



# THE DUKE



## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE BRITISH COLUMBIA REGIMENT (DUKE OF CONNAUGHT'S OWN) LIEUTENANT COLONEL PAUL LINDSAY, CD 14 October 2017

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The Change of Command Parade took place at The Drill Hall on Saturday, 14 October 2017, 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 & Reed 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, CWO A.H. "Huf" Mullick, CD. The Reviewing Officer was 39 CBG Commander, Colonel David Awalt, CD.

The program commenced with a Regimental Salute by the Regiment to Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, followed by General Salutes to the Consul General for the Netherlands, Mrs Barry Nieuwenhuijs, Brigadier General Trevor Cadieu, OMM, MSM, CD, Commander of 3 Canadian Division, and Colonel David Awalt, CD, Commander of 39 CBG and the Reviewing Officer. The program proceeded with the Inspection, Regimental March Past (outgoing CO), Change of Command, Remarks, Regimental March Past (incoming CO), Advance in Review Order and Departure. In his final remarks to the Regiment, Colonel Evans complimented the Members, thanked them for their service and recognized the support of the Regimental Family, including the Regimental Museum (Bob Hall and Keith Maxwell), the Regimental Association (President Bob Remple and VP Gayle Hawthorne), the BCR Irish Pipes & Drums, the BCR Brass & Reed Band and the Honorary Colonel.



The Program of Events was concluded by the traditional Roll Past by the Regiment in front of The Drill Hall led by the CO, Lieutenant Colonel Paul Lindsay. The salute was taking by BGen Trevor Cadieu and Colonels Awalt and Evans, on the Reviewing Stand situated at the entry to Saint Julien Park. The very impressive Roll Pass concluded an extraordinary Change of Command Parade on a very pleasant Vancouver day.





Receptions followed in all three messes. The Brigade Commander and Division Commander were most generous with their time in visiting with the many members and guests. David Sproule presented a beautifully framed piece of family memorabilia to BGen Cadieu (a bulletin found in one of his father's letters from November 1918. He had served with the 3rd Division from 1916 and late in the war worked at HQ 3rd Division and came into possession of the rare bulletin addressed to the People of Mons). Towards the end of the reception, General Cadieu presented his Commander's Coin to Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne for his ongoing service to the Regiment, the Regimental Family and to the community.





Parade photos courtesy of Tim Townley



Congratulations and best wishes to the outgoing CO, Lieutenant Colonel Douglas Evans, and a resounding congratulations and every success to our new Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Paul Lindsay.

Up the Dukes!

Editor's Note: 39 CBG Commander David Awalt promoted the Incoming CO to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel at a brief ceremony in the Officers' Mess immediately prior to the parade.

## FIRST EXERCISE OF THE YEAR

15-17 September 2017

By: Cpl Regala, BCR (DCO)

Soldiers of the BCRs and 15th Field Regiments participated in their first Weekend Exercise at General Vokes Range. For both Regiments it was their yearly Field Ex which consisted of Rifle qualifications and Gas Hut.

With an early 6am start for the day, 15th Fd were the first to hit the Rifle Range. Troops did their Personal Weapons Test (PWT) 1, 2 and 3. Troops from the BCRs started to put on their MOP suits and began their yearly dose of CS Gas. In Chilliwack, Saturday's weather was warm and sunny with clear skies.



It would be a busy day, since both Regiments had to complete both the Rifle Range and Gas Hut. After Lunch, it was the BCRs turn at General Vokes Rifle Range. Major McLeod of the BCRs noted that the BCRs take their Rifle qualifications seriously and that there was a competitive nature about it. As the day progressed into evening, the BCRs hurriedly raced against the sunset to complete their last serial of PWT3.

The last serial of PWT3 and the range staff were thankful that Lori's Catering waited until they completed their shoot. Soon after dinner, the night shoot began, and the sound of rifles echoed into the night as the surrounding mountains of Vokes Range reverberated with the loud booms.

Sunday morning began early, another 6am start, with Lori's waiting at base camp as the soldiers awoke. Base Camp would have to be collapsed and the BCRs would prepare for their 12km ruck march to finish their Range Ex weekend. 15th Fd would be continuing at General Vokes Rifle Range and would be firing C9 LMGs and Browning 9mm.

The BCRs rucked from General Vokes Range along Chilliwack Lake Road. The bus back to the Drill Hall was stationed 12km down. The BCRs boarded the bus back to their unit in downtown Vancouver completing their first Exercise of the training year.



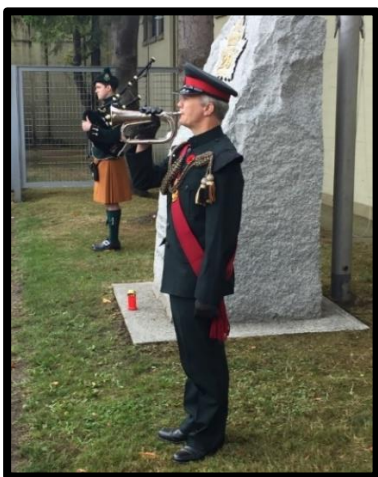
## **BCR PERPETUATED WWI BATTALIONS COMMEMORATION PARADE PACIFIC NATIONAL EXHIBITION 30 September 2017**



On a bright, sunny fall morning, the Regimental Family remembered the service of its Great War Battalions at the 29th Battalion CEF Memorial located in front of the Pacific Coliseum at the PNE. Major Jim Barrett commanded the parade which included members of the Regimental Association and over 80 BCR Cadets with a large turnout by 2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC, 2381 BCR (Irish Fusiliers) RCACC, 3300 BCR (Bhai Kanhaiya) RCACC and a strong showing of CIC Officers. Parents and friends of the Regiment, including Honorary Colonel Bill Diamond (39 CER), and Cadet Governor Roger Prouse, were also present in support of the event. The Cadets were smartly marched on parade by C/MWO Wesley Lam of 2381 BCR. The Candle of Remembrance was lit by Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne and Jim Britt, a former serving member of the Irish Fusiliers of Canada. Major Barrett recounted the history of the battalions, including those broken up on service and their training both at

Hastings Park and in Vernon Army Camp, where many of the cadets were training last summer. Major Barrett, as MC, stood in for Padre Bayley and addressed those assembled with prayers and benediction. The Memorial Wreath was laid by Gayle Hawthorne, Vice President of the Regimental Association and Rob Greenslade, President of the Band Society and bass drummer. The Last Post was played by BCR Bugle Major Chris Ahern, followed by a minute's silence, then a lament played by our Piper Andrew Hayes, from the BCR Irish Pipes and Drums Band, concluded with Reveille by the Bugle Major. All participants were invited into the atrium of the Hockey Arena for lunch and beverages compliments of the Regimental Association. Kudos to Gayle Hawthorne for arranging the most enjoyable reception, and thanks to Louise Prouse and Harminder Palak, President of the Sponsoring Committee of 3300 BCR and ladies of her parent group, for their able assistance in the set up and service.

A special thank you to the PNE, North Burnaby Subway, Kensington Square, and the Capitol Hill Tim Hortons for their very welcome community support of this commemoration event.







## CANADIAN ARMY RESERVE OPEN HOUSE THE DRILL HALL 30 September 2017



On Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, the Canadian Army opened its doors to the public and held an open house at over 100 armouries across Canada in order to boost recruitment for the reserves by emphasizing the Army's new expedited enrolment process and guaranteeing summer jobs for students. The Drill Hall was of course no exception and members of the Regiment very cheerfully displayed and demonstrated equipment and weapons and briefed the many visitors attending.

Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, Vice President Gayle Hawthorne and our good friend Farid Rohani attended and were accorded a first-class demonstration by our Junior Ranks personnel.

Congratulations to our serving members for their great work!





# DEDICATION OF THE BC AFGHANISTAN WAR MEMORIAL

30 September 2017

By: David Sproule

Here are some images from today's dedication. Did not start out well with the rain but that soon eased off. Lieutenant Governor Judith Guichon unveiled the memorial. Also in attendance were her Excellency Shinkai Karokhail, the Ambassador of Afghanistan, premier John Horgan and General Walter Natynczyk from Veterans Affairs plus others as well as Silver Cross parents whose son's names appear on the memorial. There was a tri-service guard and Afghanistan veterans or still serving were invited to join the Guard. It was a solemn and fitting service. Oh, interestingly the soldier whose image appears on the memorial is a lieutenant serving with the Combat engineers in Gagetown NB and he was attending today and was given the honour of being the parade Right Marker- unusual for an officer. Also a First Nations corporal in the Canadian Scottish was given the privilege of singing his Honour song. It was a well attended event.







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Members of the Regimental Association and the Regimental Family:

Dear friends:

**Re: Happy Birthday BCR!**

On October 12<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the 134<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of our Regiment. We remember the many years of sacrifice, service and commitment by our members, both past and present.

I am certain that you share with me the very great pride of membership in our Regimental Family and also share in our stated purpose to support our veterans, the serving members of the Regiment, and our five cadet corps.

So happy 134<sup>th</sup> to the Regiment and to its Citizen Soldiers in the third century of service to our country!

All the very best,

Up the Dukes!

Sincerely yours,

R. A. (Bob) Remple, President

**HONORARY COLONEL'S COMMENDATION  
DANIEL C. MCKENZIE  
11 October 2017**

Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne paid Dan McKenzie (a 60's BCR Sergeant) a visit in the Koerner Pavilion at UBC Hospital where Dan is receiving rehabilitation treatment after surgery at VGH for a broken hip, resulting from a fall at a recent 60<sup>th</sup> birthday party (slipping on a piece of birthday cake no less!).

At the conclusion of the very cheerful visit, Colonel Hawthorne presented Dan with the Honorary Colonel's Commendation for his outstanding dedication, service and commitment to the Regimental Association, the Regiment, its Veterans and Cadets.

All of our very best wishes for a speedy recovery and congratulations on receiving this well-deserved recognition Dan!

Up the Dukes!



**2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC  
CO'S PARADE  
12 October 2017**



It was a festive evening at the Drill Hall on the occasion of the Regiment's 134<sup>th</sup> Birthday (coincidentally, MCpl Duke A Bear's birthday as well). The evening commenced with a special lecture to the entire Cadet Corps by members of the Transit Police while the Sponsoring Committee conducted their Annual General Meeting for 2017. Following the presentation and AGM, the cadets enjoyed birthday cake during their regular break, compliments of the Regimental Association. Christmas card photos of the Unit, CIC Officers, Sponsoring Committee, volunteers and the Honorary Colonel were taken after which Colonel Hawthorne was asked to say a few words regarding the Regiment's birthday. In concluding the evening's festivities, C/RSM Jalen Hall led the entire group in a rendition of "Happy Birthday BCR"!

Well done 2290 BCR!

Up the Dukes!





Photos courtesy of Joe Ng

## **2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC Neighbourhood Police Officers and Cadets Partner to Educate Young People**

October 12, 2017, Transit Police Officer's Julien Ponsioen, Michael Woolley, Aaron Chen and PSD Kona were invited by BCRTC Supervisor Joe Ng, who is a civilian instructor of Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corp 2290 - Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles Regiment. A working partnership between the organizations developed since 2016 and today November 10, 2017, the Commanding Officer of Corp 2290 Captain Anthony Liem will present Chief Doug LePard with a momentum to cement the collaboration.

Constable Ponsioen or Constable Woolley have attended classes at the regiment to offer the 12 to 18 year olds information on how the young members can prepare for a career with the Police and how to stay safe whilst traveling on public transit.

After being introduced just over a year ago Neighbourhood Police Officers have made a genuine impact in Community Policing throughout the Lower Mainland. The officer have been able to share with the young people what Transit Police is responsible for and ways to contact Transit Police should they need assistance on the transit system. The text number 87.77.77 or the SeeSay App are particularly focused at their generation.

Joe Ng said, "Commanding Officer Capt. Anthony Liem would like to thank Transit Police for the contribution the members have made to their Corps. The material and knowledge they provide to the cadets is well received and has a significantly positive impact on the group."

Chief LePard said, "Working with regiments such as the 2290 Royal Canadian Army Cadet, provides us with an opportunity to encourage intelligent young minds to consider the worthwhile career of a police officer. We are also able to share advice on their personal safety on the transit system. I am pleased our Neighbourhood Police Officers have established a partnership which is beneficial for both parties."



**PRE-CHANGE OF COMMAND DINING-OUT  
SEASONS IN THE PARK RESTAURANT  
QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK, LITTLE MOUNTAIN, VANCOUVER  
13 October 2017**

The Officers' Mess Pre-Change of Command Dining-Out was held at Seasons in the Park in beautiful Queen Elizabeth Park at the top of Little Mountain. The early evening affair was marked by a jacket and tie affair complete with a reception and a fine dinner in an informal atmosphere full of good humour and camaraderie. A traditional Toast to the Queen was given followed by a Toast to the Ladies and a response to the toast very well addressed by Zinat Melki, wife of the CO, LCol Douglas Evans. Zinat acknowledged the 134<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Regiment and thanked everyone present for their support of the CO during his period of appointment and particularly thanked Gayle Hawthorne for her solid counsel and for being such a fine mentor to her over this period. Zinat presented flowers to Gayle to mark the occasion.



The windup speech and final word was given by the CO who thanked everyone for their support and admitted that Zinat had pretty well covered all of his speaking points.

Out of town Dukes in attendance included Major Chris Quinlan, LdSH (RC), and Captain Manjeet Vinning, both presently serving in Ottawa.

Also in attendance for the soiree were Cadet Governor Roger Prouse and Louise, Dan Thomas (NDPAO Pacific) and his wife Jana, and special guest Farid Rohani and his wife Nika.

**SOUTH SUDAN UPDATE  
13 October 2017**

By: Major Greg McCullough, CD

It has been a couple of months since I last wrote- the time has gone so quickly here. Which it will do when working seven days a week. But it's Sunday, I've got a bit of time, and it's time to send an update. I've got another six weeks in theatre; I have been extended two weeks but then I head home! A further two week extension has being requested from the UN but unless my Canadian LCol approves it I think Nov 20 will be the end of my time in South Sudan. I'm looking forward to coming home, of course, but the work here has been interesting and so it's also hard in some ways to leave. My team site is 25% understaffed, a common problem across South Sudan for liaison officers.

I'm currently the Acting Senior Military Liaison Officer for the Upper Nile State, as my boss is away for almost a month on leave. It's a Colonel's job, and I am directing four different sites here right now. It's a pretty big position, but I do enjoy the responsibility. "Seek and accept responsibility, right?"



Anyways, since I last sent out a letter I've been doing a lot of patrolling. It's been a lot of fun- interesting, if not always easy. And this is what I came to do, use my skills, including those I've gained through policing.

I conducted a three-day patrol this week to a couple of towns which were involved in fighting last month- on Sept 11<sup>th</sup>, actually. The fighting was between two factions of the rebel military (Sudan People's Liberation Army- in Opposition Riek Machar and Taben Deng- or SPLA-iO (RM) vs SPLA-iO (TD)). Both are Nuer tribesman; Machar was ousted after fighting last year in Juba; Taben Deng is the new first Vice President and loosely supports the government. It's complicated. Today's friend is tomorrow's enemy.

Anyways, SPLA-iO (RM) forces were in place at a town called Aburoc, which had at the time a IDP camp with about 17,000 people and humanitarians there to provide medical support etc. The -iO (TD) forces pushed north, in part to steal back cattle, and over ran the town- causing, obviously, a fair bit of panic part because of the battle, and in part because both armies routinely loot, rape and kill when they take over an area. It sounds like an exaggeration even as I write this but it's not. This is a nasty civil war. There's actually an article about Aburoc in Aljazeera this week.



*Aburoc*

We heard about all this because the World Food Program rep came to our office- the MLOs have the best contacts around. 33 humanitarians had fled the fighting and were by the helicopter landing site (it's about 2 km away from the town) but of course were stranded there and in need of pretty quick evacuation. The WFP guy had found a helicopter to go in but...someone needed to get permission to go there and determine the overall situation, or risk being shot down.

What followed was several hours of pretty intensive work as we both started contacting the leadership on both sides of the fight and with force protection, preparing to go in ourselves if the WFP couldn't do it themselves. I got my ruck and rifle ready- it was surreal, on the phone with the state Governor while surrounded by all my fighting order.

We ended up getting permission for the WFP to go get the humanitarians, but it was a close thing- 30 mins longer and the UN would have gone. The people were evacuated safely... but with literally only what they were wearing. Everything else was abandoned to get everyone on the helicopter.

Now- this is a constant problem with the UN. Maybe we should have gone, gotten into it a bit, and rescued the people ourselves. I'm torn. I would have preferred to just go, but we lack the political will (within the UN) to do this quickly. It's worlds better than the 1990s, when the UN basically showed up and allowed atrocities to happen- but still a weakness in the organization.

Anyways, that was that day. I ran into some of the humanitarians the next day and they were both thankful for our efforts and happy to be out of there... so I was glad of that.

We flew in a few days later. Ten dead, including three women killed in the crossfire. A handful of rapes, some looting- but it could have been worse. Since then we've been in the area a lot to try to keep a grip on it all.

So... to this week. We decided to do a longer patrol to show UN presence in the area, and meet with the government and commanders of both military forces- make sure everyone was playing well in the sandbox, ensure we knew where the forces were and lastly- make sure that the military commanders knew that if there were atrocities they would be held responsible.

As an aside, I had shown up from a week's leave, met at the airport and told: "You're going on patrol Monday. There's a meeting about it in three hours

you need to be at." So that was my last day off... and I wouldn't have it any other way. Mission before self is one term the military uses, and I believe it. We are here because we want to be part of something larger than ourselves.

Anyways, we headed out by helicopter- me with a 36 kg pack that had everything including all the water that I would need. We went to Aburoc first and- leaving the heavy stuff on the helicopter- rucked in a couple of km to the town. A lot of people have left, not surprisingly, and the IDP camp is down to 11,000. But people have adjusted to the new reality as they have to here, and appeared in better shape than right after the battle at any rate.

We then flew to Kodok, which is the Capital of Fashoda State (one of the new 32 states the president of South Sudan has established controversially as his tribe got all the best land...) and spend then remainder of that day and the next two there. Incredibly our force protection- the Rwandans, usually not bad to deal with- had demanded a APC and fifty soldiers in order to go, which we didn't have the helicopters to do. So I ended up being there with one Chinese MLO, a government (SPLA) LCol, and eight civilians. That's it. No force protection. Not optimal, but at least I'm armed. No one else was.



*MI 17 Helicopter*



*Kodok*



*Heavily damaged school in Kodok*

We landed about 2 km from the town and unloaded our kit. The civilians had suitcases! So we were ill prepared to get into town. One of them asked how we were going to get into town and I said 'walk'... which no one seemed enthusiastic about! We were saved when two SPLA pick up trucks came to the landing strip to see what was going on and agreed to give us a drive to the abandoned World Vision building that we were going to sleep in. We dumped our stuff in the back and I- oh, the wonders of being the patrol leader- got to sit in the front. The trucks are in pretty rough shape. Anyways.... We were driving into the town and there was a dog on the road. Now, the dogs here are feral, not nice, no one likes them. But still. The dog didn't move fast enough and the driver just ran it over! Didn't slow down. Didn't swerve. Nothing. I heard a yelp and looked at the SPLA guy, who showed no emotion at all. I thought well... there we go. Another day is South Sudan.



Wang- the Chinese MLO- and I met with the Governor several times over the next two days, and met with to local SPLA commanders. They're well dug in, and it will take a large force to get them out, so the town is theirs. We also patrolled on foot around the town and at one point even got a coffee. One thing was nice- the locals came up to us on several occasions and said 'thank you' in broken English... so at least our presence was appreciated.

It rained heavily both nights, and I slept pretty lightly, pistol under my rain jacket/pillow (two for the price of one, and STILL I had 36 kg!), just to be on the safe side. But it was uneventful and nothing happened.



*Abandoned 82mm mortar rounds*



*At least I found a place to get coffee...*

I've seen a fair bit. Met some child soldiers at a rebel cantonment site... the Major General there showed them to us quite freely. Three boys of about 10-12 years of age. He said he had about 200 'because of the necessity of war'. The kids did not look happy to be there at all. The hard thing was that we had to leave them there. The Child Protection Unit of the UN will follow up (we are going there again this week) but the bottom line is it's pretty hard to get the kids away. Being shown them was a rarity; but taking them with us would have been an all out fight. To put it in perspective I suppose is that many of the leaders in both armies were themselves child soldiers. I've been told that proudly on several occasions: "I was a child soldier myself". It is an odd sort of badge of honour, but in a way I get it. This has been a long war, and I suppose they're proving their dedication to the cause.

So that's a couple of stories. I'm doing well overall- food mailed from home has finally shown up- thanks for very little, Canadian Forces Postal service- and so I've got variety in what I eat again... and soup!!! A main source of vegetables. Funny the things you get excited about over here.

Thanks so much to the Junior Ranks Mess for sending me a care package- including that great harlequin novel "The Soldier's Seduction" and a bunch of "My Little Pony" stickers! I laughed a lot! Also to the Officer's mess for the same, although they sent me a book on Greatest Military Defeats. Neither of my deployments is included, at least thus far, in the book...

I shall of course share some of the treats inside the care packages with my MLO cell lest I come back from tour fat!

I am looking forward to getting home and seeing friends and family again! It's gone quickly but still it's been a long time since I went to Kingston in March to train for this. Congratulations to the new CO, and best wishes to the old one as he gets some well deserved time off. Wish I could have been there for the change of command.

## **OKTOBERFEST – JP FELL ARMOURY 14 October 2017**

This year's Oktoberfest was held at the 6<sup>th</sup> Engineers Squadron combined mess. The program for the evening included a live auction, a 50-50 draw, finger foods and featured craft beer from Bridge Brewing Company from the North Shore. All proceeds went to support the "North Shore's Military Museum" at JP Fell Armoury.

Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne represented the Regiment and President Bob Remple and Vice President Gayle Hawthorne represented the Regimental Association at the evening's affair.



Many thanks to our good friend and colleague, the Honorary Colonel of 39 CER, Bill Diamond, for the wonderful hospitality!

## **3rd CANADIAN DIVISION HONORARY COLONEL COUNCIL CALGARY, ALBERTA – 20 OCTOBER 2017**

This year's Honorary Colonel Council was held at The Military Museums (formerly, the "Museums of the Regiments of Calgary") on Crowchild Trail in southwest Calgary.

The conference started with a Meet & Greet reception at the downtown Hyatt Regency Hotel on Thursday evening (19 October 2017) where the Honoraries of the Division had a good opportunity to network and to visit with the host, Commander of 3rd Canadian Division, Brigadier General Trevor Cadieu, the Deputy Commander of the Division, Brigadier General Nic Stanton and the special guest of the evening, the Commander of the Army, Lieutenant General Paul Wynnyk. It was a most enjoyable event with much discussed, important contacts made or reinforced and camaraderie well established. Generals Wynnyk, Cadieu and Stanton were most generous with their time at this event!

The well organized and timely agenda of the conference started early on Friday morning at the museum with an opening address by General Cadieu who welcomed all of the Honoraries and introduced General Wynnyk to them. The Commander of the Army, Lieutenant-General Paul Wynnyk, addressed the attendees and emphasized the priority of recruiting, specifically in the next two years now that each regiment is "the master of their own destiny". Challenges were also highlighted and reviewed at length (delays, medicals, diversity/gender balance, procurement and infrastructure). General Cadieu wound up the morning session with a brief recap of the "State of the Division." All present were most pleased to hear of the unqualified support accorded to the Honoraries by the speakers. In addition, it was appreciated by all to be able to discuss openly with the Commanders the important issues facing the Army today.

The attendees enjoyed an excellent buffet luncheon in one of the large museum rooms and were treated to a wonderful display of World War I Uniforms from the collection of Victor Taboika. The entire museum is truly an extraordinary experience and a wonderful place to visit.



The afternoon session included presentations by the Honorary Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment, Scott Shepherd, in his capacity as National Chairman of the Canadian Forces Liaison Council, along with our good friend of the Regiment, Colonel Nigel Whittaker, RLO Pacific, and the Commander of 39 Canadian Brigade Group Colonel David Awalt.

At the Open Forum, Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne provided the attendees with complimentary copies of **The Duke** and suggested that the newsletter may be of assistance to other Honoraries considering different ways in which to engage with the community and with the Regimental Family of their respective units.



At the conclusion of the conference, the Honoraries continued their tour of the museum and “inspected” the brand new TAPV parked outside the museum and manned by members of the South Alberta Light Horse. Colonel Hawthorne congratulated General Cadieu on the very successful conference and presented him with a copy of **The Listening Post**. General Cadieu was most generous in his praise of Colonel Hawthorne’s service to the Regiment, the Regimental Family and the community.

In due course, the Honoraries boarded their bus and returned to the hotel for a quick rest and change to mess dress for the evening.

Congratulations to 3rd Canadian Division for a job well done!

**VICTORIES CENTENNIAL GALA  
TELUS CONVENTION CENTRE  
CALGARY, ALBERTA  
COMMEMORATING THE 100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF  
THE BATTLES OF VIMY RIDGE, HILL 70 & PASSCHENDAELE**

The program for the evening included a reception in the foyer where numerous live auction items were on display, a Vice Regal Salute, the Loyal Toast, Grace, an enjoyable dinner, Cadet Centennial Presentations, Cadet Pipers Performance, a Toast to the Fallen, the Keynote Speaker, Commander of the Army, Lieutenant General Paul Wynnyk, a Live Auction and a Raffle Draw.

The Gala was supported by nine Calgary and area organizations, with Global TV’s Linda Olsen as MC for the evening. The Program noted that “proceeds will support Calgary and area Cadets on a battlefield tour in 2018 and support youth education programs at The Military Museum ensuring all Calgary and area youth have access to Canada’s proud military history.”

Colonel Hawthorne presented his Honorary Colonel Regimental Coin to General Cadieu and thanked him for his great support of Honoraries, our soldiers and the Regiment.

In discussions with many of the Honoraries who attended the conference, it was clearly evident that this year’s Honorary Colonel Council was a tremendous success.

Congratulations and our many thanks to the Command Team of 3rd Canadian Division and specifically to Generals Cadieu and Stanton.



## THE SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA – CHANGE OF COMMAND 21 October 2017



The Change of Command from LCol Paul V. Ursich, CD to LCol Ed L. Haverstock, CD was held at The Seaforth Armoury (still not officially open) at 1:00 pm on Saturday, 21 October 2017. The Reviewing Officer was 39 CBG Commander Colonel David Awalt, CD. The Schedule of Events included the customary March On of the Colours, the arrival of the RO, Inspection, March Past (Outgoing CO), the Passing of the Colours and the CO's Sword by the Outgoing CO to the Incoming CO, remarks by Colonel Ursich, the signing of the Change of Command documents, remarks by Colonel Awalt, remarks by Colonel Haverstock, March Past (Incoming CO), Three Cheers and the playing of "Auld Lang Syne", Departure of Colonel Ursich and his family,

Advance in Review Order, Departure of the RO, March Off and Reception. The Band of the Seaforth Highlanders was well turned out and added a great deal to the ceremony.

The Regiment was represented by Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Paul Lindsay, RSM, CWO Huf Mullick, and OC Recce, Major Adam McLeod. The Band Governor, Honorary Colonel Bill Diamond (39 CER), was also in attendance.

Congratulations to LCol Ursich for his service as CO and our very best wishes to LCol Haverstock for a successful command.

## RCAC CONFERENCE – OTTAWA, ONTARIO 26 – 28 October 2017



A brief note from the Commanding Officer:

"The conference and dinner were very well attended, and it was the first time in several years that 40+ Armd senior leaders were together. It was a worthwhile trip and I left confident that the Corps is moving in the right direction with the right key leaders in place.

There was a significant amount of time spent debating the issues with recruiting across Canada, particularly the bottlenecks associated with medical and security checks. This message has been heard loud and clear in Ottawa and the Army is working towards a solution.

Finally, our Div Comd expressed his confidence in our Regiment to me on several occasions and I don't intend to let him down."

LCol Paul Lindsay,  
CO BCR



**GEORGE DERBY CARE SOCIETY  
STAFF APPRECIATION DAY  
26 October 2017**

The annual staff appreciation day breakfast was held at George Derby Care Facility (“George Derby”) on Thursday, 26 October 2017. Management served pancakes/ waffles, bacon and vegetarian sausage to staff coming off nightshift and dayshift arrivals at two sittings (6:00 am and 8:30 am). Pizza and ice cream were served to the afternoon shift! Congratulations on this well-deserved recognition!



Directors of George Derby, President Casey Cook, Jim Marvel and Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne were on hand to support and to meet the many dedicated staff members of this facility which has proudly served our veterans since 1988. The reputation of George Derby as a “Centre of Excellence” continues!

**CHINESE CANADIAN MILITARY MUSEUM SOCIETY  
ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER  
RADISSON AIRPORT HOTEL, RICHMOND, B.C.  
4 November 2017**



The annual fundraising dinner for the Chinese Canadian Military Museum Society (“CCMMS”), billed as the “Double Happiness” dinner, held at the Radisson Airport Hotel in Richmond, was once again a complete success. A reception was held to start the evening off with many special guests in attendance, including, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province, Her Honour Judith Guichon, OBC, the Commander of Maritime Pacific, Rear-Admiral Art McDonald and RCMP OIC Richmond Detachment, Superintendent Will Ng. A blanket ceremony was conducted by Musqueam Band Elder Kelly White with the assistance of Her Honour.



At the conclusion of the reception, the VIP Procession, including Her Honour, Admiral McDonald and Superintendent Ng, numerous politicians, and Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, was piped into the dining room by BCR Sgt Piper Rosalie MacDonald. The program included a First Nations Welcome, National Anthems, Introduction of Dignitaries, Recognition of Veterans, including a strong Burma Star Contingent, Celebration of Canada's Sesquicentennial and President King Wan's remarks.

Regimental Family representation included Colonel Hawthorne, VP Gayle Hawthorne, President Bob Remple with table mates Senator Yonah Martin, former HCol (39 Service) Howe Lee and his wife Hilda, Richard Wong (National Chair, World Chinese Business Association of Canada and Hill 70 Supporter) and his wife, Grace. BCRs also in attendance were Captain Jackson Wong, 2290 BCR, and Archie Pow.

An excellent dinner was followed by raffle ticket sales, remembering those Veterans passing in 2017 and a Toast to the Fallen. After dessert, a memorable presentation was given by Jack Gin regarding the background history of Pte. Frederick Lee from Kamloops, who was killed in action on Hill 70, and the naming of "The Frederick Lee Walkway" at the Hill 70 Memorial in France. A moving Ceremony transferring the Burma Star Flag from the Association to CCMMS took place with Burma Star Veterans participating. To conclude the evening's festivities, the attendees were treated to a thoroughly enjoyable speech given by Captain Bill Norwood, a Tuskegee Airman ("a standout pilot flying B-52s for the Air Force...hired in 1965 as the first African-American pilot at United Airlines").



Congratulations to all of our good friends at CCMMS!

**GEORGE DERBY CARE SOCIETY  
"PLANT A FLAG DAY"  
6 November 2017**

It was a clear, crisp, sunny morning to mark the start of Veterans' Week at George Derby Care Facility ("George Derby"). George Derby partnered up with neighbouring schools, Cariboo Hill Secondary and Armstrong Elementary, where the students "planted" over 2,500 Canadian Flags on the front lawn and grounds of the facility in order to honour the service and sacrifice of our veterans and to remember our Fallen.



Directors of George Derby, Lynn Schwartz and Ted Hawthorne (Honorary Colonel of the Regiment) were on hand with the Executive Director, Ricky Kwan, to celebrate the occasion and to meet so many supporters of the facility at this very memorable event. A large contingent of RCMP Members was also in attendance and played a very strong part in this opportunity to engage with the many students and members of the community. George Derby has proudly served veterans since 1988 and its reputation continues unchanged as a “Centre of Excellence.”



For further information about “Plant a Flag Day” and George Derby generally, visit the George Derby Website at [www.Georgederbycentre.ca](http://www.Georgederbycentre.ca)

Congratulations George Derby for a job well done and for your many years supporting our veterans!

## **DUKES ATTEND NATIONAL ABORIGINAL VETERANS DAY IN VANCOUVER 8 November 2017**

Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne and Major (*retired*) Dan Thomas participated recently in Vancouver’s National Aboriginal Veterans Day to help honour Canada’s Indigenous warriors who have served with distinction in Canada’s Armed Forces. For the second consecutive year, Her Honour the Honourable Judith Guichon, OBC, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, was Guest of Honour – reflecting the growing significance of the occasion in reconciliation with Canada’s Indigenous Peoples.

The event, organized by community volunteers Kelly White and Robert Nahanee, began with traditional prayers and a pipe ceremony in the Carnegie Centre, including a star blanket presentation to Her Honour and several other recipients. Following the solemn ceremony, an informal procession moved along Hasting Street from Carnegie Centre to Victory Square, where more than 30 dignitaries (including Her Honour, Grand Chief Stewart Phillip of the Union of BC Indian Chiefs, the Mayor of Vancouver, and the Honorary Colonel) laid wreaths in front of an appreciative crowd.

In the afternoon, most participants adjourned to the First Nations Friendship Centre for a bison stew lunch, more presentations, and to hear veterans’ stories. Oral tradition remains a strong feature of Indigenous culture, and the audience enjoyed the veterans’ anecdotes. One, for example, told how he had jumped, trained, and fought in Korea with the famous First Nations soldier Sergeant Tommy Prince, MM.

Mutual friends from the Chinese Canadian veterans’ community participated in the ceremonies, since they, having also faced racial discrimination in former years, were among the Aboriginal veterans’ earliest supporters.

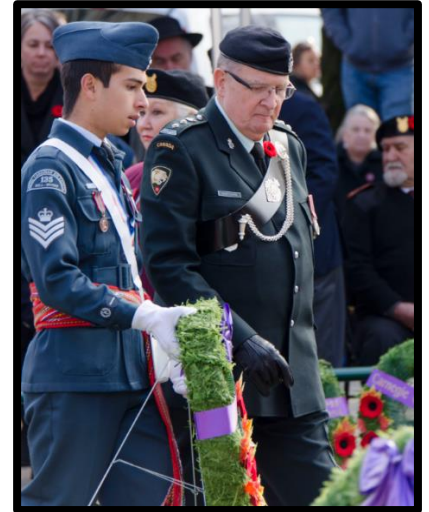
Throughout the day, every speaker paid tribute to Const. Robert Davidson, Abbotsford Police Department, who had died on duty earlier that week. We thank and congratulate the organizers of the National Aboriginal Veterans Day, and look forward to participating in future years.



Commissionaire David Ward, Her Honour, and Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne link up outside the Carnegie Centre



Honorary Colonel Hawthorne and Chief Constable Adam Palmer have a conversation during the procession from the Carnegie Centre to Victory Square



Flight Sergeant Joe Rivera, 135 (Challenger) Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron, assists Honorary Colonel Hawthorne in laying a wreath at the Victory Square cenotaph

## REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY ICBC HEAD OFFICE – 10 November 2017

The annual Ceremony of Remembrance was held at the Head Office of ICBC in North Vancouver on Friday, November 10th at 11:00 in the morning. Archie Steacy, President of the British Columbia Veterans Commemorative Association and members, were piped into the rotunda for the ceremony by the 6 Engineer Squadron Lt. Col. J.P. Fell Pipe Band. The observance was conducted by Captain, the Reverend Gordon Barrett, and the Parade was commanded by Major James Barrett, the Commanding Officer of 3300 BCR (Bhai Kanhaiya) RCACC. Also in attendance was Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne. Barbara Meens Thistle, Vice President of Central Service for ICBC, addressed the large audience and participants and provided a very meaningful address on the significance of our duty to remember. A luncheon/reception was held after the ceremony for the veterans at the Cheshire Cheese Restaurant in the Lonsdale Quay.

Congratulations to ICBC for the memorable ceremony! Kudos to Alex Robson, Senior Advisor, Employee Relations, for her excellent work in organizing the event.





**HMCS VANCOUVER  
RECEPTION ABOARD SHIP  
CANADA PLACE, VANCOUVER, B.C. – 10 November 2017**

Rear-Admiral Art McDonald, the Commander of Maritime Forces Pacific, RCN, and Commander Christopher Nucci, Commander of HMCS Vancouver (the “Vancouver”), hosted a reception aboard the Vancouver to mark the visit of the ship to its namesake city to participate in Remembrance Day activities. As our readers will know, the Regiment is officially affiliated with the Vancouver.

Regimental Family members attending the reception were the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, Band Governor, Honorary Colonel (39CER) Bill Diamond, RUSI President Cam Cathcart and Dan Thomas, National Defence Public Affairs.

Colonel Hawthorne took the opportunity to present his Honorary Colonel Regimental Coin to Commander Nucci and Admiral McDonald and thanked them for the wonderful hospitality. The Admiral also presented his coin to Colonel Hawthorne.

Commander Nucci and Admiral McDonald greeted the many guests in attendance and welcomed everyone to the Vancouver. A brief presentation was made by Honorary Colonel of the Seaforths, Mike Shields, recognizing their recent affiliation with the Ship.



Thank you to all members of HMCS Vancouver for their excellent hospitality and we convey to them our very best wishes!

**REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION REMEMBRANCE DINNER  
MOXIES MEZZANINE, THE SANDMAN HOTEL – 10 November 2017**

Once again, it was a great turnout for this year's Remembrance Dinner held at The Sandman Hotel in Vancouver, a venue so very convenient for our members, being a short walk to the Drill Hall and the Cenotaph for Remembrance Day services on November 11th. The guest registration desk was manned by Archie and Lynda Steacy (who also assisted on set up). A strong showing from serving members of the Regiment was also evident and acknowledged by the evening's Master of Ceremonies, Jim Barrett (2IC Major Vincent Virk, OC Recce Major Adam McLeod, Captain James Norman and the RSM, CWO Huf Mullick).

The evening's program commenced with the customary reception which was followed by the Head Table, consisting of the Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne (Vice President Gayle), the former CO of the Regiment, Lieutenant Colonel Douglas Evans (Zinat and Aidan), President Bob Remple and Farid Rohani being piped into the dining room by Band Sergeant Rosalie MacDonald of the BCR Irish Pipes & Drums. The MC said grace which was then followed by the lighting of the Candle of Remembrance at the Table of Remembrance by the RSM.

An excellent dinner was then enjoyed by all. The toasts followed with The Queen by Graydon Young, the Fallen by Major McLeod, with the Last Post by Bugler Chris Arhen and the Lament by Band Sgt MacDonald and the Regiment by Archie Steacy.

Major Virk provided a comprehensive State of the Regiment message and some very kind words for the Regimental Association. The 2IC was followed by Colonel Hawthorne who acknowledged the very great support of the Regimental Association and its Charitable Trust to the Commanding Officer, the Regiment and the entire Regimental Family. Colonel Hawthorne also remembered the passing of members in the past year and those on the sick list. He concluded his remarks by acknowledging Gayle Hawthorne for being the OPI of the annual dinner, for the set-up, table decorations, including Remembrance centre pieces and table favours (Vimy 100 Anniversary Commemorative Coins for each attendee). Well done Gayle and thank you! President Bob Remple closed the formal remarks by thanking everyone for their attendance and their support of the Regimental Association.

During the break, desserts were provided and draw tickets sold by VP Gayle Hawthorne with the assistance of Jim Barrett and Aidan Evans. The draws for the door prizes and the lucky tickets were conducted by the MC and Gayle Hawthorne.

At the conclusion of the evening, Colonel Evans presented a framed photograph of the CO, Honorary Colonel and RSM, taken at the Vimy Memorial during the 2015 Battlefield Tour, and his Medallion to Colonel Hawthorne in recognition of his work with Regiment and Regimental Family.



## PARADE MARSHALLS

Each year on November 11 four retired members of the Regiment gather at the Cenotaph at Victory Square and collect their radios and arm bands and prepare to sort out the Remembrance Day parade. Two former RSM's Capt( R) Don Neish, Capt.(R) Darryl Turner, former Squadron Sergeant Maj MWO(R) Kevin Walker and Capt.(R)Terry Sawasy get their short briefing from the Parade Marshall Steve Kern and with retired RCMP member Bob Underhill set to work getting Units, Cadets and Veterans in the right place and on time.





## REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY THE CENOTAPH AT VICTORY SQUARE – 2017



It was an overcast morning in Vancouver at the annual ceremony of commemoration and remembrance at the Cenotaph in Victory Square. Many thanks to our Right Marker, President Bob Remple and the very strong contingent of members! Also, our special thanks to The BC Regiment (DCO) Irish Pipes & Drums for leading the Regimental Association on parade. Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne had the honour of leading the Regimental Association and Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Scott Shepherd assisted as 2I/C. Archie Steacy and Terry Haigh laid the wreath at the Cenotaph on behalf of the Veterans of the Canadian Army and Vice President Gayle Hawthorne laid the wreath on behalf of the Regimental Association. The Regiment looked great and in fine form on this special day of remembrance. The Parade Commander was the Seaforth CO, Lieutenant Colonel Ed Haverstock, and the salute was taken on the March Past by Rear Admiral Art McDonald, Commander of Maritime Pacific. Members of HMCS Vancouver, visiting their namesake city for Remembrance Day, were the lead unit on parade.



Upon the Regiment's return 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 Colonel Hawthorne gave the toast to the Regiment. Many thanks to the Regimental Association for providing the beverages for the Toasts. The Table of Remembrance was a focal point for the concluding formalities on Remembrance Day and the members placed their poppies on the Table of Remembrance as a final gesture of remembrance.

Congratulations to the Regiment, the Regimental Association, the BCR Brass & Reed Band, the BCR Irish Pipes & Drums, and the Regimental Family for a very fine Remembrance Day Parade! Well done indeed!

Many family and friends attended the post parade activities on the drill square and all three messes. The Kit Shop was a very busy place throughout the receptions. Many thanks to VP Gayle Hawthorne and Louise Prouse for their great work in provided this much appreciated service!

Next stop...the Junior Ranks Mess led by Colonel Paul Lindsay, Colonel Hawthorne and President Bob Remple who rang the bell and complimented our soldiers for the great parade and thanked them all for their service. What a great group of 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!

**REMEMBRANCE DAY  
BELGIAN WAR MONUMENT and  
THE CANADIAN LIBERATION MONUMENT - LEKE  
11 November 2017**

Submitted by: Luke Vandebussche,  
Secretary Belgian Canadian Remembrance Committee - LEKE

We had a Remembrance meal with 94 participants from Leke and Lt.Col. David Burbridge and Warrant Officer Tim Williams - Canadian Army - N.A.T.O. MONS – BELGIUM.







**BELGISCH- CANADEES HERDENKINGSCOMITÉ LEKE.**

**BELGIAN- CANADIAN REMEMBRANCE COMMITTEE LEKE.**

## **NOTICE**

### **Belgian Canadian Remembrance Committee- LEKE Belgisch- Canadees Herdenkingscomité- LEKE**

The new Association has the following members:

Wim Vandebussche – President  
Ludwig Vandebussche- Secretary  
Doreen Everaert- Member  
Xavier Declerck- Member  
Jean- Luc Hemerycke- Member  
Colette Vanhee- Member  
Luc Lansens- Member  
Colette Vermeulen- Member.

The commencement date and purposes are as follows:

- Date of startup: September 7, 2017 (73 years after the liberation - WWII);
- Looking after the protection of the Canada-square and the Canadian Liberation Monument;
- Bring our hospitality to the Canadian visitors who visit Leke, especially our hospitality for the Members of The British Columbia Regiment (DCO) and The BC Regiment (DCO) Association; and
- Maintenance to honour the liberators of our region in Flanders- Belgium.

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## **REMEMBRANCE 2017**

By: Hugh Montgomerie

My name is Hugh Montgomerie a retired Royal Logistic Corps major and a member of The Dukes Association. My connection comes from my great-uncle 446663 Private Hugh Grahame Montgomerie of the 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion Canadian Infantry (British Columbia Regiment) who was killed in action of Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 1916 (during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battle of Ypres?) and is buried at Chester Farm Cemetery (II.D.12.)

I live in Weybridge, Surrey which is only a thirty-minute train ride into London. This last weekend I have had the honour and privilege to attend two Remembrance services at The Cenotaph.

Firstly, as a member of the Western Front Association who paraded on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November. The parade consists of the WFA marching on, taking up position by a vigil party of the Royal Air Force, the Khaki Chums and the Pipes and Drums of The London Scottish Regiment. A bugler from the Coldstream Guards plays Last Post and Reveille and Sunset. Wreaths are laid, prayers said, and we fall out for a Memorial Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving at the Royal Military Chapel (The Guards' Chapel) in Wellington Barracks. A traditional service with the 'proper' hymns such as 'Mine eyes have seen the glory,' 'The day Thou gavest,' 'When I survey the wondrous cross' and 'Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer' all accompanied by an excellent choir. A good sermon, Last Post, Reveille and the National Anthem ended the service. Then off to lunch.

The Royal Military Chapel is a wonderful building which was completed in 1838 but was destroyed on 18<sup>th</sup> June 1944 by a flying bomb which killed 121 people yet left the Altar candles burning, a symbol of hope for the future. IN 1963 the new Chapel, which incorporates the Apse of the original Chapel, was dedicated and opened for worship.

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November was the Royal British Legion Service again at the Cenotaph. The security situation now means that you can only march past by invitation. I am President of the Buller Branch of the Royal Army Service Corps/Royal Corps of Transport Association and again it's an honour to march. We are usually joined by a pair of Chelsea Pensioners and this year by Staff Sergeant Jim Hawtree who I



served with in Germany in the 1980s. We meet up on the parade square at Horseguards, Whitehall at 0930, catch up with old friends and then form up in four columns on Whitehall facing The Cenotaph. Big Ben, which is undergoing repairs, was enabled for the day to start the service, along with a gun from King's Troop The Royal Horse Artillery. This year, The Queen passed her responsibility to Prince Charles to lay her wreath so that she could be with Prince Philip on the balcony of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office which overlooks The Cenotaph. After the service we march past the Cenotaph and back around to Horseguards where one of the royal family take the salute. This year it was Prince Edward. A great weekend. Next year is going to be a test of my loyalty. The WFA always parade on 11<sup>th</sup> November but in 2018 this falls on a Sunday when the Royal British Legion take priority. I'm sure the WFA will celebrate but not at The Cenotaph. So, great-uncle Hugh or the Association.

**UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING DEFENCE MINISTERIAL  
DINNER RECEPTION "NATURALLY CANADIAN"  
VANCOUVER CONVENTION CENTRE  
14 November 2017**

The Honourable Harjit S. Sajjan, PC, OMM, MSM, CD, MP, Minister of National Defence and The Honourable Chrystia Freeland, PC, MP, Minister of Foreign Affairs, hosted a very enjoyable reception at the Vancouver Convention Centre. The evening's program included a traditional greeting from members of the Musqueam Band and brief speeches from the Premier of the Province, John Horgan, UN Under-Secretary-General, Jean-Pierre Lacroix, and Ministers Freeland and Sajjan. It was a wonderful opportunity to visit with friends of the Regiment and the many representatives, delegates to the conference and senior members of the military of member countries.



The Conference was billed as hosting “over 500 delegates from more than 70 countries and international organizations...along with representatives from the African Union, the European Union, NATO and the Organisation internationale de la Francophonie, these delegates will discuss improvements to UN peacekeeping operations. The conference will also focus on securing new pledges from Member States.”



Regimental Family attendance included the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, his wife Gayle, VP of the Regimental Association, CWO Huff Mullick, RSM, Noor Grewal-Virk (wife of the 2/C Major Vincent Virk), Captain Manjeet Vinning, and Dr. Kuljit Sajjan. Needless to say, Minister Sajjan is also included in the Regimental Family and it was great for all of us to see him and to wish him well.

### **2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC CHANGE OF APPOINTMENT OF RSM PARADE – 16 November 2017**

A full parade, including a General Salute to the Presiding Officer/Reviewing Officer, Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, an Inspection by the Reviewing Officer, with the Reviewing Party, consisting of the Commanding Officer, Captain Tony Liem, Captain Michael Merek, Regimental Association VP Gayle Hawthorne and Honorary Captain Agnes Keegan, and a March Past with the outgoing RSM, C/CWO Jalen Hall in the lead. Colonel Hawthorne conducted the ceremonial passing of the RSM Pace Stick and the transfer of the RSM’s Regimental Crossbelt from C/CWO Hall to the incoming RSM, C/MWO Emily Yan. Awards and Presentations included two promotions to C/MWO. Colonel Hawthorne presented his Honorary Colonel Regimental Coin to C/CWO Hall in recognition of his service and commitment to the unit. The signing of the Official Appointment Certificates was also part of the ceremony. Both the outgoing and incoming RSMs very ably addressed the unit, parents and guests. The RO provided the closing remarks and complimented the Cadets of 2290 BCR for their excellent turnout, the CIC Officers, Volunteers and Sponsoring Committee. The RO further complimented and congratulated C/CWO Hall and C/MWO Yan. RSM Yan led the unit in a March Past where Colonel Hawthorne was joined by C/CWO Hall on the Reviewing Stand in order to take the salute. It was a very memorable evening for the unit and the outgoing and incoming RSMs.



Congratulations once again to C/CWO Hall for his service as RSM and to C/MWO Yan on her appointment as RSM of 2290 BCR. C/MWO Yan is the first female RSM in the history of 2290 BCR!

Well done Dukes!

**THE ROYAL CANADIAN GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY  
NATIONAL HISTORY MUSEUM  
OTTAWA, ONTARIO  
16 November 2017**

By: Farid Rohani, FRCGS

I was selected and admitted to the College of Fellows, of The Royal Canadian Geographical Society, on November 16th 2017 in Ottawa at the Natural History Museum. The Lt Governor of Ontario, Elizabeth Dowdeswell, OC, OOnt, and Honorary President Alex Trebek presided over the evening's festivities.

The Royal Canadian Geographical Society was founded in 1929 with the important mandate of making Canada better known to Canadians and to the world. Under the patronage of the Governor General of Canada, the Society has, for 85 years, led the charge towards fostering a deeper appreciation of Canada's natural, cultural and social heritage. While best known for its iconic publication, Canadian Geographic magazine, the Society also actively develops additional publications, such as Géographica and Canadian Geographic Travel, supports Canadian geographical expeditions, and provides grants and scholarships for cutting-edge geographical research.

In addition, the Society is active in building, promoting and supporting geographic education throughout the country, through its educational program, Canadian Geographic Education. One of the largest programs of its kind in Canada, Can Geo Education currently provides free geographic educational supports, products and materials to almost 18,000 member educators from coast-to-coast-to-coast, a number which is increasing rapidly.

The Fellow is described as such on the website of the society and can use the Post Nominal FRCGS following their name:

"Canada itself, diverse in geographical regions and communities, is reflected in The Royal Canadian Geographical Society's College of Fellows. So, too, have the Fellows always embodied the longstanding values and tenets of the RCGS: the determination to build, courage to explore and steadfast love of country.

The first Fellows were named in the years after 1929, and included such luminaries as Nobel Prize-winner Frederick G. Banting, the co-discoverer of insulin; pioneering anthropologist and explorer Diamond Jenness, who for a time lived with the Copper Inuit in the Northwest Territories; and artist A.Y. Jackson, a leading member of the renowned Group of Seven.

It was an auspicious start, and the College's ranks would continue to be bolstered by many of Canada's foremost geographers, scientists and artists, anthropologists, soldiers, business leaders, historians and educators of all kinds, from school teachers to university presidents. The names represent a virtual who's who of Canada, from tycoon E.P. Taylor and former Alberta Premier Peter Lougheed, to geophysicist J. Tuzo Wilson and General A.G.L. McNaughton, to television celebrity and philanthropist, Alex Trebek.

And, of course, some of the most celebrated names in exploration are those of RCGS Fellows: from the past, Arctic explorers Vilhjalmur Stefansson and Sgt. Henry Larsen, world adventurer Rosita Forbes; in modern times, ethnobotanist Wade Davis, paleontologist Philip Currie, astronaut Steve MacLean, and explorer and author Sir Christopher Ondaatje.

The College, the voting body of the Society, elects the President and other members of the Board of Governors, as well as new Fellows. As ever, the Society's Fellows work determinedly to expand geographical knowledge and literacy across the nation. By doing so they raise the profile of the RCGS and its important educational, research and expeditions programs. They also provide guidance and financial support, both of which are crucial to the non-profit organization."





## **A LASTING TRIBUTE THE BRITISH COLUMBIA GEOGRAPHICAL PLACE NAMING PROGRAM**

By: Guy Black, Recipient, Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation  
and Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers  
Nephew of Trooper Ralph Koonts, WWII BCR veteran

There is a lasting way to remember the men and women from British Columbia who died while on active service during wartime. The government of British Columbia maintains a special program where they will name a land feature such as a lake, river, mountain peak etc. after residents of our province.

The BC Geographical naming program was established many years ago and it is administered through the BC Geo Office. Under the commemorative naming section of the program, usually a family member will make a request to the Geo office. The office will review the naming submission and conduct an extensive investigation to determine if the proposed person to be commemorated is eligible and they will make sure the selected land feature has no known or local name.

The naming review process usually takes 6 months but sometimes takes much longer. When commemorative names are approved, they are officially announced during the first week of November and the naming is gazetted. The applicant is informed by a letter and they receive a map showing the location of the feature and a certificate signed by the premier.

Over the past 10 years I have been helping families with the application process including researching the life story of the service person, preparing all documents and supporting material and finding a suitable location for naming. The first naming that I successfully completed is called Hastings Lake which is located in North Vancouver's Mount Seymour Provincial Park. The lake is named after North Vancouver's only resident known to have die in the Korean War – Corporal Donald Perkins Hastings, PPCLI.

I recently spoke with Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne and I asked him if there were any members of the BCR family that might like to pursue a place naming and he suggested writing this article. If anyone is interested in submitting a request for a place name on behalf of a family member that died while on active war service and who was a BC resident, please contact me. I am unofficially helping, and willing to volunteer my time and experience to complete everything for you. There is no cost involved. I can be reached through my email address [Korea19501953@yahoo.com](mailto:Korea19501953@yahoo.com)

The place naming program is a lasting and significant way to remember those men and women that gave their life for Canada in the cause of peace and freedom.

**PRESENTATION OF COMMEMORATION PLAQUE  
TO THE HONORARY COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT  
BY WILLIAM P.J. McCARTHY  
23 November 2017**

On Thursday morning, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, was presented with a commemorative plaque by William P.J. McCarthy at a private ceremony held at the offices of W.P.J. McCarthy and Company Ltd. on Kingsway in Burnaby. The beautifully framed plaque records the remarkable accomplishment of Bill's visit to the South Pole on 5 January 2017 and the North Pole on 13 April 2017 on an engraved plate complete with prominently displayed Canadian and BCR flags which made the trip to both poles (see the article of William McCarthy published on pages 35 and 36 of the April 2017 edition of **The Duke**).

Congratulations Bill and thank you for "Flying the Flag" of the Regiment on a trip very few have ever accomplished!

Dukes are everywhere!



At the conclusion of the Presentation, Colonel Hawthorne took the opportunity to recognize Bill McCarthy for his "outstanding dedication, service and commitment to the Regiment and the entire Regimental Family and for his tireless efforts and personal contributions to support the Serving Members of the Regiment, Veterans and Cadets and to further the good name of the Regiment" by presenting him with an Honorary Colonel's Commendation and the Honorary Colonel's Regimental Coin.

Congratulations Bill and thank you!



**BLACK HAT MESS DINNER  
FAIRMONT HOTEL MacDONALD EDMONTON  
28 November 2017**

LCol Lindsay and Maj McLeod recently traveled to Edmonton along with the TQMS, MWO Harris and the A/Adj, Sgt van Heerden, for several days of meetings and professional development with Western armoured regiments. Over the course of the days, participants conducted coordination with their armoured colleagues, discussed delivery and training related to the new TAPV platform and received various briefings. Of note was the importance that LCol Mark Lubinecki, CO LdSH(RC), placed on the future cooperation between the Reg Force and the ARes. Aside from briefings and work, was the equally important building of relationships and friendship between our various regiments. Dinners hosted by the LdSH(RC) were held for the officers on November 28th and the Sr NCO's on November 29th. Also in attendance at the officers' dinner were BCR alumni: Maj Kelly Callens, currently at 3rd Cdn Div HQ, and Capt (Ret'd) Ross Prokopy. The trip concluded with a short visit to the (very quiet) LdSH(RC) lines the morning after the Sr NCO's dinner to pick up lances and bid farewell. A fantastic time was had by all!



Maj McLeod OC Recce Sqn, BGen Cadieu, Comd 3rd Cdn Div, LCol Lindsay, CO BCR at the Black Hat Mess Dinner held at the Fairmont Hotel MacDonald in Edmonton, AB, November 28, 2017

**HMCS DISCOVERY  
CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY  
28 November 2017**

The Change of Command from Commander Brian Price, CD to Commander Chris Persson, CD was held at HMCS Discovery at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, 28 November 2017. As most of our readers will know, "the stone frigate takes its name from HMS Discovery, the ship used by George Vancouver to chart most of North America's north-western coast. Originally based at the Stanley Park Barracks, in 1944 Discovery moved to its current location on Deadman's Island, in Coal Harbour, adjacent to Stanley Park."

The Reviewing Officer was Captain (Navy) Patrick Montgomery, OMM, CD, Captain Western Region. The Sequence of Events included the customary Call for Markers, the arrival of the RO, General Salute, Inspection of the Ship's Company, March Past (Outgoing CO), signing of the Change of Command documents, Presentations and Speeches, March Past (Incoming CO), Departure of the RO, Ships Company Man the Side, Departure of the outgoing CO, the traditional Rowing Ashore of the outgoing CO and a Reception in the Chief and Petty Officers' Mess. The Naval Association Band provided the customary musical arrangements throughout the course of the evening.

The Regiment was represented by Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne. The Band Governor, Honorary Colonel Bill Diamond (39 CER), was also in attendance. 39 CBG was represented by the Commander, Colonel David Awalt.

Colonel Hawthorne presented his Honorary Colonel Regimental Coin to the outgoing CO, Cdr Brian Price, and congratulated him for his service and commitment during his period of command.

Congratulations to Cdr Chris Persson on his appointment and our very best wishes for a successful command.

Thank you HMCS Discovery for your customary hospitality!



### CO's PARADE 754 PHOENIX ROYAL CANADIAN AIR CADET SQUADRON MOODY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – 29 November 2017

The Commanding Officer's Parade for November was held in the gymnasium at Moody Elementary School before a standing room only crowd of parents and supporters. 754 Phoenix RCACS ("754 Phoenix") was very well turned and paraded 170 Air Cadets, being five flights, in such a very confined area. The Parade included a Flag Party and a 28-member Band! Very impressive indeed!

The evening's program included an inspection by the Commanding Officer, Major David R. Timms, CD, a Reviewing Party consisting of the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, Parents' Sponsoring Committee Chair, Carol Lee, and League Representative Brian Lepke, a March Past with the salute taken by the CO and the Honorary Colonel, an Awards and Presentations segment with Colonel Hawthorne presiding over the promotions, and an address by Colonel Hawthorne where the Cadets were complimented on a great parade and for their excellent dress, drill and deportment, and the Cadet Officers (12) and Staff, Volunteers and the Parents' Sponsoring Committee for the great support. At the conclusion of the address, Colonel Hawthorne presented his Honorary Colonel Regimental Coin to the Parade Commander, WO1 Michelle Ko, to mark the special evening.



Colonel Hawthorne was presented with a Commemoration Card and limited-edition RCAC Glider Coin marking the occasion of the visit.

The Honorary Colonel was provided with a complete tour of the facility, which included a very impressive and well-organized Operations Room, Band Room and QM Stores. The very limited space is well organized and effectively used by 754 Phoenix.

Congratulations 754 Phoenix for a tremendous evening!



**ANAVETS UNIT #100, KINGSWAY, VANCOUVER  
2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC FUNDRAISER – 2 December 2017**



The annual cadet fundraiser was held at ANAVETS Unit #100 with a full house in support of 2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC ("2290 BCR"). The very successful event was once again organized and run by longtime member of Unit #100, Agnes Keegan, also a committed member of the Parent Sponsoring Committee ("PSC") of 2290 BCR. A very strong BCR presence was clearly evident with Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, Regimental Association VP Gayle Hawthorne, also a member of the PSC, 2290 BCR CO Captain Tony Liem, Captains Jackson Wong and Michael Merek, OCdt Roger Wong, Joseph Ng,

PSC Chair, Dr. Alistair Younger and his wife Tamara, in attendance. All BCR attendees were greeted and recognized for their support of the Cadet Program. Colonel Hawthorne, Captain Liem and Dr. Younger spoke and thanked Unit #100 for their continuing support of 2290 BCR and the Cadet Program. Colonel Hawthorne also acknowledged the tireless efforts of Agnes Keegan for organizing and hosting this highly successful annual event.

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Congratulations to Agnes for a job very well done indeed and to the members of Unit #100 for their wonderful support and tremendous hospitality. The fundraiser reached and exceeded Agnes' goal of raising **\$2290.00!**



## CO'S PARADE (STAND DOWN) 6 December 2017

The Stand Down parade ended another very busy training year for the Regiment. The Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Paul Lindsay, 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' Appreciation Dinner and Santa Duke. The CO expressed his satisfaction with the strong level of training and the need to commit to attendance. The CO then proceeded to promote MCpl Robinson (SHofC) to the rank of Sergeant.

The CO invited the Honorary Colonel to say a few words. Colonel Hawthorne, Chairman of The BC Regiment (DCO) Association Charitable Trust ("Trust"), announced that the Annual Fundraising Initiative had gone very well so that the Trust would be able to award five to seven bursaries before the end of December and that the presentations would take place at the Stand To. Colonel Hawthorne then presented the CO with a cheque in the amount of \$2,500.00 for the Unit Fund in memory of the passing of Irv Mathieson (former CO of the Regiment) and Helen Mary Warrington (wife of the late Doc Warrington). This annual donation to the Unit Fund is also made in recognition of the behind the scene contributions of spouses of members of the Regimental Association and the Regiment. In conclusion, Colonel Hawthorne presented his Honorary Colonel Regimental Coin to the CO.

Also in attendance was Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Scott Shepherd and former CO, Lieutenant Colonel Douglas Evans.



## MAJOR GREG MCCULLOUGH WELCOME HOME FROM SOUTH SUDAN – 6 December 2017



It was a memorable welcome home at YVR for Major Greg McCullough after a seven-month United Nations operational tour in South Sudan. There to greet Major McCullough were his wife Amy, son Sam, the Honorary Colonel, Ted Hawthorne, the CO, Lieutenant Colonel Paul Lindsay, former CO, Lieutenant Colonel Douglas Evans, OC Recce Major Adam McCleod, MWO Tony Harris and two VPD members.

Congratulations on a successful tour and welcome home!



## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER 7 December 2017

The Annual Christmas Fundraiser was another success this year with over 80 guests in attendance. Support for the annual fundraising Initiative was the best ever! These funds go to support the many programs sponsored by the Regimental Association Charitable Trust such as Bursaries, Cadet Development, Commemoration, Veterans' Recognition and Community Outreach. The traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings, hospitality and camaraderie were first class and everyone had a great time. As usual the silent auction was a complete success with over forty items hotly contested. In addition, there were several door prizes and a multitude of excellent draw prizes. The former Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Douglas Evans, addressed the attendees and acknowledged the great support of Judy Mordy and presented her with a CO's Commendation for her many years of service to the Regiment. The Honorary Colonel of the Regiment thanked the Regimental Association for their unstinting support of the Regiment and the Regimental Family. Colonel Hawthorne presented the MC, Major Jim Barrett, with an Honorary Colonel Commendation in recognition of his great work as CO of 2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC.



A special thank you to the CO, our serving members and all three messes (Officers', WOs' & Sgts' and Junior Ranks) for their great assistance of this signature event. In addition, we wish to acknowledge the support of our many members, friends and supporters, including HPLaw and ReMax. Also, kudos to Shane Goutsis of ReMax, Hawthorne Francis Team for his great work and salesmanship in the sale of draw tickets. Excellent work Shane!

The Regimental Association also wishes to acknowledge the great work of Vice President Gayle Hawthorne, the OPI for this event for the past five years and the initiator of the highly successful silent auction for many years. Congratulations Gayle for a job very well done! Many thanks to all of our many volunteers assisting Gayle, both before and at the fundraiser, including Archie and Lynda Steacy, Louise Prouse, Bob Remple, Kim Varnam, and our MC, Jim Barrett. Many thanks to Cpl Stephen Delaat, PMC of Junior Ranks Mess, for providing the excellent bar service throughout the event and finally a large thank you to Lori's Catering who always does such a fine job every year!



## 3300 BCR (Bhai Kanhaiya) RCACC ANNUAL MESS DINNER 7 December 2017

The annual Mess Dinner of 3300 BCR (Bhai Kanhaiya) RCACC ("Unit") was held at the Sikh Academy School in Surrey on Thursday, 7 December 2017. The dinner was held in the gymnasium and was well attended. The CO, Major Jim Barrett, acted as PMC and followed a traditional format for a mess dinner as a teaching aid for the cadets (including the traditional change of tunics by the CO and RSM with the most junior and senior members of Junior Ranks). The program for the evening commenced with a delicious buffet prepared by the members of the Parent Sponsoring Committee ("PSC"), followed by the CO's address where Major Jim Barrett congratulated the Unit and thanked the many folks who support the Unit to make it such a success. Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne congratulated the Unit for their service and commitment to the Army Cadet Program and the officers, volunteers and PSC for their strong support and for organizing such a memorable evening. Colonel Hawthorne concluded his remarks with a presentation of an Honorary Colonel's Commendations to Major Barrett in recognition of his service as CO of 2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC. It was a very enjoyable evening and the cadets had a great time.

Thank you 3300 BCR for your wonderful hospitality and for a great evening!





## SOLDIERS' APPRECIATION DINNER 9 December 2017

The annual Soldiers' Appreciation Dinner was a memorable evening complete with a traditional turkey dinner and all the trimmings, excellent table service by the Warrant Officers' & Sergeants' Mess and the Officers' Mess, standout performances by the BCR Brass & Reed Band and the BCR Irish Pipes & Drums, traditional Toasts, and the CO's "State of the Regiment" address, pending arrival of TAPV, upcoming training and recruiting initiatives. Lieutenant Colonel Lindsay took the opportunity to promote MCpl Canavan to the rank of Sergeant which was loudly applauded.

The final word was given to Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne who thanked "his old mess" for the invitation and the great evening, congratulated the soldiers for their service and commitment to the Regiment and their country and wished one and all the best of the Holiday Season, Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year!

Congratulations to PMC, Cpl Stephen Delatt on a job well done!



## SANTA DUKE 10 December 2017

Santa Duke, having an uncanny likeness of the Grandfather of the Regiment, reputedly the Honorary Colonel's alter ego, arrived in the Officers' Mess with great fanfare and was greeted by some very enthusiastic boys and girls and very proud moms and dads. It was a most enjoyable family event and a perfect ending to the training year! Lots of presents, a scrumptious buffet and enthusiastic singing led by Major Vincent Virk set the festive tone for this most joyous day. The Christmas Tree this year was especially well decorated by Noor Grewal Virk, who did an outstanding job. Best wishes and Merry Christmas to all the children from Santa Duke!

Up the Dukes!



**2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC  
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MESS DINNER  
10 December 2017**

The well attended annual mess dinner was a fitting conclusion to the end of a very successful training year. The Cadets, CIC Officers and guests were served their dinner by members of the Sponsoring Committee. Head table guests included the Honorary Colonel, Ted Hawthorne, and his wife, Gayle Hawthorne, VP of the Regimental Association and Secretary of the Parent Sponsoring Committee (“PSC”), the CO, Captain Anthony Liem, Captain Jackson Wong, Chairman of the PSC, Alistair Younger, Cadet RSM, C/MWO Emily Yan and Honorary Captain Agnes Keegan. Speakers for the evening included the CO, the Chairman of the PSC and the Honorary Colonel.

A highlight of the evening was the promotion of C/RSM Yan to the rank of C/CWO. Congratulations RSM Yan and well done!

Well done 2290 BCR and thank you for the excellent dinner and hospitality!



**2381 BCR (IRISH FUSILIERS) RCACC  
CHRISTMAS POTLUCK DINNER  
12 December 2017**

The annual Christmas Potluck Dinner of the 2381 BCR (Irish Fusiliers) RCACC (“Unit”) was held at the Colonel Sherman Armoury in Richmond on Tuesday, 12 December 2017. The drill square was full with over 90 cadets in attendance and numerous family members and special guests also participating. The program for the evening commenced with an extraordinary buffet followed by the CO’s address where Major



Lee Taylor congratulated the Unit and thanked the many folks who support the Unit to make it such a success. Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne congratulated the Unit for their service and commitment to the Army Cadet Program and the officers, volunteers and sponsoring committee for their support and commitment and for organizing such a memorable evening. Colonel Hawthorne concluded his remarks with a presentation of an Honorary Colonel's Commendations to Major Lee Taylor in recognition of his service as CO of 3300 BCR (Bhai Kanhaiya) RCACC and Major Gary Law in recognition of his service as CO for 2381 BCR (Irish Fusiliers) RCACC. The speeches were followed by the service of an array of desserts, many draw prizes, the "2381 Talent Show", a Balloon Art Auction and toasts. It was a very enjoyable evening and the cadets had a great time.

Well done 2381 BCR and thank you for the hospitality!



**BCR IRISH PIPES & DRUMS CHRISTMAS SOCIAL  
 "SWEET & SAVOURY PIE COMPANY", VANCOUVER  
 12 December 2017**



Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne and MCpl Duke A. Bear (with his trusted friend "Jamison") made a brief appearance, albeit a little late (a number of members had left), at the Band's Christmas Social at the Sweet & Savoury Pie Restaurant on Hastings in Vancouver. The Christmas spirit was certainly evident with the Band's customary hospitality!

Congratulations to the BCR Irish Pipes & Drums for another great year of service!

**2017 FOOD BANK PROGRAM  
SANCTA MARIA HOUSE  
13 December 2017**



An impressive array of canned goods and non-perishable food items donated by the members of the Regimental Association, the Regiment and 2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC during the Christmas Season was delivered to a very grateful Sancta Maria House (Agape Street Ministry) in Kitsilano on Wednesday morning, 13 December 2017. Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne was greeted by House Parent Marie Johnson who thanked the Regiment and Regimental Family for their assistance. The Honorary Colonel conveyed greetings from the Regiment and the Regimental Family and thanked Sancta Maria House for their good work.

Many thanks to the Regiment and the Regimental Family for their generous support of this community outreach program.

Thank you, Marie, for your hospitality!



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14 December 2017

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.

In addition, please look for the December 2017 edition of **The Duke** which will be published next week.

In conclusion, 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 BRITISH COLUMBIA REGIMENT  
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14 December 2017

To: The Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Paul Lindsay, 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





**The BC Regiment (DCO) Association  
Annual Dues – 2018**

Fellow 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 military service remembered.

Also, please provide us with your current 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:**

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**Donations to the BC Regiment (DCO) Charitable Trust**

The primary responsibility of the Association is to serve its members, support the Regiment, our five 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.

# THE START LINE

## THEY CALLED ME “CRUSHER”

By: David Sproule

*(The following story is the first one that I ever wrote for a military association newsletter. It was published in the Strathcona Association newsletter in December 1996.)*

As a twenty year old second-lieutenant in the COTC at the University of British Columbia I was delighted when I received notice that I would be posted to the Strathconas for 3rd phase training/ It was 1958 and the Regiment was still garrisoned in currie Barracks although Sarcee would officially open later that summer. I was assigned to A Squadron which according to Danny McLeod's motto meant, "Always Able Active and Aggressive." I arrived off the train early in May and after a quick beer and a meal in the mess found myself in the Sarcee training area in the middle of the night. I believe as call-sign 4C. The Squadron was doing work-up training for Wainwright. I remember hearing the coyotes howling for the first time that night and watching the sunrise over Calgary as we practiced our leaguer drills over and over until we got it right.

The Regiment made all of us COTC officers feel at home for the summer as we were allowed to wear Strathcona regalia and encouraged to participate in all activities. We didn't need convincing. I learned later that other COTC types that went to other regiments and didn't experience the same warm reception that was accorded us. There were six of us altogether, Brian Harvey from Saskatoon, Don Heine from Vernon, Sam Yoshida from Hamilton, Dave Redgwell and Alex Prysiasniuk from Winnipeg and myself. We were assigned two per squadron.

When we went to Wainwright, Danny McLeod made Brian and me troop leaders as he lost one subby to Brigade and Jim Ellard went off to RMC on the Long Course. I was entrusted with Two Troop. My call-signs were 'A' Sgt Rowland, 'B' Sgt Wheeler and 'C' was Cpl Thody. Other in the Squadron at the time were Lorne Glenndinning (BC), Chris Bashford (2i/c), Bob Gross (1<sup>st</sup> Troop), Rod Tomlinson (3<sup>rd</sup> Troop), and Brian Harvey had 4<sup>th</sup> Troop. Barry Robison of the KOCRs kept drifting in and out. I believe that Sgt Getz was acting/SSM. A Squadron was to work with the 2Bn QOR of C and to play enemy force so that we had endless troop and sub-unit exercises up and down the training area.

I will never forget one night after a final Battalion/Squadron exercise before the GOC's exercise when a significant event in my life occurred. My tank was the lead c/s in a three troop column moving tactically and without any lights, along the tank track that paralleled Grey Route I believe it was. We were going to meet our echelon near Hart Hill and then go into harbour. As Snoopy would imagine in "Peanuts" – "it was a dark and stormy night when suddenly..." I encountered a Queen's Own ¾ ton truck bogged down in a depression in the tank track. My driver and I discovered it at the same time when we heard the crunch of steel on steel. It was superfluous to shout driver halt but I imagine that I did. Our tank came to rest somewhere around the fire-wall of the ¾. The rest went something like this:

"Hello niner this is two, I have just run over a truck."

The reply was something like, "unknown c/s say again" or "Two from niner was anybody hurt?"

Two, I don't know yet."

"Niner, well get the bloody hell down there and find out."

"Two roger out."

You can picture the scene – 0300 hrs darker than hell, my crew and I assessing what we had just done. My first thought was that I had just mangled a section of 'C' Company, QORs finest until I heard moaning from within the cab. You may recall that ¾ ton trucks were proto APCs while the infantry waited for the Bobcats. *(As it turned out the Bobcat never was manufactured and the Government bought the American M113*



*instead but not until the late '60s.)* We pried the door off with a crowbar and hauled the driver out and as it turned out, he was the driver for the CSM of 'C' Company and when he got bogged down, the CSM went off in another vehicle leaving him to await recovery. The mush of the N0.26 radio set in his ear had put him to sleep and he had lain down on the seat. Fortunately he was not seriously hurt sustaining a cut to his head. The impact had knocked him onto the floor and the back of the cab crumpled over him and provided some protection. My brief career flashed before my eyes that night as I was certain that I would be on the next train to Vancouver but that didn't happen. At a smoker in the QOR field mess the following night and before the big exercise, I was invited to cut a cake which had a pastry tank pushing a pastry  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton truck down into the icing. For the rest of the summer I responded to the nickname "Crusher" and occasionally in some mess or other since that time some smiling face with greying hair will call from across the room "Hey Crusher over here" and I immediately transported back to that time and place. The Provost Platoon (*Military Police*) towed the truck to a prominent place in the training area and put up a warning sign about safe driving. My tank really did a number on that vehicle.

The remainder of the summer was relatively uneventful as I remember it although like most of you have experienced, there were many pleasant evening in the field swapping stories over a cold beer served from the back of the canteen truck and Danny even let Brian Harvey and I get to Calgary via the laundry truck, to take in the Calgary Stampede.

The camaraderie and warmth that the Regiment extended to me that summer solidified my career choice and after university experienced similar moments of pleasure in the field as a troop leader and squadron commander and occasionally terror on some night move from here to there.

### **"FALL IN THE OFFICERS"**

By: David Sproule

"Fall in the Officers", the second-in-command ordered and at the rear of the parade the lieutenants, captains and majors come to attention, salute and marched onto their troops. How many times have we done it and why is it that every time that officers line up at the beginning of a parade each one is checking with each other as to what to do? It just beats me and I have been as guilty as anyone for never remembering – when to stand at ease; when to come to attention; do we turn right or left and do we salute before or after we turn? Surely this stuff is somewhere in a drill manual. Add swords and spurs and you have a whole new dimension – like a toddler with a spoon.

In the early days of regiments some CO must have had a stroke of brilliance while watching his officers embarrass themselves in front of their troops and ordered that the officers line up out of sight of the soldiers and especially the senior NCO's, at the rear of the parade. I can remember standing there thinking, it's so easy for the soldiers and how smart they look executing commands with such precision. No two officers perform drill movements in exactly the same way and even though saluting is the one thing that all officers should have in common and should be able to do in a uniform manner, have you ever seen such wanton individuality. Young officers just out of training and following the example set by their troop sergeants – they know how to execute a proper salute. At least in the old days we were advised' "the longest way up and the shortest way down," an adage forgotten even by long past generations of officers.

Now I served as many years in the militia as in the regular force and can safely say that this isn't just a militia thing either. When I served in the RCD we were no better but being cavalry we promenaded along the flank of the parade usually in twos but there were many questions like how far along the edge of the square does one promenade? When you get to the end how do you turn around and head back the other way – wheel? Countermarch? About turn? The thing is I am not trying to remember ancient history here. I, like many of my colleagues, couldn't remember it even back then. This has nothing to do with smartness of turnout or the ability to perform proper words of command when on parade. Most retired or serving officers

that I know take great pride in their turnout and I can remember spending many hours preparing my kit for the workdays ahead, let alone a parade. In the old days we were expected to spit polish our boots, polish our brass and press our pants and tunics almost daily. In the summer we had our bush clothing starched and it had to be pressed daily. We usually only had two sets to last so it didn't get hastily chucked in the wash like combats. And then there were the "Sam Browne" belts – no shoe brush ever touched mine. Only an index finger turned chocolate brown from applying Kiwi shoe polish. Although all of this can be classified as so much chicken sh--, any soldier worth his salt then as now, took great pride in his turn-out. I can still remember as a young officer cadet, being issued my first set of kit – battle dress, shirts, boots, beret, etc. and then learning from a friend who had served with the Strathconas in Korea, the process of slowly destroying this kit. We all did it – ripping the lining out of the beret, submerging it in boiling water and wearing it around wet in order to shrink it to size. We'd cut the tabs off our battledress pants, and have the blouse cut out of the jackets and perhaps install a zipper while we were at it. In order to make battle dress appear to be more like worsted wool and to hold a press, we would take our razor and shave all of the hair from the surface of the fabric. This didn't soften the fabric in any way and all first time wearers suffered from the pain of battledress "crotch rot." Boots – well first we'd bone or iron the pebbles off the toes, have toe-caps and double soles and cleats installed. The black web belts were in for some special attention – we poured on a black rubbery gloop called Salvatore and spread it around to make the belt shiny. Later when I joined a regiment I purchased a regimental belt buckle to finish off the ensemble. Of course the army didn't pay for any of these finishing touches and I'm sure all of these destructive touches halved the life of the kit. Ah the good old days. When "Greens" were issued back in the late 60's all of this "brown" culture came to an end, along with weights and puttees and lest I forget, the collar spiffy. "Greens" – no more buttons to shine, toe-caps already in the boots and shoes, no web belt or Sam Browne, no need for the spiffy to keep the collar tidy. No tailoring necessary and with a Belgique beret, no more shrinking and wet head to get the beret just above the ear. As I got older and felt less inclined to spit polish and to take the extreme steps necessary in order to look smart, I appreciated the convenience of the "Greens." After all there were kids to drive to the rink, lawns to mow and hedges to trim. What we did to those old uniforms was nothing less than "misuse is abuse." We did look smart though.

What does this have to do with "falling in the officers?" Well it illustrates the lengths that we go to look smart on parade and of course once on parade the indecision of the "idling" at the rear of the parade vanishes. Words of command are usually easy to understand although not always recognizable. It is the sequence that we understand – you know, "Stund-at-ayse" or "Ah-ten-ha." One command follows the other. I think that the officers lining up at the rear or promenading must be another form of battle procedure. You know, using time effectively (more or less) while others are doing other things and is probably a hold-over from the days when drill and tactics were one and the same. The only parade that I participate in nowadays is the annual Remembrance Day parade – the most special day on any soldiers list. If you're like me, you get a feeling of pride at having served Canada as you march along and swing by the reviewing stand. "Eyes right."

## **MEDAL MEMORIES**

By: David Sproule

When I was a boy I became aware of medals from WW1 when snooping in a drawer in my Dad's study. They were still in the little white boxes mailed to my Grandfather and were the medals of my departed uncles who I later learned, died in the mud of Flanders. After the second war, my Dad's CVSM and Victory medal joined these little boxes. He was a proud veteran of both wars but never felt the need to have his medals mounted but I do remember him being at the local cenotaph in Port Credit, Ontario. When I was in my 30's Dad entrusted me with all of the Family medals and after my parents were gone, I parcelled the uncles' medals off to my brothers who bore their names. I still have my Dad's although now mounted by me.





As a young officer in the Dragoons the left breast of my tunic remained naked until I was presented with the UNEF medal by Lieutenant-General PS Gyani, the UNEF Commander in Camp Rafah, May 21, 1962. It was a proud moment for me and for Norm Ashton standing next to me. For all of the junior officers and most of the soldiers it was our first medal. I would have to wait another 10 years when in the Fall of 1972, LCol Jim Fox, the CO of the Strathcona's pinned the CD on me at a parade at Sarcee Barracks. That was all I would earn in my military career. From 1978 - 80, I was Executive director of the NWT Council of St. John and our missions to provide first aid and home care course throughout the NWT - no mean task in pre-internet days along with spotty and expensive air travel and so I earned a Serving

Brother award from the Priory based in Ottawa. My final "gong" was the Canadian Peacekeeping Medal which the government awarded back in the 1990s. I have received a couple of unofficial medals that are also important to me, the BC Regiment medal awarded to honour the 100th anniversary of the Regiment's Drill Hall in Vancouver and the Nobel Medal produced to recognize military Peacekeepers in the world as a result of Peacekeepers being awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1988. Canada did not recognize this medal but chose to produce its own medal. I knew that as far as medals go that is about it for me and so I kept them wrapped in a silk handkerchief within an antique wooden box along with all of the other family medals, in order to protect them.

I recently attended a BC Regiment change-of-command parade travelling from Victoria to Vancouver for the event. I parked in the lot across from then Drill Hall and for a very few seconds I left my car unlocked as I went to the machine to pay for my parking as I had to return to my car for my blazer and shoulder bag. I had placed my medals inside my beret in the shoulder bag. In those few seconds a thief was into my car and grabbed my shoulder bag and was gone. Although my medals can all be replaced I did feel a sense of loss of these personal items each with its own story. I had taken a photo of my medal group and was able to provide it to the police but so far nothing.

They probably have exchanged hands and been broken up and maybe helped someone buy their next "fix". Ultimately everything has a price and can be sold. Of course I'm embarrassed by my momentary lapse in memory but I know I'm also not the first person to have their medals stolen. I have taken steps to replace my medals but of course now they will always be replacements. And so, what have I learned - well, ensure that you have a good quality photo to pass along to the police (mine still may show up), thieves are watching you at places like city parking lots and if you have medals, consider purchasing a replacement set to begin with and use them and not the originals for your official commitments. Just a suggestion. Remembrance Day is in a few days and I will just have to wear my miniatures - just not the same though.

## **CADET GOVERNOR'S REPORT**

By: Major (Ret'd) Roger W. Prouse, CD, Cadet Governor

I am pleased to report that our five BCR Cadet Corps are doing well with all Corps experiencing increases in enrolment. They have successfully conducted their fall FTXs. (Field Training Exercises) These FTXs are an important part of the Cadet training as it teaches team work, living in the field, shelter building and outdoor survival technics in all kinds of conditions. The Cadets really enjoy this part of their Cadet Experiences.

**Cadet Battlefield Tour:** The Army Cadet League of Canada BC Branch is sponsoring an Army Cadet Battlefield Tour to Vimy and other WW2 sites at Spring break in March 2018. Eleven Army Cadets and 1 CIC officer were selected to attend. A selection process was established by the League and invited Army Cadets from all over BC to prepare a video and a written submission on why they should be selected. Topics such as interview of a war veteran, their Cadet experiences and why they want to go were on the list of questions they were asked. The eleven successful Cadets were determined by an independent review board consisting of a Legion member, an Air CIC Officer and a Navy League member. The Battlefield Tour was made possible by a one-time grant from the BC Government. The tour is being arranged by EF Tours in Toronto. Two BCR Cadets made the list including C/MCPL Jaster Palak of the 3300 BCR (Bhai Kanhaiya) Surrey and C/MWO Katheryn Sheldon of 2781 BCR (Powell River). I can assure you that we now have two very excited members of our BCR family.



**Food Bank:** Cadets from the 3300 BCR RCACC in Surrey volunteered to assist the Surrey Newton Rotary Club in the collection of Food Bank items for the Surrey Newton Food Bank. Cadets and Staff from the 3300 BCR collected the dropped off items from the donors and assisted in the packing and readying of the food hampers for distribution to the community's need. This very worthwhile project teaches the Cadets the importance of volunteering and assisting the needy in their community.

**Poppy Drive:** All our Cadet Corps assisted the RCL in their Annual Poppy Drive Campaign. They help raise much needed money for the Legion Branches that is used to assist needy veterans and their families, support community sporting events, Cadet Corps and other worthwhile projects in the communities in which the money is raised.

**Remembrance Day:** On Remembrance Day, our Cadet Corps Paraded at the Cenotaphs in their Community. The 2290 BCR were at the Vancouver Cenotaph, the 2381 were at the Cenotaph in Richmond, the 2781 BCR were at the Powell River Cenotaph and also sent a Colour Party to the RCL Branch on Texada Island, the 2827 BCR paraded at the Port Moody Cenotaph and the 3300 BCR assisted the RCL Whalley Branch in their Remembrance Day Commemoration.

All BCR Cadet Corps will stand down for the holiday season the week ending 16 December and will stand to the week of January 8 2018.

On behalf of all the BCR Cadet Corps I wish all members of the BCR family a very Merry Christmas and happy holiday season. May the joy of the season be extended into 2018 along with good health and prosperity.

UP THE DUKES!

## **2017 BURSARY PROGRAM**

The Trustees of The BC Regiment (DCO) Association Charitable Trust are pleased to announce that a record breaking nine members of the Regiment have been selected to receive bursaries in the amount of \$1,500.00 each under the 2017 Bursary Program. The bursaries will be presented to the recipients at the Stand To Parade on 10 January 2018.

Congratulations to all recipients and continued success in your studies!



## MY FULLBORE EXPERIENCE – PART 1

By: Cadet Warrant Officer Wesley Lam



I am Cadet Warrant Officer Lam, Wesley, a cadet from 2381 British Columbia Regiment (Irish Fusiliers) Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps; and I am 1 of 18 cadet marksmen representing Canada in Bisley, England during the summer of 2017 as part of the Royal Canadian Army Cadet National Rifle Team.

My journey as a marksman started in September of 2014 when I first joined our corps' Marksman Team as a junior member in my 2<sup>nd</sup> year of cadets. Every Saturday morning, I attended practice and watched as my scores improved. In 2015 I was given the opportunity to compete for a spot in the Spring Rifle program where I would compete against the top 23 marksmen in British Columbia. To my surprise, I earned my spot in the Spring Rifle program and finished in the top 9 positions giving me a chance to compete with the top 80 marksmen in Canada through the Fullbore Marksmanship Phase 1 course held at Connaught Cadet Training Center (CTC). Fullbore Marksmanship Phase 1 is a six week course which concludes with the National Cadet Fullbore Championship Matches. During this course, I practiced and competed with the C11 5.56mm target rifle at distances of 300, 500, and 600 yards. At the end of the course I was dissatisfied with my placing but fortunately, it was high enough to earn myself a spot in the Fullbore Marksmanship Phase 2 course the following summer.

During the summer of 2016 I spent 7 weeks competing with the top 30 marksmen (selected from Phase 1) in the Fullbore Phase 2 course held at Connaught CTC. I practiced and competed with the C12A1 7.62mm target rifle at distances up to 1000 yards. That summer is one that I will forever hold close to my heart as it was extremely exhausting yet fulfilling at the same time. There was a constant discomfort in me, not only in my shoulders from which my bag hung holding my scope, ammunition box, and plotting book; but as well a feeling of uneasiness from having to compete against those who I ate, slept, and relaxed with. The 29 other shooters that I was on course with were not only friends, but family, and sadly it quickly came to my realization that I was competing against them for a common dream that we all had since the start of our journeys as marksmen. It was inevitable that some of us would not make it and yet I found it in my best interest to encourage my friends to do the best they could on the range even if it meant that their placing would surpass mine.

At the end of my course I placed in the top 10 earning myself a spot on the National Rifle Team. Looking back, I am thankful for the amazing opportunities that this program has provided me with and the knowledge, discipline, and perseverance that my experience with the Fullbore Program has developed in me as both a cadet and a high school student. My time as a Fullbore shooter with the cadet program has not only taught me the extreme mental management required to perform at your absolute best under pressure but more importantly it has taught me the importance of comradery, passion, and determination in one's craft.

My exciting journey continues this summer in Bisley, England as a member of the National Rifle Team where I will be sure to represent the British Columbia Regiment with utmost pride.



## MY FULLBORE EXPERIENCE – PART 2

By: Cadet Warrant Officer Wesley Lam



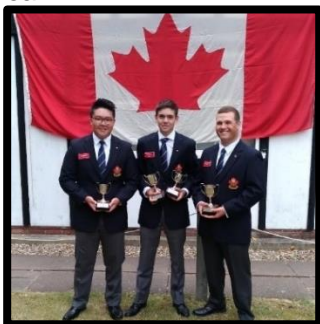
Bisley International Shooting Center is undoubtedly every marksman's dream. This past summer I had the opportunity of a lifetime to compete at and tour England and its neighbouring countries as part of the Royal Canadian Army Cadet National Rifle Team. After our brief training period at Connaught CTC, we headed over to England to start the shooting phase of our trip. Upon arrival in England we were instantly greeted by our exchange escorts and we made our way to the shooting center. When we first arrived at Bunhill Lodge (our accommodations) it was truly breathtaking to finally make it to where we all dreamed to go just 2 years ago. Bisley was no longer a goal or aspiration, it was right before my eyes.

My first impression of Bisley was that it was filled with some of the nicest people in the world. It was amazing to be able to meet so many like-minded people from around the world. Walking into Bisley was like walking into a place that was completely separate from the rest of the world. I was absolutely flooded by the rich culture of the place and at the beginning it was a bit overwhelming. However, it did not take me long to get used to the environment and after that, Bisley became a home to me.

The shooting phase of the trip was a very unique experience as the ranges and competitions were held much differently than those in Canada. The ranges themselves were beautiful, Stickledown range was the largest range I've seen in my life, spanning a length of 1200 yards. The sensation that I felt when I competed in England was different as well. Every shot, my lungs would fill up with cool air and the gust would calm the beating of my heart. I felt a greater sense of self-control and I felt so calm and collected. Many experienced shooters would complement me on my shooting and they would give me some very useful tips on how to improve. I realized that I truly am part of something greater than just a small sporting community.

The touring phase was extraordinary as well. We had the pleasure of visiting places such as: The Vimy Ridge Memorial, The Beaumont Hamel Memorial, and Menin Gate in Belgium. These were just a few of the many places we visited throughout our 5 week trip. I had a lot of fun visiting different cultural and recreational landmarks with my teammates and over the summer we truly bonded as a team. It was truly amazing to see the content that I read in my school social studies textbooks come to life when I walked through the trenches that were dug at the war memorials we visited. It gave me a true sense of accomplishment when I realized that this trip was a result of my hard work and dedication the past 3 years.

Overall the experience that I had during and leading up to this trip is unparalleled by anything else I've done in my lifetime. To be able to be part of such a prestigious program has developed my mental fortitude as well as my understanding of the world. The values that I've learnt through my mentors and my experiences will carry on through my life, continuing to make me a better, more efficient leader every day. Bisley International Shooting Center will always be a second home in my heart and I will never forget the memories I've made there. And after a phenomenal summer, I am very proud to say that I have represented my country as a part of the National Rifle Team.





## THE BARRETT BUNKER – DECEMBER 2017

For this effort as part of our examination of unusual activities of our Regiment and its individuals during the Great War, we will follow the adventures of Lt-Col John “Jack” Warden, DSO, OBE, and how he came to command a field force in Armenia in 1918.



Lieutenant John Warden, 6<sup>th</sup> DCOR

First seeing service in the South African Constabulary during the Boer War in 1901, he enlisted as a private soldier in the 6<sup>th</sup> Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles (6<sup>th</sup> DCOR) in Vancouver following his arrival in Vancouver in 1905. A 'crack shot' Warden won the St George's Shield at Bisley in 1911, and in held fifty prizes for rifle shooting won in local, provincial, national and international competitions.

When war broke out in 1914, he was one of the first Officers of the DCOR to volunteer for overseas service and was selected as an officer with the 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion (British Columbia) Canadian Expeditionary Force. Gassed and badly wounded at Locality C, Graafenstafal Ridge during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battle of Ypres, Warden was invalided back to Canada as unfit for further service arriving home on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November 1915. Two weeks later, he was promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel on 15 November and authorised to raise the 102<sup>nd</sup> North British Columbians. Recruited and trained in the Comox valley, his battalion assumed service in August 1916 as part of the 4<sup>th</sup> Canadian Division.

Thus the stage is set. Following his very successful employment as the Commanding Officer of the 102<sup>nd</sup> (North BC) CEF for the next two years, Lt-Col Warden was hand 'picked' to serve as a member of 'Dunsterforce,' under the command of General Dunsterville in Persia and Turkey.

Dunster Force consisted of less than 1,000 British, Canadian, AustraliansNew Zealanders, South Africans, a party of Russians, and one Persian Officer. Their aim was to stage a deceptive operation in eastern Turkey and raise a local army designed to draw Turkish troops away from Palestine and General Allenby's planned offensive. The selected 15 or so Canadian Officers and 30 Sergeants reported first to Gen Currie and then to the Tower of London, where they were joined by the rest of the volunteers totalling some 300. Departing on the 10<sup>th</sup> of January 1918 they proceeded to Basra and then by barges to Baghdad arriving on 28 March 1918.



NCMs DUNSTER FORCE BAGHDAD APRIL 1918

The situation in Persia was unsettled. There had been a revolt of Persians near the Caspian Sea, one hundred miles to the west, in the Kurdish Mountains was a Turkish Army, Russian Bolshevik's occupied their objective at Baku. Lt-Col Warden led the small party of 67 Officers and 204 other ranks marching in column 1,000 miles to their objective at Enzeli, departing on 25 May 1918 arriving in Baku in July 1918.

Along the march, local hill men took fire at them and Col Warden had a "close call" when he was shot at while riding ahead of the column reconnoitering the route ahead. "My swift Arab horse saved me," he wrote, adding, "These hill tribesmen are poor sportsmen."

General Dunsterville was obliged to remain at his headquarters on board ship, and field command fell to Col Warden of the entire frontage of some thirty miles occupied by Russians, Armenians, Georgians, Arabs, Tartars, and British imperial troops. British troops now added 900 to 1,000 British infantry and 8<sup>th</sup> Battery RFA. As August 1918 progressed, the Turkish Forces moved against DunsterForce and the coalition of local defenders.



Dunsterforce 1918



Lt-Col John Warden, DSO, OBE

By September the Turks had advanced successfully as the Armenians and others departed their defensive positions, and Dunsterforce was successfully withdrawn on 14 September 1918, having provided the diversion of troops away from Allenby's attack.

Col Warden was ordered on 15 September to take command of a subsequent British Transcaspien Expedition headquartered at Krasnovodski, and assumed command of all operations along the Persian and Afghanistan frontiers until the end of the war. He returned to Vancouver in 1919.

The story of Dunsterforce is one worth reading in far greater detail than I have been able to pass on here. I strongly recommend reading the series of articles written by Captain WW Murray, MC published in the Canadian Defence Quarterly Volume VIII No. 2 Jan 1931 entitled Canadians in Dunsterforce.

## DUKE'S DEN

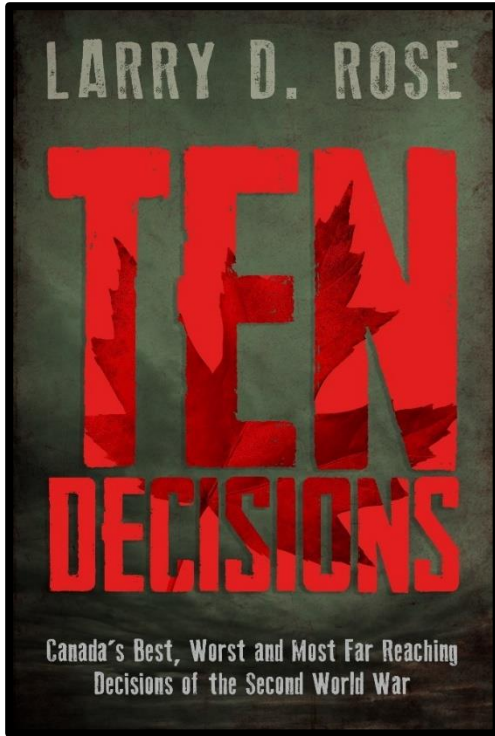
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Christmas  
to all!**



**Happy  
New  
Year!**



## LARRY D. ROSE BIOGRAPHY



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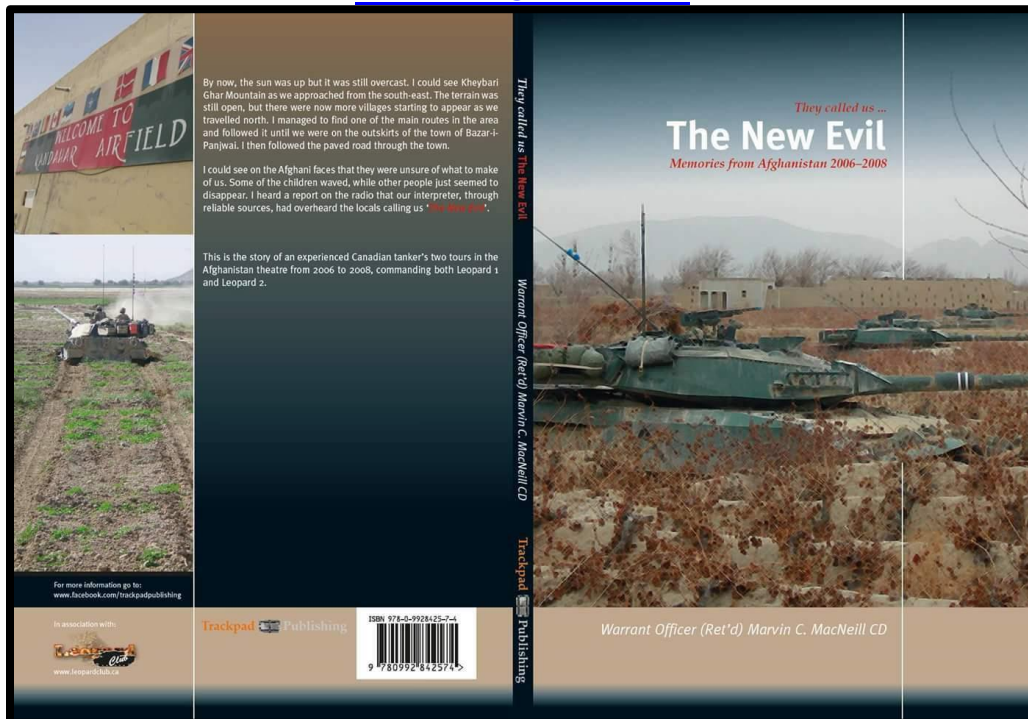
Rose was born in Trail, BC. He has BA and MA degrees in Political Science and Public Administration from the University of Victoria. He worked for more than 45 years in broadcasting and spent four years as an Assistant Professor of Broadcast Journalism at the BC Institute of Technology in Vancouver.

For the 24 years prior to his retirement Rose worked for CTV News in Ontario. For six years was Producer of "CTV National News with Lloyd Robertson".

In his military career Rose was commissioned in the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps in 1966. He later served as adjutant of the British Columbia Regiment (RCAC) in Vancouver. He retired as a captain.

Rose is currently a member of Branch 165, Royal Canadian Legion and the Royal Canadian Military Institute. He lives in Toronto.

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# ASSOCIATION KIT SHOP

The BCR Kit Shop is now online:

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You can now buy a tie and lapel pin. They also have the BCR hoodie and PT Shirts (male and female option).

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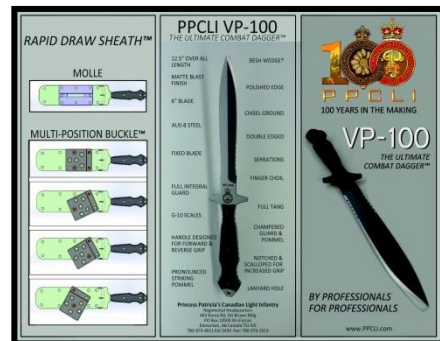
1. Mini Guidons - \$130.00. Once we have 10 confirmed requests, the order will be placed.
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Pocket Watch - \$105.00



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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.

## NOTICE TO ALL PROVINCIAL EMPLOYEES

The Provincial Employees Community Services Fund (“PECSF”) is registered with Canada Revenue Agency’s Charities Directorate as a Charitable Employee Trust. Each year the PECSF runs a fundraising campaign for provincial government employees throughout BC. Please consider designating the BCR Charitable Trust when supporting this program.



## ASLEEP

We are pleased to report that we have not received any information regarding the passing of any Dukes subsequent to the last publication of **The Duke**.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
We shall remember him.