

# The Can Scot

The Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's) Regimental Association  
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## Commanding Officer, LCol David Proctor With the new Regimental Mascot Wallace VII



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## President's Report - Ron Cullen

Welcome back to some sort of normality with the changes to corona virus. We are now allowed back in the armoury so will be holding our monthly executive meetings in the Band Room.

I am not sure as to when we can start holding socials but will keep you posted.

There's a number of things happening within the regiment, one being a change of RSM from CWO Gary Newcombe to MWO Brad Fairall on Wednesday, May 18th in Nanaimo.

Ed Peck did a write up in regards to remarks made by Global affairs Minister Melanie Joly you'll be able to read it all in this issue of The Can Scot.

There's a development company in France that wants to build condos at and around Juno Beach. We ask that all members write their MPs and ask that the government get involved and recommend to the French government that this should not be allowed to take place.

A committee consisting of Patrick Bulmer, Hank Lowe, Graham Burton with the help of RSM Gary Newcombe have reviewed the Bursary-guidelines, and made changes to reflect the on going efforts to support the Regiment and Cadet Corps with \$1,000.00 bursary's to help with education expenses. Thanks to all four for their participation.

On the Monday, 6 June at 7:00 PM we will hold a parade commemorating D-Day at Pioneer Square. Padre Gates will be officiating along with General Heppell. The Association Pipes and Drums and members from the regiment will be in attendance as well as members from the Regimental Association. It will be a short ceremony of approximately one hour or less.

Dress will be gray flannels, shirt and tie, blazer and Glengarry.

Arrive at Pioneer Square by 6:45 PM.

Let's hope that it warms up shortly and that we get a good summer. Be safe and all the best to everyone.

## **Command Team Message – 29 April 2022 - LCol David Proctor, CO; CWO Gary Newcombe, RSM**

The world has changed since our last update in January 2022 - Russia's invasion of the Ukraine has galvanized the Western World's response. For the Regiment, this means clarity and focus for our training and readiness. As we have always done, The Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's) stands prepared to do whatever our Nation asks.

Our efforts in the Winter and early Spring have focused on individual and small unit tactics training. This saw a significant number of diverse exercises conducted:

Exercise SCOTTISH ALPACH in January – a winter indoctrination exercise. Unfortunately this activity was adjusted to a garrison skills and drills practice due to the rapid onset of COVID-19 OMICRON and associated restrictions.

Exercise SCOTTISH COSAINT in February – section level patrolling at ROCKY POINT and SEAL BAY.

Exercise COUGAR READY and DOMESTIC JUNO in March saw a composite company command team of Capt Galt and MWO Fairall/WO Bean deploy to Vancouver and Edmonton for domestic operations readiness training.

Exercise SCOTTISH SHOOTER in March – rifle and machine gun qualification ranges at NANAIMO.

Exercise COUGAR RAGE in March – 30 soldiers and leaders deployed to WAINWRIGHT for live-fire support weapons ranges and pairs field firing ranges.

Exercise SCOTTISH SCHOLAR in April – a professional development activity with insightful briefings on the Russo-Ukraine war and assessing implications to our training focus.

Other major activities The Regiment supported and led were the CITY training courses: the Basic Military Qualification Course in Nanaimo; a section of the Infantry Basic Machine Gun Course; and a section of the Primary Leader Qualification Course. We also capitalized on a unique opportunity to provide support and integrated training with The Canadian Special Operations Regiment – we hosted and provided training support to the Special Forces Operator Course which used Bay Street Armoury as their support base for their training deployment to Vancouver Island. A big “thank you” to the Operations Warrant, WO Fraser, for leveraging personal contacts, and digging deep into his bag of tricks to make this one happen – the exposure to the SOF community and the joint training was extremely beneficial for our soldiers and leaders.

The promotion train has remained in motion, and The Regiment continues to enhance our leader capabilities. The RSM and I are pleased to list those promoted from February to April:

- Promoted to Major: Major Cody Stevens, Operations Officer, HQ and Administration Company
- Promoted to Master Corporal: Master Corporal Elliot, B Company
- Promoted to Corporal: Corporal Russel, A Company

The RSM and I also presented the following Canadian Armed Forces and Regimental Awards:

Commanding Officer's Commendation and Coin: Corporal Thomson, HQ and Administration Company, for dedication and diligent performance of duties in the Battalion Orderly Room

39 Brigade Commander's Commendation: Captain Ken Nettleton, Battalion Padre, HQ and Administration Company, for exemplifying the duties of a Chaplin, consistently going above and beyond to ensure the wellbeing of unit members and support to other 39 CBG units.

Other Regimental news and updates of significance include the establishment of a "Special Battalion Relationship" with 6 Scots, Royal Regiment of Scotland. Both of our Command Teams conducted an extended on-line "meet and greet" in January. This will be an excellent fit for maintaining regimental affiliations and relationships due to the remarkable similarities of our units.

Future activities will see The Regiment participate in the Brigade Training Event, Exercise COUGAR GUANTLET - a joint amphibious warfare exercise in early May in the COMOX/NANAIMO area. We will also support the BC Highland Games and Victoria Music Festival Society sunset ceremony in TOPAZ Park, showcasing the Pipes and Drums led by the Pipe Major Roger McGuire. As usual, supporting Reserve Summer Training will be our main effort and we will lead the DP1 Infantry Course, as well as support local, 39 Brigade, 3 Division and national level tasks – this will likely see almost half of The Regiment's personnel on service at one time or another during the summer. Importantly we will also lead Exercise COUGAR SENTRY in June - a posting and changing of sentries at BC Government House in support of The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. 18 May 2022, will also mark a significant event for the life of any unit – The Change of Appointment Parade for RSM Gary Newcombe and soon-to-be RSM Brad Fairall. The Pace Stick will be handed over after four years of stellar support and first-rate leadership by RSM Newcombe – I thank him for his service and dedication.

In addition to all these activities, The Regiment has been supporting the delivery of "work-up" training and administrative support to send six soldiers and leaders on deployment in support of international operations – many of whom will serve in LATVIA on the front lines of NATO's deterrence force. I would like to remind all readers: this is why we train and why we exist as a Regiment. Our training focus must always be on war-fighting. We have in the past, are currently, and will always, send soldiers and leaders into combat or potential combat zones in support of Canada.

## **Women's Auxiliary - Rhonda Scott**

The Women's Auxiliary held a short "first" meeting on Saturday April 9th (Vimy Day) at the Trafalgar/Pro Patria Legion Branch 292 during the monthly Association Luncheon. Various items were discussed, but namely we focused on hosting our annual fundraiser dinner and Silent Auction. We haven't come up with a workable plan yet, as a few things have changed due to the lingering issue of the Covid pandemic, but hopefully we can come up with something. We had the pleasure of welcoming Selene Higgins as a new member. Selene has agreed to be our treasurer, due to the passing of Connie Isherwood earlier this year.

Our next meeting will be held in the Sgt's Mess on Wednesday, June 1st at 7:00 PM. New members are always welcome.

# **Regimental Museum – Randy Evans – Director**

I am happy to report the Museum was successful in our request for 2022 Museum Development Funds from the Directorate of History and Heritage. We requested support to fund the following programs:

**Permanent Exhibit Renewal Study** - Contract a Professional Museum Consulting Firm to conduct a museum survey to assist us in the planning of displays and storage solutions.

**Inventory Support (Data Entry)** - Hire a student to assist in digitizing archival materials.

**Educational Program Operations** – Our museum school outreach program intends to provide “Discovery Boxes” to the Island School Districts. These boxes will contain authentic and reproduction artifacts related to C Scot R history as well as tools to lead engaging activities and lessons. Programs will also be developed for school museum visits and for College and University course studies.

**Website Creation** – Develop a professional museum web site that includes a virtual museum walk through, links to archival materials and detailed historical events pages to promote education of the Regiments role in past and present operations. Digitized maps, photographs and videos will also be made available on the site.

**OMMC Travel Expenses** – To facilitate participation in this year’s Organization of Military Museums of Canada (OMMC) Annual Museums Studies Course.

This year the week-long OMMC course is being held in Sackville, New Brunswick (next to Gagetown) and will be attended by our Assistant Director, Jack Drysdale, in June. There are 72 member museums in the OMMC and the course is an excellent opportunity to learn new methods and procedures and to meet with other like-minded museum staff.

We have already identified three Museum Consulting Firms and will be sending out a Request for Proposal to the companies for a quote on a Museum Preliminary Design Plan in mid-May. We have also started planning for our new website and have already developed a framework which will be submitted to a professional webmaster for further development.

We continue to attend the museum every Tuesday morning for maintenance and development and are hopeful that Covid restrictions will be lifted so we can open our door to visitors for our summer season – June, July and August 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM Tuesday to Friday, excluding stat holidays. Group tours can also be arranged at other times depending on the Armoury schedule.

# BCR Saint Julien Dinner



Honorary LCol Alan Lowe, the Commanding Officer LCol David Proctor and RSM CWO Newcombe (picture above) attended the annual St Julien Mess Dinner of The British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own) Officer's Mess on Saturday, April 23rd which was held on the Drill Square of Beatty Street Drill Hall. The Dinner was commemorating the 107th anniversary of the Battle of St Julien (24 April – 5 May 1915). The Regiment's two volunteer bands, the Brass & Reed Band and the Irish Pipes & Drums, had a very strong performance and added a great deal to the overall success of the evening. As well, the traditional toasts were given and speeches were made. This was their first Mess Dinner held in three years and the first in 39 CBG for over two years.

**From the Daily Colonist, Wednesday, July 15, 1914**

**To Provide Colours.** A garden party will be held on Tuesday afternoon and evening in the charming gardens of Colonel and Mrs Coy's residence at 1595 Rockland Ave. The fete will be under the auspices of the Lady Douglas Chapter of IODE and is for the purpose of providing colours for the new 50th Highlanders Regiment. Excellent musical talent assured. Kind patronage of Mrs. TW Paterson (Lt Gov's wife) and Lady McBride. Col Currie and his officers are expected to be present.

**The Canadian Scottish Regiment  
(Princess Mary's)**

**Commemorative Observance**

***A gathering of Regimental Family***

June 6th 2022  
1900 hours  
Regimental Cenotaph, Pioneer Square

**PROGRAM**

***Address***

BGen Mike Heppell

***Prayer***

Padre Andrew Gates

***Lament: Flowers of the Forest***

Pipe Major Paul Mundt

***Laying of Wreath***

Regiment  
Regimental Association

***Our National Anthem***

**From the Daily Colonist, Thursday, August 6, 1914**

Canada to call army division up: to mobilize 21,000 volunteers – 15,000 Infantry. Not by callup of regiments, but drafts of volunteers from regiments; new volunteers must join established regiments first. Regtl and geographical groupings will be maintained as much as possible. Age limits: 18 to 45; rigid medical standards; single men first, married with no dependents second, with written consent of wife in every married case.

## **Joly's remarks on**

### **Canada's military capabilities dismissive and out-of place - Ed Peck**

Written for the Globe and Mail and the Vancouver Province

I write as a result of recent remarks by Global Affairs Minister Melanie Joly respecting Canada's armed forces. Her remarks generated immediate responses from retired senior officers of our Country's military, and from many non-military Canadians.

Here is a reminder of what Ms. Joy said on March 15th: "Canada is not a nuclear power, it is not a military power. We're a middle-sized power and what we're good at is convening and making sure diplomacy is happening and meanwhile convincing other countries to do more."

Retired Maj.-Gen David Fraser, who lead coalition ground forces in Afghanistan, said that diplomacy meant nothing if we were not prepared to take action if the talking went nowhere. "We did an awful lot of convening but we were prepared to back it up with fighting".

AAs a proud Canadian, I think we are far more than what she says we are. I think the 40,000 Canadians that served in Afghanistan, the 158 soldiers who were killed over there and their families might have something more to say than what our minister is saying".

Gen Tom Lawson, who retired as chief of Defence Staff in 2015, added that we need to adopt a more realistic picture of what the Canadian Armed Forces are capable of.

No matter how much this government would like to see Canada's military as a body of peacekeepers, the fact is that Canadians have frequently been deployed into combat zones over the last couple of decades, and even more they've acquitted themselves well on the battlefield.

Note that, Ret. Maj. Gen. Fraser opened by saying, "I am a proud Canadian". I echo his remarks.

Like him, I regard myself to be a proud Canadian.

Like him, I take umbrage with the Minister's comments which are dismissive of Canada's significant military history, recent and past. Both Maj. Gen. Fraser and Gen. Lawson have touched on, and extolled, the recent history. Allow me to touch on the past.

I am 97 years of age. Like many Canadians, I served in the Second World War. As a member of the 16th Battalion, Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment, I was wounded (just shy of my 20th birthday) at the start of Canada's liberation of Holland. After a period of convalescence, followed by a stint at "Khaki University" in England, I came back to Canada in 1946 and, along with so many others who had served, returned to civilian life.

In WWII, we Canadians committed ourselves to the Allied cause by serving in all branches of the Armed Forces. This has been well documented in numerous books and publications, one of which comes to mind. In "The Struggle for Europe", Chester Wilmot notes that the Canadians made more progress on D-Day - almost seven miles inland - than any other Division. On a solemn note, it must never be forgotten that 42,042 Canadians fell in that conflict - but not in vain. Canada's part in WWII was a significant factor in the successful outcome



The same is true, even more so, of Canada's part in the First World War. In that conflict, some 60,661 Canadians gave their lives B the flower of a generation. Notably, over the course of the War, the Canadian Army established itself as a premier fighting force on the Western front. Again much has been written on this topic including Pierre Berton's "Vimy" and Canadian war historian, Tim Cook's two volumes "At the Sharp End" and "Storm Troops". Cook notes that, "By the war's end, the Canadian Corps was recognized by friend and foe as the most effective strike force in the Allied armies".

During WWI, my father, Col. Cy Peck, VC, Distinguished Service Order (with bar) and his battalion, the 16th Battalion, Canadian Scottish, achieved legendary status. The Battalion participated in every major battle on the Western Front from Ypres to Vimy to Arras. Cy Peck led his battalion at Vimy, and in the 2nd Battle of Arras, September 1918, which arguably was the turning point of the war. It was during this battle that he won the Victoria Cross. I would be remiss in not mentioning that he was also elected federally in the "Khaki Election" of 1917 and returned to Canada in 1919 to take his seat in Parliament.

In short, Canada is not merely "good at convening", "making sure diplomacy is happening" and "convincing other countries to do more" as the Minister of Global Affairs stated.

To the contrary, Canada has a commendable military history, both recent and past. The fact that we are not a major military power has in no way limited our ability to make significant contributions in the military sphere when called upon - virtually up to the present day, as noted earlier by Maj. Gen. Fraser and Gen. Lawson.

Perhaps if Minister Joly understood this history, she would have expressed herself differently, perhaps respectfully, but certainly not dismissively.

***Edward Peck worked in labour relations for over 40 years and was Vice Chair of the BC Labour Relations Board. He lives in White Rock.***

## **Cadet Old Guard – Rhonda Scott**

The Old Guard has been holding their monthly meetings through Zoom. One of the objects of the group is to assist the Commanding Officer's with traditional objectives of the Canadian Scottish Regiment Cadet Corps in dress and deportment.

We are providing new hoodies to the staff and incoming cadets, and have offered to assist in funding a three corps Field Training Exercise weekend.

We are also looking to add new members to our group. Any former Cadet or interested party is welcome to come and join in our online meetings, please contact Rhonda Scott @ [fourscottys@telus.net](mailto:fourscottys@telus.net).

Our meetings are now being held on the last Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM. The next meeting is on Tuesday, May 31st. Link up information will be supplied upon request.

# The Canadian Scottish Remembers – D-Day – Derek Egan

On the 6th of June 1944 – D-Day soldiers of the 1 C Scot R landed on the beaches of Normandy, “C” Coy at 0750 hrs as part of the first assault wave, and the remainder of the Bn at 0830 with the main body. By the end of the day despite strong enemy resistance the battalion had achieved all its objectives and had advanced some six miles inland, further then any other element of the British 2nd Army, at a cost of some 87 killed and wounded. As the anniversary of D-Day approaches, the Endowment Fund is seeking sponsorship into the Book of Memory of the below named “C” Coy soldiers who were present at this historic action to honour the memory of all those involved.

1. K57554 Sgt. Pelly JH
2. K57310 Cpl Lambrick
3. K57857 Pte Semple W
4. M63076 L/Cpl Lightfoot J
5. M104759 Pte Bain N
6. M106679 Pte Belyan M
7. M101983 Boyd DH
8. M104588 Brocklebank WA
9. K75857 Pte Buggy JJ
10. K63007 Pte Callaghan OL

Sponsors will receive a certificate with the sponsored soldier’s particulars of service, including place of birth, date and place of enlistment, time and location of death, and where memorialized if they died on active service. A donation (minimum \$25.00, suggested donation \$50.00) will secure sponsorship. Sponsors may wish to make their donation perpetual on an annual basis, for example on the anniversary of the soldier’s death or Remembrance Day, or through a monthly allocation (***This can be accommodated through [Canadahelps.org](http://Canadahelps.org)***).

Please return your completed nomination form identifying the soldier you wish to remember with your donation by mailing to: **Treasurer, CSR Endowment Fund, 4746 Beaver Rd, Victoria, BC, V9E 2J7.** Nomination forms can be obtained by contacting Jim Dumont at [jadu@shaw.ca](mailto:jadu@shaw.ca) or by phone at 250-477-1346 or by contacting the Endowment fund at the email address above. Help us remember those who served with the Regiment in peace and war and to support the Regiment into the future. **[Please contact us at [cscotrendowment@gmail.com](mailto:cscotrendowment@gmail.com) to learn other ways you can support the Regimental Family through gifts to The Endowment Fund]**

***The following soldiers have recently been sponsored for entry into the Book of Memory.***

2021979 Pte. Elliott, William John, 16th Bn, KIA in France 01-10-18.

Remembered by BGen (ret’d) M. Heppell.

K57030 Lt. Newberry, Albert Oswald , 1 C Scot R (attached to Saskatoon Light Infantry).

KIA in Sicily 03-08-43 - Remembered by LCol (ret’d) E. Boucher.

77203 Lt. Buck, John Thomas, 88th, 48th, 29th Bns CEF in France 01-10-14 to 01-09-19.

Deceased 25-05-66 - Remembered by Ms. M Duckworth.

430717 Cpl. Buck, Fred, 88th, 48th, 29th in France 01-10-14 to 07-01-19. Deceased 15-11-66.

Remembered by Ms. M. Duckworth.

## Association Pipes & Drums Report - David Stewart

Well, some good news for us is that we are again able to practice in the Armoury on Thursday evenings. That does help us to prepare for several events coming up soon.

We will be participating in the annual Tartan Parade on Saturday, May 14th to publicize the Victoria Highland Games occurring the following Saturday and Sunday at Topaz Park which some of our members will take part in. We will also take part in the annual Candle Light Ceremony at God Acre's Military Cemetery in Esquimalt.

Unfortunately, there will be no Regimental Association Reunion again this year, due to Covid restrictions and the health and safety of our aging veterans. The reunion is scheduled for next year which is already on our calendar for June of 2023.

We are currently considering options for taking part in the Canada Day Parade in Sidney as we have done before but no decision has yet been made.

We are in preparation of learning new music for the Vernon Tattoo in July where we will be performing with the Regimental Band amongst others over a three day period.

We anticipate performing at the Remembrance Day Ceremonies and for the Association December Luncheon at the Trafalgar/Pro Patria Legion.

We are experiencing some kit issues re DEU jackets and half hose tops and belts for the pipers that we are trying to source locally. Our numbers are fluctuating some as our longest serving piper in the band, Wendell MacLean, has retired and some others seem to be in flux regarding some physical limitations affecting their ability to perform with us. We still have a full band capability with all musical sections represented. Our leadership by Pipe Major Paul Mundt and Drum Sergeant Patrick Bulmer continue to keep us moving forward.

## Business Co-Ordination - Charles Middleton - Membership

This is an open invitation to all members of the Canadian Scottish Regimental Association. I would like to be able to provide members with a networking environment that would allow members who want to declare the type of business they are in or that they were in. This would allow other members to send enquires to the Membership coordinator and I would pass along the information. At some point if we have enough participation, we can even announce some of the business within *The Can Scot* to assist and support members. This can also be used to mentor members if they are thinking of going into a certain line of work and need advice. What I require from members is an email to [Charles.middleton@shaw.ca](mailto:Charles.middleton@shaw.ca) that you would like to participate in this and if you are currently working or retired and the type of work or business that you do or did.

This information will only be shared within the Regimental Association.

Thanks for your support.

# Last Post

**MACDONELL, A.(97)** Alexander – Victoria, BC – April 14, 2022  
Served with C Scot R prior to WW II and was released during WW II to go back  
To university. After University he joined the Corps of royal Canadian Electrical  
and Mechanical Engineers and served for several years including Korea.

## LEST WE FORGET

### Membership Updates

We have had no additions of membership or changes of address since the last newsletter. Our current mailing list is 307 which is made up of 2 Life Members, 11 Honourary Members, 231 Ordinary Members, 29 Family Members and 34 Complimentary mailings which includes other Military Associations and persons belonging to other Regimental Contacts. We also leave copies for the three Messes, the Orderly Room, “B” Company in Nanaimo, 6 Platoon in Courtenay/Comox and the Regimental Museum.

### Book of Memory - Jim Dumont

I felt that it was time to bring everyone up to date on what has been going on with the Book of Memory over the last two years. The Armoury has been closed to the public during this period of time, so the Museum was not open. I took the opportunity to get everything organized and see where we stand. Previously my part was to put entries into the book which I took over from Hank Lowe back in the 1990’s. Hank did the entries by hand, but it became a massive job when it came to keeping the names in alphabetical order. I started doing the entries on computer and redid all the ones Hank had done. Currently there are 1656 entries in the book.

I have cleaned up all our pre-nomination files and our back up files which was a massive time-consuming job. This had previously been done by George Bevis but once he gave it up there was no one looking after it. Some of the resumes had as many as 12 copies in various places which have now been cut down to the one used for entry and then kept for backup. Two years ago, I thought there were 6-8 entries to be entered but after all the re-organization and clean up, it turns out there are about 25 to 30 entries to be done which I should be doing in the next few months. Some are missing a little information which I should be able to obtain. Once I get these entries done, I will list them in ***The Can Scot*** so that families will know that they have been entered. It will be nice to see everything up to date and know exactly where we are. There are also about 175 World War 1 resumes which can also be put in the book when time permits.