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“DILEAS 120” AND THE HIGHLANDERS HOMECOMING

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THE 48TH HIGHLANDERS”**

2011 marks the 120th Anniversary of the founding of the 48th Battalion Highlanders. Throughout the year we will celebrate the founding of our Regiment and mark the legacy passed on to us by generations of Highlanders who have worn the Davidson tartan in peace and war since 1891.

The Commanding Officer and the Honorary Colonel have asked Colonel (Ret'd) Geordie Elms to bring together the elements of the Regimental Family and Associations to coordinate a series of events to mark our 120th Year culminating with the 48th Highlanders Homecoming Weekend to be held in conjunction with the Regiment's traditional Remembrance weekend events over the period 4-6 November.

By: Col (Ret'd) Geordie Elms

Welcome to your “Dileas 120” Year... a series of events and commemorations to mark the 120th Anniversary of our Regiment... that is just a bit different from the “big reunions” many of us remember - the last one being our Centennial. Our hope here is that we will build a simple model for future “family reunions” that we can hold every five years when not engaged in a major commemorative year (for example our 125th in 2016). This includes highlighting our “120 years of service by



Our cenotaph sentries marching past HCol Beal Remembrance Day, 7 November 2010.

Highlanders” during all Regimental Family events held throughout the year. It will culminate in holding a relaxed “Family Reunion” in conjunction with the traditional Remembrance weekend events. For the past few months the leaders of the Regimental Family organizations have been meeting to map out the plan for our 120th Year...and we have one that will have something for everybody.

Our theme of “Serving Canada Since 1891” will be found on communications and some of the new “Highlander Line” of clothing and souvenirs being introduced at the Regimental Ball by the “Dileas Store” now being set up and managed for us by the Pipes and Drums.

We have worked with the Active Regiment and the Associations to put

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48TH HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA - VIDEO HISTORY LEGACY PROJECT

By: Sgt (Ret'd) Al Kowalenko

During the past year, the 48th Highlanders Video History Legacy (VHL) Project has been active in interviewing a roster of selected World War II veterans from the Regiment. These interviews were recorded on video for their historical significance and to prepare a special DVD to commemorate the Regiment's 120th Anniversary in 2011.

To date, a total of 23 veterans have been interviewed about their experiences and reflections on the Second World War, covering 1939-45, when most of them were young soldiers travelling overseas for the first time. Other veterans remained on the home front in training capacities and made a significant contribution to the War effort as well.

In many cases, the veterans, who found

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A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER

FELLOW HIGHLANDERS,

This year promises to be an exciting one for both the Battalion and the Regiment as a whole. Building on the successes of last year, we will need to remain diligent in order to meet the demands that Canadians and our Chain of Command will place on us. Our senior leaders and soldiers led the way last year on the Sovereignty Operation NANOOK in the Arctic and at the G20 Summit in Toronto. Their professionalism will be required again this year, as we prepare for a new and challenging training cycle. At the same time, we welcome back to work our soldiers recently returned from Task Force Afghanistan. Their skills and experience are invaluable for the training of our future Highlanders to prepare them for war, peace and everything in between.

We will celebrate our 120th Anniversary this year. As part of this great occasion, I want every member of the Regimental Family to remember what it is that keeps a Regiment relevant. A Regiment must provide a service to its country. We have always done this. Sending contingents, large and small, to Afghanistan, the former Republic of Yugoslavia, Korea and Europe during both World Wars or individual volunteers to Domestic Operations and various smaller missions around the globe, the 48th Highlanders have always been ready to meet the challenges of their day.

As an equally significant challenge, the Regiment must also take care of its soldiers, in the myriad of ways that the government and public programs cannot. In meeting this task, the Regimental Family has performed admirably, supporting our soldiers and their families, on short and longer term deployments. As well, volunteers who maintain the Museum, keep our traditions alive to pass on to our new members each year and other volunteers, who help put together the Falcon, the Websites and who facilitate communications between all parts of the Regimental Family, keep us informed of important activities beyond the training schedule. These are the things that keep our Regiment alive and relevant.

DILEAS

J. McEWEN
 LIEUTENANT COLONEL
 COMMANDING OFFICER



themselves in combat situations, proved extremely forthright in their descriptions of harrowing battle experiences and personal tragedies they witnessed in Italy and Holland, especially during the last two years of the War.

Some of the War highlights the veterans' commented on included:

- The amphibious landing at Pachino, Sicily and the move inland (July'43)
- The battle of Assoro and ambush at the crossroads ('43)
- Up the boot of Italy to the major battle of Ortona, beginning with the landing at Reggio followed by Campobasso, The Gully and lifting barrage, Cemetery Hill and the mile deep penetration at Christmas (Dec'43)
- 1944: the year of break out battles in Italy (May•Dec) including the famous Liri Valley and Hitler Line, Gothic Line, and Rimini Line, all hard fighting campaigns
- The treacherous Lamone Crossing and Senio River and final days in Italy.
- The move to Holland (March'45), the liberation of Apeldoorn and final truce.

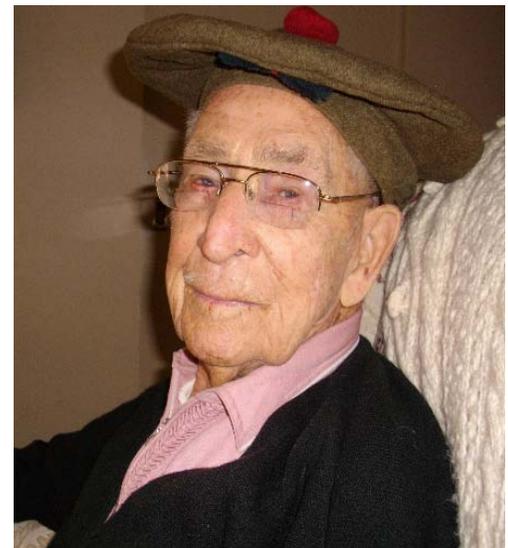
Throughout all of their experiences, the 48th veterans acknowledged and paid tribute to their German opposition in Italy, often the crack troops of the Hermann Goering Division, which proved a tough and determined enemy on many occasions.

Here are the 48th veterans who have been interviewed for the VHL project, to date:

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| • Norm Bell | • Jim Holman |
| • Bob Nuttall | • Fenton Carrol |
| • Don Jacobs | • Herb Pike |
| • Leo Cassaday | • John Lowndes |
| • Jimmy Raffan | • Ted Conover |
| • George MacLean | • Sid Regrave |
| • William DeHarte | • Don McCron |
| • Paul Shalapata | • Frederick Forster |
| • John McKenna | • James Shontaler |
| • Robert Fraser | • Jim McMahan |
| • Tom White | • Norm Gogo |
| • Wally Moore | |

For the interview process, the veterans were invited to the 48th Highlanders Officer's Mess where a team of the VHL Committee recorded comments on the veterans' War experiences on video. In certain cases, the interview team had to visit the veterans "on location" at Sunnybrook hospital or at their residences at various town locations in Southern Ontario. In all instances, the veterans were extremely pleased for the opportunity to tell "their story" about a

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Freddie Forster



Norm Gogo



Syd Regrave

DILEAS 120: THE 48TH HIGHLANDERS HOMECOMING WEEKEND - 4 TO 6 NOVEMBER 2011 ...CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

together a new database and mailing list/ email list that will hopefully allow us to communicate information to everybody within the 48th Family better. Watch the websites and for the summer edition of The Falcon. Please help us to do that by ensuring that if you are a member of the Active Regiment the Chief Clerk has your home email, and if you are a member of the extended Regimental Family that Sgt (Ret'd) Al Kowalenko has it. Our first event will be the Regimental Ball to be held at the King Edward Hotel on Saturday 16 April by the Active Regiment. See you there!

WHAT IS THE "48TH HIGHLANDERS ASSOCIATION?"

Simply put the 48th Highlanders Association is an Association of Associations"... including all the associations of the Regiment and the various Regimental family organizations. It's Board of Directors is made up of the heads of all the Regimental family organizations (including for example the 48th Trust, Senate, OCA, IODE and of course the Active Regiment).

It is presided over by the Commanding Officer and generally meets once a year to look at strategic issues that affect the health and general well being of The Regiment and its constituent parts.

The "Dileas 120" Year and the 48th Highlanders Homecoming is an example of how The 48th Highlanders Regimental Association can when needed to steward a major activity or event be mobilized and be used to support the Regiment when needed.

DILEAS GU BRATH - FAITHFUL FOREVER



SERVING CANADA SINCE 1891

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DILEAS 120 YEAR THEMES

- Serving since 1891 in peace and in war... at home and abroad
- Honour the legacy of highlanders who served 1939 to 1945
- Re-connecting with highlanders who have served in the 60s/70s/80s
- 48th Highlanders homecoming 4-6 November - it's a family gathering - be there!

...Call that guy or girl that you did your recruit training with and bring them out to a regimental event

...And send us their email contact!!!



FOR INFORMATION CHECK OUT THE "DILEAS 120 WEBPAGE" WWW.DILEAS.CA

IMPORTANT "DILEAS 120" DATES

*REGIMENTAL BALL
16 APRIL 2011
KING EDWARD HOTEL
TICKETS AVAILABLE THROUGH
MESSES AND OCA*

*CHURCH PARADE AND END OF
TRAINING YEAR EVENTS
27 - 29 MAY 2011*

*REGIMENTAL PICNIC
SPONSORED BY THE CONTINUING
SERGEANTS ASSOCIATION
23 JULY 2011 -
1400-1800 HRS
FORT YORK*

*REGIMENTAL BIRTHDAY
AND CHANGE OF COMMAND
WEEKEND
14-16 OCTOBER 2011*

VIDEO HISTORY LEGACY PROJECT

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significant time in their life when they served Canada in the most exemplary fashion for freedom's cause.

All interview video footage will become part of the 48th Highlanders Museum archives, as source material for future generations of historians. It is the first major stage in obtaining new video interview coverage of prominent 48th Highlanders of the past 70 years, which, in future, will include post-WWII Commanding Officers, RSMs, and key individuals other parts of the Regimental Family such as the Pipe Band, Military Band, and IODE.

The VHL Committee consists of the following individuals, who have volunteered their time to facilitate this important historical project:

- **Geordie Beal, Al Kowalenko, Steve Gilbert, Dave Archer, and Don Norris – all former serving members of the Regiment, plus**
- **Tim Friese, Jonathon Sandham, and Ryan Sykes**
- **Technical and production assistants.**

Beginning in March 2011, the 48th VHL Project moves forward to the production phase where the objective will be to prepare a Regimental DVD entitled "48th Highlanders of Canada – 1st Battalion 1939-1945". This will be a commemorative DVD of up to an hour in length, with both archival and interview footage telling the story of an important chapter in the Regiment's history.

The DVD has been enthusiastically endorsed by the Commanding Officer, RSM, and the Regimental Senate and is planned for sale to the Regimental Family, during the Dileas 120 Anniversary celebrations in November, 2011. Further details on the DVD will be released this Fall.

Last November, a special bulletin was sent to the Regimental Family asking for donations to assist the 48th VHL Project. Currently, a total of more than \$3,000 tax deductible donations have been received. Additional donations are now being solicited to assist with the DVD production costs. If you have not already donated, please consider supporting a worthwhile Regimental historical project, which honours those who have made an important contribution to our Canadian way of life. Cheques may be made out to the "48th Highlanders Trusts" (reference the VHL project) and mailed to 1780 Listowel Crescent, Pickering, Ontario, L1W 2Y3.

For more information on how you can assist the 48th VHL Project please contact: Al Kowalenko at 416-219-4967 or email him at ursa77@rogers.com.

48TH HIGHLANDERS REGIMENTAL BALL 16 APRIL 2011

The Sovereign Room
Le Meridien King Edward Hotel 37 King St E



\$75

Cocktails 1800 hrs

Dinner 1900 hrs

To purchase your tickets, contact the Ball Committee
48th Highlanders of Canada, Moss Park Armouries
(416) 635-4440 x4927

Dress is Mess Kit or Equivalent
Cheques to be made out to:
the 48th Highlanders of Canada, Regimental Ball

HIGHLANDERS TAKE THE LEAD IN REINTRODUCING BRIGADE WIDE FIRST AID COMPETITION

By MWO (DSM) Mark McVety CD

Editor's Note: HLCol John Newman and St John's Ambulance wish to acknowledge the strong support provided by Col Julian Chapman, Commander, 32 Canadian Brigade Group, in the realization of this important event.



Hon LCol John Newman and MWO McVety discuss points about the competition itself.

Mark McVety 32 CBG BSL Competition OPI and also the person who originally suggested the competition to the chain of command. All aspects went smoothly, in fact LCol (Ret'd) Evelyn Kelly stated that the event ran with no problems and was better than most similar events that she had attended in the past. Cpl Skelly of the Queens York Rangers noted that the scenarios were realistic enough that they challenged all competitors to use all their St. John's skills to properly accomplish each of the tasks.

Appreciation and acknowledgement must go to the efforts of our Honourary LCol, John Newman, a member of the St. John's Senate

On Saturday March 12, 2011 at Moss Park Armoury 32 CBG held a Unit First Aid Competition. This competition was designed to practise the "First on the Scene" skills of the reservist. It was also a venue to rekindle the cooperation between St. John's Ambulance and the Military Community in Toronto.

Nine units provided 5 person teams and the team from 709 Communications Regiment was the overall winner. The Queen's York Rangers and the Queen's Own Rifles finished second and third. Teams worked through three scenarios which required a single competitor for the first challenge and two competitors each for the second and third challenge.

St. John's Ambulance provided the Casualty Simulation Centre, which allowed the cadets from three different corps (48th, 337 - Queens York Rangers and 2736 - Royal Regiment) to appear as real life injured persons. St. John's Ambulance also provided the Judges for the scenarios and military members, who are also members of St. John's, created the actual scenarios that the teams were scored on.

The competition started at 0920 after opening addresses by LCol Dwayne Hobbs, 32 CBG Deputy Commander and MWO (DSM)



Unit team members attending to the injured.



This year's Winning Team from 709 Comms Regt



Key Players admire the LCol Ian Sinclair Trophy: Hon LCol John Newman, LCol Dwayne Hobbs, DComd 32 CBG, MWO Mark McVety, Competition OPI, LCol (Ret'd) Kirk Corkery, St. Johns Senate, Brian Cole, St John's Ambulance, Ontario, Maj Jim Lai, Competition Scenario Coordinator.

and also LCol (Ret'd) Kirk Corkery, former CO of the Queens York Rangers and also a member of the St. John's Senate. These gentlemen provided the support necessary to help get the competition going and, more significantly, donated the champion's trophy, which was awarded on behalf of St John's Ambulance and in honour of LCol Ian Sinclair, a former CO of the 48th Highlanders and a life long member of St. John's.

This year's winner, 709 Communications Regiment, will get to hold the Sinclair Trophy for one year, after which, it will again go up for competition, hopefully with greater involvement and at least two teams in attendance from each Brigade unit.

A special thanks goes to WO Peter Ross and Sgt Lena Liddell and their staff for the logistics support they provided to this event.

Good Luck to the teams from 709 Comms and the Rangers in the upcoming Provincials. 🦅

ACTIVE BATTALION

PROMOTIONS AND AWARDS:

PTE to CPL

Gorelik
 Sherret
 Haley
 Nemes
 Mena
 Lui
 Tran
 Aldana-Garcia
 Goncalves, D

CPL to MCPL

McCubbin-Freer
 Jaskiewicz
 Kowalenko
 Choi, J

MCPL to SGT

Curtis
 Locke

MEDALS

Name	Rank	Medal	Notes
Newman	HLCol	CLS	Commendation
Goldman	Capt	CD 3	
Morische	Capt	GCS	
Kwok	WO	GCS	Bar
Oliynikov	Sgt	GCS	
Marga, O	MCpl	GCS	
Kinkaid	MCpl	GCS	Bar
Park	MCpl	GCS	
Primerano	Cpl	GCS	Bar
Buzny	Cpl	GCS	
Choi	Cpl	GCS	
Choi	Cpl	GCS	
Chung	Cpl	GCS	
Thomas	Cpl	GCS	
Bradbury	Cpl	GCS	Bar



At the 2011 Garrison Ball, Army Commander, Lt Gen Peter Devlin presents the CLS Commendation to HLCol John Newman.



Capt (former RSM) Vic Goldman, currently serving as an instructor with the St Andrew's College Cadet Corps, recently received his CD 3, in recognition of almost half a century of service in the Canadian Forces.

VICTORIA CROSS HEROES RECORD OF REMEMBRANCE FINDS NEW HOME IN CANADA

by Maj (Ret'd) George Pearce CD

"I'm told that today marks the very first time that the records of 1,358 recipients of the Victoria Cross, the highest decoration of the Commonwealth and arguably the most recognized award for valour, will be available in our country."

With these words, the Minister of National Defence, the Honourable Peter MacKay, paid tribute to all those who have been awarded the Victoria Cross for valour. "I am truly thrilled to be with you. This is such a unique opportunity and such a major accomplishment for those behind this effort," he said. "There is much living military history in this community to say the least. I am so grateful for the work you are doing – to preserve – to promote and to educate."



Speaking in Ameliasburg, Ontario to an audience of seventy invited guests on February 18, 2011, the Minister congratulated the volunteers and staff of the Marilyn Adams Genealogical Centre of Ameliasburg, which is affiliated with the Ontario Historical Society, on their success in organizing the formal transfer of the Victoria Cross records from Chester, Cheshire UK. The process was initiated in 2009.

The collection holds facts and photographs for recipients of each Victoria Cross since 1857 when Queen Victoria presented the first Crosses in London including the first Canadian VC which was presented to Alexander Roberts Dunn whose heroism brought the highest award for his gallantry in the Charge of the Light Brigade at Balaclava during the Crimean War. The collection is a treasured resource for military historians, academics and family members researching genealogical roots. And it is growing as the research continues.

The highlight of the transfer ceremony included introduction of family members of four Canadian Victoria Cross heroes.

Minister MacKay's moving remarks were very well received: he made a fine tribute to the men who had been honoured with the medal for valour, and to those men and women today who are serving or have served with distinction in each and every mission of the Canadian Forces – on the seas, in the air and on the battlefields.

A total of 93 Canadians have been decorated with the VC since its inception. 🇨🇦

WINTER WARFARE COURSE 2010-2011

by Lt Kassissia

Developing and maintaining our ability to operate in a winter environment is an integral part of our duty as Canadian infantry. We must be able to close with and destroy the enemy, or perform any other mission we may be assigned, regardless of terrain or weather conditions. The ability to operate in the winter starts with building a foundation of knowledge that allows us to live comfortably and safely in a cold, harsh, and sometimes dangerous environment. Once those basic skills are established and become second nature, we can then look at how to modify our basic tactics, techniques and procedures to suit a winter environment when required. It is important to ensure that our new soldiers are given the opportunity to develop their winter warfare skills as soon as possible after completing their basic training, and that experienced soldiers regularly refresh these core skills. The Canada First Defence Strategy has made the defence of our sovereignty in the Arctic a key priority for the Canadian Forces, which will ensure the prominence of Winter Warfare in our training for the foreseeable future.

The Winter Warfare - Basic course is aimed at achieving these objectives, and I believe that this year we certainly did so. We started preparing in late November for our first exercise. Senior NCOs took the soldiers through several lectures and practical demonstrations on how to operate our basic winter survival equipment, such as Coleman stoves, lanterns, arctic tents, and various other pieces of equipment found in the toboggans that act as our lifelines when operating in the cold. The anecdotes from personal experience that the more experienced troops share with their less seasoned comrades during this process are an integral part of the preparation for the field; there is no teacher like suffering and those of us who have spent time in the field in the winter have all learned several lessons the hard way which we take care to pass on to each batch of new recruits.



After taking a well deserved Christmas break to digest the skills we learned in the fall, we got back to business in the new year in short order and made preparations for our first exercise in the field. Held in January, EX FROZEN SPORRAN 1 was conceived as an opportunity for the candidates to put what they had learned into practice. We moved to LFCATC Meaford for the weekend, and proceeded to put what we'd learned into practice. Soldiers practiced tent routine (and especially enjoyed "pulling pole" and moving to a new location at 3AM), practiced movement on snowshoes and military skis, and most significantly spent a long period of time building improvised shelters in which they spent a good portion of the night. Although we normally reside in relatively comfortable Arctic tents, we need to be prepared for any eventuality. Each of the four sections on the ground made good use of the terrain in their respective locales, and the results were varied in both appearance and effectiveness. In any event, much was learned and a solid foundation was built for our next exercise. The weekend ended in a (sort-of) friendly competition on winter skills between sections, with MCpl McCubbin-Freer's section taking the title, and the two free rounds that were offered as bounty to the winner.

Our next exercise took place in February and was meant to test our ability to carry out infantry tasks in a winter environment. Our primary focus this training year has been patrolling, and as such we moved to carry out a fighting patrol exercise. The rehearsals for the patrol were to be elaborate and live-fire, and as such interesting and varied training was carried out. The RSM, MWO Joseph, shared his knowledge which proved invaluable in the conduct of the range and in the preparation for the patrol. Lt Lockhart led a successful fighting patrol that evening that, despite fierce resistance from my Opposing Force element, prevailed.

The course was successful and much was learned along the way. I look forward to being a part of next year's winter training. As Canadian soldiers, it's integral to our training, year in and year out and for good reason. 

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15TH BATTALION PROJECT UPDATE

MEMORIAL PROJECT



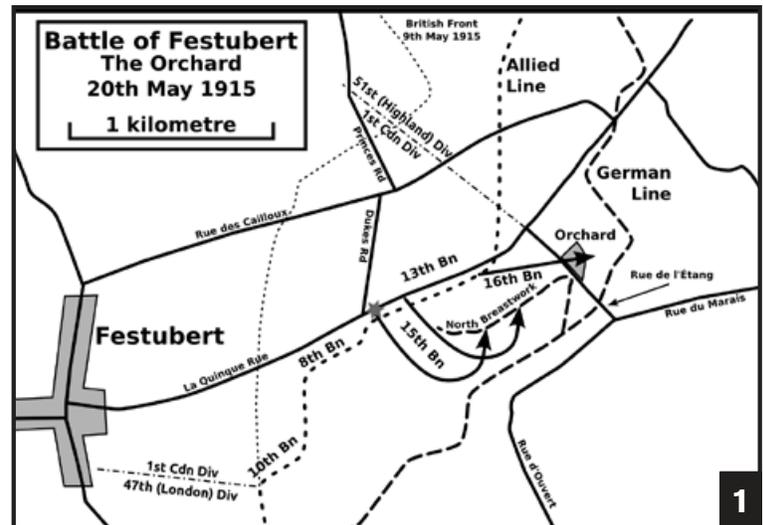
PROJECT UPDATE

BGEN (Ret'd) G. Young OMM, CD
15th Battalion Memorial Project Team

Progress on Phase Two of the 15th Battalion Memorial Project continues to move forward towards the objective of erecting the two battlefield memorials that were outlined in the previous Update ('The Way Ahead') in the Fall 2010 issue of *The Falcon*. Readers will recall that one memorial will be located in France at Festubert and the other in Belgium near Ypres on Observatory Ridge. In the case of Festubert, I can now report that the memorial site has now been authorized by French authorities; construction of the memorial support base is in local contract bidding; and the historical narrative and maps have begun arduous review by Canadian and French historians. When consultation is finished with the community and municipal authorities in Festubert, the finished product will go for casting to the same company that produced the three Phase One memorial plaques. In the case of Mt Sorrel, the municipal authorities in Ypres have approved of the site and securing agreement of the private landowner is in its final stages. In the meantime however, work on the map and narrative for the memorial plaque has not been delayed while negotiations are finalized. As in Phase One, the ongoing task of raising sufficient funds to finance the production and erection of these two new memorials is a key factor. When sufficient funding and the outstanding land agreement at Observatory Ridge are secured, a suitable date, or dates, for dedication of the memorials will be determined in consultation with local officials in both Belgium and France.

A number of 'spin-off' 15th Battalion Projects are also progressing quite well. The Project Team has acquired, taken or scanned close to 700 photographs related to the 15th Battalion and its members with almost 300 of these coming from the holdings of the Regimental Museum. Although most of the photographs from Museum archives have yet to be catalogued and captioned for uploading, even at this point readers can already view over 400 images at the 15th Battalion photo gallery link on www.jeanmiso.ca. Also, the Project Team is systematically working its way through the arduous task of uploading images and documents on to the Canadian Virtual War Memorial (www.veterans.gc.ca) files for every one of the almost 1600 members of the 15th Battalion that were killed or died during The Great War. At this point all members buried or memorialized in Belgium, the UK, Germany, Netherlands, Switzerland, Canada and about half of the French locations have been completed. If any readers have, or know someone who has, photographs or documents related to the 15th Battalion or any of its members, you can contact the Project Team at 15thbncef@gmail.com

The two articles that follow this update on Festubert and Mt Sorrel are designed to provide a brief historical overview of the two battles which are being commemorated by the Phase Two memorials. The photographs from the Project's 'spin-off' work that accompany each article provide some images related to those who fought and fell in those two terrible battles. 🇨🇦



FESTUBERT 1915

"This is not war. It is simply murder."

Pte Thomas Hannah, 15th Bn

On May 3rd 1915, the Canadian 1st Division was pulled out of the line at Ypres and moved to the La Basse sector in France to support the BEF in the upcoming offensive at Festubert. Following the courageous but costly defensive battle at 2nd Ypres in April, the depleted Battalions of the 1st Division were reinforced by 4000 new men. The 15th Bn, nearly destroyed during the gas attacks at Ypres, had been reduced from over 900 to 150 men. It was reinforced to a strength of 600 by the arrival of 150 men from its base company in England and the 17th Battalion plus 300 replacements from the 30th Battalion. On May 18th, the 3rd Brigade was called up from Reserve and ordered to assault German defensive positions east of Festubert. The 15th and 16th Battalions joined the assault on May 20th and attacked positions known as 'North Breastworks' and 'the Orchard'. Inadequate artillery support and the loss of all machine guns meant that the attack was conducted over open ground and in the face of crippling German artillery and machine gun fire. The Orchard and The Breastworks were both captured and the 15th Battalion held its position against several German counterattacks. However, attempts to push forward to their deeper objectives were unsuccessful and the positions secured remained the Allied front line until 1918. The 15th Battalion suffered 150 casualties. 🇨🇦



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15TH BATTALION PROJECT UPDATE



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15TH BN PHOTOS & MAPS

- 1: Festubert Map
- 2: Reserve position, Festubert
- 3: Sgt J. Thompson, KIA Festubert, Bethune Town Cemetery
- 4: Pte H.N. St John, KIA Festubert, Caberet Rouge British Cemetery
- 5: Lt J.B. Kay Festubert 1915

6: Mt Sorrel Map

- 7: Lt E.M. Malone KIA Mt Sorrel, Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery
- 8: Pte E. Biglow KIA Mt Sorrel, Railway Dugouts Cemetery
- 9: CSM H. Marshall KIA Mt Sorrel, Menin Gate



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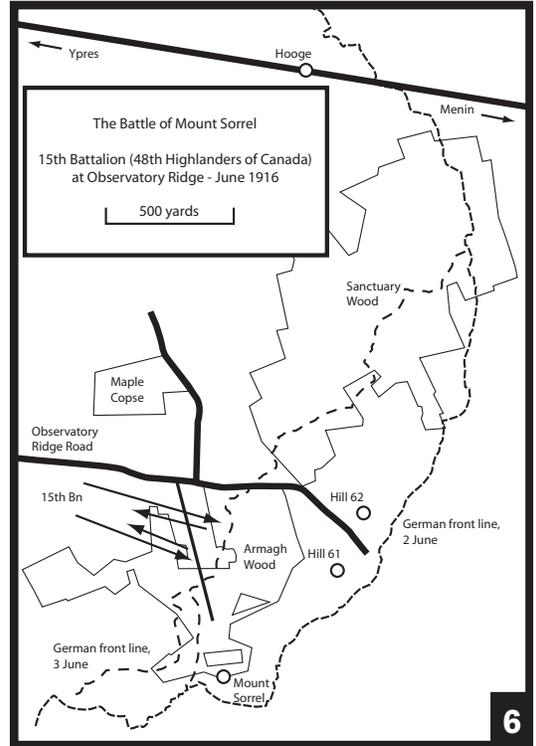
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MT SORREL – ‘OBSERVATORY RIDGE’ 1916

“It did not seem possible that anyone could live through it.”

LCol C. Bent - 15th Bn War Diary

On June 2nd 1916, a powerful German attack pushed back the Canadian 3rd Division and seized a line of strategic terrain features in the western part of the Ypres salient running from Sanctuary Ridge to Mt Sorrel. The veteran Canadian 1st Division was hurriedly moved forward under cover of darkness to conduct immediate counterattacks in an attempt to halt the German offensive and recapture the vital ground. The 15th Battalion hurried forward from reserve positions at Ouderdom and reached an intermediate position near Zillebeke where it prepared for the next day's attack. Confusion and traffic congestion behind the lines



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delayed the counterattack until after sunrise on June 3rd and the Battalion began to suffer heavy casualties on the reverse slope of Observatory Ridge even as it formed up for the attack. The 15th Battalion advanced up Observatory Ridge with the 14th Battalion on its immediate left flank attacking towards Maple Copse. The Germans reacted with overwhelming artillery and small arms fire, such that there was no possibility of reaching Mount Sorrel. Despite reaching the top of Observatory Ridge, the 15th Battalion (48th Highlanders of Canada), along with other units from the 1st Division, were forced back below the crest of the ridge where dug in. Although these initial counterattacks on June 3rd failed to recover significant ground, they did preoccupy German forces while more comprehensive countermeasures were planned and secured forward assault positions for subsequent attacks which recaptured the lost ground by June 13th. The 15th Battalion suffered 290 casualties. 🇨🇦

15TH BATTALION PROJECT UPDATE

BRUNO: THE 15TH BATTALION'S MASCOT

By: BGen (Ret'd) G. Young

It was not an uncommon practice amongst the CEF Battalions to adopt an animal as their battalion's mascot and the 15th Battalion was no exception. On August 2nd 1915 while the Unit was out of the line in billets at Grande Munque Farm near Ploestreet in Belgium, LCol William Marshall 'officially' adopted a large scruffy local sheepdog of "unknown ancestry" as the 15th battalion's mascot. The Regimental History records "his friendship for the Colonel, his loyalty and long life and adventures with the Battalion area story in themselves." He apparently rarely left Marshall's side except when the CO was in the line and then Pipe Major Keith became responsible for him. It was on one of those occasions when the CO was 'in the line' that LCol Marshall was killed and all ranks of the Battalion noted the effect it had on Bruno. But Bruno adopted the new CO, LCol 'Charlie' Bent, and the CO-to-mascot relationship was carried on. So much so, that Bruno returned home with the CO after the war and was eventually buried on the CO's fruit farm in Kentville, NS. Buried alongside Bruno was 'Fritz', a German officer's horse captured at The Crow's Nest and also brought home by LCol Bent. But that is another story! 🐾



15TH BATTALION PROJECT UPDATE

TOO YOUNG TO FIGHT – TOO YOUNG TO DIE

By: Capt (Ret'd) Vic Goldman CD

On 15 July 1915, John Jenkin stood in front of a recruiting station in London, Ontario. He eagerly stepped forward and documentation was rapidly completed, including attestation that he was born in 1897 and was thus 18 years of age. He donned a uniform and proudly wore the badges of his local unit the 33rd Overseas Battalion. Upon arrival in England, the 33rd like many CEF units was broken up for reinforcements. Private Jenkin, along with others from the 33rd was posted to the 15th Battalion (48th Highlanders). On 9 April 1917, he was killed during the battle for Vimy Ridge. This, sadly, was the fate of numerous soldiers in the Great War, yet, when you stand in front of Private Jenkin's tombstone, located in Nine Elms Cemetery, you are filled with emotion when you clearly see engraved in stone— age 16.

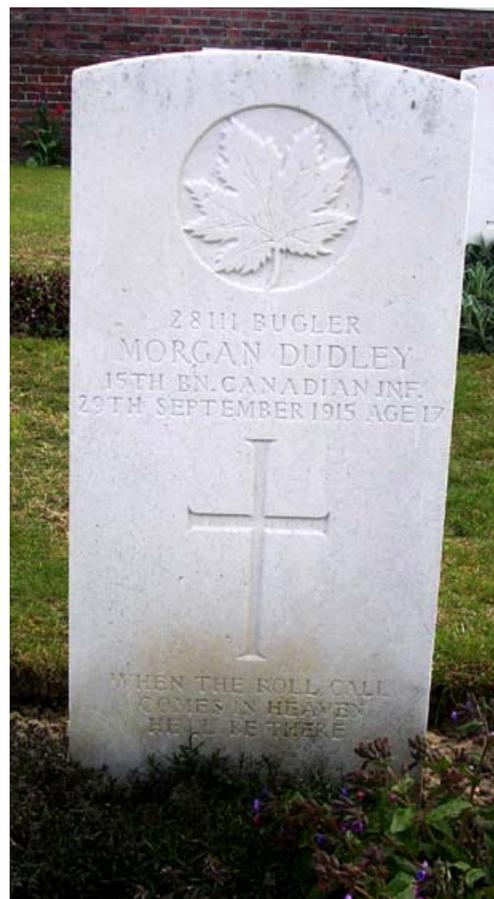
John Jenkins, who enlisted at age 14, is the youngest member of our unit to have been killed in action, but certainly not our only underage soldier. The “silent cities” of France and Flanders are filled with headstones marking the place where these underage warriors lie buried.

Legal age to join the Canadian Expeditionary Force in World War One was 18, but one had to be 19 before deployment to the front. The following list attests to those killed in action as underage soldiers

- Age 16 – **Private J.W. Jenken**, killed during assault on Vimy Ridge
- Age 17 – **Private A.A. B. Kirkup**, killed 2 August 1915 at Ploegsteert
- Age 17 – **Buglar M. Dudley**, killed 29 September 1915 at Ploegsteert
- Age 17 – **Private C.H. Haynes**, killed 3 June 1916 at Mount Sorell
- Age 18 – **Private C.F. Yates**, killed 22 April 1915 at 2nd Ypres
- Age 18 – **Private J.C. Currie**, killed 23 April 1915 at 2nd Ypres
- Age 18 – **Sergeant W.S. Groshow**, killed 24 April 1915 at 2nd Ypres
- Age 18 – **Private H. Hyde**, killed 24 April 1915 at 2nd Ypres
- Age 18 – **Private F. Page**, killed 24 April 1915 at 2nd Ypres
- Age 18 – **Private J.D. Cumming**, killed 26 April 1915 at 2nd Ypres
- Age 18 – **Private B. McColl**, killed 29 April 1915 at 2nd Ypres
- Age 18 – **Private C.A. Sommerville**, killed 29 April 1915 at 2nd Ypres
- Age 18 – **Private A. McDougall**, killed 29 April 1915 at 2nd Ypres
- Age 18 – **Private W.A. White**, killed 21 May 1915 at Festubert (enlisted 5 August 1914)
- Age 18 – **Private R.J. Marsh** killed 17 June 1915 at Givenchy
- Age 18 – **Private H.H. Meek**, killed 15 July 1915 at Ploegsteert
- Age 18 – **Private C.L. Adamson**, killed 25 June 1916 at Ypres
- Age 18 – **Private G.W. Miller**, killed 8 October 1916 at the Somme
- Age 18 – **Private W.G. Oakley**, killed 26 September 1916 at the Somme
- Age 18 – **Private G.H. Fenner**, killed 26 September 1916 at the Somme
- Age 18 – **Private J.R. Owen**, killed 29 September 1916 at the Somme
- Age 18 – **Private H.B. Green**, killed 6 October 1916 at the Somme (original 92nd Bn)
- Age 18 – **Private N.J. McIntosh**, killed 15 August 1917 at Hill 70
- Age 18 – **Private T. Brookes**, killed 11 November 1917 at Passchendaele
- Age 18 – **Private C. Anderson**, killed 9 August 1918 at Amiens
- Age 18 – **Private E.H. Davis**, killed 1 September 1918 at the Crow's Nest
- Age 18 – **Private E. Hall**, killed 27 September 1918 at Canal du Nord
- Age 18 – **Private I.S. Smith** (served as Illinger), killed 20 October 1918 Pursuit to Mons

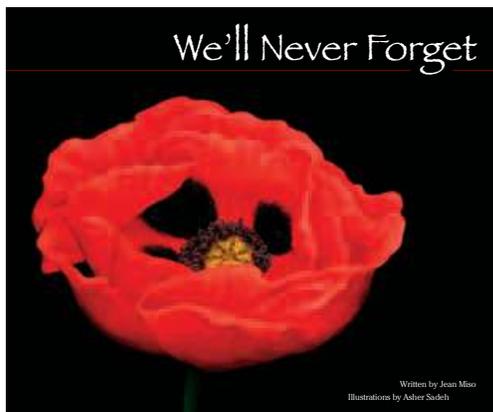
In addition to this lengthy list of young casualties, there were a further 36 members of the unit who were killed in action while only 19 years of age. Additionally, there are a number of casualties, where the Commonwealth War Graves Commission does not list age, who may very well swell the ranks of our underage volunteers.

WE SHALL REMEMBER 🇨🇦



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We'll Never Forget



“WE’LL NEVER FORGET”

Jean Miso's book, *“We'll Never Forget,”* was financed for publication by the author and those who are mentioned in the book, without prior formal sponsorship by the Regiment. However, once it was published, many individual members and components of the Regimental Family stepped forward to help Jean turn her dream into a viable reality, by purchasing the book or actively promoting sales of it. While these individuals are too numerous to mention in this edition of the Falcon, readers might be interested in knowing that a number of institutions and organizations, both military and civilian, have either facilitated sales or purchased “We'll Never Forget,” so that, at the time of writing, a remarkable total of 1760 copies, out of an initial printing of 3000, have been sold subsequent to the book launch, at Sunnybrook Hospital on October 23, 2010.

Currently, the supporting organizations include the following:

48 Highlanders of Canada
48th Highlanders of Canada Museum
48 Highlanders IODE
48 Highlanders Old Comrades Association
48 Highlanders Continuing Sergeants

Grey and Simcoe Foresters Regimental Museum
25 Field Ambulance
The Toronto Black Watch Association
The Queen's York Rangers
Royal Regiment of Canada
Canada Company
Royal Montreal Regiment
Argyle and Southern Highlanders



ABOVE: Highlander Vets, who attended the book launch for “We'll Never Forget.” From the left: CWO Dave Crook, BGen Greg Young, Capt Ron Alkema, Maj Bud Gillie, Sgt Herb Pike.

Sunnybrook Hospital
Sunnybrook Hospital Gift shop

Etobicoke Teachers Credit Union
Ontario Historical Society
Royal Canadian Legion Branch 197 (Acton)

Waterloo District School Board
Halton Board of Education
Toronto Public Library System
Oakville Library System
Burlington Library System
Mississauga Library System
Milton Library System
Brampton Library System

Bookfield BC Place
Humber Valley United Church
Royal York Road United Church
Olivet Church

Nail Niche
Norseman Plastics
Sports NRG
Mercedes-Benz Downtown
Stonecap Securities Inc
Brookfield Asset Management Inc

First Canadian Place

Art One
Gowlings
Bank of Montreal
Chapters, Sherway Gardens
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The Bookstore
The Grenadier

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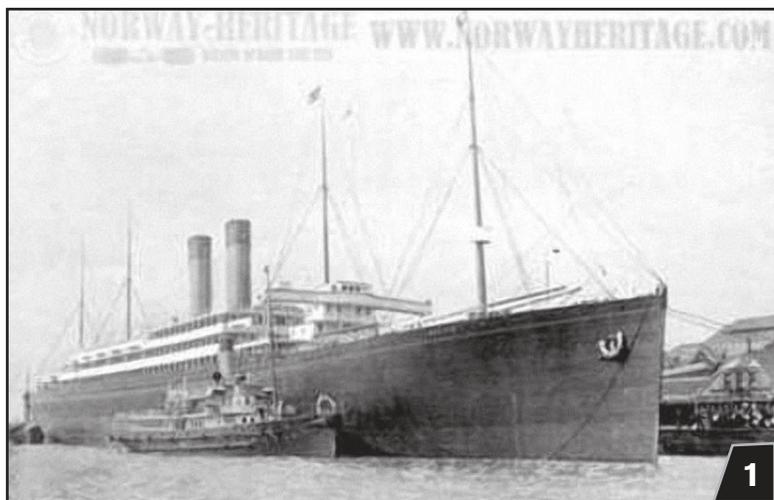
MEDIA COVERAGE FOR THE BOOK INCLUDES:

Toronto Star, Etobicoke Guardian, The London Free Press, Kitchener Waterloo Record, Global Television, CBC Television, Breakfast Television, Rogers Television, TO Live with Culture, BCIT Link, CBC Radio (across Canada), 680 News Radio, CJBQ Radio, CHML Radio, CFRA Radio and CKDO Radio.
Dileas Gu Brath

NOTE: Copies of “We'll Never Forget” may be ordered at: orders@jeanmiso.ca

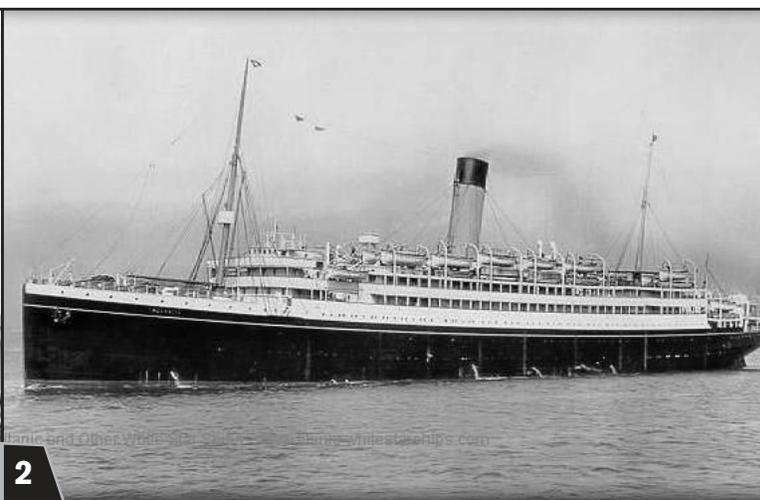
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SHIPS OF THE 15TH BATTALION



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1. RMS Baltic carried the 15th Bn home from England 1919



2. RMS Megantic carried the 15th to England 1914

3. SS Lorina carried the 15th to England 1919

4. SS Mount Temple carried the 15th to France 1914



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GOD BLESS CANADA AND THE 48TH HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA IN PARTICULAR.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following document was handed to Herb Pike, by an unknown Apeldoorn citizen, during the celebration of the 65th Anniversary of V.E. Day last Spring. It expresses the deeply felt appreciation of one individual for the Regiment's role in the liberation of Holland at the end of the Second World War and, as such, reflects the deep pride felt by those in the Netherlands, who support, or are part of, the 48th Highlanders of Holland Pipes and Drums, which has become a "living monument" to the courageous actions of our 1st Battalion Veterans all those years ago.

When I was a boy of 12 years old the war started for our country on the 10th of May 1940. I remember German warplanes flying almost unopposed over Arnhem, my hometown. After 4 days our army had to capitulate after bravely fighting a vastly superior enemy. The enemy told us they did not really want us, but they were after the British and the French. At first we believed them, but after they started to introduce all sorts of measures to curtail our freedom in every way, we understood what they were after. Making us to accept the Nazi doctrine or at least not to be a hindrance in any way to their desire to dominate the continent. Beginning with the introduction of a personal identity card -our Jewish citizens got a big letter J in their ill cards -they followed up with all sorts of rules that expanded their grip on our society. Our Jewish friends, easily identifiable by their TO cards, were arrested and transported to concentration camps where they were murdered in gas chambers and cremated in giant crematoria. Our able bodied men, in certain age categories, were rounded up for forced labour in the German war industry. Our food had to be rationed as a result of the large claims by the Germans for their own needs. Of course imports were scarce or mostly impossible because of the blockades by the allies. Towards the end of the war quantities of nourishments shrunk by the month so to say. Our newspapers were censored by Nazi's. So illegal newspapers flourished. Listening to other than Nazi controlled radio stations was forbidden, which eventually led to the setting up of jamming stations and in the end to the confiscation of radio receivers. If still found to possess one would end you in jail at least. Artists, physicians, dentists, veterinarians, in short all free entrepreneurs were obliged to join a Nazi instituted organization in order to be allowed to practice their profession. Students

were obliged to swear their loyalty to the authorities not to do anything that would harm the interest of the occupying power under the threat of being excluded from university in case of refusal. All this (and much more! 1) led to all kinds of resistance among the population. Men who ran the risk of being rounded up for work in the German war industry "dived under"

i.e. left home to hide somewhere else in the country. Since everybody needed food coupons these had to be organized for those "divers" because they themselves could not report in their hometown for the regularly issued coupons for the next period, as they would run the risk of being arrested. This meant that coupons had to be found in another way. That resulted in the setting up of illegal groups who raided the rationing offices for coupons. Resistance activities in all sorts of ways in order to sabotage the German influence flourished. The German Gestapo and Sicherheitsdienst (S.D.) tried of course to suppress our underground activities. Dutch Quislings tried to infiltrate groups of resistance members in order to betray them. That resulted in liquidations by the resistance groups and these in their turn led reciprocally to so called "Silbertanne" murders by the German, quite at random killing innocent citizens. One of these took place in my immediate neighbourhood. These murders were revenge actions by the Nazi's on the liquidation of one of their lot. When you walked in the street, talking to a friend, you always kept an eye open for people in your vicinity. Because you had to be careful about what you were saying when strangers could overhear you. When you lay in bed and heard a car driving through the street, after eight o'clock (curfew) you listened whether it would pass by or halt in front of your house.

One was always on the alert. At night in bed, when the RAF came over on their way to Germany, and the air raid sirens went, we rubbed our hands and thought: "there they go again" and turned over comfortably on the other side to go on dreaming that this might speed up the liberation. We were not afraid, because they did not come for (us) but for "them". I hope you will understand that we all wanted to be freed of this ever increasing oppression and these direct threats to our lives. The successful invasion in France gave us hope for the eventual liberation and when after an avalanche of breakthroughs and a flood of rumours the sky over my hometown Arnhem was filled with parachutes and gliders, we were delighted that we would now be liberated.

What a deception! The only would be liberators we saw were marched down our streets into POW camps. For reasons never solved, after the Battle of Arnhem the town of Arnhem and neighbouring villages were

evacuated on German orders. Our family went to Apeldoorn because we knew people there. Another 7 months of German suppression followed. German troops, marching through our streets, singing their heroic war songs and hurting our eardrums with their blaring brass bands, meant a prolonged affliction. A severe winter in combination with a famine in the western provinces caused by a German prohibition of transport of foodstuffs, causing many deaths, meant another ordeal to our stricken population. And then at last, we heard guns in the distance to the East. Louder and louder they became. Our hopes rose sky high. What had we gone through and what was coming closer and closer! ! Friday 13 April. Standing before our quarters in Apeldoorn. I hear the whistle of a shell. Having obtained experience in Arnhem, I lay flat on my belly before I realize what is happening. People around me think I'm crazy, but they soon understand! Fortunately the projectile hits the maternity clinic behind our billets without exploding. Maybe it was a warning shot to get the population off the streets. Anyway, it was the start of 4 days of spasmodic artillery fire and that did indeed keep us of I the streets. On the morning of the 17th things were very quiet and we carefully got out of the cellar to investigate. A policeman rode past on his bike and said that the Canadians were there. Without hesitation my brother and I got our hidden bikes from under the floorboards, mounted the front wheel and rode to the market square to find out.

We rounded the corner, and then a band of Pipes and Drums marching up and down the market square! When writing this I still feel the shivers running down my back. Our liberators were the 48th Highlanders of Canada and this was their band. What a Glorious Liberation!!! A greater contrast with those hated Nazi bands is impossible. Yes we were really FREE.

It was all over Gone all the anguish of the past 5 years. Gone but not forgotten!! It took me very many years to regard the post war generation of our former suppressors as acceptable equals. The war generation will never be forgiven. We went to see the liberators with their tanks in the park outside the Loa Palace. I remember clearly their field kitchen where we as youngsters were treated to the crusts that they cut off their snow white bread loaves. It tasted like the best cake you could possibly imagine. God bless these men who stuck out their necks to liberate us and sometimes gave their lives for our liberty. We will remember them.

I am proud that I may in all modesty support the 48th Highlanders of Holland Pipes and Drums who are the living monument to honour my liberators. 🇨🇦

48TH HIGHR'S OF HOLLAND PIPES & DRUMS



20 YEARS 48TH HIGHLANDERS OF HOLLAND, PIPES AND DRUMS.

EDITOR'S NOTE: On behalf of the Regiment, a scroll, commemorating the 20th Anniversary of the 48th Highlanders of Holland Pipes and Drums and our close alliance with them since their formation in 1991, will be presented by the Honourary Colonel.

The joy was great on that April 17th of 1945, the day that Apeldoorn was liberated. The first signs of the liberation were for many like a dream. Like a former evacuee, from occupied Arnhem, described, with tears in his Eyes: "We jumped on our, carefully hidden, bikes and rode from the Loolaan towards the town centre. The first thing we heard was the joyful and haunting sound of the pipes and the drums of the 48th Highlanders of Canada. It send shivers down my spine, gave me goose bumps, it was beautiful! Forever would this music remain for me associated with freedom and at the same time with the endured fear and terror."

Apeldoorn and its surroundings were liberated by mainly the Canadian Forces, with a key role for the the 48th Highlanders of Canada, in the first half of April 1945.

Many of them were killed in action in those early days of April and gave there lives for our freedom. Still, every year, many veterans from Canada come to our country and our area to commemorate them.

After the large veterans parade in 1985, 40 years after the liberations, our founder, Gerrit Ham, longed to raise a living monument as a tribute to the liberators of the town of Apeldoorn and its surroundings.

And so the 48th Highlanders of Holland

Pipes and Drums were founded in January, 1991. Its founding objective was and still is: to provide a fitting musical contribution to commemorations, other ceremonies and parades in the Netherlands and abroad.

Every year close to April 12th we commemorate on the Canadian War Cemetery Holten, Lt. Col Donald A. MacKenzie and the other members of the Regiment who fell in those early days of the liberation.

Ever since the beginning we got a lot of support from Canada especially from Pipe Major Ross Stewart. He was the man who was approached by our chairman and founder Gerrit Ham to instruct our band. Every year he came to Holland and gave instructions on the bagpipe and about how a military pipe band should operate.

From Toronto he was always willing to give help and advise, to make sure that the band looked at it's, by Canadian example, best. He did all this with a lot of patience and humor, but still always with a strict hand.

After his death in 2001 the '48th Highlanders Old Comrades Association' was willing to take over the task as our Historic Advisor, so that we were always sure that we could seek advice on the make and look of newly purchased band items.

In 1996 two beautiful authentic, hand painted tenor drums were presented to us from Canada. One was from the 'Pipes and Drums Association 48th Highlanders of Canada' and was dedicated to Pipe major A. Dewar. The other tenor drum was a gift of Pipe Major J. Ross Stewart and was dedicated to Pipe Major A. Anderson.

In the 'Falcon' of summer 2010 you could read a beautiful story, by HCol Geordie Beal, about the 48th Veterans Return to Holland for the 65th Anniversary of Liberation. It was a great honour for us to take part in the parades and commemorations. It was a great pleasure for us to speak personally with 48th veterans like Herb Pike, Morris Tracy, Norm Gogo, Nick Birch and Morley Hunter.

The band performances give us a great sense of gratification. With our performances we get to special places at home and abroad and meet veterans, their families and many other kind and fascinating people.

We hear a lot of striking stories and learn of things we would never have known were we not with the band.

Furthermore, we keep a warm friendship with a French living Monument: The Somme Battlefield Pipe band. Together we attend many ceremonies in France and Holland.

The large amounts of time and effort we put into learning and practicing on our musical instruments are more than worthwhile.

Our band magazine 'Highland Express' has also existed for 20 years and in 2008 we even had a special issue with all the stories and pictures about our tour around Ontario in the spring of that year. It contained many highlights, like meeting veterans in several homes, our visit to the '48th Highlanders Museum' in Toronto and, of course, practicing and playing with the Pipes & Drums and the Military Band of the 48th of Canada.

On our website www.48th-highlanders.nl you can follow all the things we do as a band.

Because we cherish our freedom and because we like to do something in return, our creed is: "We Do Remember"

Because we never will and may forget..... This task we fulfill for 20 years now and we hope we may do this for many more years to come.

On behalf of the 48th Highlanders of Holland, Pipes and Drums

DIRK GOUDKUIL, PM
JAN SCHOLTEN, DM
TONNIE VAN AMERSFOORT, CHAIR WOMAN
JOHN FUNDTER, SECRETARY AND QM

With many thanks to our Hon. Member Jurry Hulzebos Sr., also Hon. Member of the 48th Old Comrades Association and Jan Jansen, volunteer at the 48th Highlanders Museum, who made it possible to have this story published in 'The Falcon'. 🐉

48TH HIGHLANDER'S PIPES & DRUMS

PIPES AND DRUMS UPDATE SPRING 2011

The Pipes and Drums have been extremely busy since the last issue of the Falcon in the Fall of 2010.

In October, the Pipes and Drums, along with the Military Band, performed for the annual season opening game of the Toronto Maple Leafs – a tradition dating back to 1932. We were fortunate to have Pte Sean Marjoram go with us and take professional level photos of the event.



The Bands playing a Medley during the 2010 Maple Leaf's Home opener



The bands leaving the ice at the ACC.

Following the Maple Leaf Opener, the Pipes and Drums and Military band took part in the Annual RCMP Band Spectacular at Roy Thomson Hall. It is always a long day, but the audience is always so appreciative of the musicians' efforts. PM Lang was again the Senior Pipe Major for the event.



Immediately on the heels of this concert, the Pipes and Drums began the annual feat which is the St. Andrew's Ball. This involves three Tuesday night rehearsals for the ball and then the night of the ball itself. The Drum Major again addressed the Haggis and MC'd the ball

portion of the evening, while the Pipes and Drums themselves provided pipers for entertainment and duties during the dinner portion and the usual split of the band for continuous dancing all night. The evening again culminated with the Beating of Retreat at 1:30 in the morning. The band then finished its duties and retired to our hospitality suite to have dinner.



PM (MWO) Lang and Sgt C. Dewar play the lament, Nov 2 for The Toronto Maple Leaf's Remembrance game

Sandwiched in between these rehearsals was the week of Remembrance, which is always a very busy time for the pipers of the 48th. All told, including Regimental duties such as the annual Parade at Mount Pleasant, the memorial dinner, the Parade itself, and support to St. Andrew's Church, the pipers did a total of 18 events. This also included two pipers at the Air Canada Centre for the Toronto Maple Leafs remembrance game.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE PIPES AND DRUMS INCLUDE:

- The 120th anniversary of the Regiment;
- Participation in the Canadian Forces Contingent of Pipes and Drums in the Virginia International Tattoo from April 23 – May 2;
- Participation in the Canadian International Military Tattoo in Hamilton June 25-26;
- Warrior's Day Parade August 20th; and
- The St. Andrew's Ball on November 26th.

Many more events are in the works, but are not confirmed as of yet. We have also been asked to provide pipers and drummers for a couple of recordings taking place in 2011. Look for more info on all of these things as they develop. 🎉

HIGHLAND BZZ



ET Canada visits the 48th Highlanders Museum. ET Interviewer, Rosey Edeh talks to actor Taylor Kitsch, famous for his role in the show, "Friday Night Lights."



Charlotte Cardoen-Descamps, a representative of the Passchendaele Memorial Museum in Ypres Belgium, and a good friend to the 15th Battalion Memorial Project, pays a visit to our Regimental Museum.



In the Officers Mess of the Cape Town Highlanders, the DCO, Maj Allan Best, presents a 48th plaque to the unit CO, LCol André van der Bijl, in recognition of their 125th Anniversary (1885-2010).

THE OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION EVENT CALENDAR AS OF MARCH 2011

**09 JULY 11 – PACHINO DAY,
Landing in Sicily (48th, RCR,
Hasty P of 1st Brigade)**

LOCATION: Hastings & Prince
Edward Armoury, 187 Pinnacle St.,
Belleville

TIMINGS: 1000 hrs parade and
ceremony; Spaghetti luncheon to
follow

DRESS: Old Comrades:
White shirt, ribbons and glen. Guests:
relaxed

COST: Small \$5 donation for
luncheon

CONTACT: John Dunne,
905-839-6487
48thOCA@gmail.com

**05 NOV 11 MOUNT PLEASANT
REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY**

LOCATION: Mount Pleasant Cemetery,
east entrance off Mt.

Pleasant Rd.

TIMINGS: 1030 parade assembles

DRESS: Regimental Blazer,
medals,

Glengarry
CONTACT: John Dunne
905-839-6487
48thOCA@gmail.com

**05 NOV 11 – OCA
REMEMBRANCE DINNER**

LOCATION: York Reception Centre

TIMINGS: 1700 – 2359

DRESS: Mess Kit, Blues, DEU, Suit

COST: \$55 per person

CONTACT: John Dunne
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**06 NOV 11 – REMEMBRANCE
DAY PARADE**

LOCATION: Queen's Park Circle

TIMINGS: 0930 OCA buses at MPA

1030 form up on Wellesley Street

Messes open at MPA after March back

DRESS: Old Comrades: Blazer, tie,
medals

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COOPER, Vic	L3E 325	647-341-8573
ESTRIN, Joe	K1W 16	416-932-2372
LEONARD, Stanley	LGE 23	
McCRON, Donald	K2W 23	
McKENNA, Jack	K2E 02	647-349-0669
McMAHON, Jim	L2E 216	
SHALAPATA, Paul	K2E 04	
SHONTALER Jim	K2C 21	416-483-4349
SOPER Ken	K1W 27	416-487-2990

SPECIAL CARE UNITS

GREEN, Stuart	Not Listed
CARTER, Clifford	c/o Susan Hampson 519-424-9784

CONFINED AT HOME - PROBLEMS GETTING AROUND

COLTON, G.E.	819-683-2323
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*These Highlanders will be pleased to hear from you.
Give them a call or better still, pay them a visit.
Don't forget, they are Dileas, as are we.*

LAST POST

Robert P. Seagram	July 6, 2009	Toronto ON
Phil Ward	October 31, 2010	Toronto ON
Kenneth Haw	July 15, 2010	Brampton ON
Bud Leigh	September 2010	Toronto ON
Malcom "Mac" Murdoch	May 20, 2010	Toronto ON
Herbert "Herb" Sershal	June 25, 2010	Peterborough ON
Henry David Billings	24 May, 2010	St. Catharines ON

*At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,
We will remember them. 🐾*

MARCH 2011



DILEAS GU BRATH

