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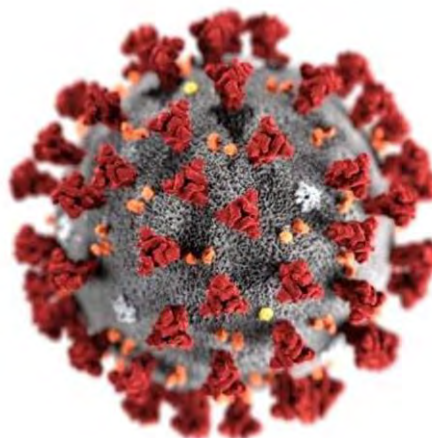
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## DISEASE: CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19)

## VIRUS: SEVERE ACUTE RESPIRATORY SYNDROME CORONAVIRUS 2 (SARS-COV-2)

## WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION CHARACTERIZES COVID-19 AS A PANDEMIC – 11 MARCH 2020



## COMMAND TEAM MESSAGE - COVID-19 UPDATE 15 APRIL 2020

Dukes,

Hopefully everyone managed to recharge with loved ones, whether virtually, socially distanced, or otherwise over the Easter long weekend. We are now into our fifth week of dispersed posture and it is looking like we will remain this way for the foreseeable future. Steps have been taken at every level to limit the spread of COVID-19 and it appears to be having the desired effect, however, things will not change overnight.

During this “down time” 39 CBG has force generated a Domestic Ops response Land component consisting of 500+ soldiers from across the province with BCR contributing a Domestic Response Company and SHQ. This was no small feat with everyone on minimum manning and the full-time unit staff across the Brigade put in an outstanding effort to get everyone DAG’d and loaded into tasks. The TBG is now on standby to respond not only to requests for assistance in dealing with the pandemic, but other domestic operations including flood and fire response as we have done in the past. If anyone is on the fence about whether or not to volunteer for a potential domestic ops deployment, this is an opportunity to employ your hard-earned skills in helping your fellow Canadians in a meaningful way.

Our Division Commander, BGen Lacroix participated in our Bde-level teleconference last week and relayed to us all that he is thoroughly impressed with the 39 CBG’s response to this crisis and proud of the reservists representing BC. We in turn are proud of all of you for stepping up when you can, stoically adhering to necessary health guidelines and remaining ready to serve your country. The Dukes will continue to lead by example and as of this moment 50+ of you are on standby to answer any immediate call.

As part of generating a Domestic response company, some reorganization has occurred at the Regiment. All pers from both Recce and Trg Sqns who are not currently employed on Op LASER will fall under the new Recce Sqn led by Major Brown. This is not permanent – it is simply a way of streamlining administration during Op LASER and ensuring that everyone is in the best position to move into a permanent assignment come the fall. To clarify, you will still receive a PER/PDR from your original supervisors.

As we continue to weather this pandemic together, the RSM and I challenge you to find innovative ways to maintain comms with your battle-buddies, maintain your fitness and personal equipment, and engage in professional development. Come up with a home workout or a run route and challenge a fellow Duke to it – put money on it as an extra motivator. Crack open an old SOP book and review Battle Procedure, gap drills, or whatever takes your fancy. Research a historical battle that you don’t know much about or sign up for an online course that is relevant to your job as a soldier. Download a book on leadership from the Army Reading list. This will not last forever, so keep yourselves ready to get back into the fight when the time comes.

Keep lines of communication open – it is a two way street. No one should be inaccessible including your command team. So, if you have questions or concerns, send them up through your chain of command and we will do our best to address them at the appropriate level. Do not sit at home thinking that no one is interested – if there is a problem, we want to hear from you.

Finally, the following still apply:

1. Adhere to Federal, Provincial and Municipal guidance to prevent the spread of COVID-19;
2. Ensure you and your family remain healthy;
3. Prepare a personal contingency plan to ensure your family and employer can sustain themselves in the event you are called upon to support a DOMOPS mission;
4. Inventory your PPE and equipment (fighting and marching order) and have it packed;
5. Maintain continuous comms with your chain-of-command; and
6. Check-in on your troops and battle buddies. Reach out to online and peer-to-peer resources if needed (refer to attached Soldier Wellness Resource Aide Memoire).

Up the Dukes!

LCol Paul Lindsay, CO

CWO Tony Harris, RSM



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Fellow Dukes:

Re: Easter Greetings

During this festive season, I want to take this opportunity to wish each of you a happy Easter. While enduring the current pandemic, none of us are able to celebrate with family and friends, as we have done in the past. Nonetheless, we have found ways to communicate with each other via Skype, Houseparty, Zoom, Facetime and the like, so are still able to "keep in touch". Virtual parties abound and we're amazed at the inventive ways found to enjoy the situation as much as possible.

Keep up the good work. If we all adhere to the directives of the health authorities, and keep our distancing wherever possible, we will beat this pandemic. As one of the recent facebook comments stated "We are making history". Our children, grandchildren and even great-grandchildren will read about this time in wonder.

Let us know of any Dukes who are in need of assistance. We have been in touch with a few of our more vulnerable and they are coping so far. We will monitor their progress as we go along.

**Stay healthy and safe!! Best wishes to all of you.**

Best regards,

Gayle Hawthorne,  
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15 April 2020

Cadets, Parents and Guardians

The safety and security of all who participate in our programs is always one of my top priorities. Combined with our commitment to developing in youth the attributes of good citizenship and leadership, it was clear to me that Canada's Cadet and Junior Canadian Rangers programs could not in good faith carry on with our planned summer activities while the rest of the Canadian Armed Forces is gearing up to assist Canadians in the face of COVID-19, and any other challenges they may face.

Therefore, that is why, I have made the decision to cancel all in-person Cadet and JCR training activities until 31 August 2020 and have directed that every Cadet and JCR have their training qualifications for this current training year marked as completed. This cancellation decision will affect local training, corps and squadron trips, cadet summer training and activities, in-person training for Cadet Instructors Cadre officers, and, in coordination with the Canadian Army, the JCR enhanced training sessions. This decision ensures the safety and security of everyone who participates in our programs and will ensure that the Cadet program, like the Canadian Armed Forces, does not become a vector to spread COVID-19.

This was not an easy decision, nor was it made in isolation. I have consulted far and wide to ensure that I am taking a measured response to the challenges that lie before us. In order to rise to that challenge, I will require Cadets, COATS members, our volunteers, and key stakeholders including League representatives, to come together - not only to bounce back, but to help improve and enhance the Cadet and JCR programs for the next generation of young Canadians when training is forecasted to resume in September 2020.

The Canadian Armed Forces have always done everything they can to support our programs, from providing medical support, instructors, and facilities which allow us to operate the summer training programs the way we do. The reality is that the Canadian Armed Forces now need to focus on the mission to protect Canadians during this pandemic. Their hard work and dedication will allow us to return stronger than ever.

Even in difficult times we are coming together in new ways. An excellent example was the Battle of Vimy Ridge virtual memorial through social media, which saw hundreds of cadets and JCRs honouring this important battle that shaped our nation. Putting a national-level effort together in this short a timeframe is just one small example



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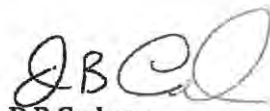
of the work being done by local Commanding Officers and their staff, members of the formation and regional headquarters, league representatives, and Canadian Ranger Patrol Groups to ensure that we remain focused on the Cadet and Junior Canadian Ranger experience. Thank you all for your support and contributions during these difficult times.

I encourage all of you to find new and innovative ways to stay engaged with our programs throughout this pandemic, while respecting physical distancing. I want to thank all of the Corps and Squadron staff as well for their exemplary communication effort - these are challenging times and they have clearly stepped up to the plate.

I have directed my staff to begin planning to explore innovative ways to take advantage of this pause in training to implement new and exciting solutions for today's youth. Expect to hear more about what this may entail in the weeks to come, as I will be looking at options that will involve employment opportunities for COATS members, Staff Cadets and Civilian Instructors to help make these ideas come to life.

I understand many of you will be disappointed with today's news. However, the safety and security not only of those involved in our programs, but of all Canadians must be our top concern. The Cadet and Junior Canadian Programs must not be a vector for the continued spread of the COVID-19 virus. I am confident in the strength and resilience of the men and women who not only support and lead this program, but also participate in it. I am extremely proud of all Cadets, Junior Canadian Rangers and adult staff of how you have been adapting to this unprecedented situation and adhering to the Government's social distancing protocols. Our role now is to demonstrate leadership and citizenship in the face of adversity, and I know that you are all up to the challenge.

Yours truly,



D.B Cochrane  
Brigadier-General  
Commander

## HON. JANET AUSTIN: BRITISH COLUMBIANS ARE RISING TO PANDEMIC CHALLENGES

Author of the article: **Janet Austin**  
The Vancouver Sun – April 19, 2020  
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As we all pull together to manage the COVID-19 pandemic, I want to say how very proud I am of the way in which British Columbians are rising to this challenge. Thanks to our united efforts, we are seeing success in flattening the curve and there are countless examples of unstinting generosity and compassion emerging around the province.

I am humbled by the selfless work of our health-care and essential-services workers; by the competence and clear communication of our public health leaders who engage us as community and keep us hopeful, positive and together.



B.C. Lt.-Gov. Janet Austin  
GERRY KAHRMANN / PNG

I am inspired by the cross-partisan teamwork demonstrated by our political leaders and I am grateful for their prompt responses to rapidly shifting economic, health and social challenges. Our professional, non-partisan public servants are working night-and-day in support, designing and implementing extensive new programs on an urgent basis; all the while maintaining the regular services upon which British Columbians rely.

Business, cultural and faith organizations are promoting creative new methods of connection, generously reaching out and freely sharing content in support of their members and the broader community.

I am deeply moved by the humanity of those who house and care for our most vulnerable citizens; women and children fleeing abuse and others who face the challenges of poverty, mental health and addiction.

We know better, now, how to value the unheralded work of all the people upon whom we rely; those who go quietly about their daily tasks without fanfare or acknowledgment. Let us not forget them when this reality has passed from view, as it surely will.

This time has been difficult for all of us, but especially so for those who have lost family members and friends. We hold them in our hearts.

Many others are facing job loss or financial difficulties in their businesses and personal lives, with all the attendant stress and anxiety this must bring. They will need our help to rebuild and we must be there for them.

With the rhythm and pattern of our daily lives disrupted, we must all find new structures and habits to give our days meaning and purpose. For me, this has meant shifting focus to a digital campaign to reinforce public health directives and promote physical and mental well-being, appreciation of arts and culture, and support for children, families and vulnerable people — the things that make our lives positive and affirming.

It has also meant offering the resources of Government House to provide practical support to those in need, such as creating Victory Over COVID Gardens, which will engage students and local volunteers in growing fresh vegetables for distribution to Food Banks and non-profit groups.

I know that you must all draw on your own reserves of courage, resolve and patience in maintaining some modicum of balance and normalcy in daily life. We will all have different ways of managing the anxieties we feel, but I have found reassurance in music, literature and poetry through which I experience a comforting connection to our common humanity and inspiration to be of service to those who need our help.

This time has also brought the renewal of old connections, the strengthening of new ones and many unfettered expressions of friendship and affection. If I can offer you any advice, it will be this; to express the love you feel for others without delay and without reserve.

I have also found inspiration in the many acts of kindness and generosity demonstrated by so many of you, not just for those to whom you are close, but also for those of whom you know nothing. I thank you for embracing the duty we owe each other as citizens; people who share responsibility for each other, for our province and our country.

Friends, we will get through this together, with some new perspectives and with renewed societal values of compassion, generosity, mutual trust and responsibility. I am thinking of you all with much love and with gratitude for everything you do to care for each other.

*The Hon. Janet Austin is lieutenant-governor of B.C.*

## **B.C. ARMY RESERVES JOIN MASSIVE MOBILIZATION**

**20 APRIL 2020**

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By Teresa Laird

**Capt Jeff Manney, Public Affairs Officer,  
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Befitting a period where the extraordinary is the new norm, the call-up of Primary Reservists across the country has reached a telling milestone.

The nation-wide activation of Reservists – just under 1,000 in British Columbia alone between the Navy Reserve, 39 Canadian Brigade Group, and the Canadian Rangers – is set to be the largest since the beginning of the Second World War.

“The response of our forces to this crisis has been overwhelming, and heartwarming,” says Col Paul Ursich, Commander 39 Canadian Brigade Group, headquartered in Vancouver. “We’ve watched in awe as healthcare providers, first responders, and grocery store clerks have taken up positions on the front lines. I know our Reservists and their Regular Force counterparts are just as eager to step up and do what they can for their fellow Canadians.”



Sergeant Joanna Cisneros from the Royal Westminster Regiment inspects a warehouse in Langley, British Columbia, that will potentially be used to store incoming shipments of Personal Protective Equipment for the Government of Canada.

Photo by Pte Daniel Pereira, 39 CBG Public Affairs

Canadian Armed Forces activity in B.C. to date has been confined mostly to planning and preparation, readying forces to respond when either the provincial or federal government makes an official "Request for Assistance."

Complicating the matter is that Reservists in B.C. must juggle any potential response to COVID-19 with their responsibility to support government agencies following natural disasters such as wildfires or floods.

"Our COVID-19 response, under Operation Laser, is first and foremost in our sights," says Col Ursich. "But Mother Nature is only just coming out of hibernation; we've got to anticipate that we might need to help fight floods, fires or any other type of natural disaster while we continue to cope with the virus."

To ensure rapid response anywhere in the province, Joint Task Force (Pacific) has established a Land Component Command (LCC), under Col Ursich, that reports to Rear Admiral Bob Auchterlonie, Commander Joint Task Force (Pacific). The LCC will be responsible for all operations conducted on land in the province. It is broken down into six Land Task Forces – five that together cover Vancouver Island, Vancouver coastal regions, the Fraser Valley, and the North and Interior.

The sixth task force comprises more than 120 Rangers from 4 Canadian Ranger Patrol Group, who will assist remote communities throughout the province. The LCC is also working closely with Navy Reserve teams that have been built for land-based operations.

Without an official request for assistance related to COVID-19, Col Ursich says it's hard to know exactly what the government will ask of its Primary Reservists.

"It could be anything from delivering food to a remote community to setting up a field hospital to supporting the B.C. Wildfire Service. We just don't know at this point. What we do know for certain is that we will be ready."

### **39 CANADIAN BRIGADE GROUP**

**21 APRIL 2020**

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Thirty Lower Mainland Reservists will be sequestering themselves at the Vernon Military Camp beginning today as the Army seeks to build a force of reliably COVID-free soldiers ready to help vulnerable populations.

Joint Task Force (Pacific), which leads the military in B.C. against the COVID-19 pandemic, has already sequestered sailors on the West Coast aboard ship, meaning crews have operated for at least 14 days without interacting with others. Fourteen days is the maximum observed incubation period for the virus that causes COVID-19.

Fourteen days from now, the soldiers sequestered in Vernon will remain in place for two more weeks, as 30 new soldiers rotate behind them into sequestration. If the province or federal government asks, these COVID-free personnel can then be sent into vulnerable populations where they'll be able to render assistance without fear of themselves being vectors for the disease.

"Sequestration is an extreme form of isolation," says Col. Paul Ursich, commander of the Land Component Command for JTF(P). "Soldiers will have no interaction with family, friends or even colleagues. Their meals will be delivered and they'll be expected to stay isolated. It will be challenging, but COVID-free soldiers are of immense tactical value."



To date neither the provincial nor federal government has made a substantive request for military assistance in B.C. But Ursich says that could change in a minute.

“We don’t plan for the best-case scenario, we plan for the worst,” says Ursich. “A remote First Nations community or a town with a large elderly population, these are places where we want to be especially sure our help doesn’t inadvertently make things worse. Sequestration provides that extra layer of comfort.”

Today there are almost 830 reservists in B.C. on full-time service ready to respond to government requests for help in the COVID crisis. These same soldiers, sailors and Rangers are also poised to provide support should natural disasters such as fires or floods threaten their fellow Canadians.

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Members on parade at 39 CBG

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Dear Families and Members of the Canadian Armed Forces,

The week began with tragic news out of Nova Scotia. Mothers, fathers, sons, daughters, the loss of so many innocent people has been felt by the entire nation. These have been difficult days, made harder by the fact that we cannot come together in person. On behalf of all of you, I send my sincerest condolences to family, friends and any of you who have been affected, including for the loss of Chief Petty Officer Bagley (retired). We will remember all those who lost their lives.

I would like to start this week's update letter by stating that although morale across the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) is generally good, it is very apparent to me, and my senior leadership, that we are facing some significant stressors that need to be addressed. I will do my best to identify some of the major issues, give you my thoughts and inform you of the guidance I have given to my staff and senior leadership to help.

**Mental Wellbeing.** Use of help lines and access to mental health professionals is at an all-time low. There may be some valid reasons for this, but I would like to encourage anyone who needs to reach out or access mental health therapy to do so. Those who have been in mental health care are encouraged to re-engage. Given the stress and anxiety associated with current circumstances, and to help avoid a bow wave of mental health support in the future, the Surgeon General has asked that I convey his own encouragement to those who need or want to access care. You can access the CAF Member Assistance Program (CFMAP) 1-800-268-7708, or contact your local Wing or Base Medical Clinic or Chaplain.

**Physical Wellbeing.** Our clinics are open and you can call to make a telemedicine appointment or arrange to visit your clinic through the CAF Medical Clinic nearest to you.

**Postings.** Our intent is to proceed with a limited posting season. It has clearly been delayed, and will be made more challenging by COVID-19 related travel restrictions, uncertainty in the real-estate market, availability of commercial interim lodgings and meals and safety. For many, you will be informed if your posting is cancelled or delayed by a year. For those being posted this year, you will be kept informed of when and how to conduct your move. Moves will need to be conducted with COVID precautions built in to protect you and your family and, importantly, those that you would come into contact with during the move process. It is important that you keep your chain of command informed as to any factors that would reasonably prevent you from being able to



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conduct a move this Active Posting Season (APS). Postings for many will be severely delayed as we have extended the APS to the end of December, 2020. Move dates, particularly for those with children going to a new school, will be made as flexible as possible, where circumstances permit. If you have any questions the Administrative Response Centre (ARC) team is available to both the chain of command and individuals to get advice. Although your chain of command should be your first stop, you can contact the ARC directly at 1-833-445-1182 or by email at [CMPARC.CRACPM@forces.gc.ca](mailto:CMPARC.CRACPM@forces.gc.ca). Further details are also available in CANFORGEN 049/20 available on the CAF App.

**Promotions.** Promotions that come with postings to assume new duties will continue as planned, and all promotions, regardless whether the new duties are assumed or not will be honoured by the end of the year. This may leave us with many positions over-ranked beginning January 2021, but this situation will be resolved during the 2021 APS.

**Courses.** While critical force generation training continues, our entire individual and collective training system is at a standstill to prevent the spread of COVID-19. We did this to protect you, your families and the communities where we train. We are looking at a range of options and methods to re-start our training system. I have asked my staff to develop options that would work even if COVID-19 is still a threat. This work will take some time to plan and, if deemed feasible, take considerable effort to execute safely and properly. Some incremental steps to re-start recruit and DP1 training, as well as Reserve summer individual training, may occur as early as June, and I hope to be able to re-start most training at close-to-normal levels this Fall. That said, it is all conditions based, and I will keep you informed. If you need a career course, you will get it, but it will likely be delayed and may be delivered very differently. Your continued development in your chosen field is important to you and as it is to the CAF – we'll get there.

**Back to work.** My intent is to get us back to work, as close to 'normal' as possible when it is safe to do so, or when we can make it safe for all in the Defence team. There are many things we must consider. We will retain the current dispersed posture for the time being, until we better understand the local environment in which we operate. Returning to normalcy will be a long and deliberate operation and will be different across the country as the conditions vary from region to region. I want to make it clear, however, that with family care plans hugely disrupted, schools closed and summer camps in question, and our overriding concern for your health and the health and safety of your families, we accept that some of you may not be able to return to work as quickly or as easily as others – even though you want to. This will not be seen as a poor reflection of your dedication or professionalism. Short of an armed attack on Canada, or an armed conflict overseas demanding a rapid response, we will, at all levels, take individual and family circumstances into account as we resume our normal posture and give you the freedom you need to make good family decisions. We have reacted to COVID-19 by taking early precautions and carefully preparing forces for operations, with you as individuals and families taking necessary precautions. I am confident we can respond to the current and forecasted needs of Canada for anticipated domestic and known deployed operations with the healthy forces currently available. Going back to a normal



'at work' routine will be planned, phased and carefully executed when we can, and within the obvious limitations that we are all living with.

**Deployed members.** Expeditionary operations and OUTCAN positions have felt the impact of COVID-19 as well as some significant geo-political changes in our mission areas. Anxiety based on concern for families back home, rotation plans, operational demands, potential for exposure to COVID-19 while deployed, and a range of other concerns has added significantly to the stress on our people deployed or away from Canada. We hear you loud and clear and stand ready to assist, particularly if your family needs assistance. While the quarantine protocols for people coming into Canada are in effect, returning troops will be isolated in Trenton, or elsewhere, for a fourteen day period to ensure you are COVID free and pose no risk to families or your communities. Sailors will conduct their isolation during a 14 day passage at sea. I do not want returning troops to feel as though they are under any suspicion of carrying COVID into their communities. By strictly adhering to the isolation period, even though it delays your reunion with your loved ones and friends, you will be considered a responsible person as the country fights the COVID-19 spread.

**Imposed Restriction (IR).** If you are on IR and not needed for daily attendance 'at work' or are not needed for immediate operational recall, you should have gone home to your family. If you are in a position where you are usually at work in person day-to-day, but you are not on operations or assembling for operations, you can, conditions permitting, apply for and receive permission to go home for one week every two months to ensure your family is ok. This will not be considered leave it will be considered duty travel, and will not count against your annual leave. If we need to, we will find a way to assist you in getting home. You will need to take extra precautions to avoid the spread of the virus, and you may be subject to regional protocols such as a 14 day quarantine, but you must see your families.

**Operations.** All routine domestic and international named operations continue, although force posture and profile has been adjusted to account for COVID-19. Theatre mission specific training (TMST) will be modified, but will occur to ensure you are prepared for these operations. International named operations and OUTCAN duties will experience changes as the world grapples with COVID-19 and those adversaries who would seek to take advantage change the operating environment. We remain vigilant to detect such change, and we must be ready to respond if things go pear shaped. We are concerned about changing dynamics in the Indo-Pacific region and what it might mean for future deployments in the region. We are determined to ensure we do our part to meet Canadian deterrence and assurance objectives in Europe, and I think we are all concerned about the way ahead in the Middle East. COVID-19 and food security issues will add to the host of issues facing Africa and our small missions there. And, the defence of North America remains a constant mission with ever evolving threats. Should any member of the CAF think that COVID-19 threatens your job in your chosen profession, think again, we have never been needed more.




**Training.** Training resumption will be conditions based, carefully planned to preserve health and safety, and re-started incrementally. From individual to collective training, in accordance with proficiency and professional standards, we will get back to it, but we'll be smart about it.

**How the CAF can help Canada.** We are doing a lot right now. Main effort is don't become part of the problem. While taking care of the main effort, we have responded to numerous Requests for Assistance (RFA) and our folks are doing incredible work. We are also ready, with a large and highly skilled force to help with natural disasters or additional response to COVID-19 related RFA's. Medical personnel and supporters in Quebec and Ontario helping in Long Term Care facilities are facing the epicentre of the crisis – we owe them all our love and respect.

**Uncertainty.** It is clear to me that you are restless and wanting to get 'back at it' while also feeling some uncertainty about the future. From uncertainty about spousal employment, postings, career courses, promotions and even job security to future operational rotations and tasks in Canada – there is lots to be concerned about. If travel is required we will look at every option to facilitate movement including the possibility of service flights to help those who have to travel long distances. Some things are within our power to control and some are not. We can stay healthy and safe... just follow the rules. Postings, career courses and promotions will all happen, eventually. Your jobs are secure, you are much valued by Canadians and respected by your leadership. Operations will pick up again in time and we may get very busy here in Canada. The thing that we can be certain about - while staying healthy, staying connected to your leaders and colleagues, and remembering how important you are to the long term defence and security of Canada and our allies - is that we can never fail, and we won't.

I would like to end with some shout outs to some of your comrades in arms and civilian staff who are pretty busy. To our strategic and tactical airlift squadrons, to our cyber defence, signallers and network specialists, to the staff at our Military Family Resource Centres (MFRC), to our chaplains, our CAF healthcare personnel, cooks, supply technicians, vehicle technicians and clerks – thank you. It shouldn't have to take a crisis...but sometimes it does. To those helping develop policy and move procurement for the next bound – you are unsung heroes and the future depends on you. To our DM and her team of incredible staff who affect all we do – you are fire-team partners in every respect and we couldn't do it without you.

Sincerely,



J.H. Vance  
General

*Nova Scotia STRONG!  
RIP.*

**ADDITIONAL LOCAL SUPPORT ALLOCATION (LSA)  
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(FY) 19/20**

24 April 2020

It has been approximately one week since I made the decision to cancel all in-person Cadet and JCR training activities until 31 August 2020. I want to take this opportunity to thank the Cadets, staff, our League partners, and sponsors of the Cadet Corps and Squadrons for reinforcing the necessity of this decision within your respective organizations. As we move forward, I will require your continued assistance and support on this front while we continue to navigate through these challenging times.

As I indicated in the cancellation announcement, my staff continue to explore innovative ways to take advantage of this pause in training to implement new and exciting solutions for today's youth. Concurrent to this effort, I also directed my team to present me with additional options to mitigate the impact the COVID19 virus has had directly on cadet corps and squadrons. By cancelling in-person activities, this also includes the ability of these cadet corps and squadrons to conduct fundraising activities to help support the local program.

In order to provide immediate, and temporary relief to all corps and squadrons and their sponsoring committees, I am pleased to inform you that I have authorized additional Local Support Allocation (LSA) in the amount of \$1,500 for corps or squadrons not housed in a Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) facility. Corps and squadrons who are housed in CAF facilities will be able to access an additional \$500 in LSA. This is for their eligible expenses from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020 in line with our existing LSA policy. I have also given my Regional Cadet Support Unit Commanding Officers authority to re-allocate unused LSA from this additional amount to other corps and squadrons that have eligible expenses from FY 19-20.

I trust this will be welcome news to the entire organization. This additional LSA funding is one of the first in a series of measures that demonstrate my commitment to mitigating the impact COVID-19 has had, particularly the impact at the community level. I will continue to monitor the situation and consider additional measures to provide support to corps and squadrons during these unprecedented times to ensure that the Cadet program is able to return stronger than before, to be able to deliver unique experiences to Canada's youth - that you just can't find anywhere else.

D.B. Cochrane  
Brigadier-General  
Commander  
National Cadet and Junior Canadian Rangers Support Group

## LEVEE 2020 1 JANUARY 2020

The first stop on the 2020 Levee Tour for the BCR contingent (Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Farid Rohani and Major Jim Barrett) was the Wardroom of HMCS Discovery where the BCR Team joined with the Honorary Colonel of 39 CER, Bill Diamond, and Mark Zwanski, Chairman of the Friends of HMCS Vancouver. The CO of HMCS Discovery, Commander Bryan Price, Dr. John Blatherwick, King Wan, Constantine Pappas and many of our colleagues and friends, including a strong contingent from NOABC, provided us with the usual high caliber Navy hospitality. The wardroom was open to all ranks for Levee and was very well attended. Many thanks to Commander Bryan Price for the extraordinary welcome and reception.



The group then proceeded to Bessborough Armoury to visit 15th Field Artillery Regiment where Levee was held in the Officers' Mess and was hosted by Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Don Foster and the DCO, Major Nick Watts. The timing was impeccable as we arrived in the mess as Mrs. Lum was serving her famous Shrimp Curry. Many thanks to the Gunners for a most enjoyable time indeed!







The final visit of the day was paid to the Officers' Mess of the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada with the Honorary Colonel Rod Hoffmeister and the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Ed Haverstock, hosting the event. Also, in attendance was Colonel Paul Ursich, Commander of 39 CBG. Many thanks to our Seaforth friend for such a great time!



The Levee Tour was a complete success with Vancouver weather cooperating for a beautiful sunny day with temperatures over 10C.

Happy New Year and Up the Dukes!

**2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC  
THE DRILL HALL  
7 JANUARY 2020**

A special training night at the Drill Hall for the Cadets of 2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC with a full band practice and drill sequences complete with a comprehensive rehearsal (including the Pipes & Drums Band and the Flag Party) for the upcoming Change of RSM Appointment Parade to be held on 9 January 2020.



Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne was in attendance and participated in the proceedings as well as conducting a brief visit to the monthly Support Committee Meeting of the parents and supporters of 2290 BCR.

Congratulations 2290 BCR...well done! Up the Dukes!



**2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC  
CHANGE OF APPOINTMENT OF RSM PARADE  
9 JANUARY 2020**



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 and a March Past with the outgoing RSM, C/CWO Monica Zhang in the lead. Awards and Presentations included promotions (including the promotion of CWO Wu to his present rank), numerous certificate presentations, acknowledgements and the presentation of the Honorary Captain Agnes Keegan Scholarship to CWO Zhang. Colonel Hawthorne conducted the ceremonial passing of the RSM Pace Stick and the transfer of the RSM's Regimental Crossbelt from C/CWO

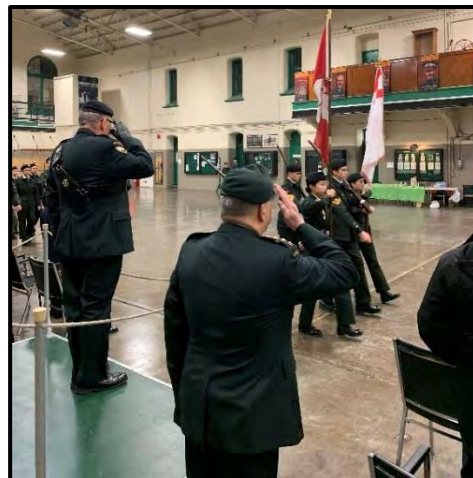
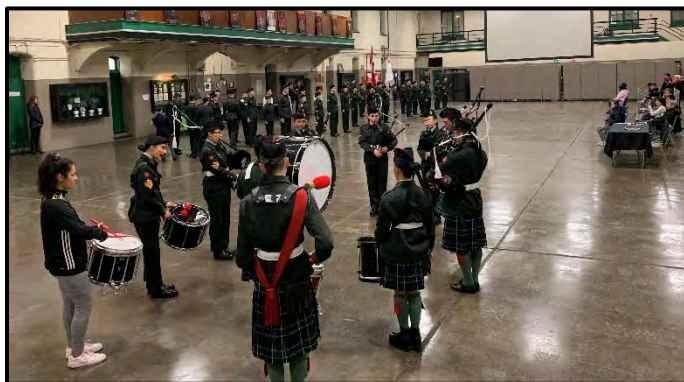
Zhang to the incoming RSM, C/CWO Timothy Wu. In his RO Address to the Cadets and guests, Colonel Hawthorne complimented the Cadets for their excellent turnout and thanked the CO, Captain Tony Liem, CIC Officers, Volunteers, Sponsoring Committee and the Regimental Association, for their great support. In



his concluding remarks, the RO presented his Honorary Colonel Regimental Coin to the incoming RSM, C/CWO Wu, to mark the special occasion. The signing of the Official Appointment Certificates was also part of the ceremony. The outgoing RSM very ably addressed the unit, parents and guests. Incoming RSM CWO Wu also gave a noteworthy speech and led the unit in the final March Past. It was a very memorable evening for the unit and the outgoing and incoming RSMs.

Congratulations once again to C/CWO Zhang for her service as RSM and to C/CWO Wu on his appointment as RSM of 2290 BCR.

Well done Dukes!







## 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL DUKE'S CUP 11 JANUARY 2020

In 2018, the BCR grappling team started a relationship with the BC High School Wrestling Association and conducted some coaching exchanges in order to develop both our grapplers and local wrestlers. At that time, friend of the Regiment and President of the High School Wrestling Association Mike Roselli proposed that a multi-team wrestling tournament could be held at the BCR Drill Hall. In January 2019, the first Duke's Cup High school wrestling tournament was hosted by the BCR grappling team at the Drill Hall and the "Vancouver Island All Star" team took the cup. The event was a hit and a regular tournament was born. Plans for the following year were set in motion immediately.



*Vancouver College wrestlers practicing at the Drill Hall the night before competition*

2020 saw a more ambitious plan to include even more competitors, but unfortunately extreme weather led to ferry cancellations that prevented the Island teams from participating. Despite this setback, the competition was well attended with 100+ wrestlers hitting the mats on 11 January 2020 for a round robin tournament. Adapting quickly, coaches broke their athletes up to create 4 competitive teams. After numerous intense matches in all weight classes and some impressive reversals, the scores were tallied with the "Vancouver/North Shore All Star Team" taking the Duke's Cup.



*CO BCR and event director/Vancouver College Coach Mike Roselli with the Duke's Cup*



This year was special in that the “Cpl Allard Trophy” was awarded for the first time. The trophy was created in memory of the BCR grappling team’s first coach and fellow Duke Cpl Cody Allard who was tragically killed in a motorcycle crash in August 2019. Cpl Allard led the BCR grappling team to multiple gold medals in their first competition at Ex RELENTLESS WARRIOR 2018 and exemplified the warrior spirit. The Allard trophy is an individual award for the wrestler who demonstrates the best warrior spirit during the competition and is selected by a committee of the coaches and referees. The first winner of the Allard trophy was J.P. Cooper of Vancouver College – he demonstrated outstanding aggression, sportsmanship and leadership on and off the mat and finished with a record of 4 wins and no losses.



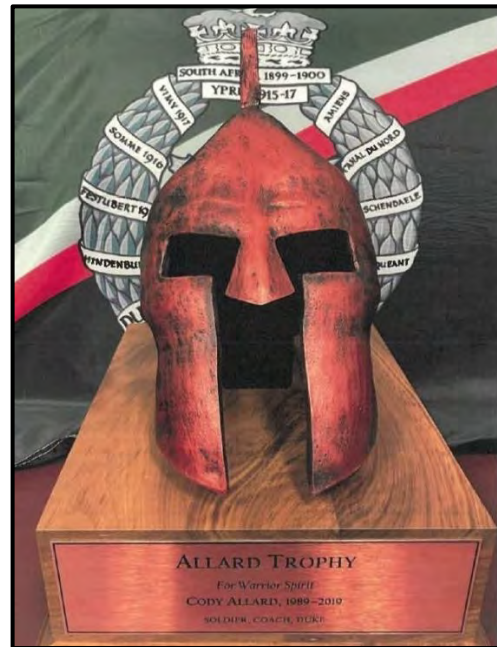
*Allard trophy winner JP Cooper and CO BCR*

Once again, the event was well received and competitors got an opportunity to explore the history of the Drill Hall during their down time. The British Columbia Regiment (DCO) is looking forward to hosting this worthy competition for years to come. Up the Dukes!



*Vancouver College wrestlers pose with some members of the BCR grappling team*

**THE ALLARD TROPHY**  
For Warrior Spirit  
CODY ALLARD, 1989 – 2019  
Soldier, Coach, Duke



**2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC**  
**ZONE BIATHLON COMPETITION, WHISTLER OLYMPIC PARK**  
**12 JANUARY 2020**  
By: Captain Michael Marek, CD

On January 12th, 2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC participated in the Zone Biathlon Competition at Whistler Olympic Park in adverse windy weather conditions and sub-zero temperatures. Courtesy of The BC Regiment (DCO), cadets stayed at the Drill Hall the night before and after continental breakfast deployed by DND bus on Sunday at 6AM for the competition. Upon arriving in Whistler cadets rented skis and proceeded to practice the course prior to the start. The 2290 Biathlon Team had 11 members (Cadet Erkhes Enkhbaatar, Teagan Chandler, Jaelen Dubois Leung, Jeremy Hua, Beatrice Karl, Paul Kwok, Isaiah Laincy, Niko Spennati, Daniel Wong, Callum Symons-MacKenzie, Timothy Wu and 5 cadet helpers (Cadet Chales Bauda, Colby Holmes, Robin Kaebe, Ethan Lock, John Racoma) and 2 coaches (Capt. Marek, CI Lock). Unfortunately, due to lack of spare parts and in spite of best efforts of Regimental weapons tech there were only 7 working rifles shared by the entire team with primary and secondary shooters assigned per each rifle. Surprisingly cadets were resilient enough to adopt to this tactic and were able to hit 2-4 targets each by manually adjusting their aim for individual deviation. The average ski time for 3 loop 5km course was 30 minutes and each cadet shoot twice 5 targets each. The end result was successful with 9 medals in three age categories divided by gender. The purpose of this competition was to qualify for a chance to compete at the Cadet Provincial Biathlon Competition in Vernon, BC on Feb 14-16, 2020.



Symons-MacKenzie, Wong, Hua



Group photo at the range





Silver - Wu      Bronze - Spennati



Chandler on firing line



Laincy



Symons-MacKenzie



2290 BCR RCACC Biathlon Team

**PRESENTATION OF THE HONORARY COLONEL'S COMMENDATION AND  
REGIMENTAL COIN TO COUNCILLOR MELISSA DE GENOVA  
VANCOUVER CITY HALL  
13 JANUARY 2020**

The Honorary Colonel's Commendation and Regimental Coin were presented to Councillor Melissa De Genova in a brief ceremony held at Vancouver City Hall in the early afternoon of Monday, 13 January 2020. The Commendation and Coin were presented by Colonel Hawthorne to Councillor De Genova in recognition of her tireless efforts and personal contributions to support the Serving Members of the Regiment, Veterans and Cadets..."

Congratulations Melissa and thank you for your great support on Veterans' Parking and parking for our Soldiers on Parade Nights!

Up the Dukes!



**APPRECIATION AND MEMORIAL CEREMONY OF KOREAN WAR VETERANS  
PUKYONG NATIONAL UNIVERSITY UN SUPPORTERS  
SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA ARMOURY  
15 JANUARY 2020**

Congratulations to the Pukyong National University ("PYNU") UN Supporters on their very successful Appreciation and Memorial Ceremony of Korean War Veterans held in the General Anderson Room of the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada.

The program of events included an official Greeting from the students of PYNU, an Introduction to the schools, UN Parks, UN Supporters and members in Korea, brief addresses by the Consul General of Korea and the Commanding Officer of the Seaforths, a Message of Appreciation to the Veterans of the War in Korea, Recitations and Singing, Closing Remarks and presentations of awards and souvenirs.

Colleagues in attendance included the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, the CO of 3300 BCR (Bhai Kanhaiya) RCACC, Major Jim Barrett, the CO of 2472 15<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery RCACC, Captain, The Reverend Gordon Barrett, Honorary Captain Len Lockmuller and our good friend Bill Newton (both Len and Bill are Veterans of the Korean War). Thank you to the Honorary Colonel of the Seaforths, Rod Hoffmeister, and the Commanding Officer, LCol Ed Haverstock, for hosting the memorable event, especially on an official 39 CBG Snow Day.







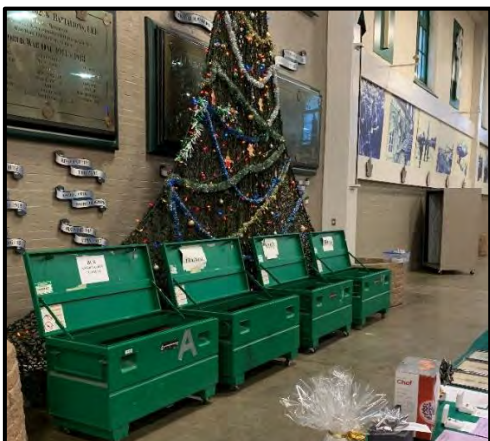
### 2019 FOOD BANK PROGRAM SANCTA MARIA HOUSE DELIVERY – 17 JANUARY 2020

A very impressive array of canned goods and non-perishable food items donated by the members of the Regiment, Regimental Association, and 2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC during the Christmas Season was delivered to a very grateful Sancta Maria House (Agape Street Ministry) in Kitsilano during Friday lunch hour, 17 January 2020. Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, Sgt Alex Langone, MCpl Trevor Hooker and Cpl Tony Son were greeted by House Parent Yvonne who thanked the Soldiers, the Regiment and the entire Regimental Family for their generous support! The Honorary Colonel conveyed greetings from the Commanding Officer, LCol Paul Lindsay, the Regiment and the Regimental Family and thanked Sancta Maria House for their good work in the community.



Congratulations to the Regiment and the Regimental Family for their generous support of this community outreach program (**our best year ever!!**). Many thanks to the 2IC, Major Vince Virk, and the OpsO, Captain Tardiff, for their support of this project.

Thank you, Marie and Yvonne, for your hospitality and Happy New Year to everyone at Sancta Maria House!



*Collection Bins*



*Delivery Ho!*



*Delivery Crew*

### **39 CBG CONFERENCE WARDROOM, ESQUIMALT 17 – 19 JANUARY 2020**

The 39<sup>th</sup> CBG Conference took place in Esquimalt, BC at the Esquimalt Wardroom.

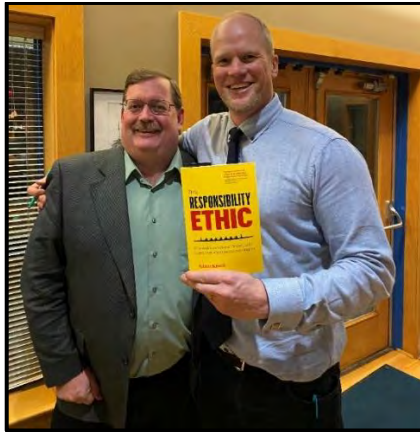
The CO of the Regiment, Lieutenant-Colonel Paul Lindsay, the 2IC, Major Vincent Virk, the RSM, CWO Tony Harris, with Honorary Colonel Bill Diamond and Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Rohani were in attendance and participated.

The Brigade Commander Paul Ursich welcomed everyone, giving a general update, followed by a presentation by Adam Kreek, Canadian Olympian and Rowing Gold Medal winner, where he presented those in attendance with a copy of his book, The Responsibility Ethic.

HCol Fitch gave a presentation to the Honoraries about the Cdn Rangers, his experiences, the history and spoke about the valuable work of the Cdn Rangers.



Colonel Ursich spoke to the Honoraries and heard about all matters that the Honoraries are dealing with, spoke about the role of the Honoraries facilitating community relationships and filling in where the CO and soldiers do not have the capacity to be in the community and also fulfill their responsibilities with training and other tasks.



**EX RELENTLESS WARRIOR – 3<sup>RD</sup> CANADIAN DIVISION  
CFB EDMONTON  
17-19 JANUARY 2020**

The annual Ex Relentless Warrior was held at CFB Edmonton with ten members from 39 CBG in attendance. Seven members of the 39 CBG Team were from the Regiment (MCpls Byunghoon Kim and Trim Zherka, Cpls Adam Luro, Michael Medrano and Steven Swanson, Trooper Niko Chin Durano and Pte. Sabrina Trinh). Five members of the Team won medals and the Team tied for fourth overall in the Division. BCR medal winners were Cpl Swanson with Gold (Intermediate), MCpl Zherka with Silver (Beginner) and Pte Trinh with Silver (Straw Weight).



It was duly noted that "...this team and the results achieved for the Bde would not have been possible without the dedication and passion of Cpl Stephen Swanson of the BCR...He did a great tribute when he got his medal to the late Cpl Cody Allard (who was instrumental at maintaining the grappling team for the BCR). Cpl Swanson was also interviewed about the team for **The Western Sentinel**."

Congratulations BCRs and very well done indeed!!



### BCR CADETS PARTICIPATE AT THE ANNUAL ACLC(BC) MARKSMANSHIP COMPETITION 19 JANUARY 2020

Submitted by: Major (Ret'd) Roger W Prouse, CD

The Army Cadet League of Canada (BC Branch) held their annual Air Rifle Competition at the Royal Westminster Armoury on Sunday 19 January 2020. Nineteen teams of five from eleven Lower Mainland Cadet Corps (including a team from our BCR Cadet Corps in Powell River) participated in the day long event. While the event was sponsored by the ACLC(BC), the CIC provided the expertise in the actual conduct of the competition including range safety.

Trophies and medals (Gold, Silver and Bronze) were awarded for top scores in both Senior and Junior categories, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>. There was also a medal for top shot (99/100) and the LCol Terry Kopan perpetual trophy was awarded to the team with the highest over all score.



While no BCR Corps won a medal, it was pointed out that the 2781 BCR (Powell River) made the trip from the Sunshine Coast to join in the day's event. They joined our other four BCR Corps [2290 BCR (101 DCOR), 2827 BCR (Port Moody), 2381 BCR (Irish Fusiliers) and the 3300 BCR (Bahi Kanhaiya)], giving us a very high profile at the competition. We were the only affiliated unit with 100% participation.



A big "thank you" to Army Cadet League (BC), the CIC and to all the hard-working volunteers who supported this very successful event.

UP THE DUKES!

**THE BRITISH COLUMBIA REGIMENT (DUKE OF CONNAUGHT'S OWN)  
SERVING OFFICERS, PARTNERS DINING OUT  
CINCIN RISTORANTE  
25 JANUARY 2020**

The Officers of the Regiment held their annual Partners' Dining Out Mess Dinner at the CinCin Ristorante on Robson Street in Vancouver, an exceptional venue with service, delicious hors d'oeuvres, entrees and dessert to match! It was a relaxing and most enjoyable evening complete with short speeches by the PMC, Major Greg McCullough, and by Michelle Lindsay, the wife of the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Paul Lindsay, who expressed his regrets on missing the evening due to other prior commitments and conveyed his best wishes. The evening's atmosphere was very collegial with a good time had by all. Thank you to our Partners for their steadfast support of the Regiment!

Well done PMC and thank you for a grand evening!



**CHINESE NEW YEAR PARADE &  
VANCOUVER CHINATOWN SPRING FESTIVAL PARADE  
YEAR OF THE RAT  
26 JANUARY 2020**

The 47th annual Vancouver Chinatown Spring Festival New Year Parade took place in Vancouver's historic Chinatown on Sunday morning at 11:00 during a beautiful Vancouver day (11 Celsius) and well over 100,000 spectators attending, "despite mounting concerns about the Wuhan coronavirus as it continues to spread and the death toll in China rises."

The signature event featured traditional lion dance teams, cultural dance troupes, marching bands, martial arts performances, and a strong showing of cadets, an array of heavy-duty supply trucks from 39 Service Battalion and a boat team from HMCS Discovery. The Naden Band of the RCN figured prominently in the Parade. The 1.3 km parade route started at the Millennium Gate on Pender Street (between Shanghai Alley and Taylor Street), proceeding along Pender turning south onto Gore Street, turning west on Keefer Street and ending at Keefer and Carrall. BCR Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne and Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Farid Rohani along with 39 CER Honorary Colonel Bill Diamond marched along the parade route with the Lieutenant Governor of B.C, Her Honour Janet Austin, the Minister of National Defence, the Honourable Harjit Sajjan, the Commander, Maritime Forces Pacific, and Joint Task Force (Pacific), Rear-Admiral J.R. (Bob) Auchterlonie, OMM, CD. Army vehicles compliments of Western Command Military Vehicle Historical Society transported the veterans with our friend and colleague King Wan in the lead.

Colonels Hawthorne, Diamond and Rohani joined Her Honour Janet Austin, Minister Sajjan, Senator Jonah Martin and Admiral Auchterlonie and others at the reviewing stand.

Congratulations to the Chinese Benevolent Association of Vancouver and the over seventy entries totalling over 3,000 participants for a job well done.











**CHINESE NEW YEAR PARADE & VANCOUVER CHINATOWN SPRING FESTIVAL PARADE  
YEAR OF THE RAT  
VETERANS' LUNCHEON – FLOATA SEAFOOD RESTAURANT  
26 JANUARY 2020**

At the conclusion of the parade, Colonels Hawthorne, Diamond and Rohani joined the ANAVETS Group at the Floata Seafood Restaurant as guests of both ANAVETS and the Canadian Chinese Military Museum Society. Major Anh Foorte, 39 Service Battalion, also joined the festivities. Our good friend and colleague, King Wan, welcomed everyone and was, as usual, the consummate host.

Kudos to ANAVETS and CCMMS for their wonderful hospitality!







**15<sup>th</sup> FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT, RCA  
100<sup>th</sup> CENTENNIAL REUNION  
BESSBOROUGH ARMOURY OPEN HOUSE  
1 FEBRUARY 2020**

BCR Honoraries, Ted Hawthorne and Farid Rohani and Honorary Colonel of 39 CER, Bill Diamond, attended the Open House at the 15<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment, RCA, Bessborough Armoury in Vancouver on the occasion of the Unit's Centennial Celebration and Open House held in the early afternoon of Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup> on a beautiful sunny day. A tour of the Regimental Museum was most enjoyable and the display of a 9 Pounder in excellent condition was very impressive. We were greeted by the RSM, CWO Rob Garrett, and treated to demonstrations by the informative Gun Crew. Colonel Hawthorne marked the occasion by presenting his Honorary Colonel Regimental Coin to the Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel of 15<sup>th</sup> Field, Don Foster, and thanked him for his service and support of the CAF. Colonel Hawthorne was also very pleased to receive the official and very impressive 15th Field Regiment RCA Centennial Coin numbered 095 (for "I'm 95").

A Reunion Party featuring a Band Reunion Concert, Live Music, Dancing, Dinner and open Messes followed the Open House.

UBIQUE!









**SUPER BOWL LIV PARTY  
RAVI GILL  
FERNDAL, WASHINGTON  
2 FEBRUARY 2020**

A great Super Bowl Party was held at the residence of our good friend and colleague, SSgt (Ret'd) (USMC) Ravi Gill, for many veterans and first responders from both sides of the border. BCRs in attendance were the Past President of the Regimental Association, "Recce Bob" Remple, and the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne. Our good friend and colleague Mark Zwanski, Chairman of the Friends of HMCS Vancouver, also attended. Kansas City Chiefs emerged the winner of the great game with a stunning 4<sup>th</sup> quarter comeback against the San Francisco 49ers, resulting in a 31-20 final.

Kudos Ravi for your great hospitality to our Canadian and American Veterans and First Responders! Up the Dukes!



**PRESENTATION OF HONORARY COLONEL COMMENDATION  
CHACKO & LIZE SIMON SCHOLARSHIP FUND ("SIMON TRUST")  
HPLAW, BURNABY, B.C.  
5 FEBRUARY 2020**



The Honorary Colonel's Commendation was presented to the Executive Committee of the Simon Trust at the offices of Hawthorne, Piggott & Company on Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> after a regular business meeting in the morning. The Commendation was presented by Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne "in recognition of the outstanding support to The BC Regiment (DCO) Association Charitable Trust and its programs supporting Serving Members of the Regiment, Veterans and Cadets, all in furtherance of the good name of the Regiment."

Congratulations to the Simon Trust and thank you for the great support of the community, the Regiment and the entire Regimental Family over these many years.

Up the Dukes!



**3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE LUNCHEON  
BELGIUM – CANADIAN REMEMBRANCE COMMITTEE  
LECCA HALL, LEKE, WEST FLANDERS, BELGIUM  
2 FEBRUARY 2020**

By: Luke Vandenbussche, Secretary BCHC/BCRC-LEKE

The third Annual Remembrance Luncheon was held at the Lecca Hall in Leke. It was a very successful luncheon with 179 participants. This luncheon was held to support our organisation: the Belgian- Canadian Remembrance Committee- Leke and work of Remembrance in the community.

The Association has adopted four gravestones of fallen soldiers from The British Columbia Regiment (DCO) at the Canadian War Cemetery in Adegem – Maldegem. Every Belgian can adopt one or more graves of a Canadian fallen soldier at the Canadian War Cemetery in Adegem – Maldegem. The adoption program was implemented by the Belgium – Canada Association and requires each supporter to pay for each grave a specific support amount, to visit at least once in a year the gravestone and to bring some flowers for the fallen soldier. Attendance at the cemetery is required on Remembrance Day.

The fallen BCR soldiers are: CRAWSHAW Donald – Trooper  
ROGERS Evander – Trooper  
SOMMERVILLE John Kermack – Trooper  
TAYLOR Walter – Corporal

“They shall not grow old as we who are left grow old.  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
We will remember them.”

Greetings from Belgium and Up the Dukes!





## REGIMENTAL WHISK(E)Y TASTING 8 FEBRUARY 2020

By: Maj Adam McLeod (still not the PMC)



This year the Regimental Whisk(e)y Tasting celebrated its fifth year since rejuvenating in 2016. This year over a hundred tasters and guests enjoyed a quiet evening of delicately sipping whiskey.

Of course, whiskey tastings are calm educational affairs, as anyone who's ever attended one at our Regiment well knows. Tastings naturally conjure up tweed-jacketed devotees seated in tight rows, flanked



by spit buckets (to ensure sobriety!), and pads of lined paper for tasting notes. One might naturally think our messes had been turned into a schoolhouse of sorts given the purely educational nature of such an event.

This made it even more surprising when shortly before midnight the PMC announced to the assembled guests that the bar had almost run dry. Such a calamity has rarely befallen our beloved mess, but the scholar-sippers in attendance took this shock in stride. But they were left with a mystery: how does one run out of beer when water is being used to cleanse palates, and eyedroppers of distilled water to achieve that perfect taste?

The whiskies were presented by Sgt Ryan Crawford from 39 CBG HQ, who did an amazing job of introducing the five premium whiskies that evening. On offering were:

1. Glenmorangie Signet (MSRP: \$276.25)
2. Balvenie Week of Peat (MSRP: \$254.99)
3. Laphroaig Lore (MSRP: \$195.75)
4. Stronachie 18 (MSRP: \$162.99)
5. Macallan Triple Cask (MSRP: \$188.13)



A special thanks to Museum Society President Cam Cathcart, Capt (Ret'd) Don Neish, and Bob Clauson for making sure that the Regimental Museum was open for visitors. For many of our guests, this was a highlight of the evening, and something we'll be sure to continue in years to come!



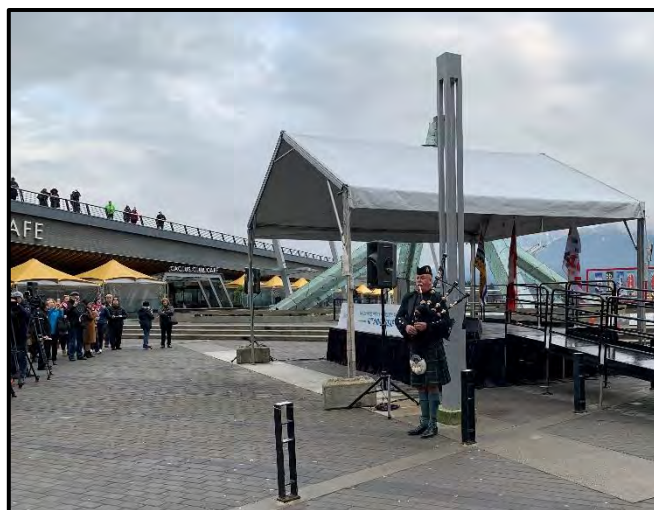


The Messes were pleased to host the Bde Comd team of Col Paul Urisch, and LCol Cam McLean. Also notably in attendance from the Regiment were HCol Ted Hawthorne, former HLCOL Scott Shepherd, former CO LCol (Ret'd) Doug Evans, as well as Col Scott Raesler (CFLC Regional Liaison), HCol Bill Diamond (39 CER), HCol Derral Moriyama (39 CER), HCol Rod Hoffmeister (39 CER), HCol Karen Baker-MacGrotty (Westies), LCol Ed Haverstock (CO Seaforth), LCol Pierre Lajoie (CO 15 Fd Regt), LCol Kent Wickens (CO 39 Sigs Regt), soon to be CO Maj Greg Chan (Westies), and last but not least, PMC-for-life Greg McCullough.

A great time was had by all, and we look forward to seeing everyone at the Officers' Mess annual St Julien dinner on April 4<sup>th</sup> where hopefully we don't run out of beer by midnight.

**THE CANADIAN CLUB OF VANCOUVER  
CELEBRATION OF THE 10<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
VANCOUVER OLYMPICS & PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES  
VANCOUVER CONVENTION CENTRE AND JACK POOLE PLAZA  
12 FEBRUARY 2020**

The 10th Anniversary of the 2010 Vancouver Olympics and Paralympic Winter Games was celebrated with a grand Canadian Club of Vancouver Olympic Legacy breakfast at the Vancouver Convention Centre and was followed by the lighting of the Olympic Cauldron at Jack Poole Plaza compliments of Fortis BC. A great turnout indeed. Well done Canadian Club of Vancouver and its President, Mr. Fireworks himself, Raymond Greenwood.





**15th FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT,  
THE ROYAL REGIMENT OF CANADIAN ARTILLERY  
MONTHLY AIR FORCE LUNCHEON  
12 FEBRUARY 2020**

The weekly luncheon program at 15<sup>th</sup> Field continued with the monthly Air Force Lunch, which was held on Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. The event was well attended and included a strong contingent of BCRs. The guests were treated to a delicious three course meal prepared and served by Mrs. Lum in her customary fashion and to a brief presentation by Lieutenant-Colonel (Ret'd) Leon Jensen to a draw prize winner at the recent 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations held by the unit on February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Thank you to our gunner friends for a great time and to the Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel of the Unit, Don Foster, for the usual hospitality.





## NATIONAL FLAG OF CANADA DAY QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK 15 FEBRUARY 2020

The City of Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation and The Canadian Club of Vancouver held a special flag raising ceremony at Queen Elizabeth Park to celebrate the 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the inauguration of the Canadian National Flag on 15 February 1965.

Speakers included Vancouver-Quadra MP Joyce Murray, Vancouver-Langara MLA Michael Lee, Deputy Mayor Sarah Kirby-Yung, Park Commissioner John Coupar and Canadian Club of Vancouver President Raymond Greenwood. The ceremony saw the nation's flag raised on the flagpole at Vancouver's "highest peak" or centre of the city accompanied by an appropriate drum roll and, when the flag was fully raised, by the singing of the National Anthem. The 60 foot flagpole, dedicated in 2017, and the Canadian Flag (6' by 12') were donated by The Flag Shop to honour the legacy of the founder, Jack Braverman. The Flag Shop has generously agreed to donate all future flags for the flagpole as may be required as part of their legacy program.



Congratulations to The Flag Shop, Susan Braverman, President, and her mother, Doreen, a founder of The Flag Shop, for a job well done!

In attendance were Ted Hawthorne, Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Robb Watt, Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel of the 12<sup>th</sup> (Vancouver) Field Ambulance, and our good friends and Canadian Club of Vancouver Board Members King Wan and Rick Fisher.

Congratulations and special thanks to the Park Board, The Canadian Club of Vancouver and President Raymond Greenwood.



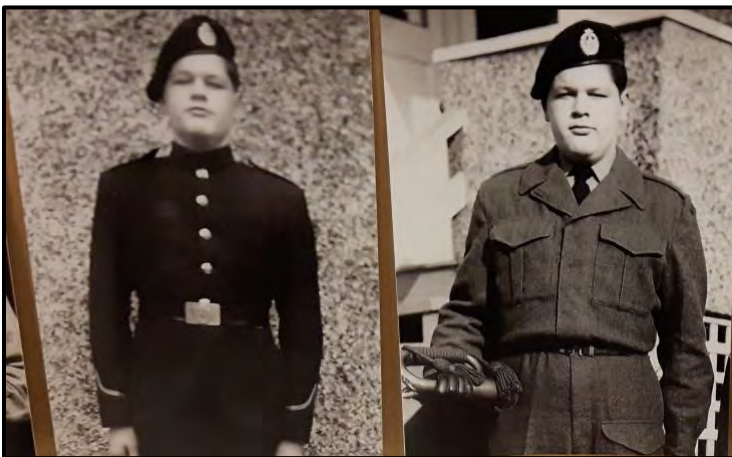
## **MEMORIAL SERVICE – MWO (RETIRED) BARRIE JOHNSON, CD 15 FEBRUARY 2020**

On Saturday, 15 February 2020, the family and friends of MWO Barrie Johnson gathered for a memorial service in his honour in Chilliwack, BC. MWO Johnson has passed away at the age of eighty-two on 26 January, 2020. Also present, were many members of the military who had served with him over his long career with both the Regular Force and The B.C. Regiment (DCO). The memorial was led by CWO Carton Sorenson, CD (Ret.) 39 Svc Bn.

MWO Johnson had initially joined 2290 BCR Cadets about 1950, and joined the Regular Force just prior to his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday as an armoured soldier. He served with the Royal Canadian Dragoons, Fort Garry Horse, 8<sup>th</sup> Canadian Hussars, and for most of his career with the Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians). Following his retirement from the Regular Force after 25 Years, he returned to the BC Regiment where he was employed for many years as the Regimental Quarter-Master Sergeant prior to retirement in 1987. MWO Johnson maintained his military connections through belonging to several Armed Forces Associations.

MWO Barrie Johnson, CD is survived by his wife Eleanor, and their children, Donna, Richard, Pat, Beth, their respective spouses and numerous Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren.

Maj Jim Barrett, Vice-President of BCR Association offered condolences on behalf of the Association and the Regiment.



2290 BCR Cadet Barrie Johnson Age 13, 1950



Some of the Memorabilia  
on Display by the Family

In attendance from the BCR Regimental Family were CWO Mark Arden and his wife Heather, Maj (Ret.) Roger and Louise Prouse, Maj Jim Barrett, Bugle-Major Chris Ahern (played Last Post & Rouse), WO (Ret.) Jim Butler, Sgt Thomas Houghton.

## **2381 BCR (IRISH FUSILIERS) MERIT REVIEW BOARDS COL SHERMAN ARMOURY 18 FEBRUARY 2020**

By Lt Michael Azzano, DCO 2381 BCR (Irish Fusiliers)

On 18 February 2020, 2381 BCR (Irish Fusiliers) RCACC hosted their Merit Review Boards, with review board panel including British Columbia Regiment Honouraries Col Hawthorne, LCol Rohani, as well as Army Cadet League of British Columbia members Maj Roger Prouse (ret'd), Mrs Louise Prouse, Capt Archie Pow (ret'd) and Mr Jonathan Ho. Representing the cadets and staff of 2381 BCR (Irish Fusiliers) RCACC, were the Commanding Officer, Maj Lee Taylor CD, Civilian Volunteer Desmond Wong, and current Cadet RSM, C/CWO Keelin Laing.





Cadets were taking their Merit Review Board to complete part of their Gold Star Training, and for the more junior cadets, to have an opportunity to show their resolve and desire for a higher parade position next training year. 9 Cadets from 2381 took part in the Merit Review Board process, and promotions will be made soon based off of their results. All the cadets were professional and showed a desire to improve the overall standing of the unit!



After the Merit Review Boards, Col Hawthorne presented Capt Pow (ret'd) with the Honorary Colonel's Regimental Coin for all the great work done with 2381 RCACC over the years. Capt Pow was with 2381 for well over 20 years, and has worked with 2290 BCR (DCO) RCACC prior to his time with 2381.

To close the evening out, Honorary Colonel Hawthorne addressed the corps, giving his and the Commanding Officer of the Regiment's best wishes to the unit, while also presenting 2381's Commanding Officer with a cheque from The BC Regiment Association Charitable Trust for \$2,500.00! These funds will be put towards acquiring more gear for the marksmanship team, and in to upgrading any equipment the cadets need to be successful in their training next year, and for years to come.



Maj Lee Taylor, CO 2381 BCR receives the donation cheque from Col Hawthorne, with LCol Rohani, Maj Roger Prouse (ret'd) and C/CWO K Laing



Honorary Colonel Hawthorne of the British Columbia Regiment addresses the cadets and staff of 2381 BCR (Irish Fusiliers) RCACC

A huge thanks again from all the cadets and staff of 2381 BCR (Irish Fusiliers) Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps to all those who came in to participate in the Merit Review Board, and to The BC Regiment Association Charitable Trust for their generous donation. Up the Dukes!

## **THE ROYAL WESTMINSTER REGIMENT ANNUAL MESS DINNER 22 FEBRUARY 2020**

The annual mess dinner, hosted by the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Chuck Mackinnon, Honorary Colonel Karen Baker-MacGrotty, Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Chuck Strahl and the Officers' Mess, was held on the drill square at The Armoury in New Westminster on the evening of February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Head Table guests included Senator Yonah Martin, Acting Mayors Ferguson and Das, Consul General (France) Guillaume Roy, Retired Judge and former Honorary Colonel of 15<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment RCA, Bill Rodgers, MGen Rob Roy MacKenzie, retired BGen Jerry Silva, Colonel Matt Haussmann, HCol Baker-MacGrotty, HLCol Strahl and the CO of the unit, LCol Chuck Mackinnon. The guest speaker for the evening was General MacKenzie, Chief of Reserves and Employer Support (CRES). The dinner, service, music (by the R Westmr R Band) and hospitality were all of a very high caliber.



Members of the Regimental Family attending were Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, Major Adam McLeod, and Major (R) Ken Whitney. Other attendees included VPD Chief Constable Adam Palmer, Honorary Colonel SHoC, Rod Hoffmeister and the CO of the SHoC, LCol Ed Haverstock.

A most enjoyable evening indeed!



## **COMBINED BCR-AFFILIATED CADET CORPS NCO DEV DAY COL SHERMAN ARMOURY 29 FEBRUARY 2020**

By: Lt Michael Azzano, DCO 2381 BCR (Irish Fusiliers)

On 29 February 2020, 2381 BCR (Irish Fusiliers) RCACC hosted all other British Columbia Regiment-affiliated Cadet Corps for the annual BCR Cadet NCO Development Day at Colonel Sherman Armoury. In total, over 50 cadets, Civilian Instructors/Volunteers, CIC Officers and Parent Support Committee members



represented all 5-units of the BCR Cadet Corps, including 2290 BCR (DCO), 2781 BCR (Powell River), 2827 BCR (Port Moody) and 3300 BCR (Bhai Kanhaiya).



Annually, cadets holding a leadership position (MCpl's and up), come together for NCO Development in a variety of areas. Last year, we had LCol Lindsay and RSM Harris present the Warrior Ethos, and provide history of the British Columbia Regiment.



The NCO Development Day was led by adult/CIC instructors from 2381 BCR this year focussed on core elements that cadets holding a leadership position, and even CIC officers need to be comfortable and fluent with. The morning lessons included Military Writing, Supervising and Supporting Subordinates and Making Sound Decisions/Logical Analysis.

Lunch was provided to all cadets and covered by the Regional Cadet Support Unit, courtesy of Lori's Catering. At the conclusion of lunch, Honourary Colonel Hawthorne addressed the cadets of the Regiment, giving his and the Commanding Officer of the Regiment's best wishes to the unit, while also presenting 2781's Commanding Officer with a cheque from the British Columbia Regimental Association Trust for \$2500.00! With 2781 BCR (Powell River) being the furthest out member of the regimental family, these funds will allow them to continue to participate in activities with their BCR Cadet Corps associates down here, including the Army Cadet League of BC Marksmanship Competition, and more!



Capt Caroline Visser, CO 2781 BCR receives the donation cheque from Col Hawthorne, with Maj Roger Prouse (ret'd) and C/MCpl Lukianchuk



Honourary Colonel Hawthorne of the British Columbia Regiment dines with the cadets from British Columbia Regiment-affiliated Cadet Corps



As the afternoon session began, Lt Azzano presented a small token of appreciation to Col Hawthorne and Maj Prouse for all their continued support of the British Columbia Regiment's cadets.

Through the afternoon, cadets began learning and working on how to prepare and deliver orders. These skills are vital for the senior cadets entering into leadership positions as they will be skills used throughout their cadet career, and into civilian life and perhaps even the CAF.

The afternoon also afforded the adult staff from all 5 units to begin planning a variety of joint activities, with the first being a mass Annual Ceremonial Review for all 5 BCR Cadet Corps, which will take place 06 June 2020 (details will be shared soon!).

All in all, it was a very successful day of development, and a great opportunity for all those who participated. We hope to continue this going forward! Up the Dukes!



**BASIC MILITARY QUALIFICATION ("BMQ")  
0697 GRADUATION PARADE  
SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA  
29 FEBRUARY 2020**

By: Captain Manjeet Vinning, OC Training Sqn

The BMQ Course Number 0697 Graduation Parade was held at the Armoury of The Seaforth Highlanders of Canada on Saturday, 29 February 2020. The Reviewing Officer was the Commanding Officer of the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada, Lieutenant-Colonel Ed Haverstock. The parade consisted of a General Salute, Inspection, Presentations, Address by the Reviewing Officer and an Advance in Review Order. The RO complimented the graduates and congratulated them on their graduation and complimented them on their commitment. Lt-Colonel Haverstock emphasized the need to complete DP1 Training in order to become trade qualified and deployable. The RO also enumerated the many benefits of the Reserves and thanked the families in attendance for their support.







BCR Graduates included Officer Cadets Jaswal and Weiderhold and Private Epp. The course started in October of 2019 and ended on the Graduation Day. Two BCRs, MCpl Hooker and MCpl Zhou, instructed on the course.

The Commanding Officer of the Regiment, Lieutenant-Colonel Paul Lindsay, was in attendance along with OC Training Squadron, Captain Manjeet Vinning.

Congratulations to the Graduates!

### **WARRANT OFFICERS' & SERGEANTS' MESS PAARDEBERG DINNER 29 February 2020**

The annual Paardeberg Dinner hosted by the WOs' & Sgts' Mess commemorating the 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Paardeberg in South Africa was held on the drill square on Saturday evening, February 29<sup>th</sup>. The Head Table, consisting of the PMC Sgt Alex Langone, SM Training, Sgt Stephan Boxall, the RSM, CWO Tony Harris, the CO, Lieutenant-Colonel Paul Lindsay, the Honorary Colonel, Ted Hawthorne and SM Recce, WO Arnold Matibag, was piped in by Acting Pipe Major for the evening Scott Wood of the BCR Irish Pipes & Drums. The BCR Brass & Reed Band, led by Director of Music, Bdr Brian Smith, provided the entertainment throughout the dinner and both bands presented special performances throughout the course of the evening. Congratulations to our two BCR Bands for their excellent work to make the evening so very special.











**2827 BCR (PORT MOODY) RCACC  
2707 ESPLANADE STREET, PORT MOODY, B.C.  
3 MARCH 2020 – 1900 HRS**



2827 BCR (Port Moody) RCACC held their regular training night parade on Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> with Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne attending for a quick inspection of the Unit and a brief address conveying the greetings of the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, Lieutenant-Colonel Paul Lindsay, and complimenting the Cadets on their turnout, dress, deportment, service and commitment. Colonel Hawthorne, Chairman of the Regimental Association Charitable Trust, Gayle Hawthorne, President of the Regimental Association, Roger Prouse, Director-at-Large (Cadets), and Louise Prouse, Honours & Awards Executive of the Army Cadet League of Canada, BC Branch, presented the Commanding Officer, Captain Rob Rothwell, with a cheque in the amount of \$2,500.00 pursuant to the Cadet Development Program and a Special Premises Support Award cheque also in the amount of \$2,500.00. Captain Rothwell then addressed the Cadets and emphasized the great support of the Regimental Association received by the Unit over so many years and in particular this year with the urgent need to repair and renovate the aging premises. A comprehensive tour of the premises and the work in progress was conducted by the CO and the vast improvement of the premises which now provides a much more organized and supportive training facility was clearly evident.

Congratulations to the Cadets, the CO (for his resolute leadership) and the Support Committee!



**VISIT TO THE DRILL HALL  
CONSUL RENE BORGHOUTS  
KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS  
4 MARCH 2020**

A special visit was paid to the Drill Hall on the afternoon of Wednesday, 4 March 2020 by recently appointed Deputy Consul of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Vancouver, René Borghouts. Deputy Consul Borghouts, was given a full tour of the historic Drill Hall and also attended an organizational meeting with the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, with regard to the upcoming Remembrance Day Ceremony of the Netherlands to be held on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to Deputy Consul Borghouts and welcome to Vancouver!





**3300 BCR (BHAI KANHAIYA) RCACC  
SIKH ACADEMY  
5 MARCH 2020**



Congratulations to 3300 BCR (Bhai Kanhaiya) RCACC on receiving the annual Regimental Association Charitable Trust Cadet Development Program Award in the amount of \$2,500.00! The award cheque was presented to the Commanding Officer of 3300 BCR, Major Jim Barrett, by President of the Regimental Association, Gayle Hawthorne, with Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne and Roger Prouse in attendance. These funds are to be used to enhance and further cadet training in a variety of areas, including First Aid, Marksmanship and Physical Fitness. As the regular Parade Night was also Sports Night, the Cadets were treated to pizza and drinks during their break, compliments of the Regimental Association.

A great evening indeed for all in attendance. Well done 3300 BCR and Up the Dukes!

**75th ANNIVERSARY OF THE LIBERATION OF THE NETHERLANDS  
VICTORY IN EUROPE DAY  
(1945 – 2020)  
VETERANS AFFAIRS CANADA POSTER UNVEILING CEREMONY  
ARMOURY OF THE SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA  
5 MARCH 2020**

The official unveiling of the 75th Anniversary Liberation of the Netherlands, Victory in Europe Day, Veterans Affairs Canada Poster was held at the Armoury of the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada on the morning of Thursday, 5 March 2020. The program for this highly publicized event included speeches by the Minister of Veterans Affairs, the Honourable Lawrence MacAulay, the Consul General for the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Henk Snoeken, and Sergeant (Retired) Norman Kirby, late of the North Shore (New Brunswick) Regiment during World War II and the “Face on the Poster”, who stated:



"I am extremely honoured to be on the poster commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands and the end of the Second World War in Europe. It's a privilege to be in this position, and nice to know that a younger generation of Canadians will continue to remember." (VAC News Release).

During the course of the ceremony, we were reminded of the significance of the service and commitment of our Veterans during World War II, as follows:

"The Canadians who fought in the campaign to liberate the Netherlands were among the more than 1,000,000 Canadians who served during the Second World War. More than 45,000 gave their lives in all campaigns. More than 7,600 Canadians died in the nine-month campaign to liberate the Netherlands." (VAC News Release).

The speeches were followed by the Official Dedication and a Question and Answer segment with children from two local schools with Norman Kirby. A Reception followed the memorable ceremony in the General Anderson Room and the Officers' Mess of the Seaforth Highlanders, hosted by the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, Lieutenant-Colonel Ed Haverstock. Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne represented the Regiment and accompanied a number of 39 CBG Honoraries (Honorary Colonels Hoffmeister, Baker-MacGrotty, Diamond, Hamilton and Foster) and Regimental Family Members (President of the BCR Museum, Cam Cathcart and Dan Thomas, Acting Manager, Stakeholder Engagement Office Western Canada) and many of our friends and colleagues. It was also a wonderful opportunity to visit with our good friend Lieutenant-General Steve Bowes.









**15th FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT RCA & THE 78th FRASER HIGHLANDERS  
IRISH WHISKEY TASTING & FUNDRAISER  
BESSBOROUGH ARMOURY  
6 MARCH 2020**

Congratulations to the 15th Field Artillery Regimental Society and The 78th Fraser Highlanders on their successful Irish Whiskey Tasting and Fundraiser event which was held in the Officers' Mess of the 15th Field Artillery Regiment RCA, Bessborough Armouries, Vancouver, on the evening of March 6<sup>th</sup>. The "Dukes' Contingent" was quite noticeable with Honorary Colonel (BCR) Ted Hawthorne, Band Governor Honorary Colonel (39 CER) Bill Diamond, Master of Ceremonies Major Jim Barrett, RSM BCR, CWO Tony Harris, Ken and Linda Whitney, Dan and Janan Thomas and Ravi Gill in attendance. In addition to the distinctive single malts served and the excellent descriptions thereof by the MC, an ample array of food was served to the many guests in attendance.



Kudos to the Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel of 15<sup>th</sup> Field, Don Foster, and RSM 15<sup>th</sup> Field, CWO Rob Garrett, for the great hospitality! UBIQUE!





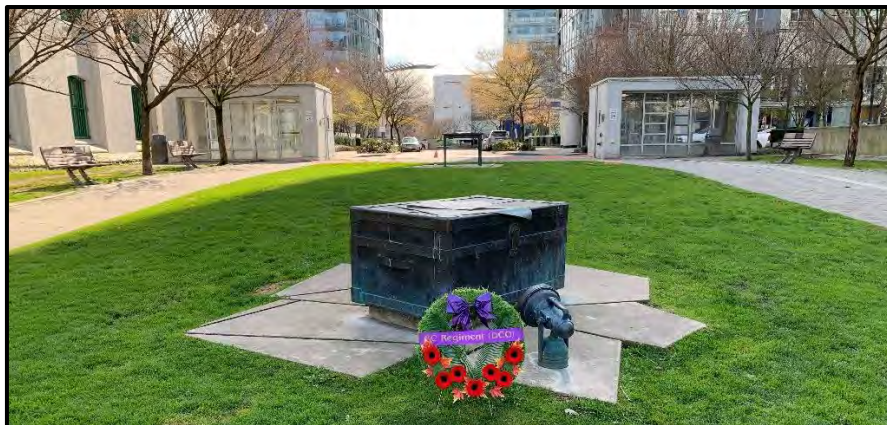
## REMEMBERING THE BATTLE OF VIMY RIDGE 9 APRIL 2020

As a result of the Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19), all official ceremonies of commemoration for the Battle of Vimy Ridge have been cancelled for this year. The Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, paid an informal visit to the Cross of Sacrifice, Commonwealth Graves Section, Mountainview Cemetery and to Saint Julien Square, adjacent to the Drill Hall, in order to place a Regimental Wreath to honour the service and sacrifice of our soldiers in the 7<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 102<sup>nd</sup> Battalions of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, on the occasion of the 103rd Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge.

They shall not grow old as we who are left grow old.  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

**AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN AND IN THE MORNING,  
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Up the Dukes!

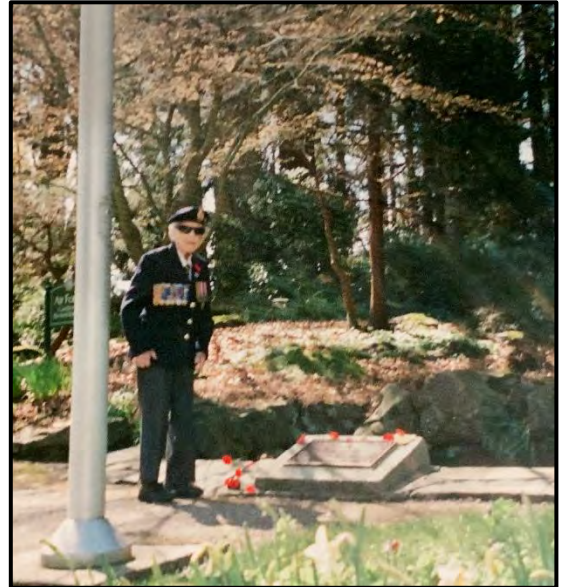




**REMEMBERING THE BATTLE OF VIMY RIDGE  
ACT OF REMEMBRANCE  
HONORARY CAPTAIN AGNES KEEGAN & CHUCK DAVEY  
9 APRIL 2020**

By: Gayle Hawthorne, President

As a result of the Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19), all official ceremonies of commemoration for the Battle of Vimy Ridge have been cancelled for this year. Two of our Regimental Association members, Honorary Captain Agnes Keegan, 99 years old, a WWII veteran, and Chuck Davey, a veteran of many United Nations Peacekeeping Missions, commemorated the event in their own way this year. Chuck made poppy mementoes and they laid them at the Cross of Sacrifice, Commonwealth Graves Section, Mountainview Cemetery, at the Cenotaph in Victory Square, and at the Battle of Britain monument in Stanley Park. They wished to honour the service and sacrifice of our soldiers on the occasion of the 103<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge, as well as remembering the contribution of Agnes' father, Sgt. Phillip Penman, and her Uncle, Sgt. James Penman, both wounded in the battle. Agnes Keegan, one of 11 children, was brought up to serve. Three brothers were in the Royal Air Force, one in the Royal Navy, and two in the Army. A veteran herself, she has continued to serve, not only with the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #179, and ANAVETS, Unit #100, but also with her 40 years of service to the 2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC, where she faithfully serves the cadets their canteen every Thursday evening. A special party was planned for her official 40<sup>th</sup> year, but had to be cancelled as of a result of this virus. Hopefully we will still celebrate, maybe by combining it with her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday party!



Up the Dukes!







**REMEMBERING THE BATTLE OF SAINT JULIEN  
24 APRIL - 4 MAY 1915  
SAINT JULIEN SQUARE, VANCOUVER**

As a result of the Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19) and the inherent risk of public gatherings, the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, paid an informal visit to Saint Julien Square, adjacent to the Drill Hall, in order to place a Regimental Wreath to honour the service and sacrifice of our soldiers in the 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, on the occasion of the 105<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Saint Julien during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battle of Ypres.

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Up the Dukes!



## THE BARRETT BUNKER – APRIL 2020

First we must remember and acknowledge the members of the 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion (1<sup>st</sup> BC Regiment) CEF, who 105 years ago held their part of the line at the battle of St Julien where Chlorine Gas was used by the Germans for the first time on the Western Front and it was a close run thing whether or not we would have been able to hold onto the Belgian town of Ypres. The 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Division did well in its first major action and went on to greater successes as the war went on.

For this edition of the Barrett Bunker, we shift our focus on Regimental history forward forty years from 1915 to the 28<sup>th</sup> Armoured Regiment (BCR)'s advance into Germany in April 1945.



BCR Tank near Veen March, 1945 (Swift & Strong)  
This Sherman tank displays the changes over the year following the landings in Normandy with improvised armour in the form of tank tracks added to the hulls and turrets of the Sherman tanks.



BCR Tanks getting ready for  
Kusten Canal Crossing (D. Harker: The Duke)

Our action begins on 10 April 1945, with the Regiment as part of the 4<sup>th</sup> Canadian Armoured Division crossing the River Ems on its advance toward the Kusten Canal. During these operations, the wet and soggy ground limited the manoeuvrability of the tanks and the lead became more and more the role of the infantry. 'A' Squadron commanded by Captain Arthur Lungley, under these difficult circumstances was able to do an effective job of getting the infantry of the Algonquin Regiment into the town of Breddenburg, which at that time was held by German paratroops. At the same time, 'B' Squadron and RHQ of the BCRs pushed forward into Esterwegen, where later that night, 'B' Sqn was overrun in their positions by a patrol of German Paratroops. They were fought off at the cost to the Regiment of two tanks and three casualties. The German patrol of thirty was eliminated in its entirety and four wounded were found and taken prisoner the next morning. Sergeant Nielson won the Military Medal for his part in this defensive action holding our night harbour.

The Canadian Army and the 4<sup>th</sup> Cdn Armd Division were now in their final actions of the war. Major John Toogood was commanding the 28<sup>th</sup> Armoured Regiment (BCR), which at times were operating under three separate commands, and was spread out over ten miles of frontage. 'A' Squadron BCR was supporting the Algonquin Regiment establishing a bridgehead across the Kusten Canal with direct fire support, 'C' Squadron was assisting the Lincoln and Welland Regiment in clearing a cross road when their advance was held up, and our 17 pdrs were supporting the left flank of the brigade under command of the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada.





Trooper 'Pack Rat' Morgan in his Humber Scout Car just prior to the crossing of Kusten Canal April 1945  
(Swift & Strong)

The water crossing and bridgehead made by the Algonquins in the early hours of the 17th April was well dug in and established when it was counter-attacked unsuccessfully by the Germans. Royal Canadian Engineers came forward under fire, supported by our tanks and fire from the infantry and threw a Bailey Bridge across the canal. The Algonquins were reinforced by two companies of the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada, and by one company of the Lincoln & Welland Regiment. 'B' Squadron led by Major Jim Teddie were the first tanks across the Kusten Canal in support of the bridgehead. The Germans destroyed the bridge almost immediately following the crossing of the tanks, and it was two days before a replacement bridge was built and the rest of the Regiment was able to advance. In the meantime, 'B' Squadron in support of the Lincoln and Welland's advance came across an abandoned railroad track which headed in the direction of their objectives, provided solid ground support for the tanks, and which allowed them to provide direct fire support to the infantry. 'B' Squadron's Corporal 'Tex' Allison's Sherman tank led the way. A Texan, he had volunteered to join the Canadian Army long before the United States were drawn into the war.

"No sooner had his tank nosed out on to the railway embankment than it was exposed to high velocity fire and heavy shelling. Realizing that he could not take evasive action because of the very soft ground on either side of the embankment and that he must perforce clear all opposition as he advanced, "Tex" Allison hit upon the stratagem of shunting a railway goods truck ( Barrett: a rail car full of scrap metal) ahead of his tank. The plan was completely successful. The enemy, disturbed by the erratic progress of the truck, turned all guns upon it. He was enabled to eliminate the enemy posts methodically as he advanced. The crazy progress continued for some 2500 yards during which space his guns accounted for over fifty enemy killed. Despite his efforts the infantry gradually closed in with their deadly panzer-fausts. When he was unable to depress his tank guns sufficiently to deal with them, he held them off with hand grenades and with his pistol, standing in the turret, exposed to unremitting small arms fire."  
(D. Harker, The Duke)

Upon reaching his objective, Corporal Allison observed that his Troop Officer's tank had been hit, and that Capt David Bell had been blown out of the turret and two crewman killed. He dismounted his tank and rescued his Troop Officer by carrying him over his shoulder to cover at a nearby farm. Cpl Allison then returned to his own tank where for the next 48 hrs held off a number of counter attacks. Cpl Allison was awarded the DCM for his actions.



Corporal 'Tex' Allison at Debert, NS (D. Harker: The Duke)



German Prisoners surrendered to the Regiment 24 April 1945 (Swift & Strong)

This assault water crossing of the Kusten Canal was one of the last major actions of the BC Regiment in WW II. Young German Soldiers had counter attacked fiercely in defence of their German homeland and many of them lay dead about the battle area or as prisoners.



L-R: Maj Teddie: OC C Sqn, Maj Toogood: A/CO BCR,  
Maj Lungley: OC A Sqn, Maj Lambe: OC C Sqn

Photo taken on VE Day 1945 just prior to Maj Toogood's promotion to Lt-Col.  
Both he and Maj Lungley were the only two officers to serve the entire war with the Regiment.

I will close with a photo recently provided to me by one of my Officers at 3300 BCR Cadet Corps, Lt Mitchell Hayes, who in 1984, was present when this photo was taken of our unit deploying to MILCON 1984. This was at the old South Terminal of the Vancouver Airport where the 12<sup>th</sup> Service Battalion (now 39 Service Battalion) was housed in an old WW II hanger. I recall that we flew out in Hercules Transport Aircraft landed near Centurion Field in CFB Wainwright. We were transported in the old 'duce and one half' trucks to our lines where we stayed in the old khaki canvas bell tents which probably dated back to the 1940s. After five days in the field, a number of



R-L: Lt Colin Fenby, LCol Andy Conradi, 2Lt Jim Barrett, Cpl Bob Moorhouse,  
2Lt Patricia Murphy, Cpl Dave Corrin (?), unk, MCpl Monchamp, 2Lt Joe Dindo,  
2Lt Bill Whalen, Sgt Keith Macdonald (?)

BCRs returned to Vancouver along with Major Jack Drake, Captain Joe Seymour, and I, for one night prior to leaving for CFB Trenton and eventually, Lahr, Germany. A total of 39 members of the Regiment, including Capt Luc LeFavre, and a few soldiers of the Regiment de Hull, were tasked to join a number of Regular Force Soldiers to provide umpires to 4CMBG at FALEX 84. The BC Regiment (DCO) had performed this service for nine years ending in 1984. The 8<sup>th</sup> Canadian Hussars (Militia) providing a Lynx Troop to the RCD Recce Sqn as their reward for winning the Worthington Trophy for being the Top Reserve Armoured unit in Canada. I umpired this troop for a fair amount of our time in the field. The BCR were awarded the Dunwoody trophy in 1984 for being the Top Armoured Unit in Western Canada, and the 8 CH



won the best in the East as well as the Worthington. These Competition Trophies were retired after 1996 which was the last year of competition. BCRs went on to win the Worthington in 1985, and the Dunwoody each year right up until 1996 when I was OC of 'A' Sqn. Our competition troop in 1995 was led by the current MND, and the following year by 2Lt Chris Shaw, a neurosurgeon at UBC who went on to become a Captain with 6<sup>th</sup> Field Engineer Sqn in North Vancouver.

As always, I remain indebted to the Late Major Douglas Harker and the authors of Swift & Strong, Col (Ret.) Keith Maxwell, Capt Kelly Deschenes, WO Ron Leblanc and Sergt Dwayne Snow for their efforts in capturing and presenting their histories of the British Columbia Regiment (DCO)

Maj James Barrett

## **EDWARD DONALD BELLEW, VC**

By: Don Manning, in collaboration with Keith Maxwell,  
Member, BCR (DCO) Museum Society



[28 October 1882 (Bombay, India  
"On the high seas") –  
1 February 1961 (Shaughnessy  
Hospital, Vancouver, B.C.)]

A man with strong principles who fought for his new country in WWI, with distinction, was awarded the Victoria Cross, and came to revile the thought of the carnage of war later in life, in the 1930s.

He served as a Machine Gun Officer in the 7<sup>th</sup> (1st B.C.) Battalion, and he was the first officer from the Canadian Expeditionary Force to be awarded the Victoria Cross.

Edward Bellew came from a family with a long military tradition. In fact, his second cousin, Robert Bellew Adams was also awarded the Victoria Cross for his service in the British Army in India (Northwest Frontier) in 1897. His Grandfather fell in the retreat from Kabul in January 1842, and his Great Grandfather Sir John Shore Milnes was appointed Lieutenant Governor of Lower Canada (today's Quebec), in 1797, following which he served as administrator until 1805, when he returned to Britain. Milnes' career and connections are historically important, but that is for another day.

Edward was educated Blundell's School in Twerton, in Bristol, as well as at The Royal Military College at Sandhurst and served in the Royal Irish Regiment for a short period from 1901 to 1902 as a Second Lieutenant, later resigning his commission and moving to Vancouver, Canada in 1903.

Prior to the commencement of hostilities in 1914, he joined the 11<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Irish Fusiliers of Canada in Vancouver.

In 1914 he enlisted with the 7<sup>th</sup> (1st British Columbia) Battalion of the CEF as a Lieutenant and becoming its first Machine Gun Officer. The Battalion was part of the first Canadian contingent to proceed overseas as part of 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Division.

He served through the Battles of Neuve Chapelle (March 10-12, 1915) and the initial stages of 2<sup>nd</sup> Battle of Ypres (22<sup>nd</sup> April – 25 May 1915) with the 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion.





The events that led to Lieutenant Bellew's award of the VC took place at Kerselaere, East Flanders, Belgium during the Second Battle of Ypres (Leper) on 24 April, 1915, are as follows:

## Citation

"24 April, 1915 (Lieutenant) During a major German attack, their advance was stopped by Bellew, who had two machine gun teams in action. When the assault broke, he maintained his fire until out of ammunition. Wounded and fighting to the last, he was eventually taken prisoner". (From military record)

It is also known that he destroyed his machine guns when out of ammunition, continuing the fight using a rifle, until he was wounded and taken prisoner by the Germans, who tried and convicted him for war crimes, accusing him of continuing fire after the men in his sector had surrendered, which were later overturned. (Swift & Strong)

Captain Bellew indicated when examined after repatriation that he had suffered a gas attack on 24 April 1915.

588 BELLEW Edward Donald VC Captain 7th Battalion, British Columbia Regiment, Canadian Expeditionary Force Near Kerselaere, Belgium 81

**Born:** 28 October 1882 - Malabar Hill, Bombay, India

**Died:** 1 February 1961 aged 78, at the Royal Inland Hospital, Shaughnessy, Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada, following a stroke

**Buried:** Hillside Cemetery, Kamloops. Grave 2 - 5 - 11. Headstone

**Deed/Service:** 24 April 1915 (Lieutenant) During a major German attack, their advance was stalled by Bellew, who had two machine-gun teams in action. Wounded and fighting to the last, he was eventually taken prisoner

**Commemoration:** i) Headstone. His medals were stolen from the Royal Canadian Military Institute in Toronto, and have never been recovered

**Gazette:** 15 May 1919

Note: Edward's Registration of Death document indicates that he died at Shaughnessy Hospital, Vancouver, B.C.

R. 148 - 414.  
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(H.D. File. 332 - 128-20.)

Name		Rank	Number	Unit	Honour or Award.
Bellew Edward Donald.		Capt.		7th Battalion	VICTORIA CROSS
Authority.	Date.	Details.			Mentioned in Despatches. Authority, Date.
L.C. 31340	15.5.19.	VICTORIA CROSS.			
Other Awards.		For most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty near KEERSELAERE on 24th April 1915, during the German attack on the Ypres salient. Capt. (then Lieut) Bellew as Battalion Machine Gun Officer, had two guns in action on the high ground over looking KEERSELAERE. The enemy's attack broke in full force on the morning of the 24th against the front and right flank of the battalion-the latter being exposed owing to			
Nature	Authority	Date.			

TO BE CONTINUED ON BACK OF CARD IF NECESSARY.



## Prisoner of War

Following this, Edward became a Prisoner of War for the remainder of the war. His military file shows that he was sent to the following locations, culminating in internment in Switzerland:

Sachin, Saxony, Germany, 24 April 1915

Sent to Switzerland 27 December 1917

Following the Armistice, Edward would not return to Vancouver and demobilize until May 1919, but he would do so as a discharged Captain, with a Victoria Cross. He was repatriated in October 1918, arriving shortly thereafter at the Marylebone Prince of Wales Hospital, London, England, leaving in December 1918 for Canada.

Following his return to Vancouver, Edward and his wife Charlotte Muriel picked up their lives and eventually left Vancouver, living around Chase and Kamloops, B.C. He held a job for a number of years with the B.C. government working in machine inspections and similar activity. Newspapers following the war would sometimes write of him and his achievements, including one article from 1934 in which he expressed real concerns about the loss of life and disruptions to people's lives as a result of The Great War, that is should never be repeated, expressing his strong feelings accordingly. He was right.

Edward died at Shaughnessy Veteran's Hospital in Vancouver on February 1, 1961, and was transported to Kamloops, B.C. for burial. His grave is located at Hillside Cemetery, Block Z, Plot 5 Lot 11. The headstone placed at his grave is impressive.

His wife, Charlotte Muriel Bellew (nee Rees) died in July 1961 and is buried beside him.

His occupation was listed as Prospector and Instrument Man on his Death Record.

Sadly, Captain Bellew's VC was stolen sometime between 1975 and 1977 from the Royal Canadian Military Institute in Ottawa, and has never been recovered.



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Swift & Strong Leblanc, Maxwell, Snow, Deschenes, p. 89

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**MAJOR GENERAL HARRY FARNHAM GERMAIN LETSON,  
CB, CBE, MC, ED, CD, B.SC. 1919, PH.D, LLD,  
 BELGIAN MILITARY CROSS, FIRST CLASS,  
 UNITED STATES LEGION OF MERIT DEGREE OF COMMANDER  
 (TWO AWARDS)**

By: Don Manning, in collaboration with Keith Maxwell,  
 Member, BCR (DCO) Museum Society



This is a story about a man of great accomplishment and service to his country.

Harry Letson was born in Vancouver, B.C. in 1896, into a pioneer Vancouver family whose company was a well-known industrial manufacturer (Letson & Burpee Ltd.) for the naval, fishing and later the lumber manufacturing sector and would continue in business well into the 1980's. In fact, at one point, Harry Letson would become its' leader between the wars, one of his many accomplishments in life.

(September 26, 1896 - April 10, 1992)

### Military Career and University of British Columbia

Harry Letson's military career began with the 101<sup>st</sup> High School Cadet's Corps, attached to the BCR (DCOR).

He attended McGill College, now U.B.C., in the Faculty of Science, class of 1917, at the commencement of hostilities in 1914, he immediately enlisted. When the 196<sup>th</sup> Western Universities Battalion was formed shortly after, he enlisted in this regiment as a Lieutenant, and found himself shipped to the United Kingdom in 1916, where he was assigned to the 54<sup>th</sup> Canadian Infantry Battalion, CEF. He would go on so see action in and around Vimy Ridge and on March 1, 1917, he received a severe hip wound under fire and would be awarded the Military Cross for "conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, showing great determination and courage in leading his men forward in the face of hostile fire". He would also walk with a limp for the rest of his life.

Lieutenant Letson was returned to Canada in December 1917 due to his serious wounds and was treated at Shaughnessy Hospital for recuperation.



### Awards Card, CEF Records

LETSON MC.		Harry Farnham Germain	
(Surname)		(Christian names in full)	
Maj. Gen		A.C. of the Canadian Army	
Rank		Unit	
WIFE - Sally Lang Letson		429 Daly Ave., Ottawa, Ont.	
Next of kin		1775 W. 40th Ave., Vancouver, B.C.	
Address on enlistment		Retreated G.S.W. near 2nd, 1st	
5' 11 3/4"	Blue	Fair	26-7-96
Height	Eyes	Hair	Born
			Place of Birth
			Vancouver, B.C.
			long r.f. glacial field
			Diet. Marks
Nil	Nil	Nil	Not Stated
Medic T.C.	Advance T.C.	Dist. Depot	School
BELGIAN MILITARY CROSS (1st CL)		H.Q. 24-27-44-1	
Award		F.D. 3. 4/5-11-42	
C.B.E.		Authority	
Award		Authority	
Military Cross		4/11-5-17. C.D.	
Previous Awards		L.C. 30264	



At the end of the war, he returned to Vancouver, and in 1919, graduated with honours from the Faculty of Engineering at U.B.C., becoming a Mechanical Engineer, it's first. He went on to attend University of London (U.K) achieving a Doctor of Philosophy in Mechanical Engineering in 1923. He then returned to Vancouver and became an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Engineering at U.B.C. from 1923 to 1936, following which he left to become the managing director of Letson & Burpee Ltd.

In 1927, he took command of the BCR with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, serving in this position for four years. Following this post, he took command of the U.B.C. contingent of the C.O.T.C., continuing in this role until 1937. Today, the Letson Room in the Drill Hall holds much of the collection of the BCR (DCO) Museum Society.

Following his U.B.C assignment, he was promoted to Colonel and became O.C. of the 14<sup>th</sup> Brigade.

In 1938, he was chosen as British Columbia advisor of militia affairs of the newly formed Advisory Board of the Department of National Defence in Ottawa. At the commencement of hostilities in 1939, he was appointed Officer commanding Vancouver Defences with the task of organizing defences in Vancouver and the Fraser Valley.

In August 1940, he was appointed as Military Attaché to the Canadian Legation in Washington, D.C., where he served until 1942, when he was appointed Adjutant-General in Ottawa, responsible for the recruitment and training of the Armed Forces of Canada. At this time, he was appointed Major-General. Following this, he was appointed chairman of the Canadian Joint Staff in Washington, a group that worked closely with the American High Command.

Following the war, Harry and his wife Sally took up residence in Ottawa, and upon the appointment of Viscount Alexander as Governor-General in 1946, became his secretary until Viscount Alexander's departure from his post, in 1952.

Following this, The Department of National Defence appointed him to a Board of Officers to make recommendations as to the future of the Reserve Army, following which he was appointed as Advisor to the Chief of General Staff on Canadian Militia Matters.

From 1949 to 1963, he served as Honourary Lieutenant-Colonel of the British Columbia Regiment (DCO), and Honourary Colonel from 1963 until his death in 1992.

## Medals

Today, miniatures of Harry Letson's medals are resident in the BCR (DCO) Museum Collection.



Major-General HFG Letson's medals (miniatures shown above) include the Companion of the Order of the Bath, Commander of the Order of the British Empire, Military Cross, Efficiency Decoration, Canadian Forces Decoration, United States Legion of Merit in the grade of Officer (twice), and the Belgian Military Cross

## Engineering Honours

Harry Letson served as President of the Professional Engineers Association of British Columbia from 1935 to 1936. He was also a Member of the Engineering Institute of Canada and the Institute of Mechanical Engineers.

## Marksmanship

Major General H.F.C. Letson was President of the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association from 1954 to 1956, and was a major supporter of the DCRA for many years. He was also a life member of the B.C. Rifle Association.

The winner of The Canadian Forces Small Arms Competition, is awarded the Letson Trophy, which qualifies the winning team to represent the Canadian Forces at Bisley, United Kingdom the following year. In The Canadian Fullbore Rifle Championship the winner of the Letson Match is entitled to a Life Membership in The DCRA.

Harry himself was a member of the Bisley Team in 1922, 1923, 1928, 1931, 1984, and was the Commandant of the team in 1934.

Major General Letson left a bequest to the DCRA to assist young shooters who had qualified for the Bisley Team, in financing their trip to the U.K.

## Other Honours

Harry Letson was conferred with The Degree of Doctor of Laws (*honoris causa*) at Congregation, October 31, 1945, by The University of British Columbia.

Sherwood Lett is shown top right,  
Harry Letson is shown bottom right



Dwight D. Eisenhower, as General of the United States Army presented Major General Letson with The Legion of Merit in January, 1946. At the time, he was one of two persons who received The Legion of Merit in the rank of Commander for the second time, the first being in June 1953.

In later years, Harry served on at least one Board of Directors, that of The Powell River Company, who formerly operated the pulp mill at Powell River, B.C. and which merged into MacMillan Blodel Ltd. in 1960.



General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower decorates Major-General Letson with the Legion of Merit, January, 1946. General Letson is one of two persons who received the Legion of Merit in the degree of Commander for the second time. The first award was made in June, 1953.



## Death

Harry died in Ottawa, Ontario on April 10, 1992, by all accounts, he was lucid and aware until his passing. He is buried at Mountain View Cemetery in Vancouver. His brother, Colonel Gordon MacIntosh Letson is also buried at the same cemetery, in his own plot.

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## PRIVATE GEORGE ALFRED NEWBURN - DISPLAY IN THE DRILL HALL

By Don Manning, in collaboration with Keith Maxwell,  
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A display honouring Private Newburn has been prepared by the BCR (DCO) Museum Society and is available for viewing in the Drill Hall.

On May 27, 2019, the Department of National Defence and the Canadian Armed Forces announced the remains of Private Newburn, Canadian soldier from the First World War, had been identified near the village of Vendin-le-Vieil, Pas de Calais, France. He was 18 years old when he was killed, born on April 7, 1899 in London, United Kingdom, moving with his family to Victoria, B.C. in 1911.

Private Newburn enlisted at Esquimalt, British Columbia in 1915. He died on August 15, 1917, in the Battle of Hill 70, as a member of the 7<sup>th</sup> Canadian Infantry Battalion (British Columbia), Canadian Expeditionary Force, a unit perpetuated by the British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own) of Vancouver, British Columbia. (1)

According to an article posted in Financial Post on May 27/8, 2019: (2), the remains of a Canadian soldier who was only 18 when he was killed in the First World War had been identified in France, more than 100 years after his death. His death is memorialized in this article from 1917, Victoria Times-Colonist, Victoria, B.C.



Pte. Newburn died on Aug. 15, 1917, during the first day of the Battle of Hill 70, a diversionary offensive aimed at distracting German reinforcements away from the Passchendaele battlefield.

Hill 70 was the first time The Canadian Corps was commanded by a Canadian officer, in this case Lieutenant-General Arthur Currie. (3) The 7<sup>th</sup> Canadian Infantry Battalion went over the top at 0425 Hours and suffered grievous casualties, losing over half of its strength, of whom Pte. Newburn was one. The Canadian Forces Forensics, who have identified many remains, such as Pte. Newburn were able to positively identify his remains from a variety of tools at their disposal. A descendant had undergone a Y-DNA test with unsuccessful results, however National Defence Forensics applied some of their magic in a follow-on test, which led to a positive match.

Once identified, National Defense prepared for final burial, as described in a CBC News article dated May 27, 2019. George Newburn was subsequently buried at Loos British Cemetery on June 12, 2019, outside Loos-en-Gohelle, Pas de Calais, France. He is located at [Plot XVIII, Row H, Grave 1](#). Here follows a Statement issued by Minister Harjit Sajjan, a former Commanding Officer of The British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own), earlier in 2019:

"In June, we'll pay tribute to Pte. George Alfred Newburn as we will lay him to rest in the place he helped to liberate. Let us never forget the courage of our Canadian battalions during the Battle of Hill 70, and forever honour their service," Sajjan says in the statement.



On June 12, 2019 Captain Sye VanMaanen, Padre, leads the burial party from The British Columbia Regiment during the burial ceremony of a First World War fallen soldier, Private George Alfred Newburn at the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's Loos British Cemetery outside Loos-en-Gohelle, France.

Photo: MCpl PJ Letourneau, Canadian Forces Combat Camera IS06-2019-0026-003.

Lest we Forget.

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**VETERANS AFFAIRS CANADA**  
**Warren Kerek**  
Vancouver, British Columbia

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Mr. Warren Kerek is a recently retired Captain of the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps. Over the course of his life, and particularly since leaving the Canadian Armed Forces, Mr. Kerek has been a proud supporter of Veterans.

In 2014, Mr. Kerek became part of the Vancouver Military Dinner Society, along with his friend Scott Martin and a business partner. The goal of this event is to raise awareness of Canadian Armed Forces' and Veterans' issues amongst the business community of Vancouver and raise money for Wounded Warriors Canada. This event attracts the attention of military personnel, civilians, and members of the local business community to experience a black tie dinner based on military tradition, in which Mr. Kerek gives the ceremonial toast to the fallen.



Mr. Kerek serves as the army expert on the committee and uses his vast connections and experience to ensure participation by and garner support from local militia units.

**SIXTH REGIMENT WILL INVADE  
UNITED STATES**

By CWO (Ret'd) Floris van Weelderen, CD

So read the headline in the February 20, 1909 edition of Vancouver Daily World describing the grand military display planned for later that year when the 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles, armed and in full uniform, would travel by steamship to Seattle to participate in the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific (A-Y-P) Exposition on the weekend of August 20-22, 1909.

At the command of Lieutenant Colonel F.W. Boulton, the Adjutant, Captain H.D. Hulme ordered the regiment, staff, bugle corps and brass band to parade at the Beatty Street Drill Hall on Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. After being issued Magazine Lee-Medford rifles complete with bayonets under the watchful eye of Quarter Master Sergeant F. Kennedy, Regimental Sergeant Major H. Heritage inspected the soldiers in their khaki Service Dress with field service caps and white Universal pattern helmets. Haversacks containing towel, soap and brush were also worn along with grey blankets carried en banderole over the right shoulder. Led by its bands sounding their bugles to clear the way, the Regiment marched out the massive front doors of the Drill Hall in column of route, wheeled right on Beatty Street and carried on down to the Johnson Wharf. Here at the foot of Carrall Street, the Regiment filed aboard the iron-hulled S.S. Rupert City. The Regiment was accompanied on its 120-mile journey south to Seattle by the 18th Field Ambulance (Officer Commanding - Captain F.C. McTavish), No. 101 Vancouver High School Cadets (Officer Commanding - Captain R.N. Davey) and the Vancouver Pipers' Society band (Pipe Major H. MacKenzie).

Loaded to the gunwales with over 500 men in uniform and 200 civilians, the 310-foot long steamship set off for the Emerald City after Captain D. Mackenzie gave the order to cast off at 8 p.m. The men were quartered between the decks of the 23-year old vessel while the officers were provided accommodations in the ship's cabins. Impromptu concerts took place mid-deck, both outward and inward bound, and were of a highly entertaining character. They lasted until "lights out" sounded below and then continued on the upper deck. That first night, the Orderly Officer, Lieutenant J.S. Matthews proceeded with a sergeant to the hold of the ship to see that lights out was observed and first "met" Lieutenant Colonel J.W. Warden, D.S.O., O.B.E. who would later raise the 102nd (Northern British Columbia) Battalion C.E.F. In the darkness, there was a candle burning. The sergeant called out, "Put that light out." An answer came out of the night, "I can't find my blankets." Lieutenant Matthews asked the sergeant, "Who's that fellow?" The sergeant replied, "His name's Warden, a private."

The Rupert City tied up to the Arlington Dock (today's Pier 55) in Seattle on a sunny Saturday morning. After disembarking, the Canadian contingent formed up and marched eight blocks uphill to the intersection of Marion Street and Third Avenue to participate in the weekend's first order of business: the 10:30 a.m. dedication of the Vancouver Arch on the fair's "Vancouver Day". The dense crowd at the scene forced the troops to make room for themselves which was completed with precision. The Mayors of Vancouver (His Worship C.S. Douglas) and Seattle (J.M. Miller) officiated the ceremony which concluded with the simultaneous unfurling of the Canadian and American ensigns from the arch.

The Regiment then marched four miles north in column of route to the grounds of the A-Y-P Exposition at the University of Washington. Great crowds followed the marching troops and witnessed the military contingent assemble for group photographs in front of the Vancouver Daily World building, a replica of the Hudson Bay Company Bastion at Nanaimo. After more group photos were taken of the military contingent in extended order on the log steps of the Forestry building, the soldiers stacked their guns in the World's bastion. The troops were then dismissed for the afternoon to explore the Exposition; everything on the grounds was half price to the Canadian soldiers, and in many places no price at all. The day concluded with a march back to the ship at closing time. Although the exposition organizers would have been glad for the soldiers to spend Saturday night at the military camp on the grounds, they bivouacked on board the Rupert City. That evening, officers of the National Guard entertained the militia officers from Vancouver, while Mayor Douglas and other civilians were entertained at a banquet at the Rainier-Grand by the Caledonian Society of Seattle. This day was reported as one of the best days of the A-Y-P as over 50,000 people visited the fair, due in no small part to the grand military display.

Sunday morning was marked by a drumhead church service that took place in the Arlington Dock shed. Rain prevented the outdoor service planned for Lincoln Park playfields (today's Cal Anderson Park) located halfway between the waterfront and the A-Y-P grounds. Nonetheless the skies cleared that afternoon allowing the ten thousand people gathered in the grounds' natural amphitheater to hear and see the military tattoo by the Regiment's bugle and brass bands as well as the pipes and drums of the Vancouver Pipers Society. The bugle corps' Bandmaster, Lieutenant W.J. McManus explained that the program as arranged, could not be carried out because the platform was too small for the bayonet and physical drills. At times, there were 100 men with their accoutrements performing difficult maneuvers on stage. The highland pipers and drummers pleased the crowd with their rendition of Shean Trews and the sword dance on the fair's "Scotland Day". As a finale to the various Scottish, English and Canadian airs that were played, Lieutenant McManus had seven of his hand-picked buglers sound Retreat and Taps, two American army calls while Bandmaster C.F. Ward had the brass band break in between with America.

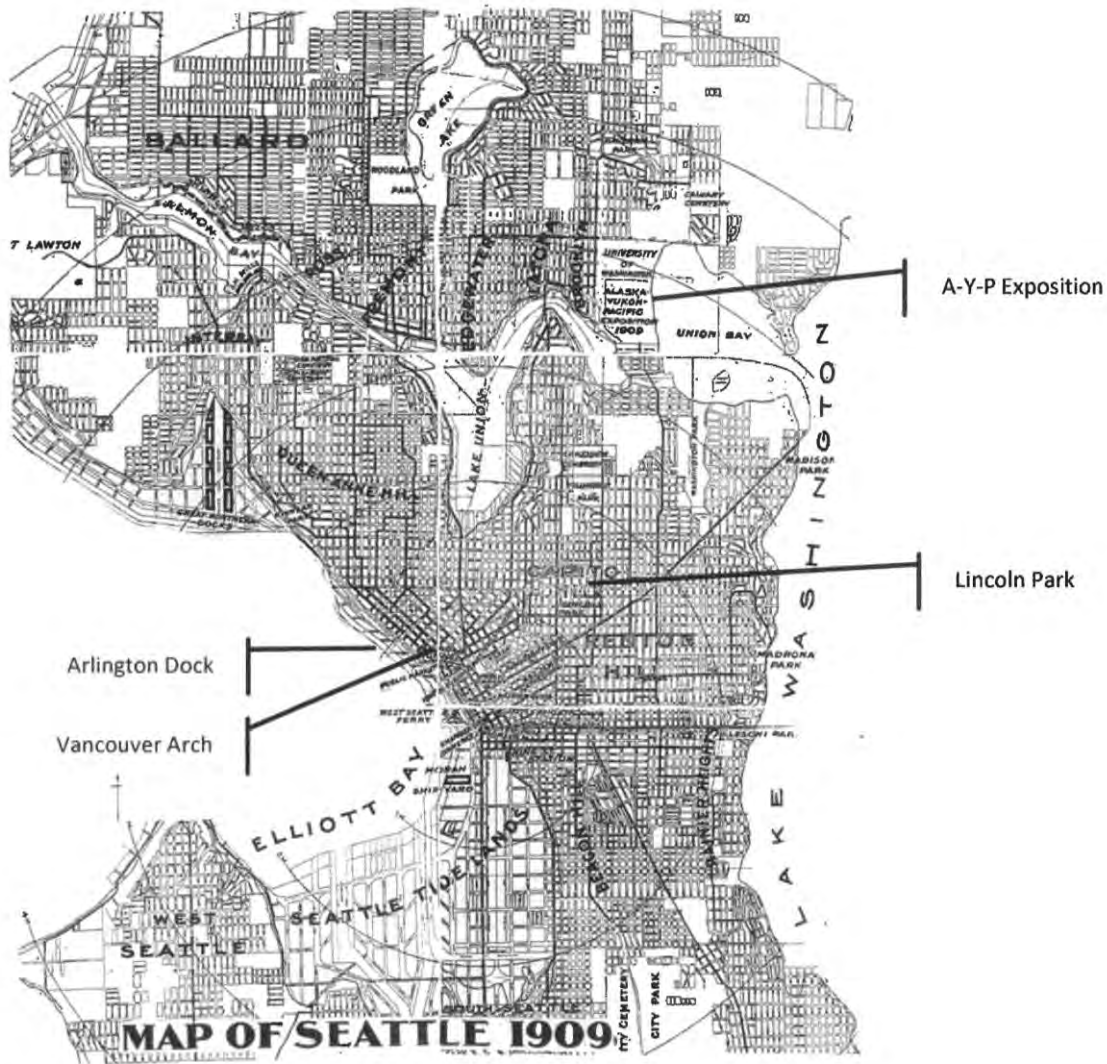
That evening, the Regiment embarked on the Rupert City at the Arlington Dock, where over a thousand people gave the Canadian soldiers a good send-off. As the vessel departed, the brass band burst into Auld Lang Syne, and soldiers immediately took up with Should Auld Acquaintances Be Forgotten drowning out the band. When the band swung into God Save the King, the troops came to stiff attention, but when the band followed with The Star-Spangled Banner, few, if any of the Americans on the dock doffed their hats.



The Canadian boys remained quiet while the band rendered the piece, and at its conclusion gave three lusty cheers. After an uneventful night on board, the steamship docked in Vancouver on Monday morning.

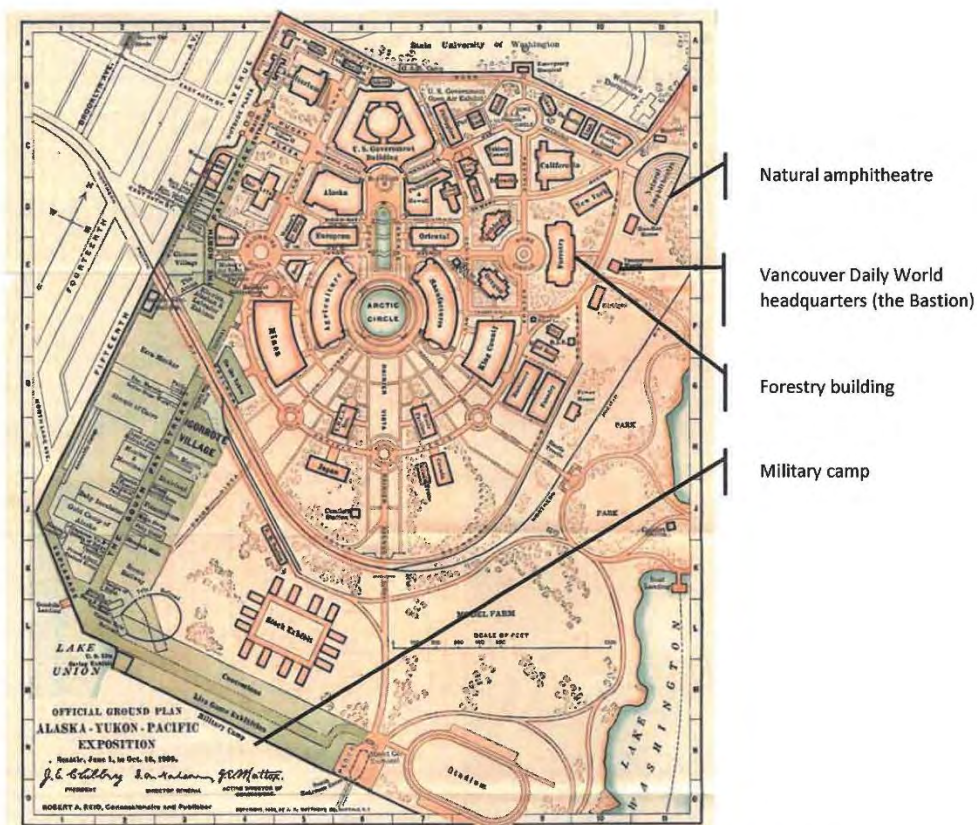
While the 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment “invaded” Seattle, a sizable contingent of its sharpshooters was competing at the annual Dominion Rifle Association meeting in Ottawa as part of the BC Rifle team; winning the Barlow 200 & 600-yard team match and putting in respectable scores in the Governor’s General 200-yard match and MacDougall 200 & 600-yard challenge match. Crack shots of note included Maj J. Duff Stuart, Captain L.A. Boulton, Captain W.H. Forrest, Captain W. Hart-McHarg, Lieutenant J. Sclater, Colour-Sergeant S.J. Perry, and Sergeant W.A. Taylor.

## MAPS



Map of Seattle 1909

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1909



Official ground plan, Alaska Yukon Pacific Exposition, Seattle, June 1 to Oct. 16, 1909  
Includes an index to major buildings, restaurants, places of interest on the "Pay Streak", and Avenues and Circles.

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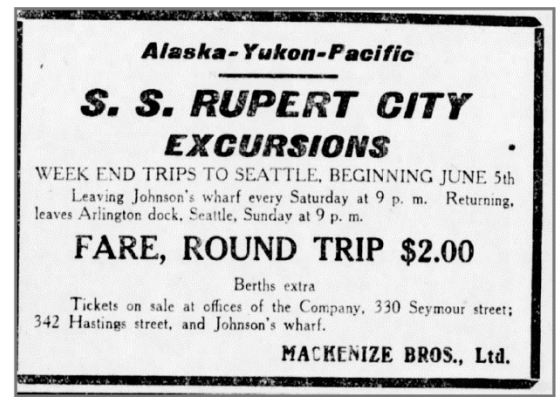
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① The Johnson Wharf  
Vancouver, B.C., 1910

Johnson Wharf Co. Ltd.  
Photograph shows wharf at foot of Carrall Street which later became CPR Pier 'H'.  
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1910





### The SS Rupert City in Vancouver

In 1886, the Barrow Shipbuilding Co. built the steamship Rupert City as the S.S. Powhatan at Barrow—in-Furness in England for the Mediterranean and New York Steamship Co. She was a 310' x 38' x 25', iron-hulled steamer powered by a quadruple cylinder, triple-crankshaft steam engine capable of 12 knots. Until her sale to the Marine Transportation Co. in 1912, she could accommodate 150 saloon and 250 steerage passengers and carry 3,500 tons of cargo in her holds. In 1908, the vessel was renamed the S.S. Rupert City and in 1914 as the S.S. Chinto Maru.

The S.S. Rupert City was in B.C. waters from 1908 to 1914 and was one of the first ships on the B.C. coast equipped with the Marconi wireless telegraph. The Grand Trunk Pacific Coast Steamship Company contracted with the Mackenzie Brothers Steamship Co. to provide a Seattle-Vancouver-Prince Rupert service with this vessel in 1909 and 1910. That first summer, Captains Duncan and Simon MacKenzie provided weekend round trip passenger service between Vancouver and Seattle for the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exhibition. In 1912, the Marine Transportation Co. took over the vessel and placed it on the B.C.-Australia coal trade. Dodwell & Co. (N. Hardie, agent) bought the vessel at auction in 1913 and placed it on the trans-Pacific trade route with Japan until she was sold to S. Tsunaakira, Suda T. of Darien, Japan. On January 4, 1917, the German submarine U-79 torpedoed and sunk the steamship in the waters southeast of Cabo de Sao Vicente, Portugal. Credit: BC Archives, B-01255, photographer H. Bullen 1913



### Dedication of the Vancouver Welcome Arch at Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, Seattle

Credit: Museum of History & Industry, 1995.38.37.131, photographer O. D. Goetze

August 21, 1909



**Vancouver, B.C. Arch,  
Seattle celebrates Vancouver Day**  
Credit: City of Vancouver Archives, CVA AM427-  
S4-289-024, photographer Pierson and  
Company  
August 21, 1909



**6th D.C.O.R. Bugle Band marching at the  
Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition**  
Credit: City of Vancouver Archives, CVA Mil P246, photographer  
F.H. Nowell  
August 21, 1909



**6th D.C.O.R. Bugle Band, AYP Exposition**  
Group portrait at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition  
showing Lieutenant W.J. McManus and others and a  
reproduction of the Nanaimo Bastion which housed the  
Vancouver Daily World headquarters  
Credit: City of Vancouver Archives, CVA Mil P245,  
photographer F.H. Nowell  
August 21, 1909



**Forestry Building at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific  
Exposition**  
Credit: City of Vancouver Archives, CVA Mil P132.1,  
photographer F.H. Nowell  
1909





**Canadian military, cadets and brass and bugle band visit the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition**

Group portrait on the steps of the Forestry Building showing the 6th Regiment, The Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles, No. 101, Vancouver High School Cadets and 18th Field Ambulance, Canadian Army Medical Corps, Captain J.S. Tait, Lieutenant J.S. Matthews and others  
Credit: City of Vancouver Archives, CVA Mil P132.2, photographer F.H. Nowell  
August 21, 1909



**6th Regiment, The Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles visit the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition**

Group portrait on steps of Forestry Building showing Lieutenant W.D.S. Rorison, Captain J.S. Tait, Lieutenant P.M. Ferris and others  
Credit: City of Vancouver Archives, CVA Mil P132.3, photographer F.H. Nowell  
August 21, 1909



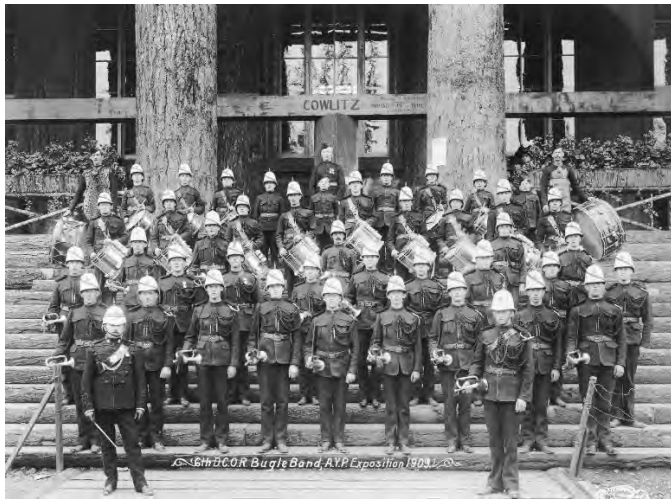
**Canadian military and cadets visit the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition**

Group portrait on the steps of the Forestry Building showing the 6th Regiment, The Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles, the 18th Field Ambulance, Canadian Army Medical Corps, the 101st Vancouver High School Cadets, W.E.G. Crisford in white helmet at far right and others  
Credit: City of Vancouver Archives, CVA Mil P132.4, photographer F.H. Nowell  
August 21, 1909



**6th Regiment, The Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles and band at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition**

Group portrait on steps of Forestry Building showing Captain H.C. Akroyd, Captain J.S.D. Tait, Lieutenant J.S. Matthews and others  
Credit: City of Vancouver Archives, CVA Mil P132.5, photographer F.H. Nowell  
August 21, 1909



**6th D.C.O.R. [Duke of Connaught's Own Regiment] Bugle Band, A.Y.P. [Alaska-Yukon-Pacific] Exposition**

Group portrait showing Lieutenant W.J. McManus and others on steps of Forestry Building

Credit: City of Vancouver Archives, CVA Mil P244, photographer F.H. Nowell

August 21, 1909



**Military camp, Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, Seattle, 1909.**

Grounds occupied by visiting military organizations

Credit: University of Washington Libraries, Special Collections, AYP534, photographer F.H. Nowell

1909



**The Barlow Trophy won by 6th Regiment, D.C.O.R.**

Group portrait showing left to right (standing): Captain W.H. Forrest, Captain G.A. Boulton; (sitting): Captain W. Hart-McHarg and Lieutenant J. Sclater

Credit: City of Vancouver Archives, CVA Mil P174

1909



## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

The Vancouver Arch was razed with the A-Y-P's closing at summer's end in 1909.

The Forestry building became the Washington State Museum until it was demolished in 1931 after wood-eating beetles were found living under the building's bark. Today it is the site of the Husky Union Building (HUB).

The Daily Vancouver World left its Bastion to the University of Washington, but it seems to have been knocked down. But it could have been moved; an ad in the Seattle Star on October 30, 1909 said "the principal buildings of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition are for sale as they stand. These buildings must be removed from the Exposition Grounds by the purchasers."

**Alaska-Yukon-Pacific  
Exposition**

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**Buildings for Sale**

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The principal buildings of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition are for sale as they stand. These buildings must be removed from the Exposition Grounds by the purchasers.

For information apply at the office of the Division of Works, in the Administration Building, Exposition Grounds.

Bids close 5 o'clock p. m., Nov. 5, 1909.

**FRANK P. ALLEN, Jr.,**  
Director of Works.

Phones: Ind. 7728; Sunset 1909.

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## DUKE'S DEN



Colleen, Ceili and Duke A. Bear enjoying St. Patrick's Day 2020



Duke A. Bear enjoying Easter 2020

## A MESSAGE FROM DUKE A. BEAR

Wash your hands!

Be calm!

Be kind!





**JOHN HERBERT DONALDSON HULME, VD, (MiD)**  
By: Don Manning, Member, The BCR Museum Society  
(in collaboration with Keith Maxwell)

Birth: 14 July 1867, Belleville, Ontario  
Death: Feb 12, 1937, Vancouver, B.C.



Image courtesy of Vancouver Archives:  
Major Hulme of Dawson Rifles of Canada c. 1901

Herbert Hulme is a historic figure in the evolution of the BCR (DCO), and predecessor units. Swift and Strong indicates that "he was considered to be one of the best officers in B.C. before the Great War". He was the Commander of the 6<sup>th</sup> Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles 1913 – 1916, and following that was also the Commanding Officer of the 62<sup>nd</sup> (British Columbia) Battalion, CEF, also known as "Hulme's Huskies". His CEF medical report described him as a man with Blue Eyes, Brown Hair 5'11". Weight 205 pounds. He was also described as a very outgoing man and popular with his troops.

He was the person who raised the 62<sup>nd</sup> in 1915, but he never got to lead them into battle on the Western Front, as the 62<sup>nd</sup> was merged into other units following their arrival in the U.K., but members nonetheless served with distinction at Vimy. Hulme would go on to serve at Military Headquarters back in Ottawa.

There is more to know about this man, both before his arrival in Vancouver in 1904, and after his discharge from the Canadian Army in 1919, at the age of 52.

### **Early Life and Family Life**

He was born in the month of Confederation, in Belleville, Hastings West, Ontario, close to the eastern end of Lake Ontario, and lived in Kingston as well, into a family with one other brother and two sisters. His father was a Lieutenant Colonel in the 15<sup>th</sup> Battalion Volunteer Field Regiment Infantry, formed in 1863, and was later a surveyor and municipal water manager in Belleville following his own military career. His mother's death notice in 1907 indicates that Herbert's brother Glencoe was a South Africa veteran. His father passed away one year later, in 1908.

### **Professional Career**

Herbert Hulme attended and studied law at Osgoode Hall in Toronto and was accepted into membership in the Law Society of Upper Canada in 1892, thence entering the practice of law in Toronto, continuing until the late 1890s.

He then moved to Dawson City, Yukon, and by 1898, he had established a law practice.

In 1900, he married Caroline Alice Jones, of Toronto, on Toronto Island.

In 1905, Herbert closed his office in Dawson City, moved to Vancouver and commenced practicing law at the firm of Taylor, Hulme and Innes, on Denman Street. He and his wife also lived in the West End of Vancouver, building their home on Haro Street c. 1910, and continued to live there until his death, in 1937. They lived blocks from Royal Vancouver Yacht Club, of which he became a member.

In 1902, Herbert and his wife Caroline travelled to London, U.K. to attend the coronation of Edward VII.

In 1910, Herbert accepted a position as Deputy District Registrar of Land Titles in Vancouver, later in 1912 acting as Acting Deputy Registrar for the Provincial Government during a leave of absence by the incumbent.

Following his military service in WWI, Herbert Hulme returned to his law practice in Vancouver, and continued practicing until his death in 1937. Caroline passed away in Victoria, B.C. in 1958.

## Military Career

### Dawson Rifles

In 1900, Herbert Hulme was appointed Major of the Dawson Rifles, a unit that was formed in that year and which continued until 1904, at which time it was disbanded.

### 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles



Major Hulme on his appointment to the command of The 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment

Following his arrival in Vancouver in 1905, Herbert joined the 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment (DCOR) and by 1911 was appointed as Major of the 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment.

In 1913, with the appointment of Colonel J. Duff Stewart as Brigadier, Herbert Hulme was appointed Lieutenant-Colonel of the 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment, (DCOR).

**COL. STUART NOW  
HEADS BRIGADE**

Major H. D. Hulme Promoted to Rank of Lieut.-Colonel and Will Command Sixth Regiment—Other Militia Changes Gazetted.

In the Canada Gazette just come to hand Colonel J. Duff Stuart is formally gazetted as brigadier of the Twenty-third Infantry Brigade, which comprises the Sixth Regiment D. C. O. R., the Seventy-Second Seaforth Highlanders, the Eleventh Irish Fusiliers of Canada, and the 10th Munster Fusiliers of New Westminster.

Major H. D. Hulme, in the same number of the Gazette, is promoted to the rank of lieutenant-colonel, and is to command the Sixth Regiment, vice Colonel Duff-Stuart transferred. Capt. Slater has also been promoted to major in the Sixth Regiment.

Another item of interest is the formal gazetting of the officers of the 11th Irish Fusiliers of Canada, with Lieut.-Colonel George McSpadden in command, and Capt. I. W. Dowding as adjutant.

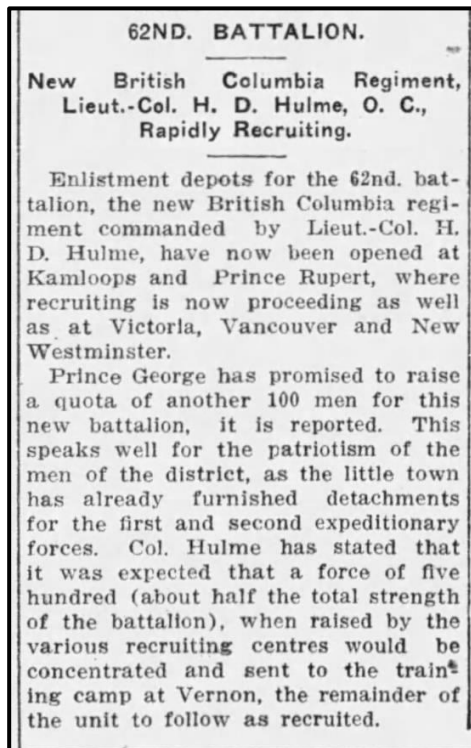
Vancouver World, December 19, 1913

Prior to the commencement of hostilities in WWI Hulme had previously served in the 15<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, and the 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment, over 30 years of service, including service in the 13<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Battalions.

### 62<sup>nd</sup> Battalion (British Columbia), Canadian Expeditionary Force, "Hulme's Huskies"

In 1915, Hulme raised the 62<sup>nd</sup> Battalion and enlisted himself in The Canadian Expeditionary Force on July 1, 1915, at Vernon, B.C., as a Lieutenant-Colonel, Vancouver, B.C. on December 16th, 1915. He was 48 years of age at the time. He must have been an able promoter of his cause, stories were picked up across Canada on the formation of the 62<sup>nd</sup>.





Victoria Daily Times, June 26, 1915



From Swift & Strong: The 62<sup>nd</sup> leave Vancouver en route to the U.K in March 1916

The 62<sup>nd</sup> sailed for England March 23, 1916, and on arrival in the U.K., the unit was disbanded and absorbed into the 30<sup>th</sup> Reserve Battalion. The 30<sup>th</sup> Reserve would then travel to France and become absorbed themselves. Some of the original Huskies served at Vimy in 1917.

Hulme would also go to France, but never saw operational service in battle, rather acting in a variety of administrative roles and legal matters in the United Kingdom. He is shown in his CEF record as Struck off Strength, May 21, 1917 and Relinquished Conditions of a Battalion, May 24, 1917.

He would return to Canada from Oct 2 1917 to Dec 11 1917 and thereafter remain in Canada.

### Board of Enquiry for Military Headquarters

Herbert Hulme acted as President of a Confidential Board of Enquiry into soldiers returned to Canada on Transports and he submitted a report to Headquarters on Feb 21, 1918, as ordered. His appointment as President of the subject Board of Enquiry was resisted by rank and file at the time, but Hulme moved forward and Prepared a Confidential Report to The War Office.

Following his report he would be put in command of The 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Reserve Battalion.

His date of Discharge from The CEF was March 21, 1919.

### Death of Herbert Hulme

Herbert Hulmes died in Vancouver, B.C. on February 12, 1937. He would be buried by his peers with military honours. Newspapers across Canada marked his passing with articles on his life. His obituary indicates that his remains were cremated.

## Military Funeral Of Lt.-Col. Hulme

Funeral services, with full military honors, for Lieut.-Col. Herbert D. Hulme, V.D., were conducted in Christ Church Cathedral this afternoon.

There was an impressive funeral procession, led by the firing party and the band of the B. C. Regiment, D.C.O.R.

Following were the clergy, the gun carriage, flanked by the pallbearers, the charger, led by two R.C.M.P. officers, and the mourners.

Then came the B. C. Regiment and other officers, members of the Bar Association, Vancouver Military Institute, Canadian Legion and Yukoners.

Services were conducted by Archbishop A. U. dePencier and Very Rev. Ramsay Armitage.

Honorary pallbearers were: Brig.-Gen. J. A. Clark, Col. A. D. Wilson, Col. H. F. G. Letson, Lieut.-Col. G. H. Kirkpatrick, Lieut.-Col. W. S. Buell, Lieut.-Col. R. L. Cadiz, R.C.M.P.; Lieut. Col.- J. S. Tait, Lieut.-Col. R. M. Blair, Col. W. W. Foster, Lieut.-Col. John M. McMillan, Major A. Rowan, Major J. S. Matthews.

Vancouver Sun, December 4, 1937

Clearly, this man was respected by his peers.

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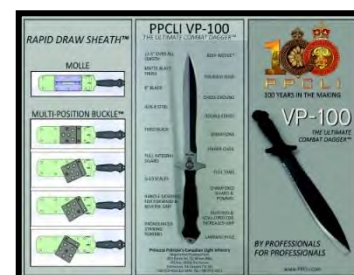
1. Mini Guidons – estimated cost is \$130.00. Once we have 10 confirmed requests, the order will be placed.
2. Custom designed BCR Knife - \$140.00 – almost sold out and once gone, they will not be replaced.
3. **NEW:** BCR cap badge on cuff links, pens and pocket watch.
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The 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.

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## **ASLEEP**

**BARRIE VERNON HARTSHORN JOHNSON (March 31, 1937 to January 26, 2020)**

See page 42 – Memorial Service

### **FRED BERGE (DOD: April 20, 2020)**

*We are advised by Paul Philcox that "Fred Berge passed away in Chilliwack, BC on the morning of 20 April, after a long and debilitating illness. Fred was a man of great character and, to me at least, the consummate professional soldier. All of us who were lucky enough to serve with him knew that he was always loyal to those who served with him in any rank or capacity and you always knew that Fred "had your back". On the more personal side, Fred was, by any definition, a "character" and you always knew that time spent with him had to be classified as a "good time", be it in the field, in Garrison, and definitely in the Mess.*

*Given the virus situation that prevails today, I expect that there will be no public service for now, but I will pass the information on any future public services and the name and contact info for the family spokesperson when I receive it.*

*We will remember him!"*

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