

HER LATE MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II, QUEEN OF CANADA, Our beloved Colonel-in-Chief. 1947–2022

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Nov 16, 2014, CBC interview with Pte Wallace Carroll, 15th Battalion <u>Click here to see the video on YouTube.</u>



15th Battalion Crows Nest, 26 August 1918 Click here to see the video on YouTube.





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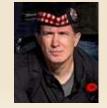
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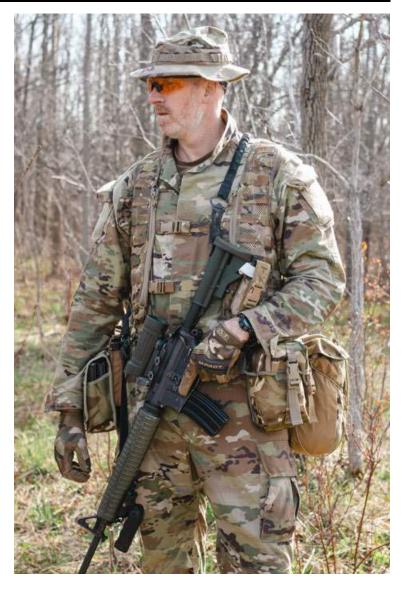
ACTIVE BATTALION

Update from the desk of the Commanding Officer

The past several months have seen many significant events in the history of the Regiment. Of course, the most significant is the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. In addition to her lengthy rule as Canada's Sovereign, she faithfully served as the Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment for over 74 years.

It was the highest honour to be able to travel to London with fellow highlanders to witness her funeral and participate in the procession to honour her. I cannot fully convey the solemnity of the occasion to you, but to say that even as the streets were lined with tens of thousands of people only the bands could be

heard playing the funeral march as so many onlookers remained silent.



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A Message from the Regimental Sergeant Major

Hello fellow Highlanders,

As I sit down to write this update, and we are entering into the Christmas season and all that comes with it, I am reminded that 78 years ago this week, the 48th Highlanders were in the thick of the fighting around the Lamone River – over a year of fighting under difficult circumstances leading up to this point.

As we continue to emerge from the pandemic, and still have ares of cases taking place, we are still very fortunate compared to our forefathers who were in Italy. e pandemic has certainly a ected our soldiers di erently. e holidays are also a tough time for many. If you are experiencing any

HONOURS, PROMOTIONS AND AWARDS

PROMOTIONS AND AWARDS SINCE JUNE 2022

RECRUIT TO HLDR

Bryant Jones lqbal Khan

HLDR TO CPL Jackson

CPL TO MCPL

Mayer, K O'Brien Navarro Spratt

<u>Lieutenant</u>

Mr Outram-Kuzma Mr Syron Mr Naganthan **GRADUATED THEIR CLERK CRSES**

Pte Cassar Pte Munoz Catalig Pte Downes

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HONOURS, PROMOTIONS AND AWARDS

MWO GEORGE MACLEAN 75 YEARS OF MEMBERSHIP

SPECIAL PRESENTATION TO: MWO GEORGE MACLEAN, CD (RETD)

By: Sgt Al Kowalenko, OMC (Retd) Presented at the Sgts & WOs Mess Dinner

o: Our Distinguished Head Table, Guests, Members of the Mess – Ladies & Gentlemen

I have the honor and privilege this evening of paying tribute to our most senior Mess member - Master Warrant O cer George Maclean, CD, (Retd) who is seated to my right with his son, Bill.



More photos of promotions & awards can be found online at <u>48thhighlanders.ca</u>, Facebook and Instagram 7

The 48th Highlanders of Canada and the Queen Elizabeth the Second kept a close relationship throughout her time as a Queen and a Princess.

On December 1st, 1947, HRH e Princess Elizabeth was appointed to become the Colonel-in-Chief of our regiment, along with Le Regiment de la Chaudiere in Levis QC.

We had the honour of having HRH e Princess Elizabeth as our Colonel-in-Chief for the longest period of time than any others in Canada.

Dearing and caring for the regiment she was a Colonel-in-Chief ever since she was a princess, she would come to visit her regiment or send a representative when she was unable to.

We are deeply saddened by the passing of our Colonel-in-Chief, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second.

Rest well, Your Majesty.





Her Majesty, accompanied by Major JH Sandham CD, walks to inspect the Guard of Honour at Queens Park, 29 September 1984.



Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II inspects the Guard – 29 June 1997



Queen Elizabeth tours Old Fort York. Note that she is wearing the 48th Highlanders broach. Photo by Ian Leslie Macdonald.



Queen Elizabeth tours Fort-York, 29 September 1984.



Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II opens Regimental Museum – 29 June 1997



We also have another great tribute to our Late Colonel-in-Chief





2Lt Gregory Outram Kuzma, 48th Highlanders of Canada, prepares for the State funeral of Queen Elizabeth II in support of Operation LONDON BRIDGE at Army Training Center Pirbright, United Kingdom on September 14, 2022. Photo credit: MCpl Genevieve Lapointe, Canadian Forces Combat Camera, Canadian Armed Forces Photo



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OPERATION LONDON BRIDGE

A Highlander's Perspective by 2Lt Outram Kuzma

What the passing of her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the regiment had the honour and responsibility to send a contingent to London England that would participate in one of the largest military parades to honour her service. The 48th Highlanders who attended were the CO, Lt Col Morische, RSM Reesor, MCpl Robertson, Cpl Scarlino, and myself, 2Lt Outram Kuzma.

As you know, e 48th Highlanders of Canada has had a personal relationship with the late queen since 1947 while she was still HRH the Princess Elizabeth. Along with Le Régiment de la Chaudière, the 48th has the distinction of having the longest period of time with the Queen as our Colonel in Chief

On Friday morning, a er another full rehearsal we formed up on the parade square to receive a visit from HRH Prince William and HRH Princess Kate Middleton. MCpl Robertson was chosen among a few other junior NCOs to shake hands and speak with His Royal Highness, he even made him laugh! While MCpl was trading jokes with the Prince, the rest of the contingent was in a tent behind, respectfully admiring the royal couple and subtly taking photographs. is visit was televised internationally and the RSM received a few texts from his family who saw him on CBC and CP24.

Saturday morning, our British hosts arranged for a visit to the nearby Brookwood Military Cemetery. is was the rst time we were able to see the CO since we had parted ways upon arriving in London. Among those buried at Brookwood are the soldiers who died on British Soil during



Members of CF (including the 48th) prepare for the commemoration parade in honour of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second that took place in Ottawa on September 19th of 2022. Photos by Wyatt Brooks, DND & Cpl Jonathan King



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REPRESENTING THE 48TH VETERANS & THE ASSOCIATION

by John Perkins

On Sept 19, I attended the service in Ottawa, as a regimental representative of the Veterans Association, having been nominated by Mark McVety. I had only just returned from the UK days before.

ere were approximately twenty representatives of the various regiments and Armed Forces services where the Queen was the Colonel in Chief. e First Nations and Metis military communities were also represented. *(see Robert Loken email forwarded for other attendees)*

We formed up at the Delta Hotel and proceeded as a group to

REMEMBRANCE SATURDAY, 5 NOV 2022



















PM Brown at the grave of PM Keith

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY, 6 NOV 2022











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REMEMBRANCE DAY, 11 NOV 2022





On November 11th of 2022, members of the regiment mounted the cenotaph at the Old City Hall in Toronto for Remembrance Day











SAINT ANDREWS CADETS, 11 NOV 2022











REMEMBRANCE DAY IN ORTONA

FORMER HCOL NEWMAN AND CURRENT HCOL MACINTYRE REPRESENT THE 48TH IN ITALY

by HCol John MacIntyre

GREETINGSHIGHLANDERS – SERVING SOLDIERS, FORMER MEMBERS, AND MEMBERS OF THE REGIMENTAL FAMILY –

What a privilege it was to represent our Regiment in the 2022 Remembrance Day ceremonies held in Ortona, Italy. HCol (Ret) John Newman and I stood proudly as a new plaque was dedicated, honouring the 48th Highlanders of Canada contribution in the liberation of Ortona.

During the same ceremony, HCol Newman created a signi cant moment in honouring fallen Indigenous

REMEMBRANCE DAY IN ORTONA



and very well attended gathering. It was heartfelt to witness rst hand, the outpouring of respect for our Canadian soldiers by the local community. It overwhelmed me to think that this has occurred every past November 11th nurturing on the importance of remembering for future generations. At the end of the ceremony, Sandra and Eugenia Seagram Annovazzi presented Capt Seagram's medals to me with the understanding that they are to be a permanent part of our museum (pictured top le).

What a privilege it was to represent our Regiment, in commemorating the fallen soldiers in Italy. I was honoured to stand on behalf of you and recognize the dedicated actions of past and present members serving with the 48thHighlanders of Canada.

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HCol John MacIntyre

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EX ROYAL STRIKE - 21-23 OCT 2022







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EX ROYAL STRIKE - 21-23 OCT 2022





"What kind of shooting stars are those?" The kind created by 7.62 and .50 Cals!

On Ex Royal Strike I (Oct 21~23), members of the regiment had an opportunity to experience the effective employment of a weapons detachment using the C6 General Purpose Machine Gun and the M2 .50 Cal Heavy Machine Gun. - Maj Lau, J







TRAINING IN PETAWAWA, SUMMER 2022

INFANTRY DISMOUNTED COMPANY COMMANDER'S COURSE























ACTIVE BATTALION

URBAN OPERATIONS EXERCISE 19 NOV 2022



Members of the regiment conducted an Urban Operations exercise hosted by our unit's Urban Ops Instructor (UOI) Sergeant Sosa. Members of the regiment learned the different types of stacks, types of breaching followed by dry run and force-on-force using airsoft rifles. Photos by Cpl Chung







PERSONAL WEAPSON TRAINING - WEEKEND SEPT 2022











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A PILGRIMAGE TO THE NETHERLANDS

IN OUR FATHERS' FOOTSTEPS – PILGRIMAGE TO THE NETHERLANDS

by Cathi Corbett

My father, Casey Corbett, served with the 48th Highlanders during the Second World War. He landed in Scily on July 10, 1943 as part of the Allied invasion called Operation Huskey. Three weeks later he and others were captured by the Germans and spent the remainder of the war as a POW initially in Italy before being transferred to Germany. Given that he and others never experienced the Liberation of Europe specifically of Holland, they never traveled to Europe for any of the significant anniversaries. Having heard many stories from him and other Highlanders

A PILGRIMAGE TO THE NETHERLANDS

daughter, Lisette. Knowledgeable historians accompanied us along the route, explaining the details of various battles fought by the regiments which liberated Holland. We had the pleasure of marching to the pipes and drums of the City of Apeldoorn Pipe Band which led us through the various cities, towns and villages liberated by the various Canadian regiments. Traffic wardens stopped cars at various crossroads and intersections allowing us to proceed safely. Two medics accompanied us on bicycles in the event of injuries, the most common complaint being foot blisters. Approximately every ten kilometers there were rest stops with coffee and cookies and, at noon, a

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IODE 48TH HIGHLANDERS CHAPTER

RECOGNIZING OUR CHAPTER MEMBERS

Our IODE 48th Highrs Chapter 2022 Christmas High Tea in honour of Queen Elizabeth II was held in the Officer's Mess at Moss Park Armoury with 19 in attendance. This was the first occasion where our membership gathered entirely in person since 2020.

e Regent presented IODE Canadian Forces Bar to three members. is bar is awarded to members in good standing who have a member of their family serving in the Canadian Armed Forces during their membership in IODE.

e Regent also presented 5, 10, 20 and 40 year membership pins for members present at the Tea.

- CF Bars presented to Sadie Pedwell, Bonnie Brown- ompson and Quenda Stern
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BEAVER CAMP

Lieutenant-Colonel (retired) Brian G Jackson MSM CD

A Short Respite

Tuesday, 1 September 1992 started out as a good day. I had flown to Zagreb the previous morning from Sarajevo to coordinate some issues with our higher headquarters (HQ UNPROFOR) in Zagreb. I had intended on returning to Sarajevo in the afternoon, after the meetings. But with the last UNHCR relief flight for the day to Sarajevo taking off just as I arrived back at the Zagreb airhead, I had to spend the night at the Intercontinental Hotel in Zagreb; this was not a hardship. I was able to phone my wife, have a bath, eat a decent meal and not have to listen to the sound of artillery as I went to sleep; hoping that nothing would land too close to (or hit) the

and party who were coming to visit on 3 September, and planning for the next and coming days' escort and utility repair missions, I also needed to keep an ear to the radio to make sure the immediate operational issues were dealt with. One of these issues was that the camp in which the Egyptian Battalion (Egybat) had been garrisoned (but since relocated, while leaving a small security detachment at the camp) was being subjected to intermittent mortar re throughout the day. ere had been no casualties so far today but it was concerning. at our Sector Commander was Egyptian, as was the Chief of Sta (COS), just piled on additional pressures.

Upon their arrival into Sarajevo, Egybat moved into what was known as Beaver Camp; taking it over from the 1 R22R Battle Group at the end of July. e camp was a small

Zagreb by 11:00 PM. A erwards, hopefully, I could get to my room (which was located on the next oor up, directly above the Operations Centre) and into my sleeping bag.

However, at 9:00 PM I could hear mortar rounds exploding in the distance and at the same time, the Egybat security detachment at Beaver Camp was on the radio saying they were under re. Immediately the Egyptian colonel COS rushed to me to nd

out what was happening and how I was going to deal with it because the Egyptian Brigadier Sector Commander was on to him. The first step was to get the COS to calm down. There were no casualties reported as o cer who was with the security detachment still residing at Beaver Camp told me there had been considerable damage to the camp facilities, especially the kitchen/ dining hall. I was about to go and have a look at the extent of damage to the kitchen and other buildings that had been hit. e degree of damage could a ect the sustainability of the Egybat troops that were there providing security of the stored fuel.

But, standing there in the complete darkness, except for the now fading fire, I suddenly felt very uneasy. I thought to myself "what a target this is." All around is darkness, including throughout the city, but here there was a light; a natural aiming point with justi able

evacuated him, along with the remaining wounded who did not go in the VBL.

Once the wounded had departed Colonel Devout and I met with the Egybat Security Detachment Commander to view the damages and discuss the situation. A erwards, the Colonel and I sat in a VBL and discussed the situation. It was clear there were still su cient quarters to house the Egybat security detachment and there was a solid shelter in which they could take cover. Although prepared meals would need to be delivered. And there was now increased urgency to getting the stored fuel relocated, so this camp could be completely abandoned. While we were talking, another mortar ashed and exploded inside the compound. But before returning to the PTT we had a look one of those who had been whacked, but by then and still now, it no longer mattered. e others who had been hit were med-evaced in the morning to Zagreb. Our Egyptian COS did not return.

But the next morning, (2 September 1992) was a new day. Another (tiring but exciting) day of sorting out then dispatching utility repair teams, preparing for escorting UNHCR relief supplies to Gorazde, the routine escorting of relief supplies within the city of Sarajevo and the many other everyday matters. As well, there was the need to work on the plan to monitor Serb gun batteries (assuming the Serbs would agree to such a thing – which they didn't), the hosting of and brie ng a visit by UN Special Representative Merrick Goulding on the 3rd of September and, on and on. And of course, in the a ermath of last night's Beaver Camp mortaring, there was now an even more urgent

THE RISE OF THE 48TH HIGHLANDERS

THE RISE OF THE 48TH HIGHLANDERS OF TORONTO: THE LEADERSHIP OF JOHN IRVINE DAVIDSON

by Harrison Kennedy

Introduction

n 1891, John Irvine Davidson was the first commanding officer of the 48th Highlanders, where he led and created a strong regiment. The regiment faced a new era for Canada's Militia, which saw growth and greater responsibility for the militia to maintain the defences and civil order within Canada. The raising of the regiment faced political difficulty from the Canadian Federal Government. Davidson's leadership, and insistence that the regiment focus on the core reasons for an infantry unit brought forth a leading and quality regiment among Canada's Militia. The

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[15] In Canada, Davidson joined the Royal Grenadiers of Toronto as a Second Lieutenant on April 18, 1884.[16] en on September 17, 1886, he was promoted to Captain to command A Company. Davidson retired on January 31, 1890, from the Royal Grenadiers. Davidson was seen by the Scottish communities as a worthy candidate to take command of a regiment in Canada.

The Raising of the 48th Highlanders

It took several years for the 48th Highlanders to be raised in Toronto. ere was a Toronto Company of Highland Ri es that was attached to the Queen's Own Ri es as the No. 4 Company, which was raised on September 18, 1856.[17] In 1868, the Canadian Federal Government refused to provide an allowance for the company to purchase kilt uniforms as opposed to the ordinary uniform. us, the company was

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Fitness, of each soldier to his personal best and as a member of a platoon or company, was planned and expected. Bayonet drill and gymnastics were important to prepare the soldiers to allow "...building skill at arms, tness, and agility for the challenges to come." [41]

Parade was important to put the soldiers' skills in practice and to provide a community display and receive support especially in Toronto and visits across the country.[42] Creating a public presence began immediately. e Queen's Birthday, in 1892, was an eventful day in the history of the young regiment. Rather than travel to neighbouring cities, as was the custom for Toronto regiments on the Queen's birthday, the 48th Highlanders remained in Toronto to receive their rst Stand

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The 1950s - Serving with the Post-War Regiment

During the early 1950s Bill continued to serve with the Pipes and Drums as the lead drummer and bugler. After the end of the Korean War, the Canadian Army was growing. Some Highlanders volunteered for the Canadian Army Special Force bound for Korea. Several other Highlanders formed the basis of B Company, 1st Highland Battalion as part of 27 Canadian Infantry Brigade - Canada's initial contribution to NATO forces in Germany. Several stayed in and soldiered as members of the newly formed regular battalions of Canada's Black Watch. There was not much chance of Bill taking either of those options. He the streets of Toronto and at opening night of the Maple Leafs season and at military ceremonial events from 1955-1962. He remained active within the Regiment, the Sergeants Mess and was still a top shot in and out of uniform. He served on the executive of the Ontario Ri e Association (ORA), and he was not phased when the Army introduced a new ri e - the Fabrique National - FN C1.

On 29 June1959 Drum Major Bill Elms led the Regiment onto the grounds of CNE Stadium when the Highlanders trooped their new stand of Colours that now carried the 22 battle honours earned by the 1st Battalion during the Second World War. e Queen reviewed her Regiment on parade. In civilian life Bill continued to work for General Steel Wares. He Army Reserve Infantry unit in Canada for the training years 1965/66 to 1969/70. It was also accompanied by multiple sub-unit skill at arms awards including the Kitching and Lorne Scot Bayonet trophies.

On 25 May 1965 the 48th Highlanders marched out of Fort York Armoury and into Moss Park Armoury just in time to nalize arrangements for celebration of the Regiment's 75th anniversary reunion. e WOs and Sgts Mess received an infusion of young leaders, many of whom were still students that came into the Regiment through the Student Militia Training Plan (SMTP). It rapidly evolved as a strong group and it grew in strength to the point that when TMD or have not discovered it...Drum Majors are Producers...and so are RSMs. Bill was both, and for over twenty- ve years in uniform and about ten a er he took it o he was very much a go-to guy when it came to ceremonial event planning. e 1969 Tattoo was a tremendous

success. So much so that LCol Dick Read decided to do a second edition in 1971 in conjunction with the Regiments 80th Anniversary. In the December 1969 edition of the Falcon, Editor/ Padre Ian Wishart penned a Profile of Mr Elms in

which he noted that on the October 1969 Annual Quali cation in Borden, Bill was still the Regiment's top shot having scored 130 our to a possible 135 - ve points ahead of his



On 13 November 1979 a er 43 years wearing the Davidson tartan CCWO Bill Elms paraded as a Highlander for the last time. An article in the Toronto Star quoted him as saying that a er 43 years "isis the way I wanted to go."

OUT OF UNIFORM AFTER 43 YEARS

Not long a er he also retired from his job with Ontario Hydro's Energy Conservation Division. Bill and Norma started to spend more time at the cottage on East Moore Lake. e cottage was well located for the annual trip to Orillia for the "D-Day Dodgers". Norma continued to work at the Art Gallery of Ontario while Bill kept busy with his badge collection, the 48th Museum, then Continuing Sergeants and Pipes and

PROFILE OF A FAMOUS HIGHLANDER, PART 2 OF 2



celebrated their 100th anniversary years Bill began to su er the signs of dementia/Altzeimers. He spent the last six years of his life as a resident of Sunnybrook's K Wing. Up until Fall 2002 when she was diagnosed with Colon Cancer, Norma went to Sunnybrook every day. In August Norma was admitted to L Wing and In September 2002 died of cancer. Two nights later Bill departed to the upper camp. eir funeral took place from St Andrew's Church. It was organized by the Regimental Sergeant Major -CWO Ron Alkema who would later become the rst RSM to command the 48th Highlanders of Canada.



POSTED TO UPPER CAMP

MAJOR TOM WHITE, MSTJ, CD

March 5, 1926 - August 30, 2022

We have received notice that Major Tom White, MStJ, CD (Retd) passed away peacefully on Tuesday, August 30, 2022, at Sunnybrook Veterans Centre, Toronto, at the age of 96.

Tom was one of our four remaining 48th WWII veterans and one of our well respected Highlanders with a history in the Regiment going back to 1944. His service and commitment was admired by all those who knew him.

Born in 1926, Tom White grew up in Toronto against the backdrop of the Great Depression. e son of a Highlander he joined the Rotary Highlanders cadets. Upon graduation from high school Tom went to work for Lever Brothers, but

LT. LIAM STERNE O'BRIAN

June 27, 1928 - November 18, 2022

M embers of the 48th Highlanders of Canada Regimental Senate and LCol Morische, It is with sadness that I report the posting to the Upper Camp of Lt. Liam O'Brian (Retired). Liam was a lifelong, faithful member of the Regimental Family. He maintained close friendships with a number of Senate Members and fellow Highlanders, and took a keen interest in the activities of the Regiment. As a Lieutenant, Liam was deployed to Germany with the 27 Canadian Infantry Brigade, 1st Canadian Highland Battalion along with 2nd Lieutenant Chipman (Retired), Lieutenant Sinclair (Retired) and Lieutenant Ware (Retired). He marched as part of the Canadian Armed Regiment in the 1953 Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. Attached are photos of him when he served and more recently in the

48TH DRILL TEAM

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During the week of November 11th, Captain van der Toorn took part in National Veterans' Week Speakers Program.

Attending the C.E. Webster Public School, Captain Van Der Toorn had a wonderful opportunity to engage with students and tell them what we do and what we take pride in as members of Canadian Armed Forces.

