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A Message from the President

Greetings to our Association Members and the extended Regimental family. As the second wave of COVID outbreak once again shut things down, we have not been able to enjoy each other's company at some of our historical events. However, your Board members have continued to meet and plan events and ensure that our operations have been running smoothly.

For the first time in our history, the Board had to plan our Annual General Meeting via a Zoom conference. We were able to get all material sent to the membership via e-mail and conducted this important meeting to cover the operational and financial aspects of our Association since the AGM in 2019. We were also able to enjoy a social time together on Zoom after the AGM. It is not the same as meeting together, but that will be the plan for next year. Once restrictions are lifted, we will plan some social and fundraising events where we can all get together. As most of you are already aware, the Hochwald Dinner for March 2021 has been cancelled.

The presentation and Trooping of our new Colours are planned for 13-15 May 2022. This will include the actual presentation of Colours on Saturday, 14 May 2022 in Windsor followed by a Grand Ball. Sunday the 15 May 2022 will see the Regiment conduct a Church Parade followed by a Freedom of the City Parade. The Commanding Officer has formed a planning committee for this event that includes the following members from the Board: LCol Morris Brause, Lt Jacquie Winand-Bacon, Major Greg Childs, and CWO Blake Harding. Your Association is honoured and proud to be part of this great team that also includes: The CO, LCol Gordon Prentice; the RSM, CWO Brian Jordan; The President of the Scottish Borderers Foundation, LCol Mike Robinson; the OC of D Coy, Chief Dennis Poole; and representing the Ansell Club, CWO Blake Harding (double hatted).

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. Fondest regards to all our extended Regimental Family!

SEMPER PARATUS

Morris Brause



Digitization the Archives Continues

To say that this summer has been unconventional would be an understatement. Having spent last summer working at the Tilston Armoury, it was a significant adjustment to have to adapt our living spaces into an office where we could document the regiment's archival materials safely and efficiently. After monopolizing the Musselwhites' living and dining rooms for our purposes, we were able to digitize approximately 30 individual collections and 405 newspaper articles. Though the surface of the dining room table could not be seen for the entirety of the summer, we also successfully catalogued several war diaries from past members of the regiment, including that of Padre Mike Dalton.

Documenting the contents of war diaries, specifically Padre Mike Dalton's, gave us insights into the realities of combat in a way that made their experiences vivid almost a century later. Dalton's efforts to comfort and console soldiers overseas was moving to read and allude to his humility and perseverance. For example, he often mentions comforting those who were experiencing marital troubles or homesickness. His lighthearted descriptions of his "collapsible cathedral" also suggests his positive attitude. Through accounts written by Dieppe prisoners of war, we were able to see a different perspective of the war. For example, a prisoner of war diary written by Leslie MacCallum featured an elaborate map of a POW camp and several humorous illustrations. These inclusions demonstrated their hopes of returning home to their families and their attempts at creating levity during times of upheaval and fear.

Expanding upon our work from last summer, we also added many names to the phonebook of Dieppe Raid casualties. We combed through the names in order to match them to the photos and articles pasted in the phonebook. Seeing their young faces, it was sobering to encounter so many individuals who were not far from our age making extreme sacrifices in the line of duty.

We were also able to digitize the original interview transcripts used while researching *Duty Nobly Done*, the official history of the Essex and Kent Scottish Regiment. This process showed us the rigorous research process involved in writing the book. It also gave us access to the unedited transcripts of veterans present for many significant events in the regiment's history.

One of the most anxiety-inducing but fulfilling aspects of our work this summer was being able to catalogue physical artifacts such as war medals. Being relatively unfamiliar with military honours, a lot of



L to R: Hardy Wheeler, Nicole Pilon, Olivia Musselwhite and Blake Harding at the Dieppe Raid Memorial in Windsor on August 19, 2020.



outside research went into recording these items and we now have a greater appreciation for how difficult it is to earn them.

As our work with the regiment concludes for the year, we would like to thank the Regimental Association for their efforts to bring us back again this summer. Thank you to Hardy Wheeler for making it possible for us to work from home and for giving us guidance and encouragement during this process. We truly appreciate the opportunity to be involved in this important archival project, and we hope to continue working with the E&K in the future.

Olivia Musselwhite and Nicole Pilon (Canada Summer Student 2020 and volunteer)



DELTA COMPANY

When the first settlements were created in what are now the cities and regions of Windsor-Essex and Chatham-Kent, it was required that every male between the ages of 16 and 60 bear arms to defend the Colony. Since that date the Reserve Army has been an integral and unbroken part of our communities. During those early years the Regiment was intimately associated with and supported by the settlement as the community depended on the Regiment for its safety. The Essex & Kent Scottish (the Regiment) legitimately traces its antecedents and its existence from those early days and as such is one of the oldest Regiments in Canada.

It is reasonable to assume that the civic leaders of the community at that time frequently met and discussed the Regiment's health and its needs with the officers. The officers had regular communications with these civilian leaders to ensure that the community was aware of the actions of the Regiment and to promote the cultural and economic benefits to both groups. This association between prominent members in the communities of Windsor-Essex and Chatham-Kent with The Essex and Kent Scottish continues to this day, and was enhanced by the formal creation of Delta Company in 2003.

The members of Delta Company (DCOY) consist of a network of Windsor-Essex/Chatham-Kent community and business leaders and civilian volunteers whose connection to the community and affinity for the Canadian Armed Forces will, from time to time, assist the Commanding Officer (CO) of the Regiment with his/her mission. This assistance may take place in various forms, and may centre around the member's "sphere of influence" or particular skill set. Delta Company members are prepared to consider potential assistance to any serving regimental member, if possible, should it be within the members' purview or position to do so.

From time to time Delta Company may become involved in major projects which are defined as those that involve significant high-profile and sustained interaction with the community, and other fundraising or incidental projects that will enhance the life of the Regiment or assist in its operations or the preservation of its history and heritage. The scope of activities undertaken by Delta Company is only limited by the imagination and effort of its members, or the varying needs in the life of the Regiment.



Delta Company members are encouraged to attend as many of the Regiment's ceremonial and social functions as possible, and are expected to promote and show support of the Canadian Armed Forces in general and The Essex and Kent Scottish in particular, by participating in or being members of the Regimental Association, the Garrison Messes, the Ansell Club, the Scottish Borderers, etc.

Delta Company exists as a civilian support component of The Essex & Kent Scottish Regimental family as a network of civic, community, public and private sector leaders, and is separate from the Regimental Association (although affiliated to it), the Scottish Borderers Foundation and the Messes. In keeping with military tradition Delta Company (DCOY) has a leadership structure like any other infantry Company, being comprised of an appointed Officer Commanding, a 2IC, and two "Company Sergeant Majors" (CSM's), one representing Essex and one representing Kent. The OC, 2IC and CSMs form the Executive Committee of Delta Company.

Delta Company has been involved in several high-profile initiatives, including the Dieppe Memorial Projects (both I and II), and other fund-raising initiatives such as Trot with the Troops and MASH Bash. Quite often, however, Delta members become involved "behind the scenes" in assisting troops in need, helping with public relations initiatives (such as the Ekeren Appeal) and in supporting the career aspirations of troops through the HIRE Program and informal networking. Members also step up to donate funds and provide other forms of support during Regiment exercises and activities to help boost morale and esprit-de-corps.

Delta Company members are honoured to be connected with this storied Regiment, and will continue to work with other members of the Regimental family to look after our soldiers, and keep the Regiment's traditions and history alive and well in our communities.

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In Memoriam

Since the last newsletter, we were saddened by the loss of Kelly Yorke (daughter of former CO LCol Ward Yorke), Doug Skinner and Jan Bergeron (Regional Representative - Essex County for Quilts of Valour Canada). We continue to honour those who have gone from our midst and we remember them.





THE BATTLE OF FALLEN TIMBERS



Xavier Allen and Amy Luck. Photo courtesy of
Fallen Timbers' Curator Julia Wiley.

The Battle of Fallen Timbers occurred on 20 Aug 1794 near the present day city of Maumee, Ohio. It was the final battle in the Northwest Indian War which was fought between American Forces and the Western Confederacy First Nations Tribes and their British Allies made up primarily of Canadian militia. The victory by American forces ended hostilities in the region, resulting in the disbursement of the Western Confederacy and retreat of British forces north of the Great Lakes.

This picture is from the 226th anniversary re-enactment of the battle that took place on 20 Aug 2020. It features our own Xavier Allen along with Amy Luck of

Maumee, Ohio. Amy does a fine first-person portrayal of Eleanor McKillup, the wife of Captain Daniel McKillip of the British forces who was killed in action during the battle. They are standing on the route that the Canadian militia took to the engagement.

Keeping Connected Online

At a time when we cannot connect in the normal way, you are encouraged to visit the Regimental website and Facebook page listed as follows:

Website www.ekscot.org

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

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