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The Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's) Regimental Association
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Pipe Major Roger Macquire

Plays Lament during Remembrance Day ceremony at the
B.C. legislature cenotaph on Remembrance Day.

Photo by Daren Stone Times Colonist



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President's Report – Patrick Bulmer

Your executive and directors have been busy with many new initiatives since September.

We are organizing a Veteran's Luncheon on November 1, 2025, at the Bay Street Armoury. This event, supported by Rob Dodds, Chairman of the CSR Heritage Foundation, aims to include all serving soldiers and veterans who have served overseas. While the Regimental Association (RA) has historically supported the Regiment, particularly our World War II veterans, we are now committed to supporting all veterans of the Regiment.

As we move forward, we would like to compile a comprehensive list of names and contact information for all our veterans. This will allow us to reach out for our Annual Reunion, provide information, and offer support when needed. If you are a veteran or know a veteran who has served, please contact us or encourage them to reach out so we can include them.

Many of you will be familiar with our 102-year-old WWII veteran, Mr. Nick Janicki, who recently renewed his driver's license for another five years. Congratulations, Nick! Nick recently shared a photograph of Ellie, the new daughter of Wouter Veldhoen of Holland. Wouter has been a dedicated RA member for many years, contributing significantly to our last Pipes & Drums trip to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands. He has also been a steadfast friend and support for Nick Janicki over many years. The RA sent flowers and extended our best wishes to Wouter and his wife Rachel, on Ellie's safe arrival. With Remembrance Day approaching, we have begun organizing soup and drinks for the serving soldiers back at the armoury, which will be served after our Regimental Cenotaph service.

We also recently purchased a new sound system with financial support from the Regimental Trustees and Regimental Association. This system will be used at the Cenotaph and other functions. Our thanks go to Tom Vincent for organizing the purchase of the sound system at Best Buy; his input was invaluable.

The Regimental All Ranks Christmas Dinner will be held in Victoria on Saturday, December 13, 2025. The RA will provide refreshments and serve the soldiers. At this event, we will also present three \$1,000 bursaries to cadets and CSR serving soldiers to help further their education. The criteria and registration forms are available on the CSR website. If you wish to donate to the Bursary Fund, please visit Canada Helps and search for the Canadian Scottish Regimental Association Bursary Fund. All contributions, regardless of amount, are greatly appreciated.

The Canadian Scottish Regimental Robbie Burns Dinner will be held on Saturday, January 24, 2026, in the Sir Arthur Currie Room at the Bay Street Armoury. This is always a fun-filled evening featuring performances by the combined Bands of the Regimental and Regimental Association Pipes and Drums, Highland Dancers, and a catered dinner complete with Haggis! Please look for registration forms in December 2025.

The Regimental Association's Annual Reunion has been postponed until June 2027. This delay will allow the Victoria and Up Island Branches ample time to include all veterans of The Canadian Scottish Regiment, not just WWII veterans.

The "Oaks of Remembrance Ceremony" was held on Sunday, September 7, 2025, at Royal Oak Burial Park. Those who attended will agree it was a very moving ceremony. Six oak trees were planted, each with a plaque commemorating one of our veterans. An original piece of music, inspired by these six individual soldiers, was composed by a local Canadian youth. Our thanks to Emily Armour Music for this Veteran's project. The combined bands of the Canadian Scottish Regimental and Regimental Association Bands marched on serving soldiers and veterans, and Drum Major Gary Louis played the Last Post. It was a perfect day and well-attended.

Respectfully submitted, Patrick Bulmer CSRA President DGC

CScotR Women's Auxiliary - Rhonda Scott

The WA year is off to a running start; we will be having a busy year. In late October we will be hosting a Craft Fair at the Langford Legion, then we will help set up and decorate the tables for the Veteran's Luncheon in November. We will also work along side the 2136 Cadet Support Committee by providing hot soup down at the Union Club stopover on November 11th. In December, we have been asked to provide a concession stand at the Sir Arthur Currie birthday celebrations, an event facilitated by the 5th BC Artillery Regiment. No Christmas Potluck dinner for the Regimental family, this year, as the Mess calendar is booked solid. We had the Gordon Tablecloth from the Officer's Mess dry cleaned in readiness of their upcoming events. We purchased 60 Bobochets for the silver candelabra's, which will help with wax drippings. In the new year, we will be hosting our annual Silent auction in March, hopefully back in the Mess and utilize the Mezzanine for staging our baskets etc. we will also be helping with the Robbie Burns dinner. The WA is pleased to announce that we were able to help with getting the Soldiers Manual published, and giving some immediate funding to the soldier up island whose home was hit by an arsonist. Dixie has produced and distributed 12 baby quilts to soldiers and their spouses upon the arrival of the newest Regimental family member. We have had a productive year and are anticipating another one.

CSR Up Island Branch – Gord Thomson

On September 20th, 6 members from the Up Island Branch set up BBQs at the Nanaimo Military Range and cooked 100 hamburgers for the serving members who were participating in the night shoot. We received a lot of positive feedback from the troops.

Some of our members are giving a Regimental History presentation for the 2422 RCAC Corps in Nanaimo.

We encourage all our members to attend Remembrance Day ceremonies in your location. Members in Nanaimo will meet at 1030 on Chapel Street in front of St Paul's Anglican Church.

Command Team Message Summer-Fall 2025

The Reserve Summer Training (RST) cycle has come to an end, and we are well into the fall training period and looking ahead to the winter training period as we continue to support individual and collective readiness for domestic and international operations. With four soldiers deployed and one officer soon to re-deploy from OP REASSURANCE, as well as two officers and one corporeal deployed to OP ARMANA, The Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's) stands ready to do what our nation asks at home and abroad.

Our training will continue to hone individual and small unit tactics, with emphasis on Defensive Operations, utilizing experiences learned from the ongoing war in Ukraine, including basic Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) defensive training. As always, the regiment continues its support of 39 CBG and 3rd Division with instructors and students for individual courses and collective training activities.

An unfortunate incident was discovered on the morning of 7 Sep 25, The Canadian Scottish Regiment 100-year Centennial monument and a Royal Canadian Navy monument were vandalized in Pioneer Square. Thankfully a team of volunteers from the Regiment, 5th Field Regiment (RCA) along with a wonderful contractor that donated his time and money, quickly reacted and cleaned, repaired and re-installed the C Scot R Memorial and the RCN Memorial. We were also happy to see Ms. Angie Ray, long-time supporter of the regiment join us.



Exercise and Training Updates

EX Scottish Council 23 Aug 25

Ex Scottish Council was held in late August, just prior to the start of the training year to conduct an efficient, decentralized, teams-based conditions check for company training plans, to identify major issues and provide course corrections. For those attending at BSA, a summer social gathering was hosted in the Officers' Mess for friends of the Regiment and members from flanking Units on the lower island to foster good working relationships and networking.

EX Scottish Baseline 6 Sep 25

This year's training emphasis is on defensive operations. Given our regiment's dispersion across three locations, it is essential to bring leaders together to foster a unified understanding of defensive doctrine and strengthen unit cohesion. The evolving nature of the modern battlespace—shaped by recent developments in Europe—underscores the importance of integrating lessons learned from our deployed forces.

Exercise Scottish Baseline, held at Nanaimo Military Camp, was a key initiative in this effort. It advanced our collective defensive knowledge, promoted doctrinal standardization, and facilitated Annual Personnel Readiness Verification (APRV) for both personnel and leadership within C SCOT R. The exercise also provided a valuable forum to hear firsthand insights from C SCOT R veterans recently returned from **Operation REASSURANCE**, enriching our tactical perspective with real-world experience.

Oaks of Remembrance

On Sunday September 7th, soldiers of The Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's) attended the inaugural ceremony of Oaks of Remembrance at Royal Oak Burial Park near Victoria, BC. Organized by the Music for Veterans Project, the event dedicated Garry Oak trees as living memorials to six soldiers of The Regiment who fell in battle during the First and Second World Wars. Student composers from the Victoria area created a song for each of the soldiers which was played during the unveiling of the plaque at each tree. An image of each soldier lies with their plaque, along with a quick response (QR) code which passerby can scan with a smart phone to hear the song played online. As an ongoing initiative, the Oaks of Remembrance project aims to provide a natural space for remembering and commemorating veterans, using the trees as a symbol of life.

With the Regimental Association Pipes and Drums opening the event, the gathering also listened as a former member of The Regiment, Corporal James Uu-Kwa-Qum Swan (Retired) of the Ahousat and Manhousat First Nations drummed and sang a traditional song to begin the ceremony. LCol Lerch, Capt. Newcombe, Capt. McCormick and MCpl Niles represented the serving component of the Regiment.



EX Scottish Shooter 3-25

Ex SCOTTISH SHOOTER 3-25 was conducted at Nanaimo rifle range and was used to re-certify members on personal weapons handling. This range included a night supplemental. In the background APRV's were continued to ensure our personnel are administratively ready to deploy. Always ready to support the serving component, the Regimental Association provided a very much appreciated BBQ on Saturday afternoon. Once all had been fed, the CO had the privilege of badging several members of the regiment. With their cap badge, each soldier was presented with a copy of the newly produced (funded by our Women's Auxiliary) "Introduction to The Canadian Scottish Regiment" booklet. This booklet provides an overview of our history, customs and traditions and will be provided to each badged member of our regiment!



Scottish Smeek 25

Ex Scottish Smeek was conducted at Seal Bay and the OPSEE training area near Chilliwack. The exercise focused on section level defensive operations. It was progressive in nature and set the conditions for PI defensive operations. Each training location saw personnel under tactical conditions on arrival until redeployment.

Pipes and Drums

As always, the Regimental Pipes and Drums was busy over the summer and into the fall season. Nine members took part in the Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo (RNSIT) a global entertainment spectacular held in Halifax, Nova Scotia. It is a blend of modern military spectacle with historical musical medleys and displays that include marching bands, acrobats, dancers, military displays, pipes and drums, and much more. The RNSIT is a registered not-for-profit charity with the following mission: To honour Canada's Armed Forces, RCMP, and other first responders and to celebrate the heritage of Canadians' contributions to national and international peace and stability.



Pipes and Drums at RNSIT 2025

The pipes and drums participated in the reinvigorated Symphony Splash over the BC Day long weekend. As well as supporting the Naden Band of the RCN during the Defence on the Docks day.

This past summer was very busy for the serving pipers. Cpl Emma Yeo and Cpl Harry Lofts completed their QL 6 and QL 3 Piping courses respectively at CFB Borden. On completion of trades training, both travelled to Ottawa to take part in the Ceremonial Guard over the summer. On completion of Ceremonial Guard duties, Cpl Yeo moved over to the National Sentry Program at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.



Cpl Lofts (L) & Cpl Yeo (R)



Cpl Emma Yeo at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier



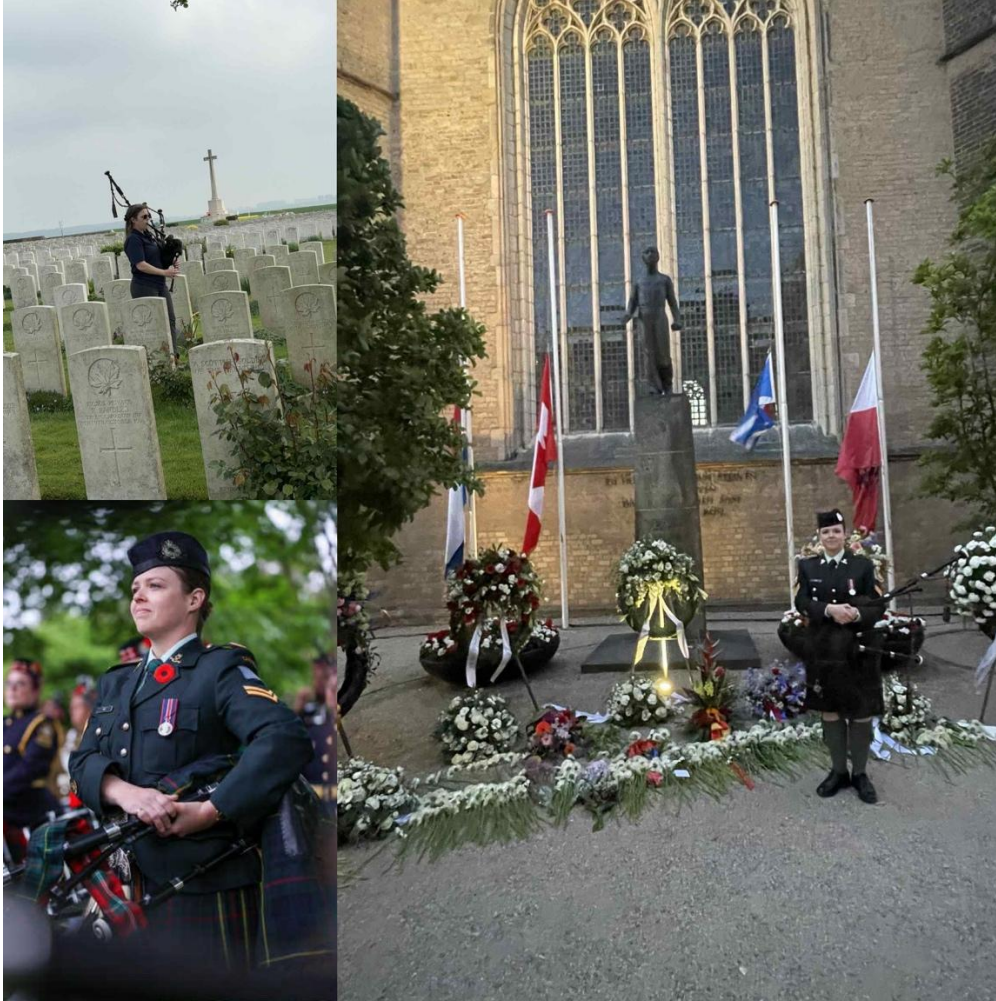
Ceremonial Guard Pipes and Drums

Recently, one of our pipers, Pte Murray-Hemphill, returned from Scotland where he was on exchange with the Scottish and North Irish Yeomanry. During this time, he was also fortunate enough to take part in the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo!



Additionally, over the last 6 months, Cpl Yeo has been given the opportunity to take part in some historic events. Earlier this year, she was given the honor of playing for the interment of our own Lt. Francis Hemsley,

killed in action with the 16th Bn CEF in August 1917, at the Battle of Hill 70. Following this, she had the opportunity to play with the association band at the 80th Anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands. Perhaps most significantly, she played during the last post ceremony at Menin Gate on the 110th anniversary of the Battle of Kitchners' Wood.



Awards and Presentations

On behalf of the serving officers and soldiers of the Regiment, I presented Dixie Allan, Rhonda Scott, and Maureen Thomson a C Scot R plaque and a Regimental coin as a sign of our appreciation for their long years of hard work and dedication to the Regiment



Dixie Allen



Rhonda Scott



Maureen Thomson

Congratulations to Cpl Harry Lofts for being awarded the Joel Gaudry award for his efforts during the 2025 parade season at Ceremonial Guard.

“It is presented to the junior piper or drummer who over the course of public duties has shown proficiency in learning the skills of a Piper at ceremonial guard and has shown the most potential to excel in the future”



Conclusion

As the fall training cycle progresses, our regiment remains steadfast in preparing soldiers, NCOs, and officers for overseas service. With deployment opportunities on the horizon, our training continues to emphasize warfighting—an essential focus given the growing frequency and scale of our operational commitments. The global security landscape is increasingly volatile, as ongoing conflicts in Ukraine, Israel, and across the Middle East remind us of the challenges ahead.

Our regiment understands the demands our nation may place upon us. Through rigorous, realistic training and the unwavering support of the Regimental Family, we are building the resilience, cohesion, and readiness required to meet those demands. **We will be Ready for the Fray.**

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LCol Slade Lerch, MMM, CD, CO

MWO Jesse MacLeod, CD, RSM

Lunch Dates – Jim Dumont

Hello Everyone

Our third Association Luncheon for 2025-2026 is Saturday, November 8th, in the Lounge of the Trafalgar/Pro Patria Legion Branch 292 at 411 Gorge Road East. All components of the Regimental Family, guests, relatives, and children are welcome to attend. We gather any time after 11:00 and start ordering lunch shortly after. If you are planning to attend, please respond to this email or email Jim Dumont at jadu@shaw.ca or phone 250-477-1346 prior to Thursday evening November 6. This response is required so we can ensure we have ample seating for those attending. Last minute arrivals are okay if a last minute decision was made to attend.

For those of you from outside of Victoria, don't be shy. If you are going to be in Victoria that day come and join us for lunch.

We have had two lunches with our first luncheon in September having only 10 persons being in attendance which may have been caused by some administration problems. The second luncheon in October was much better with 19 attending and could have been 21 as we had a last minute cancellation. We would certainly like to see the numbers go up. Anyway, let's make November a big turnout and then even bigger in future luncheons.

The lunch dates follow. Because we are on various Saturdays throughout the months, please mark your calendar carefully. All dates are Saturdays.

Please note that the November 1 luncheon is November 8 – a change from previous notices.

November 8,
December 6,
January 3,
February 7,
March 14,
April 4 and
May 2.

Looking forward to seeing you there and at the following lunches.

Take care.
Jim

Canadian Scottish Regimental Association 50/50 Cash raffle fundraiser

Last month Eli Sheremeto won the 50/50 draw of the \$645 in sales we did.

Next one close 1 November 2025 at 9 pm.

We are running them every month. Please come and check them out at the end of each month.

<https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/csra>



Remembrance Day Parade - November 11, 2025

Members of the Association will fall in on Courtney Street between Blanshard Street and Quadra Street at approximately 12:00 Noon. We will march to Pioneer Square with The Regiment and 2136 Cadet Corps, who have just arrived from the Victoria Cenotaph Services at the Legislative Buildings. The Regimental, Association and Cadet Bands will be on parade. Make a special effort to get out to this ceremony and get the opportunity afterwards to meet some of the regimental members who have been on many different types of duties over the last few years. It should be a great day.

After the Parade, everyone is invited to attend the reception in Basement of the Armoury, where clam chowder and refreshments, compliments of the Regimental Association, will be served to members of the Regiment, Association and others on parade. Anyone willing to volunteer to help organize and/or serve the refreshments, please call Steve Hayward at 778-351-3376. We need a work party to set up before and clean up after the reception. It only involves about two hours work so if you can help, please call now.

Blazers, Glengarries and Medals are the dress of the day if you have them.

Membership – Charles Middleton

Some membership dues will be coming due at the end of December 2025. Currently they are at a low cost of \$20 per year. You can find more out about membership here. <https://cscotr.ca/association-membership> .

There will be an email coming out after Remembrance Day to remind everyone about dues.

Voices of our Veterans Part 3- Bob Russell

Last Man Standing

The Leopold Canal runs roughly along the Belgian Dutch border and is a natural defensive barrier. It had to be crossed as a prelude to clearing the Scheldt estuary and opening the port of Antwerp. On October 6th, 1944, after flame throwers unleashed a barrage across the Canal, the Canadian Scottish and the Regina Rifles launched their attack. Veteran “K” remembers. “Immediately after the flame throwers ceased, we hauled our assault boats down the bank of the canal and madly paddled for the far shore. Napalm was still burning on the water. Once across we had to form a bridgehead and await the inevitable enemy counterattack, that soon developed”. Years later he remembered that, to his knowledge, only he and a soldier from up island were left of his platoon of about 30 men who assaulted across the Leopold Canal. I mentioned that recently we had attended the funeral of this man at Chemainus. A sad look came over his face, and then he said, “I guess I’m the last one left”.

A Sleepless Night

While visiting the Canadian Military Cemetery at Groesbeek in the Netherlands during the 2000 Association pilgrimage to North-West Europe, veteran “W” related this story. “We moved into this general area at night and dug in. I was placed on guard duty. During the night I heard noises coming from our front and suspected that the enemy was forming up for an attack. I immediately alerted the whole company, and everyone was on full alert. Come the dawn, and we determined that the noises were flapping canvas from the sides of damaged gliders that had been used by the Airborne forces during the Rhine crossing. The gliders were cheaply made and were evidently expendable. The Sergeant Major gave me s---, and the rest of the guys were sore at me for keeping them up all night”.

Friends For Life for a Loaf of Bread

While in the Netherlands a platoon of the Regiment stopped for a break near a school. Veteran “G” relates. “We were quickly surrounded by a group of skinny, hungry kids, made so by the very cold winter of 1944-45. The Dutch refer to this as the “Hongerwinter”. All front-line soldiers carry some extra rations in their packs for emergencies, and I asked them to give what they had for the kids. Out came cans of bully beef, tins of sardines, packs of biscuits, etc. The food was placed in a pile, and I called an adult present, who I assumed was their teacher to us. I pointed to the food, and what he said affected me. He said, “but we have no money to pay you”. I replied that the food was not for sale, but a gift. I saw two skinny boys standing together who were brothers, called them to me and gave them a loaf of bread. For many years I wrote to one of these boys. We made a lot of happy kids that day”.

The Best of Enemies

Veteran “S” had the misfortune to be captured in February 1945, due to an impossible attack ordered by high command on a heavily defended position. He relates: “Our guard in the Prison Camp was an old German named Hans, who was a WW1 veteran, the equivalent of our Veterans Guards. He always treated us well and just wanted to survive the war. As a result, we didn’t give him any trouble. He said, “please don’t escape on my watch or I’ll get transferred to the Eastern Front”. Well, after one failed attempt I did escape, but on someone else’s watch. After the war I remained in the Army and was posted to Germany. I walked into the Sergeants Mess in Hamburg, and who was tending bar but Hans. He rushed out and we had a warm greeting.

My friends said, “do you know that old German?” and I replied that he was my guard in the Prisoner of War Camp and that we are good friends”.

Red Cross Target

Battalion Medics were ordinary soldiers, unarmed, with some medical knowledge, a limited supply of bandages and a lot of courage. Their job was to give casualties immediate first aid and arrange for them to be transferred to the battalion aid post, to be seen by the Medical Officer. Veteran “J” was a Regimental Medic at the battle of Wagenborgen in April 1945. He relates: “We medics were well marked with a white vest, on which was a red cross. In addition, a red cross was on your helmet and medical pack. I was treating a wounded soldier when a young member of the Hitler Youth shot me in the shoulder. I think some other guys in the Unit took care of him. I always thought that my red cross markings were used as an aiming point”.

Canadas Private Ryan

Veteran “G” relates this story: “When we were in the line in the Netherlands a young soldier comes to us as a reinforcement. As I was a sergeant and an experienced soldier I looked out for the young newcomer. One day the Sergeant Major arrived and said to the young soldier “Pack your kit, you’re being pulled out of the line.” As it turned out the soldiers two brothers had been killed and his mother was able to have him reassigned to a safer area as he was her last surviving son.”

Thanks for the Door

On April 21st-23rd 1945 the Regiment fought its last major battle at Wagenborgen in the North Netherlands. The Germans had strongly held this position so that their troops could escape to Germany through the port of Delfzijl. It was an infantryman’s battle as, due to the soft ground, heavy weapons support was limited. The position was taken, but at a cost of 23 killed and 41 wounded. Veteran “T” was in the mortar platoon and relates this account. “We were looking for a position to set up our mortar and found a good location. This was behind a two-story brick house, where we could fire over the roof unobserved. We placed a man in an upstairs window to report our fall of shot. After firing a couple of bombs, we found that, due to the boggy ground the base plate was sinking into the earth and we could not maintain the mortar’s elevation. I noticed that the house had a heavy oak door, and this was immediately removed to provide a solid base for our mortar. This worked and we were able to support our attack. Many years later, while on an Association trip to North-West Europe I found the house in Wagenborgen and wanted to apologize to the owners for taking their door. The wartime occupants were no longer there but the new owners, upon hearing my story made us most welcome”.

The best Cup of Tea

During the attack on Wagenborgen a small group of soldiers of the Regiment were captured when they were surrounded by a much larger enemy force. Veteran “H” related what happened. “We were driven into Germany and after a time the Germans pulled the truck off the road near a small village. We naturally feared the worst. At this stage, the war would be over in about two weeks, and the Germans clearly suspected this. They were evidently from this area and self-checked themselves out of the Army and intended to walk home. We were told we could have the truck and were pointed in the direction of the Allied lines. Off we drove, but after a time we realized that this was not a particularly good idea. The truck, with German markings would clearly be a target for Allied aircraft, or artillery. So, we ditched the truck and set off on foot. After a time we made

contact with an advanced British Reconnaissance Unit. The British treated us well, and besides being handed food and other things, we each were given a large steaming mug of tea, laced with rum. It was the best cup of tea I ever had”.

Feeding the Dutch

The Germans in the Netherlands had just surrendered, and their Units, still fully armed were marching to assembly areas to surrender their weapons and become Prisoners of War. Under the Geneva Convention Prisoners of War are entitled to the same scale of rations as our own troops and are entitled to receive medical treatment, etc. Veteran “R” recalls: “One day I was detailed to ride shotgun on a truck load of rations that were destined for a Prisoner of War camp. Being in a concentrated area our driver must have missed a turn as we found ourselves in a narrow dead-end street. Before we could turn around, we were surrounded by civilians who poured out of every building, and must have suspected, correctly as it turned out, that our vehicle contained food. What do we do now? We decided that we would move away from the vehicle for a smoke break. When we finished, we found that the people and the rations were gone. Needless to say, we were up in front of the Commanding Officer who said, “I want the truth from you, what happened?” In the course of our explanation an officer, who was acting as some form of prosecutor says to me” your job was to protect those rations, you had your rifle”. I replied. “Sure, I had my rifle but I’m not going to shoot starving people, that’s what I thought we fought this war for” I glanced over to the Commanding Officer and the expression on his face seemed to indicate “he’s got a point there”. The Commanding Officers’ main concern was whether we had sold the rations on the black market. When satisfied that we hadn’t he asked “Other than the rations was anything else taken from the truck, spare tire, tool kit, etc.” He knew that rations, once drawn, are considered to have been consumed and are written off, whereas vehicles, parts, etc. are accountable stores. When advised that only the rations were taken, he stated “I guess the Germans can go on short rations for a day”. “We got a slap on the wrist and extra duties for a couple days, but feeding the Dutch was well worth it”.

Impersonating an Officer

The war had ended, and while in the Netherlands Veteran “J” related this story:” I was driving a couple of young junior officers to the officers club when one of them says to me, a private “You can put on my tunic and come in the club with us and have a beer”. I thought that this was a good idea and into the club we went. While sipping on a beer I noticed that in the club was the Commanding Officer of the Regiment and some other “real” officers. When the Commanding Officer started walking in our direction, I said to myself, here it comes, I’m going to be arrested for impersonating an officer. He walked over to the young officers and remarked “I see that we have a new officer in the battalion” and walked away. I got the message, finished my beer, and waited outside”.



The Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's) Endowment Fund



Your Regiment Needs You Join The BOLD 100

The Endowment Fund is seeking individuals to join the ranks of its **Bold 100 Project**.

The Endowment Fund was established in 1981 to support the components of The Canadian Scottish Regimental Family and their activities. Since then, the fund has provided thousands of dollars to assist in the purchase of uniforms, accoutrements, and band instruments; maintenance and upkeep of regimental memorials and artifacts; support of youth/cadet and veteran's recognition programmes; and other support for serving soldiers and veterans.

All funds donated to the Endowment Fund are deposited in accounts generating interest or dividends and only the income earned is dispersed. Hence, donations continue to generate income and fund activities in perpetuity. Allocation of funds is determined by an independent Allocation Committee governed by strict Terms of Reference, thus ensuring that funds are used appropriately. Administration and operation of the fund is done by volunteers, so operational costs are near zero.

The Endowment Fund currently has approximately \$400,000, which generates an annual income of about \$10,000 per annum, which is provided to the elements of the Regimental Family to aid in their work for the good and welfare of the Regimental Family and its members. While significant, this sum represents approximately 40% of actual Regimental Family funding needs, resulting in a number of ad hoc, and often competing fund raising efforts throughout the year. It is the aim of the Endowment Fund Committee to bring the Endowment Fund's principal to \$1,000,000 by 2030. This could generate an income of between \$20,000 - \$40,000 per year and will consequently fund most Regimental Family activity, thus making constant fundraising initiatives unnecessary. Importantly, as this income is from earned interest and dividends on the principal, which is never touched, this annual income will continue in perpetuity.

To help us achieve our \$1,000,000 goal we are seeking one hundred (100) bold individuals who will commit to donating a sum of just \$50 per month for a period of five years. This will generate in excess of \$300,000 by 2030 and greatly assist in allowing us to achieve our goal.

Individuals joining the **Bold 100** will receive formal recognition, a certificate and member- identifying pin, a free subscription to the CanScot Newsletter, Regimental Association membership and, and a standing invitation to all donor recognition events.

This program has been created in response to comments by many Regimental Family members who have been considering end-of-life legacy gifts to the Regiment through the Endowment Fund but wish to have a more immediate and direct impact.

Joining the **Bold 100** is as simple as going online to:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/the-c-s-r-trustees/Canadahelps>. Making your donation and specifying in the comments box “**CSR Bold 100.** “

Once you have completed your donation on-line, please notify the Endowment Fund treasurer at escotrendowment@gmail.com so that your membership in the Bold 100 can be further processed.

As the Endowment Fund holds charitable status, all donors will automatically receive annual tax receipts that can be useful with personal or estate tax exemptions.

Finally, we recognize that personal circumstances can change so donors can leave the programme at any time should circumstances require.

Help us help the components and individuals of the Regimental Family of The Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's). Visit <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/the-c-s-r-trustees/Canadahelps> and Join the Bold 100.

Our thanks and congratulations to our newly joined members:

Maj. (retired) B. Allan

BGen. (retired) D. Awalt

LCol. (retired) E. Boucher

Col. (retired) P. Crober

LCol. (retired) D. Egan

Hon. LCol. J. Hammond

LCol. S. Lerch

LCol. (retired) D. Stedeford

Maj. (retired) T. Vincent

CWO (retired) C. Middleton



Bold 100 Pin

[Please contact us at escotrendowment@gmail.com to discuss how you can support the Regimental Family through a gift to The Endowment Fund]

The Association Pipes and Drums – Steve Hayward

The Association pipes and drums returned to practices after the summer break on September 4th. Our numbers remain very strong with 16 pipers, and 12 drummers on our roster. Our performance schedule started almost immediately when we played at the Oaks of Remembrance service at Royal Oak Cemetery on September 7th there was a very good turnout for this event we had 20 members on parade. The following weekend we had a group of pipers playing at mile zero for the annual Terry Fox run and we were well received. On October the 4th we were invited by the Pender Highlanders to join our two bands together and play at the Crisp Festival there. This was facilitated by our member Allan Morrish who plays in our band and the Pender Highlanders. We were treated royally by our hosts and were treated for a nice lunch on arrival and after a short practice session we drove to the community centre and played for the local crowd. After the event we were graciously welcomed to Allan's beautiful home for a reception, after a nice time there we headed home on the ferry.

We are now continuing our practices and getting ready for our future commitments, moving forward to Remembrance Day, Christmas, and Robbie Burns and others as requested.

Announcements

Mr. Nick Janicki recently shared a photograph of Ellie, the new daughter of Wouter Veldhoen of Holland.



Introducing “Wallace’s Own” – The New Canadian Scottish Regimental Whisky

Dear Friends and Supporters,

We’re thrilled to share the success of our recent whisky tasting event, held to select the next official whisky for the Canadian Scottish Regiment. With over 25 enthusiastic participants sampling six exceptional whiskies from Macaloney Distillery, the evening was a resounding success.

After much deliberation and enjoyment, the chosen whisky is the Classic Red Wine Barrel – a rich, distinctive spirit that will proudly carry the name “Wallace’s Own”, in honour of our beloved regimental mascot, Wallace. This bottling will celebrate the legacy and spirit of the Regiment.

Pre-Order Now – Limited Bottling!

We are now accepting pre-orders for “Wallace’s Own” at \$99.99 per bottle. Whether you’re purchasing one, two, or more, your support helps fund regimental heritage initiatives and keeps our traditions alive. This whisky makes a perfect gift for the holidays or a fine addition to your own collection. We aim to fulfill orders in time for Christmas.

How to Order:

Please send your e-transfer of \$_____ per bottle to: cscotrhf@gmail.com

At the same time, please send an email to cscotrhf@gmail.com with your name, contact information, and the number of bottles you wish to order.

Upcoming Events:

We’re also planning a few tasting events where you can sample “Wallace’s Own,” meet fellow supporters, and place additional orders.

Thank you for your continued support of the Canadian Scottish Regiment and its proud heritage. We look forward to sharing this special whisky with you soon.

Warm regards,

Robert Dodds

President

Canadian Scottish Regiment Heritage Foundation



Celebrating General Sir Arthur Currie *Canada's Greatest War Time General* 150th Commemorative Celebration

HISTORICAL SEMINAR

**Friday, 05 December 2025, Bay
Street Armoury, Cost \$125 per
person Timings***

0800-0830
0830-0900

0900 - 0945
0945 - 1030
1030-1100
1100 - 1145
1145 - 1230
1230 - 1330

1330 - 1415
1415 - 1500

1500 - 1530
1530 - 1615
1615 - 1700

1700 - 1900

Speakers

Registration Check In

MGen (Ret'd) Stu McDonald
BGen (Ret'd) RCA Col Comdt
Eric Tolman BA, MEd.
Col (Ret'd) Jim Kempling Phd.

Coffee

Mark Zuehlke

Lunch

Colonel Commandant
Honorary Colonels
Dignitaries
Dr. Tim Cook
Dr. William F. Stewart

Coffee

Dr. David Zimmerman
BGen (Retd) Patterson
RCA Colonel Commandant

Reception in Officers Mess
VIPs/ HCol (s)

Topic

**Registration/Coffee
Welcome**

**Currie, The Victoria Years
Victoria Goes To War
Coffee**

**The Brave Battalion
Lunch
Birthday Cake/ Commemorative
Celebrations**

**Currie, The War Years
What Made the Canadian Corps
So Successful**

**Coffee
Currie, After the War
Currie, The Legacy**

**Reception in Officers Mess(es) –
no host bar; Hors D'oeuvres**

HISTORICAL SEMINAR 5 DECEMBER 2025

REGISTRATION

Time/date: 8:00 am – 7:00 pm, Friday, December 5th, 2025.

Location: Bay Street Armoury (Currie Room – balcony level), 715 Bay Street, Victoria, BC.

Cost: \$125.

Dress: Business casual.

Parking: Limited parking is available in the Field Street parking lot adjacent to the Bay Street Armoury.

Registration: Register by emailing the names of those in your party to:
generalcurrie150@gmail.com .

Please wait until you have received confirmation of your Registration before sending the payment along. **Seating is limited.**

Registration closes Friday, November 21st, 2025.

Payment: E-transfer. Send \$125 to generalcurrie150@gmail.com with your name and registration in the message.

Contact us: LCol (Ret'd) Vic Skaarup @ 250 888 9174 or email
archives.5bcartyregtrca@gmail.com .

Refund policy: Cancellations/changes accepted until the Registration deadline of November 21st, 2025. No refunds for no shows – exceptions may be considered.