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GREETINGS FROM THE HONORARY COLONEL

The last year has been one of reflection on the past and anticipation for the future.

The most memorable event was the August tour, superbly organized by Battle Honours Ltd., to the Regiment's battlefields in Western



Europe; especially the visit to Dieppe, France for the 70th anniversary of that fateful raid. The tour was made more special by the two-day visit to Dieppe by our Colonel-in-Chief, HRH Prince Michael of Kent which included a full-day tour of the battle sites and many extraordinary events in the city. The presence of HRH provided considerable profile for the Regiment at Canada Square

and the long walk to our Memorial at Red Beach. We are grateful for the generous time HRH gives to his Regiment.

On several occasions over the year I have highlighted how momentous it is that we are awarded the new battle honours of *DETROIT*, *MAUMEE*, *NIAGARA* and *DEFENCE OF CANADA 1812-15*. If not for our ancestors defending our land in partnership with Britain and Native warriors it is likely that North America would be very different today.

The Regimental Senate has acknowledged this by deciding to emblazon all four new battle honours on our Regimental Colour. Until such time as the existing Colours, presented in 1994, are declared unserviceable the new battle honours will be added to the four corners of the current Colours. It has been my honour to represent the Regiment at ceremonies at Monroe, Michigan in January and at Ft. Meigs along the Maumee River, Ohio in early May as our American friends remember the battles against the early Canadian Militia at Frenchtown and Maumee 200 years ago. Having seen how the French remember the Dieppe Raid in 1942 and the USA remember the War in 1813, my wish is that Canadians would do a better job at remembering the terrific job that the Canadian Army – past and present – does every day.



Option A



Regimental Senate's proposal for adding the four new Battle Honours onto the Regimental Colour

The Essex and Kent Scottish have been fortunate over the last four years to have Glenn Stannard as our Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel. It was sad to see his time end at a farewell ceremony on 5 March although he will continue as a member of the Senate and Scottish Borderers Foundation. We benefitted from his sage advice, connection to the community and strong sense of duty towards the Regiment. At the same time we are thrilled that new HLCol Dave Woodall has agreed to put on the E&K uniform and help make the Regiment better. Dave's excellent work in Delta Company over eight years and leadership of the two Dieppe Memorials have well prepared him for what lies ahead.

Recently we said farewell to LCol Morris Brause who capably commanded the Regiment for the last five years. These are not easy times in the Militia with tight budgets, too few training courses and the ever increasing demands by civilian employers. Thank you, Colonel for your ongoing commitment to make us better soldiers and the Regiment well known in Windsor-Essex and Chatham-Kent. Enjoy your last fling of soldiering in Afghanistan over the next 9 months serving in a senior operations staff position that will directly impact the success of Canada's mission.

We welcome LCol Ben Reavely back to the Regiment and offer our full support.

All Saints Anglican Church, in Windsor along with Christ Church in Chatham, are our two Regimental churches. On Sunday 22 Sept 2013, following the Regimental Church Parade, a monument stone commemorating All Saints as the 'Spiritual Home of The Essex and Kent Scottish in Essex County', will be dedicated. The \$1,723.25 cost of this engraved stone, similar to the one at the Christ Church entrance is being borne by our Regimental Family and donations made out to The E&K Scot Association towards the stone will be gratefully received. Tax receipts will be issued.

I cannot end without thanking Lt. Jacquie Winand-Bacon and Sgt. Bob Bacon for assisting me to update the Regimental Manual. Together with the command team and the Senate they made the Manual a useful resource for all members of the regimental family. The latest edition is available at www.ekscot.org.

I continue to be impressed with the quality of soldiering and commitment of the many supporting organizations. You, me, all of us have talents to offer the Regiment and Canada. Keep up the good work.

Semper Paratus!

Hardy Wheeler, HCol

FAREWELL FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER

It is hard to believe that 5 years and 3 months have passed since I took command of the finest regiment in Canada. When I transferred from the Regular Force in 2005, having served 27 years with the PPCLI, I returned to my roots serving as a citizen soldier in one of the oldest Primary Reserve Units in Canada, The Essex and Kent Scottish. Within a short few years, after serving as OC HQ Coy and the DCO, I was honoured to be promoted and take command on 2nd March 2008. In those short years, I learned a great deal of the history of our Regiment, became well versed on traditions from our excellent Senate, and had met many past serving members who enlightened me to the great deeds of this Regiment, the challenges that lay ahead, and what they all desired to see for the future of the Regiment.

Of prime importance, of course, was the need to continue to train infantry soldiers who could perform their duties locally, provincially, on federal tasks and overseas. A field unit with exemplary soldiers, during my tenure The Essex and Kent Scottish continued to provide outstanding soldiers to all of these tasks, with over 50 members serving in Afghanistan. This unit provided the best instructors for national courses. Many of our soldiers topped their basic and leadership courses, bringing great pride to their Regimental family. On numerous challenging military exercises, our soldiers always performed well, demonstrating superlative skills as infantry soldiers. Consistently, I heard from successive Commanders of 31 CBG, and from the Commanders of LFCA, that The Essex and Kent Scottish soldiers were always amongst the best that the infantry produced.

I have always been impressed by the tenacious dedication of our Officers and NCOs in the performance of their duties. No matter how busy their civilian lives, be it work or academic endeavours, they always planned and executed challenging and professional training. Of particular note, in my tenure as CO, were my three great RSMs. As the senior soldier and advisor to the Commanding Officer, a CO heavily relies on his RSM for advice, support and in ensuring that the NCO Corps continues to professionally develop and inspire the soldiers. Kirk Drew, Sean Wilkins and Cyril Cheng have done just that. I have been well served and personally want to thank them for their dedication to duty, the soldiers and the Regiment.

So many great events have occurred during this tenure. Our all-arms train-

-ing in a Counter-Insurgency (COIN) environment. Our Regiment's leadership provided the training, planning and command structure for running all of the 31 CBG collective training during the period of 2008-2010. We planned and conducted some of the most demanding become the template for training in this brigade. We planned and conducted the first Windsor Tattoo and Sunset Ceremony with all of the garrison units and HMCS Hunter. In May 2009, we entertained over 5,000 people on the waterfront with military pageantry that has never been experienced before. The Regiment followed the

excellent work done in 2006 in Dieppe, France, and built a new Dieppe monument and unveiled it in 2010 in the Dieppe Gardens in Windsor, Ontario. We exercised the Freedom of the City of Windsor in the Fall of 2012 in celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the War of 1812-1815. At that time, we also received four new battle honours recognizing our achievements as a Regiment during that period. That history, of course, tracing back to the great achievements of the Essex Scottish and Kent Regiments that were amalgamated in 1954 to ensure that the history of both great Regiments lived on in perpetuity. The Regiment participated in many veterans' events, thus continuing to demonstrate our support and pride in those who have gone before us and served their countries.

This unit has been well served by our Association and Delta Company. Both organizations have done everything possible to support the soldiers and to ensure that The Essex and Kent Scottish maintained a very impressive footprint within the community. The Directors of The Essex and Kent Scottish Regiment Association and the executive of Delta Company, especially the Officers in Command of D Coy (Joe Ouellette, Mike Beale, Ed Bernard and Dave Woodall), have always provided me with excellent support and advice. . The members of the Regimental Senate have provided splendid advice in managing the overall historical aspects, especially the traditions of the Regiment. Their guidance and leadership, combined with their love of our Regiment, have continually inspired me as your CO. I want to particularly thank



LCol Brause: Photo courtesy Spike Bell

Honorary Colonels, Rae Martin and Hardy Wheeler, and the Honorary Lieutenant-Colonels, Glenn Stannard, Dave Woodall and appreciation to Bob Bradley, for their cherished advice, support and guidance. The members of the Scottish Borderers Foundation have also continued to manage financial resources for the Regimental family and provided financial support in acquiring more regimental clothing and kit for the soldiers and the band.

My final comments are to all our serving soldiers. It has been a pleasure to command this unit which has so many dedicated, determined and professional soldiers. You have made it a joy to come to work, be on exercise and on operations, and to see how excellent you can be as field soldiers. As I depart and go to Afghanistan, I will reflect on these cherished years knowing that The Essex and Kent Scottish will continue to rein-

force its great history of service and excellence through the serving members of this Regiment. I wish every success to LCol Ben Reavely, the new CO of our Regiment, and know that the soldiers of his Regiment will never fail him.

Semper Paratus!

Morris Brause, LCol



LCol Morris Brause in Afghanistan 2013

'A' COY: VALUABLE TRAINING-BOURNE FROM EXPERIENCE

'A' Coy, or its truest phonetic form, Alpha Company, has been hard at work from the re-start of unit operations after the summer season in September 2012. If you are not aware of what is Alpha Company, here is a brief description; the Essex & Kent Scottish has been mandated to provide a dismounted light infantry company. The unit's prime mandate among many other tasks, is to train and maintain a rifle company composed of Kent and Essex Counties' reservists for the defense and support of our great nation, its safety, and the safety of its citizens. With that aim in mind, our main effort to train troops according to the firm direction of the Commanding Officer's operational plan, which in turn was formed based on the direction of the higher command at 31 CBG (Canadian Battle Group). E&K Scot soldiers wasted no time getting back to work after a summer of intense summer training, interesting Army taskings, and very limited personal down time. Hot off the heels of a battlefield tour at Dieppe, France, honouring the anniversary of the 1942 Raid on Dieppe, the unit was in full force for the War of 1812-15 reaffirmation of the *'Freedom of the Towne of Sandwich'* on the 8th of September.



Our soldiers give an 'eyes right!' as they pass the reviewing dais in Old Sandwich Towne.

The weekend consisted of a parade through Sandwich Towne, a live public demonstration of an infantry section attack, professional development, and a church parade at All Saints Anglican Church in downtown Windsor. Regimental events did not stop there, as the following weekend was the annual *'trot with the troops'* 5km/10km run where 'A' Coy completed their required BFT (battle fitness test) with the public cheering us on!

September's training was completed with the annual weekend exercise

'Ready Highlander': with A Coy completing brigade mandated training, honing their infantry skills on live-fire weapons ranges, support weapons, and battle-craft lectures on *'sorting out'* the enemy. Without these essential skills completed early on, 'A' Coy training could not progress and increase in value. Alpha Company, under the guidance of the Officer Commanding (O.C.) 'A', Capt Kirk Drew, the unit completed C7(rifle), C9(light machine-gun), C6(medium machine-gun), and 9 mm pistol ranges as well as conducting *'prisoner-of-war'* handling, controlled goods awareness, CBRN (Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear) practical exercise, but very necessary lectures in today's battlefields.



October brought in the company's training plan with garrison work-up, covering advance to contact drills (close with and destroy the enemy), hasty attacks, and tactical withdrawal drills culminating in exercise *'Gallant Highlander'* at Canadian Forces Base Borden. The exercise was a frigid, wet weekend of 1 Platoon tenaciously advancing down an axis of advance and being systematically engaged by the cunning 2 Platoon, ending in an all out battle for survival. Skills used, ranged from fire team movement all the way to hasty orders for platoon flanking maneuvers. This real-time exercise provided great demands upon all the 'A' Coy leaders to fight the battle...and they were determined to win!



'A' Coy soldiers practice 'pairs' covering fire and movement to close-with the enemy.

November was just as eventful with all our soldiers honouring on Remembrance Day, the sacrifices of our very dedicated and determined predecessor soldiers from earlier horrendous wars, fought back in history, all too frequently to 1812-14 and prior conflicts. Ceremonies were observed at the

cenotaphs in Windsor, Chatham, and Walpole Island, with many of our surviving War Veterans taking part. Our soldiers were treated to professional development training at a 'Field of Valour' presentation honouring the 70th anniversary of the Dieppe Raid where the Essex Scots fought so valiantly against overwhelming odds on 19 Aug 1942. 'A' Coy troops were fortunate to receive Garrison training covered the complexities of modern media awareness, urban operations, and room clearing drills. As with any reserve unit, leaders move on and 'A' Coy is no exception; in November, our well respected leader, Capt Kirk Drew M.M.M., CD, moved on to DCO duties, entrusting 'A' Coy into the experienced hands of Capt Rich Walker who gained great skills leading a CANDAK in Afghanistan. Officially taking command in the New Year, Capt. Walker conducted exercise *'Rampant Highlander'* in a strong showing of experience and modernity, passing on the skills and experiences learned during his tour overseas, as a seasoned company commander. As the mission in Afghanistan comes to a close and Army training shifts focus away from FOB (forward operating base) training to traditional combat environments, the value in FIBUA (Fighting In Built-Up Areas) training was shown in full force with a weekend full of room-clearing drills at the section level, followed by a platoon-led deliberate attack on the Cedar Springs Rifle Range *'sea-can'* village. This type of valuable FIBUA training will soon become rare with the push for "green" or wooded combat environment training taking precedence.

The year was finished with the soldiers' Christmas dinner, exercise *'Merry Highlander'*, in the Ansell Armoury in Chatham. Morale was at an all time high with good food, good drinks provided by our Regimental Association, along with very good company.

After a pleasant Christmas stand-down, 'A' Coy hit the ground running in January with 'A' Coy and its new leader, Capt. Rich Walker, charging the way into the essential and invaluable winter training period spanning two months and two exercises. After the exciting winter acclimatization weekend last year in Sioux Lookout, the training progressed into the next level, winter warfare.

January consisted of practicing tent preparation and pitching drills, getting tent group toboggans ready, and perfecting Coleman lamp lighting (winter living). The first of two winter warfare exercises, *'Snowy Highlander'*, was filled with great training. An M203 grenade launcher range was conducted on the Saturday morning with the rest of the weekend consumed by gritty, realistic, cold weather operations and acclimatization. Section and platoon commanders began a thorough and robust process of teaching and practising the essential skill of patrolling and deliberate attacks; recce patrols, ambushes, and raids. Exercise *'Dauntless Highlander'* at Fort Custer, Michigan practiced these skills in a winter context. Challenging patrols and deliberate attacks were conducted with the added difficulty of effectively soldiering in the bitter winter conditions. January and February are a prime example of performing what Canadian soldiers do best!



'A' Coy soldiers conducting winter warfare training.

Photo by MCpl Renee Mitchell, CD

Changing gear from cold and slow operations to fast and hard, 'A' Coy changed its centre of gravity to our annual live fire weekend. It is a requirement from 31 Brigade, for us to reach the difficult and challenging 'level 3' live fire CBTS (Collective Battle Task Standards), yet combat training with live fire ammunition is an exciting and dangerous period of training for commanders and soldiers alike. The company and its support elements deployed to Camp Atterbury Joint Manoeuvre Training Centre, where 'A' Coy ran through blank ammo and live ammo fire and movement by pairs of soldiers, group, and section attacks across the Indiana landscape. The weekend concluded with a C6 rifle, C9 light machine gun, and 9 mm pistol shoot. On top of the great training, there was a robust attendance from our soldiers, including the unit Command Element, LCol Morris Brause, RSM CWO Cyril Cheng, our incoming Commanding Officer, Maj Ben Reavely, all interacting and participating in 'A' Coy training.



E&K Scots wearing full webbing, rucksacks and weapons, led by Maj John Hodgins during the grueling 13 Km timed Battle Fitness Test (BFT) along the Windsor waterfront. Photo by Spike Bell

As the end the summer season draws near, April has been spent reiterating and practicing the necessary supplementary skills such as indirect fire missions, reports and returns, casualty evacuation, radio operations, and support weapon handling drills. Our 'A' Coy Chain-of-Command also honed its skills. Orders were passed down to the platoon level for exercise *'Valiant Highlander'*, exercising all commanders at conducting time appreciations, reconnaissance and giving tactical orders. This exercise gave our newly commissioned ex-Sergeant, Lt Kyle Ferguson, the opportunity to lead a platoon in conducting hasty attacks, deploying 8-man reconnaissance patrols, and leading an early morning raid on an enemy position.



On completion of the BFT, Maj Hodgins rests, remembering how much easier this was 20 years ago. Photo by Spike Bell

The year has so far, shown many monumental changes within the Army, but our resolve is the same. We continue to persevere through hardships. Training will go on and Alpha Company will continue to show flexibility, strength and skill in all of its operations and training.

Patryk Pakula, Lt., 'A' Coy

Semper Paratus!



'A' Coy soldiers at Regimental Memorial on 'Red Beach' Dieppe France, 19 Aug 2012. (L to R) MCpl Miner, Cpl Drew, Cpl Gouin, Cpl Paquette, LCol Brause, Capt Drew, Sgt Morrison, Cpl Bastien. Photo: Sylvia Drew

MESSAGE FROM DELTA COMPANY

For the first time, I find myself writing this piece wearing two hats as it has been my extreme good fortune to have been asked by the Regiment to serve as their Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel (HLCol) for the next three years until February 2016. This appointment came on the heels of my accepting one additional year as Officer Commanding Delta Company (O.C. 'D' Coy). The new position as HLCol will provide many more opportunities to expand on the mandate of 'D' Coy to interface the Regiment with our communities and our communities with our Regiment. I look forward with great pride to the additional opportunities this appointment has created to provide support for our Regiment, our soldiers and our veterans as a thank you for the work that they have done and continue to do to keep Canada, our communities and many other parts of the world safe and out of harms way.

What is Delta Company? - Delta Company is the civilian support arm of The Essex & Kent Scottish. It was re-constituted in 2002 – a group of mostly civilians from all walks of life – firefighters, policemen, a wide variety of business people, educators, doctors, politicians and retirees. Membership in 'D' Coy is by invitation, but we frequently call on people and companies from outside the group with unique skills to assist us with special projects.

Fund Raising - It has been a busy time over the past few months for Delta Company. Starting in late July 2012 with the Ontario Provincial '*H.O.G. Rally*' and followed by the 2012 '*Trot with the Troops*' (TWTT) in Septem-



Registration tables as TWTT runners start to arrive at Tilston Armoury. Photo: Spike Bell

ber, these two fund raising activities for the year allowed us to provide the London Military Family Resource Centre, The E & K Scottish Regiment Association and the Unit Fund with almost \$11,000 in total. Many thanks to Cy McGrath ('D' Coy Second-in-Command) and his committee and all those who volunteered to help with these events. Also, 'D' Coy thanks all of the troops who took part in their annual Battle Fitness Test on TWTT day and those who set up tents, tables, etc. and then took the time to mingle with and



Group of TWTT civilian runners leaving the Armoury. Photo: Spike Bell

last summer which ended in Dieppe, France on the 70th anniversary of the

Dieppe Raid, we made contact with Nick Bench who heads up the Commonwealth War Graves Commission crew that maintains the Canadian War Cemetery just outside Dieppe as well as our Dieppe Memorial and our plaque at the cemetery. Nick and his crew are doing a stellar job and our thanks go to out to them for their exceptional work and dedication. Out of this meeting, Nick advised that he is part of a Dieppe organization called "Je Me Souviens". This group has undertaken a project to prepare a "Roll of Honour" listing ALL of the names of those who participated in the Dieppe Raid. He has asked 'D' Coy to assist them by locating and assembling a compre-



Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Dave Woodall, Officer Commanding 'D' Coy. Photo: Spike Bell

hensive list of all Canadians who took part in OPERATION JUBILEE in August 1942. In that regard, we have contacted all of the participating Canadian regiments, the DND and anyone else across the country that might have information. The cooperation has been incredible and Mary Baruth, 'D' Coy CSM has spent numerous hours assembling and cataloguing the data received. All being well, the list should be complete by mid-summer. This will be the first such comprehensive list of its kind and there is great interest from the other regiments, several museums and the DND once it is complete. Many thanks to Mary for all her efforts in this regard.

"Careers for Soldiers" - Late last summer, after a discussion with some of the senior officers as to why the Regiment had lost a number of our good young soldiers to the western provinces, 'D' Coy discovered that there is a significant disconnect between local employers who have unfilled job positions and our soldiers that are looking for work. Starting late last fall, 'D' Coy has held several informal events to introduce some local employers to some of our soldiers seeking work. Major (retired) Robert Chittim, a 'D' Coy member and head of apprenticeship training at St. Clair College, also participated and has assisted four of our soldiers in getting into a metal-working pre-apprenticeship program at the College. The major objective is to let our soldiers know that there are careers available locally – some of which that do not necessarily require formal post-secondary education. We are also assisting them with their resumes on an 'as required' basis. This endeavour has reached the ears of 31 Brigade Command and beyond and we are researching the feasibility of assisting other regiments in Ontario as well. The major selling point, when it comes to our soldiers, is that their military training is an asset to any business as they have been taught to be loyal, dependable, team players and understand the need to start at the bottom and work their way up. And the more military training they receive, the greater the bonus for the business owners in that it is training for which they do not have to pay. The owners are also being educated about the need for

"Je Me Souviens" - As an offshoot of the

Battlefield Tour

their reserve soldiers to train one night a week, some weekends and a few weeks in the summer – the result being that they get a better employee back after the training is complete.

Trot With The Troops 2013 - Plans for the 2013 TWTT are underway utilizing the usual route along Sandwich Street and the riverfront and ending with a barbeque. With the help of the Windsor Harley Owners Group, the day will include a motorcycle Poker Run to several of the military monuments around Essex County. The Poker Run will terminate at the Major F.A. Tilston VC Armouries with a mid-afternoon barbeque for the participants. To enhance the family theme of Trot with the Troops, we will also be incorporating our Regiment Family Day with many different activities and a BBQ lunch for our troops and their families. Watch the Armoury bulletin board and your email for further details.

Awards – In addition to a number of soldiers in our Regiment and other members of the Regimental Family, Delta Company is pleased to announce that seventeen of our members have been awarded the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal for their work in their respective communities.

In Memoriam - Delta Company and The Regiment lost a good friend on Tuesday, April 16, 2013 when member Heather Bradley passed away after a lengthy and well-fought battle with cancer. In addition to her support of and attendance at most major regimental functions, she also provided financial support and donations in kind on a variety of occasions. Her strong support and positive attitude will be sorely missed by all who had the pleasure to know her. The legacy of support by Heather and her father, the late HLCOL Bob Bradley C.D., is being carried on by the Bradley family.



Ms. Heather Bradley
Photo: Lauren Bradley

New 'D' Coy Members - We are pleased to announce the recent addition of Windsor Police Chief Al Frederick and Deputy Chiefs Vince Power and Rick Derus and look forward to their support and assistance for all 'D' Coy endeavours.

Other Thank You's & Welcomes

All members of 'D' Coy extend there thanks and best wishes to our past

CO, LCol Morris Brause and his family. Without Morris's strong support, 'D' Coy would not have made the progress it has over the past several years of his command. We wish Morris well and for a safe return from his posting in Afghanistan

And we would also like to welcome our new CO, LCol Ben Reavely. We have had the opportunity to meet with the new CO on a few occasions and he is fully behind the 'D' Coy initiatives. Welcome Ben and family.

'D' Coy Website - For more information on Delta Company, Trot with the Troops, our H.I.R.E. program or any D Coy event, please visit our website at www.deltacoy.com.

Donations - If you would like to donate to any or all of the Delta Company initiatives, there are a couple of ways to do just that:

- (1) to use Paypal, please click on the "DONATE NOW" icon at the top right of the 'D' Coy website www.deltacoy.com, OR
- (2) make a cheque out to **'D' Coy - The Essex & Kent Scottish Regimental Association ('D' Coy- E&K Scot Assn)** (they look after all 'D' Coy finances) and mail it to:

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NOTE: The Essex and Kent Scottish Regimental Association is a charitable organization and will issue a receipt for income tax purposes for your kind donations, which supports our War Veterans and our E&K Scot soldiers.

Semper Paratus!

Dave Woodall, HLCOL



Greetings From Your Essex and Kent Scottish Regiment Association

The Essex and Kent Scottish Regiment Association currently has about 225 members, of which 14 very dedicated members, voluntarily serve on the Board of Directors. Many are past serving members, including veterans of the various wars and other deployments of the Regiment. Some are current serving members (but not yet all serving members), and some members are individuals who have never been military, but have a common interest in the welfare of the Regiment. Our Association objectives are to foster, maintain and support the traditions and well-being of the Regiment; to retain the unity, fellowship and communication of those who have served in our Regiment; to promote the historic and cultural significance of the Regiment in the community; and to provide a public repository of the Regiment's history, tradition, and military lore.

In order to support these objectives, we generate funds through a modest membership fee, by various fundraiser options like our 2012 raffle of a collector's quality War of 1812-15 quilt, and with increasing frequency, through donation and bequest.

With our funds, we and the Regiment put on the annual Field of Valour Dinner, where vets share a meal and an evening with today's soldiers. . We hold a biennial reunion, the last date being September 8, 2012, where registrants were able to witness the unit receive permission to exercise the Freedom of the city and



President Pat Coughlin. Photo: Spike Bell



Author and historian Mark Zuehlke speaks on the 1942 Dieppe Raid at Field of Valour. Photo: Spike Bell

and march in Olde Sandwich Towne with bayonets fixed, and enjoy a banquet where the musical offerings included performances by the Windsor Regiment Band and our own Pipes and Drums, both individually, and quite specially, together. Each year at the start of the holidays, the Association is honoured to contribute financial support to, and help the officers serve, the annual soldiers' Christmas dinner. In addressing our responsibility for maintaining a public repository of our history, we spend a considerable sum each year to insure the regimental artifacts. While most artifacts arrive with no cost (but can be acknowledged with a tax receipt), there is often some costs involved in repair or display that are borne by our Association. The Artifact Committee works tirelessly to catalogue, document and maintain our collection, which includes more than 30,000 individual pieces, and we are currently working on obtaining funding to create a digital record of our collection. In the past year, the Association has accepted a number of donations including numerous medals, a ceremonial dirk, a sword, and some historical photographs. A number of photographs have been framed for display, a contribution has been made towards the stone Regimental Marker at Christ Church in Chatham, and we have committed to have the Drum Major's Baldrick updated to reflect the four new Battle Honours.

In addition to the activities that we promote and conduct, our membership is committed to supporting all regimental events and endeavours. In particular, Delta Company's dynamic fundraising initiatives with our Association, have enabled solicited donations to be acknowledged with a tax receipt. For the

first time, Delta Company membership payment, can now provide membership in our Association as well as in our most convenient Mess. The biennial regimental Family Day normally put on by the Association will be combined with Delta Company's 'Trot With the Troops' this year, where the Regimental Family and the public can participate in a walk/run and fun-day, while our soldiers do their annual Battle Fitness Test. In 2012, our Association and the Regiment split a \$5,500 'D' Coy donation from TWTT profits. The remaining profit donated to local Military Family Resource Centres (MFRC), to support families of military personnel who are overseas.

To simplify the membership dues collection, we have amended our dues to be \$15 per year, due on January 1st. A lifetime membership can be purchased for \$300.00. Current members who have paid under the previous system will roll into the new system as their previous dues expire. We are currently in the early phase of a recruiting drive. We encourage any of the Regimental Family who have not yet joined the Association to do so, as well as interested individuals from our communities. We believe that your Association will remain a strong promoter of fellowship within the Regiment, and an effective advocate for the historic significance of the Regiment in our communities.

Semper Paratus!

Pat Coughlin, President

The Essex and Kent Scottish Regiment Association



MFRC reps Renee Couvillon and Amy Rooney receive a 'D' Coy \$5,500 cheque from Dave Woodall Photo: Spike Bell



Greetings From The Pipes & Drums



Our current and predecessor regiments which we perpetuate, have historically had a pipe band composed of combat infantrymen. The 241st Bn CEF



The E&K Scot Pipes & Drums play 'The Regimental' and other tunes of glory, following the wreath laying at the foot of Vimy Ridge Memorial, in memory of our fallen comrades, site of 18th Bn CEF determined attack on 9th-12 th Apr 1917, as part of the CEF Canadian Corps victory. Photo: Greg Childs

pipe band under Pipe Major Jock Copland MBE, ED (Pipe Major from 1916-1954), played many recruiting performances for the First World War.

We have a great photo of our Essex Scot band, piping the Regiment across a Verbindingskanal

bridge in April 1945. This was the only remaining intact bridge into Groningen, captured by the Essex Scottish from the Germans who fiercely resisted the assault. This victory allowed the

rest of the 2nd Canadian Infantry Division to follow across, and liberate the starving city. Many post-wars concerts were played to fundraise in support



Pipes & Drums play impromptu concert at gathering of citizens of Groningen after symbolically crossing the Verbindingskanal Bridge as the Essex Scots did in 1945. Photo: Sylvia Drew

of the families of our many wounded and fallen soldiers.

Our Regimental Pipe and Drum Band currently has 24 members consisting of 16 pipers and 8 drummers. Every few years, the Army reviews the number of its paid serving musician positions, resulting in the realignment of resources and redistribution of paid positions across Canada. E&K Scot now has 8 positions for serving paid part time musicians, but due to the economic downturn, many of our soldiers and musicians have transferred out of the Regiment in search of full time civilian employment opportunities, as well as college and university educations in other cities.

Two years ago all of our pipers and drummers were volunteers, many of whom also play with other local pipe bands. Most of these very dedicated volunteers have fathers, uncles and grandfathers, who since 1916 had served and played in our predecessor bands during WWI and WWII and they are determined to carry on this proud family tradition. Most of our musicians travel great distances to play in our pipe band. Since recruiting vacancies for soldiers and serving musicians have become fewer, a concerted effort by the Army was made for 2012 to assist regiments with recruiting bandmen. E&K Scot has now recruited Privates John Arsenault, Cameron Beggs and Mike Hicks, with two more volunteers currently in the process of becoming serving militia bandmen. . With all of our authorized positions filled in the near future, our Pipes and Drums will be much more secure within the Canadian Forces family. Serving musicians have great opportunities for courses resulting in rank advancement, pay increases, as well as national opportunities such as the Ceremonial Guard on Parliament Hill and 'Fortissimo' massed band, as well as international com-



Pipes & Drums march up on 19 August, from the English Channel onto Red Beach, the same route taken by our Essex Scot Soldiers, while under intense enemy enfilage fire 70 years ago. Photo: Greg Childs

memoration anniversary parades such as Dieppe, Vimy Ridge, Korea War 60th anniversary and the 100th anniversary in 2014 of the start of WWI. Even when our 8 serving band positions are filled, the Regiment will always require and welcome volunteer musicians. Our Regimental Family has over the years continued to provide extra funding for the necessary uniform kit and musical instruments for all of our bandmen.

Our current pipe major, Bryon Knight provides great experience, as he also commands the Sun Parlour Pipes and Drums. Although Bryon has little military background, he has become a quick learner of our military traditions, as the pipe major should be the Commanding Officer's resident expert. Great effort has been made by HCol Hardy Wheeler and our Regimental Senate in researching and codifying in great detail, the dress regulations for our entire Regiment. Pipe Majors such as Maj Archie Cairns, CWO Alan Clark and Bob Irvin provided great expert information for our band's dress and accoutrements.

As a result, a determined effort has been made to provide highland kit for our bandmen, which was especially necessary in June 2012, as our band had to be inspected for dress, drill, deportment and musical ability. Major David Jackson of the Canadian Forces Directorate of History and Heritage inspected and determined that our Pipes and Drums not only met, but exceeded the standard, authorizing them to conduct international performances while wearing their Canadian Forces uniforms while representing Canada overseas. A future fundraising effort is being considered, to provide full ceremonial dress such as feather bonnets and doublets as our current inventory is lacking many items.

Our Pipes and Drums have given the Regiment wide positive public exposure, by conducted a number of great performances, many with others like the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry Brass Band, and especially with the accompaniment of the Windsor Regiment Band, playing many tunes common to both bands. These very well received concerts were a result of many hours of dedi-



Playing Regimental salute on the site where Essex Scot Maj Fred Tilston earned his Victoria Cross at the Hochwald Forest on 1 Mar 1945. Photo: Courtesy Sylvia Drew

cated rehearsal by both bands together. Performances such as the 2012 Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee in London, The European Battlefield Tour, our Regimental Reunion, Field of Valour, The Hochwald Dinner and The 1812



Pipes & Drums lead a parade of Dutch and Canadian citizens to a memorial wreath laying in Putte, Holland. Photo courtesy of Sylvia Drew.

bicentennial recent visit of the Tall Ships on 31st August are just a few in our recent past, with near future upcoming performances at the All Saints Anglican Church Regimental Monument celebration, Trot with the Troops, Battle of The Thames re-enactment and the Field of Valour. Fourteen of our volunteer musicians, between fundraising and personally paying, funded their own expenses during the 2012 European Tour, in order that the Regiment would

have our pipe band along.

The Essex and Kent Scottish Pipes and Drums are always looking for new serving members, or volunteer pipers and drummers from Kent and Essex Counties. If interested in being part of the traditions and storied history of one of Canada's finest regiments, then please contact me at g.childs@sympatico.ca, or at 519-472-1088.

Semper Paratus!

Greg Childs, Maj (Ret'd)

Essex and Kent Scottish Pipes and Drums Administration Officer



Fourteen members of The Pipes & Drums of The Essex Scottish Regiment at the Dieppe Monument on 'Red Beach' on 19 Aug 2012

Standing L to R: PMaj Bryon Knight, Peter Scorrar, John Woodbridge, Dave Mercer, LCol Morris Brause, Caleb Thibodeau, Walter Meixner, Randy Matheson, Peter Olsen. Kneeling L to R: Doug Lajoie, Jim Jacques, Mike Hicks, Lyle Rhea, Daryl Wiznuk, Jim Giles
Photo: Courtesy of Sylvia Drew



REGIMENTAL FAMILY EUROPE BATTLEFIELD TOUR 2012

One of the great things about a battlefield tour is the ability to retrace the steps taken by the soldiers. To be able to see the ground, to understand and feel the ground that relatives, loved ones, friends and neighbors actually fought on during a war, can make us appreciate the daunting task they were up against. It is an opportunity that cannot be missed! To stand on their objective, or at the start line and look out across the terrain those members had to cross, one cannot help but to be mesmerized trying to think of exactly what were they thinking when their time came to 'step off'.

The major goal of 'Battle Honours' on our tour, is to deliver this experience. From the 9th to 22nd August 2012, members of The Essex and Kent Scottish Regimental Family participated in a battlefield tour hosted by 'Battle Honours Limited' and 'Battle Honours Canada'. We followed much of the route taken by The Essex Scottish from 1942 to 1945. The tour finished in Dieppe, France on the 19th August 2012, commemorating the 70th anniversary of OPERATION JUBILEE, the ill-fated Second Canadian Infantry Division raid on Dieppe. 97 members and friends of the Regiment, as well as four WWII veterans were members of our tour. 18 months in the planning, ensured that many of the major battles fought by the Essex Scottish from 1944 to the end of the war were researched, covered and visited.



German cliff-top gun position view near Puy looking west at Yellow and Blue Beaches where enemy enfilade fire played havoc with soldiers landing on 19 Aug 1942. Town of Dieppe is in distance. Photo: Greg Childs

The northern tip of Holland was the last major engagement the Scottish fought before the end of the WWII. In April 1945, the pipes and drums of the Essex Scottish marched across the Verbindingskanal Bridge, completing the liberation of Groningen which the Essex Scots were instrumental in capturing the only remaining bridge intact, thus breaching the German defences, allow-

ing the division to follow and clear the city. Our Pipes and Drums of the Essex and Kent Scottish were able to re-enact the same victory march. The opportunity for our tour to visit the Westerbork concentration camp, the only concentration camp in Holland, really brought home the horrors of the Second World War. This camp is famous for one of its inhabitants, Anne Frank. Anne and her family, along with 503,000 Dutch citizens were sent to Westerbork Camp, en-route to Nazi death camps in the east. The memorial of the rail tracks bent up to the sky simulating the end of the line for those inhabitants, again, brought past history to life.



Essex and Kent Scottish Pipes and Drums marching across the Verbindingskanal Bridge in the Dutch northern city of Groningen 11 Aug 2012
Photo: Sylvia Drew



Nazi transfer camp near Westerbork, northern Holland, with train track rails symbolically bent upwards. Photo: Sylvia Drew

One of the German machine-gun towers guarding the Dutch detainees at Westerbork Camp. Photo: Sylvia Drew



At the battle of the Goch-Calcar Road (a battle honour), our tour was able to visit the objectives that the Regiment was assigned for that battle. The owner of the Burnshof farm spoke to our tour, in gratitude of our soldiers' liberation of the area. (continued on page 12)



Regimental European Battles



Field Tour August 2012 Photo: Mike Sheil



Essex Scot WWII Vet Glen Embury who fought the battle, standing with (7 year old in 1945) son of owner of the farm who watched the combat and helped with the wounded, standing on the Essex Scottish start line of the Battle of the Goch-Calar Road. Photo: Greg Childs

. He was only a seven-year-old child, but could vividly remember Canadians lying in the ditches and his family's kitchen table being used as a first aid station for our wounded and watched as the Essex Scots advanced. Battle scars on the buildings are still visible this day. To be able to talk to and hear a different personal perspective, from a person who was actually there, who

witnessing and lived it, adds great very graphic details to this battle, not found in any history books. To see an Essex Scot veteran (Glen Embury) who fought this battle, talking to the man, who was a kid at the time, fortunately with an indelible memory, is something that can not be relived by reading of the battle from historians. The details were crystal clear in Glen's memory as if the battle was just fought yesterday!

Another important battlefield that we toured was at the Hochwald Forest in Germany. It was here that, on the 1st of March 1945, Maj Fred Tilson was



'C' Coy's view as they crossed 500 m of open ground attacking the German defences at the Hochwald Forest. Photo: Greg Childs



German defenders' view from Hochwald Forest of open ground being crossed by attacking Essex Scots. Photo: Sylvia Drew

awarded the Victoria Cross for his valour. The tour was able to see and walk the ground that the Regiment crossed that day, viewing it from both the Essex Scot attackers' and the German defenders' points of observation. Luckily there were no crops in the field so the start line and the objective were easily visible. The only thing missing was the rain and mud! We could easily see how difficult it would be to cross this bare field, especially without tank support due to the weather. The openness, lack of cover and location of trenches and barbed wire, once again brought home the commitment and resolve of our soldiers of the Regiment, many of whom fell that day. Pieces of shrapnel are still scattered throughout the battle-site.

A trip to Europe would not be complete without a visit to Vimy Ridge,

Vimy Ridge Canadian Memorial Photo: Greg Childs



Tour Guide Capt Kirk Drew 'christening the ground' and explaining to the tour, the steely resolve of Maj Tilson and his Essex Scottish soldiers in overcoming the withering enemy fire, to breach the Hochwald defences. Photo: Sylvia Drew

believed by most Canadians as the birth place of our nation. One of the benefits of touring with 'Battle Honours' is the availability to go to locations that are not open generally to the public, due primarily to our research and personal contacts. Such were the tunnels of the Maison Blanche. 12 members of the tour were given the great opportunity to descend 100 feet into the ground and see carvings made into the chalk, by the Canadian soldiers who spent four months underground awaiting to attack Vimy Ridge.



Maison Blanche tunnels and carved caverns examined by our tour group. Photo: Greg Childs



Detailed chalk carving done using dim candlelight by a soldier of the 15th Canadian Battⁿ of the CEF which is one of the three CEF battalions perpetuated by the 48th Highlanders in Toronto. Photo: Greg Childs



Detailed chalk carving of hat badge and battles fought to date (10th Mar 1917) by 867886, Pte A.J. Ambler of the 13th Battⁿ CEF, Royal Highlanders of Canada, currently perpetuated by the Black Watch. Photo: Sylvia Drew



A unique opportunity arranged through a personal contacts of a Battlefield Tour Guide for a small group of tour members to view the cave carvings made since the middle ages. Photo: Terry Webb

Our tour also had an opportunity to visit a number of war cemeteries and lay wreaths at relative's graves and at those of our Regiment's war dead. One of the most touching wreath laying ceremonies was when Bob Alford was able to visit his cousin's grave at the Adegem cemetery. Bob and his cousin Stuart grew up together and were considered brothers. Bob joined the merchant Navy and his cousin Stuart joined the Army. Stuart was killed in October of



WWII Navy Veteran, Bob Alward finally visits the grave of his cousin and boyhood close companion. Editor's note: Battlefield Tours frequently satisfies requests of their clients to visit gravesites of next-of-kin buried in obscure Commonwealth War

1944. This was the first time that Bob had the opportunity to see his cousin's grave site. Upon seeing upon seeing Stuart's headstone Bob knelt down and quietly said, *"I'm here Stuart, I am here"*. This is another main objective of conducting battlefield tours, giving members, relatives and friends an opportunity to go back and see their loved ones, often in very out of the way Commonwealth War Cemeteries. Bob's daughter, Barbara told me that this was the highlight of the tour for Bob, something that he had wanted to do all his life, but until this tour, never had the chance, as it was an off-the-beaten-track location, not normally visited by other tours.



Young tour members lay wreaths to our war dead at the Bergen-Op-Zoom Commonwealth War Cemetery Photo: Sylvia Drew

Monuments are an important part of a tour, they pay tribute to those who have fallen often giving their last breath, to ensure our Canadian freedom. The Menin Gate has 54,406 names of those who fought and died in the Ypres salient, but whom have no known grave. The fire brigade buglers plays a *'last post'* and *'reveille'* every



Retired E&K Scot W.O. Don Oliphant stands beside the portion of the Menin Gate dedicated to the fallen soldiers of a regiment which E&K Scot perpetuates, whose remains were never found. Photo: Greg Childs

evening at 8pm. Except for the occupation by the Germans in World War II when the daily ceremony was conducted at Brookwood Military Cemetery, in Surrey, England, this ceremony has been carried on uninterrupted since 2nd July 1928. On the evening that Polish forces liberated Ypres in the Second World War, the ceremony was resumed at the Menin Gate, despite the fact that heavy fighting was still taking place in other parts of the town.



Nijmegen Bridge across Waal River located 11 miles S. of Arnhem which was attacked by US 82nd Airborne Div in Sept 1944. Photo: Greg Childs

The First World War had two things that became very popular: trend art and poetry. One of the most renown poems of the war, is *'In Flanders Fields'*. It was written by LCol John McCrae, M.D., a medical officer in the Canadian



Essex Farm WWI first aid station with operating rooms encased in cement. Photo: Don Oliphant



LCol John MacRae's operating suite protected from German artillery by 3 feet of cement and steel doors. Photo: Don Oliphant

Army. The tour was able to visit his grave and as well as his aid station, which is known as Essex Farm. It was a great opportunity to visit the site where a famous Canadian wrote his iconic poem known throughout the British Commonwealth, and his contributions to Canada and the war, as a surgeon!



Looking over the English Channel, Battlefield Tour Guide Clive Harris briefs the Colonel-in-Chief of The Essex and Kent Scottish, HRH Prince Michael of Kent GCVO, on the Dieppe Raid. Photo: Sylvia Drew

Our tour ended in Dieppe, France just prior to the 70th anniversary of the raid. On the 18th Aug our tour visited several of the different landing beaches, *'Red Beach'* being the codename of the Essex Scots' landing site. Standing on the headlands looking down from the Germans view, one can only begin to understand the desperation of those Essex Scots who landed on Red Beach that morning, but who brushed off the overwhelming impediments with casualties falling all around them, and fought on valiantly until the end of the raid.



HRH Prince Michael queries Kirk Drew regarding the depth of the determined penetration into the town of Dieppe by Essex Scottish soldiers under intense enemy fire Photo: Sylvia Drew

Our Colonel-in-Chief, Prince Michael of Kent joined us on 18th August, visiting extensively with our tour members, then attended the commemoration ceremonies on 19th Aug. Members of the Regiment have a long tradition when in Dieppe is gathering on the beach at 0530 on the morning of 19th August. Approximately 75 members of our tour came down to the water's edge at Red Beach just behind



HRH Prince Michael enjoyed a lunch with tour members at a Dieppe restaurant. (L to R) are Morris Brause, Greg Childs, HRH Prince Michael, Mary Baruth, Eric Wilson, John Hodgins, Garry Mardling and Hardy Wheeler.



Mary Baruth ('D' Coy CSM) pours a beer on Red Beach, sent by a Dieppe Veteran back in Windsor. Photo: courtesy of Kirk Drew

our new monument. A healthy toast of single malt scotch was made to the soldiers who came ashore that morning, 19th August 1942. It was a solemn bond to be together with relatives, friends and veterans, for a show of respect and gratitude to those who gave all. Another quite touching moment was when Mary Baruth produced a can of beer from one of the Windsor veterans, too frail to be on the tour. The veteran

had asked that she take the beer down to the shore, pour some on the rocks, then drink the rest, allowing him to have a last drink and moment with past friends who never returned.

That is what battlefield tours are all about!

Semper Paratus!

Kirk Drew, Capt (Ret'd)

*Note from the editor:



Guild lapel Pin



There are currently 7 historian guides with Battlefield Tours Ltd who are members of the prestigious 'Guild of Battlefield Guides', of which there are currently only 54 members worldwide. Lengthy research resulting in examinations, numerous presentations in front of guild peers are required to earn this professional qualification. While on our tour, Capt Kirk Drew received word that he had been successful and was now qualified to wear, and was presented, the highly regarded guild pin (above). Congratulations to Kirk!

More Tour Photos:



Sister Agnes arrives at Place du Canada for the Dieppe commemoration. As a nursing sister, she attended Red Beach at 1300hrs and saved many Essex Scot lives. She went toe-to-toe with a German soldier when she refused to treat the Germans first. Photo: Greg Childs



93 year old Essex Scot Dieppe Veteran Art Rossell, brought to the ceremony courtesy of Veterans Affairs, meets again with Sister Agnes after 70 years. Photo: Greg Childs



HRH Prince Michael honouring the Regiment's fallen soldiers from WWII at our memorial on Red Beach. Photo: Greg Childs



HRH Prince Michael of Kent GCMG, Colonel-in-Chief of The Essex and Kent Scottish, addressing Dieppe citizens and members of our Regimental Family on the sacrifices of our soldiers on 19 Aug 1942. Photo: Greg Childs



HRH Prince Michael of Kent, C-In-C of E&K Scot, flanked by HCol Hardy Wheeler and C.O. LCol Morris Brause, takes the salute as our Pipes & Drums, leading the parade, marches past. Photo: Kirk Drew



Retired Regimental and Army Members relax at a Dieppe harbour restaurant. Hoisting a toast are (L to R) Lt (Gary Eagleson), Maj Greg Childs, Maj Garry Mardling, W.O. Don Oliphant and Maj Tom Mountain.



Change of Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Parade 5th March 2013



Incoming HLCol Dave Woodall and Outgoing HLCol Glenn Stannard march to inspect their soldiers during the change of appointment parade at the Maj F.A. Tilston VC, CD Armoury in Windsor. Photo: Spike Bell

The Essex and Kent Scottish celebrated a change of Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel (HLCol) parade, with a hand over of duties from HLCol Glenn Stannard OMM to HLCol Dave Woodall who, with the approval of the Minister of Defence, The Honourable Peter MacKay, P.C., commenced his appointment on 5 March 2013.

Historically, as the appointment of Colonel of the Regiment evolved in the regular regiments of the British Army, their Militia and Volunteer regiments also had Colonels, typically drawn from important local gentlemen who had not necessarily served in the regiment. These became "*Honorary Colonels*" when they were absorbed into larger regimental families in order to distinguish them from the overall "*Colonel*" or "*Colonel Commandant*" of the family. Canada evolved a similar system of Honorary Colonels, though emphasis on the land owning class was not present; many Honorary Colonels were drawn from local businessmen or other influential persons. Like the Colonel of the Regiment, they took an active interest in their regiments, sat on Regimental Senates, and lobbied for the military and their units.

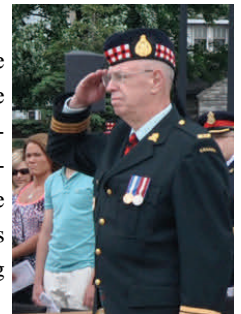
Eventually, in 1895, formal regulations for the appointments of Honorary Colonels and Honorary Lieutenant-Colonels were generated. Appointment as Honorary Colonel or Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel was restricted to retired officers of the CF and to "distinguished Canadian citizens." In The Essex & Kent Scottish, the Honorary Colonel appointment is normally filled by a past Commanding Officer, as he would be well-versed on regimental traditions and history. HCol Hardy Wheeler, CD, currently holds this appointment, with HLCol Woodall assuming HCol Wheeler's duties when he is unavailable. The duties of the unit honoraries are similar to those of the Colonel of the Regiment of a regular force regiment, but focused at the unit level:

- Promoting '*esprit de corps*' within the unit;
- Act as a sounding board, advising the Commanding Officer in all concerns other than operational matters;
- Participate in the Regimental Senate, providing advice on unit succession;

- Assist in major regimental events such as, The Dieppe Raid 19 Aug 1942 Commemoration, The Hochwald Dinner, Soldiers' Christmas Dinner, New Year's Day Levee, Field of Valour Dinner, etc;
 - Develop and sustain strong community support for the unit;
 - Act as the guardian of regimental customs, traditions and history and liaise, as required, with Directorate of History & Heritage;
 - If appropriate, assist in the purchase of unit requirements that may be outside the unit's capability/resources (voluntary);
 - Assist the Canadian Forces Liaison Council (CFLC) with matters of mutual interest; and
- "Time spent" is perhaps the most important attribute, and attention must be paid to all ranks of the unit.

The tenure of appointment of an Honorary Colonel and Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel is normally three years, with an option of up to a three-year extension. Historically in the Scottish, the Honorary Colonel has been a past commanding officer, very conversant with all aspects of Regimental life, with the HLCol being either a civilian with connections to the Regiment or former military officer, and influential within the Regiment's Area of Operations (AOR).

HLCol Dave Woodall and his wife Melanie, have over the last decade, been great supporters of the Regiment. Dave has been instrumental in developing and nurturing 'Delta Company' and is the current Officer Commanding. Delta Company is the civilian support arm of the Regiment which assists the Commanding Officer on many fronts, including community outreach, fundraising and special projects. HLCol Woodall was one of the project leaders for the Regiment's 2006 Dieppe Memorial Project (DMP I) in Dieppe France, and DMP II in 2010 on the Windsor waterfront. The current Delta Company program 'HIRE' is having great success at finding civilian employment for our soldiers. Dave is the majority owner of Woodall Construction Ltd. in Windsor and when not attending to the CO's wish-list, he makes time for his close-knit family. This appointment is very demanding and Dave has hit the ground running with the many other great volunteers of Delta Company. Dave is the first one to mouth the sentiments of all the hard-working members of Delta Company, that, "*It's all about appreciation and payback to our Regimental War Veterans (WWII and Afghanistan) and our current soldiers,..... we are fortunate to have them!*"



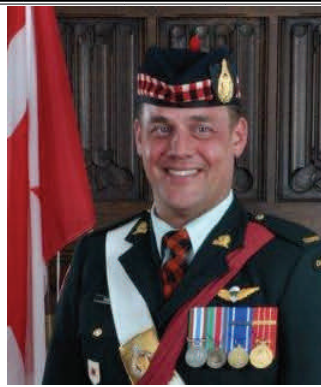
HLCol Woodall taking the Regimental Salute. Photo: Spike Bell

Although this article focuses upon our incoming HLCol, we would be remiss not to mention our **Colonel-in-Chief** (not to be confused with "Commander-in-Chief", a title held by the Governor General) is an honorary titular head and patron of a regiment, almost always a member of the Royal Family, and appointed by the Sovereign. The appointment evolved in the reign of Queen Victoria out of the colonelcies of members of the Royal Family, and the ancient practice of monarchs bestowing royal titles

on regiments (e.g. The Queen's Own). Our Colonel-in-Chief (C-in-C) may provide greater visibility and political clout than an Honorary Colonel when lobbying in the interests of the Regiment. The Regiment's first C-in-C was HRH Prince George, Duke of Kent, KG, KT, GCMG, GBE commencing his appointment on 1 Dec 1937, and upon the Duke's death during WWII, his wife HRH Princess Marina, Duchess of Kent, CI, GVCO, GBE, commenced the appointment on 25 Aug 1942. Their son, HRH Prince Michael of Kent, GCVO, is our current C-in-C.

Semper Paratus!

Maj John Hodgins, DCO, E&K Scot



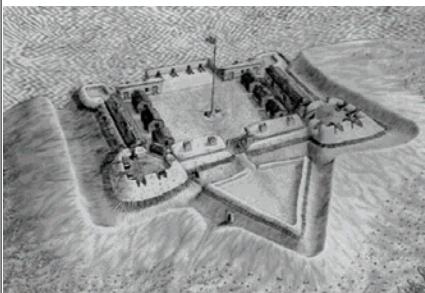
Deputy Commanding Officer, Maj John Hodgins.
Photo: Spike Bell



Fort Miamis 'First Seige' War 1812-15 Bi-Centennial



On Saturday 4th May 2013, a contingent from The Essex and Kent Scottish, led by HCol Hardy Wheeler attended ceremonies at the War of 1812-15 memorial site of the British Fort Miamis, located near Perrysburg Ohio.



Drawing of British Fort Miamis

Fort Miamis was first built by the British in 1794 as an outpost to stop U.S. General Anthony Wayne's march north through the Ohio Valley. After a series of peace treaties, Fort Miamis transferred to American control in 1796, but was abandoned before December 1798.

American Major-General Harrison spent the winter constructing Fort Meigs designed by professional Army Engineers at the Maumee River rapids. It was the largest wooden fort ever built in North America and had to be destroyed by the British before it became a U.S. depot and springboard for offensive operations against the Western British North America frontier. In April 1813, British forces under the command of Brigadier-General Henry Proctor took residence near the decrepit Fort Miamis, approx 3 km from Ft Meigs on the opposite bank of the Maumee. The forces included 533 British regulars including half of the 41st Regiment of Foot, 462 militiamen from Kent and Essex regiments, and 1,200 warriors of the pan-Indian confederacy, loosely led by Tecumseh.

4 Days of intense artillery bombardment of 1,100 rounds failed to force the surrender of the 1000 defenders in Fort Meigs. A relief brigade of 1,200 Kentuckians arrived up-river. On 5th May 1813, reinforcements of 800 of the 1200 Kentucky Militiamen led by Colonel Wm. Dudley arrived, surprised and attacked, capturing the British artillery batteries on the west bank, across from Ft. Meigs, then the Americans pursued some warriors into the woods where they were ambushed and Proctor counter-attacked with the bet-



Kentucky Militiamen attacking at 2013 re-enactment of Ft Meigs battle. Photo: Greg Childs

ter part of Essex and Kent militia, which cut off the American's retreat. Only 150 of the 800 reached the safety of Ft Meigs. The British cannons were recaptured and continued the seige and bombardment of Ft Meigs but could not batter down the walls.



41st Regiment of Foot re-capturing British cannons at Ft Meigs 2013 re-enactment. Photo: Jonathan Mitchell

It was reported that the American POWs were walked to Ft Miamis where they faced a gauntlet of Native warriors, many of whom had been driven from their Indiana villages by the American search and destroy raids where many natives had been cut to pieces. Private Patrick Russell of the 41st Regiment of Foot, lost his life trying to stop the ensuing massacre, which only ended with the arrival of Tecumseh. Allied casualties were remarkably light with 41st of Foot suffering 14 dead and 36 wounded, 1st Essex with 1 dead and 4 wounded and 19 warri-



Welsh 41st Regiment Canadian re-enactors take part in the Ft. Miamis commemoration ceremony Photo: Jennifer Childs

or casualties. With a stalemate at breaching and capturing Ft. Meigs accompanied by the sickness due to exposure from an unusually wet spring, Proctor's force returned to the Fort Amherstburg area with plans for a later more robust seige.

This bicentennial celebration was intended to honour all those who fought in



41st Regiment of Foot Fife & Drum Corps from Ft. Henry, Kingston, ON. Photo: Jennifer Childs

the Maumee Valley during the War of 1812-15. A very impressive two days of battle re-enactment, with weapons demonstrations and 1812 period shops, attracted thousands of spectators, as well as hundreds of Canadian re-enactors at U.S. Fort Meigs. Our Regimental contingent participated in the ceremony in the historical park which commemorates the British Fort Miamis, and were entertained by the 41st Regiment of Foot, Fife and Drum Corps from Fort Henry in Kingston. The keynote speaker was Dr. Ray Norton, Consul General of Canada, who spoke eloquently regarding how the relationship between America and Canada has warmed and flourished since this war and has resulted in the two of the strongest allies in the world, committed to peace, trade and partnership.



Consul General of Canada Dr. Ray Norton delivers the keynote speech at the Ft. Miamis Bi-centennial event. Photo: G. Childs



Canadian representation at 200th anniversary plaque dedication at Ft. Miamis site. (LtoR) DMaj Allen, MCpl Cummings, MCpl Cummings, Canadian Consul-General Dr Norton, HCol Wheeler, Cpl Dawson, Cpl Tremblay, Lt Willson, Maj (Ret'd) Childs, Piper Scorrar (unavailable for photo) Photo: Jennifer Childs

HCol Wheeler, Dr. Norton, and representatives from the 41st of Foot and Native Allies laid wreaths at the plaque honouring the 11 soldiers of the 41st of Foot who died in the battle and especially Pte Patrick Russell who died preventing the Native massacre of 40 American prisoners of war, and to whom a large historical brass plaque was also being commemorated during this ceremony. Our Essex and Kent Scottish piper Peter Scorrar played the lament in their honour.

Semper Paratus!

Greg Childs Maj (Ret'd) Newsletter Editor



Celebrating 100 Years of The Kent Regiment Chapter I.O.D.E.



The Essex & Kent Scottish and the Kent County regiments which our current regiment perpetuates have enjoyed a long and rewarding relationship with the Kent Regiment Chapter of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire (I.O.D.E.) for over 100 years.

On 30 April 1913, the Commanding Officer of the 24th Kent Regiment, LCol Herbert Smith, invited the Chatham ladies, many of whom were wives of serving officers, to form a chapter of the I.O.D.E. and share the newly completed Chatham Armoury with the Regiment. The 24th Kent Regiment Chapter I.O.D.E. with ninety-five ladies, adopted the motto of the 24th Kents, 'Unto the Last Ditch' ('*Usqua Ad Aras*'). By 1918 their numbers had swelled to three hundred and forth-eight members.

The Dominion I.O.D.E.'s mission since its inception as a charitable organization in Montreal in 1900, was to improve the quality of life for children, youth and those in need, through educational, social service and citizenship programs. The first task was to procure both King's and Regimental Colours, assisting to set up an isolation hospital, night school, school nurses and provide tuberculin tests.

In 1914, the members entertained our Governor-General, The Duke of Connaught during his visit to Chatham. A donation of \$4,600 (\$2013 Bank of Canada Inflation Calculator) was made to a hospital ship and \$23,300.00

(2013 \$ value) was given to Shorncliffe Military Hospital to help with the care of wounded soldiers.

At a cost of \$9,300.00 (2013 \$ value) the Chapter presented a stand of King's and Regimental Colours to the 24th Kents. After retirement, these Colours were laid-up and are currently hermetically sealed behind glass in Christ Church, the spiritual home of our Regiment in Kent County.

During the Great War of 1914-18, these ladies knitted 12,000 pairs of socks for soldiers, 1,390 trench caps, and sent 2,899 comfort boxes to our front line soldiers. 400 special packages were made for the 186th Bn CEF when they departed for battle. Thousands of trench candles were made and sent to the front along with continuous shipments of clothing for the soldiers. By war's end in 1918, \$41,000 (\$567,089.00, \$ value in 2013) had been committed by the ladies, supporting the troops overseas. The horrendous deaths and casualties of WWI had a great impact on the families back home in Kent County. The ladies of the Chapter gave great assistance to the next-of-kin in helping to meet their everyday requirements, especially as the injured and maimed returned home.

A great celebration was held on 28 March 1918 in Tecumseh Park at the Chatham Armoury, where 5,000 of Chatham's citizens came out to honour local war hero Cpl Harry Miner who had been killed 8 Aug 1918 during an

heroic attack at Demuin, France. BGen L.W. Shannon, an equerry of King George V, attended and on the Monarch's behalf, presented Cpl Miner's posthumous Victoria Cross and French Croix de Guerre to Mr. and Mrs. John



The cottage, taxes and utilities included, loaned to the Miner family still in use on Stanley St, Chatham. Photo courtesy of Tom Mountain

Miner, Harry's parents. The citizens and Council of Chatham, grateful for Cpl Miner's heroism and saddened by his death, donated a renovated house for the free use by Mr and Mrs Miner, for as long as they required it. The 24th Kent Regiment I.O.D.E. Chapter with some assistance from The Major George Smith Chapter, completely furnished the house and

stocked it with a bounty of fresh and canned food for this family, which at the time was a bit down on its luck.

In 1922, the Chapter was instrumental in pushing for a cenotaph to be built to honour the many dead soldiers from Chatham and Kent County. Their perseverance and ability to involve all stakeholders including surviving veterans was instrumental in bringing this consecrated war memorial to fruition, in downtown Chatham. The Memorial Committee Chair Arch Skirving stated, *"Slowly but surely we forged ahead, cheered by the conscientiousness that with the splendid assistance of the Daughters of the Empire, we were doing well and there was no faintness of spirit"*. The cenotaph cost \$12,000 of which this I.O.D.E. Chapter had raised \$1,000.00 or \$13,527.00 (\$2013 value), and later provided a surrounding hedge and fence.

In 1926 the Chapter furnished the large Chatham Public General Hospital 24th Kent Regiment Chapter I.O.D.E. Room, and later made a donation of \$1,000 (\$13,380.00 value in 2013) for an isolation ward at the Children's Shelter. Another major undertaking was painstakingly researching and compiling the war records of County men and women serving in both World Wars, a labour of love, still ongoing today.

A great stone entrance gate to Chatham's Maple Leaf Cemetery, dedicated to our war dead, was funded and built and over the years maintained by the Chapter. This community oriented I.O.D.E. Chapter has over the years, provided an annual \$1,000 education bursary, CCI History prize, Kiwanis Music Festival Awards, support for excellence at #59 RCACC, donations to Children's Aid, seniors' residences, Woman's Crisis Centre, Hospital Children's Wards as well as PG Hospital Foundation, I.O.D.E. calendars to schools, past Festival of Nations annual events and assistance to many other organizations. They have adopted five far-off schools such as Port Hope, Simpson, Labrador, where the Chapter provides support.

With the re-designation of the Regiment in 1936 to the Kent Regiment (M.G.), the Chapter adopted its current name, dropping the '24th' prefix. The Chapter has faithfully served the Regiment and its successive Colonels-in-Chief, Prince George, The Duke of Kent, his wife Princess Marina, The Duchess of Kent and currently their son, Prince Michael of Kent, hosting great events and receptions during their Royal visits to the Regiment. The ladies of the Chapter hosted the 2006 grand opening of the Col E.M. Ansell OBE, MC, VD Armoury in Chat-



Kent Regt Chapt IODE members at Christ Church Anniversary. Seated (L to R) Sheila DeJaegher, Garna Argenti, Carol Pardoe, Cynthia Evans, Pamela Hanley, Norma West. Standing (from left): Father Paul Millward, Sandra Smith, Diane Sanford, Claudette Robert, Marg Richards, Susan Martin, Janet Benoit, Gail Keller, Donna Jean Pardoe-Cock. Photo: Nick Buis

ham and have graciously funded the wall plaques for all of the Regiment's named rooms.

These very dedicated ladies raise money through annual antique sales, antique jewelry sales, bake sales and hosting events. The recent celebration of the Chapter's centennial celebration was extremely well attended at the Chatham Cultural Centre and at a service in their honour at Christ Church, where one of the Regiment's decorated WWII veterans, Frank Manninger, stood up and heartily thanked the ladies for the comfort packages he received from them overseas during the war, and how very much they meant to him! I believe that there may have been one of the ladies present, still working for the Chapter, who may have packed that comfort package almost 70 years ago! These Daughters of the Empire seldom take credit for the positive impact which they have had on so many others, it is a true exercise in Canadian citizenship. The Kent Regiment Chapter is always looking for new members to help carry on this fine I.O.D.E. tradition. (Article from information provided to the editor by IODE and other historical sources)



The Editor

THE QUEEN ELIZABETH II DIAMOND JUBILEE MEDAL



Created in 2012 to mark the 60th, or diamond anniversary, of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the Throne as Queen of Canada, the Queen

Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal was a tangible way for Canada to honour Her Majesty for Her service to this country. At the same time, this commemor-



-ative medal, struck by the Royal Canadian Mint, served to honour significant contributions and achievements by Canadians. Nominations from a variety of fields were recognized by the Government of Canada for this award.

The ribbon uses a new arrangement of the blue, red and white colours found in the 1953 Coronation Medal, the 1977 Silver Jubilee Medal, and the 2002 Golden Jubilee Medal. The latin motto VIVAT REGINA, translates as "Long Live the Queen!"

Members of our Regimental Family living in our Southwestern Ontario communities, have acquitted themselves well in many different civilian fields of endeavour, and in making life better for their fellow Canadians and this honour was bestowed upon them for their many contributions. Many have joined the components of our Regimental Family and have volunteered countless hours of devoted and talented service to the Regiment, in appreciation of our soldiers and our War Veterans' military sacrifice.

Our Regimental Family (E&K Scot, Regtl Assn, Our War Veterans, 'D' Coy, Pipes and Drums, Ansell Club, Scottish Borderers, Regtl Senate and our affiliated Cadet Corps, etc), is extremely fortunate to have such a great pool of volunteers, dedicated to improve our Family- one of many real acts of Canadian Citizenship. We are honoured to have 40 of our Family honoured as recipients of this prestigious medal.



Ms Heather Bradley and Capt (Ret'd) Frank Archibald MC, at Field of Valour Nov 2012. Both are medal recipients. Photo: Spike Bell



Diamond Jubilee Lapel Pin

Regimental Family Recipients of the Diamond Jubilee Medal

MCpl (Ret'd) Mike Akpata (Regtl Assn)
 Capt (Ret'd) Frank Archibald, MC ('D' Coy)
 Mr. Spike Bell ('D' Coy)
 Mr. Michael Beale ('D' Coy)
 Capt. Ronald Bodnar, CD (Regtl Assn)
 Ms. Heather Bradley ('D' Coy)
 LCol Morris Brause, CD (CO E&K Scot)
 Capt (Ret'd) Michael Carruthers, CD (Ansell Club)
 Maj (Ret'd) Greg Childs, CD (Regtl Maj)
 M.P. (Windsor -Essex) Joe Comartin ('D' Coy)
 Cpl Steven Cunningham (E &K Scot)
 Mr. Marshall DeJaeger (Regtl Assn, WWII First Hussars War Veteran)
 Windsor Fire & Rescue Capt Doug Diet ('D' Coy)
 Capt (Ret'd) Jim Elliot, (Regtl Assn, WWII 'D' Day War Veteran)
 Sgt Kyle Ferguson, CD (E&K Scot)
 Windsor Fire Chief (Ret'd) Dave Fields ('D' Coy)
 Windsor Mayor Eddie Francis ('D' Coy)
 Ms. Amanda Gellman ('D' Coy)
 Mrs Andrea Grimes ('D' Coy)
 CWO (Ret'd) Blake Harding, CD (Regtl Assn- BoD)
 Municipality of C-K Mayor Randy Hope ('D' Coy)
 Capt ,The Reverend Greg Lutz (Padre- E&K Scot)
 Sgt Darrin Mangin, CD (E&K Scot)
 M.P. (Windsor West) Brian Masse ('D' Coy)
 Mr Darcy McKeough, OC (Regtl Supporter)
 Capt David McLagan, (E&K Scot)
 Cpl Joseph McLeod (E&K Scot)
 MCpl Renee Mitchell, CD (E&K Scot)
 Sgt Jeffery Morrison, CD (E&K Scot)
 Maj (Ret'd) Thomas Mountain, CD (Ansell Club)
 C-K Police Chief Dennis Poole ('D' Coy)
 LCol (Ret'd) Michael Robinson, CD (Scottish Borderers)
 Windsor Police Chief (Ret'd) Glenn Stannard (Past HLCol)
 Dr. John Strasser ('D' Coy)
 M.P.(C-K--Essex) David Van Kesteren ('D' Coy)
 M.P.(Essex) Jeffrey Watson ('D' Coy)
 HCol Hardy Wheeler, CD (E&K Scot)
 Col (Ret'd) Ralph West, O St J, CD (Regtl Assn)
 Dr. Alan Wildeman ('D' Coy)
 HLCol David Woodall (E&K Scot)

Upcoming Regimental Events

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| 21 Sept 2013 (Sat) Trot With The Troops and Regimental Family Day at Tilston Armoury, Windsor. | 11 Nov 2013 (Mon) Remembrance Day . Regiment at Cenotaph in Chatham 9:30 a.m. |
| 22 Sept 2013 (Sun) Regimental Stone Dedication at All Saints Anglican Church ,330 City Hall Square, Windsor 10:00 a.m. | 5 Dec 2013 (Thurs) Soldiers`Christmas Dinner , Tilston Armoury, 6:30 p.m. |
| 5 Oct 2013 (Sat) Re-enactment of Battle of the Thames , Thamesville. E&K Scot performing mock battle. | 1 Jan 2014 (Weds) New Year`s Day Levee , Ansell Armoury, Tilston Armoury (Timings TBC) |
| 1 Oct 2013 (Tues) Regimental Birthday Party in Ansell Messes 9:30 p.m. | Feb 2014, Windsor Military Symposium , Tilston Armoury (date, timings TBC) |
| 3 Nov 2013 (Sun) Field of Valour , Old Chatham Armoury, 50 William St Chatham. 3:00 p.m. | 1 Mar 2014, (Sat) Hochwald Dinner , Windsor (Tilston Armoury) |

LAST POST

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BRADLEY, Heather, Ms. 'D' Coy of E&K Scot, 60 years. Died 16 Apr 2013

CHAMKO, Steven, WWII Essex Scot. Died 10 May 2013

COPLAND, Kay, Mrs. Regimental Association Died 16 Mar 2013

ELLIOTT, James, CD, Capt. 'D' Day medic, Essex Scot, E&K Scot paymaster. Member Regtl Senate, Died 27 Mar 2013

ELVY, Donald, Sgt, WWII Essex Scot Anti-tank platoon. 88 years. Died 19 Aug 2013

HAWKINS, Thomas, WWII 'B' Coy Essex Scot Died 21 Jun 2013

CLARK, Bruce, B.A. Sgt E&K Scot, 73 years. Died 29 May 2013

JACKSON, Douglas, Kent Regiment, E&K Scot. Died 13 Jun 2013

MARCHAND, James, Essex Scot, Died 16 Apr 2013

MARCHAND, George, "Jim", M.M., Essex Scot, Dieppe POW, 92 years, Died 23 Sept 2013

PUCKETT, Kaye, Essex Scot, Dieppe POW, Died 26 Sept 2012

SHEARDOWN, John, Capt, C.M. WWII Lancaster Bomber Pilot, E&K Scot 5 years during early 1960s, 88 years, Died 30 Dec 2012.

WAGGOTT, Jack, E&K Scot, 61 years. Died 27 Feb 2013

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Unfortunately for various reasons, it has been many months since publishing our last issue of *Semper Paratus*. There have been so many important events to cover that some articles must now wait until the winter issue due to lack of space. Our Regiment has been extremely busy with operational training and military field exercises and as you can see in the upcoming events, our Regimental Family will be quite busy for the next six months as well.

The Regimental Association has worked very close and sometimes partnering with the Regiment on many initiatives and projects which assist both our Soldiers and our War Veterans. Our Board of Directors are unpaid volunteers dedicated to our cause and work hard at fund-raising. Regarding registered charitable groups, our Association is one of the few where I estimate that 99% of our funds are directed to assisting our War Veterans and serving soldiers, with less than 1% used on administration costs.

We are grateful to the members of our Regimental Family for your continuous support with helping hands as well as financial donations.

Most of us who are getting 'a little long in the tooth' have done estate planning for the day when we leave this earth. When planning your will, please give some thought to making a small bequest to The Essex and Kent Scottish Regimental Association, to help us continue our good current works as well as honouring our rich military history, such as was done by commissioning 'Duty Nobly Done', the chronicle of the great deeds performed by our predecessor soldiers. There is a current need for \$1700.00

to fund the new Regimental Stone, or monument being dedicated on 22 Sept 2013 at All Saints Anglican Church, The spiritual home of The Essex and Kent Scottish, in Essex County.

The Association has been bequeathed sums of money over the years from members of our Regimental Family. Recently we had two generous gifts, one to our Association and one to The Kent Regiment Museum, which does not exist, but which I believe had been intended to support our large inventory of regimental artefacts. This bequest was reabsorbed into the veteran's estate. When you are writing your will, or a codicil amending your existing will, to ensure that your intended gift reaches our Association, you may wish to contact Honorary Colonel Hardy Wheeler for assistance. HCol Wheeler has included our Association as a charitable destination for donations in lieu of flowers at many area funeral homes, and receipts are issued by mail from the Association treasurer for your income tax purposes. We also issue tax receipts for highland kit including 'claymore' swords, etc., in serviceable condition which can be used by the Regiment.

Semper Paratus!

Greg



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