



THE QUEEN'S OWN CAMERON HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA



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*** LAST POST ***



*H195645 LCpl William Lucemore
24 April 1945
Buried at Holten CWGC, NL*

DENNIS LABOSSIERE (Cold War)

https://passages.winnipegfreepress.com/passage-details/id-261644/Labossiere_Dennis

It is with great sadness the family announces the passing of Dennis Labossiere on Saturday, January 26, 2019, at the St. Boniface Hospital, at the age of 61 years. In keeping with Dennis' wishes, cremation has taken place and a memorial service celebrating his life will be held on Thursday, January 31, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. in Holy Family Church, 778 Archibald. Friends and family are welcome to sign the online book of condolences and share stories at ejcoutu.ca E.J. Coutu & Co. Funeral Directors 204-253-5086

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JAMES BURNS (Cold War) -

On February 11, 2019, James William Burns died in Winnipeg. Jim was born in Winnipeg 89 years ago and although he travelled around the world and lived in Boston, Chicago and Montreal for periods of his career, first and foremost, Jim Burns was "from Winnipeg". Only a Winnipegger can truly understand what that means. Jim Burns grew up in the Winnipeg suburb of Tuxedo, the son of Dr. Charles Burns and Gladys Burns. His childhood was more centered on adventure and mischief than studies but he managed to get through high school at Gordon Bell and graduate with a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Manitoba.

Jim then entered the MBA program at the Harvard School of Business and immediately on graduation in 1953, started his career with the Great West Life Assurance Company, becoming president in 1972 at the age of 41. While Great West Life remained the foundation of everything he did for the next 65 years, Jim Burns became a leading figure in the business community across Canada. He was Deputy Chairman of Power Corporation of Canada the parent company of Great West Life. He served on many boards, notably IBM Canada, Investors Group, Power Corporation, Power Financial, Consolidated Bathurst and Montreal Trust. He has been Chair of the Conference Board of Canada, Chair of the Prime Minister's Advisory Committee on Executive Compensation in Government and a founding director of the Council for Business and the Arts in Canada.

He was particularly proud to be honoured with an Order of Canada, an Order of Manitoba and the creation of the James W. Burns Executive Education Centre of the University of Manitoba. He was able to express his pride in his alma mater by creating scholarships in the names of his father, his mother and his dear friend, Duff Roblin.

He also took great pleasure in serving as Honorary Colonel of The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada, based in Winnipeg.

For the last few decades of his life, Jim Burns turned his skills and attention to supporting his community and charitable giving something that was always important to him even through his active career years. While he was always willing to help causes and people across Canada, his true passion was giving back to Winnipeg and Manitoba.

He was instrumental in founding the Manitoba Museum of Man and Nature, was a driving force of Centre Venture for the creation of the The Forks Skateboard Park and gave generously of his time to the CancerCare Manitoba Foundation for over 15 years.

In 1974, he was a prime mover in the citizen funded 'Save the Jets' campaign and in 1979, he joined fellow Winnipeggers to pave the way for the Jets to be welcomed into the NHL. Jim Burns shared his full life with his wife Barbara, until her death in 2003. He is survived by his three children and their spouses, James (Teresa), Martha (Paul), and Alan (Monica); his six grandchildren, Heather, James Robert, Margaret and Donald Burns and Hannah and Jack Gross; his three great-grandchildren, Audrey and Darcy Burns and Otis Dempsey; and his fourth great-grandchild, due in three weeks, Baby Hornby. Jim passed onto his children and grandchildren

his appreciation for his city and for Lake-of-the-Woods, wanting them to know too the summers he had loved there as a boy.

The Burns family extend deep gratitude to Agnes Paculan and Sonia Dena-En for their care and friendship to Jim during his last years. At Jim's request, there will be no service. In lieu of flowers, Jim would have encouraged his friends and family to donate to CancerCare Manitoba Foundation. An online journal for messages of support can be found on the website of Thomson Funeral Home <https://www.dignitymemorial.com>

As published in the Winnipeg Free Press on Feb 13, 2019

PHYLLIS DIANA MONTGOMERY (HENDERSON)

https://passages.winnipegfreepress.com/passage-details/id-263086/MONTGOMERY_PHYLLIS

May 7, 1930 - March 16, 2019 Phyllis Diana Montgomery (88 years old) gently and with dignity passed away on March 16, 2019 at Deer Lodge Centre, surrounded by her children. Mom is now reunited with her loving husband Edward Harold Montgomery who passed away April 4, 2017. They would have been married 70 years as of December 4, 2018. Phyllis and Eddie (as she called him) met in 1947 at a dance hall in Winnipeg. According to Mom she was not terribly impressed with his city slicker ways but obviously she got over that as they married and had seven children. The family expanded with the arrival of 13 grandchildren who produced 14 great-grandkids who then added seven great-great-grandkids. Mom and Dad were very proud of all of these children who resulted from two young people meeting at a dance hall in 1947. Quite a legacy.

Mom was born in Eriksdale, Manitoba May 7, 1930 to D'arcy and Christina (Teeny) Henderson (both deceased 1977) and grew up in Camper, Manitoba with her five sisters. Her life in Camper was full of music, love, laughter and of course hard work. Mom attended school in the Interlake district and then moved to Winnipeg as a teenager to work at Moores Business Forms. This move to Winnipeg led to her meeting Dad and the rest is history. Mom and Dad lived most of their married life together in Winnipeg except for a few early years when they lived in Castlegar, BC and then Coaldale, AB.

Mom and Dad loved each other deeply which was even more intense in the final years together. Mom missed Dad every day since he passed and now they are reunited. Phyllis is survived by her children: Barbara Wipf (Paul), Edward "Gar" (Connie), Doug (Donna), Donald Nelson sadly did not live past his infancy but was very much loved by all, Beverly Montgomery Foster (Fred), Diana Montgomery / Hanslip (Ray) and Lloyd (Tamara); grandchildren; 14 great-grandkids and seven great-great-grandkids; sister Evelyn Hjeldness, in-laws, Don Montgomery (Marion-deceased), Bill and Joan Montgomery, and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family would like to send our gratitude to the whole team on T6 at Deer Lodge Centre for the loving, professional way you cared for our mother. Special thank you to her very good friend Myra, Mom's newest friends, Tara and Sandra who did her hair twice a week which

included a sing along to classic country tunes. You all made her very happy.

Mom and Dad were both cremated, and they will spend eternity together interred side by side at Brookside Cemetery directly across from Neil Bardal's on April 7 - two years to the day that we had Dad's Celebration of Life. Mom's Celebration of Life was held 11:00 a.m. on April 7, 2019 at Neil Bardal Funeral Centre, 3030 Notre Dame Avenue, (204) 949-2200. Donations to the charity of your choice in honour of Mom, in lieu of flowers, as you wish. NEIL BARDAL FUNERAL CENTRE 204-949-2200 neilbardalinc.com

Full obit published in the Winnipeg Free Press on Mar 30, 2019

DONALD BYRNE ROSS

https://passages.winnipegfreepress.com/passage-details/id-263603/ROSS_%20DONALD

Donald Byrne Ross passed away April 15, 2019, at the age of 77.

Don was born May 4, 1941, in Winnipeg, MB, raised in St. James, moved to Belmont in his teens, where his family started up and ran a fishing camp in Pleasant Valley. From 1960, he worked 32 years for MTS, 1965 initiated into FreeMasons, Corporal of Queens Own Cameron Highlanders, Commanding Officer of Qu'Appelle Sea Cadet Corp.

He had a passion for wood working; his crowning achievement, building the family cottage in St. Malo, MB, where family gathered frequently and created lasting and loving memories.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Donald and Phyllis Ross.

Don will be lovingly remembered by wife Sandra; son Don (Liz) Ross; daughter Trista (Paul Stewart) Ross; granddaughters, Toni-Anne (John Schertow) Gaudette, Ella Ross, Alyssa Ross; great-granddaughter Clara Schertow; grandsons,

Will and Cam, and extended family.

Although he has gone, we will always be together, as his spirit lives on in each one of us forever.

Following Don's wishes, no service will be held. Instead, he asks that you raise a glass in his memory.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in his name to Waldenstrom's Macroglobulinemia Foundation of Canada.

Many thanks to the staff of 3rd floor Grace Hospital who kept Don comfortable until the end. As published in the Winnipeg Free Press on Apr 20, 2019

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 21 May 2019

<https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/family-caregiver/death-and-bereavement/survivors-pension>

<https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/family-caregiver/death-and-bereavement/income-replacement-benefit-survivors>

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 21 May 2019

<https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/family-caregiver/death-and-bereavement/income-replacement-benefit-survivors>

* SICK & VISITING *

Mavis Coutts (Gord's widow) – Doing OK but limited mobility so enjoying the wilds of St. Norbert. It's OK to visit, it's not even half way to Emerson. There's even a Coop Gas bar in case you run low during the drive out there !

Taffy Gray (Cold War PPCLI & Camerons) – Taff is doing OK these days. Betty and himself have the plan set out for Spring planting and are enjoying the outdoors while the weather holds. You know how fickle Winnipeg weather can be !

Maryanne McCuaig (LCol Ken's wife) – Maryanne has been to the M.O. Lately and the news couldn't be better. Wonderful to hear it Maryanne.

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 for other useful links:

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

* PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *

Hello. We have been very busy since Hugh's last edition. The monument is coming along nicely. The granite is on its way, the script for the panels and the statue base is pretty much finalized and we will be ordering the bronze statue very soon. The fund raising is going well and we are always looking for more donations. Every bit helps us get there. All the money raised for this project will be spent on it to make it as spectacular as we can. We are looking at Sept 2020 to do the dedication so keep it open. You will want to be there and be part of it. I

hope you all have a great summer and we look forward to seeing you on 06 Sept at Minto for our annual reunion.

My best 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 57 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: Liberation of De Panne

Thu, 14 Feb 2019

Dear Cameron Association Staff,

Please can you help me? A few days ago I got some pictures from the liberation of our town De Panne (La Panne), Belgium. I am not sure which troops liberated our town. The liberation was between 6 and 12 September 1944. (this year 75 years ago!) I found the names from some troops but I try to find out who was here during the first days of our liberation.

- XII Manitoba Dragoons
- Queens Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada

My town is not so far from Dunkirk. It was a Czech unit that the Canadians have redeemed. This unit stayed in De Panne and fought mainly in Dunkirk at a few kilometers from my village.

Now my question: do you have more information about the Queens Own Cameron Highlanders during their entry in De Panne? Does your association have the War Diary of the Queens Own Cameron Highlanders for the month of September 1944? I really hope you can help me.

Yours Very Sincerely,

Rudy Kenis

Email Address: kenis.derycke@telenet.be

Subject: War Diary Queens Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada?

Date: Fri, 26 Apr 2019 13:10:52 +0200

Subject: War Diary Queens Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada?

Dear Sir / Madam,

Let me first introduce myself, I am Captain Roel Dekkers and teach at the Royal Military Academy in Breda in the Netherlands, where I teach young officers in the field of war history.

At the end of the year, my students will follow a battlefield tour that deals with the Canadian battle during Operation Veritable and Operation Blockbuster. Now I am looking for the War Diary of the Queens Own Cameron Highlanders in the period from February 1945 to April 1945 for my teaching material.

My students are supposed to find out how this unit has acted during these operations.

I am also very interested in the operations of Lt Col Ernest Payson Thompson, who was the youngest battalion commander of the Canadian army and who left his life on the battlefield during operation Blockbuster.

Would you be so kind to provide me with this information or to show me how I can get this information, possibly against payment.

Sincerely,

Captain Roel Dekkers
Royal Military Academy Breda.

Editor's Note: Capt. Dekker's request has gone to the museum staff to be actioned asap. Other suitable material can be passed my way for forwarding to him.

Subject: Sgt. Seneca Lent McMullen: A Recipient of the Distinguished Conduct Medal

Greetings from Nova Scotia

Seneca Lent McMullen was my wife's uncle. Recently I have undertaken some research in regards to his service. He enlisted in the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada in 1939. He was a member of "C" Company, No. 14 Platoon.

Lent joined many other Canadian soldiers in the Dieppe Raid. He was among those taken prisoner by the Germans. On his return to Canada Lent wrote two sets of notes: one was about his capture and internment in Stalag VIII B and the other was about his successful escape from a work camp to freedom in Sweden. These writings are so informative and so brutally honest. Lent also kept A Wartime Log, provided to P.O.W.s by the YMCA.

I have appreciated the opportunity to learn more about the Highlanders through your website. I did look for his name in WW II Award recipients and was disappointed his award was not mentioned. It may be that, as his Distinguished Conduct Medal, was awarded for sabotage undertaken as a P.O.W., his recognition would not come to the Highlanders attention.

Lent was from Londonderry, Nova Scotia. He was working in Drumheller at the time the war broke out. I would think this is why he chose to join the Cameron Highlanders.

His photo appears in A Pictorial Record of Military District No. 10. (which his Mother kept in her possession).

I am attaching a small piece I have written about Lent and his DCM. I could provide other materials (by mail) if these would help in ensuring Lent's name could be added to your website page.

Thank you for your interest in the history and service of one of your own.

Harold Shaver

“ It was well known in family and community circles that Lent was awarded a Distinguished Conduct Medal for his extraordinary service to his country. Following Lent's untimely death in Alberta on July 11 1946, a Legion funeral service was held in his hometown of Londonderry, Nova Scotia. In reporting on the July 21st funeral, the Truro newspaper noted, “In England, he was invested with the Distinguished Conduct Medal by King George VI for his activities while a prisoner-of-war in Germany. The citation for this medal being of a most secret nature was never made public”.

Following his death, Lent's medal remained with his mother, Mrs. T.R. McMullen of Londonderry. In time Mrs. McMullen gave Lent's DCM to her daughter, Nora (Mrs. Arthur Currier) of Haverhill, Massachusetts. The medal remains in her family even today.

In the local history section of the Central Branch of the Halifax Regional Public Library we found the following volume:

Ashton, M. (1983) *The Canadian Medal Rolls – Distinguished Conduct and Military Medal (1939-45 & 1950-53)*. The Charlton Press: Toronto, Ontario. It is here that we hoped to find the record of Lent's award. On Page 45 we delighted to read:

McMullen H19165 Sgt Seneca Lent, The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada. Escaped P of W: Captured 19 Aug 1942. Escaped 18 July 1944. Arrived Leuchars 19 Jul 1944. Both Sgt. McMullen and Cpl Nelson were captured at Dieppe on 19 Aug 1942 and were imprisoned in Stalag VIII B (Lamsdorf), Stalag II (Stargard), and working camps attached thereto. On 03 Apr 43, after securing inclusion on a working party at Bedzin by changing identities with a Private, McMullen climbed over the fence and escaped. Five days later he and two of his companions were recaptured and returned to Lamsdorf. Early in July 43 he agreed to undertake sabotage work and, with this object, he again posed as a Private. For four months he did considerable damage at a crane works in Glatz, but this terminated when he made another unsuccessful escape attempt on 26 Nov 43.

While at Lamsdorf, Nelson assisted in the digging of a tunnel which provided the means of escape for many during 1943. He was a prominent member of the Escape committee in this camp. In Feb 44 McMullen and Nelson were transferred to Stalag II D and both secured inclusion on a working party at Techendorf by exchanging places with Privates. On 9 June 44 they loosened the bars across the window of the house in which they were accommodated and cut the enclosure fence. Two days later Swinermunde was reached and after receiving hospitality from French P/W, they succeeded in boarding a Swedish ship. Although they declared their presence only to find that they had docked again in a German port, they were hidden by the crew and eventually reached Trelleborg.

They reported to the British Consul in Malmo on 1 Jul 1944.

When Lent returned to his home in Londonderry, Nova Scotia he shared some of his wartime experiences with family. His sister Nellie was among those who listened with a sympathetic and astounded ear. She wrote to her cousin June in California about her brother's determined heroism. Excerpts from Nellie's letter shed light on and bring further meaning to Lent's contributions to the war effort.

Editor's Note: The contents of this letter are not public - and will not be made public at the request of his family - but the letter spelled out some of Seneca's sabotage activities and testifying at post war trials for those who collaborated with the Nazis.

Subject: Regimental Number for a university scholarship application help ?

26 Feb 2019

Good evening,

Bennett S Phillips from Ochre River, Manitoba served in WW2 under the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders Winnipeg regiment. Would you have information regarding his regi-

mental number? Our son in applying for University scholarships and as the descendent of a veteran is eligible, but the University is requesting a regiment number.

Your assistance in the matter is greatly appreciated.

Cindy Phillips

Editor's Note: If you have kids or may want to go to university yourself keep this in mind. Not sure if Red River may have some scholarship money too – does anybody know ?

*** WHERE ARE THEY NOW ? ***

DUNCAN M. ANDERSON (Cold War) – Duncan and former Sgt-Maj **RON WILLIAMS** are busy running the ANAF in MB. They'd appreciate any visits or support they can get but understand our operational tempo only too well. They can be found at Unit #303 Rockwood by Grant Park when they're not saving the ANAF from itself.

NATHAN CARRIGAN (Cold War, ISAF) – Nate has been in touch a while back.

SHAUN DELAMERE (Cold War Camerons, Cyprus, ISAF) – Alive and well at last contact. You should notice a picture or two later in this issue.

GEORGE HAMILTON (Cold War Camerons, Reg F) – George is alive, well, and on Facebook. He still follows the Cameron doings and says hello to those who soldiered with him.

LUKA JAMBROSIC (Cold War) – No need to inform the police as it was Matt Lumsden who spotted him. Luka is alive and looking well. Keep it that way Luka !

LLOYD JONES (SWW) – Hugh tried to call Lloyd on 02 June to say hi and left a message. Hope all is well with you LLoyd !

GORD KRIP – (Cold War, Reg F Engineers) – It's been a while since we've had contact. Gord is relatively OK ... except for having to 'hobble around' with a cane now that is.

He tells us: “Just over a year ago, I woke up with a 'chronic' back pain, and could hardly move. It took the doctors a couple of months (and numerous tests) to figure out that I have two 'partially crushed' vertebrae in my lower (lumbar region) spine. One was "old", and I think that I did that during a "Bailey Bridge" build in 1978, when I didn't "follow instructions" and picked up my portion of an 860 lb. load by bending over and lifting ... instead of 'lifting with my legs'. Oh well ... Lieutenant's new to the Engineer Corps are not the 'Sharpest Knives in the Drawer'. The second (I think) came from slipping on ice and landing 'back-first' against the edge of a concrete stair, and that had to be a dozen(+) years ago.”

However, *my* problems are not the reason for (finally) contacting you again.

A number of years ago (4 or 5 ?) we exchanged e-mails about the "Other" Cameron Memorial ... being a stained glass window in the Highlands United Church here in Edmonton. It had been put together by Captain (the Reverend) Tom Davis ... who had been a Padre with the Regiment during WW II. He had collected shards of glass that he had picked up from bombed-out churches throughout northwest Europe as he traveled with the Regiment, and had noted the 'names of the fallen' associated with each battle site. When he 'came home' he had the shards of glass made into a stained glass window that now resides in the Highlands Church, with the 'Names of the Honoured Fallen', that were associated with each shard of glass, added to the window.

At the time ... I told you that I would visit the church, and take and send photos of it to you (for inclusion in the Cameron Newsletter). However, since my middle name is 'Procrastinate', I didn't get around to going to the church. THEN ... last autumn, there was a news story that the Church had suffered from a fire. Again ... I procrastinated ... until two days ago ... to inquire of the current Padre of the Church whether or not the stained glass window was damaged ... or indeed had survived the fire!

He responded this morning that 'Yes', the window had survived the fire (thank God!), but that it will be more than a month from now before the church is again open. Providing that I do not again procrastinate, I'll go there ... take some photos to send to you/the Museum ... as well as the 'Names of the Honoured Fallen' inscribed in the window.

My apologies for taking so long to do such a simple task.

"Ullamh"!

Gord

ROY MACGILLIVRAY (Edmonton Fusiliers & RCA 1944-45, RCR SAS PL 1948, Korean War RCR, Cameron RSS 1970's) - Roy is doing well but is up for a visit. Hugh is assembling such a raiding party of former Royals and Camerons to get by soon.

EMAN TURNER (COLD WAR) – Eman is still doing well – FB page stuff for the column. Maple Ridge BC. His company is called : Truestim BC and if you're suffering from back pain he may have just the item for you. Enough of the shameless plugs for companies that Former Camerons are involved with – Eman's family is doing well too, and I think his daughter Kait has gotten over her hockey team's loss in the finals by now> Better luck next year ladies !

<https://truestimbc.com/>

KEN SMITH (SWW) – Hugh called Ken on 02 June to say hi and left a message. Hope all is well with you Ken !

*** 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.

At the Cameron Association Executive Meeting on 01 April 2019 Dave Gibson proposed that Maj (ret'd) Ken Smith be made an Honorary Lifetime Member of the Association. Discussion was short and unanimous. Congrats to Ken Smith, our newest but longest serving Honorary Lifetime Member of the Association, and thanks for all of your support over the years Ken !

THE CAMERON FALLEN COMRADES MEMORIAL

Progress continues. The bills are coming in of course. We are waiting on a few things just now, such as the City of Winnipeg to carry on with more of the Vimy Ridge park redevelopment plan, funding request approvals, and other such activities but we're going to get this done !

It'll happen sooner with your support of course.

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 !

qochmonumentfund@gmail.com

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 19 December 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 looked 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 22 May 2019

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

* UNIT EVENTS *

REGIMENT: The regiment as a whole is busy. The Senate (Former CO's and occasionally special consultants), the CO's Advisory Board (former CO's and individuals chosen for particular skill sets and knowledge), are working hard on the Cameron Monument to the Fallen. The Association (the Old Guys and Gals) are planning the Cameron reunion and providing some horsepower to the Advisory Board. The Battalion (today's fighting troops) and cadets are written up below.

BATTALION:

The Camerons have been very, very busy ! See the Around The Unit Lines section at the end of this issue for some pictures of what they've been doing. Our new CO, LCol Hugh Atwell has been going to and fro on courses but is always doing his best to ensure proper training for the lads and lasses on the square. He is ably assisted by Maj. Jon Baker and our Adjt and former RSM turned Capt Donald Askeland. You'll see RSM Jeremy Abrahamse and MWO James Clark plotting some Heavy Games fiendishness in that section too.

“A” COMPANY UPDATE: On Sunday, May 5, seven members of the Queen's Own Cameron

Highlander's Jr. Ranks completed the 21.1 km Winnipeg Police Half Marathon with ruck sacks on. The event was part of a larger strategy of COMREL events nested within high profile, public events in Winnipeg that allow for the unit to raise its public profile and engage in 'soft-sell' recruiting, while also promoting a culture of fitness and resilience amongst unit members.

The members: MCpl. Conrad (IC), Cpl. Trenchard BJ (2IC), Cpl. Trenchard JT, Cpl. Lopez, Cpl. Natividad, Hldr. Manness, and Pte. Monster, had different ranges of experience. Some had been members of the Cameron's marching team previously and completed similar events while for others this was their first experience outside of basic military qualification. "It is a great event. You get to go out into the public eye and show what Cameron's are all about and support the community in a meaningful way. It is a win, win." Says Cpl. Brian Trenchard who has participated in previous march team events.

Cpl. Lopez completed his first march on the ruck team and said, "It was actually a really great experience.. I was carrying the Cameron flag most the way which was an honour. I would like to do it again."

The WPS Half Marathon is in its 15th year and over the weekend it brought its total amount raised to just over 2 million dollars. Money raised from this event goes towards brain cancer research.

Pipes & Drums Update: The band regrets that Cpl Paul Turner has left us for the 48th Highlanders so that he can continue to pursue his post-secondary studies in Toronto, but we're pleased to welcome MCpl Alexander Brown, who is in the process of transferring into the Camerons.

The band has supported a number of recent CAF events including the most recent graduation parade for 38 BSL and the 38 CBG Change of Command. We are currently preparing for a trip to Vimy to support the commemoration of the 75th anniversary of D-Day as part of Op DISTINCTION.

Recent events: Annual Robert Shankland, V.C. D.C.M. Piping Contest

P/M Dan Locke

Cameron Kit Shop:

In a bit of a state of flux right now while the Rifles and Camerons sort out their new lines and who's who in the zoo. More to follow once I have some wisdom to offer. Probably best not to hold your breath at this point.

*** 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.

More recently they have been guiding the committee members through grant application processes from some of the agencies around the province, notably The Winnipeg Foundation and the provincial Building Sustainable Communities Program grant.

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

The Regimental Foundation has been very helpful with the Cameron Monument and continues to help the Association with the funding process. There have been a few large bills at this point as a few big ones will be coming soon.

Thank you to all of those who have contributed to the Foundation. Every dollar helps !

*** CAMERON CADETS ***

The Cameron cadets are doing OK. The corps strength is now about 68. The Drill Team was in a competition on 06 April. 28 of our cadets participated in the annual Vimy ceremony at Vimy Ridge Park on 06 April 2019. They were part of a contingent of about 200+ cadets and staff, good to see !

45 cadets were also out for a NavEx in the Belaire Forest 12-14 April, along with cadets from 2701 PPCLI cadets and the 177 Squadron Air Cadets. Some of you may wonder at this but bear in mind that more than a few of our better soldiers started off as Air Cadets - but got better !

27 Cadets are bound for camp this summer too. Have a good one cadets !

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 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 2019 CAMERON WO'S & SGT'S ROBBIE BURNS SUPPER ! It was the the 59th Annual for those who are counting. The 60th Cameron Robbie Burns will be next year, how quickly time flies.

The Cameron Kirk Parade – 03 February 2019

The Cameron Kirk parade was well attended and was quite a nice wee event. Good to see the familiar faces from years gone by again. It must however be noted that the original King's Colour is down. The wall behind the mount got water damaged and the bolt securing the top of the bracket gave way, launching the Colour like a big lawn dart. There was damage to both the pikestaff adornments and the fabric of the Colour itself. Grant Tyler from the museum is trying to arrange repairs with a fabric restorer but such talent is rare and in heavy demand – so we'll have to be patient.

Editor's note: I took it around Minto to secure it with Grant. In the process it was easy to see the plaque on the pikestaff identifying the artifact as having been presented by Mrs. D.C. Cameron, the Premier of MB's wife, to the Camerons on 09 October 1910.

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 Heavy Games 01 June 2019

The schedule ran like this, and what more need be said except that some pictures of the festivities can be seen at the end of this issue !

Events: 1300 hrs meet and greet Minto Armouries

1430 hrs games start ball diamond

1450 hrs hammer for distance ball diamond

1500 hrs braemar stone parking lot

1530 hrs caber toss parking lot

1550 hrs sheaf toss minto main floor

1610 hrs farmers walk minto main floor

1630 hrs haggis hurling minto main floor

if time weight for height minto main floor

Followed by games end, announcements in mess. Dinner 1800 hrs in Mess (bar-b-que pork loin) refreshments 1830. Event ends 2200 hrs....

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

The 2019 Cameron Reunion will be on the weekend of the WITG Stand To, 06-07 Sept 2019. It may cause some hiccups but the CO of the Camerons is willing to give it a shot in the name of unit morale. Thanks again sir !

The Cameron Association Golf on Saturday, September 7th at Assiniboine Golf Club. Tee time is 2:00 p.m. to be followed by the always popular steak BBQ.

Cost is extremely reasonable and is the same as it has been for many years -- \$15.00 for golf and \$25.00 for dinner.

Non-golfers are welcome to attend the dinner - and are welcome to golf as well!

Cameron Reunion 06th and 07th Sept 2019

Friday 06th 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 07th Sept 2019 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

*** 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 15 Dec 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 15 Dec 2018

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

Canadian Veteran's Advocacy: one veteran, one standard web site

Editor's Note: Some folks I respect tell me this is a good group. The link below is from one of their pages.

Link current to 15 Dec 2018

http://canadianveteransadvocacy.com/VACDND_Services-Benefits/?p=1153

Veteran's service cards to be reintroduced

The CAF is reintroducing cards, known as the NDI 75, as a veteran's service card intended to acknowledge the service of members and to encourage an enduring affiliation with the CAF. The Legion has not yet received all of the details so the purpose of this article is to provide advance notice of the imminent implementation of the NDI 75 Veteran's Service Card (VSC), which replaces the former NDI 75 Record of Service Card.

<https://legionmagazine.com/en/2018/11/veterans-service-cards-to-be-reintroduced/>

Link a bit old, Nov 18, 2018 article for those who missed it.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/department-national-defence/services/benefits-military/transition/service-card.html>

Updated - *Link dated 09 April 2019.*

JPSU – Aide Memoire-Applying for Degenerative Disability

http://canadianveteransadvocacy.com/VACDND_Services-Benefits/?p=375

Link current to 13 March 2019

And a nod to Stone Angel Brewing Co. and their “Highlander” product !

Editor's note: WO (ret'd) Steve Smith says it even tastes good.

<https://stoneangelbrewing.com/beers/highlander/>

Link current to 13 March 2019

And another nod – and a big one at that – to Red River College

Editor's Note: Thanks to Mr. Murray Burt and Jim Popplow of the Royal Military Institute of MB for this one.

“As part of the announcement, RRC signed a memorandum of understanding with the federal government’s [National Advanced Placement & Prior Learning](#) (N-APPL) program, which supports the recognition of military experience in post-secondary settings. Thanks to the agreement, veterans and reservists now have the opportunity to turn their training and experience into academic credits.”

“RRC will pilot the project by fast-tracking veterans and reservists into the second year of its

[Business Administration](#) program, with plans to expand to other program areas in the future.”

<https://www.rrc.ca/news/2019/04/05/rrc-becomes-provinces-first-post-secondary-to-offer-credit-for-armed-forces-experience/>

Link current to 10 May 2019

*** LIGHT READING ***

Piping on horseback – the band of the Canadian Mounted Rifles

<https://bagpipe.news/2019/04/18/piping-on-horseback-the-band-of-the-canadian-mounted-rifles/?fbclid=IwAR32MdxGNAs1ILy0vUQc7zFTiV8vXMWpru40W5VVlu49kjHGtEBap32Iz4s>

“... While mounted bands of brass, woodwind and percussion instruments were common within the armies of several countries during the late 19th and early 20th centuries, mounted bagpipers were rare – although not unheard of. Writing in 1927, Charles A. Malcolm, in *The Piper in Peace and War*, indicates that Piper Loudon, the piper of D Company of the 1st Battalion (formerly the 91st Highlanders) of the Princess Louise’s Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, made quite a showing when he debuted along with the rest of the company in South Africa in 1883 on horseback. As well, after the South African War of 1899- 1902, Malcolm relates that within the Scottish Horse, “on the long marches across the veldt of South Africa, the pipers, mounted on trained Russian ponies, played cheerful airs for the men.” Further east, the 17th Bengal Cavalry hosted a mounted pipe band in India of pipers and a kettledrummer at the turn of the 20th century – and at the date of writing, the Royal Stables of Oman continues to host a camel-mounted pipe band.”

UN soldiers finally give up on calling Ledra Palace home

<https://cyprus-mail.com/2019/03/24/un-soldiers-finally-give-up-on-calling-ledra-palace-home/>

A year ago it emerged the 200 or so UN soldiers would be leaving the once-grand landmark hotel after taking up residence there in the aftermath of the Turkish invasion in 1974. For decades, the 70-year-old hotel, visibly riddled with bullet holes, has fallen into disrepair and has over the years become a safety concern, so plans were made for the British contingent to leave.

Support given for research on first responders

<https://legionmagazine.com/en/2019/01/support-given-for-research-on-first-responders/>

Research into the health and well-being of military personnel and veterans will help in a 2019 national action plan on post-traumatic stress injuries among first responders and public-safety workers.

There are linkages between mental-health issues that confront firefighters, police officers, paramedics, correctional officers, border personnel, emergency workers and serving military and veterans, said Minister of Public Safety Ralph Goodale in the opening speech at the 2018 Canadian Institute of Military and Veteran Health Research (CIMVHR) forum in Regina.

For Lloyd Jones (SWW) and our other Don R's:

Dispatch riders: swift messengers on motorcycles in both World Wars

<http://www.army-armee.forces.gc.ca/en/news-publications/national-news-details-no-menu.page?doc=dispatch-riders-swift-messengers-on-motorcycles-in-both-world-wars/jwi8sgfc>

By Jay Rankin, Army Public Affairs

Ottawa, Ontario — Tucked in the LeBreton Gallery in the Canadian War Museum are two motorcycles bearing the history of a special trade that was prominent in the First and Second World Wars.

The museum has a Harley-Davidson and a Norton motorcycle on display that were used extensively by Canadian Dispatch Riders. A Dispatch Rider – variously called DR, Don R, or Despatch Rider, which was the British spelling – were military messengers on motorcycles in a time of low-tech solutions.

*** 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. For example, this family request is from 05/24/2019 :

Looking for my grandfather's Cameron Highlander history

Hello, I'm working on filling in some holes in my family history and I'm looking for my grandfather's unit in WW1. He was in the Cameron Highlanders and would have joined/drafted in Winnipeg but I don't know what date. If you could point me in a direction where I might discover more of my family's history, it would be very helpful. His name was Forrest Clifton Snow.

Douglas Snow
2488 Golf View Drive
River Falls, WI 54022

"IT WOULDN'T BE AN OATMEAL RAG WITHOUT A WEE JOKE"- RUSS MILLER (SWW VET, FORMER RSM, AND OATMEAL RAG EDITOR)

This one's an oldie. It's from p.119 of the 16th Bn (Canadian Scottish) CEF history from Jan-Feb 1916. At the time the battalion was in the area of Ploegsteert and Hill 63:

*"What makes the sniper's heart to break, what makes him to perspire ?
It isn't carrying sacks of coal to stoke his dug-out fire;
It isn't packing leather coats and other airy trifles;
Like sheepskins, blankets, water-proofs, it's humping two damned rifles.*

*Oh! The telescopic rifle with its telescopic sight
For telescopic slaughter may be perfectly all right;
But the sniper quickly finds, that it's a blessing somewhat mixed,
When he has to hump another gun whose bayonet can be fixed."*

You can have a look here for other such gems and even details about the "Battle of the Kilts" on p.36-37 regarding which tartan the 16th should wear.

https://www.electrccanadian.com/forces/The_History_of_the_16th_Battalion.pdf

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 Direct-

orate 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:

Link current to 22 May 2019

<https://www.canada.ca/en/department-national-defence/services/contact-us/frequently-asked-questions.html>

<https://thediscoverblog.com/2011/12/20/how-to-order-military-records-from-the-personnel-records-unit/>

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.”

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Gentlemen, we thank you !

**As always our special thanks to The Commissionaires for
their continued support !**



Sgt D. Loewen and Cpl C. Munday of The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada along with their guests attended the Winnipeg Jets Game on February 5 at the MTS Centre as part of the Little's Big Hero program that honours military members.

Pictured L to R: Simon Munday, Cpl Munday, Winnipeg Jets player Brian Little, Sgt Dillon and Natassia Beley.

Around the Unit Lines





Cameron All Ranks Robbie Burns Supper 2019





CBRN Training 2019

16 Apr 19 Presentation of the Commander of the Canadian Army's coin for doing the work of a recruiting Sgt as a Cpl. LGen Lanthier, Cpl Larsson and Army CWO Hartnell.





EX HIGHLAND DEADEYE 2019

Shaun Delamere taunting the Bomber fans – but what a great tie !





***MCpl. Conrad (IC), Cpl. Trenchard BJ (2IC), Cpl. Trenchard JT,
Cpl. Lopez, Cpl. Natividad, Hldr. Manness, and Pte. Monster
09 Apr 2019 Sgt's Toews and Bernier going for Dutch Jump wings !***





Cameron Heavy Games 01 June 2019





RSM Abrahamse and Sgt-Maj Clark

Courtesy of Shaun Delamere 2018 at Passchendaele Museum.





Arrival at the Bivouac, Sewell Camp. No 49.

79th Camerons Days at Camp Sewell – across the swamp to the NE of CFB Shilo



EX NORTHERN HIGHLANDER Sgt-Maj Clark & the lads

