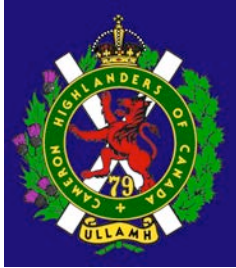


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*** Last Post ***



I need a piper for a Cameron Association member's funeral ???

For those of you who are trying to plan ahead or suddenly need to book a piper for one of our Comrades and don't know how it is done here you go:

1. Contact the President of the Cameron Association or the Editor of the Oatmeal Rag at a reasonable hour using the contact information on the front page of the current issue; and
2. We'll pass you the contact information of the current Cameron Pipe-Major (because the appointment does actually change from century to century or so and otherwise you may call the wrong guy); and
3. The P/M will help you to make the appropriate arrangements.

WILLIAM ELRIC BOIVIN

http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/vancouver_sun/obituary.aspx?n=william-elric-boivin&pid=169433058&fhid=5847

October 21, 1914 - January 28, 2014 Bill was born October 21, 1914 in St. Boniface, Manitoba. He died peacefully January 28, 2014 at the age of 99. He was pre-deceased by his wife, Shirley (Jackson) in 1999 after 53 years of loving marriage. He is survived by his children Barb Lecky (Robin) and Jim Boivin (Debra); eight grand-children and eight great grand.

Bill grew up in Winnipeg where he coached high school football at Gordon Bell and played professional football for the CFL Blue Bombers. He was successful in winning the 1939 and 1941 Grey Cups with his beloved Bombers and wore his Grey Cup ring with great pride.

He served with distinction in WWII as a member of both the Winnipeg Light Infantry and the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders. Post-war, Bill returned to Winnipeg and was named General Manager of the Blue Bombers.

The Boivin family moved to Vancouver in 1958 and Bill was named a Director of the BC Lions. He fell in love with the west coast where he could pursue his lifelong passions for golf, fishing, hunting and camping on a year 'round basis.

Bill's family would like to offer special thanks to the wonderful care-givers and staff at George Derby Centre where Bill resided for the past 17 years. They were wonderful years for him and he often referred to the Derby as his hotel.

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A. LORNE CAMPBELL

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A. LORNE CAMPBELL O.C., C.D., LL.B., LL.D., D.C.L, Q.C. 1920 - 2014 On Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at Winnipeg, Manitoba, Andrew Lorne Campbell, beloved husband of Kathleen, died peacefully. Lorne is survived by his wife, his son Andrew and his daughters Jennifer and

Deborah. He was predeceased by his younger son, Duncan, January 7, 1996 and by his brother, A. Barrie Campbell, July 16, 2012.

A graduate of United College (The University of Winnipeg), Lorne received his LL.B. from the Manitoba Law School (The University of Manitoba's Faculty of Law) in 1947, having interrupted his studies to go overseas in 1942 as a Lieutenant with The Royal Canadian Artillery. On D-Day, June 6, 1944, he landed on Juno Beach with the 14th Field Regiment. Prior to the invasion of Normandy and while stationed in England, he met Kathleen. Their marriage took place on January 18, 1945, when he obtained leave from his regiment by then serving in Holland. Back in Canada in 1946, Lorne served in the reserve army from 1948 to 1958, leaving with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel and a recipient of the Canadian Forces Decoration. He continued his army association as a Governor of the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires (Manitoba Division). Editor's note: Mr. Campbell was also a longtime member of the Cameron Advisory Board and was instrumental in the establishment of the Regimental Foundation.

Lorne was called to the Bar in 1947. His legal career spanned 58 years, during which he was created a Queen's Counsel in 1960; was a President of the Manitoba Bar Association; a President and Life Bencher of the Law Society of Manitoba; and a President of the Canadian Bar Association, 1970 to 1971; member of the Canadian Tax Foundation; and a member of the Independent Committee for the Review of the Office of the Auditor General of Canada. He received the Manitoba Bar Association's Distinguished Service Award in 1992. He retired from the practice of law in 2005.

In the area of legal education, he was a long-serving trustee of the Manitoba Law School and was instrumental with others in the law school becoming the Faculty of Law of The University of Manitoba in 1966. For his role as chairman of The University of Manitoba's Centennial Campaign which included the construction of the Max Bell Centre, he was awarded the "Peter D. Curry Chancellor's Award", and in 1977, the University conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. He was the Registrar of the Diocese of Rupert's Land. He also served as charter member of the Advisory Council for Saint John's College Capital Campaign, and as chair of the special gifts committee. At the College's 1993 convocation, he received the honorary degree of Doctor of Canon Law.

Lorne was appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada in 1985 in recognition of his work on behalf of the Society for Crippled Children and Adults of Manitoba (Society for Manitobans with Disabilities), and the Canadian Rehabilitation Council for the Disabled, serving as president of both organizations. He also served as a director of the Manitoba Cancer Treatment and Research Foundation (CancerCare Manitoba) from 1991 to 2003, the Deer Lodge Foundation for Geriatrics, and the Winnipeg Habitat for Humanity Foundation Advisory Board. In 2004, he was also appointed a Serving Member of the Order of Saint John. Lorne was a member of the Manitoba Club and, in 2006, became its 87th Honorary Life Member.

Lorne was the son of the late Mr. Justice Arnold M. Campbell and the late Petrina (née Wilson) Campbell of East Kildonan. He was proud of his Scottish heritage and his Selkirk Settler descendance dating from 1816. He was a member and honorary solicitor of The Lord Selkirk Association of Rupert's Land, and an honorary life member, Advisory Committee member and past president of the Saint Andrew's Society of Winnipeg. He received the Society's "Citizen of the Year" Award in 1999. He never thought of living anywhere other than Winnipeg; his roots were historically established.

Cremation has taken place, and will be followed by a private interment at Old Kildonan Church churchyard at a later date. A memorial service was held at Saint George's Church, Wilton at Grosvenor at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 8, with the Rev. Brent Newman officiating, Interim Priest. Flowers gratefully declined.

Should friends wish, donations in memory of Lorne may be made to the "A. Lorne Campbell, Q.C. Fund" in the Faculty of Law. Mailing address: Donor Relations, Room 179 Extended Education, Winnipeg, MB R3T 2N2 or to the "Duncan Campbell Memorial Award", Schulich School of Music, McGill University, 555 Sherbrooke St. West, Montreal, PQ H3A 1E3.

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ROWAN HORRICK

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ROWAN WILLIAM HORRICK With great sadness and sorrow we announce the passing of our

beloved son and brother Rowan William Horrick, on Saturday, April 5, 2014. Rowan leaves behind his mother Marcelle, father Simon, brother Branden, grandmother Theresa Belanger as well as numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Rowan was born in Winnipeg on September 23, 1973 and grew up in St. Norbert. For the last 10 years he has lived in the Osborne Village area where he and his "best friend" Doog could often be seen strolling along the streets. After graduating from St. Norbert Collegiate, Rowan joined the army, a career he had always wanted. Residing in Petawawa, he proudly served his country, earning his Airborne regimental wings and completing two years in Bosnia. Sadly, a head injury forced him to leave the military service that he loved so much. Rowan had a passion for motorcycles and dreamed of owning a bike of his own. As it turned out Rowan ended up acquiring several bikes treating each one of them with tender loving care, his favourite one being his URAL. The motorcycle was his escape and it was not uncommon no matter what the weather, to see Rowan riding with Doog at his side. Rowan had a kind heart and a very generous spirit, always giving but never expecting anything in return. His friends will recount how he would purchase various items of clothing and make up small kits of personal necessities and then hand them out to anyone who needed. "It's what I like to do" he would say and brush it off like it was nothing.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, April 12 at 10:00 a.m. at Thomson "In the Park" Funeral Home, 1291 McGillivray Boulevard with Fr. Henry Laciak officiating. The family would like to thank Veteran's Affairs, case manager Erin Thompson and Solange Lavack for their caring support over the last two years. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Rowan's memory to Siloam Mission, 300 Princess Street, Winnipeg, R3B 1M3. THOMSON "IN THE PARK" 204-925-1120 Condolences may be sent to www.thomsoninthepark.com

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RUBY MCCALDER

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RUBY GLADYS SALOMIE MCCALDER (nee WARNER) May 27, 1918 March 15, 2014
Surrounded by the love of her family, Mom was reunited with her husband Doug, daughter Marilyn McClinton, sister Irene Bruce, brothers Wilfred, Fred, Dave, Ron and Reg. She is survived by daughters Sharon Yackel (Royce) and Elaine Hardie (Dave) and sons Brian (Nancy McLaren) and Allan (Nancy) and their families. Mom is also survived by her brother Albert (Kay), sister-in-law Barb Warner, and son-in-law Barry McClinton. She is missed by many friends and relatives.

Mom was born and raised in St. James, Manitoba, where she met and married the love of her life Doug. She remained at the home of her parents, along with daughter Marilyn while Doug served overseas during the Second World War. Like many of her generation, she worked at Eaton's. During this time Mom developed life-long friendships with Mrs. Alex (Edith) Taylor, Mrs. Scotty (Rita) Law and Mrs. Fred (Clare) Lough as they volunteered together at the Red Cross. Doug served with Alex, Scotty and Fred as members of the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders during the Second World War, and their friendships continued for life.

Upon return from service, Mom and Dad pioneered in 1946 at Rivercrest, West St. Paul thanks to the Veterans' Lands Act, where she was actively involved with many community programs (Sewing Circle, Bowling League, Baby Clinic, Curling, and Rivercrest United Church). Later in life Doug's work took them away to Toronto with a return flight to Winnipeg booked for nine years later. They returned to their home in Rivercrest and renewed their many friendships. After Doug's passing in 1987, Ruby continued to live in Rivercrest and then moved to Middlechurch on the Red (M.O.R.I.) in 1998 at the age of 80. Mom, also known as the Amazing Ruby Doo, took up golfing and travel (thanks to Dad's Air Canada pension) to such places as Portugal, Italy, Scotland, England, France, Hawaii, cruising through the Panama Canal, and her memorable Hong Kong shopping spree.

Mom's last two and one-half years were spent at the Middlechurch Home where she continued to stay involved in the many social opportunities. Mom's family wants to extend a heartfelt thanks to the Middlechurch Home staff (Unit D-1, Recreation, Hairdressing), the M.O.R.I. ladies and Harry-the-Baker for their Friday afternoon social visits at the Middlechurch Home, and her companion Anna. Cremation has taken place at the Glen Eden Memorial Gardens. A celebration of Mom's life is planned for a future time and place. And we would like to share the following with you to remember

Full obit published in the Winnipeg Free Press on March 22, 2014

DONALD MILNE

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DONALD BARRIE MILNE April 11, 1938 - January 11, 2014 Donald Barrie Milne passed away peacefully at Brandon Regional Health Centre on Saturday, January 11, 2014. Prior to his very brief hospitalization, he had been residing at Hillcrest Place in Brandon.

Known either as Don or Barrie, Mr. Milne was the only son of the late Alex Milne and Frances Milne-McKeown of Brandon. He is survived by his daughter Katherine Anne Milne of Winnipeg. Don was predeceased by his wife Eleanor (Parker).

Don will always be remembered by his grandchildren for the time he spent with them either playing cards, telling stories or one of his famous jokes. Donald Barrie Milne was a charitable, kind and gentle man who loved the world and everyone in it. For much of his life he also enjoyed the companionship of his pets. He was devout and steadfast in his Christian faith. His affable, uncomplaining demeanour, in spite of health problems he endured for many years, was an inspiration to others.

He rose to lofty positions in Toastmasters International and was keenly interested in history and military matters. He was proud of his association with the military and the Royal Canadian Legion, and grateful for the sacrifices made by Canadian men and women in uniform who have given so much to defend our freedom and preserve our Canadian way of life.

Many thanks are extended to the staffs at Hillcrest Place and Brandon Regional Health Centre and Dr. Moller for their many kindnesses and the care they provided to Don.

Donations in Mr. Milne's memory may be made to charities of choice. A memorial service was held Saturday, January 18, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. at the Brockie Donovan Chapel, 332-8th Street, Brandon, with Rev. Paul Stade of First Baptist Church officiating. Interment of Don's ashes will occur at a later date. Messages of condolence may be placed at www.brockiedonovan.com Arrangements are in care of Brockie Donovan Funeral & Cremation Services Brandon, MB, (204) 727-0694.

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HARVEY PATTERSON

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HARVEY NORMAN MURRAY PATTERSON 1924 - 2014 Peacefully with his family and friends at his side, Harvey died on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at Deer Lodge in Winnipeg, MB. He lived to be 89 years and seven months. Harvey is survived by his grandchildren, Kayla and Raija Lecour; special family friends Sandra and Katie Buckberger. He was predeceased by his loving wife of 55 years, Margaret Plunkett Black Patterson in 2001; daughter Rhonda Diane Isabell Lecour (1999), brother Corbett (1957); sisters Millicent (Milly, 2012), Ivadell (Ivy, 2011); mother Isabell Baker (1966) and father Norman Clifford (1988). Harvey's aim was to make it to 90 years and live longer than his father. While he did not quite make 90, he did surpass his father by one month!

Harvey was born on September 12, 1924 on the family farm in the RM of Roland. He was the first born of five. Harvey spent his early days going to school and helping out on the family farm. He finished grade eight when his father needed him to help out full time on the farm. Harvey was a very hard worker and helped build a more successful farming operation. Despite his lack of early education, later in life Harvey took night courses and attained his GED from the province of Manitoba. This was a proud moment for the farm boy from Roland.

In 1943, at the age of 19, Harvey enlisted in the army. He attended training in Barrie, ON before being sent to the front lines in Germany (Hochwold Forest) as a private in The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders. He was proud of his contribution in the Second World War as well as being a Cameron and wore his blue hackle with pride. Harvey never once missed a Remembrance Day ceremony at the Minto Armouries, home of the QOCH of C. It was while he was recuperating from a

shrapnel wound in Edinburgh that he met and fell in love with Margaret Plunkett Black. He worked his way into her heart by bringing her his army provisions of cigarettes and chocolate. They were married in Edinburgh on September 28, 1946.

He brought his lovely bride back to Canada where they resided for the first few years in the Morden area. While Harvey laboured on various farms, Margaret became acquainted with farm life and rural living. Harvey and Margaret moved to the city of Winnipeg after a few years to seek new opportunities. As well, Margaret just wasn't cut out to be a farm girl. Harvey was employed as a truck driver hauling gravel and later with CP Express.

In 1956, Margaret and Harvey welcomed their daughter Rhonda. Rhonda married Larry Lecour and had two beautiful daughters Raija Dawn (1991) and Kayla Marie (1993). Harvey had many special memories of time spent with his granddaughters in Ottawa and Winnipeg.

Over the years, Harvey held various positions in the community as a way of actively demonstrating his concern for the greater good. He was involved in Winnipeg's labour movement, serving as President of the Winnipeg Labour Council in the early 1970s, the chairman for the province's 1970 Panel on Labour Relations and its 1971 Panel on Human Rights and Consumer Affairs. He ran and won the provincial election of 1973, for the NDP in the Winnipeg riding of Crescentwood. In 1978, he became the Executive Secretary of the Winnipeg Labour Council. Harvey retired in the mid 1980s, but he was never idle. He made quite an impression on those he met.

On Thursday, April 17, 2014 Harvey's Funeral Service will be held at 2:00 p.m. in Harrow United Church, 955 Mulvey Avenue at Harrow Street, with Rev. Teresa Moysey presider. Special thanks are extended to T3 Special Care Unit at Deer Lodge, Tracey, Bob, Jay and JoJo of Home Instead, the staff in Dogwood House at the Rosewood, Rupertsland care givers and Harrow United Congregation who have all provided tremendous assistance and support to make Harvey's more difficult years better. To the many others have also made a significant impact on Harvey's life over the years - thank you.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Harvey's name to the Alzheimer's Society of Manitoba. Wojcik's Winnipeg Funeral Chapel & Crematorium, 2157 Portage Avenue, 204.897.4665, is in care of arrangements. wojciksfuneralchapel.com

Full obit published in the Winnipeg Free Press on April 12, 2014

We have received a thank you card from Mrs. K. Campbell, the widow of Mr. A. Lorne Campbell, in appreciation of the sympathy card sent her way by the Cameron Association. You are more than welcome Mrs. Campbell.

Widow's / Widower's Supplement

There is income supplement for widows / widowers. They will mail out a form for the survivor to complete. You will need proof of marriage and his regimental number etc. and her income tax forms. If the financial situation is going badly the survivor should contact Veterans Affairs.

*** Sick & Visiting ***

Eric Carsted (1980's) Eric's ticker was doing things that it shouldn't. He's on the mend and feeling much better. (28 Feb 14)

Reggie Fitzgerald (1980's) Reg let us know through Facebook that his ticker has been tocking instead of ticking. The M.O. had a go and now he's on the mend. He is at home recovering but is on Facebook and a friendly message his way would be welcome. (19 April 14)

Bill Douglas (SWW) Has not done well with his kickboxing classes. The cast will be off one of these days... (Late March 14)

Vi Miller (Russ's widow) KT spoke to Vi not long ago. She's doing ok..

Archie Moore (Korea, Post SWW Cameron) – Archie is now a resident at Riverwood Square in Room #8. He enjoys company and always has a quick joke for visitors.

Alex Mortimer (British Army, Postwar Camerons) Alex took a tumble and landed on his hip. He's clear of Seven Oaks and is planning to give his walker the Highland Fling as soon as the M.O. isn't looking. Or was that his daughter? Next time you need to use the stairs to find where you last hid the good scotch call one of us to help you find it Alex – we promise to share! (08 Mar 14)

Tom Munro (Borneo) Not top form.

Ken Smith (SWW) still not in top form, but Ken is still keeping busy. He's in touch from time to time to say hi.

Roy Taylor (SWW RAF, Post SWW Cameron) Roy is at home and comfortable. He enjoys short visits but does get tired quickly. He made it out to the Kirk on Sunday and has been lunching with his favourite Lady too. (28 April 2014)

PTSD Help Line: The toll-free number 1-855-373-8387 will be manned by veterans who will be available on a 24-hour basis. The callers will not be required to identify themselves.

*** President's Message ***

Steve MacMillan has been working with the Association Executive regarding the upcoming 100th Anniversary of the start of the Great War 1914-18. He's currently investigating several ideas.

*** Vice-President's Message ***

Karen would like to have every one of us make it to the Bingo Bowling!

*** Reconnect with Former Camerons ***

This is an important thing to do for the health of the Association. There are still lots of former Camerons out there that we don't know about for various reasons. Just because you or they weren't Second World War or Korea veterans doesn't make them any less important to the Cameron Association. Please help us locate them and bring them back into the fold. The ranks of the SWW guys are almost non-existent now and the torch must pass to the following generations of Camerons that we may continue to serve our fellow Camerons.

We have only about 40 paid up members at this time.

*** Where Are They Now ? ***

Norman Sproll Half way through my tour. Kabul almost looks good with a little bit of snow . . . Almost. Glad I'm on a winter tour. (13 Feb 2014)

Andy McKechnie If all plans hold, Lynn and I will be in Wpg 2nd / 3rd week of August. My son (little Bruce), grand daughter (Jaycee), and his "out-law" (Tom) have birthdays around that time so ... the parties will be on. Of course we'll ride out on the Harley.

I had a chin-wag with **Greg Graham** several weeks ago. He's doing well and still up to his shenanigans out in Saskatchewan. Seems as though Greg is becoming quite the property owner / land baron out in his neck of the woods. Mayor Graham !!!

Every once in a blue moon I hear from Blais. Mainly the odd joke here n there.

Right now I'm off work with OTSD (Ongoing Typical Shit Disorder). I made that up just now. Sometimes I think I'm clever LOL. Speaking of PTSD, I see that a group is training PTSD dogs in Winnipeg. I met **Meddrick** that did the cross-Canada walk to raise awareness. He started talking about issues and you could see his passion about the effort got him wound up. His dog got on it right away and diverted Meddrick's attention to calm down. The group - pawsfurthought1.org is my new charity of choice. Amazing how the dogs interact to help the soldier. A very worthwhile cause.

Looking forward to the next Eastern Unit meeting with the guys. It's always a good evening out to catch up and shoot the breeze (& Bull). Perhaps if the guys are okay with it, I'll snap a couple of pics next time and forward for a future Oatmeal Rag edition. I heard some interest tales of days past that gave me a good laff.

I'm hoping to look at "Freedom 60-62" and pull pin from the workforce. I've been batting around the finances to see how I can pull that one off.

Re the kit (again), I'd like to order 1 ea of the stickers / 2 Regimental lapel pins (always have a spare) and get a price on the hoodie. If memory serves, it was around the 45-50\$ mark. Keep me posted. If you can get me a price on all, I can fire off an Interac fund transfer including the shipping fees. (January 25, 2014)

Nic Curry – are you actioning this yet ? Seriously speaking, Nic has been very good about these requests. How about you – interested in Cameron kit ?

David Desjean Here in Montreal I'm the director of safety and compliance for Maisliner transport. That keeps me somewhat busy in a 24 hr period. Next, legion wise, still doing the Remembrance Day thing (organizing and running the days activities). Next year (2014) will be a test of patience for sure. Not only do we have the 34 CER on parade (which we have had for the past 4 years now) but the C.O is an old friend of mine and he's calling in 2 squadrons of Reg Force engineers from 5 RGC to come down and join us for the day. Here's the problem - the room around the cenotaph is quite constrained. Should be fun...

Family side, the boys are getting much bigger Zach the oldest (11 years old) 5' 6" 145 lbs plays offensive line and Noah is 5'4" and 165 lbs 10 years old also plays offensive line. I coach during the summer (football). Last year we did not fare too badly - finished 3rd overall. Health wise, besides the traditional infantry knees problem I guess I'm doing o.k as I am getting closer to the half century mark.

Andre Blais Looking forward to the Rag. I've been following the mosquito and pine beetle reducing cold - BRRRR. We've been OK temp wise but alas it's been grey cloudy socked in valley weather most of the winter but at or above zero. January 21, 2014
Cheers !

Anyone remember the Cameron Polish Kickboxing team ? On Thursday, August 21st, 2014 (rain date August 22nd) **Jay Jaskiewicz** and his Police Service Dog Diesel, will leap tall buildings. Well, actually, his plan is to rappel from the 17th story Royal Bank Building in Winnipeg, Manitoba in the 2014 Easter Seals™ Drop Zone - WINNIPEG!

Secure donations can be made online with your credit card and an electronic tax receipt will be sent to you by email. You can make an online donation now:

<http://my.e2rm.com/PersonalPage.aspx?SID=4104027&LangPref=en-CA>

All proceeds from the 2014 Drop Zone stay in Manitoba and go to Society for Manitobans with Disabilities Foundation / Easter Seals Manitoba and are used to support vital programs and social services that reach over 47,000 Manitobans with disabilities per year. Thanks for trying to make our world a better place on two counts Jay !

How about the rest of you ? Drop us a line and let us know what you are doing !

*** 2013-14 Dues (\$10) Still Payable until Aug 2014 ***

As of any old time you can connect with Association Treasurer David Gibson (per the cover page of the Oatmeal Rag) who will take your payment. If you are not sure of your status please contact Dave and he'll either be happy to take your \$10.00 payment or be most unhappy that he doesn't get to take any money from you - yet - this year.

A quick reminder that donations over \$25 to Association done through the Cameron Foundation will be given a tax receipt !

*** Cameron Association Activities ***

100th Anniversary of the start of The Great War Bench Project - CANCELLED !!

Grid: Field of Honour at Brookside Cemetery

Time: **Not going to happen !**

Cost: \$1500 or so, but for only a 10 year stretch after which we would need to pay for another one.

Details: To mark the start of the 100th Anniversary of our lads going off to save civilization as they knew it, the Association had started a project to place a park bench with regimental markings on it in the Field of Honour at Brookside Cemetery.

Ours was to be based on the pattern set by the staff of Brookside and similar in design to one being placed by the PPCLI to mark the same occasion. Sadly, it turns out that these benches are only set aside for 10 years at a stretch and further costs would be incurred.

The Association is now examining other options to commemorate those who went over in 1914 and those who followed later on. Stay tuned.

Winnipeg Police Pipe Band Scotch Tasting & Cigars: 25 May 2014

Grid: Canad Inn's Metropolitan Entertainment Centre 281 Donald St.

Time: 1700-1900 hrs

Cost: A mere \$60 Cdn

Ticket Information: Phone: 204-291-1997

Email: Inquiries@wppb.ca or www.wppb.ca

Cameron Highland Games: 07 June 2014

Grid: Bruce Breustedt's Highland Hilton - contact the Editor of the Oatmeal Rag using the page one info for a map if you need one

Time: Games will begin around 1500, food will be served for 1800 so plan accordingly !

Cost: Cameron Junior Ranks Club will have kit for sale - so buy something to support them !

Dress: NO. 4A RECREATIONAL (GARRISON) or appropriate attire. Thongs should be of appropriate size for those sporty enough to go that route.

Special Admin Instructions: Food (burgers/sausages/steaks) and beer will be provided

Spectators should bring lawn chairs and non-alcoholic beverages. Those intent on staying the night at Breustedt's should bring a tent.

Events to be held are: open stone put; weight for distance; hammer throw; caber toss. We will also have sheaf toss and weight for height.

Cameron Reunion Weekend: 15 - 16 August 2014

Grid: 15 August - Minto JR's,
16th Assiniboine Golf Course

Time: 15 Aug: 1930 and onwards

16 August: 14:00 p.m. tee time

Cost: 15 August - \$10 Association dues for 2015,

16 August - \$40.00 for golf and dinner (which is a BBQ steak),

or the Scottish option is \$25.00 if you're only coming for the BBQ steak.

You can register for the 51st Annual Cameron Reunion Golf NOW by contacting Mr. Don MacDonald at dmacdona@mymts.net or at (204) 771-3825.

Cameron Association Annual General Meeting: 15 Sept 2014

Grid: Monday, 15 September 2014

Time: Executive: 1930 hrs to make sure all is set to go.

General membership 2000 hrs

Cost: \$10 Association dues for 2015 if you didn't make it to the Reunion

CAMERON ASSOCIATION KIT SHOP stuff:

Stickers are \$2.00 each and Lapel Pins (3/4 Inch diameter) are \$5.00 each.

(001) Silver Badge on Blue, adhesive backing.

(003) Blue Badge on Silver, adhesive backing.

(005) Blue/Silver Badge on Clear, adhesive on face side for glass.



The pictures were taken on a red background to try to highlight the different styles of sticker. The sticker on the right is on a transparent background sheet, hence it looks red. They will be available at the Cameron Museum on Tuesday nights from Mike Nickerson or from the website.

*** Regimental Web Sites ***

The Unit web site is still up running. The links have recently had a much needed going over (Jan 2014) and most should now function properly. You can find it at:
<http://thequeensowncameronhighlandersofcanada.net/>

Our Picasaweb site is also worth a look and is full of little details about our history. It has recently had a few new (Jan 2014) albums added. You can now take a bit of a virtual tour of the Cameron Memorial Chapel and see some of the artifacts held by the Cameron Museum:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/117042978234752447737?gsessionid=2I4fhFnicaBQw1UpIRMSlw>

We have had a few requests through the unit web site for information from families. If anybody can help out with them please do so:

RE: Robert French Palmer

Hi there,

I'm wondering if you can clear up a question for me. My wife's great-grandfather, Robert French Palmer, H/19895, was killed at Dieppe on 19 August 1942. He is listed on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission web site as being buried at Boulogne Eastern Cemetery. I would like to know why he is not buried at Dieppe. Could you offer any advice?

Best regards,

Jody Perrun
04/18/2014

The unit web site continues to be a point of contact between ourselves, the families of those who served in the Camerons, and those who become interested in the Camerons for one reason or another.

Hannah Lank is a Grade 11 student at Kelvin High School in Winnipeg. She traveled to Europe during the 2014 school spring break as part of a series of battlefield tours. To give greater meaning to this trip each student was assigned to research the story of one Kelvin alumni soldier who was killed during the fighting in Europe during the SWW, and to present their story at his grave site. Hannah's soldier was Clifford Lloyd Miller, who was one of our Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada. She wrote on 16 April 2014 to say:



Ms. Hannah Lank at Passchendaele

"I had a fantastic trip, and it was very moving at many times. It is impossible to understand the sacrifice of war until you see all the cemeteries, museums, and monuments that commemorate both world wars. In fact, I do not think I have ever been more proud to be Canadian than when I was standing at the Vimy monument and imagining our troops capturing the ridge nearly 100 years ago.

For your family friends travelling to the Ypres area, I absolutely recommend they visit the In Flanders Field Museum, which is directly in Ypres. It is truly one of the best museums I have ever seen. I had the honour of participating in the Menin Gate ceremony, which is quite a beautiful experience. I'm sure they already plan to take in the ceremony, but it starts at 8 pm every night, although it is best to arrive about 30 minutes early to secure a good spot. One of the other best spots I visited was the Passchendaele museum, which has recently been redone and includes an amazing recreation of the trenches. It really is a must see.

I visited Clifford Lloyd Miller's grave at Bergen-Op-Zoom and gave my presentation. It was a moment that I know I will never forget.

Regards

Hannah Lank

*** Unit Events ***

Regiment: The next Regimental level event is the Cameron Highland Games on 07 June 2014. It should be it's normal excellent time ! See above for details.

Battalion: The CO has announced that he will not be in the corner office for much longer. Family duties are priority one for all of us, and his time will be coming this Fall to move on. Brigade directed but unit planned Collective Training events are now on the near horizon with EX BISON WARRIOR in play as this is written. Hopefully this event and others like it will live up to their billing.



Lt. Josh Fordham leading the platoon through an enemy gun position during EX BISON RESOLVE 2014

“A” Company Update:

“A” Coy has been busy conducting the usual Section and Platoon training. They have also sent a dozen people to Fort Ripley, MN with the LSSR for live fire kill house/ platoon attacks and been supporting IA (influence activities) training that the army as a whole is working on. “A” Coy will be leaving this week for the 38 CBG (all arms) ex EX BISON WARRIOR.

The new OC A is Capt Piotr Sliwowski, R Wpg Rif. He and CSM James Clarke will be prepping the lads for the Canadian Patrol competition to be held this fall.

Pipes & Drums Update: The Pipes and Drums have been busy since the last update. Burns Dinner performance was a success. The P&D competed as a Grade 4 competition band at the Winnipeg Scottish Festival in February. We place 2nd in the Slow March/ 6/8 Quick March. We placed 1st in the Medley and 1st in the Quick March Medley.

We have had a busy March supporting requests for Regimental Funerals (unfortunately). We sent CPL Dasliwa and Cpl Brown to do Professional Development with the RCAF Pipes & Drums. The CO bought the Pipe Band brand new pipe chanters which we received in March. 20 brand new Roddy Macleod Poly Band Chanters . A Very bright and sweet sound indeed. Even my ear can set them.

The 38 CBG commander pony'ed up 17K for new drums for the drum corps. We are quite thankful and appreciative of the investment.

The P&D competed this past weekend at the Brandon Highland Festival. We played in the Quick March Medley (2nd place) and the Medley contest. Of note in the Medley contest we had 1st places in Piping, Drumming, and Ensemble. Great work by the members. We ended up taking the Aggregate Championship for Grade 4. This year's festival marked the recent passing of one of the founders of the Brandon Highland Festival, Pipe Major Alec Couples. PM Couples was PM of both battalions of the Gordon Highlanders pipe bands.

Thanks to Brad Clyde for all the help getting the Pipes and Drums ready for competition. Come out and the Pipes and Drums compete at the Riverwalk Highland Games on May 24 at the Forks.

That's all for now. Ullamh!

*** Regimental Advisory Board Notes ***

The Advisory Board continues to provide sound advice to the CO on all matters Cameron in “interesting times”. Donald MacDonald purchased a Cadpat Jets Jersey it is being raffled off. Tickets had been printed and sell for \$7 each, or \$10 for two. A round of applause (and a crush to buy tickets) is due for MacDonald’s generosity. The proceeds of the raffle will be turned over to the CO to use as he sees fit for the good of the Regiment Tickets are being offered to the troops and the draw will take place at the next Board meeting May 6. Board Annual General Meeting, June 3rd, at 1930hrs. The evening for the annual Officers Mess Dinner has been reset at 17 Oct 2014. The Regimental Church Parade will be on 08 Feb 2015.

*** Cameron Cadet Events ***

From Captain Kerry Walker, DCO of The Queens Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada Cadets comes a reminder that those who wish to join the corps can do so at any just about

any time, summer and Christmas break excepted. The routine is to come in on a Thursday night with birth certificate and MB medical card in hand to do the processing.

The cadets have been busy with the annual Vimy Ridge commemoration parade at Minto Armouries recently and preparation for the summer taskings and courses cycle.

The cadets had been entered in the MTS Future First grants competition but sadly did not make the finalists. We'll have to watch for and support them as best we can in the future. For more information about this program see:

<http://www.mts.ca/mts/future+first/grants>

Regimental Reinforcements:



Strictly speaking the promotion of Mark “Barney” Pearson isn’t a Reinforcement, but it absolutely has to be noted ! Congrats Mark, it’s been a hard road but you got it !!!

Also in the promotion notes are Sgt to Warrant Officer Mike Sinnock, 2Lt Lentz promoted to Lt., and Ocdt Rieve-Deamel (Russ's grand nephew) who was promoted to 2Lt. It’s been a few hard nights in the respective Messes !

*** Regimental Events ***

Incoming Rounds:

Cameron JR's Sports Gear 2013 – The lads have been busy coming up with some new ideas for gear. Here's a sample or two:



The Duffel is 55L; approx price \$50. The Baseball shirt is 100% cotton; approx price \$25. The hoodie will be approx \$45.

Please forward any other ideas or requests you'd like to see to us.

Ullamh,
Nic Curry

Rounds Completed:

Cameron Robbie Burn's Dinner: 25 Jan 2014 – Was it's usual excellent quality, with the best turnout in some years. Great job on the sales guys, and thanks to all who attended. The return visit of Eddie "Boyle" was a surprise that worked out well for all involved.

Kirk Parade: 02 Feb 2014 - Was well attended and the usual quality event. 2015's Kirk Parade will be on 08 Feb 2015 due to the projected 38 CBG training schedule.

*** Links ***

Secret desert camp used by First World War hero Lawrence of Arabia is discovered intact with rum jars and a campfire.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2587193/Secret-desert-camp-used-First-World-War-hero-Lawrence-Arabia-discovered-intact-rum-jars-campfire.html>

One of our "fan" sites. Nice job too, the pipers of the regiment should be justly pleased with this effort.

http://pipesforfreedom.com/webtxt/0510THE_QUEEN'S_OWN_CAMERON_HIGHLANDERS_OF_CANADA.htm

Sounds like this could be fun. The 4th Annual Riverwalk Highland Gathering on 24 May 2014

<http://www.winnipegscottishfestival.org/rhg/index.html>

Dieppe 1944 Air Photos

<http://canadianmilitaryhistory.ca/lcmsds-air-photo-collection-a-look-at-dieppe-by-mike-bechthold/>

*** Historical Notes ***

WO Matt Lumsden's Retirement occurred on 01 April 2014, followed by a party organized by his wife on 08 April 2014. This is the first time in I have no idea how long that some one's wife dragged them to the Mess ! Matt served with the Camerons from 04 March 92 – 04 March 2014. Matt left us with a few words of wisdom. Here they are:

“Well friends, tonight was my last night. Exit interview is done, all kit turned in. I am sorry I could not provide the unit with a few more years’ service however life it seems has finally crushed any hope of me continuing on.

So, I will say a few last things:

Keep the unit and its’ traditions alive.

Lead from the front, not from an office.

Continue to demand a high standard of performance from yourselves and your troops.

When you cross the finish line, do so without any regrets.

See you around.

Matt.

Matt was also very gracious regarding his party”

“Thank you Lorie (Lumsden) for organizing an evening to note the end of my Army Reserves career. Thank you to Hugh, James, John + Tracy, and to all who came out to shake my hand.

There are few places, and few organizations where a young man can walk in the door, and be handed a passport to:

- challenge
- adventure
- growth
- education
- experience
- national service
- brotherhood
- hardening of the mind and body
- travel
- perspective
- opportunity

.. and what it took 20+ years to realize, the true secret gift of being an Army Reserve soldier in the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada is:

A common man's way to dignity.

Thank you my friends for 22 good years. Keep up the fight, because I suspect that, if history has taught us anything, there will be a time again when we look around and say:

We need the Highlanders.”

*** More Links ***

Oatmeal Rag 16 Gadget Link: GPS is a godsend when it works. Problem is, there are plenty of places it doesn't work—tall skyscrapers, concrete overpasses, and other huge structures all block the satellite signal you need to navigate. Luckily, Swiss company u-blox just devised a chip that keeps you on course when the satellites drop out, using the most old-fashioned of navigation techniques: dead reckoning.

<http://gizmodo.com/no-gps-signal-no-problem-this-little-chip-knows-where->

Andy McKechnie's part of a band called the Death Row Preachers. After a long 2 years of writing, rehearsing, time off for riding and band member vacations they finally have a fairly decent product posted to YOUTUBE. This video is from a "live" show at the BASSLINE STATION in Ottawa - March 22, 2014

<http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKMMa1xNxz1unxis9Bb0Pzw>

USMC development towards self-healing paint for military vehicles

<http://www.hqmc.marines.mil/News/NewsArticleDisplay/tabid/3488/Article/160832/self-healing-paint-could-halt-rust-on-military-vehicles.aspx>

*** "It wouldn't be an Oatmeal Rag w/o a Wee Joke" (Russ Miller) ***



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