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A Message from the President

Greetings to our Association Members and the extended Regimental family. Since our Fall newsletter, our Country and the world have gone through a horrible experience of a pandemic called COVID-19. It has adversely affected our lives, disrupted family reunions, caused us to miss normal funeral services to say our final farewells, stopped weddings, ended vacations and caused a whole new experience for what our soldiers were expected to do. Trying times demand that families and loved ones gather and support each other. The same expectations and resolve should occur with our extended Regimental family. I am pleased to see the resilience and desire to keep in touch, try to find ways to help others and do our best to continue to support our serving soldiers, their families, and our veterans.

Your Board of Directors has continued to meet through monthly ZOOM meetings to carry on with the business of handling requests for assistance, improving our methods of operating and working with the Commanding Officer to find ways and means to support our soldiers. In this newsletter you will hear of a direct account on how we did that on behalf of the members of our Association.

Although currently financially sound, we have not been able to carry on with our normal fundraising to meet our budgetary plans since the beginning of COVID-19. It will likely be some time before we can plan any successful fundraising events. Your Board is judiciously monitoring our expenses and will continue to work on any method we can to meet the proposed financial goals for this fiscal year. At the AGM in November, we will have a better picture of where we sit and what our plans will be. Remember, our Association is a charity and as such, if you so wish, you can donate funds and get a tax receipt.

Details are covered in this newsletter of our success in hiring a summer student once again to assist our Artifacts Committee in preserving and documenting important documents for our archives.

I hope that you will once again enjoy another edition of our Association Newsletter. 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. I pray that you and your family members are healthy and enjoying a great summer. Fondest regards to all our extended Regimental Family!

SEMPER PARATUS Morris Brause



Report from the Honorary Lieutenant Colonel

The Senate has had a quiet summer so far. We had one extraordinary meeting to decide the details of those highland kit items that will be provided by DND. More details will follow as they are made available to us. But it's refreshing to see that DND is finally coming up to the plate with kit we typically to date had to pay for ourselves.

As a follow on, we still are responsible for the purchase of a lot of kit such as sporrans, Glengarries, diced hose etc. If anyone has any items of kit from a father, brother, grandfather, etc. hanging in their closet, we'll be more than happy to take them and reissue them for current serving members.

What better way to honour your past serving family members than to have their kit reissued to these fine young men and women who currently serve. If you have trews or an officer's claymore, we'll ensure they are used again to honour the past owner and will recognize the gift if you wish.

The first ZOOM event, "The Honorary's Mess Call" was a great success. We had presentations from Col Hardy Wheeler on regimental history that was very illuminating. We all sat back with a drink and sent a half hour over a ZOOM environment as a virtual mess event. We'll be holding others in the fall and winter so watch for notices in the various newsletters, the Regimental website and the E&K Scot Facebook page.

The ceremony at the memorial in Dieppe Park on August 19, Windsor is now finalized in accordance with Covid-19 restrictions. LCol Prentice has established the official delegation that will represent the Regiment for the ceremony. *(Editor's note: Details of the memorial service can be found later in this Newsletter.)*

Best Regards,

Joseph Ouellette
Honorary Lieutenant Colonel





Digitizing Our Archival Collection



The Association is again fortunate to have Olivia Musselwhite (L) and Nicole Pilon available this summer to digitize some of our archival material.

This summer our Archives Committee was again able to take advantage of a Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) grant to continue with digitizing of our archival collection. Many thanks to Mary Baruth who submitted the grant application even though she moved in January to a new job in New Brunswick as CEO of King's Landing – one of Canada's premier tourist attractions and a living history museum of 19th century New Brunswick.

Unfortunately, we only received one position for eight weeks since the CSJ program was reduced across Canada – no surprise given the financial pressures with the corona virus pandemic. The really good news is we were able to retain Olivia Musselwhite for a second year. As an added bonus the second

student from last year, Nicole Pilon, has generously volunteered to assist half days for the full eight-week placement. We are indeed fortunate to have these two talented, young adults dedicated to our archival work.

Olivia and Nicole are digitizing scrapbooks, some unit Part 2 Orders and news clippings as a JPEG image or a PDF document then assembling everything in a searchable data base that will allow quicker research and preserve the material for the future. By the time you read this we will have digitized 21 scrapbooks such as several personal ones about time as a Dieppe POW; unit collections like the 1985 Centennial Drill Team photobook and scrapbook; and the Kent Regiment and Essex and Kent Scottish Part 2 Orders around the time of amalgamation in 1954. Next, we will be digitizing some old newspaper clippings and some of the reference material and personal submissions used in *Duty Nobly Done* – the official history of our Regiment published in 2006.

Last word! If you are interested in volunteering for the Association Archives Committee – once the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted – contact the Association through the CONTACT LINK at www.ekscot.org.

Bill Carruthers
Blake Harding
Eric Skelton
Hardy Wheeler



OP LASER Supporting Our Soldiers

OP LASER is the activation by the Department of National Defense of a contingency plan whose objective is to mitigate the potential impacts of Covid-19. This had a direct impact on soldiers of the Essex & Kent Scottish Regiment. Normal summer training was set aside as resources were deployed throughout 31 CBG and 4 Cdn Div. Many of our soldiers were deployed to various locations as part of OP LASER.

The E&K Association, in an effort to support our military family, took up the cause of receiving donations and putting together care packages for those who were deployed. To date, almost \$2,000 has been donated which has been used to purchase such personal items as hand warmers, cleaning supplies, water bottles, Gatorade, cans of Tim Horton's coffee, chips, chocolate bars and other snacks.

The care packages were delivered and much appreciated by the soldiers. LCol Prentice also expressed his appreciation for a job well done.

There is still a balance in the fund which will be held in reserve in the event that more care packages are needed in the future.

Thank you everyone for your support. This has been a great initiative that helps our soldiers know how much their work is valued and appreciated.

Kim Gilliland



Pat Coughlin loading care packages for transport.

In Memoriam

Since the last newsletter, we were saddened by the loss of Alice Kuderian, Tom Maynard Sr., Doug Ramsay and Neil Lester. We continue to honour those who have gone from our midst and we remember them.





Dieppe Memorial Service

Commemorating the Dieppe Raid is an important event to both our Regiment and the community of Windsor Essex. This year's commemoration, the 78th anniversary, will take place at the Dieppe Memorial in Dieppe Gardens, Windsor at 1300 hrs on Wednesday, 19 August 20. It will, however, be done with adherence to all appropriate guidelines established by the Windsor Essex County Health Unit. LCol Prentice has established the seven military and three non-military personnel who will complete the official commemoration gathering. This includes one representative each from the Association, Ansell Club and Delta Coy. All others are asked to respect the WECHU guidelines and the directives of the Commanding Officer. Even if Windsor Essex has moved to Stage 3 by August 19, these directives will not change.

You are invited to commemorate the Dieppe Raid an appropriate manner even if we are unable to gather in the usual way this year. Let us not forget the sacrifice of those who went ashore that morning. We are forever indebted to them for our freedom.



Keeping Connected Online

It is important to stay connected especially when we cannot gather in our normal way. Those wishing to keep in touch with the activities of the Regiment are encouraged to visit the Regimental website and Facebook page listed as follows:

Website www.ekscot.org

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/6161648785>

A Reminder to all Members

Just a friendly reminder to pay your dues if you have not already done so. Also if anyone has changed their email or postal address, please notify Cathy Macdonald at ekbrat@gmail.com so we can keep our records up to date.

Thanks to everyone for your contributions. Kim Gilliland, Editor.