TOM LAWSON, CHIEF OF DEFENCE STAFF 28 November 2014

General Tom Lawson, CDS, paid a special visit to the Drill Hall during the Grey Cup week festivities and was hosted by the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, Major Douglas Evans. The visit was an excellent opportunity to showcase the Drill Hall as the home of the Regiment. General Lawson’s positive experience during the visit was clearly evident in his speech delivered later on in the day at a dinner hosted by Canada Company at the Vancouver Club. The Regiment was referred to no less than three times during the course of the address with a specific reference to the service of the Commanding Officer and his unit.

The Commanding Officer was accompanied by Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Scott Shepherd and Band Governor Bill Diamond.



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER – 4 December 2014



The Annual Christmas Fundraiser was a resounding success with over 125 guests in attendance and over \$14,000.00, including many cash donations, raised in support of the many programs sponsored by the Regimental Association Charitable Trust (Bursary, Cadet Development, Commemoration and Community Outreach Programs). The food, hospitality and camaraderie were first class and everyone had a great time. The silent auction, with over 39 items, was the best ever with numerous items hotly contested. In addition, there was an abundance of door prizes and a multitude of excellent draw prizes.

Another highlight of the afternoon was the recognition of Roi Hirtle for his many years of service to the Regiment and the Regimental Association. President Emeritus Archie Steacy presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Roi and thanked him for his many years of service and commitment (pictured right).



A special thank you to the Commanding Officer, Major Douglas Evans, the day staff, serving members and all three messes (Officers', WOs' and Sgts' and Junior Ranks) for their great support of this signature event. In addition, we wish to acknowledge the continuing strong support of Brooke Campbell and his two tables of NOABC members, two ReMax tables (Francis & Hawthorne Team and Team Leo Bruneau), Hawthorne, Piggott & Company, and Citadel Therapy Canine Society.

The Regimental Association also wishes to acknowledge the great work of Vice President Gayle Hawthorne, the OPI for this event for the past two years and initiator of the highly successful silent auction. Congratulations Gayle for a job very well done. Many thanks to all of our many volunteers assisting Gayle at the fundraiser and to our MC, Jim Barrett, reception/check-in team of Dan and Ellen McKenzie and to Bill Diamond for the ever popular/extensive Kit Shop. Many thanks to Cpl M.T Bergler, PMC JR Mess and his crew for maintaining the excellent bar service throughout the event and finally to Lori's Catering who always does such a fine job every year!



ST BARBARA'S DAY – 15 FIELD OFFICERS' MESS DINNER 6 December 2014

The annual St Barbara's mess dinner held at the Bessborough Armoury was attended by members of the Regimental Family, including former director of the Regimental Association, Senator Larry Campbell, Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, Band Governor Bill Diamond, 2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC Commanding Officer, Major Jim Barrett, and Ken Whitney. Congratulations and thank you to the CO, LCol Brent Purcell, and our friends, the Gunners, for an excellent dinner, for their hospitality and for a very enjoyable evening!



L to R: HCol Hawthorne, Ken Whitney, Major Barrett, 2Lt Barrett & Bill Diamond



Senator Campbell & HCol Hawthorne

CO'S PARADE – 10 December 2014

The Stand Down parade ended another very busy training year for the Regiment. The Commanding Officer, Major Douglas Evans, addressed the members and congratulated them for their very high level of accomplishment and reminded everyone of the last few events for this training year, namely the upcoming PD Day, Soldiers' Christmas Dinner and Santa Duke.

The Commanding Officer then proceeded with the following promotions:

Tpr Ocol, Tpr Reymers, Tpr To, Tpr Volosatov, Tpr Zhou, Cpl Tessa and Cpl Wright. Troopers Corcoran and Chow were not on parade.



In concluding his address, the Commanding Officer recognized the great achievement of MCpl Carswell on his successful completion of the Close Protection Course.

The Commanding Officer then called upon Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, Chairman of the Regimental Association Charitable Trust, to proceed with the results of the 2014 Annual Bursary Program. Colonel Hawthorne announced the names of the seven recipients, as follows:

- Sgt Stephen Cobb – The Sergeant Pierangelo Dal Magro, CD Memorial Bursary;
- MCpl Joe Rusen – The Sergeant Major Robert H. Hanna, VC Memorial Bursary;
- Cpl Josh Faber – The Lieutenant William H. Bicknell Memorial Bursary;
- Cpl Joseph Lam – The Private Michael James O'Rourke, VC Memorial Bursary;
- Cpl Justin Lee – The Dr. P.C. Simon Bursary;
- Cpl Kathleen Parker – The H/Major Raymond Ernest Glover Memorial Bursary;
- 2Lt. Kevin Kim – The Hawthorne, Piggott & Company Bursary.

The Honorary Colonel and the President of the Regimental Association, Bob Remple, then proceeded with the presentation of the certificates to members in attendance. Each recipient received a cheque in the amount of \$1,095.00. Congratulations to all recipients and continued success in their studies!



Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Scott Shepherd, the Commanding Officer 888 Avenger Air Cadet Squadron, Captain Amar Tiwana, and Band Governor Bill Diamond were also in attendance.

With the many promotions, bursary awards and recognition ceremony, it was a very happy evening indeed judging from all the smiles!

CADET GOVERNOR'S REPORT

BCR CADET CORPS ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THEIR COMMUNITY

By: Major (Ret'd) Roger W. Prouse CD
Director, BCR Cadet Development

While delivering the Cadet programme to our Cadets will always be the main focus of the leadership, volunteering in their communities is also very much a part of the Cadet training Programme.

This volunteerism shows its self in many ways. Distributing Poppies for the Royal Canadian Legion, participating in Remembrance Day Commemorative Ceremonies, visiting Veterans and shut- ins, wrapping and delivering food and gifts to the needy at Christmas, assist the Salvation Army with their Kettle Drive at Christmas and help clean up parks and other public venues as required. Volunteering in the community is an important part of the citizenship training that our Cadets are exposed to as part of their overall development as Cadets. Hopefully, it will be something that they carry forward into adulthood.

We are very pleased to welcome two new Cadet Commanding Officers into the BCR family. Major Barrett is no stranger to us having served our Regiment as an officer and the 15th Field Artillery Regiment as their CO. Major Barrett has now returned with us as the CO of the 2290 BCR.

Major Lee Taylor, a long time Seaforth Cadet CO, has now taken command of the 3300 BCR in Surrey. Congratulations gentlemen and welcome!

Our Cadets have completed their fall training programme and are reporting that all training objectives have been met. Overall enrolment is trending upward in our Corps with several new recruits joining since September. All Corps have completed at least one field training exercise. The main focus of these exercises is fieldcraft, bushcraft and field navigation. The 2290 BCR, 2827 BCR Port Moody 2381 BCR Irish Fusiliers conducted a joint field training exercise in Golden Ears Park 21, 23 November.

Major Barrett forwarded this picture showing a tired but happy group of BCR Cadets as they wait for their transport out of the training area.



On behalf of our five BCR affiliated Cadet Corps, I wish all members of the BCR Family a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy 2015.

FROM THE BARRETT BUNKER

By: LCol Jim Barrett

This fall marked the 100th Anniversary of the start of the Great War, or World War One. The contribution of the 6th DCOR had been immense, having recruited for overseas service some 83 Officers and 3,648 soldiers and reinforcements for the 7th, 29th, 47th, 54th, 62nd, 67th, 102nd, 143rd, and 158th. This does not reflect all of the battalions and units which we now perpetuate, but it is appropriate to remember that all of the fighting battalions of British Columbia reflected a joint effort of recruiting and training from the existing militia regiments who continued to serve faithfully and well at home, yet were not deployed overseas. As an example, the 7th Battalion (1st British Columbia Regiment) CEF was commanded by a DCOR, Lt-Col Hart-McHarg, its 2IC, Major Victor Odlum from the 11th Irish Fusiliers of Canada, and the remaining Officers and soldiers were drawn from the 6th DCOR, the 11th IFoC, the 72nd Seaforths, the 68th Earl Grey Rifles from Prince Rupert, the 54th from the Kootenays, 104th Westminster Fusiliers (Now the Royal Westminster Regiment), the 102nd Rocky Mountain Rangers, and many other volunteers without any prior military experience.

Not all members of the 6th DCOR deployed for overseas service in 1914. Many were involved actively in the recruiting and training of new recruits, and others would deploy as new battalions were raised and sent off in support of the Canadian Expeditionary Force. Some through age, medical restriction, employment, or exemption were unable to serve overseas.

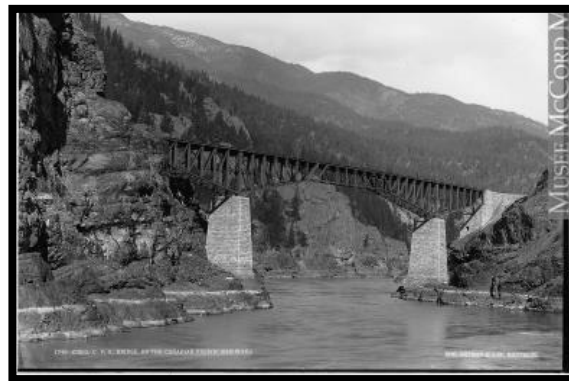
Home Service by the soldiers of the 6th DCOR also included supplying Guards for lines of communication throughout the Fraser Canyon from Vancouver to Kamloops against sabotage, and they could be found throughout the war guarding Oil Tanks, Water Systems, Coal Docks, Ordnance and Army Service Corps stores in Vancouver. 'Dukes' could be found guarding the Mines, Coal Docks and Water systems at Union Bay on Vancouver Island, the E&N Railroad bridge over the Sable River near Nanaimo, BC, and on Burrard Inlet at the small logging community of Barnet, where they guarded a Chemical Works and a secret submarine building works. Supplies destined to support the Russian war effort were guarded at the Vancouver docks, and the Alert Bay Naval Base was guarded by soldiers of the DCOR.



DCOR Guard of Honor Train Bridge Harrison Mills
(Kilby Historic Site Museum)



DCOR Guard for CPR Train Bridge Harrison Mills (Wikipedia)



CPR Cisco Bridge in Fraser Canyon Guarded by
DCOR (McCord Museum)



The story of how the Regiment came to be guards at the secret submarine works in Barnet, BC, begins at the start of the war, with Imperial Germany's High seas fleet at large in the Pacific Ocean. The Premier of BC, Sir Richard McBride, on his own initiative purchased two American built Holland Class submarines from James Venn Paterson's Seattle Shipyards, and through a clandestine operation smuggled them out of the USA using RN & RCN sailors into Canadian Waters.

DCOR Guard Detachment at the Union Bay Wharf and Coal Mine - 21 March 1915

Mr. Paterson wished to sell more of his submarines abroad, but with the United States being a neutral nation in 1914, Mr. Paterson found himself unable to produce ships or vessels for any of the belligerents. To avoid issues with neutrality, and under the name of the British Pacific Construction and Engineering Company, Paterson's shipyard located a site at Barnet, BC, on Burrard Inlet, just north of the CPR Lines at Burnaby Mountain, where they could construct their Holland Class Submarines to sell them by contract to the Imperial Russian Navy. All workers were sworn to secrecy, and barbed wire, searchlights, and a guard of nine soldiers from the DCOR, were stationed there to protect the site.



Submarine Works Yard by CPR Tracks 1917
(Burnaby Museum Heritage Collection)



The submarines were designed to be dismantled, then to be shipped by rail and sea to wherever they were destined, and then to be reassembled. Five submarines from Burnaby saw service in the Russian Imperial Navy in the Great War. This secret operation lasted until the United States declared war against Germany in 1917, following which, the works were closed and operations moved back to Seattle. The last vestige of this operation remains in the name of Submarine Creek which flows into Burrard Inlet near Barnet Marine Park.

Submarines being built for the Russian Imperial Navy at Barnet, BC (Burnaby Archives)

The contribution by the soldiers of the 6th DCOR and other militia units left at home to the Dominion of Canada and the Empire's war effort to provide both security and protection to our factories, installations and transportation systems is worthy of remembrance, as is the acknowledgement and recognition of our soldiers who were too old, or infirm, too young, or, who were prevented by occupation from serving overseas, yet were willing to do their bit for King and Country. By recruiting, training, and supporting the war effort through their service at home, these members of the DCOR made a worthwhile contribution both to our victory of arms in 1918, and to the history of the British Columbia Regiment (DCO).



Nichols Chemical Plant (Photo 1910) at Barnet located just East of Submarine Works. Guarded by DCOR 1914-1918 (Vancouver public Library)

THE START LINE

By: David Sproule

As David has been extremely busy with his commitments to the Vancouver Welsh Men's Choir, he is unable to provide an article for this edition of *The Duke*.

2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC CHRISTMAS DINNER – 14 December 2014



The annual Christmas Dinner of the Cadet Corps was well attended and a very enjoyable evening. The Commanding Officer of the unit, Major Jim Barrett, acted as PMC in addition to his duties as the CO. The dinner was conducted by Major Barrett in the traditional manner of a Regimental mess dinner. This dinner was an excellent learning experience for all of the cadets on how to run a dinner. Now that the precedent has been established, a cadet will act as PMC at all future dinners.

Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne attended with his wife, Vice President of the Regimental Association and member of the Sponsoring Committee, Gayle Hawthorne. Colonel Hawthorne conveyed the greetings of the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, Major Douglas Evans, and complimented the cadets on their hospitality, service and commitment to the Cadet Program.



SANTA DUKE – 14 December 2014

Santa Duke paid a visit to the Drill Hall this year and was greeted by some very happy boys and girls and very proud moms and dads. MCpl Duke A. Bear and his girlfriend Colleen, both decked out as elves, were Santa's helpers along with the Commanding Officer, Major Douglas Evans. It was a most enjoyable family event and a perfect ending to the training year. Lots of presents and enthusiastic singing led by the CO! Merry Christmas Santa Duke!



THE BC REGIMENT (DCO) IRISH PIPES & DRUMS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY – 16 December 2014

The annual Christmas party of the Band was a full house and was held at the home of Rob and Alison Greenslade. The evening consisted of lots of good fun and a tremendous array of food!

The Honorary Colonel spoke to the group and conveyed the greetings of the Commanding Officer and thanked Pipe Major Matt Dolan and the Band for their excellent service and commitment to the Regiment. Colonel Hawthorne then proposed a toast to the Band and the Regiment with a gift from MCpl Duke A. Bear, his good friend "Jameson".

Many thanks to Rob and Alison for their wonderful hospitality....truly a memorable evening!



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16 December 2014

To: The Commanding Officer, Major Douglas Evans, CD,
Members of The British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own),
the Regimental Family, friends and supporters

Greetings,

During this festive season, we are always mindful of our numerous and important relationships with others, as we reflect upon the greater meaning of our very busy lives. In particular, I am always so very impressed with the many accomplishments of the members of the Regiment and the tremendous support of the Regimental Family during the past year. It is nothing short of amazing to see the sustained operationally high tempo of the Regiment with all of the extra time and effort so freely given by so many who make our Regiment what it is today. It is the relationships created by our committed people who forge the strong bonds needed for the common good of all of us. Undoubtedly, this helps to create the strength and dynamism of the Regiment which ultimately is an extension of us all. Thank you so very much for all you do!

In summation, it is indeed an honour for me to serve with our members and to acknowledge their service and commitment to the Regiment and to our great country. It is also my very great pleasure to wish one and all the very best, Happy Holidays, a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year!

Up the Dukes!

E. A. (Ted) Hawthorne,
Honorary Colonel

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17 December 2014

Members of the Regimental Association,
Regimental Family, friends and supporters

Fellow Dukes:

I have attached your annual dues renewal form for completion by you. I look forward to your continuing support of the Regimental Association and the Charitable Trust. As you know, the Regimental Association and Charitable Trust are actively involved in numerous programs and activities supporting our veterans, our serving soldiers and the five cadet corps the Regiment sponsors. As it is imperative that these activities be maintained and supported, I strongly urge you to renew your membership and consider making a donation, large or small, in order to be a part of what we do for the Regimental Family.

I also wish to take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Up the Dukes!

Sincerely yours,

R. A. (Bob) Remple, President



**The BC Regiment (DCO) Association
Annual Dues – 2015**

Dear Duke,
Thank you for your continued support of the Regimental Association's goals and commemorative activities.

Please complete the information section so that our information is current. In addition, also ensure that your military service information has been forwarded to us so that your information is current and available to the Archives Committee of the Regimental Museum. We want you and your military service remembered.

Please provide us with your e-mail address.

NOTE: Please return this form and your payment to #208 – 1899 Willingdon Avenue, Burnaby, B.C. V5C 5T1. Do not tear-off any portion of the form.

Many thanks

Personal Information Up-date:

Service Number _____ Rank _____
Surname _____ First _____ Initial _____
Spouse/Partner Name _____ First _____
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Postal Code _____ Telephone _____

E-Mail Address _____
Please print your e-mail address clearly.

Donations to the BC Regiment (DCO) Charitable Trust

The primary responsibility of the Association is to serve its members, support the Regiment, our four Army Cadet Corps, provide bursaries opportunities for our soldiers, ensure community links and commemorative activities are maintained and that peace and wartime service is respected, remembered and honoured. To fulfill these obligations, the Association's Charitable Trust needs your support.

1. Annual Dues: \$35.00 _____
2. Charitable Trust Donation \$ _____

Please note: If you wish to make a donation, please enclose a separate cheque from your dues, and make payable to The BC Regiment (DCO) Charitable Trust. Tax receipts will be provided. Thank you for your support and thoughtfulness.

Up the Dukes.

ASSOCIATION KIT SHOP

The Kit Shop has the following items for sale:

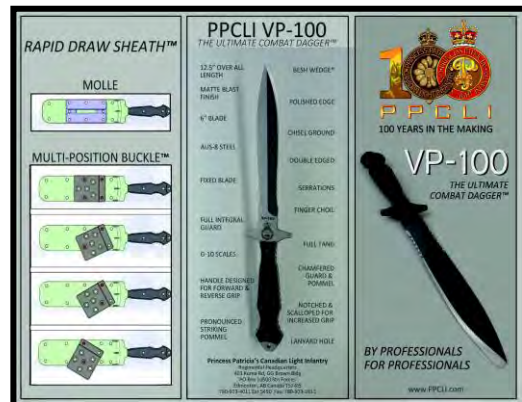
1. Mini Guidons - \$115.00. Once we have 10 confirmed requests, the order will be placed.
2. BCR Knife - \$135.00.
3. License Plate frames - \$10.00.
4. Crests - \$35; Lapel Pins - \$20.00; BCR Ties - \$45.00; and Flags - \$12.00.

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

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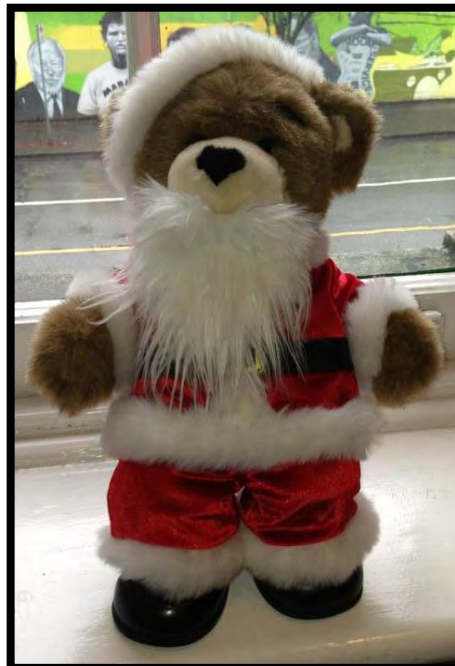
ASSOCIATION SPECIAL PROJECTS

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

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

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

DUKE’S DEN



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from MCpl Duke A. Bear

SOLDIERS CHRISTMAS DINNER – 13 December 2014



The annual Soldiers Christmas Dinner was a great evening complete with great food, excellent service by the Officers' Mess and the WOs' and Sgts' Mess, promotions, a presentation of the CO's Commendation to Sgt Kevin McKee, recognition ceremonies for Sgt(R) Kevin Bracewell and Corporal Terry Haigh, Regimental Association Bursary Program presentations and the customary skits.

The Commanding Officer, Major Douglas Evans, Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne and Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Scott Shepherd all addressed the soldiers and congratulated them for their service and commitment to the Regiment. In addition, Colonel Hawthorne emphasized and acknowledged the great support given to the members and cadets by the Regimental Family, friends and supporters.

Congratulations to PMC, Cpl M.T. Bergler, for a job well done. A great evening was enjoyed by all and Merry Christmas to all of our serving members!



CO's Commendation presented to Sgt McKee. The CO and RSM are wearing traditional "exchanged tunics".



THE PIPE MAJOR'S REPORT

By: Matt Dolan, Pipe Major
BCR Irish Pipes and Drums

The Irish Pipes and Drums have seen lots of change and transition in the later part of 2013 and 2014, with some membership leaving, a new Pipe Major appointment, and new membership joining. This year presented some challenges for the group, but nonetheless the group had a successful year and the band really felt proud to lead the Association this year for the Remembrance Day Parade.

As the new Pipe Major of the BCR Irish Pipes and Drums, I look forward to every practice and to the future. The BCR Irish Pipes and Drums is once again growing and this upcoming year I feel will be the best yet. We have already learned two entirely new sets since the spring and more are to come in the new year. I am excited and proud to be the Pipe Major of the BCR Irish Pipes and Drums for what we have accomplished over the years and where we will be going next. As always many thanks to HCol Ted Hawthorne and Bill Diamond for their never ending support, as well as to the Association because without you the band would not be the same.

Now looking forward, I have to say thank you for asking me to write a small article for your newsletter and I hope as the Pipe Major to be able to give regular updates about the band to the newsletter and present the Pipe Major's Report. I look forward to the years to come with the band and Regiment. There is a traditional battle cry that the Irish have and it is "Faugh A Ballagh" which means clear the way, and that is a definitive phrase for the band because we are moving forward and coming through! May 2015 be a pivotal year for the Association, Regiment and the Bands. Thank you.





ASLEEP

Master Corporal Kurt Cipra served in The British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own) RCAC during the 1960's and 1970's. His civilian career employed him in the foundry industry. He passed away on 13 December 2014. Kurt and Freda resided in Surrey, 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.