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*K 40129 Private Howard John Linnell 06 April 1945 from Saskatchewan.
Aged 22, buried at Holten Canadian War Cemetery*

MARIE CAMPBELL (Widow of SWW Pte. Gordon Campbell)

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/chroniclejournal/obituary.aspx?n=marie-campbell&pid=188304436&fhid=31368>

Marie Campbell, age 102, of Thunder Bay, died peacefully on Saturday, February 24, 2018 at Hogarth-Riverview Manor. She was born on October 30, 1915 in Clan William, Manitoba. As a girl on the family farm, Marie was at her mom's side, helping care for the younger children, as well as pitching in with the chores of the dairy, sawmill and market garden.

While home on vacation from her job at the Mathie Farms near Aberdeen, Saskatchewan, she met Pte. Gordon Campbell of The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, who was on furlough; they married in January, 1941. In September of that year, Marie contracted polio and spent months convalescing at the King George Isolation Hospital in Winnipeg. Marie and Gordon settled in Westfort. While raising her family, Marie put the skills she'd learned as a 'big sister' to

use by volunteering for leadership roles in the Girl Guides, Westfort Community Centre Council, Fort William Women's Institute, Rebecca Lodge, C.G.I.T. Duncan Memorial Junior Church Camp at Loon Lake and the United Church Women. In addition, Marie was a retail clerk for the Zellers, Chapples and Eaton's Department Stores.

A life-long lover of music and self-taught pianist, she and Gordon, an old-time fiddler, entertained in all of the seniors' homes about the city for 37 years. Marie was predeceased by her husband Gordon in 2007, her parents, sisters, brothers, and great-great-granddaughter Violet Lambert. Surviving Marie are her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, as well as sisters-in-law Mary Sande and Gwendolyn Campbell.

Full obit available through the link above to Legacy.com

JOSEPHINE (JO) CHURCHWARD (ENGLLOT)
(Wife of Cold War LCol Reg Churchward)

https://passages.winnipegfreepress.com/passage-details/id-254407/CHURCHWARD_JOSEPHINE

It is with great sadness and heartache that we announce the passing of Jo Churchward on Thursday, March 29, 2018, at the age of 89. Jo will be forever loved and her memory held dear by her family including her husband of 62 years, Reg. The loss of her son Neil to cancer in 2010 was devastating to Jo, but she kept him in her heart and made sure he was not forgotten.

Raised in Beausejour, MB, Jo went on to become a nurse, graduating in 1954 from the St. Boniface School of Nursing before working for many years at several Winnipeg hospitals. She made many lifelong friends through nursing and often attended nurses' reunions where she shared in the camaraderie and laughter. She was an avid gardener, instilling a love of flowers and all things green in her daughters and now granddaughter. The house was never without fresh flowers in summer picked from her garden. Talented in both sewing and quilting, many of her handmade quilts are on display in her home and those of her family.

Mom enjoyed playing bridge and was a member of a "ladies bridge club" for over 50 years. Jo loved spending time at the family cottage at Ghost Lake, ON. She loved lake life, feeding the hummingbirds, listening to loons and reading on the deck overlooking the water. Jo made her house a home with her kindness, generosity, love of music and baking. She loved hosting family suppers, never missing a holiday celebration or a chance to gather family around the table. She was a proud grandma who loved her grandchildren with all her heart.

Cremation has taken place, to be followed by a private interment at Chapel Lawn Memorial Gardens. A celebration of Jo's life will be held at a later date.

Full obit published in the Winnipeg Free Press on Apr 07, 2018

NICK CHUTSKOFF (ACTING CSM QOCH AUGUST 1945)

Via email to our Association President S. MacMillan

Dear Sir,

I am contacting you in your capacity as the serving President of the Cameron Association in Canada as it appears in the online edition of: "The Oatmeal Rag" Volume: E03 ISSUE 28 (MARCH 2018)

I have attached to this correspondence the obituary of Nick Chutskoff as he is recognized in the Subject Matter:

- As an Acting CSM effective 25.08.1945 (Authority Major Pearson executing) of the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Winnipeg
- Nick Chutskoff's Militia Book M.1 (Part I) Revised 1-10-42 is further annotated as disclosed:
 - Regimental Number H 100621
 - Enlisted 20-April-42.
 - Signed C Doerkson Lt. Shilo Manitoba
 - PART (V):
 - 20-4-42 PTE. A. Rodger 2/Lt.
 - 5-11-42 L/Cpl A. Rodger 2/Lt.
 - 17-12-42 A/Cpl A. Rodger 2/Lt.
 - 18-5-43 A/SGT A. Rodger 2/Lt.
 - 2-9-43 Confirmed SGT. A. Rodger 2/Lt.
 - PART (VI):
 - A-15 Cdn. Inf. Trng. Centre, M.D. 10 Completed 8 Wks. ADV Training (signed) A. Mortimer Major (Undated)
 - There are additional entries which can be provided as a scanned document upon request.

We know that Nick (Dad) requested an overseas posting from the "Old Man" sometime in 1943 & that his request was subsequently granted.

- We know that Dad embarked from Halifax to the UK as a SGT.
- We know that Dad spent time around Dumfries Scotland training in preparation for front-line battle.

- We know that Dad did not land with his Regiment on D-Day.
- We know that Dad rejoined his Regiment on an uncertain date in Holland and
- We know that the Regiment was assigned to the Canadian 2nd Division as part of the First British Army.
- We know that Dad engaged in front-line infantry battle throughout northern Holland.
- We know that Dad had unpleasant memories of the ferocity & brutality of the battles in which the Regiment engaged in the Hochwald Forrest.

We don't know the precise dates of the various events in the preceding paragraph.

- We don't know where Dad was on VE day.

In addition to Dad's Obituary as attached printed in the Yorkton & Kamsack Saskatchewan papers,

- I have also attached 3 historic photos related to the above events.
(Editor's note: These pictures will appear elsewhere and I will info all of you once I can get them posted !)

Although I have previously visited the QOCH website, I was unaware until today of the "The Oatmeal Rag" publication and the service it provides in the "Last Post" section.

- To further update Dad's OBIT, I can inform you that Dad's interment at the TOMBOVKA CEMETERY, a few kms. from his Place of Birth of Runnymede Saskatchewan, is planned for July 14, 2018.
- I cannot answer an obvious question (because I never asked Dad for the answer) which only occurred to me now:
 - "Why didn't Dad enlist in a Saskatchewan Infantry Regiment?" and
 - "If he had would I exist to pen this e-mail?"

Please don't hesitate to contact the undersigned if we might possibly contribute any additional information for inclusion in the QOCH Archives.

Thank You,

Brian Chutskoff CD MD FRCSC (Retired)

CDR. (Retired) RCN 1968-1989

ROBERT WILLIAM JOHNSTON (SWW)

No obit link found, so this is to the Gladstone War Memorial instead:

<http://www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/sites/gladstonewarmemorial.shtml>

Robert was born on Sept 26th, 1918 at his home in Gladstone, MB. He was one of 4 children

born to William and Ella Johnston. Robert attended Sight Hill School in Austin until grade 8, he then started working as a farm labourer where he received 50 cents a day.

Robert married Joyce Patterson October 23rd, 1948. They lived in Pine Creek and farmed with his father and built bridges until 1960. After moving to Edrans he was employed on various farms. He then moved to Gladstone in 1967 where he continued to work for the potato growers until commencing employment at the Gladstone Coop from which he retired in 1980.

Robert and Joyce were blessed with 4 boys, Alan, Andrew, Larry, and Kenneth.

Robert moved into Third Crossing in September of 2014.

Bob didn't like a lot of fuss and bother and had requested a private interment after cremation.

Editor's Note: Robert was a Dieppe Raid veteran and was an uncle to Sgt-Maj Clark's wife Tanya. Bob's family weren't able to do up much of an obit for him but through Tanya we have this story about him and the Dieppe Raid:

In the run up to the Dieppe Raid Uncle Bob got himself into quite a lot of trouble through an adventure that involved a LOT of drinking. As punishment he was on endless pack drill sessions which led to him being the new platoon pack mule - and thus was carrying more kit than the other guys during the Dieppe Raid.

When talking about his experience over there he said "I was a pretty good runner. I figured that during our morning runs sometimes I could probably reach speeds up to about 30. Well when we hit the beach I'm guessing that I was doing at least 70 and yet all those guys that could never keep up during PT were passing me !"

WILLIAM ALEXANDER RAMSAY (Cold War)

https://passages.winnipegfreepress.com/passage-details/id-253099/RAMSAY_WILLIAM

WILLIAM ALEXANDER RAMSAY In the early hours of February 14, 2018 William Alexander Ramsay, dear father, grandfather, great-grandfather, friend and Scottish piper extraordinaire, joined his beloved wife Helen in eternal rest. He died as he lived his life, with dignity and grace. Bill was 87 years old. He is survived by his daughter & sons, his grandchildren, his great-grandchildren, his brother-in-law, as well as many dear friends and relatives.

Bill was born November 12, 1930 to James and Ina Ramsay and lived all his life in Winnipeg. When he was a young boy he enjoyed gymnastics and performing in the operettas in high school. Scouting was his passion and he earned the high honours of becoming a King's Scout, receiving a Bushman's Thong and Silver Wings, a wartime badge earned for 100 hours of support services for the war effort. He continued in scouting for many years becoming a Camp Warden at Gilwell in 1948. He opened a cub pack in East Kildonan with Harold Granke which they ran successfully for many years. Bill joined the Robertson Memorial United Church Congregation in his earlier years where he taught Sunday school and was a member of the

Young Peoples Group. He met Helen when they led a Cub and Scout Camp at Rabbit Lake and a beautiful 67 year romance began. Helen and Bill were married on August 18, 1951. Patsy was born in 1952, then Bobby in 1954 and Kenny in 1958. He later joined Wesley United and became a board member and an active participant in church activities.

Bill was very proud of his Scottish heritage and one of his greatest joys and accomplishments was playing the bagpipes. He was well respected in the Scottish community for his extraordinary skills in playing and teaching others to play. He marched in hundreds of parades with many bands from the St. John's Pipe Band to the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders and finally to the Anavet 60 Pipes and Drums. He made many true lifelong friends along his journey. He directed and taught the Heather Belle Ladies Pipe Band for many years. They travelled to Moose Jaw, Minneapolis, Florida and the big trip to Scotland where they competed in the World's Pipe Band Championship.

Bill started as a linotype operator in the printing industry at Reid and Eibner, worked hard and ended his career as the Manager of Western Canada, Marketing and Sales for Public Press, a division of United Grain Growers Limited. After 40 years of dedicated service to the printing industry he retired and built his dream cottage at Great Falls. Bill, along with Helen, turned it into a paradise with beautiful trees and flowers and a place where the kids loved to swim, boat and ski.

Bill's family was his pride and joy. He attended Scottish dance competitions, hockey games, music concerts, guide and scouting events, drumming competitions and whatever else any of his children, grandchildren or great-grandchildren were into. His kind and gentle manner made him loved wherever he went.

A celebration of Bill's life was held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, February 22, 2018 at Glen Eden Funeral Home, 4477 Main St. Interment. The family would like to thank St. Joseph's Residence for the kindness and compassion they gave to Bill over the last two and a half years. Bill is finally at peace, together again with his beloved Helen. Glen Eden Funeral Home & Cemetery 204-338-7111

Full obit published in the Winnipeg Free Press on Feb 17, 2018

ROY TAYLOR (SWW RAF, Cold War Camerons)

https://passages.winnipegfreepress.com/passage-details/id-254403/TAYLOR_ROY

Roy was born on August 28, 1925 in Fearn, Ross-shire, Scotland, and spent his first 16 years in the highlands of Scotland in Balintore, a small village by the sea. At the age of 16 he was accepted into the Aircraft Apprentice Scheme at the prestigious RAF Halton. He left his home

and family behind and headed to Buckinghamshire, England, to begin the three-year program. He graduated in 1944 and as soon as he reached the minimum age of 19 in August of that year, he applied to be dispatched into service overseas with the RAF. He served the remainder of World War II and into 1946 as an aircraft mechanic in India, Ceylon (now Sri Lanka), and Pakistan.

He returned to Scotland after being discharged from the RAF, but finding permanent work proved difficult. Once again he left his home, family, and then fiancée, Margaret (Meg) behind and emigrated to Canada in July 1952. He did not have a job or a home in Canada but he had a plan. He would find both, save for two years and bring Meg to Canada where they would be married. He accomplished his goal in just one year, in 1953 Meg joined him and they began their new life in Canada. It would be a very good one...

When he arrived in Winnipeg, he applied for work at Trans-Canada Air Lines but was turned away as he could not produce three character references. They sent him over to MacDonald Brothers Aircraft Ltd. (later known as Bristol Aerospace Ltd.) where a man named Paul Latoki took a leap of faith and hired him. And so began a very successful 39-year career in the aerospace industry. He rose through the ranks, became an inspector and in 1958 was promoted to Deputy Chief Inspector. Hard work and continued studies paid off and by 1965 he achieved another goal, that of Aircraft Maintenance Engineer. In 1967, he was promoted to Chief Inspector and served in that capacity until becoming Quality Control Manager, a position he held until his retirement in 1991. He was the recipient of many, many awards and honours in the industry, both in Canada and the United States.

Roy was a very talented piper and a proud member of The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, the City of Winnipeg Massed Pipes and Drums, the Manitoba Pipes and Drums and the Shrine Khartoum Pipes and Drums. He also played at hundreds of weddings, funerals, banquets and Burns suppers. In his prime he could recite, from memory, Robbie Burns' Address to a Haggis in its entirety !

In 1947 he joined the Free Masons in Scotland. After his arrival in Canada he joined Empire Lodge #127 and was recently presented with his 70th Anniversary pin.

Roy and Meg had two daughters, Irene and Heather. Meg passed away in 1972 and in 1986 Roy married Louise and welcomed Colleen and Alan into the family. He was father in law to Roger, Grandpa and Papa to Jennifer, Paul, Kim, Christopher, Travis and Cody and Great-grandpa to Juliet, Desmond, April, Dylan, Derek, Carter, and Logan.

This obit was provided by Roy's widow Louise.

Editor's Note: For those of you who never had the pleasure I need to tell you that Roy was ALWAYS the first choice of the Cameron WO's and Sgt's Club to do the Address to a Haggis at our annual Robbie Burns Supper. With his Scots brogue and impeccable delivery Roy never failed to delight all present.

God bless you and keep you Roy.

IVAN SWANKY (Cold War)

https://passages.winnipegfreepress.com/passage-details/id-254410/SWANKY_IVAN

IVAN SWANKY May 21, 1935 - March 31, 2018 It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of Ivan Swanky. He is survived by his beloved sister Phyllis, his nephew Scott (Sandy), niece Holly (Rich) and great-nieces Heather, Allison (Josh) and Paige. In his lifetime he had many great accomplishments, including his service as a Captain in the Queens Own Cameron Highlanders. He was also very well-liked and respected as an employee of United Grain Growers, from which he retired after 20 years. We would like to thank the staff at Beacon Hill Lodge Personal Care Home, especially the fourth floor. As per his wishes, cremation has taken place, there will be no service.

As published in the Winnipeg Free Press on Apr 07, 2018

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.

Link current to 18 March 2018

<http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/services/information-for/families-and-survivors/earnings-loss>

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.

Link current to 18 March 2018

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

Editor's Note: To quote an article from 18 May 2018 Legion Magazine:

“An internal audit released in 2017 reported that some 45,000 of 207,525 military graves in Canada need repair, including cleaning, restoring or replacing headstones. The government's 2018 budget, delivered on Feb. 27, finally addresses the longtime shortfall by

increasing the funding to \$5 million a year for the next five years. It would have taken 17 years to complete all the outstanding repairs; now it will take five.”

According to the article the funding has been only \$1 million/year for about a decade and a half until this past budget. Imagine that – the Trudeau government did something good ! Now about those returned ISIS fighters sirs, action please ? I know the courts may not be 100% onside and all...

<https://legionmagazine.com/en/2018/05/grave-situation/>

*** SICK & VISITING ***

Valerie Buchanan (HLCol Cameron Buchanan's lady) – Valerie is recovering from a tumble and working on one armed golfing for a bit. Fore !

Former HCol Jim Burns (Cold War) – Home from the M.O.'s digs and doing ok. All the best sir !

Reg Churchward (Cold War) – Reg will be recuperating for a bit yet. We look forward to seeing you again soon Reg.

Ken McCuaig (Cold War) – Ken has gone for a visit to the M.O. at the Grace. It seems he's not been eating enough Oatmeal to “sort himself out”. Get well soon Ken !

Ken Smith (SWW Cameron) – Ken has moved to a better 'ole and is doing well these days. His son Craig tells us that his old phone number still works and he'd appreciate a call if you have the time to make one. If you need his snail mail address please contact Murray Burt from the Advisory Board or Hugh from the Association. It should also be noted that Ken has been proclaimed a Member Emeritus of the Cameron Advisory Board. Congrats Ken and I hope that you like the new “wallpaper” !

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:

<http://thequeensowncameronhighlandersofcanada.net/links.html>

*** PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ***

It is our hope to have the monument completed by late summer of 2019, but if we have to wait a little longer to ensure that this is completed in a first class manner, that is what we will do. We are only going to get one shot at a project of this scale. This is not only a memorial to our fallen but it will also tell the history of our Regiment and the sacrifices that were made and the honours that were earned.

I look forward to seeing as many of you at the Fall Reunion Friday, 07 September in the Jr.Ranks mess in Minto. Have a great summer.

Regards

Steve MacMillan

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

Our VP is still very busy boy but sends his regards. Keep up the good work Fred !

*** 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 62 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.

Subject: My father and grandfather James & Thomas McCall MacLean

From: "Isabelle Drown" <immccall@mlode.com>

Date: Tue, 8 May 2018

Dear Sir - my father, James McCall MacLean, served with the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders in WW II and I believe he was a sergeant major when the war was over. He was born in Lanarkshire, Scotland in 1903 and was living in Estevan, Saskatchewan when he enlisted in 1939 in Winnipeg.

My grandfather, Thomas McCall McLean, born in 1877/79 in Lanarkshire, Scotland was living in Estevan, Saskatchewan when he joined the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders in WW I. I believe he fought in France but did not talk about his service a lot and I do not know his rank when discharged.

I am looking for their army records and/or any regimental pictures in which they would appear. There was a fire in which I lost my pictures and am trying to replace anything I can find.

I hope you can help me in this.

Sincerely

Isabelle McCall MacLean Drown

Dear Sir - I neglected to give you my grandfather's attestation record information. He didn't tell the truth about his birth date - he said he was 3 years younger - 1880 instead of 1877. His regimental number was 3234938 and the date on the attestation paper was 8 May 1916 and was discharged on 23 August 1918 due to sickness (shell shock).

My father told me he joined up when he heard that his brother was killed in France. The brother, Robert McLean, was with the Seaforth Highlanders and was killed in Flanders in 1915. The title on the Attestation Paper was '179th Batt'n. C.E.F. (Cameron Highlanders of Canada).

Thank you in advance for any help you can offer me.

Isabelle

William Frank Pachkowski, H/22112, information & war diaries?

Dear sirs,

I am Kim and I am a research team member for the Faces to Canadian war Graves foundation in Groesbeek, the Netherlands (<http://facestograves.nl/index.html>). We are working on a digital platform (together with the cemetery of Holten) , where we want to create a digital memorial. With life stories about all service men buried in Groesbeek (Holten and eventually also the soldiers buried on local cemeteries in the Netherlands). Those stories are not only about their lives as service men during the war, but we also would like to add personal information. We try to find this kind of information via relatives or friends still alive.

At the moment I am investigating Private William Frank Pachkowski. He was a private of the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada, R.C.I.C.

On 16th of November 1944 Pachkowski was transferred to the mainland of Europe and the 6th of March 1945, Private William Frank Pachkowski died during the battle to clear the Germans from Xanten, east of the Hochwald Forest in Emmerich.

I could not find them online, so I was wondering if there are any war diaries about this time period available ? That could help me in writing his story, experiences and faith?

Any other information available about Private Pachkowski is of course also much appreciated. At this moment he is the only man from the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders I am working on, but if you think you might be helpful in general, please let me know? We could add you to the contact list of our researchers if you'd like.

In case you have questions or remarks, feel free to contact me or our foundation.

Thank you in advance,

Kim Huvenaars

Paltzstraat 17

5371 EB Ravenstein

Subject: Historical question...

9 Apr 2018

Hello,

My name is Lorne York and my paternal grandfather was a private in The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada. His name is Leslie Sarsfield York, Service # F/85624

All I've ever known of my grandfather was that he died in the war when my dad was a little boy.

From the little bit of research the internet now affords, I have found out he died July 22, 1944 and is buried at the Beny-sur-mer Canadian War Cemetery: Calvados France. I am wondering what I can read to find definitively what battle he was fighting when he died. I would like a little history and would like to honour my grandfather for what he has sacrificed for our country.

Regards,

Lorne York

Calgary Alberta

*** WHERE ARE THEY NOW ? ***

RALPH FLOM (COLD WAR) - 04/10/2018 is working for the CanadaOne Auto Group in Edmonton. He occasionally gets to come to Winnipeg, as there is a store there (Mid-Town Ford), but usually it is during stand down, so he doesn't get to connect with anyone. Last time he was in town, and the armory door was open, he snuck up to see if the Band was there, but no. Instead he popped into the Museum and saw Sean Madden and Mike Nickerson. They had a few laughs and shared a few memories. He is trying to get to town within the next month, and will let us know when he am coming and hopefully we can connect along with some of the rest of the gang.

UPDATE – 04 / 30 / 2018 – Ralph, Steve MacMillan, Taffy Gray, Dennis LaBossiere, and Hugh O'Donnell got together for the traditional Scottish feast of pizza at Boston Pizza, told lies, and discussed The Jets' season. This was followed up by a partisan linkup at 34 St. James Legion with Doug Roxburgh.

LLOYD JONES (SWW) – Doing well as of the last telcon with Hugh. Stay that way Lloyd !

ROY MACGILLIVRAY (RCR SAS PL 1948, Cameron RSS 1970's) Hugh got by for a coffee with Roy on 08 May 2018. Roy is in great shape and says hi to all. He is interested in possibly coming to the Cameron Reunion or maybe the BBQ after the golf but will need to make the call closer to the day. Roy may want a hand getting his kilt on so that it's not backwards this time. He still enjoys the memories of having a General and an LCol who were also RCR's drop by for coffee and a chat and hopes to see them again some time soon. We'll try to make that happen for you Roy !

By the way, Roy retains his interest in all things Scottish, especially from Nova Scotia. He

called Hugh to let him know about the 2018 Nova Scotia Tattoo being on tv. The massed bands were well worth the watch and "Rise Again" following a scene about the Halifax Explosion was a real treat. Thanks Roy !

VI MILLER (Russ's widow) - We get the odd update from a certain young officer from the Regiment who assures us that Vi is doing OK. Thanks sir !

PAUL NEMEZ (SWW) Hugh got by to have a coffee with Paul on 25 March 2018. Paul was in great shape and happy to chat about old times. One of his favourite memories is that he NEVER passed back the Bren Gun (editor's note – that was the Section LMG of the day, it's about 2.1 kg lighter than the C6) on the 28 mile (about 45 km) hikes the unit did at least once a week in England. And it was always allowed on these treks.

Paul got to be a Bren Gunner in his Section because when he got to the Camerons as a replacement for guys lost on the Dieppe Raid the NCOs used to give guys ammo to go shooting at the nearby pits to encourage good marksmanship – a practice that some of us wish would return btw. Anyhow Paul shot well enough to be selected for a sniper course even if he didn't want to be one. He didn't pass the course but his rifle barrel was so worn out they issued him a Bren instead. This was a decision that several Germans came to regret !

BILL NAVEN (SWW, Post War) – Nothing heard lately from Bill.

*** 2017-18 DUES (\$20) STILL PAYABLE UNTIL AUG 2018 ***

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 now gotten set up for it, 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 one of the the web page options:

<http://interac.ca/en/interac-e-transfer-consumer.html>

*** CAMERON ASSOCIATION REPORT ***

***** 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. Fossilized they are not !

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.

THE CAMERON FALLEN COMRADES MEMORIAL – FUNDRAISING LAUNCHED!!! & SITING in VIMY PARK PROCEEDING

Dear Friends of the Regiment;

As you are aware, The Queen’s Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada have been an important part of the military history of Winnipeg since their formation in 1910. The Camerons were the first highland regiment in Western Canada to officially be part of the Canadian Army. The Regiment has served with distinction, in both the First and Second World Wars, and in other conflicts and during peacetime domestic operations.

The entire Cameron family have undertaken a project to erect a significant monument to recognize the Regiment’s sacrifices for their country. This is the first monument to be dedicated to The Queen’s Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada. It will be situated in a place of honour in Vimy Park on the south side of Portage Avenue. The Park itself is enjoying a major restoration of its design, and will feature many of the military units that participated in the Vimy Ridge battle.

The design is completed, and we are now beginning the fundraising campaign. The initial response has been outstanding, and we expect to complete the commemoration in late summer of 2019. The committee would greatly appreciate any assistance you or your organization could contribute to attaining the goal: to provide the first public tribute to our fallen Cameron soldiers. Together we can make this a reality, as an important part of the redevelopment of Vimy Park and the role of Winnipeg’s military. On behalf of the fundraising committee, we look forward to your support.

There are different options to support this endeavour. Please read the descriptions carefully because they are significant for tax and other purposes !

Donations may be made in three (3 !) different ways:

1. E-Transfer: This can be done by E-transferring us your donation of \$25 Cdn or more (because while lesser amounts are welcome, to get a tax receipt it MUST be \$25 CDN or more). Be sure to include your name and mailing address !

2. By cheque to the Cameron Foundation: This can be done by sending your donation of \$25 Cdn or more (because while lesser amounts are welcome, to get a tax receipt it MUST be \$25 CDN or more) to:

The Cameron Foundation
180 Kingsway Ave
Wpg, MB R3M 0H2

Again, ONLY donations of more than \$25 by cheque or E-Transfer will be issued a tax receipt.

3. The Cameron monument GoFundMe web page: Tax receipts for this type of donation will NOT be issued. The site does not track addresses and apparently charitable donation receipts are not normally part of how they operate. Sorry about that !

This web page is located at:

<https://www.gofundme.com/qoch-of-canada-monument-fund>

*** 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:

Link current to 18 March 2018

<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 was one that every Cameron should have had a look at over the years.

Sadly it seems to be gone now and no word from Mr. Mclean.

We hope that all is well with him and thank you so very much for an unparalleled job of helping out the Cameron regimental family. Thanks for sharing your hard work sir !

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.

Link current to 18 March 2018

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

*** UNIT EVENTS ***



REGIMENT: Having formally separated from the Winnipeg Tactical Group on 01 April 2018 the regiment as a whole was prepared for the Change of Command from LCol Sean Moran to

LCol David Fraser on 12 May 2018. This will see a significant change in both units as they start to really reestablish their respective regimental traditions in big ways not really possible when so grouped.

For one example the Royal Winnipeg Rifles will get back to their normal Rifle drill at 140 paces all the time while the Camerons will be – well – you know, Camerons.

Battalion: As above, plus the usual courses and ongoing training.

Pipes & Drums Update: This spring has already proven itself a very busy season for the regimental Pipes & Drums with several engagements at home and away.

In March, the band took 2nd place in both of its events at the Winnipeg Scottish Festival, with cadet piper Cameron Dawson earning the Piper of the Day award. CSM HQ, WO Dawson, and Camerons Pipe Major, WO Locke, also organized the **2nd Annual Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Shankland, V.C. Memorial Solo Piping Competition**, which enjoyed a marked increase in entrants over its inaugural year.



With the competition out of the way, the Pipes & Drums, along with two colleagues from the Seaforth Highlanders, began preparations for the Virginia International Tattoo and NATO

Festival. This 10-day tasking included several tattoo performances as well as concerts around Norfolk and a street parade with Pipe Major Locke leading the massed band of the Canadian contingent.

After a short break at home, the band was asked to support the opening ceremonies of the 100th Memorial Cup Canadian Hockey League tournament in Regina which, despite rainy conditions, was a great success. Several members will soon be departing for summer taskings and training, but the band will still be busy with upcoming performances at the Red River Ex and the Royal Military Institute of Manitoba's annual BBQ.

“A” Company Update: Since the start of 2018 “A” Company has maintained a steady pace of operations completing: Ex FROZEN DEVILS 18, a Winter Warfare – Advance to Contact exercise, with non-partisan linkups and activities involved. HCol Logan and HLCol Buchannan attended this exercise.

Ex NOMINATI MARKSMAN, an Individual Battle Task Standard exercise with the goal of preparing our members to participate in the upcoming Road to High Readiness and subsequent deployments with 1CMBG.

R Wpg Rif Change of Command, “A” Company formed the bulk of the Guard for the Change of Command which not only signified the change of CO from LCol Moran to LCol Desroche but also ceremoniously separated the Cams of C and R Wpg Rif.

Individual members of A Coy have been busy, supporting international exercises and completing courses. “A” Coy send a section to augment 3rd Bn PPCLI on Ex SPARTAN HOPLON, a light infantry exercise in Washington, a return to classic light infantry skills.

We have had recent successful graduates from Infmn 3B Sgt Mladjenovic, and the new Rifle Section Commander’s Course, MCpl Loewen. Looking forward “A” Coy is prepared to augment the Road to High Readiness – as the Queens’ Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada are always ready to deploy. ULLAMH!

Capt Ward Lentz



Capt. Ward Lenz competitor at the Hypothermic Half Marathon with a Wind Chill of -25 C. A great way to spend a Sunday morning.

Cameron Kit Shop: MCpl Mike Knudson from the Rifles is our new contact in the combined Kit Shop and the list of goodies will be emailed to anyone who requests a copy from the Editor of the Oatmeal Rag, Hugh O'Donnell.

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 also continues to try to support all ranks and the Cameron cadets in their various endeavours.

The Advisory Board continues to provide excellent support to the Cameron Monument Project in every possible fashion from moral support to financial advice and guidance to coordination with the City of Winnipeg – and that's just the tip of the Claymore they wield !

Another one of their recent activities was the bestowing of the title “Member Emeritus” on several very deserving Camerons.



Advisory Board Chairman Tom Denardi presenting former HCol Bob Vandewater with his Member Emeritus Certificate 03 April 2018

*** REGIMENTAL FOUNDATION 2017-18 NOTES ***

The Regimental Foundation still has several projects up for consideration again, one of which is the memorial to our Fallen Comrades. Thank you to all of those who have contributed to the Foundation. Every dollar helps !

*** CAMERON CADETS ***

The Cameron cadets have been busy and are going to remain busy for a while yet. Biathlon and Marksmanship Stage 3 have been completed and results posted showing 407's female cadets posted a 5th, 8th, and 9th, and a male entry got a 15th. Staff strength has fallen a bit short — down one position. It will soon be remedied.

Lt Grant Tyler (*Editor's note – yes, THAT Grant Tyler – former Museum NCO*) was sworn in during the CO's parade March 1 and he has taken over the red star level instruction. The unit is still waiting for background checks to be completed so civilian volunteers can be integrated into training.

Upcoming Events include the 20 April NavTrek FTX which will have approximately 200 cadets on ground from the various cadet corps in the province and the 01 June Adventure FTX. Early June is the forecast for the Annual Ceremonial Revue, date to be finalized in the near future. There is a possibility of BGen Cochrane being our reviewing officer (subject to approval) for the ACR.

The Cameron cadets are facing the following issues. The inventory of highland kit and purchase of accoutrements is progressing well enough. The donations of kits from the regiment is in progress and much appreciated, however the inspection of corps band equipment by the regimental band staff reveals a number of the drums in the office are not serviceable. The inventory consists of one base drum, and seven snare or/tenor drums, three bagpipes (found to be for practice only), chanters, and a toolbox to effect kit repair. As it is, most of the equipment being used by the cadet corps originates from the regiment.

If you know of any youth between 12 and 18 years old who may be interested in cadets please have them either call the office at 204-786-1130 or come down and see us Thursday evenings from 1830-2100hrs.

Capt. Phil Atkinson

For further information regarding our cadets 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 ***

Nil this time out that the editor is aware of.

*** OTHER REGIMENTAL NOTES ***

Rounds Completed:

The Cameron Association Speedworld Races

On Saturday, 24th March Sgt-Maj Clarke, his driver A/Pte Connor, and several other former Camerons got together for the 2nd Annual Speedworld Races at Speedworld on Berry St. It was a great time with WO (Ret'd) Steve Smith taking Second place twice ! We'll probably be doing this again next year too but hopefully more of you can make it.

Incoming Rounds:

Stay tuned to the Cameron web page, Facebook page, and check your email every now and then too. Here are a few that we know are on the way and their projected dates:

Cameron Reunion 07th and 08th Sept 2018

The Cameron Reunion will be on the weekend of the Unit Stand To, 07-08 Sept 2018.

Thanks again sir !

Friday 07th Sept Grid: Minto JR's

Time: 1900 for 1930, 2000 hrs Fallen Comrades

Dress: Casual but clean.

Special Instructions:

- Bring your Cameron Association card for 2018-19 or have the **\$20** for your annual membership handy at the door.
- See Don MacDonald re Saturday Golf if you haven't already. See below for details.

Saturday 08th Sept Grid: Assiniboine Golf Club on Ness

Time: 1330 for 1400 Tee time for the golfers

1630 for 1700 for the BBQ only crowd

Dress: #4A Recreational (Garrison) or Suitable attire

Special Instructions: The BBQ dinner is \$25 per head, the Golf & BBQ dinner is \$40 per head.

Check in with Don MacDonald or Steve MacMillan ASAP to sign up or to pay up. Failing that on the day have your cash in hand and see him pronto !

- Contact info to sign up is:

Don MacDonald's email address: "dmacdona@mymts.net" dmacdona@mymts.net

or call Hugh to arrange to get Don's phone number

The Cameron Officer's Mess Dinner – 19 Oct 2018

It's ok lads, most of you are excused duties for this one.

The Cameron WO's & Sgt's Robbie Burns Supper - 19 January 2019

The Cameron WO's & Sgt's Club would like to thank all who supported the 2018 CAMERON WO'S & SGT'S ROBBIE BURNS SUPPER ! It was the the 58th Annual for those who are counting. Next year's tickets will be more expensive because we can't run this event for free and prices keep rising. On the bright side Sgt Sebastian Snidal will be sending out the link for e-payment again. Technological change, love it or hate it, it's not slowing down.

The Cameron Kirk Parade – 03 February 2019

REMINDER - #215 Henderson Highway Branch, Royal Canadian Legion Dieppe Display

Happy New Year,

I just wanted to let you know that I have set up our Dieppe display at Henderson Highway Legion today. Please let association members know that it can be viewed in our Wall of Honour and Remembrance. I am planning on having the display in place until August.

Bodo Roloff

*** 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.

Link current to 18 March 2018

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

Registered Disability Savings plan (RDSP)

If you have left the military with a disability that qualifies you may wish to look into this plan.

Link current to 18 March 2018

<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/topics/registered-disability-savings-plan-rdsp.html>

LIGHT READING**Marine Corps announces sweeping changes to ground-combat forces**

<https://www.stripes.com/news/marine-corps-announces-sweeping-changes-to-ground-combat-forces-1.527061>

These changes are not only to kit, but to their basic building block, the Marine Rifle Squad of 13 going down to 12 with internal organization, qualification, and training changes too. And that's just the starting point.

No change at all to their shooting philosophy though ! Accuracy will still be the goal, not just because of the likelihood of collateral damage to civilians in the current operating environment but because, to quote the Wiki, “Experienced troops who have dealt with incoming fire are less likely to take cover from incoming rounds if they are not close enough. With an IAR, the doctrine is that lower volume of fire is needed with better accuracy. “

Their new rifle will be the M27 and here's a bit about it:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/M27_Infantry_Automatic_Rifle

You spot something weird about a parade, so where do you look ?

Here it turns out, for us old guys anyhow:

<http://www.cmp-cpm.forces.gc.ca/dhh-dhp/dc-tc/index-eng.asp>

Which leads to the “**CF Dress and Ceremonial (DHH 3)**. This section maintains the CF dress, insignia, customs and ceremonial policies on behalf of the Chief of Defence Staff and “ blah blah...

But it should answer your question for you.

*** 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.

The surviving Cameron family is rather larger than the current editor of the Oatmeal Rag thought. Thanks very much to Rob Bonnett (Cold War Cameron) for this !

16th Battalion, Royal Western Australia Regiment

<https://www.army.gov.au/our-people/units/forces-command/2nd-division/13th-brigade/16th-battalion-royal-western-australia>



The 16th Battalion, Royal Western Australia Regiment, is an Army Reserve infantry battalion of the Australia Army.

16th Battalion, Royal Western Australia Regiment (16 RWAR), is located in Western Australia and one of the two battalions of the Royal Western Australia Regiment.

As a light infantry battalion, 16 RWAR's mission is to train and sustain light infantry in order to provide specified forces for deployment on operations.

In recent years, 16 RWAR soldiers have deployed in support of operations in Timor-Leste (East Timor), Malaysia, Bougainville, Afghanistan and Iraq.

Volunteers have also deployed on coastal security and naval boarding party tasks in the Timor Sea. Other roles include supporting national counter-terrorist measures through service in the Reserve Response Force.

The motto of the Royal Western Australia Regiment is 'Vigilant'.

Royal Western Australia Regiment Wiki Link

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Royal_Western_Australia_Regiment

The **Royal Western Australia Regiment** is a reserve infantry regiment of the [Australian Army](#) consisting of two battalions, the [11th/28th Battalion](#) and the [16th Battalion](#). The regiment was raised in July 1960 as part of the reorganisation of the [Australian Army Reserve](#) through the amalgamation of the three existing infantry regiments in [Western Australia](#):

The kilted battalion : the history of 16th infantry battalion (the Cameron Highlanders of Western Australia) / John Treloar and Peter Shaw.

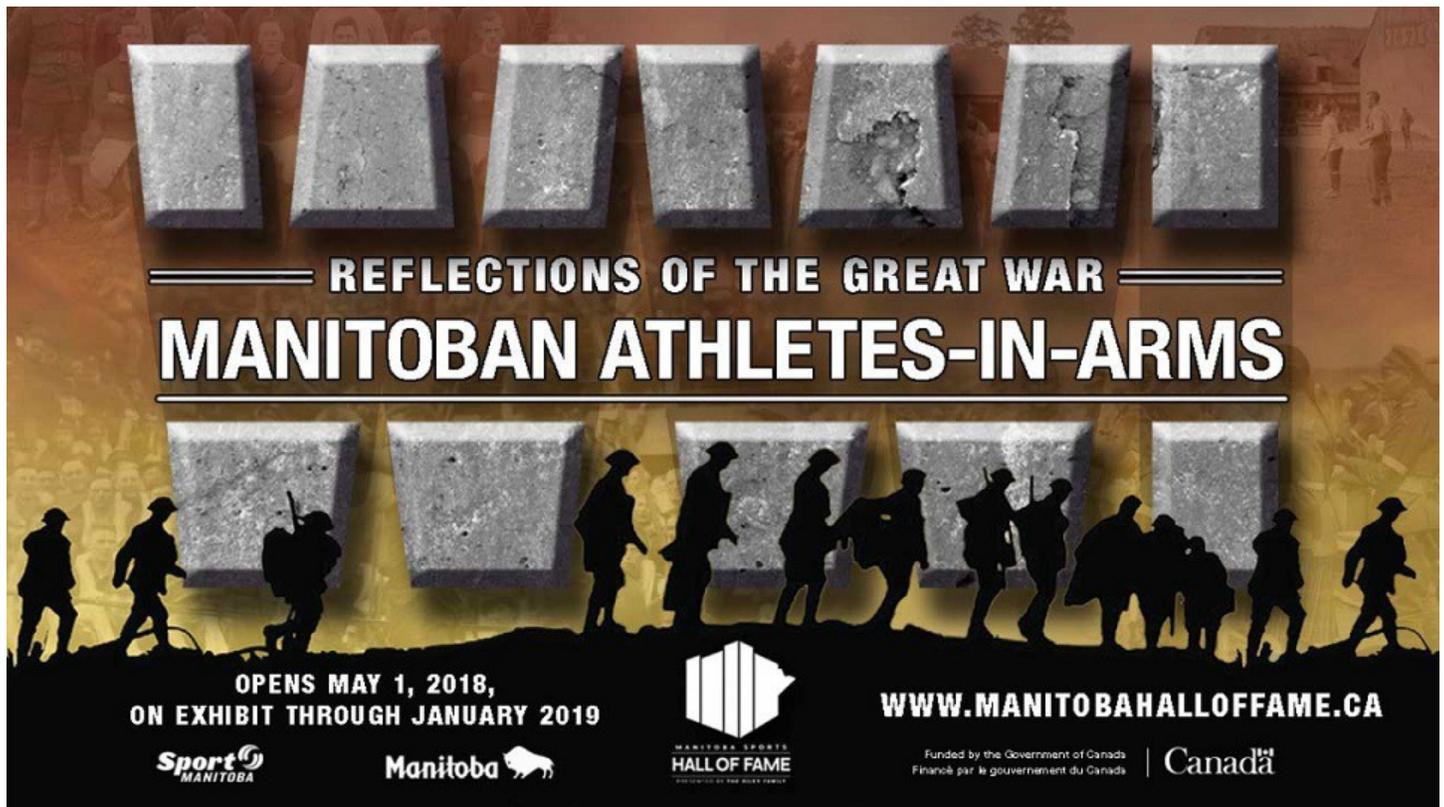
<https://trove.nla.gov.au/work/25126427?q&versionId=30295637>

This book covers the story of the battalion from its raising as a Militia battalion in 1936, through its deployment as an AIF battalion during the Second World War and its continuation as a CMF battalion during the post-war period, up to the formation of The Royal Western Australia Regiment in 1960. Appendices include Battle Honours, badges, battalion Colours, nominal rolls and other valuable and interesting reference information.

2006, ISBN: 0646499718

Other 16th Bn Royal Western Australia Regiment Information links

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/result?q=creator%3A%22Treloar%2C+John.%22>

**MANITOBA SPORTS HALL OF FAME OPENS NEW EXHIBIT CELEBRATING
MANITOBA'S ATHLETES IN ARMS**

<https://www.sportmanitoba.ca/hall-of-fame/hall-fame-opens-new-exhibit-celebrating-manitobas-athletes-arms>

Guys, this one is worth taking the time and trouble of going down near Waterfront Drive to see. Of course I would say that, but I really do think this is worth having a look at. The curators did a great job of highlighting our athletes who set aside careers and lives to join the most important team in the world – our Canadian Expeditionary Force.

Some are still there, buried in the mud of France or Flanders, or wherever. And naturally there are a few former Camerons to be found in this display but regardless it's an inexpensive way to pay tribute to those who could have stayed at home but chose to do their bit.

The kit of display is of interest too. There's the usual military stuff but there's also some of the old sports gear. Be sure to take a look at the boxing gloves that some one soaked with acid and tried to blind one of our athletes with in a match after the war. Turns out it's not just the Hun knows dirty tricks. And those are just one example of the neat stuff on display.



Verification of Former Service DS Solution: You can check the FAQ at this site for more information but here are the basics:

“28. I used to be a CAF member. How do I get my file?

Service records of retired or released CAF members are kept at DND for only a few years before they are sent to Library and Archives Canada. So if you recently retired or have recently been released from the CAF, and suspect your records might not yet be held at Library and Archives Canada, you may contact the DND Directorate of Military Careers Administration to obtain your records by dialing 1-866-240-6726. However, most military records may be obtained through Library and Archives Canada, including at the following Library and Archives sub-site:

<http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/genealogy/index-e.html>.

You may call Library and Archives by dialing 1-866-578-7777 for assistance. Library and Archives Canada is the federal government department that preserves and makes accessible the documentary heritage of Canada. It also serves as the continuing memory of the Government of Canada and its institutions. As such, Library and Archives Canada holds extensive collections of military records.”

Veteran’s Transition Network

Editor's Note: I can't say that I know much about this program but I have heard some very good comments from former soldiers that I either know personally or know through other military pals. This group has a very good reputation with them.

<https://vtncanada.org/>



P/M John Dawson, Cpls Larsen and Mackay-Palmer, and LCol (Ret'd) Sandy Will flanking LCol Gostling's headstone at the DIEPPE CANADIAN WAR CEMETERY, HAUTOT-SUR-MER on 20 Aug 2017.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-a-cemetery/cemetery/2031200/DIEPPE%20CANADIAN%20WAR%20CEMETERY,%20HAUTOT-SUR-MER>

Folklorama Camerons Mark O'Rourke, Dale Whitam, Ralph Flom, Doug Roxburgh 2017





2Lt. N. Curry, M.L.A. and LCol D. Fraser at Nic's Commissioning ceremony 2018

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Gentlemen, we thank you, and as always our special thanks to The Commissionaires for their continued support !