

# The Can Scot

The Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's) Regimental Association  
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October 2024

## Hiram Walker "Canadian Club Premium Whisky" proof by GW Gross

Gifted by Maureen Serre and Anne Dougall to The Canadian Scottish (Princess Mary's) Officers Mess



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Deadline for February 2025 Newsletter – Saturday, January 26

## **Executive Roster 2024-2025**

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## **President's Report – Patrick Bulmer**

Your Regimental Association will present three \$1,000.00 Bursaries at the all-ranks Xmas dinner in December to help further the education of Serving and Regimental Family members.

We continue to support our Veterans and Soldiers in many ways: parcels for deployed soldiers, Bursaries, monthly luncheons, and fundraising.

If you would like to help in any way, please contact us. The Regimental Association and the Women's Auxiliary will hold their annual Xmas Dinner on December 1 ,2024, in the Currie Room, Bay Street Armoury. The RA Pipes and Drums will be in attendance. Please come out and enjoy a festive time.

The Regimental Association Pipes and Drums have undertaken to go to Holland to support our WW2 Veteran Nick Janicki. This is for the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands.

Nick helped liberate Deventer, where we all will be staying. VP Stan Willow, along with other members of the Regimental Family, will also be attending. We have a new serving soldier from the Junior Ranks attending our monthly meetings. Welcome to Albert Kanney.

The RA, along with other Regimental Family components, will be setting up a program to locate and identify all the Regimental monuments, memorial markers, and plaques pertaining to The Canadian Scottish and their precursors. We will be assessing their conditions and setting up a maintenance schedule. If you would like to participate, please send any information on locations, etc.

Please send to [csrassociation@outlook.com](mailto:csrassociation@outlook.com)

## **Journal of the Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment)**

The Thistle Vol 45 Summer 2024 is now available on the website and can be accessed via the following link:

<https://www.theroyalscots.co.uk/regimental-journal/>

### **Association Social Director – Steve Hayward**

Hi, everyone. I wanted to inform everyone about some upcoming events. The Association will host the Remembrance Day reception in room 222 after the parade at the cenotaph on November 11th. We encourage everyone to stop by for light refreshments, such as chowder, to take the chill off. This is open to everyone, so please stop by after the parade.

The Regimental Association and the Women's Auxiliary will be holding the annual Christmas party on Sunday December 1st in the Currie room. We will follow the same format as in previous years: the full turkey dinner with all the extras. We will provide the turkey and ask that all attendees bring a dish ie. potatoes, vegetables, salad or maybe a dessert. There will be plenty of activities, including the annual Christmas trivia, door prizes, 50/50 draws for the Association Pipes and Drums, the airplane toss, and a visit from Santa. We had a great turnout last year and hope for the same this year. The bar will open at 4:30, and we hope to start dinner at 5ish. We are accepting names and dishes that people can bring beginning November 15th. This is open to all members of the regimental family and is an excellent opportunity to get together.

We appreciate your support and hope to see you there!

Please contact  
Steve Hayward  
[srpaint@shaw.ca](mailto:srpaint@shaw.ca)

Rhonda Scott  
[fourscottys@telus.net](mailto:fourscottys@telus.net)

### **Regimental Robbie Burns 2025**

The Regimental Association and the Regiment will host the Annual Regimental Robbie Burns dinner on January 18, 2025, in the Currie Room, Bay Street Armoury.

More details to follow.

For more information.

Contact - Patrick Bulmer at [patwbulmer@gmail.com](mailto:patwbulmer@gmail.com)  
Ron Cullen at [cullenron@shaw.ca](mailto:cullenron@shaw.ca)

## Command Team Message October 2024

The reserve summer training (RST) cycle has been completed, and we are well into the fall training period as we continue to support individual and collective readiness for domestic and international operations. With two officers returning from deployment on Op IMPACT and several soldiers preparing to deploy on Op REASSURANCE, The Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's) stands ready to do what our nation asks at home and abroad.

Moving into the fall, training will continue to hone individual and small unit tactics, emphasizing Adapted Dispersed Operations based on experiences learned from the ongoing war in Ukraine, including basic Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) training. As always, the regiment continues its support of 39 CBG and 3<sup>rd</sup> Division with instructors and students for individual courses and collective training activities. This past summer, the Regiment provided the largest contingent of soldiers from 39 CBG to participate in the 2024 Division Training Event, Exercise Western Sabre at CFB Wainwright. They had the opportunity to conduct live-fire field ranges, including all-arms platoon/troop groups, company groups and combat teams. The exercise included soldiers from all 3 reserve brigades of 3<sup>rd</sup> Div and elements of 1 CMBG.

### Exercise Updates:

**Scottish Baseline 7-8 Sep 24** – First training event of the fall training cycle. The Regiment gathered to conduct standardization of training methods to shape the conditions for a successful training year. The Annual Personal Readiness Verifications were also conducted to ensure soldiers are prepared in all respects to deploy.

**Scottish Shooter 4-24** was conducted 20-22 Sep 24 at Heals Range to ensure soldiers are capable and confident in the use of their personal weapons. This range activity saw the implementation of the new Personal Weapon's Test (PWT) 3- a simpler but more precise series of applications.

**Scottish Smeek 24** was conducted decentralized from 4-6 Oct 24 to allow companies to focus on section-level offensive operations in a platoon-level scenario.

**Scottish Ionnsaigh 24** will occur 8-10 Nov 24 at Mary Hill and Rocky Point training areas. This FTX will see the integration of A and B Companies into composite sub-units to conduct platoon-level offensive operations. In the background, a Tactical Exercise Without Troops (TEWT) will be conducted as professional development for junior officers

**Scottish Lament 24** will be conducted on 11 Nov 24 and will see The Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's) conduct de-centralized public commemoration events to honour Remembrance Day at local cenotaphs and Legions in remembrance of the men and women who have served and continue to serve our country during times of war, conflict, and peace. As part of Scottish Lament 24, the Regimental Pipes and Drums will perform at the Victoria Royals CAF Appreciation game on 3 Nov 24.

**Scottish Scholar 2-24** will take place 22-24 Nov 24 and continue the ongoing series of professional development training weekends. In conjunction with Scottish Scholar 2-24, the officers' mess will host the Game Dinner.

**Scottish Dousie 24**, the traditional Soldiers Appreciation Dinner will take place 6-8 Dec 24 at Nanaimo Military Camp. The Dinner itself will take place 7 Dec 24 at 1700. All members of the Regimental family are invited to take part.

1 Jan 25, The Officer's Mess will host a New Years Day Levee, while the Regimental Pipes and Drums will be performing at Government House.

### **Awards and Presentations**

As always, it gives the RSM and me great pleasure to present our soldiers with hard-earned awards and presentations. Since the beginning of the fall training cycle, we have promoted MWO Mike Bean to his current rank and awarded him his seco<sup>nd</sup> Clasp to his Canadian Forces Decoration for 32 years of Service. We also had the privilege of promoting WO Dylan Powers to his current rank, the first home-grown WO in many years.



*LCol Lerch presents MWO Bean his CD2, right after promoting him to MWO  
(photo credit Capt. Cam Park)*

Upon successfully completing the Primary Leadership Qualification (PLQ) and the Infantry Section Commanders Course (ISCC), we also appointed MCpl Commandeur, MCpl Rampon, MCpl Russell, and MCpl Sheremeto to their current ranks.



MCpl Commandeur  
(Photo credit Capt. Gary Newcombe)



MCpl Rampon



MCpl Russell



*Badged into Regt and Promotion – Ptes Kanney, Peterson & Shaw  
(Photo credit Capt Gary Newcombe)*

Upon completing the DP1 Infantry this past summer, I welcomed three new privates to the Regiment by awarding them their Regimental Cap Badge. With the assistance of Brigadier-General L.W. Rutland, MSC,



OMM, MSM, CD, Commander of 3<sup>rd</sup> Cdn Division I promoted them to Private. Cpl Roy was also promoted to his current rank.



*Cpl Roy promoted by BGen Rutland  
(Photo credit Capt Gary Newcombe)*



*Cpl Douglas presented his CD by L Col Lerch  
(Photo credit Capt Gary Newcombe)*

Cpl Douglas was presented the Canadian Forces Decoration for 12 years of Service.



*2Lt Joe Starr presented a 39 CBG Commanders Coin  
(Photo credit CWO Fairall)*

During the recent 39 Canadian Brigade Commanders conference, 2Lt Joe Starr was presented with a 39 CBG Commanders coin for his presentation given to the brigade command teams on the performance of the Israeli Defence Forces (IDF) during the ongoing situation in Gaza. For those unaware, prior to joining the Regiment, 2Lt Starr was a former member of the IDF, having served in previous combat operations.

As the fall training cycle continues, we prepare our soldiers, NCOs, and officers for overseas service. Regimental training will maintain a focus on warfighting, and rightfully so, as we continue to deploy soldiers in ever-increasing numbers and frequency to conflict zones. The world is getting more dangerous - events in Ukraine, Israel and the Middle East continue to demonstrate this. The regiment, its officers, NCOs, and soldiers understand that our country will make demands of us and with a steady focus on challenging training and the support of the Regimental Family, we will be Ready for the Fray.

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LCol Slade Lerch, MMM, CD  
CO

CWO Brad Fairall, CD  
RSM



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

The CScotR Women's Auxiliary is working hard to gain new members. At present, we have 16 ladies in our group. We are pleased that the Association has asked us to Co-Chair the upcoming Christmas Potluck Dinner. We hope to surpass last year's attendance (80). We encourage people to attend this wonderful evening of fun, a visit from Santa for the little ones (your kids, grandkids etc), and a delicious meal. More info will come to you in November. The WA is preparing to work on another fundraiser, a Commemoration Cookbook of the 80th anniversary of VE Day (1945), which hopefully should be ready before the Association Reunion. The WA has also gifted 4 serving members with baby quilts for their newborns this year. We are also working to gather items for our Annual Silent Auction in March 2025.

Our group meets the first Wednesday of each month @7pm in the Sgt's Mess.

## **Association Pipes and Drums – Steve Hayward**

The Association of Pipes and Drums is back in full swing again to start another busy year of events. The band has welcomed a few new members both drummers and pipers to increase our strength. As the band has expanded, we must purchase new kit and two new drums for our new members. Upcoming performances include the cadet CO parade on Nov. 7th and Remembrance Day, Assn./WA. Christmas party Dec.1st, Association Luncheon on Dec.7th, and the Christmas Flash Mob Dec. 14th. The band is looking forward to the trip to Holland, which will leave on April 30th. Preparations are well underway for this important event. There will be a good-sized band to represent the Regiment, and all members appreciate the hard work of the organizers. We hope to see you at some of our performances.

## **Upisland Branch – Gord Thomson**

In September, the Nanaimo Branch distributed 2 Moral Gift Packages to B Coy soldiers currently serving overseas. The two recipients were Captain Roy and Captain Blaser.

Applications for the 2024 Student Bursary are due by October 31st. The Selection Committee, which is composed of Nanaimo and Victoria members, will make its decision, and the bursaries will be awarded at the Soldiers' Christmas Dinner in Nanaimo on December 7th.

Our members look forward to attending Remembrance Day Ceremonies on November 11th at the following locations: Duncan, Ladysmith, Lantzville, Nanaimo, Qualicum Beach, Courtenay and Campbell River.

Gord Degau, Director of the Up-Island Branch, presented a \$1000 bursary on behalf of the Canadian Scottish Regimental Heritage Foundation to Corporal Galarneau, B Coy, on April 24th at Nanaimo Military Camp



## Endowment Fund – Derek Egan

### Remembrance Day November 11, 2023

Lest we forget

### *The Canadian Scottish Remembers*

At the 11th hour, on the 11th day, of the 11th month of the year 2023 millions of people worldwide will reflect in silent remembrance of those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their countries.

They will remember parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents; near and distant, barely remembered relatives; and the unknown and unnamed, many of whose lives were cut short and so deprived of the opportunity to leave behind generations of family members to remember. Headstones and memorials worldwide singularly mark their lives.

The current *Canadian Scottish Remembers* project of the Endowment Fund seeks to enter the names of Canadian Scottish (and the Regiments it perpetuates), World War I war dead into the **Book of Memory** within the Regiment, their memory, service, and sacrifice.

We are seeking individuals to sponsor the soldiers listed below for entry into the Book of Memory. 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. Some 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 (<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/the-c-s-r-trustees/Canadahelps>.)

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The Endowment Fund seeks sponsorship into the Book of Memory of the below-named 16th Bn soldiers Killed in Action during WW1.

1. 29062 Pte. East, Benjamin	16th Bn	KIA	France	28-04-17
2. 151632 Pte. Eardley, Albert	16th Bn	KIA	France	8/9-10-16

3.	420042 A/L/Cpl. Dwinnell, Wilfred	16th Bn	KIA	France	4/7-09-16
4.	718293 Pte. Dupas, Henry	16th Bn	KIA	France	28-04-17
5.	718675 Pte. Duncan, Firth	16th Bn	KIA	France	09-04-17

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.

Help us remember those who served with the Regiment in peace and war and to support the Regiment into the future

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[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:

1.	Capt. Jameson, George	16th Bn	KIA	France	23-04-15
2.	Lt. McKenzie, Harry	16th Bn	KIA	France	22-04-15
3.	29300 Pte Aitkins, James	16th Bn	KIA	France	22-04-15
4.	28903 Pte Beley, Wilfred	16th Bn	KIA	France	22-04-15

- Remembered by The Canadian Scottish Regiment(Princess Mary's) Women's Auxiliary

1.	Capt. Merritt, Cecil	16th Bn	KIA	France	24-04-15
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- Remembered by D. Egan

## Lunch Dates - Jim Dumont

Our Third Association Luncheon for 2024-2025 is Saturday, November 2, 2024 in the Lounge of the Trafalgar/Pro Patria Legion Branch No. 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 plan to attend, please respond to this email or email Jim Dumont at [jadu@shaw.ca](mailto:jadu@shaw.ca) or phone 250-477-1346 before Thursday evening, October 31st. This response is required to ensure we have ample seating for those attending. That is also fine if you decide to come at the last minute. We usually set up for a few extra seats but letting us know is the best.

Just so you know, the Legion opening time is 11:00 a.m.

For those of you from outside Victoria, don't be shy. If you will be in Victoria that day, join us for lunch. Our first luncheon in September was good, but attendance was only 12, which was disappointing.

The 2024-25 dates follow. Because we are on various Saturdays throughout the month, please mark your calendar carefully. All dates are Saturdays.

November 2,  
December 7,

January 4,  
February 1,  
March 8,  
April 5,  
and May 3.

Take care and hopefully see you soon.

Jim

## **Remembrance Day Parade - November 11, 2024**

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 Room 222 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.

## **Where's Scotty**

We are getting the envelopes returned in the following weeks. If anyone can help us contact them, that would be great.

Dr. J BENAMOU OBE (Jean-Pierre) Calvados France  
Mrs. Rina Dolan Nanaimo, BC

# **THE CANADIAN SCOTTISH REGIMENT (PRINCESS MARY'S)**

**This artist's proof was created by Geoffrey W. Goss (1901–1985) about 1950. Mr. Goss was a British-born artist who moved to Canada with his family in the late 1940's and settled in the Toronto/Oakville area.**

**A series of eight Canadian Highland Regiment soldiers in dress uniform was commissioned of Mr. Goss by Hiram Walker & Sons Limited, the Windsor, Ontario based manufacturer of "Canadian Club Premium Whisky". While not all uniforms are completely regimentally correct, many sets of prints made from these originals exist today in collections around the world. The eight Regiments are:**

- **The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada**
- **The Essex Scottish**
- **48<sup>th</sup> Highlanders of Canada**
- **The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada (Princess Louise's)**
- **The Calgary Highlanders**
- **The Seaforth Highlanders of Canada**
- **The Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's)**
- **The Toronto Scottish Regiment (Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother's Own)**

**The relevant original artist's proofs from which the prints were made have been gifted to each of the subject regiments by**

**Maureen Serré and Anne Dougall**

**of Windsor, Ontario to be displayed in a place of honour in your Officers' Mess.**

**09 March 2024**





10 July 2024

LCol Slade Lerch  
The Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's)  
Bay Street Armoury  
713 Bay Street  
Victoria, BC V8T 1R1

Dear Sir,

In accordance with my earlier letter dated 06 March 2024 and your positive response, it is our pleasure to present you with the framed original artwork of one of your soldiers in full dress that was one of a set of eight prepared for Hiram Walker & Sons Limited in 1951.

We have confirmed that this is the original artwork created by Mr. Goss (the artist).

This priceless, unique piece of art is the direct result of my ongoing involvement with The Essex & Kent Scottish and is an outright gift to The Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's) from the current owners:

Maureen Serre'  
3555 Huntington Avenue  
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Anne Dougall  
11826 Derek Street  
Windsor, ON  
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The framing and matting are my gift to your regiment in an effort to preserve a small, but important, piece of Canadian Highland Regiment history.

We trust this will hang with pride in your Officers' Mess or museum.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "F. D. Woodall", is written over a horizontal line.

F. D. Woodall  
HLCol (R) The Essex & Kent Scottish



# The Canadian Scottish Regiment Officers' Mess New Year's Day Levéé



Wednesday, January 1st, 2025

10am - 2pm, 715 Field Street

Cash Bar

Dress: No. 2S Mess Blues with Kilts or

DEU with medals. Guests: Business Casual



**HCol Lowe receiving Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame induction.**

## Hall of Fame night for Chamber of Commerce



The Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce's Business Hall of Fame inductees for 2024 were honoured at an event at the Empress Hotel on Tuesday night. From left, Levi Sampson and Rob Germain of CHEK TV, architect and former Victoria mayor Alan Lowe, Michael O'Connor for the late heritage developer and philanthropist Michael Williams, Dave Obee of the Times Colonist, and Rachel Yuen and Christian Yuen of Fairway Market. The Hall of Fame recognizes individuals, businesses and families who have shown "regional leadership, insightful vision, and a sustained and significant commitment to the prosperity of the region." DARREN STONE, TIMES COLONIST