

OATMEAL RAG

THE QUEEN'S OWN CAMERON HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA



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*** LAST POST ***

*H/19666 Cpl. Ralph Bertram Preece
Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada
Died August 19th 1942, buried in Adegem Canadian War Cemetery, Belgium*
<https://commonwealth-adegem.com/preece-ralph-bertram>

<https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/2083473>

PAUL ERNEST JOHNSON

https://passages.winnipegfreepress.com/passage-details/id-265694/Johnson_Paul

On July 15, 2019 at the Grace Hospital, Paul Ernest Johnson passed away after a stroke on April 1st. He is survived by his wife of 23 years, Cynthia Johnson (Saiko), mother Louise Johnson (Tetlock), brother Bruce Johnson and wife Theresa (Pellegrin).

Paul was born in Winnipeg on September 25, 1956 and was the first born son of Louise and Ernie. Paul enjoyed lots of one on one time with Mom and Dad. He was the joy of their lives. He was joined in subsequent years by two brothers and a sister. He was a loving, excellent big brother to them all.

Paul's interest in the military grew and in the summer of 1974 after graduating high school, he trained with the Canadian militia in Wainwright, Alberta. As a member of the Queens Own Cameron Highlanders reserve, he learned to shoot mortars and participated in military tattoos. Later at the University of Manitoba Paul studied music, majoring in voice and organ. He graduated with a music and education degree. While at university Paul was a proud member of St. John's College and participated in student politics.

Paul was a very generous person. Starting with his family and friends and extending to his community and beyond. One of his favourite causes was animal welfare. He and his wife Cynthia rescued four dogs, three welsh terriers (Milo, Carmen and Rowdy) and a greyhound (Dani). Paul and Cynthia participated in fundraisers such as Paws in Motion and the Bow Wow Ball. In his final months, he was tirelessly and well cared for by his loving brother Bruce. Paul will be greatly missed by all.

We thank the staff on the third floor south of the Grace Hospital for their care.

A Celebration of Life was held Tuesday, July 23 at St. George's Crescentwood, 168 Wilton Street, 1:00 p.m., reception to follow.

Full obituary published in the Winnipeg Free Press on Jul 20, 2019

BONNIE CATHERINE KORZENIOWSKI

Bonnie Catherine Korzeniowski October 5, 1941 – October 15, 2019, (nee Grant) (Hunt), at the age of 78, passed away peacefully with members of family by her side.

Through all the trials and tribulations of her life, she foremost stood behind her four children, Karen Cooper (John), Kathryn Hunt (Bruce), Bryan Hunt (Veronica) and Alexis Sukaroff (Dan). Also surviving her are eight grandchildren, Jamie and Morgan, Garrett and Mitchell, Tanner and Grayson, Hayden and Barron plus seven more great-grandchildren.

Bonnie also leaves Gerald, her husband of 38 years and her sister Dorene Petersen (Dick) to mourn. She was predeceased by first husband Grant Bryan Hunt Sr. and her parents, Myrtle and Cleveland Grant.

Born and raised in Winnipeg to a military family, Bonnie attended Daniel Macintyre High School. (In later years, she eagerly anticipated reconnecting with alumni at their annual luncheon.) She went on to marry her high school sweetheart who, like her father, also had a military career and they moved through a variety of postings, mostly in Ontario. Eventually, with a need to get involved in her community, she attended and graduated with a Diploma of Social Service Work from Algonquin College, Ottawa in 1974.

Returning to Winnipeg after the unfortunate dissolution of her first marriage, she went on to work at the Manitoba Youth Centre where she met Gerald. Together they went back to University of Manitoba where she earned her Bachelor of Social Work in 1980. Gerald and Bonnie were married the following year.

They then lived in Brandon for a short time where Bonnie worked at Brandon General Hospital Social Work Department. It was here she received her MIRSW designation which she was very proud of. Moving back to Winnipeg, she continued to work as a Social Worker, first at St. Boniface Hospital and then, Deer Lodge Centre.

Taking advantage of the opportunity offered, Bonnie earned her Master of Science in Administration (1995) from the University of Michigan and became chair of Health Care Professionals for the Deer Lodge Centre, members of the Professional Institute of Public Service of Canada.

During this period of her life in community advocacy and union activities, she soon became involved with politics and served as a board member of the St. James NDP party. In 1999, Bonnie successfully ran for Member of the Legislative Assembly representing the New Democratic Party in the constituency of St. James until 2011.

Bonnie was also a proud member of St. James Legion #4, never missing a Remembrance Day service at Bruce Park. Additionally, she missed very few days (or nights) attending to her responsibilities at the Manitoba Legislature.

As an MLA, she served as Deputy to the Speaker of the House and was shortly thereafter in 2008, named "Special Envoy of Military Affairs" for Manitoba. Bonnie revelled in every aspect of the position, both at the public level with senior Military Command in Ottawa and across Canada, as well as being of whatever local assistance she could offer military members and families with health, child care, education, family transfers and on. Bonnie was a strong supporter of the Military Family Resource Centre at 17 Wing.

Bonnie was the first female board member of the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada Regiment, official "godmother" to the "Liga Dos Combantentes" (Portuguese War Veterans), a proud member of the Royal Military Institute of Manitoba, the Royal Commonwealth Association and the Intrepid Society to name a few.

Many years in the making and perhaps her proudest achievement was her self-appointed mission to save and restore the "Women's Tribute Memorial Lodge," a heritage building at Deer Lodge Centre. The building received an award winning renovation / expansion to become the current "Movement Disorder Centre." This project was very special to Bonnie in her attention to the women's movement, military and veterans, heritage and seniors and to St. James.

The family sincerely expresses their thanks and appreciation to the staff at Charleswood Personal Care Home for all her care and assistance during her relatively short stay with them. A service was held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, November 1, 2019 at Chapel Lawn Funeral Home, 4000

Portage Avenue.

For those who wish to sign the online

Guest Book please visit www.chapellawn.ca

Full obituary published in the Winnipeg Free Press on Oct 26, 2019

LLOYD JONES (SWW)

<https://www.delta-optimist.com/news/delta-loses-a-great-one-with-passing-of-lloyd-jones-1.23894749>

JONES, William Lloyd February 18, 1923 - July 19, 2019 On July 19th, 2019 we said goodbye to our father, grandfather, great grandfather and friend to many. He leaves behind his loving wife of 72 years, Kathleen (Kae), their children Owen (Wendy), Brenda (Don), D'Arcy (Linda), Peggy (Larry), Neil (Marlene), Julie (Don), Todd (Connie), 15 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren.

Lloyd was born in Winnipeg (Transcona), Manitoba and moved to Swift Current (Speedy Creek), Saskatchewan. As a youth, he was very active in sports; basketball, baseball, curling and hockey. He completed high school then "rode the rails" to the West Coast. There he worked the logging camps at Holberg and Franklin River on Vancouver Island. After the war broke out he joined the Army. He chose the "senior service" and signed with The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders serving as rifleman, Bren gunner and dispatch rider. He served in France, Belgium and Holland.

At the close of the war, he returned to Winnipeg where he met the love of his life, Kathleen, a sweet nurse at the military hospital. They married and lived in Brandon where Dad worked for Safeway, then moved on to Scott Bathgate Co. as a salesman. In 1951, they moved to Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan where Dad worked for the B.A. Oil Refinery for four years. Dad moved on to work with Warner Lambert Co. for ten years, and travelled every gravel road in the province. You could ask Dad where any small town was in Western Canada and he could tell you. From Moose Jaw, he moved the family to Regina, staying for two years. From Regina we moved on to Winnipeg, as Dad was recruited by Carter Wallace Co. to take on the position of Western Canada Sales Manager and stayed in Winnipeg for five years. In 1967, Dad was relocated to the west coast and moved the family to Tsawwassen, B.C.

This is where he took on many activities and organizations. He joined the Masonic faith receiving Mason 32 degree Right Free Mason as well as Commander of the Legion of Honour, Warrior of the Q, and President of the Tsawwassen Shrine Club. He became potentate for the B.C. and Yukon Shriners organization. Dad was also a Volunteer driver for the Masonic Cancer Project, where he enjoyed and met many of his "ex-prairie" people on drives. Dad was on the Board of the Amos Ferguson Foundation, and with Kae, supported the Delta Hospital Foundation.

He was a long time member, and eventually became President of the Tsawwassen Legion. He

assisted numerous veterans in obtaining benefits from Veteran Affairs Canada; most were unaware these benefits were available to them. Dad was best known as the "Poppy Man" and spent many days standing outside the Tsawwassen Thrifty's market in honour of Armistice Day. He was the all-time best seller and took on legendary status.

For 24 years he volunteered with the Community Police, known as the "Cop Shop", alongside his dear friend Brian. He also enjoyed his 20 year friendship with his coffee group "The Muggars". Once moving to the Waterford he spent many hours reminiscing with his friend of more than 60 years, Ray McKinley. Lloyd was an Active member of the Phoenix Food Group, made up of retired sales men and sales managers who raised money for Scholarships for the young to further their education.

In 2005 he represented the Queen's own Cameron Highlanders at the 50th Anniversary of D-Day and the liberation of Holland with Kae by his side. It was a trip of a lifetime, and they were both deeply moved by the reception of the Dutch youth and the country's deep appreciation of the Canadian Soldiers.

On February 12, 2010, with great pride he was selected to carry the [Olympic Torch](#) through the community of Tsawwassen. He insisted on wearing a poppy on his jacket, which was against the "rules", and told them I wear it or I don't carry the torch.

On September 18, 2012 he received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal. Dad fought through the Battle of Normandy and participated in the liberation of France. In February 2015, the government of France bestowed him the Legion of Honour Medal for Canadian Veterans who participated in D- Day operation. On August 14, 2018 he was presented the Sovereign Medal for Volunteerism and on September 11, 2018 he received the Quilt of Valour on behalf of the Quilts of Valour, Canada, to show the love, respect and gratitude for his sacrifice to Canada. And much to his surprise he was named Delta's Citizen of the Year, and was deeply humbled by the gesture from the community. |

We want to send our special thanks to the Delta Hospital Foundation and to the many nurses and aides at the Mountain View Manor, they are truly angels. A Celebration of Life was held Sunday, September 1, 2019 at Tsawwassen Springs Ballroom (5133 Springs Blvd, Tsawwassen). Condolences may be offered at www.deltafuneral.ca Delta Funeral Home (604) 946-6040

Full obituary published in The Delta Optimist from July 25 to Aug.1,2019

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.

<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>

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

<http://www.lastpostfund.ca/EN/Home.php>

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*** SICK & VISITING ***

Mavis Coutts (Gord's widow) – Not doing OK. Mavis took a tumble on her way out of the Golf & BBQ and has been in the MIR since.

Taffy Gray (Cold War PPCLI & Camerons) – Taff is doing OK these days. Betty and himself are busy preparing for the winter and all the joys that it brings to Manitobans.

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>

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*** 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 the bronze statue is also in the works. The fund raising is going well but we are always looking for donations. Every bit helps us get there.

All of the money raised for this project will be spent on it to make it as spectacular as we can. We are looking at late Sept or early Oct 2020 to do the dedication, so be sure to keep up on things – you won't want to be anywhere else but here !

I hope you all had a great summer !

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 anyone less important to the Cameron Association. Please help us locate them and bring them back into the fold.

We currently have about 40 paid up members at this time. Thanks very much to those fine souls who have donated some of their hard earned dollars to keep hard copies of this newsletter going out to the guys and the widows of our guys without computers. A few were 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.

Greetings from Kamloops

Mon, 02 Sep 2019

Hello Steve MacMillan;
(got your name from the Oatmeal Rag)

I hope you don't mind me contacting you and it has been a long time since I was in the QOCH of C Pipes & Drums (for 7+ years). Attached is an old photo I came across recently that I scanned and these are some of us in it:

Extreme right of photo is D.M. Ed (Monty) Montgomery; immediately behind him is Cpl. Sandy Beattie; just behind Sandy with sunglasses you may just see Bill Maltman; the bass drummer would be Ross Creighton Kerr.

Returning to front row, to Sandy Beattie's right, I don't remember his name, but to his right is our P.M. Royston Springett. Directly behind Royston, is yours truly Pvt. Daniel James Dunbar. (Behind me is lost to my memory, but I'll likely remember who he is after I've sent this.) And behind him, with his drum stick in front of his face is tenor drummer Jerry (Gerry?) Bennet.

Behind Jerry is a (then) young kid who was later bass drummer in ANAFVETS 283 pipe band.

Periodically, I receive emails from people in Winnipeg with obituary's. So many of us 'old-timer's' are gone now (in no particular order) – Russ Miller, Ed & now Phyl Montgomery, Roy Springett, Roy Taylor, Gordy Coutts, Don Morrison, Norm MacDonald, Norman McLeod, Bill Maltman, Sandy Beattie, and I'm sure there are and will be others.

If she is still alive, and someone happens to visit "Mamie" Coutts, please let her know that Dan & Lynda Dunbar are still alive and reasonably well. Likewise Louise Taylor.

Thank you!

Memories.

Slante,

Dan Dunbar
Kamloops, BC

Editor's Note: Both Mae Coutts and Louise Taylor are regular readers of The Rag and will get Dan's greetings first hand.

Henry Swanky photo 1970 Cameron Parade Leg

Mon, 8 Jul 2019

Subject: Photo

Good Morning guys,

I don't know if you have the attached photo anywhere in your collection, so I thought I would send it along to you anyway.

I can't remember when/where I got it from, but its a newspaper clipping, probably from the Winnipeg Free Press, of a photo taken during the Regiment's Freedom of the City parade in May, 1970. Note the 'fixed bayonets'.

While the guys are at "Eyes Right", all one can see is the backs of heads, but I think I recognize a couple of them. Tim Paryniuck may be the one at the head of the rightmost 'rank' (he would have been a Sgt. at the time). The soldier in the last full 'file' in the leftmost 'rank' (closest to the photographer) may be Pte. Ron (?) Vitt. The guy in the third 'file' ahead of him may be Cpl. Dan Aymont. It looks like the person is wearing chevrons, Privates didn't wear single chevrons at the time, but the picture is so old/grainy that it is hard to tell. I might even be in there somewhere, since, because of my height, I was usually in one of the first couple of 'files' at the head of 'A' Coy ... even after 'sizing'.

Speaking of Dan Aymont, the Free Press had his ugly mug in another 'front page' photo later that year. You probably don't have a bunch of "Santa's Elves" to help you ... but the photo was taken while the Regiment stood 'Quarter Guard' at Government House during the Royal Visit for Manitoba's Centennial later that year. Centered in the photo was Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on the front steps to Government House, but off to the left side was Dan Aymont.

That 'Guard' reminds me of another little anecdote. The off duty guard members were

quartered in the garage. I had just come 'off post', had taken off my coatee, so was sitting on a bench in a T-shirt, kilt and etc., when who should walk in to visit the troops of 'his' Regiment but H.R.H. Prince Phillip! What a really nice guy!

Anyway, enjoy the attached photo, and good luck trying to find the other one (if you should elect to try).

Gord

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 regimental 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.

GORD FONSTAD – (Cold War Camerons) – Doing well. And he's been busy visiting “The Other Cameron Chapel” in Edmonton, but that's a full story in itself for next issue. Thanks for the updates on that project Gord !

GORDON KRIP – (Cold War Camerons) – Gord and Hugh got together for a drink while Gord was in town in Sept 2019. Gord is doing OK but does have to follow the M.O.'s orders to some degree. He says hi to all who knew him and wishes them good times and good health.

ROY MACGILLIVRAY (Edmonton Fusiliers & RCA 1944-45, RCR SAS PL 1948, Korean War RCR, Cameron RSS 1970's) - Roy is doing ok, and celebrated his 93rd birthday a little while ago. He's also recently had a chance to practice his parachute landing fall drills but came out of it ok. Hugh is assembling such a raiding party of former Royals and Camerons to get by soon (25 Sept 2019)

EMAN TURNER (COLD WAR) – Eman and his family are out in Maple Ridge BC. Eman has been busy acting on research about pain management - and his company is called Truestim BC. If you're suffering from back pain he may have just the item for you. Check out the links below.

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/>

<https://www.facebook.com/truestimbc/>

KEN SMITH (SWW) – Ken is doing well enough. He's happy in his digs, has a solid coffee crew to hang out with, and is seeing a lot of his family these days. All the best to them from us Ken !

*** 2019-20 DUES (\$20) NOW PAYABLE ***

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

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 !

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 two 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 !

gochmonumentfund@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.

*** REGIMENTAL WEB SITES ***

The Unit web site is still up running. The unit web site continues to be a point of contact between ourselves, the families of those who served in the Camerons, and those who become interested in the Camerons for one reason or another. We continue to have a few requests through the unit web site for information from families about former Camerons. If anybody can help out with them please feel free to do so. You can find the web site at:

<http://thequeensowncameronhighlandersofcanada.net/>

Speaking of the Unit web site, the photos from the old Cameron Picasaweb site can be found again by going to the [Photo Gallery link](#) on the [Regiment](#) part of our web site.

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“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/>

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The Highlanders' Museum, Fort George, Ardersier, Inverness-Shire

“Visit us at the 5 star Highlanders' Museum (Queen's Own Highlanders Collection) and immerse yourself in our rich and diverse history, following in the footsteps of the Highland soldier from just after the Battle of Culloden until the present day. Our Nationally Significant Collection, the largest collection of military artifacts outside of Edinburgh, showcases the history of the Highland Regiments and includes an array of artifacts and archive material from the Seaforth Highlanders, The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, the Queen's Own Highlanders, The Highlanders and most recently, 4th Battalion The Royal Regiment of Scotland (4 SCOTS).

<https://www.thehighlandersmuseum.com/>

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*** UNIT EVENTS ***

REGIMENT: The regiment as a whole is busy. Preparations are well in hand for the 11th Nov 2019 Remembrance Day commemoration at Minto Armouries. Those wishing to attend the service are advised to come early, as in by about 1000 hrs, or earlier if you want both a parking spot and a seat.

Next up will be the Unit Christmas Dinner on 07 Dec 2019, also at Minto. Full details to follow and be posted on the unit web site. In the que is the annual Robbie Burn's Supper on 25th Jan 2020 at The Fort Garry Hotel.

The Senate, the CO's Advisory Board, and the Cameron Association continue working hard on the Cameron Monument to the Fallen.

The parts of the Regiment, for our newcomers are:

- 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 to advise the serving CO),
- The Cameron Association (the Old Guys and Gals),
- The Battalion (today's fighting troops), and the
- The Cameron Cadets (the most junior part of the Regiment).

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 a former RSM) Capt Donald Askeland. You'll see RSM Jeremy Abrahamse and MWO James Clark plotting some Heavy Games fiendishness in that section too.

More recent notes from the CO include the news that some of the troops may be working with 2 VP in the near future, augmenting them for various tasks.

“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.

Speaking of which, former Foundation Treasurer Julian Benson has completed the transfer of Foundation records to their new custodian, Peter Smith. Julian has given “exceptional service” for quite a few years to our organization in HCol. Bob Vandewater’s eyes, no small praise that ! The Board is to provide a suitable reward to Julian as a “thank you very much indeed” for his services.

The Advisory Board has continued to provide excellent support to the Cameron Monument Project in every possible fashion, from moral support, to financial advice and guidance, to co-ordination with the City of Winnipeg. They will be visiting the city councillors again soon too to pursue more avenues of funding.

*** REGIMENTAL FOUNDATION 2018-19 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 more ones will be coming soon.

It must be noted here that Mr. Julian Benson has finished handing off the last of the Foundation records to his successor, Mr. Peter Smith. Julian has given exceptional service to our Foundation, so thank you sir for all of your help. It has meant a great deal to the Cameron regimental family and we wish you all the best with your future endeavours.

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 ! Also, 27 Cadets went to camp this summer.

8 of our cadets participated in the 17 Wing Fall Fair helping with site set up, monitoring attractions and staffing booths such as face painting.

More recently a number of our cadets participated in the corps bivouac, which was held in the Minto Armoury due to adverse weather conditions. Reviews from the cadets are that an FTX held at the armoury is preferable to one in the field. The cadet corps appreciated the Regiments accommodating this activity on short notice.

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:

Cameron Heavy Games 01 June 2019

A lot of fun was had by those present, although this year's venue was a step down from last year's games.

Cameron Reunion 06th and 07th Sept 2019

The usual good times were had by all who came out for the events. Mavis Coutts is still recuperating from the event and we're staying in touch through her Daughter Brenda.

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:

New Year's Levee

01 Jan 2020: No Later Than 0745 hrs, New Year's Levee, Minto Officer's Mess. Ken McCuaig is the point of contact for anyone wishing to attend in need of details.

The Cameron WO's & Sgt's Robbie Burns Supper - 25 January 2020

The Cameron WO's & Sgt's Club now have tickets for the CAMERON WO'S & SGT'S ROBBIE BURNS SUPPER !

The 60th Cameron Robbie Burns will be next year, 2020, how quickly time flies. Any of the WO's and Sgt's of the unit will have tickets, and Hugh or Bill Worden will be happy to help anyone get in touch with Sgt-Maj James Clark if they need some.

Cameron Kirk Parade

Our annual trip 1st Presbyterian is coming up soon. Details to follow.

*** LINKS ***

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

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

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

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Registered Disability Savings plan (RDSP)

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

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

Link current to 01 Nov 2019

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.

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

Link current to 01 Nov 2019

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/departement-national-defence/services/benefits-military/transition/service-card.html>

Updated - *Link dated 01 Nov 2019.*

JPSU – Aide Memoire-Applying for Degenerative Disability

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

Link current to 01 Nov 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/>

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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/>

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*** 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.”

*** HISTORICAL NOTES ***

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

The Laying Up Of The Colours of 2nd Battalion 51st Highland Volunteers.

<http://www.hrfca.co.uk/public-news/laying-up-of-colours>

The event took place at the Regimental Chapel of The Seaforth Highlanders at Fort George on 8 June, with HRFCA* Chief Executive Brigadier Mark Dodson and Head of Engagement Michelle McKearnon representing the Association.

The Colours were last paraded in 2011 by 7 SCOTS at Holyrood Park in Edinburgh, when they were presented with new colours by HM Queen.

The ‘Old’ Colours had been kept at the Highlanders Museum at Fort George since but, under Army Regulation, needed to be officially laid up. It was agreed that the most appropriate place for these to be laid up was at the Regimental Chapel.

* Highland Reserve Forces & Cadets Association

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:

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/>

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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.”

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

The man who invented Autocorrect has died. May he roast in piss.

Sponsorship

We are always seeking sponsors or advertisers to help defray the cost of this publication. If anyone is interested or has any suggestions as to whom to contact please let us know and we'll be happy to do the follow up.

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 !

[Around the Unit Lines](#)

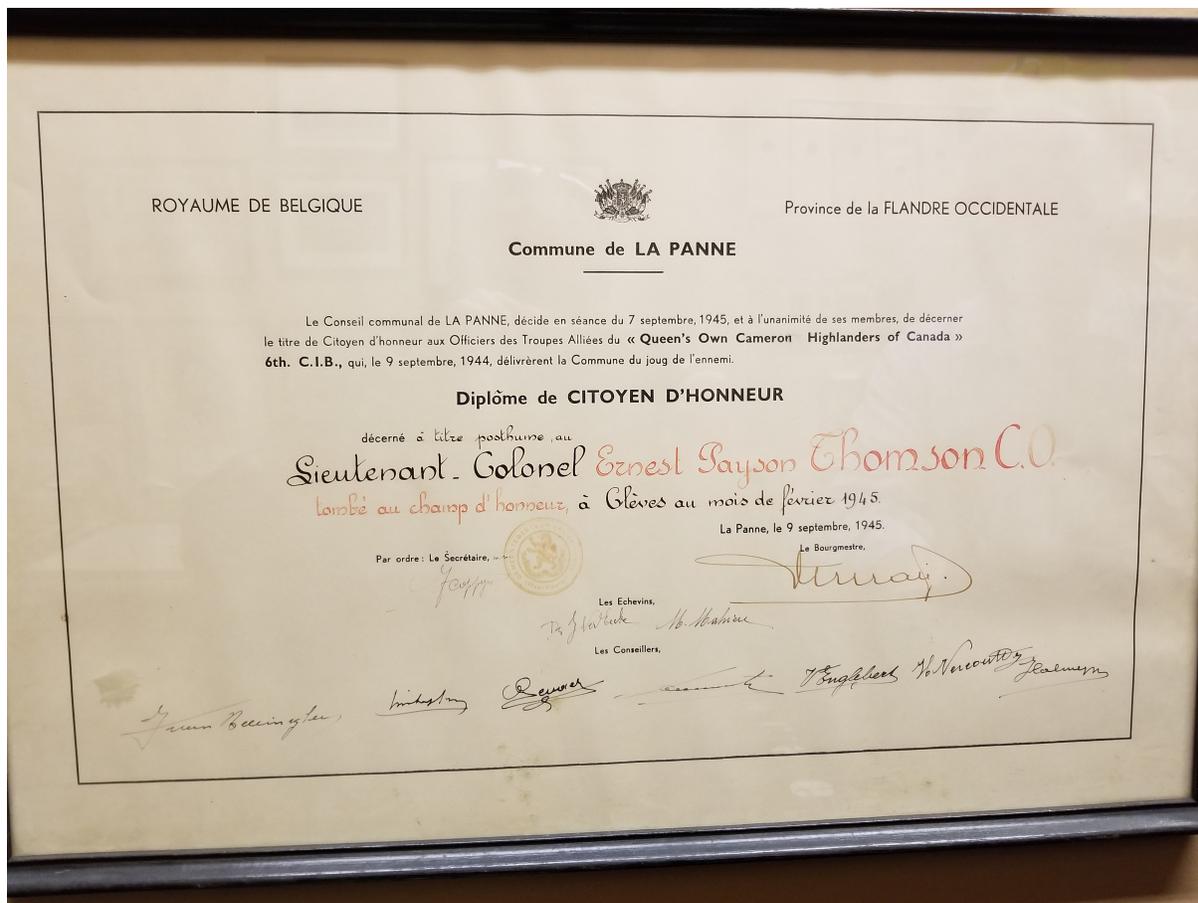
Liberation of La Panne (aka De Panne) Artifact, Presented Belgium Feb 1945



Commemoration Charles Richards, Major Dhooghe, Henri Christiaen en Marcel Deman

<https://decoxydschegazette.wordpress.com/2019/09/02/herdenking-charles-richardsmajor-dhooghehenri-christiaen-en-marcel-deman/#jp-carousel-55635>

“Last Saturday, August 31, 2019, the memorial ceremony was held at the church in St. Idesbald to commemorate Canadian soldier Charles Richards. He died on the spot from his injuries during the liberation days. The local resistance fighters Major Dhooghe, Henri Christiaen and Marcel Deman were also honored ! Photos: Henri Lemineur. “



Award of Honorary Citizenship to LCol. "Tommy" Thompson by La/De Panne, Belgium.
WO Mladjenovic & Pte Galenzoski at the Scottish pavilion Folklorama recruiting booth.





WPS Half Marathon





Fun and Highland Heavy Games at Minto





Dan Dunbar's picture of the Pipes and Drums. Details above in his letter.
The outbreak of the First World War. Parade in Wpg, Sat Aug 08 1914 WP1839



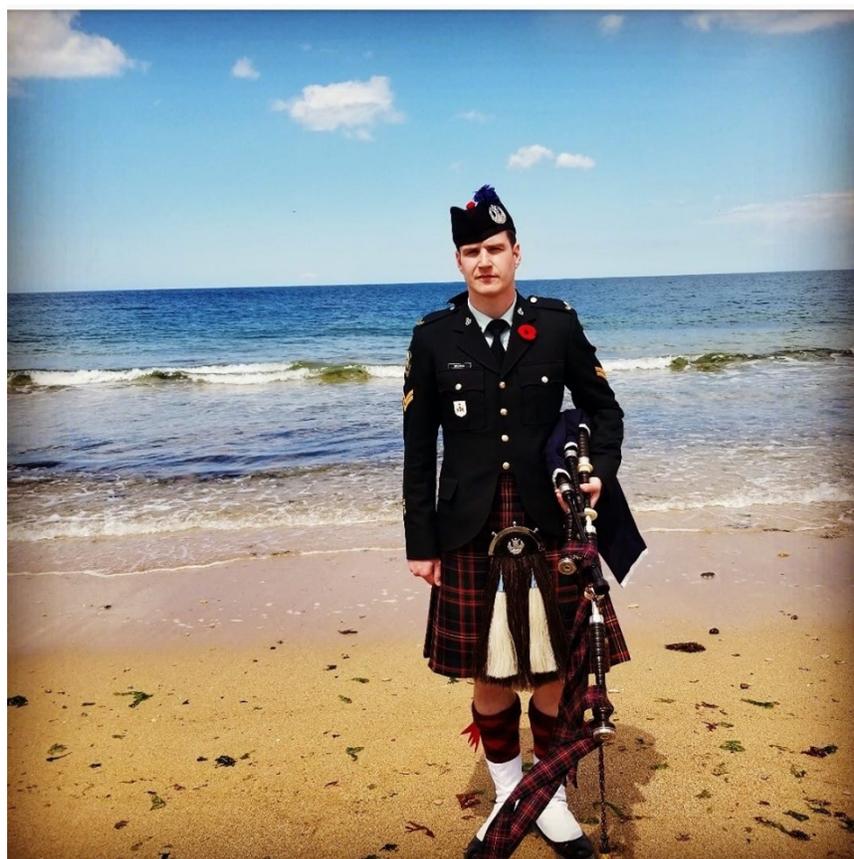


Colin Brooker graduating from the Traffic Technician course. No more army life. ULLAMH!!
Mike Fejes will be teaching, Intro to International Relations, Canadian State and Society,
Civ-Mil Relations, and Canadian Defence policy at RMC this year. Atta boy Mike !





Cameron's in Normandy. To quote MCpl Adam Tingskou at JUNO BEACH 2019:
“Not enough people take the time to truly reflect on what happened this day 75 years ago.”





Presentation of a copy of “A Quiet Man's Journey Through Hell” by LCpl Fred Lodge's family to the CO was held at 1st Presbyterian Kirk on 19 Aug 2019.

LCpl Lodge was a SWW Cameron who landed at Dieppe,, was taken P of W there, and spent the rest of the war “In the Bag”.

<https://books.friesenpress.com/store/title/119734000080168350/L/Cpl-Frederick-Thomas-Lodge-Fred-Lodge%27s-Diaries>

<https://globalnews.ca/video/5783019/canadian-army-reserve-to-receive-world-war-ii-diaries>

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