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*Left: H19475 Pte Hugh Boal Special Memorial #7
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 Right: H19542 Sgt. Lewis R. Graham – Special Memorial #9
 Courtesy Shaun Delamere, one of our 1980's Sgts, 23 Sept 2018*

BRUCE BREUSTEDT (Cold War & PKO's PPCLI & ISAF CAMERONS)

https://passages.winnipegfreepress.com/passage-details/id-259542/BREUSTEDT_BRUCE

BRUCE MCLAREN BREUSTEDT July 6, 1961 - October 27, 2018. Bruce passed away peacefully after a long fight with cancer on October 27th with family by his side. He leaves to mourn his wife Tracy, sons Aidan and Tanner, sisters Lana Breustedt and Juliet Gagnon (Claude), Parents-in-Law David and Torunn McCalder, sisters-in-law Debbie Trites (Ron), Lee Ann Akkerman, and nieces and nephews.

Bruce was born in Perth, Scotland and moved to Coventry, England when he was 3 yrs old. This is where Bruce developed his love for soccer. In 1975 the family moved to Winnipeg, where

Bruce continued playing soccer for Helas F.C. Bruce grew up in Transcona where he met several of his life long friends.

Bruce enrolled in the Canadian Armed Forces in 1984 as an Infantryman with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. He served 4 tours of duty in Cypress 1988, Bosnia 1997 & 2000, Afghanistan 2008.

Bruce enjoyed playing soccer, golfing, and fishing and his times out at the Hedman's Cabin. Bruce was well liked and respected by everyone that he met and had many good and loyal friends. Bruce was also very proud of his sons and all of their accomplishments.

Cremation has already taken place. There will be a Celebration of Bruce's life on Saturday, November 10th in the WO & Sgt's Mess at Minto Armouries, 969 St. Matthews Ave in Winnipeg at 3:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Bruce's name to either Manitoba Cancer Care or the Canadian Cancer Society.

Full obit published in the WFP 03 Nov 2018

FRED GRANGER

https://passages.winnipegfreepress.com/passage-details/id-257206/GRANGER_FREDEIRICK

FREDERICK GEORGE GRANGER 1927 - 2018 Frederick George Granger passed away on July 24, 2018 at the Deer Lodge Centre at the age of 91. He was born on June 6, 1927 in Winnipeg and moved to England in 1933, celebrating his sixth birthday aboard a ship en route to England. He was educated in Bromley, Kent, and joined the Canadian army on his eighteenth birthday in June, 1945. He was demobilized to Winnipeg in November, 1947, and attended the University of Manitoba. He married the love of his life, Margaret MacKeen, in April 1951 and was a devoted father to their three children - Ken, David and Kathie.

Fred was a salesman for two pharmaceutical companies and Courtesy Coffee in Winnipeg, director of sales and marketing at MacKenzie Seeds in Brandon, director of development at the Royal Winnipeg Ballet, and the sales and marketing manager at Bulman Brothers Printing, Hignell Printing and Universal Printers.

Fred had a wide range of interests and talents. He served as the consul honoraire de France à Winnipeg in the 1990s and was awarded the level of Officer in the French l'Ordre National du Mérite in recognition of his service to the French community. He was a Board member and president of Alliance Française du Manitoba, an Officer in the Chaîne des Rotisseurs, a member of the Union Nationale Française and of the Royal Military Institute of Manitoba. He served on the Advisory Board of the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada and the Royal Winnipeg Rifles Senate. He was a longtime Master of Ceremonies for ChoralFest and the Winnipeg Music Festival, and recorded audio books for the CNIB.

Fred's hobbies included car rallying, gourmet cooking, travelling, reading, listening to classical, opera and brass band music, and attending military tattoos. He had a keen interest in tall ships, fire engines and model railways, and was an enthusiastic raconteur who loved to regale family

and friends with his numerous and frequently humorous stories. Fred is survived by his wife of 67 years, Margaret; three children, grandchildren, and great-grandson Max Rozitis and former daughter-in-law Jeanette Granger.

Fred's family would like to sincerely thank everyone who cared for him during his time at the Grace Hospital, Charleswood Care Centre and Deer Lodge Centre Tower 6. In keeping with his wishes, no funeral service will be held. Messages of condolence can be forwarded to the Neil Bardal Funeral Centre. NEIL BARDAL FUNERAL CENTRE 204-949-2200 neilbardalinc.com
As published in the Winnipeg Free Press on Jul 28, 2018

CATHERINE MARGURITE (TILLIE) MACDONALD

<https://www.arbormemorial.ca/chapellawn/obituaries/catherine-margurite-tillie-macdonald/19845>

December 26, 1923 – May 26, 2018

It is with deep sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of Catherine Margurite (Tillie) MacDonald at the age of 94 on May 26, 2018 at Seven Oaks General Hospital with her son Donald at her bedside. Catherine was predeceased by her beloved husband George MacDonald in 2007. She is survived by her loving son Donald as well as by many nieces and nephews and their families who she loved dearly. Catherine's parents were Alexander and Margaret McDonald (nee MacLeod) who left Stornoway, Isle of Lewis, Scotland for Canada and she learned to speak Gaelic and English from them. She was born on December 26, 1923 in Ninette, Manitoba, the youngest child with seven brothers and two sisters. Sadly, her father was killed in an accident at work when she was only five years old but this only strengthened her bonds with family which she carried with her through the rest of her life.

Catherine was given the nickname "Tillie" by her brothers at an early age and that is the name by which she was commonly known. Tillie was educated in Ninette and after graduation started to work for Wawanesa Mutual in Wawanesa and then moved to Winnipeg holding various jobs. On May 26, 1949, she married George MacDonald and they began their life together. In 1957, they moved to Long Beach, California where their son Donald was born and in 1961 moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota where they remained until moving back to Winnipeg in 1967.

She accompanied George and Donald to many sporting events and was an avid watcher of all sports, especially baseball, golf and hockey. Tillie was a very special person who was a wonderful wife and mother. She provided care for her husband George throughout his long battle with chronic lung disease. As a mother, she provided all of the love and support that a son could ever hope for. She was able to live at home until her recent hospital stay in large part due to the help provided by her nieces Sandra Badger and Margaret McDonald and by her nephews Bob McDonald and Tom McDonald.

Mom always had a smile on her face and a kind word. She will be missed by many family and friends. Thank you to the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service and to Dr. Fatoye and all the staff of 5th floor, unit 3 at Seven Oaks General Hospital for all of the compassionate and outstanding care that Tillie received the last several weeks. Also, thank you to her longtime physician Dr.

John Mayba who provided her with excellent care over the years. Flowers gratefully declined. If friends so desire, donations may be made to a charity of your choice in her honour. A celebration of Tillie's life was held on Thursday, May 31, 2018 at 1:00 pm at St. Charles Country Club, 100 Country Club Boulevard, Winnipeg. She was laid to rest with George at Chapel Lawn Memorial Gardens, 4000 Portage Avenue, Reverend Kevin MacDonald officiating.

THE PASSING OF FRED MACLEOD- 1931-2018

<https://www.bcpipers.org/2018/06/the-passing-of-fred-macleod-1931-2018/>

by [Sheena Cook](#) 06/20/2018

The BCPA has lost one of its well-known members, piper Fred MacLeod, on June 17th, 2018. Fredrick John Patrick MacLeod was born March 17, 1931. He was the son of Donald MacLeod, former P/M of the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, who emigrated to Canada from Scotland in 1911.

Fred was an active competitive piper through the late 1930s to the 1970s. His father was his piping teacher. The MacLeods settled in the Vancouver area but Fred joined the most prominent band of the time, the Powell River Pipe Band – first sponsored by the Powell River Company and later by MacMillan Bloedel. Many of the band's members were brought to Canada, to work in the paper mill and play in the band, by the Powell River Company, the largest pulp and paper producer in the world at that time. Fred continued to teach piping and was a BCPA adjudicator. Fred judged piping on the West Coast and USA for 39 years.

Fred's funeral was held at 10:30AM on Monday, June 25th. at Assumption Catholic Church. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the church.

RANDOLPH MCNICHOL

https://passages.winnipegfreepress.com/passage-details/id-256103/MCNICOL_RANDOLPH

RANDOLPH B. MCNICOL, Q.C. July 31, 1950 - June 8, 2018 It is with profound sadness that the family announces the sudden passing of Randy McNicol after a tragic and accidental fall. Left to cherish his memory are his loving wife of 43 years, Catherine, his children, Curran (Erin), Scott (Nikki), Shannon (Chris Ateah) and Colin. Randy is also survived by his brother David (Cynthia), aunt Gloria Busch (Ken) and many nieces, nephews and extended family members. Randy will be markedly missed by his family, many great friends and colleagues. He was a loving husband, father, papa and mentor. Randy touched the lives of those who were fortunate enough to come into contact with him.

Randy was born and raised in Winnipeg, Manitoba. He attended St. Paul's High School and ultimately the Faculty of Law at the University of Manitoba. Randy had a distinguished 30-year career at Fillmore Riley as a lawyer before retiring in 2003 after suffering a stroke. During his career, Randy was known as a force in all aspects of advocacy. He was a litigator with tremendous work ethic and unquestionable ethical standards. Randy was involved in many

significant cases during his career, including several public inquiries that impacted the legal landscape in Manitoba. Randy served as a Bencher of The Law Society of Manitoba and in 1990 was appointed a Queen's Counsel. Randy loved his job and had a true passion for the law and helping others.

In addition to his professional activities, Randy also gave his time to Marymound School, Legal Aid Manitoba, St. Paul's High School and acted as the Honorary Solicitor of the St. Andrews Society of Winnipeg. Although his stroke robbed him of his illustrious career, Randy showed courage and fortitude in dealing with adversity. Randy was proud of his Scottish heritage and of the time he spent piping in The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada Pipe Band. Randy had a tremendous passion for the outdoors and, in particular, hunting and fishing. He enjoyed the genuine camaraderie developed on hunting and fishing excursions with friends and family to Delta Marsh, La Rivière, Sparrowhawk Lake, Shoal Lake, Winnipeg River, Nejalini Lake and Lake of the Woods. Most of all, Randy loved his family unconditionally. He was a devoted and kind husband and a supportive and giving father. He took great pride in his children and grandchildren and served as an exceptional role model. Randy was also fun and enjoyed humour, even if at his own expense. He was loyal, generous and made all those around him better in every way. A celebration of Randy's life was held at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at The Gates on Roblin, 6945 Roblin Boulevard. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Randy's memory to the Randolph B. McNicol, Q.C. Memorial Scholarship at the University of Manitoba Faculty of Law, which can be found online at <http://give.umanitoba.ca/RandolphMcNicol>. THOMSON "IN THE PARK" 204-925-1120 Condolences may be sent to www.thomsoninthepark.com

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BILL NAVEN

https://passages.winnipegfreepress.com/passage-details/id-255428/NAVEN_WILLIAM

WILLIAM FRANCIS NAVEN 1925 - 2018 On May 10, 2018, William passed away at the St. Boniface Hospital. William was predeceased by his parents, two brothers and two sisters. Those left to cherish his memory are his wife Marion, son Terry (Charlotte), daughter Janice (Jim), grandchildren, Travis (Regan), Marilyn (Kevin), Kari (Jesse) and Patrick, great-grandsons, Jaxson and Cruz, as well as sister Pat, and numerous nieces and nephews. William served with the Canadian Armed Forces from 1942 to 1957. He was awarded several service medals, including the Knight of the National Order of the Legion of Honour from the Government of the Republic of France. William was very active at the Fort Rouge Curling Club, Canoe Club Golf Club, and was the past president with the Manitoba Seniors Golf Association. He worked in the Administration area at the University of Manitoba until his retirement. The family would like to thank the staff on 6E at St. Boniface Hospital, as well as Dr. Oliver Berezny. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of one's choice. Funeral service was held at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at Chapel Lawn Funeral Home, 4000 Portage Ave.,

Winnipeg, MB. For those who wish to sign the online Guest Book please visit

www.chapellawn.ca Chapel Lawn Funeral Home 204-885-9715

As published in the Winnipeg Free Press on May 15, 2018

PAUL NEMEZ

<https://www.swanvalleyfuneralservices.com/notices/Paul-Nemez>

Paul Nemez 1922 – 2018. Age 95 years of Winnipeg, Manitoba, formerly of Swan River, Manitoba. Born on August 23, 1922 in Poland, passed away on June 19, 2018 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Beloved husband of the late Helen Ann Nemez.

A funeral service was held from Community Bible Fellowship Church Swan River, Manitoba Monday, June 25, 2018. Interment followed in Birchwood Cemetery, Swan River, Manitoba. If friends so desire, donations in Paul's memory may be made to:

Alzheimer Society

10-120 Donald Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 4G2

Editor's note: Paul was especially well thought of in Swan River because when his wife Helen fell ill in her later years Paul took her out of a nursing home that he considered unfit to look after his beloved Helen. He personally cared for her in their own home to the end of her life. THAT my fellow Camerons is true love.

VICTOR JOSEPH PETERSON

https://passages.winnipegfreepress.com/passage-details/id-257894/PETERSON_VICTOR

Born: Jun 22, 1925

Date of Passing: Aug 22, 2018

VICTOR JOSEPH PETERSON Peacefully on August 22, 2018, at the St. Boniface Hospital, our loving father and grandfather, Vic Peterson passed away at the age of 93. He leaves to cherish his memory his children, Joanne (Lloyd), Vic (Ann) and Larry (Ann); daughter-in-law Shara; sister Margaret; sisters-in-law, Dorothy and Alice; grandchildren, Michael (Rachel) and Brett (Kim), Chelsea (Mark) and Wade, Kyle (Christy), Carly (Duelle) and Colin; great-grandchildren, Tyler and Devin, Malcolm and Jacob; and his many nieces, nephews and their families. He was predeceased by his parents, Evald and Ingeborg Peterson; his beloved wife Gay, and his youngest son Ron. He was also predeceased by his five brothers, Gotthard, Alvin, Hartley, George and Art. Vic was born on June 22, 1925 in Teulon, Manitoba and grew up in the Norris Lake District on the family farm. He was a very proud member of the Royal Canadian Navy in the Second World War until his discharge in 1946. He then completed Auto Mechanic training in Winnipeg and initially worked at a local garage until 1951 when he joined the CNR. He worked as a brakeman and conductor on freight trains with the CNR for 32 years until he retired in 1983. After retirement, he devoted his time and energy to curling and golf with the Heather Seniors group and to his beloved cottage at Wanipigow Lake where he cultivated many lasting friendships. Vic was an active member of the Henderson Highway Legion Branch No. 215 for over 50 years. A gathering of family and friends celebrating his life will take place at

2:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 30, 2018 at the Klassen Funeral Chapel, 1897 Henderson Highway, Winnipeg, MB. Luncheon will follow at the Henderson Highway Legion No. 215, 3600 DeVries Ave., Winnipeg, MB. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Norris Lake Cemetery or a charity of your choice. LECLAIRE BROTHERS 475 Provencher Blvd., in care of arrangements, 204-775-2220

As published in the Winnipeg Free Press on Aug 28, 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 08 Oct 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 08 Oct 2018

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

* SICK & VISITING *

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.

Maryanne McQuaig – Maryanne has been to the M.O. lately. She'll be going in again in a bit for a longer visit.

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 still 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. Be sure to read Bob Vandewater's update in the Association update below.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Saturday, 07 December at the Cameron Christmas Dinner and the Jr.Ranks mess in Minto after. Have a great Christmas.

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 47 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 great grandfather James Johnston

Dear Sir/Madam,

My great grandfather was a sergeant in the CEF James Johnston no.71170 (from my research I believe this is him) and I believe in your regiment.

His men purchased a tea service which my family donated to his regimental museum. My

mother received a letter from the army saying if we ever wished to visit we would be welcome. This letter has been lost and I would dearly love to try to track it down to be able to bring my family to see it- I last saw it as a very young child. He died in 1922 or 23 in Canada and I would like to do some research to find out more about him if you can help in any way I would greatly appreciate it.

I would also appreciate any assistance you could give me on where he fought or what happened when he died (I believe on the railroad in Canada, any assistance of who I could contact would be greatly appreciated).

I did find some medical records saying he had been discharged through ill health from the regiment but due to a shortage of professional soldiers (he was previously in the Black Watch before the war) I believe he re-enlisted as a sergeant. If you have access to any records I would be very grateful.

From searching your website this evening I discovered for the first time why my mother always dressed me in an Erracht Cameron kilt - when it was not a family tartan. I also notice that Company D's tune was "Bonnie Dundee" which was where he lived before the war - I would be interested to know if this was his company.

Kind regards
Graham Ballantyne
10 Stort Close
Didcot
Oxfordshire
OX117UR
United Kingdom
Tel 07956 306961

Subject: The Ladies QOCH Dress Sash

From: Dan & Marg <dcmaggie@mymts.net>

Date: Sun, 11 Nov 2018 11:19:19 -0600

Hello,

My name is Margaret Mowat Domanski. My dad was Donald James Mowat he fought in the 2nd War, he was a Dieppe survivor. My grandpa was Alexander Mowat who fought in the 1st World War.

Back in the seventies my dad bought my mom, sister, myself and his daughter in laws The Queens Own Cameron Tartan ladies sash. Somehow mine is missing and I was wondering if you knew where I could order a new one. I have the ladies long QOCH ladies kilt that was made for me. It is very important to me. I would love to pass it down to my granddaughter. Please let me know if you can help.

My phone number is 204-888-6051.

Sincerely

Margaret Mowat Domanski

Editor's Note: Several of the Cameron Regimental family have stepped up to help with this request already. Is anyone else in this situation ?

Subject: Vintage Ring

Email on 11 Oct, 2018

Among some of my parents belongings I have found a Queens Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada sterling ring. (Picture attached). The ring has a clear Birks stamp.

I'm not even sure which family member this would have belonged to, but I'm wondering if you would have any insight for me.

My parents were both old enough for WW2. Dad didn't serve. He was in lumber camps and coal mines. He did have at least one brother that went overseas. My dad's brother was in Italy in WW2. I just know my uncle did NOT talk about war stories. I think he was traumatized by it all. My uncle was a bachelor, so my dad having this ring could make sense.

Moms brothers? I know one for sure was in the military, just not overseas. It could have come from either side of the family I suppose. It would likely not be dad's if he didn't serve, correct?

I've seen the ring before but never paid attention to its markings. Now with my parents gone, there's no one to ask about it.



Thanks for looking into this for me. Any info about such a ring would be appreciated.

Ruth Bartel

*** WHERE ARE THEY NOW ? ***

DUNCAN M. ANDERSON (COLD WAR CAMERON)

Thu, Nov 8, 2018, 10:28 AM

Over the past few weeks, actually months, I have gone through numerous tests of all types and since this has affected my availability, attitude, involvement etc. I would like to bring you up to date.

The tests have established that I have nine and a half fingers (who would have guessed); I have good heart (some may question this).

I also have a warped mind (as many of you know) which I hope will provide the support and humour that I need to handle the tumour located in my stomach.

I am scheduled for an operation at 6.45 am on Monday November 19, 2018 at the Grace Hospital in Winnipeg for the removal of said tumour and surrounding part of my stomach.

The results of this operation will dictate any further treatment plus my length of stay in the hospital, which is estimated between 5 & 10 days (unless I escape first).

For those of you who know me, I am facing this positively as another challenge in my life and I am sure with support from my family, friends, comrades plus with a little help from above and my guardian angels I will win.

As you have gathered I will be out of service for at least a couple of weeks, which will give you all a break, however get ready for the barrage when I get back behind my computer.

In the mean time keep the information and questions coming since my wife Joan will be checking my email and keeping me apprised of what is happening and responding where necessary.

Duncan M Anderson
MNWO Command ANAVETS

RON & HEATHER DEMCHUK (Cold War Camerons) – Ron and Heather are still wearing blue and enjoying Winnipeg Beach every chance they get ! Ron is still doing the Loadie job so some of you may encounter him if you're flying with Hercules Airlines.

GLENN FEDORUK (Cold War) – Still RSM'ing the Calgary Highlanders. His main concerns these days he tells me are Bongs, Beards, and some other things starting with "B" that I didn't hear over the laughter...

DOUG SETTER (Cold War, PKOs) - Hey Guys. Looking sharp. Hope that the outside world is treating you right. I often talk about my Winnipeg/Camerons/RWRif adventures. Man, I sure know winter warfare and some great people.

In Winnipeg, I learned to juggle school, work and the weekend training. I have fond memories of the Training Det as we had a tight bunch of guys (and sometimes gals) whom I could rely on. (Not so much some other units, but always the Rifles and the Camerons.) I miss those days and the awesome civies whom I used to train as well.

Doug

KEN SMITH AND THE OATMEAL RAG

10/29/2018 06:23 PM

Gentlemen: Greetings from my Dad. He is doing well and is loving his new assisted living residence. And, they love him and are discovering the wonderful guy that he is!! He has been selected to represent all Veterans for the Revera corporation's Remembrance Day poster & messaging. He was the nominee from his home which is one of 500 in the Revera group.

His residence wants to display some items from the Veterans in the residence there to honour their service. We have a number of things we can use for Dad but was wondering if anyone could provide us with a scan of a WWII vintage "Oatmeal Rag", even just the cover? Don't know if this is at all possible but thought it might be a great addition to the display for Dad. Sorry for the short notice but I would need to get something fairly quickly as I am scheduled for a knee surgery on Nov 7th. Please send to this email address.

If not, we will use the front page of the current "Oatmeal Rag" that is posted on the website.

Thanks and best regards,

Craig Smith

Editor's Note: Ken got a scan of an old Oatmeal Rag but I couldn't scrounge a Second War one up but it does raise the question does anyone have any lying around that I can get an ecopy of please and thanks ?

LLOYD JONES (SWW) – Doing well as of the last telcon with Hugh. Lloyd is about 96 by now, still selling Poppies and speaking to school groups. He's also paid his 2018 -19 dues – how about you ?

Lloyd has also been in the papers for all of the right reasons too:

<https://www.delta-optimist.com/news/jones-awarded-sovereign-s-medal-for-volunteers-1.23401288>

ROY MACGILLIVRAY (Edmonton Fusiliers & RCA 1944-45, RCR SAS PL 1948, Korean War RCR, Cameron RSS 1970's) Hugh visited with Roy recently. Roy has been better but enjoys a call or visit from The Camerons. He still has his sense of humour and enjoys a laugh. He's hoping that he's well enough to come out to the Cameron Christmas Dinner, but no bets on that.

*** 2018-19 DUES (\$20) STILL PAYABLE UNTIL AUG 2019 ***

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 – SITING in VIMY PARK PROCEEDING AND GRANITE ORDERED !!!

Date: Fri, 12 Oct 2018 14:49:17

Subject: Cameron Monument: an FYI

Gentlemen:

Today I have entered into a formal agreement with Dignity Memorial, for \$62,969.25 on 1 Nov. to provide us with the following:

Three large pieces of granite; 3 Tyndall blocks for the base, one smaller piece of granite; layout; laser etching; carving; and delivery to Vimy Park and installation.

We remain responsible for the pilings, and cement. They will assist us with the Bronze statue, which we will order in the new year. The estimated cost is about \$ 70,000.

Grant has been working on the written copy for the black granite stones which Dignity will need fairly soon.

Ullamh !

Bob Vandewater

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 08 Oct 2018

<http://thequeensowncameronhighlandersofcanada.net/>

“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 over the coming years.

Thank you so very much for an unparalleled job of helping out the Cameron regimental family Mr. McLean.

<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.

Link current to 16 Nov 2018

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

*** UNIT EVENTS ***

REGIMENT:

Now that the Camerons are on their own again they have been very, very busy ! From the time that LCol David Fraser took over until now here is a short list and a few pictures of what the lads have gotten up to.

OUR NEW COMMANDING OFFICER: LIEUTENANT-COLONEL HUGH ATWELL

In 1994 LCol Hugh Atwell joined the Primary Reserve, completing Battle School in Petawawa and serving as a non-commissioned-member with the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa. In 1996 he transferred to the Regular Force and, on completion of Regular Force Battle School, was posted to Third Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment, where he served for two and a half years including a deployment to Bosnia (Operation PALLADIUM Rotation 3) as a rifleman and Grizzly APC turret gunner. In 1999, Lieutenant-Colonel Atwell transferred back to the Primary Reserves, serving with the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa while studying at Ottawa University.

After graduating with a degree in sociology, he transferred back to the Regular Force, commissioning in the rank of second-lieutenant and attending infantry officer training in Gagetown. Upon completion of training he was posted to First Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry in Edmonton, where he served as a rifle platoon commander and Assistant Adjutant. During his first regimental tour he deployed to Afghanistan as a rifle platoon commander on Operation ARCHER, Rotation 1, Canada's contribution to Operation ENDURING FREEDOM.

In 2007, Lieutenant-Colonel Atwell was posted to the Infantry School, serving initially as an instructor on the Dismounted Infantry Platoon Commander's course and subsequently assuming duties as Officer in Charge of the Urban Operations cell, a position he held for two years.

In 2010 Lieutenant-Colonel Atwell was posted to Third Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry in Edmonton, where he was appointed Battalion Adjutant. In 2011 he deployed to Afghanistan as the J1 (Personnel Officer) for the first rotation of Canadian Contribution

Training Mission – Afghanistan. Upon redeployment, he assumed Command of Combat Support Company (Reconnaissance, Sniper and Signals platoons) and subsequently C (rifle) Company, reactivating the company after it had been stood down for a year and preparing it for high readiness as the Canadian Army's non-combatant evacuation vanguard company. The company deployed on Exercise RIM OF THE PACIFIC 14 during which time it was attached to Third Battalion, Third Marine Regiment.

In August of 2014 Lieutenant-Colonel Atwell was posted to CFB Suffield, serving two years as the Base Operations Officer and a further two years as the Base Chief of Staff. In June of 2018 he was promoted to his current rank and posted to Suffield Research Centre of Defence Research and Development Canada as the Associate Centre Director. In October 2018 he took up his current post as Commanding Officer.



CAMERON HEAVY GAMES 09 JUNE 2018 – About 60 people turned out for this one. There were the troops and leaders including the CO, QMSI, Sgt Toews etc in attendance of course but one of the main purposes was to try to attract interested bystanders of enlistment age and ability. There were also a few of the Advisory Board and Association too.

BATTALION:

As pictured, plus the usual courses and ongoing training. The unit strength is currently about 85 and recruiting is still going full tilt.

“A” Company Update: The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada successfully

separated from the Winnipeg Infantry Tactical Group last year and we are successfully parading alone. Over the summer we had multiple members pass their DP1 infantry course making them qualified infanteers. Cpl Munday completed his Primary Leadership Qualification course and MCpl Olafson completed his Rifle Section Commander Course.

We also had members who safely returned from participating in Op Lentus, where they were fighting fires in British Columbia. Currently there are members who are preparing for possible deployment with IA (Influencing Activities) through the Road to High Readiness Coy and our own IA Coy where they have been learning about PsyOps and CIMIC Ops. There were also members that trained for the Canadian Patrol Competition where they competed in patrols in inclement weather.

Two of our members, MCpl Brooker and MCpl Olafson, also had the opportunity to participate in 100th Anniversary of WWI events.

During the first three training weekends we covered weapon qualifications; individual, team, and section live fire; platoon hasty attacks, and raids. We are now gearing up for our Winter Indoc training that will prepare troops for soldiering in winter conditions.

The unit had an Installment Parade for our new CO, LCol Atwell, with members of the association present. This year's Remembrance Day Parade on the 100th Anniversary of the Armistice had a strong turnout from all ranks.

We are looking forward to the upcoming training and expect to achieve our training goals.

ULLAMH!

Lt Cameron Bonnett



Here are a few pictures from Ex Devils Assault featuring live fire, live grenade section attacks

Pipes & Drums Update: The Pipes & Drums have been active at home and abroad over the past several months. The band provided a piping instructor to the CAF's music school at CFB Borden and continued a long tradition of sending members to support the Band of the Ceremonial Guard in Ottawa, where the Canadian military's largest public duties detachment performs the daily Changing of the Guard parade on Parliament Hill along with a wide range of other public engagements and diplomatic functions throughout the National Capital Region.

In addition to their duties with the Regimental band, several Cameron pipers and drummers also spent the summer competing with various other organizations. Most notably, Corporal Adam Tingskou and Pipe Major Dan Locke attended the North American Championship before travelling to the World Pipe Band Championship in Scotland, where their bands finished in the top ten of the Grade 1 and 2 contests, respectively.

In September, the Pipes & Drums came back together in time to participate in the inaugural Transcona Highland Gathering. The band took first prize in the March, Strathspey, and Reel competition, thereby securing a win of the Prairie Pipe Band Association's 2018 overall aggregate championship for their grade.



With respect to personnel, the Pipes & Drums have gained several new members this year and the Commanding Officer has appointed Sergeant Kurt Hunter to serve as the Regimental Drum Major.

Editor's Note: Congrats to Sgt. Hunter from the Cameron Association too ! He's the first we've had in a while.

The band's next major engagements include a Christmas concert on December 13th and the WOs' & Sgts' Robbie Burns Dinner in January.

We hope to see you all there!

P/M Dan Locke

Taskings & Exotic Stuff: This has been the 100th Anniversary of The Hundred Days battles of The Great War. The Hundred Days, for those not in the know, started on the 8th of August 1918 and ended with the defeat of Germany and her allies. We have sent a number of guys over including MCpl Brooker to the 100th Anniversary of the Canal du Nord. Not surprisingly our former Cameron MCpl Jay Stewart was there too. Kind of like the original 16th Battalion – Camerons all over.



Corporal Kevin Tourond N Sask R left and Cpl Steve Cayen of the Queens Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada practice unloading a stretcher from a UH 60 Blackhawk helicopter in Custer State Park South Dakota on June 15, 2018

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!

The Queen's Own Highlanders: Have recently dedicated a monument to their Fallen Comrades at The National Memorial Arboretum, Scotland, 16 June 2018.



Be sure to check the list of the other monuments that are to be found here:
<http://www.thenma.org.uk/whats-here/the-memorials/memorial-listing/>

*** REGIMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD NOTES ***



Mr. Murray Burt (left) is seen here just after being fired from his position as Recording Secretary by Advisory Board Chairman Steve MacMillan (right). After some 30 years (or thereabouts !) as the Scribe for the Board Murray couldn't have been more thrilled at being fired than if he just won an all expenses paid trip to New Zealand !

Thanks for a job well done Murray !

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 !

*** 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. They are parading about 55-60 these days and have six on the Army Cadet Gold Star Course at this time. A number of former Royal Winnipeg Rifles cadets have transferred over to the Cameron cadets because of the change in parade nights by the Rifles of the Primary Reserve kind to Thursday evenings.



Cameron Cadet June 2018 Annual Ceremonial Review

The cadets have also had 4 of their number participate in the Flag Party at the 47th Dominion

Convention of The Royal Canadian Legion, and in Sept of 2018 they were planning to send a few to participate in the renaming of the Kenora Armoury. It should also be duly noted that Cadet RSM Labrum was recently awarded the Walker Wood Award.

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 Installation Parade of LCol Hugh Atwell

This event took place on Tuesday, 16 Oct 2018. Check out the Unit Photo gallery !

http://thequeensowncameronhighlandersofcanada.net/regiment/photo_gallery/index.html

https://photos.google.com/share/AF1QipN3KwkMmMNYTGAA5BXFSE_xNCj6soepOJPpl4aSaICVyS1NCqSbxGovKZAaggKrijg?key=dmtES0hmenFyYklIDYXJ3RkhTWnpoVko1cXlxU3ZR

The Cameron Reunion & Golf and Steak Dinner

These were reasonably well attended this year bearing in mind that it's the Stand To weekend. Special thanks to the CO and Maj. Darcy Hormann for letting the lads get by for a pint and a chance to break bread with the Association. Despite the “rather wonderful Scottish looking weather”, ie clouds, rain, etc, up until tee off time the golf attracted 21 duffers and golfers - and another 29 for the steak dinner.

Thanks to Steve MacMillan and Don MacDonald for putting this together again this year !

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 Men's Christmas Dinner – 15 Dec 2018

Timings: 1000 hrs: Unit briefings, followed by sports.

1630 hrs: Unit picture

Seated for dinner NLT 1650, dinner starts 1700

And there's MORE ! Keep scrolling down....

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.

2019 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

Looking to be at the usual time.

Henderson Highway Branch #215 at 3600 DeVries Ave

Special thanks to Bodo Roloff and the folks at **#215 Henderson Highway Branch, Royal Canadian Legion.** They ran quite an impressive Dieppe Display on their Wall of Honour and Remembrance. Please keep them in mind if you're out that way and have a bit of time to drop in.

<http://hendersonlegion.ca/>

*** 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>

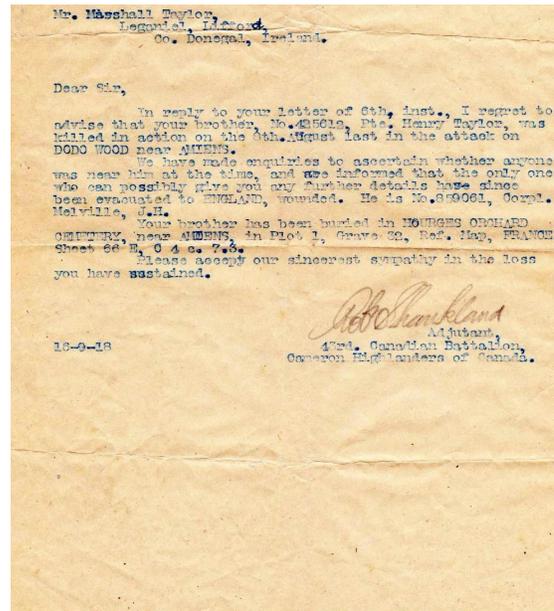
PTSD and Sleep (Warning: Page is full of commercials but also useful info and links)

<https://sleepopolis.com/education/ptsd-and-sleep>

Other Resources for PTSD can be found at the bottom of that web page.

When people were Killed In Action

We are sometimes asked for information about what happened to a loved one, or far more



often nowadays, about what became of a long lost relative. Someone who was always a name in their childhood, who went off to war but never came home. Or at least where to start searching for such information now that all of our First War vets, and so many of our Second War vets, are gone.

This is part of the story of Number 425612, Pte. Henry Taylor, “Son of Jane Taylor, of Leganeil, Lifford, Co. Donegal, Ireland, and the late Marshall Taylor.” He was one of our First War men of the 43rd Camerons of Canada.

This story has been told courtesy of Joe Cassells and his two brothers. Joe and his two brothers visited Amiens, France in August of 2018 where their great Uncle, Henry Andrew “Harry” Taylor, fell on 8th August 1918. They also laid a wreath at the Menin Gate ceremony the evening before the anniversary and then visited his grave the next day. They also made a point of getting Cameron ties so as to wear his colours when they visited him.

(Editor's Note: With full permission granted from the Regiment of course !)

Then to top that off in style Joe and one of his brothers were successful in the ballot to be part of the Armistice parade in London on 11 November. They made it a point of honour to wear their great uncle Pte Harry Taylor's medals.

Pte Taylor has also been the subject of an Irish TV documentary:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-st_2alsq0&feature=youtu.be

Shorncliffe
Kent
Oct 6th

Mr Taylor. I received your letter today and am very sorry to hear of your brother's death. I might say that all I can tell you is that he was wounded that morning, and as far as I knew his leg was broken, but I did not think that he was seriously wounded. To explain as near as I can, it would be about 4.45 on the morning of Aug 8th that I saw your brother last. We had made an attack that morning at 4.20 and Fritz was shelling us very bad and there was quite a few of our platoon that got hit, therefore the remainder had to push ahead and get the guns settled, as the stretcher bearers and carrying,

parties followed us up and looked after the wounded. Owing to having no officer and no sergeant in our platoon I had to take charge of it, and I expect that is the reason that they referred you to me. I saw your brother and a few more fall and I called out to them who was hit. Some other lads told me a few minutes afterwards that (Pat) Taylor's leg was broken. I will give you a few names that I think you could write and ask them for any information about your brother as I know if any of them know anything they will be only too glad to let you know as Pat (as we called him) was a favourite with everyone in the company. Some of the men whose names I give were wounded about the same time and you would have to address their letters % Record Office or Army P.C. Section,

The following are the names and don't hesitate to write to them all.

# 700419	Lt. Decosse	Wounded
698344	Pte Watson R.	still with Battalion
859400	Lt. Smith J.	Wounded
859958	Pte Syclop A.	Wounded (in England)
698246	Pte Wallace W.R.	Wounded (also in France)
1001092	Pte Froome J.W.R.	still with Battalion
701011	Lt. Purdy J.	still with Battalion

These names are fellows that I am sure must be able to tell you something and the 3 I mention were still going strong when I was wounded on Aug 8th. I am very sorry that I can't give you any more information about Pat. I might say I am progressing favourably but will never be fit for France again as I lost part of my skull. I might add that your brother was one of the best in the line and I had the utmost confidence in him at all times. He was recommended for promotion.

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and I had his name on my roll book as L/C.

Should I run across any one that can tell me anything I will let you know.

Trusting this finds you in good health while you have my sincere sympathy.

I remain

Yours sincerely
J. McNeill Cpl
4th Batt Canadians

P.S.
Should you at any time wish to know anything that I can tell you don't hesitate to write and I will only be too pleased to answer you. J.H.H.

100th Anniversary of the Black Day of the German Army

For a good refresher and general overview of the battle see:

**The Black Day Of The German Army - The Battle of Amiens I
THE GREAT WAR Week 211**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g11Ow22ySNo&vl=en>

5 Battalion, The Tank Corps 8 August 1918 Notes

<https://sites.google.com/site/landships/home/narratives/1918/100days/amiens/5-battalion-8-august-1918>

The tanks were a big part of the overall story and although they had troubles with target identification and machinegunning our 43rd guys they did get sorted out throughout the course of the battle and rendered valuable assistance.

“ Orders

Start time was Z – 12mins ^(H5) at 4.08am ^(OH)

“A” and “B” Companies with 9th CIF Brigade and “C” Company with 8th CIF brigade ^(H5) To capture the green line ^(w42can)

“A” company was to cross the Luce and the swamp in the valley, this necessitated the company being in single file for 500yds along the main Amiens Roye road ^(H5) At zero the company’s lead tank was to be just before the bridge at Domart. ^(OH) The lead section was to support the infantry by attacking a designated strongpoint. ^(H5)

“B” Company were to cross the River Luce at Thennes Bridge then swing left at Thennes Church to their start point ^(H5) along the Thennes – Hourges Road, midway between the two villages ^(OH) They were to detach two sections, one to assist the lead “A” company section with the strongpoint; the other to assist the 46th French Division’s attack on Village of Villers au Etables. ^(H5) The remaining section was presumably to initially assist the 43rd CIF (Cameron Highlanders of Canada) who were to take Dodo Wood and other objectives. ^(S45.p110)

2CMR to north of the Luce

58th CIF just south of the Luce, to be accompanied by 4 tanks which were to advance in front of the infantry and pay especial attention to the crossroads in C5 central and the village of Demuin ^(W58can)

116th CIF south of the 58th CIF

Once the Green line had been secured the 7th CIF Brigade, with 6 tanks attached, was to collect any other surviving tanks and pass through the 9th CIF Brigade on the first objective and capture the second objective ^(OH) Red line. 49th CIF on the left, 42nd CIF in the centre and Royal Canadian Regt on the right. And the PPCLI in reserve ^(w42can)

“C” Company were to deploy along a line running north to south from the road just north of Leopard Wood to the Domart – Hangard Road. ^(H5) Then 8 tanks were to lead the infantry and capture villages of Hangard then Demuin and the bridge over the Luce therein. To ensure the river could be crossed even if the bridge was blown 2Lt Fossetts and Bayliss tank were fitted with cribs, these two tanks were to proceed directly to Demuin, only engaging the enemy as necessary; a sapper was carried in one of the tanks to defuse the charges believed to be on the bridge if it were captured intact. The remaining 6 tanks were to follow 500yds behind the others and wait in Cemetery copse until the Luce was

passable, then to cross it and join the other tanks in an advance on the green line. If the Luce could not be crossed at Demuin the tanks were to cross at Domart and attempt to catch the infantry on the Green Line and lead them to the Red Line. ^(H5)

Account of Operations

Advance to the first Objective – Green Line

The mist was so thick the tanks couldn't see each other or any targets, except for gun flashes. ^(OH)

"A" company started on time, the last tank crossed the Luce at Z-3 minutes and was 150yds over the Luce when the enemy barrage came down and 2 shells struck the tank and knocked it out. ^(H5) The enemy barrage only consisted of three shells according to Canadian Eyewitness, the second shell almost turned the last tank over and killed the entire crew ^(S45.p109) The company immediately deployed off the road to prevent it being blocked if any more tanks were hit, 3 tanks ditched in the swamp. The lead section successfully helped the infantry clear the designated strongpoint. Whilst near Demuin 2Lt Birch fired on a hostile battery and silenced one gun but was hit twice and knocked out, 5 crew were wounded. The tanks advanced on Hamon wood, 6 were hit and knocked out; including 2Lt Holland's tank which was hit and had a 6pdr and Hotchkiss disabled, the tank continued to fight until it a second hit knocked it out; the company captured a field gun and a number of MGs in the vicinity of Dodo Wood and Hamon Wood. 4 tanks reached the Green Line ^(H5) (6 according to the Official history) having provided little more than moral support to the infantry. ^(OH) and one the Red Line. ^(H5) One tank was apparently knocked out by a 5.9" firing at point blank range, the resulting explosion destroyed the tank and the gun ^(S45.p109)

The 58th CIF battalion overcame resistance on the Rifle Wood - Hangard Wood Road by 5:20am and then, with tank support, captured a well defended Demuin by 6:30am; Courcelles was also captured by 7:05am. ^(OH) No field guns were encountered by this battalion who stated the tank support was excellent ^(W58can)

The 116th CIF battalion captured Hamon wood by 7:30am by assaulting it from the North and South. ^(OH)

"B" company, one tank broke down and failed to start, the other 13 all advanced on time. ^(H5)

The section that were to assist "A" company failed, 2 tanks ditched in the swamp and the third was knocked out by a gas shell ^(H5) or the crew was overcome by fumes. None of these tanks reached the front line ^(OH).

Another tank ditched before reaching the front line. Five tanks thus helped clear the villages and made the first objective. ^(OH) One of these tanks had accidentally fired on the 43rd CIF on the way forward; in only stopped at the request of a Canadian Officer who banged on the tank. ^(S45.p110)

2Lt Albinson silenced MGs in Jean Wood, Valley Wood and White house by directing his tank's fire from outside the tank; the infantry operating with him only suffered 6 casualties. Another tank was hit several times and knocked out, one gunner, Cpl Hill continued to fire his gun until forced to evacuated he then helped his crewmates to safety. The company helped capture Dodo Wood ^(H5) which was entered at 5:30 ^(OH) the 43rd CIF paused just inside the western edge and the tanks entered the wood from the north and proceeded through it to the south and cleared it by 7:00 am ^(w43can) or 7:30 ^(OH) . Holland Wood on the Green Line was also reached and cleared by the 43rd CIF by 7:10 ^(OH) ^(w43can) Vignette Wood contained a battery of enemy guns which knocked out four tanks at point blank range. It was captured by the 43rd CIF by 8:10am ^(w43can)

Also cleared were Wreen barrow, Bartin Wood, Valley Wood and Jean Wood. 3 tanks reached the final objective. ^(H5)

The 43rd CIF Narrative of operations gives a slightly different picture to that given in the war diary entry:

8 tanks were to assist the 43rd CIF to the right of the Roye road, only 2 came into action at Dodo Wood. 4 tanks operated to the right of Roye road, these started on Roye road behind the River Luce. The tanks were unable to enter Dodo Wood and were of little help until the top of the hill was reached and the mist cleared then they provided valuable assistance, attacking enemy strongpoints head on whilst the infantry worked around the flanks. South of Vignette Wood was a battery of three 77mm guns, directly in front of it was an second battery of four 5.9" guns, these two batteries accounted for 3 of the supporting tanks when they reached the top of the hill.

One source claims the tanks only caught the 43rd CIF up in time to assist in mopping up. ^(S45.p110) as indicated above this is not borne out by the 43rd CIF war diary.

2Lt Bion's section had a tank hit and knocked out almost immediately after starting; two other tanks were misdirected so only one joined the French as planned. It helped them clear the village ^(H5) of Villers Aux Erables ^(OH) driving the tank through several houses to do so as MG fire had no effect on the defenders [presumably this was a female tank] he also helped capture a 5.9 battery. The tank was badly damaged but managed to rally. ^(H5)

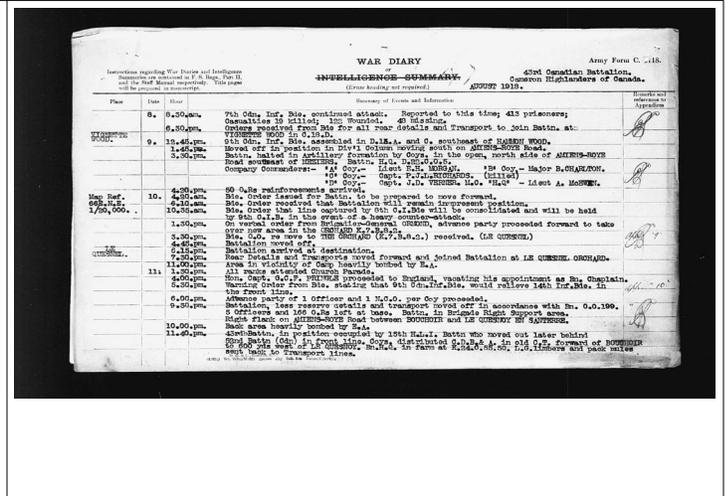
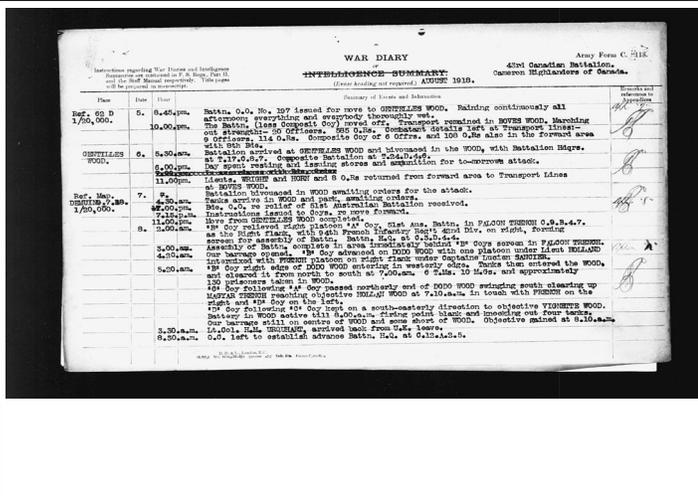
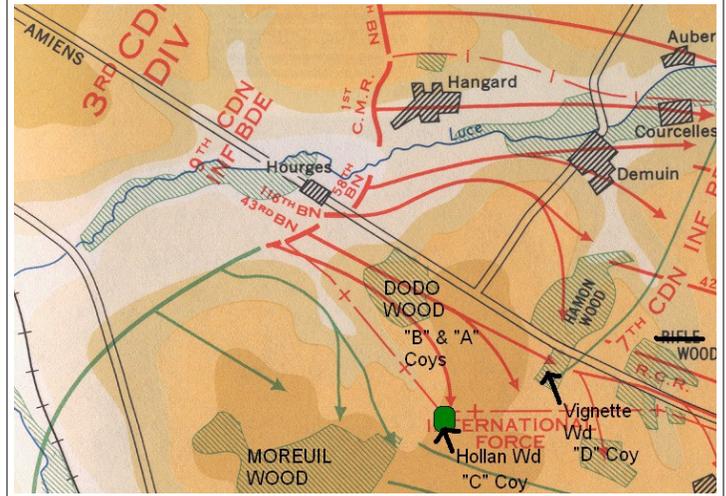
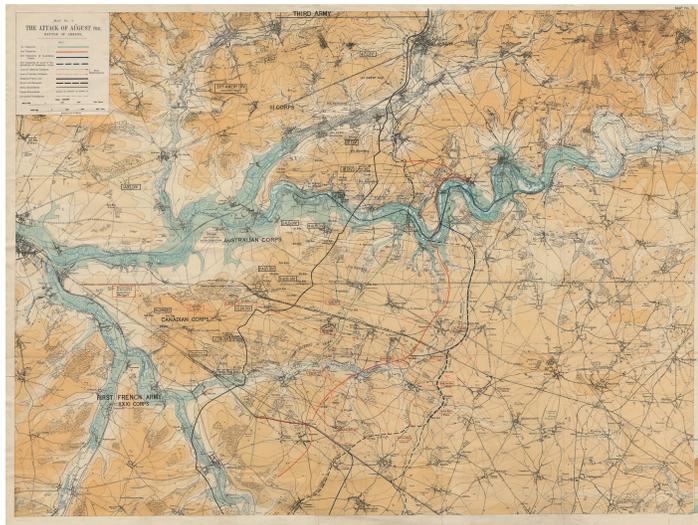
Pte Henry "Harry" Taylor lies here, in Hourges Orchard Cemetery, probably



not far from where he was hit.



Left to right: Capt HS Hansen, DSO and Bar MC 43rd Bn; Capt G Geddes MC 43rd Bn; Capt H Walcott MC 43rd Bn; Lieut F Chisholm MC 43rd Bn



<https://www.warmuseum.ca/firstworldwar/objects-and-photos/archival-documents/maps/map-of-the-battle-of-amiens-8-august-1918/>

*** LIGHT READING ***

Legion Magazine – Nanotech wound repair

<https://legionmagazine.com/en/2017/11/using-nano-technology-to-heal-wounds/>

<https://www.healthline.com/health-news/nanotechnology-may-be-used-to-heal-wounds-repair-organs#1>

For more than 150 years, troops have known the abbreviation TNT has stood for an explosive

that can wound and kill. In the future, they may instead recognize it as something that can heal wounds, save limbs and regenerate injured brains.

Researchers at Ohio State University are ready to begin human trials of a new technology that is a potential game changer in treatment of wounds, injuries and a myriad of other health conditions. That's if TNT—tissue nano transfection—works as well in humans as it does in mice and pigs...

Movie Review/Response from one of our former RSS officers, Capt. (later LCol) Dan Drew of “The Drew's Militia” days

Courtesy of Rob Bonnet

<https://www.goingcrazyinthegreenmachine.com/blog/lcol-ret-dan-drew-a-patricia-and-author-under-the-tuscan-sun>

This is a story written back in 2004 by Dan Drew about the real life of soldiers-warriors and their disconnect with the civilian world. It has been made public for the many military personnel and veterans grappling with careers coming to an end.

*** 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.

Subject: Wall Poster of Dieppe Raid Piper

Date: Tue, 16 Oct 2018 10:41:33 -0700

From: Chuck Syme, Awards, Membership, & Welcoming Committee Member,
The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #270 Gold River, BC

Hello:

Our Branch Curator, Cde Derek McCreight, is currently preparing an exhibit in our Branch of Pipe Major Alex Graham who piped Canadian troops ashore from the bow of a landing craft at Dieppe. (One of our members, Cde Glen Doak, is a nephew twice removed of the Pipe Major.)

While discussing the exhibit I told Derek that I recalled, years ago, that the Branch had a very nice, large wall poster of a piper under fire who could have well been Pipe Major Graham. The poster, as I recall, was of a painting, dark and green representing the early morning, and I remember the enemy machine gun rounds striking the water around the landing craft. I then told Derek that I would do what I could to try to locate one if any still exist.

Any suggestions on this? I have already tried Legion Supply, and Veterans Affairs Canada. Veterans Affairs kindly directed me to your Regimental Link.

Thanks,

Chuck

100th Anniversary of Amiens

07/31/2018

Good afternoon, I only today was able to locate the website for the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada, and upon looking at the Oatmeal Rag's, I see that Sgt. Nickerson is no longer on the list of Directors. With that, I assume my note below was not received.

Sgt. Nickerson and I had corresponded previously in 2015 regarding my Grand Uncle who was part of the 43rd Battalion and was KIA during the Battle of Amiens in 1918. My note below outlines what I will be involved with in the coming weeks, including honouring my Grand Uncle by being present at the centenary event honouring those who fought in the Battle of Amiens.

I only wish I had found this site sooner and had found an additional contact so I could have shared this information sooner. I had hoped to be able to honour the 43rd Battalion in some way while attending the ceremony, as well as when I travel to other World War 1 sites within France & Belgium. I leave on Sunday to travel to France, and will certainly keep in mind all who fought courageously for our way of life we have today.

Best Regards

Dave Robinson

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Dave Robinson <voyageurwing@yahoo.ca>

To: Michael Nickerson <sgtnickerson@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, June 25, 2018 01:47:59 AM EDT

Subject: Re: John Robinson 152647 Service File & Photos

Good morning Sgt. Nickerson,

It's been some time since we last communicated, so I wanted to touch base on an update in regards to my Grand Uncle, John Robinson. In August, my fiancé and I will be travelling to Amiens, and will be present at the Amiens100 event being presented by the UK Government.

I will be on site, 100 years to the day where John was KIA during the Battle of Amiens. We will be doing some extensive touring of Canadian WW1 sites while there as well.

As I will be proudly standing for my family on that day, and proudly supporting Canada, I wanted to touch base to see if there could be anything I can do that would support and identify John (through me) as a member of the 43rd Cameron Highlanders.

Any help or guidance would be appreciated.

Best regards,

Dave Robinson

“IT WOULDN’T BE AN OATMEAL RAG WITHOUT A WEE JOKE” - RUSS MILLER



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



Mike Hagans and other MEDAK vets gathered at 2 VP lines in early Sept 2018 to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the MEDAK POCKET. Anybody know where some of our other Camerons are from that Roto ? More importantly are they doing ok or need help ?

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Sponsors to date are: Mr. Max Katz, our very first sponsor, of the Oatmeal Rag and the Jewish War Vets; Mr. Greg Flom, a former Cameron; Maj. Bill Gray, Cameron Advisory Board; Sgt Tim Seeley, Drum Sgt Extraordinaire; MCpl (Ret'd) Mark Silver, our "Eastern Branch" contact; Sgt (Ret'd) Roy Taylor, the Cameron WO's & Sgt's #1 choice for reading "Rab" Burn's poetry; Maj. Ken Smith, who also has so kindly donated prizes for the Reunion Golf; Col. Bob Darling, Past President of the Cameron Advisory Board; Mr. W L (Lloyd) Jones, SWW Cameron; P/M Donald Morrison Cold War; Ken Smith and Lloyd Jones yet again God bless them; Sgt. Bill Douglas, Dieppe Raid.

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



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THE GALLANT CANADIANS.
 The Conquerors of the famous Vimy Ridge.

Who were the Boys when they heard Britains' Call,
 Left the land of the "Maple", good meen one and all,
 For the Motherland, ready to fight till they fall,

THE CANADIANS.
 Who were the boys when the day looked black,
 Hung on to their trenches, and broke the foes back,
 With a shot for a shot and a crack for a crack,

GALLANT CANADIANS.
 Who were the men at YPRES Lord French praised up,
 Who saved the situation and smashed the Hun Krupps,
 And at the end of the fight were still thumbs up,

BRAVO CANADIANS.
 Mentioned in Despatches by Sir Douglas Haig,
 They took VIMY RIDGE and tore down the Hun Rag,
 And in true soldier fashion ran up the Old Flag,

HOT STUFF - THE CANADIANS.
 Who are the Fighting Blood boys on the hill,
 Training hard to get fit to lick Kaiser Bill,
 Who are the boys when they hit- hit to kill,

SOME FIGHTERS - THE CANADIANS.
 Keep green the memory of the Heroes gone West,
 Honour the Boys who have stood the Great Test,
 On their banner emblazon "They gave of their best",
 ALL HONOUR - THE CANADIANS.

*Poem by Pte Harry Taylor, KIA 08 August 1918 at the Battle of Amiens
 Courtesy of Harry's family.*