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A Message from the President

Since the last edition of our newsletter, our Association has been very active. We have supported the Bi-Annual Reunion and Trot with the Troops (covered in further detail in this edition), continued to work on the artifacts of our regiment (Artifacts Sub-Committee), provided support to the Annual Soldiers Christmas Dinner, and always focussed on taking care of our Veterans and soldiers. Over the next six months our Association Board will continue to focus on fundraising events to support the Trooping of the new Colours in the next few years. We look forward to encouraging serving members of the Regiment to join the Association and ask you, the members, to recruit and get more community members to join this wonderful family. I wish to also thank the Senate, Scottish Borderers Foundation, Ansell Club and Delta Company for their marvelous support and contribution to the extended Regimental family.

At the AGM, you voted in the new Board. We were excited to have Ron Bodnar and Jacquie Winand-Bacon, Mary Baruth and Lt Tom Jaeger join our team. After years of dedicated service, Hardy Wheeler retired from the Board and as our Editor for the Association Newsletter. On behalf of all of our Regimental family, we thank Hardy for his outstanding dedication and service. He has decided to continue as a member of the Artifacts Committee. The Board is meeting to determine when and where we will have functions and fundraisers like the Mash Bash. Once the plans are out, we will get word out to you.

Fondest regards to all our extended Regimental Family!

SEMPER PARATUS

Morris

HCol Phil Berthiaume completes his term on 28 Feb 2019. We are thankful for his many years of dedicated service to the Regiment. Preparations to recognize his service are being planned.





Artifact Restoration



Delta Company has initiated the restoration of the Union Jack Flag Mural that hangs in the drill hall. The mural was first mounted on the west wall of the Windsor Armoury before being transferred to the Maj. FA Tilston Armoury in 2004. The mural has a long and storied history dating back, we believe, to the 1940's. Many who served or are serving in the Regiment will have seen it on many occasions. The verse on the mural is taken from a much longer 19th century poem by William Ernest Henley entitled *A New Song to an Old Tune*.

When the mural was moved to the new armoury, it had to be disassembled and reassembled. In the process, some minor damage was unavoidable. Since that time, it has sustained additional damage in the drill hall that is also used for sporting activities. Consequently, the Scottish Borderers Foundation has determined that a repair/restoration project is required. A committee comprising of Dave Woodall, Mary Baruth and Glenn Stannard have made preliminary arrangements with Montcalm Fine Art Conservation to undertake this project at an estimated cost of \$6,000.

The Borderers, the Association and several other organizations and individuals have already stepped up to support this project. We are now inviting individual members of the Association to help shoulder a small part of the financial burden. Cheques can be sent payable to the Essex and Kent Scottish Regiment Association with a note referencing the Union Jack Mural Project. Donations made through The Scottish Borderers Foundation or The Regimental Association will receive a charitable donations tax receipt.

Maj (Ret'd) Eric Skelton CD

Kilted Regiments Conference

The Commanding Officer of the E&K Scot is pleased to host the 7th Annual Kilted Regiments Conference in Windsor on the weekend of 6-7 April 2019. The kilted regiments include all of the Scottish regiments from Victoria BC to Truro NS as well as the lone Irish regiment. The purpose of the conference is to discuss issues that are common to the kilted regiments. Note that this is not an open event but is included here for the information of our Association members. The intent is to have a report on this Conference in the next Newsletter.

In Memoriam

Since the last newsletter, we were saddened by the loss of Sister Agnes, Harry Willmore, Allan Heyninck, Alice Kuderian, Mathew McLachlan, and Rodney Mulder.





The E&K Biannual Reunion

The biannual Regimental Reunion was held Oct 12-14 2018 in Windsor. Activities kicked off Friday night with a meet and greet at the Windsor Garrison Officer's Mess, when quite a few local retired members dropped by to enjoy the informal opportunity to enjoy camaraderie with peers from a variety of past eras. Highlight of the night was a guided tour of the now repurposed downtown Armoury building, followed by a "broomstick parade" led by retired P&D member Bob Copland, with an enthusiastic mob marching behind our band. Stepping off from the old Armoury as in reunions of past, the parade proceeded down Ouellette Ave to Dieppe Gardens and the memorial cairn to Pipe Major Jock Copland, where a rousing set was performed under somewhat damp conditions.



Saturday activities included the Association AGM in the morning, followed by the Unit on parade to welcome HLCOL Joe Ouellette after our lunch, and completed by the Reunion Banquet on Saturday evening. Many thanks to the CO for authorizing the KitShop to be staffed pretty much all weekend, including during our banquet, allowing our registrants access to merchandise of variety and value to our Regimental family.



While our WWII veteran registrant numbers continue to decline over time, we were very pleased and honoured to enjoy full attendance and family accompaniment from Roy Hare and Don Balcarras (8 family supporters!). While plans are in place to once again convene the reunion in 2020, the committee is also looking at ways to potentially evolve the event in years to come. Any thoughts in this vein would be appreciated, regarding both design and timings for change.

Dieppe Memorial Service

To commemorate the 77th anniversary of the Dieppe Raid and especially members of The Essex Scottish who participated in the 1942 Raid on Dieppe join us at the Dieppe Memorial in Dieppe Gardens, Windsor at 1:00 pm on Sunday, 19 August 2019. Serving members of the Regiment and the Pipes and Drums will be in attendance. Everyone is welcome.





Trot with the Troops / Family Day



14 Oct 18 saw another successful Trot with the Troops. This year's events took place at the Ansell Armoury in Chatham. The "trot" included 5/10k runners, walkers and even a soldier ready for ruck march. It was great to see such a good representation of our associated Cadet corps. Other activities included games, archery, face painting and lots of food and fun for the whole family.

Association Receives History Award

A small group of Association volunteers have worked tirelessly over many years to preserve and share the history of our Regiment. The Essex Region Conservation Authority on January 24 honoured the Association with the 2018 **John R. Park Homestead Award** for diligent preservation and promotion of military heritage and its connection to communities in the Essex Region.

Some of the 2018 activities and events that were cited as contributing to the award were:



ERCA Vice Chair Tania Jobin, Eric Skelton, Jacquie Winand-Bacon, Mary Baruth, Hardy Wheeler, ERCA Chair Irek Kusmierczyk.

- Replying to and researching approximately 35 inquiries received via www.ekscot.org on family members involved in WWI and II.
- Receiving, documenting, and displaying donated campaign medals, photographs and personal records from veterans of the Essex Scottish and The Kent Regiment.
- On-going research to record the lives of the 553 soldiers of The Essex Scottish who fought in the Dieppe Raid, France on August 19, 1942.
- The Field of Valour Dinner on November 4 with a presentation on the involvement of 18th Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force in the Last Hundred Days of the War, 1918.
- Participation in the commemoration ceremonies at Fort Meigs (Perrysburg, Ohio) and visited Fort Miamis (Toledo, Ohio) to remember the involvement of 1st Essex Regiment and 2nd Essex Regiment in the Battle of Maumee April 29 – May 9, 1813.
- Honouring the soldiers of 18th Battalion, CEF 1914-1918 at the Flags of Remembrance/Veteran Voices of Canada project of 128 flags and red maple leaf Honour Plaques at Assumption Park, Windsor September 22-November 12.
- Bi-annual Reunion of The Essex and Kent Scottish October 12-14, co-sponsored by the Association, recognizing our veterans.

If interested in joining this "award winning" group of volunteers in the registration, care and display of regimental artifacts in Windsor or Chatham please use the "Contact" link at www.ekscot.org. Artifact volunteers will be trained in the handling of historical items. Hours are flexible during day, evenings or weekends.