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A Message from the President

Greetings to our Association Members and the extended Regimental family. Over the last six months, your Board has been busy with planning for future fundraising events and supporting Regimental events. The Hochwald Dinner was excellent as always. It was good to get together with the Regimental family and celebrate the history, and continuing legacy, of our very impressive Regiment. What makes this regiment great is not only the soldiers who serve, the veterans who have given their all, but the extended Regimental family that thrives on our gatherings and supporting each other. Members of the Association also were proud to support the CO and RSM as they hosted the Kilted Regiments Conference in Windsor in April. Seventeen Kilted Regiments from across Canada gathered for a weekend of strategic planning and socializing, and our Regiment performed marvellously. As always, our Pipes and Drums were amazing at the Mess Dinner.

On your behalf, I am working with the Regimental Executive Committee in conducting some strategic planning for the next five to ten years on what the Regiment will be involved with, including the future Trooping of the New Colours sometime in the next few years. Financial commitments must be made, thus the need to strategically plan. We are also trying to determine whether our reunion should be every two years, or perhaps every three years. Please let us know what you think.

Through Mary Baruth's hard work, we were able to get grant funding from the Canada Summer Jobs programme for two students to work on our Regimental archives this summer. More details can be found on page 4 "Protecting our Artifact Collection".

Fundraising and other events are covered in this edition. I would encourage all members of the Regimental family to participate and help up raise the necessary funds to achieve our Regimental strategic goals. If you are reading our Newsletter and you are not a member of our Association, why not? We encourage our extended Regimental family and friends to join. Please contact us, and we will be delighted to sponsor you.

Have a great summer!

Fondest regards to all our extended Regimental Family!

SEMPER PARATUS

Morris



Artifact Restoration

After many weeks of fund-raising, the task of restoring the Drill Hall mural of the Union Jack and the related excerpt from a poem entitled “A New Song To An Old Tune” penned by William Ernest Henley (August 23, 1849 - July 11, 1903) - a British poet, critic and editor and a friend of Robert Louis Stevenson – was commenced on June 3rd by Spencer Montcalm of Montcalm Fine Art Conservation.

Removal was more difficult than originally thought as some of the older damaged parts were glued directly to the wall at the time of the move from the old downtown Armoury to the new Tilston Armoury. We did manage to get it down without causing further damage and were pleasantly surprised to find that some of the broken pieces had fallen in behind the facing panels. While we have been unable to find any definitive information as to the original artist or time of its creation, the date on the boards on which it was painted shows 1929 – so it was probably done during the Depression years. It was also the subject of some restoration work in April 1978 by Lt. Hill and Cpl. Brown who did leave their names on the back. Mr. Montcalm reports that this restoration work was well done, but that the mural was fully repainted at that time and the colours are not exactly the same as the original. All work has been top notch



Details of the restoration include:

- repairs to some of the broken pieces so they can be installed back into the picture,
- mounting of the poem on two pieces of $\frac{3}{4}$ " plywood backing to provide future stability,
- patching of some of the myriad holes created when the old backing was removed many years ago
- working out the puzzle of which of the hundreds of small broken pieces go where,
- matching of new paints to existing,
- cleaning of the mural surface which was quite dirty and oily – probably from vehicles being run inside the old Armoury.

The mural is now back in the drill hall with only some minor touch ups to still be done.

Dave Woodall





7th Annual Kilted Regiments Conference

The Essex and Kent Scottish had the privilege of hosting the 7th Annual Kilted Regiments Conference in Windsor from the 5th to 7th of April. This annual “gathering of the clans” started in 2013 to celebrate the common heritage and traditions of Canada’s seventeen Highland, Scottish, and Irish Regiments. These regiments make up a significant part of the cultural identity of the Canadian Army and of the Infantry Corps in particular. A number of guest speakers presented on topics including CAF Bands, The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, Royal Canadian Infantry Corp, Canadian Infantry Association, and Regimental Dress Initiatives supported by Supplier Presentations. The conference began with an Open House at the Armoury organised by Delta Coy and then moved to the J.P. Wiser’s Experience Centre for the official Meet & Greet. The main Saturday presentations were conducted at the University of Windsor School of Creative Arts (the old armoury) utilising the state of the art Multimedia Room with a tour of the old armoury conducted by the Operations Manager.



The highlight of the conference, The Kilted Regiments Mess Dinner, was held at the Windsor Club with performances by our Pipes and Drums. Financial Support by the Regimental Association, Ansell Club and Delta Company permitted the conference to be held downtown in several excellent venues without having to pass those costs to our out of town guests. The conference was a success with 14 of 17 Kilted Regiments represented by 64 attendees from across the country. The mess dinner saw additional guests in attendance to bring the total to 84 for the evening.

Maj David Mimmagh
DCO, E&K Scot





In Memoriam

Since the last newsletter, we were saddened by the loss of F. McLaughlin, E. Connely, John Snake Sr., Doug McKenzie, Dorothy Schram, Don Brancaccio, Donald Balcarras, Brian Henneker, Bill Little, Dave McLean, Sheridan Atkinson, Fred Gard and Fred Hulcul.



Protecting our Artifact Collection

For almost a decade the Association Artifacts Committee has made small steps to protect our regimental collection of artifacts by digitizing photos, documents, newspaper clippings, trophies and donated personal items. It is a labour-intensive and pricey venture. We were unsuccessful in obtaining grants from the Trillium Foundation in 2011 and 2012; and Library and Archives Canada in 2018. Thanks to the ongoing efforts of Mary Baruth, Chair of the Artifacts Committee, our application to the *Canada Summer Jobs Program* was approved earlier this year to hire two Museum Collection Technicians over the summer 2019 to digitize our collection.

Through July and August Olivia Musselwhite (L) and Nicole Pillon (R) will scan and photograph some of our 30,000 items and record these in an extensive database. In addition, our displays will be refreshed and storage improved. Olivia has prior experience dealing with collections and Nicole is pursuing her Masters of History degree at the University of Windsor in September. We are already seeing excellent results from these two talented young women. If you see Olivia and Nicole in the Tilston Armoury and sometimes in the Ansell Armoury have a chat and thank them for their essential work on behalf of past, present and future members of our regimental family.



Hardy Wheeler



FTX Scottish Highlander 2019



Quick on the heels of Field Training Exercise (FTX) Scottish Navigator, approximately 32 soldiers of E&K Scot honed their infantry skills with a very aggressive assault boat exercise near the mouth of the Thames River during 6th- 9th June 2019. The exercise was conducted on the 5,000 acre estate of the Bradley Farms, once again graciously made available to the Regiment by our long time friends, the Bradley Family. All participating soldiers completed the mandatory CAF swim test, required prior to the nighttime water crossing of the 75m wide Thames River

while wearing full fighting gear with weapons. CAF assault boats from 31 Combat Engineer Regiment in St. Thomas were quickly and quietly paddled across the river. The watermanship training is another tool used by E&K Scot for their aggressive offensive operations in any weather, daylight or darkness. The FTX culminated on Sunday morning with our soldiers competing in highland games. The last component was an axe throwing competition against wooden targets resulting in some very accurate throws.

As this FTX was the last in the training cycle before the summer stand down, when these soldiers would be joining the others already deployed as instructors and candidates on the gruelling career courses conducted across Canada during the summer months. After the competitions, a succulent sparerib BBQ was enjoyed by our soldiers and a dozen Regimental Family members, washed down with appropriate libations provided by Ansell Club, Delta Company, the Regimental Association and several very generous members of our Regimental Family.

Greg Childs



The LCol John Hodgins with Melissa and Lauren Bradley



Sergeant Hank 'The Trigger' Wong WWII Kent Regiment Commando

Henry (Hank) Wong, 99, is the last surviving member of OPERATION OBLIVION (classified SECRET), an elite espionage team of Chinese-Canadian commandos who were trained to parachute into Japanese-occupied China during the Second World War. Hank joined the Kent Regiment in 1940 and was recruited by British Combined Operations Instructors from the Special Operations Executive and trained in secret in British Columbia and Australia. Blowing up trains, jumping out of moving trucks, parachuting, he was proficient in all of that. But his specialty, one that earned him the nickname The Trigger was small arms. Beretta, Luger, Japanese Nambu, name

the pistol and he could efficiently dispatch an enemy soldier with any of them. He also became fluent in speaking Mandarin.



Just prior to the team's insertion into China, the US dropped the atomic bombs on Japan, forcing the Japanese unconditional surrender.

Sgt Wong now resides in Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto and is only 5 months away from his 100th birthday. On the 2nd of June, Sgt Wong was presented a Quilt of Valour for his wartime efforts and sacrifice, by Greg Childs, representing our Regiment.

Greg Childs

Sgt Wong with a buddy in WWII





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 Monday, 19 August 2019. Serving members of the Regiment and the Pipes and Drums will be in attendance. Everyone is welcome.



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Boston Pizza Fundraiser

After a very successful Boston Pizza Fundraiser in Chatham earlier this spring, we are encouraging everyone to support our Boston Pizza Fundraiser in Windsor. Here is the information:



The Essex and Kent Scottish Regiment Association

INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR A
GREAT TIME AT A



BOOSTER AFTERNOON

ON

Sunday, 14 July 2019

2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

4450 Walker Road, Windsor

Tickets: \$20.00 per person
\$10.00 Children 10 and under
4 and under are free

Pizza and Salad Buffet with drink specials

**Proceeds to Support the Serving Soldiers of the Regiment &
Care and Display of Donated Artifacts**

For tickets contact: Morris Brause mbrause@gmail.com
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