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B127658 Pte. W. Prow, QOCH of C 30 March 1945

Son of William and Agnes Prow; husband of Dorothy Aileen Prow, of Fort Erie, Ontario.

Buried at Holten CWWG Cemetery, NL

<http://www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead/casualty/2227872/PROW,%20WILLIAM>

BARRY JAMES WILCOCK

http://passages.winnipegfreepress.com/passage-details/id-242678/WILCOCK_BARRY

BARRY JAMES WILCOCK With sorrow the family announce the passing of Barry James Wilcock on January 21, 2017. Barry was born in Winnipeg on June 15, 1946 attending high school at St. Joseph's College in Yorkton, Saskatchewan. Barry is survived by his father, Edward, his wife, Lynn, children, Craig (Tammy), Garnet (Julie), and Nancy (Chris), stepchildren and grandchildren.

As a young man he belonged to the Air Cadets in Dauphin, and was a member of several reserve units including The Royal Canadian Artillery Reserve and The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders. Following in his grandfather and father's footsteps, Barry had a long, enjoyable

career with the CNR. His interests were diverse, often contributing as a willing volunteer. Barry was one of the founding fathers of The Fort Garry North Hockey Association, a frequent coach of his sons' hockey teams, an active member of the Prairie Dog Central Railway, and a model railroader. Never one to remain idle, Barry began working at the Winnipeg Airport in retirement, forging many friendships over the years. He always had great stories to tell. Barry truly enjoyed spending time with family and friends; assisting with the annual fireworks display at Spruce Sands Resort to great adventures with his wife Lynn travelling across the country in their fifth wheel trailer. Thank you to the Winnipeg Airport staff and first responders for their care and sensitivity. Donations may be directed to the Heart and Stroke Foundation. A service was held on Monday, January 30 at 2:00 p.m. at Green Acres Funeral Home, No. 1 Highway East at Navin Road.

Full obit published in the Winnipeg Free Press on Jan 28, 2017

BARRY BRUCE

http://passages.winnipegfreepress.com/passage-details/id-242482/Bruce_%20Barry

BARRY BRUCE It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Col. Barry Peter Bruce C.D. (Ret) on Saturday, January 14, 2016, peacefully with his family by his side. Barry is survived by Geraldine, his wife of 60 years, his son Barry Bruce (Sophie), daughter Sandra, his grandchildren Barry, and Samantha. On March 11, 1937, Barry was born in Erickson, Manitoba, to Peter and Dorothy Bruce. Barry was known by many to have a great sense of humour, generous, compassionate and larger than life personality. Even as his health declined, he was a fixture at the Victoria General Hospital because of kindness, positivity, and infectious sense of humour. Barry was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. He had many adventures in life and experiences that made his family proud of him; soldier, business owner, entrepreneur, volunteer and avid fan of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers and Winnipeg Jets. Barry started his career with Anthony Fosters as a sales manager and climbed the company ladder to eventually become president of Anthony Fosters. Eventually Barry was the owner and president of Western Profiles Ltd.

Barry served as an Infantry Officer with the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, initially enrolling in 1960. After nine years with the Camerons, Barry reclassified to the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps as a Lieutenant with the Winnipeg Service Battalion. In 1975, he returned to 17 (Winnipeg) Service Battalion, serving as Deputy Commanding Officer and Commanding Officer until 1980. Barry was appointed as the Deputy Commander of Manitoba Militia District and in March 1990 was appointed Commander. Military service was a proud accomplishment to Barry with a career spanning over 30 years that allowed him to build many long term friendships. The family would like to thank the Doctors and staff at Victoria General Hospital for their excellent care during his illness. A memorial service will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Barry's name to: The Victoria General Hospital

Foundation, The Canadian Blood Services, Wounded Warriors or CancerCare Manitoba. For those who wish to sign the online Guest Book, please visit our website.

Full obit published in the Winnipeg Free Press on Jan 21, 2017

DOUGLAS (DOUG) EDWIN BROWN

http://passages.winnipegfreepress.com/passage-details/id-242270/BROWN_DOUGLAS

DOUGLAS EDWIN BROWN It is with great sadness that the Brown family announce the passing of LCOL Douglas (Doug) Edwin Brown on January 12, 2017 at Deer Lodge Centre. Doug will be dearly missed by his sons, Fred Brown (Paula Olko) and Morry Brown (Jean); his daughters, Gail Brown (Calum Morrison) and Sandra Brown (David Caughlin); his grandchildren, and his great-granddaughters; his sister-in-law and family, and relatives in England.

Doug was predeceased by his loving wife Kathleen Elizabeth Brown, M.V.O., in 2014; his parents and his brother Gordon Frederick Cyril Brown. After graduating from Gordon Bell High school, where he played on the football team, Doug worked as a clerk for CN Rail until he joined the RCMP in 1942 for a one-year term as a Sub-Constable, serving in Saskatchewan. Doug joined the 1st Canadian Parachute Battalion in February 1943 as well as the Royal Canadian Legion. Doug trained at CFB Portage la Prairie and Shilo. He was promoted to Sargeant prior to sailing to England in July 1943. Extensive training ensued at RAF Ringway until the early hours of June 6, 1944 when the paratroopers boarded their planes. As his plane crossed the French coast, Doug was 17th of the stick of 18 waiting at the jump door. Their plane was shot down by enemy fire. The paratroopers landed far from their drop zone. They managed to evade capture until a German patrol unit intercepted them in the early morning of June 9 near the French Village of Saint Vaast en Auge. Doug was transported to POW Camp Stalag IV B in Muhlberg, Germany where, despite three attempted escapes, he remained a prisoner of war until May 1945.

Upon his return to Canada Doug played in the quarterback slot with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers during the summer of 1945. Doug joined the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders in March 1947 and met Kathleen Morrison in January of 1949 at an Officers event. Douglas and Kathleen were married on September 3, 1949. In 1960 Doug was appointed as the Queen's Own Cameron Highlander Aide-de-Camp to Lieutenant-Governors Eric Willis, followed by Richard Bowles. He was appointed as Senior Aide-de-Camp to Lieutenant-Governors Jack McKeag, Bud Jobin and Pearl McGonigal, spanning over 20 years of service.

On November 10, 2014, by order of the President of the Republic of France, Doug was awarded the rank of Knight of the French National Order of the Legion of Honour to express France's profound gratitude in recognition of his professional involvement in the liberation of their county. Doug loved to spend time with family and friends at the family residence at Pine Portage Bay, Lake of the Woods, Kenora Ontario since 1964. Doug was an avid card player, enjoying both Duplicate and Contract Bridge as well as Hearts, Mexican Poker, Hula and

Cribbage. The Brown family extends thanks to the staff of Deer Lodge Centre for the exceptional care provided to Dad. A Celebration of Doug's life was held on Saturday February 25 at the Neil Bardal Funeral Centre, 3030 Notre Dame Avenue. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Deer Lodge Centre Foundation or a charity of your choice.

NEIL BARDAL FUNERAL CENTRE 204-949-2200 neilbardalinc.com

Full obit published in the Winnipeg Free Press on Feb 04, 2017

M. WINNIFRED CHAMBERS (INSKIP) (NEE FORSYTH)

http://passages.winnipegfreepress.com/passage-details/id-241988/Chambers_%20Winnifred

M. WINNIFRED CHAMBERS (INSKIP) (nee FORSYTH) Passed away peacefully December 12, 2016.

Predeceased by husbands, Harvey Inskip 1993 (*Ed.'s Note: Harvey Inskip was a Cameron Dieppe Raid man*) and Tofi Chambers 2007. Survived by stepdaughter Beverly Scott; son John Inskip (Marion); grandchildren, Kirby Inskip, Karen Martindale (Nathan); great-grandchildren, Sierra and Oakley Martindale. A celebration of her life was held at Neil Bardal Funeral Centre, 3030 Notre Dame Avenue (across from Brookside Cemetery) at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, January 14, 2017. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the PEO Foundation through the Winnipeg Foundation or to a charity of your choice. NEIL BARDAL FUNERAL CENTRE 204-949-2200 neilbardalinc.com

As published in the Winnipeg Free Press on Jan 07, 2017

RICHARD (DICK) HENRY WRIGHT

http://passages.winnipegfreepress.com/passage-details/id-241305/WRIGHT_RICHARD

RICHARD (DICK) HENRY WRIGHT With sadness we announce the passing of our father and grandfather Dick on December 10, 2016 at Seven Oaks Hospital at the age of 90. He was predeceased by his loving wife Shirley and older brothers Johnny and Bob. Dick is survived by his four children, Dawn Torbiak (Dan), Danny (Lorrie), Sid (Ann), and Bruce (Gloria, daughters CJ and Carman) and by his brother Peter (Joan). He will be sadly missed by his grandchildren as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Dick was born on September 24, 1926 in Driffield, Yorkshire, England. He immigrated to Canada on the ship Antonia with his mother Violet and three brothers arriving in Halifax on December 30, 1929. After being quarantined for six weeks with scarlet fever, the family was finally reunited with father John in Manitoba. The family moved to Petersfield and eventually settled in West St. Paul where Dick spent the rest of his life farming, working, and raising his family.

In 1943 on his 17th birthday, Dick joined the army and was assigned to the Infantry Corp in the

Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada. During training, he was sent to Suffield, Alberta where he was a test subject for gas experiments and war research. Dick survived the gruelling three-month station and returned to civilian life as the war ended. In 1956, Dick married the love of his life Shirley. They built their home on Grassmere Road and raised their four children. Dick had many talents and worked at a variety of jobs including market gardening, boat building and carpentry but his main passion was farming. In 1951, he purchased farmland in Blackdale, West St. Paul and grew many grain crops. To supplement the farm income, Dick also had a long 31-year career at Eaton's Warehouse working in a variety of departments. After retirement, he continued to farm, raising sheep and goats following in the tradition of his father. Dick was blessed with a long and mostly healthy life. It was only in the last few months of his life that his health declined. The family would like to extend our deepest thanks and appreciation to the Seven Oaks Hospital nursing staff on 5th floor Units 1 and 2 and Dr. Endleman, Dr. Buchel, and family doctor Dr. Singh. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Seven Oaks General Hospital Foundation. Dick will be deeply missed by family and friends. His foresight and strong work ethic will guide all who knew him. Funeral Service was held at Friends Funeral Service, 2146 Main Street, Winnipeg, on Saturday, December 17, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. Interment was in St. Paul's Anglican Church Cemetery, Middlechurch, MB.

A full obit published in the Winnipeg Free Press on Dec 15, 2016

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 the soldier's regimental number etc. and the spouse's income tax forms. If the financial situation is going badly the survivor should contact Veterans Affairs.

<http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/services/financial/cf-income-support>

FUNERAL AND BURIAL ASSISTANCE: The Veterans Affairs Canada Funeral and Burial Program ensures that eligible Veterans receive dignified funeral and burial services. The Last Post Fund (LPF), a non-profit organization, delivers the program on behalf of Veterans Affairs Canada. To be eligible for the program, Veterans must meet both military and financial criteria.

<http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/services/financial/funeral-burial>

*** SICK & VISITING ***

Gord Coutts (Korea, Militia) Hugh spoke with Gord on 26 March and Gord is doing ok. He mainly goes out to visit the M.O. Highlights of recent weeks include a visit by his daughter and her husband.

John Johnson (SWW) –Nothing new of late from Sir John. Hugh hopes to get by soon.

Ed Montgomery (SWW RCN, Cold War Camerons) – Hugh hopes to get by to see Ed sometime soon.

Archie Moore (Korea, Post SWW Cameron) – Archie is now a resident at Deer Lodge and has been for some time it turns out. Don Collins has been to see him and reports that he is not up to hosting visitors at this time.

Piper Bill MacKay (SWW Cameron P/M) – Ken Smith looked in on Bill recently and he's doing OK. Good to hear it Bill !

Tom Munro (Borneo with the Imperials, Militia) Nothing much new at this time.

Roy Taylor (SWW RAF, Post SWW Cameron) – Brother Roy is doing reasonably well these days (27 Feb). Louise was telling Hugh that Roy still enjoys a game of scrabble and even made it out to his Lodge for a meal last month ! Jim Scott (former KOCR and many other jobs) was also in attendance and remarked on how well Roy was doing.

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. See also the Cameron “Links” section of the web page: [Cameron web site "Links" section](#)

*** PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ***

Hello, I want to take this opportunity to bring all of you up to speed with what your Association is up to. This will be a very busy year for the executive. We are moving forward with the monument and our Vice President Fred Westphall will inform you of our progress. We have the 75th Anniversary of the Raid on Dieppe this year that will recognize in an appropriate manner. We are also moving the Cameron Reunion to the 9th of September in order to include the serving soldiers. We also have the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of Passchendaele which will be happening coming fall, dates to follow. Hope all is well with you and your family and I look forward to seeing some of you at the coming events.

*** VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ***

Having recently been elected to the VP position with in the Cameron Association, I am familiarizing myself with the duties and activities that we will be involved with in the coming months. The " Cameron Monument" project is starting to take shape and will be an ongoing concern in the coming months. I look forward to working with the Association and all its members in the coming year.

Regards

FW

*** 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 only have about 40 ? paid up members at this time. Thanks very much to those fine souls who have donated some of their hard earned dollars to keep hard copies of this newsletter going out to the guys without computers. Many are Second War men but some younger former Camerons who live in areas with poor internet service or dial up, or are just plain happy to be off of the grid.

*** WHERE ARE THEY NOW ? ***

Subject: William Stein

03/01/2017 11:00 AM

Good day,

My name is Hennie Koster, I'm from Millingen aan de Rijn, a little village near Nijmegen, in the Netherlands. I am one of the researchers of the Organization "Faces to Graves". First I want to explain you what the Organization "Faces to Graves" is about. Researchers of Faces to graves are searching for photos and any kind of information about Canadian soldiers who are buried at the Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery in The Netherlands.

Faces to Graves is a small organization Initiated by a lady who is not afraid to try the impossible...

This may be your first thought when you realize that there are 2590 names on the headstones and 1029 names of missing soldiers on the Memorial Wall.

Editor's Note #1: There are some 70+ Camerons buried at Groesbeek. Can anybody please help out with this project organized by grateful local Dutch people to recognize OUR guys ?

Like I said, I am one of these researchers of the organization "faces to graves". At the moment I am looking for any kind of information and pictures of William Stein, born 19th of January 1924 at Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. Son of Joseph and Esther Stein. And brother of three sisters Beatrice, Bella and Selma Stein. Latest known address is 113 Selkirk Avenue in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

During my research I found out that William Stein, was one the members of the Queens Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada. William set foot on European soil in August 1944 and was

transferred to the Queens Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada. William Stein is killed in action on the 26 of February 1945, somewhere in Holland/Germany during operation "Veritable". His military number H-105100.

For my research it would be nice if it is possible for you, to help me with any kind of information or pictures from William Stein. Maybe your military unit still has some archives from the mentioned period to look in. What I like to know is some information about William Stein, how he was as a soldier, if he did well, what kind(s) of sport he liked or practised, if he had a girlfriend, if he had a good attitude, etc. etc.

Maybe it is even possible to bring me in contact with WWII veterans who are familiar with William Stein and they can give me information about the way he got killed or still have some pictures of William Stein. I am looking for all kinds of information, so I can finish my investigation and make a nice story of this young soldier, who gave his live for our (my) freedom.

I already found a big part of his military file through internet. But any kind of information about William Stein, is very welcome. Or otherwise maybe you can help me with some strongpoints, where I can continue my research. If you have some information, please sent it as a word-document and if you have a (some) picture(s), please sent it as a JPEG or PNG file

For further information about our organization "Faces To Graves", I would like to point you to the website "facestograves.nl".

Hope you can help us/me to complete the story of William Stein.

Thanks in advance and best regards.

Hennie Koster,

Volunteer Researcher of "Faces To Graves"

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Verstuurd vanaf mijn iPhone

Editor's Note #2: I managed to find something but it's not from his days with us. Anybody else ?
<http://www.cjhn.ca/en/permalink/genealogy504>

Art Ruddock (SWW Camerons, Post War) Hugh spoke to Art (27 Feb '17) and he is doing very well now. He had a bout in what used to be termed a "bath chair" - wheel chair to the younger crowd - but he's up and about again even if he said he'd pass on a Battle Fitness Test for now thank you.

Art was recounting how he joined the Battalion from the 2nd Cdn Div Holding Unit on the 19th of August 1942 and was there to meet the guys who made it back from the Raid. One of the

guys was from his home town, “Doc McVey if I have the name correct, and Doc had managed to bring back his Bren Gun with him from the “Reconnaissance in Force”.

Now granted that Doc was a big guy, but Art marvels to this day that he managed such a feat, which was a bit of a rare one coming off of the Pourville beach that day. It should be remembered that the Camerons who managed to make it to the boats did so while swimming through the surf under fire to such small craft that survived said mortar, mg, and other fire.

Andre Blais (Cold War) Hi guys, I'm always with all of the guys in spirit. Do say hello. I hear that Marc Gautron plans to go to Vimy for the 100th. Great. There is supposed to be a flight of 7/8ths scale Nieuport 11 fighters flying over.

Anyways. I wish Greg Graham. Moe Schultz, Mark Silver, Dave Gibson, Brodie, Dave McCracken, Gary Hollingshead, Marc Gautron, Yourself and Andy McKechnie all the best.

Susan and I are off to Italy for the month of June. Going all over the country. I am hoping to visit some of the old WWI Italian sites mostly where Rommel penetrated the line (Caporetto).

All for the moment.

Cheers to all

Floyd Bowman hasn't been in touch of late so we'll continue to assume that all is well with him for now. Take care and stay well Floyd !



Shaun Delamere (Cold War, Afghanistan) has been collecting medals again. Well just one - but it was an MSM for doing the job of an MWO and showing the rest of the guys who say “Chimo” how the job should be done. For those of you who last saw Shaun's family back before the new century started, that's Christopher, Shaun, Michelle, and Samantha.

<http://gg.ca/honour.aspx?id=1139&t=16&ln=Delamere>

Kevin Fink has become a grandfather – for the 6th time ! His son Lee and his daughter in law

Lisa welcomed a new boy, Leif, on the 20th of March. Congrats to all of you and here's to lot's of late nights and messy diapers !

Gordon Fonstad (Cold War) dropped us a line to say hi and offer up the short riddle in this issue's wee Joke section. Great to hear from you Gord !

Lloyd Jones (SWW) Hugh spoke to Lloyd on 15 March. Lloyd is “as busy as a one legged place kicker” as he puts it. He had recently returned from a visit to a school to talk to kids who will be going over for the 100th of Vimy about what war is like. He also added a bit about Vimy. No, Lloyd was not pretending to have been there during the 1917 battle but he was near there during the 1944 season rematch with our “B” Coy, and did visit the site itself in 2005 after he and his wife finished up the 2005 Canada Remembers Victory in Europe tour representing the Camerons. Lloyd has been volunteering with the Vancouver PD for about 20 years now and still going strong as well as being active in at least 2 other organizations.

On an historical note Lloyd has promised to send along a picture taken of members of the Camerons at Worthing, prior to the move to Broome.

Jeremy Dad Dennis LaBossiere (Cold War) Hugh, Andy DeBruin, and the LaBossiere's got together on 06 March for a coffee at Tim Hortons on St. James St. The weather turned vile but the company was top drawer ! To top off this event in style, Hugh had received an email earlier that day that was the topic of conversation for the night: Cameron 106 mm RR Jeep CFR 71-08950.

Cameron 106 mm RR Jeep CFR 71-08950 - Restoration of a Willys that belonged to the QOCH email from Martin Dauphinais on 2017-03-06

Hi there,

I'm Martin Dauphinais from Quebec City. I'm currently restoring a military Willys Jeep that is marked to the QOCH unit. The CFR of the Jeep is 71-08950. I'm always on the look for pictures showing ammo and weapon. The Jeep is in its complete original version like when it was in service. She looks very nice and I can't wait to hit the road with it.

I am an Infantry Officer at the Royal 22e Régiment in Valcartier and we did use this kind of weapon system. However, it appears that we did not use them when they were painted camouflage. I would like to know if it could be possible to get some archived pictures of your unit with the Jeep using the 106mm recoilless rifle?

If you use Facebook, you can watch my page where I try to post all the work I'm doing on the Jeep. It is a slow process but I have plenty of time and I want this Jeep in a perfect condition. Follow this link and don't hesitate to ask to follow the page. I'm always posting in both languages because the majority of my contacts are English speaking. Tell me what you need to get some information, I'll be happy to answer all your questions. I join a bunch of pictures of the Jeep itself, so you'll see how she looks!

I'm Lieutenant after CFR'd myself. I join in 1995, did two years in a rifle company than joined the anti-tank platoon but we had the TOW missile at this time. Stayed 12 years in the 1st Van Doo. I went two times in Bosnia and one time in Afghanistan in 2004. After this mission, I changed trade for the Intelligence Branch. Did 4 years and made Sgt also. Realized it was not my place and was missing the Regiment so I asked to be commissioned and was accepted on UTPNCM. Graduate in 2015 and now serving at the 2nd Van Doo. I'll become the next



Adjutant of the Regiment next month, so I'm really happy with what happen to me.

So, I hope you'll be able to find some pictures and information about the Jeep. There is no rush and I'll patiently wait to see if you find something.

Thanks again to have answered back.

Cheers,

Martin

Editor's Note: I have taken several liberties with editing Martin's email for the sake of trying to get him as many decent pictures of our camouflage painted 106 mm RR jeeps as we can send.

The QOCH appears in a few places on the veh, notably the back of the driver's seat.

Please include names, dates, etc if you can without incriminating me or any of the rest of us ! I have already sent Martin a picture of three of us reprobates from EX PRAIRIE STRIKE VI, last of our 106 mm shoots. A sgt named Dave, Rob B, and I.

I also now FB friends with him, as is CWO (Ret'd) Gerry Woodman R Wpg Rif.

Roy MacGillivray (RCR SAS PL 1948, Cameron RSS 1970's) is doing fine. Hugh and Roy had a good chat (27 Feb 17) and Roy is keen for another visit from us Cameron types.

Duncan MacDougall (SWW CanLoan WIA Normandy) is doing well. Hugh and Duncan were chatting the other day about the old time piping championships held in Wpg out where Polo Park is now. It used to be a race track and that was one of the places that the **Cameron Pipes and Drums** would square off against one of their most serious competitors – the CNR Pipe Band !

Vi Miller (Russ's widow) - Doing OK. Her direct connection to the regiment right now is Lt. R-D, often found on staff at courses or otherwise in the field. Russ is no doubt beaming with pride in the upper level of the WO's & Sgt's Mess.

Donny Morrison (Cold War Cameron and WPS P/M) is doing well but his missus, Rose had to go for a visit to the RAP. She's doing well and their kids have stepped up to help as needed.

Paul Nemez (SWW) Hugh tried to get in touch with Paul in January but he wasn't well. Hugh plans to try again very soon.

Bill Naven (SWW, Post War) Nothing new from Bill lately

Ken Smith (SWW) Hugh and Ken had a good chat on 28 Feb. Ken is thinking about coming out for the 2017 Cameron Reunion but we'll have to see a bit closer to the day. Ken would like to visit with his sister Doris out in Brandon. Doris is Major Bill Pierson's (RIP) widow for those not in the know. He's also going to see about getting us some pictures for the Oatmeal Rag of his investiture into the French Legion of Honour at Branch 229 the Whalley Legion in Surrey, BC.

Ken has also been visiting with fellow Legion of Honour recipient **Piper Bill MacKay** at

George Derby Home. Bill is also doing ok but isn't up to much travel these days.

Dave Taggart (Cold War, Peacekeeping) was sporting the red serge of the Mounties recently at a presentation of the French Legion of Honour at Neepawa, MB, to Mr.'s Alex Abel (RCA) and Fred Oberg (not specified). Dave is the Mountie sporting the medals on the left of picture 1 in the middle of this article:

<http://globalnews.ca/news/3302267/two-minnedosa-man-veterans-receive-frances-highest-honour/>

KELVIN HIGH SCHOOL VIMY REMEMBRANCE EVENT REQUEST

Hi there, I was wondering whether the Camerons would be interested in participating in a day that my students and I are planning for April 7th at Kelvin. We are going to book the library for the whole day to set up a commemorative event to remember the Vimy 100th, Canada and the First World War and we will also pay tribute to the over 40 First World War Kelvin High School soldiers (some of whom were Camerons) who died overseas.

In the morning, we hope to have guest speakers, project displays that will remember the war from multiple perspectives, virtual reality simulation of First World War scenes, music, video, etc. We are planning to have a First World War themed lunch as well. In the afternoon, Robert Falcon Ouellette, John Orlikow and Jim Carr have been invited to join us. Wab Kinew has already agreed to come. At about 2:30, a group of us will walk together across the bridge over to Vimy Ridge Memorial Park in Mr Ouellette's riding. At about 3:00, we will hold a short ceremony where we will lay a wreath, play the last post, and we will have Cam Kilgour (a former student and the great great nephew of John McCrae) read in Flanders Fields.

I thought the Camerons might be interested in this day. It would be amazing to have a few people come to our school dressed in First World War uniforms (if that is possible). We also would love for you to be a part of our pilgrimage walk and the ceremony. Let me know what you think and how you might help us enhance this commemorative day. Thanks

Chris Young
Kelvin High School Social Studies Department Head

Editor's Note: Major (Ret'd) Frederick Carsted has kindly volunteered his services to support this worthwhile project. Thanks Frederick !

Don Steenson is still heavily employed by the military doing B'sOI. He is probably going to be continuously employed into his 90's.

*** 2016-17 DUES (\$20) STILL PAYABLE UNTIL AUG 2017 ***

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 \$20.00 payment or be most unhappy that he doesn't get to take any money from you - yet - this year.

A newer method that can also be used is interact e transfer. Our Treasurer Dave Gibson has not got set up for it just yet but you can also do it through the Secretary, Hugh O'Donnell. It works rather like pay Pal for those of you familiar with that service. Here's link to the web page: <http://interac.ca/en/interac-e-transfer-consumer.html>

* CAMERON ASSOCIATION REPORT *

Reminder - Association dues have gone up

Our membership with authentic Scottish souls will no doubt be horrified to be reminded that the Association has finally caved to pressure to raise our association dues as of the Membership Year starting in August of 2017. The new subscription (or gouge if you prefer) will be \$20 per year. Those who have paid in advance have been and "grandfathered" and their years paid in advance will stand (Roy VDB, Rick Bales, et al).

This increase is to help to pay for the things that the Association supports, such as the Cameron Association Trophy, the Oatmeal Rag, and of course for those in town on the day, the Cameron Reunion. Speaking of which...

***** Reminder you too can become a LIFE MEMBER of The Association *****

This was an item added to the agenda at the last AGM by some very forward thinking members of the Association. It would be beyond rude to comment upon their age however I must point out that this is yet another case of our elders and betters displaying flexible thinking.

Short version, any member in good standing of at least 65 years of age will be allowed to buy a Life Membership in the Cameron Association in Canada for \$250 Cdn as of NOW. This money is restricted to being spent on an "as earned" basis, which is to say The Association cannot have a grand party one year and be broke the next. We can only add the \$20 per year of the \$250 to each succeeding year's budget.

!!! Reminder that The Cameron Reunion date has changed !!!

The annual Cameron Reunion has a new date as of Stand To Sept 2017. For many decades now the Association has continued to run the reunion on the anniversary of the Dieppe raid. This had the virtues of being easy to remember, being a most appropriate day to remember our veterans both living and dead, and usually having great weather for the Association golf tourney. It had one drawback though by the mid 1990's – it was almost always during the expanded Summer Training Cycle for the troops.

This was less of an issue when our SWW veterans could come out to the Men's Dinner at Christmas but by the early 2000's this was asking a lot of those guys. Our new soldiers rarely or never got to meet the guys who had beat the SS and German Paras and lived to tell about it. Those guys are nearly all gone I'm terribly sorry to say so it's time to shift the date to a more suitable time frame.

The 2017 Cameron Reunion will be on the weekend of the WITG Stand To. It may cause some hiccups but the CO of the WITG is willing to give it a shot in the name of Unit Morale.

The Cameron Fallen Comrades Memorial

This project has kicked off, but it is still really in the study phase. Thanks to some good work by Steve MacMillan, Bob Vandewater, and several other volunteers it looks like we have a design that will work and not cost more than a good Scot who lives in Winnipeg would spend. The bad news is that it won't be free – but you all knew that anyway.

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

*** REGIMENTAL WEB SITES ***

The Unit web site is still up running. 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. We continue to have a few requests through the unit web site for information from families about former Camerons. If anybody can help out with them please feel free to do so. You can find the web site at:

<http://thequeensowncameronhighlandersofcanada.net/>

Our Picasaweb site is gone but ALL of the pictures were carefully stored by the Google staff and exist in a new file on Google Photo. The down side is that this new file is accessible only to Hugh at this time. He is still working as time permits to get this information posted again and will post the new link here once it's functional again.

The Cameron Highlanders of Canada Memorial Site, Recording the History of the Regiment, 1914-1919, web site is one that every Cameron should have a look at once during the 100th Anniversary of the Great War. The creator of this site, Mr. J. Stuart McLean has done a great job of helping out the Cameron regimental family. Thanks for sharing your hard work sir !

<http://www.cameronhighlanderscanada.com>

Wilfred Laurier University has a page devoted to the Canadian War Diaries of the Normandy Campaign. While not a complete collection at this time (The Fort Garry Horse are missing as are some of the supporting arms and services War Diaries), ours and the rest of the 6th Brigade look to be complete.

<http://lmharchive.ca/canadian-divisions-of-the-normandy-campaign/2nd-canadian-infantry-division/>

*** UNIT EVENTS ***

Battalion: The Unit has been having to exercise some extra fiscal restraint as the result of a recent government cutback to funding. Nothing terribly new there, but this has led to the cancellation of some activities. The CO tells us that the unit is still funded to complete the mandatory training but the “fun” weekends” have had to go. 01 April is the new budget and I don't think that anyone is expecting a large dump down any time soon.

The Camerons may be seeing a new CO sometime over the next while. This may prove to be quite an interesting new chapter in the unit's history.

Pipes & Drums Update: The P&D have been and continue to be very busy showing the flag. They recently took part in the Winnipeg Scottish Festival. Here's a link to how they sounded for you:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8q70KU6TPok>

“A” Company Update: The Company has been busy with the start of the new year, as always. Major darcy Hormann is the incoming OC “A”. Those of you have yet to meet him will definitely find him someone to look up to. Some of the lads went north with the Arctic Response company for this year's big exercise.

[#https://www.canada.ca/en/department-national-defence/news/2017/02/canadian_army_beginsexercisearcticbison2017.html](https://www.canada.ca/en/department-national-defence/news/2017/02/canadian_army_beginsexercisearcticbison2017.html)

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”.

The Board continues to try to support all ranks in their various endeavours. The Cameron Cadets Vimy Ridge pilgrimage continues to receive attention. Speaking of which, here's a link for you:

<https://www.gilmore.ca/vacstore/eng/learningresource.aspx>

*** REGIMENTAL FOUNDATION 2016-17 NOTES ***

The Regimental Foundation has had several projects up for consideration again, one of which is the memorial to our Fallen Comrades. The Cameron Association with some top notch help from various members of the CO's Advisory Board are putting something suitable together per the notes listed elsewhere in this issue.

On behalf of those recipients, which of course includes The Oatmeal Rag, here is a big thank you to all those of you who have donated to the Foundation over the years. It has been well spent and very much appreciated !

*** CAMERON CADETS ***

The cadets are doing very well this year. Our current strength is 64mbrs, 5 officers and 2 civilian volunteers.

Our 5 cadet band program is doing very well this year, it is very nice to see and hear a playing band again after so many years without. A big thank you to WO Dawson Sgt Locke and crew for there support. Our Range team is doing exceptional this year. This is the first year in memory where we have been able to have 2 active teams under the direction of Lt Will. These 2 teams have competed successfully through all 3 stages of the competitions.

Our Vimy project is almost upon us. 13 cadets and 2 officers will be heading to Vimy in May to take part in some battle field tours and pay tribute to our Vimy hero's. Our cadets are very excited for this opportunity. A big thank you to all who have contributed to this task.

As always the cadet corps is always recruiting. We parade Thursday evenings from 1830-2100hrs, ages 12-18.

Capt Flook, CD.
CO 407 QOCH of C

Please visit their official web page and you will see how to sign up for REMIND. This will be a communications tool the Corps uses to notify all concerned of activities, notices, quick information etc.... sign up at: <http://www.407army.ca/>

*** REGIMENTAL REINFORCEMENTS ***

Sgt-Maj. James Clark and his wife Tanya are very pleased to announce that they have shattered the gender barrier. Their lovely wee girl Gracie is the first girl born into the family in something like 100 years. Or was that even longer James ?

Grace Clark, born Dec 19, 2016



*** OTHER REGIMENTAL NOTES ***

Rounds Completed:

2016 SATURDAY, 10 DECEMBER WITG CHRISTMAS DINNER

The WITG dinner was run well, as usual, but the communication around the actual time to be seated for dinner was a bit off. Hardly an issue when in good company. Fortunately for the guilty I have no pictures to post here.

A most notable part of the day's proceeding needs to be noted. The Annual Turkey Shoot tried to raise funds for Cancer Care, MB. This is likely to be a recurring feature and you can put some cash in without firing a shot in good conscience knowing that win, lose, or going home with a turkey that you can't possibly eat – your cash will go to a worthy cause.

2017 SUNDAY, 01 JANUARY CAMERON LEVEE

The Cameron Levee was its usual grand self. Once again I have no pictures but that may be for the best according to Bill Worden.

2017 SATURDAY, 21 JANUARY THE CAMERON WO'S & SGT'S ROBBIE BURN'S SUPPER

Another excellent evening was had by all and the Pipes and Drums were top notch ! Matt Lumsden seemed a bit chuffed at being asked to reform the old 1 PL with Capt. Adam Petrin, CSM James Clark, and Steve Smith. Thundercats !

**2017 SUNDAY, 04 FEBRUARY AM CAMERON KIRK PARADE**

Kirk Parade this year was most remarkable in that there were enough of us present to actually need more space in the pews than we had asked for. Credit for this delightful scenario was mostly due to the excellent turnout of **Cameron Cadets**. Thanks to all who showed up from the Advisory Board and the Cameron Association for also helping to show the flag.

2017 SUNDAY, 05 FEBRUARY PM CAMERON APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY COLONEL AND HANDOVER OF HONORARY LCOL

The change of appointments was perhaps long overdue and without question was well earned

but we're still very sorry to say farewell to HCol Bob Vandewater. It is very important to note that Bob will still be in the background in several capacities and will still be looking out for "his Camerons".

Thanks more than a million for all of your hard work Bob, and as many to your lady, Audrey Vandewater, for her support and kindness to all while you two were in such a demanding role.

HCol Nick Logan is by now no stranger to the Camerons and has been studiously learning all that Bob could teach. There will no doubt be a few learning curves but the editor of The Oatmeal Rag has no doubt that the regiment will be well served by our newest HCol.

Our newest HLCol is Cameron Buchanan. Cameron is no stranger to many of us having come to us from the RCR as a Major and later becoming one of our CO's and is well versed in our regimental lore and customs.

Editor's Full disclosure - I am a former RSM to LCol Buchanan. Of course I have the fullest confidence in his abilities !

VIMY 100TH

Maj (Ret'd) Bill Worden will be representing the Camerons at the Vimy 100th run by Veterans Affairs Canada. P/M Dawson and many members of our Pipes and Drums will also be there, representing the 3rd Canadian Infantry Division, C.E.F. By 3rd Canadian Division, C.A.F.

Incoming Rounds:

DIEPPE RAID 75TH - STAY TUNED – WE'RE WORKING ON IT

This year's commemoration of the Dieppe Raid will most likely take the form of a Kirk Parade at 1st Presbyterian Kirk on Canora St – our usual stop for Kirk Parades. Simply put, with most of the regiment and the cadets away on summer taskings and so many of the Cameron diaspora living anywhere but Winnipeg it will be hard to put on decent numbers for anything out in the public eye.

Rather than look silly and giving the impression that no one cares we can probably do a much better job of filling the pews and with a single piper definitely fill the Kirk with Cameron tunes. IF enough people step forward to say let's do something in public AND do everything short of signing in blood that they WILL attend an events sited in the public sphere then we'll try for a suitable venue such as Valour Road Commemorative Plaza.

Once again, we don't need a huge turnout – but we do need a solid commitment that YOU PERSONALLY WILL BE THERE. NO EXCUSES SHORT OF DEATH WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE. Under those conditions the Association would be willing to give it a shot.

ANNUAL CAMERON REUNION

As previously announced This year the Annual Reunion will take place on the same weekend

as the Cameron Stand To. This move is not without regrets but is absolutely necessary for the future health of the Association. The August 19th date was and will remain dear to our hearts, as will the 26th of Oct 1917 and several other big dates for the Camerons – but the younger generations of serving Camerons are and will remain deployed away from Winnipeg on summer courses, taskings, and so on at that time. They can be hard enough to recruit at the best of times but without any contact it is a foregone conclusion that the Association will fold. This way we have a chance to start planting the seed about joining after they are more settled. Thank you for understanding.

*** LINKS ***

Before You Go - Information for Reservists to assist their Release from the Canadian Armed Forces

This site is set up for guys like us. The P Res guys who are trying to figure out just what in the heck is supposed to happen. It is available to guys who are already releasing, are long out, etc.

<http://www.forces.gc.ca/en/caf-community-support-services-for-members-reservists/before-you-go.page>

Veterans who never got shot at

Joined up but never got shot up ? You may find this article of interest:

<http://taskandpurpose.com/means-veteran-without-experience-war/>

The Canadian Centre for the Great War Here's a new link for some of you:

<https://greatwarcentre.com/>

Do you know your AFV's of the World ?

Shoot or Don't Shoot ?

Turkish Tanks in action

“Recently, Turkish armor crossed over into Syria and drove the Islamic State terrorist group from its last holdings along the Turkish border—and also fought with U.S.-backed Kurdish rebels, creating a frustrating diplomatic quandary for the White House.”

<https://warisboring.com/turkish-steel-beasts-take-a-pounding-in-syria-53e57910c8c9#.yb2y64tuu>

BBC: Battle for west Mosul: Bombs 'fall like rain' on front line

Drones are a known and expected battlefield threat these days. Even the little ones:

www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-39099388

Red Salute: India's Maoist Maelstrom and Evolving Counterinsurgency Doctrines

For all that Communism may have all but disappeared in the West and in Russia the Maoists in India have yet to discover that communism is a spent force and no longer relevant to today's world. This is a 2016 article but is still worth the read.

<http://smallwarsjournal.com/jrnl/art/red-salute-india%E2%80%99s-maoist-maelstrom-and-evolving-counterinsurgency-doctrines>

Reelpipes.com

The Camerons occasionally work with outside agencies with common aims, say 38 CBG for one and here's another. Here's a link to their web site:

<https://www.reelpipes.com/about/about-reelpipes-com>

Western Branch Pipers and Pipe Band Society of Ontario

For those who are curious about the Prairie pipe band scene, here you go. Apparently we're the Western Branch of Ontario ! Still, they ARE passing on the craft – and that MUST be encouraged.

<http://www.westernbranchppbso.org/>

*** HISTORICAL NOTES ***

There are still families of First and Second War Camerons asking for more information about their kin. If anyone can help out please send the Oatmeal Rag editor what you have or ask to be put in touch directly and he'll do so.



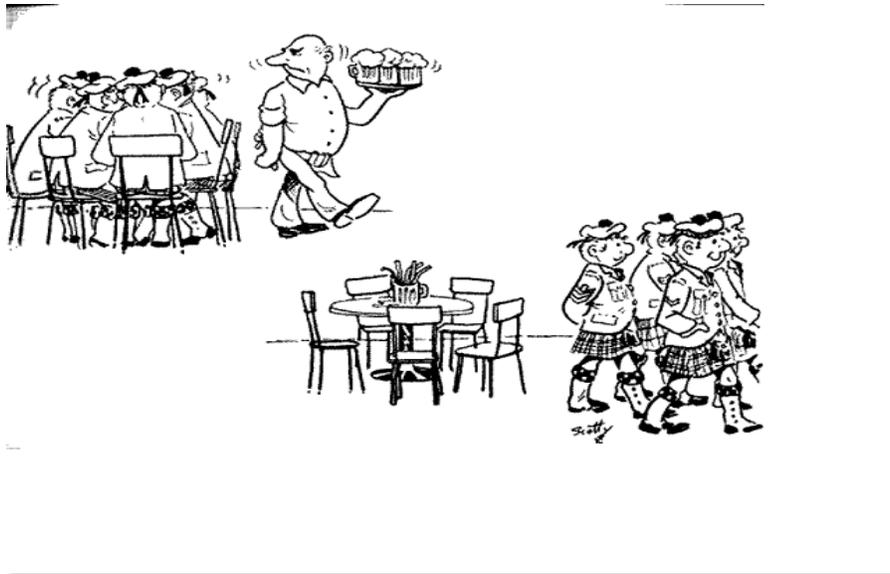
QOCH of C Hochwald, Germany, 5 March 1945

L-R front: Ptes P. Jaskow, J.A. Anderson, Lance-Corporal W.A. Banner,

L-R rear: Privates A.E. Davies and E. Vaillancourt.

*** “IT WOULDN’T BE AN OATMEAL RAG W/O A WEE JOKE” (RUSS MILLER) ***

Not to say that Camerons are cheap but:



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Bonus points if anyone can tell me which magazine this was from. Not that those points are worth money of course.

From Gordon Fonstad: Q:What has four legs and one arm? A: A happy pit bull !

Editor's note: Gotta love dogs...

Verification of Former Service DS Solution: You can make a request under the Access to Information Act, which will provide you with proof of your service with the Camerons. Please click on the recently confirmed (Jan 14, 2016) link:

<http://www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/tbsf-fsct/350-58-eng.asp>

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Gentlemen, we thank you.

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Sgt (Ret'd) Doug Roxburgh sends his regards and an invite to join himself at an evening of fine music, good cigars, and of course excellent whiskey !

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