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A Message from the President

It is my pleasure to greet all our extended Regimental family in the April 2022 newsletter. As COVID restrictions have declined, our Association Board is now working on some planned events which will be covered in



this newsletter. My main objective is to give everyone an update on The Trooping of our New Colours and the Freedom of the City in Chatham. These events are postponed until the weekend of 11-14 May 2023. There were many factors that caused this delay: inability to send out invitations much before 30 days in advance of the activities if we continued with the May 2022 time frame; soldiers not being able to train together recently and with no parade practices to date; the same issues for our Pipes and Drums band; and people may still be concerned about gathering in large groups. The Commanding Officer's planning team will still meet monthly and work towards a wonderful set of events for next year! Set these dates aside.

Please keep in touch with our Association Board and let us know if you have any queries. Remember that our website www.ekscot.org is up and running.

SEMPER PARATUS

Morris Brause



AGM 18th November 2021

As in November 2020, we had to hold our annual AGM via Zoom. We had a good turnout of over 30 people and were able to provide our normal reports. There were no elections this year, but this Fall there will be elections and we hope to have some new Association members consider running for a Board position. It is exciting to get new ideas and to also see some of our younger members who have retired from the Regiment join the Board.

At the AGM we could not pass the Annual Unaudited Financial Statement for FY 2020-2021 as there appeared to be some errors that could not be explained. I am pleased to announce that our Financial Committee Chair, Jacquie Winand-Bacon and our Treasurer, Kevin Shaw, have worked with our accounting firm and provided some detail direction on changes required. The Board will review the revised statement at the April meeting. We will then forward them to our membership to review and ask that you provide your approval for the Annual Report. This will ensure our By-Laws are followed in getting approval of the previous FY.

Jacquie Winand-Bacon and Morris Brause

Events Being Planned

Look for these events which are in the planning stages. Dates and details will follow:

- Summer social and BBQ both in Windsor and in Chatham – family oriented and lots of fun – location and dates TBA.
- The Commanding Officer is looking for a date this Fall for a Past COs, RSMs, and PMs parade that can be linked up to an Association Dinner and Dance – and yes, an AGM in person.
- We hope to plan a Mash Bash sometime in the next six months and have it at Legion Branch 594 in Windsor – great music, costumes, prizes for costumes, silent auctions to raise funds – and a great night of comradeship.
- Although Ansell Club will not be running a Golf Tournament this summer, Windsor Regiment will be – once we have dates and details, we will send that information out to you.
- Hopefully Field of Valour will take place this November. Dates and details will be forwarded when the information becomes available.



Scottish Borderers Foundation

The Scottish Borderers Foundation is our major financial strategic group that has raised funds over many years and provided strategic financial resources to the Commanding Officer in support of the serving members. The list below is just an example of their great support:

- Most of the highland kit that our soldiers wear today; and indeed for the near future until the Government can provide items through Logistik Unicorp.
- Funding support for many years to travel to Dieppe, France, and celebrate our regiment's historical battle.
- Funding support for Battlefield tours.
- Funding for our Colonel-In-Chief, Prince Michael of Kent, to visit here in Windsor and Chatham or meet our soldiers in Dieppe.
- Recently have put over \$40,000 towards ceremonial dress for the upcoming Trooping and Freedom of the City.
- Repair and maintenance of Regimental historical items held in our Museum and in the lines of both Armouries.
- Our wonderful, well written Regimental history book: ***"Duty Nobly Done"***!
- Provided funding support for special professional development for soldiers, NCOs, and Officers.

This organization is the strategic financial arm that is planning a huge campaign to raise more funds. They are a charitable organization, just like the Association, where you can give a tax receipt. Please consider supporting this strategic arm of the Regiment!

***Morris W. Brause, President of the Association, Greg Childs, and Blake Harding:
members of the Scottish Borderers Foundation.***

Delta Company continues to provide support to our Regimental Family "behind the scenes". The past two years have proven to be a challenging environment in which to operate in any meaningful way with the Regiment due to lockdowns, regulations, and our collective efforts for to all "remain healthy" and to protect our healthcare system. D Coy has provided quiet support to our Regimental members on overseas assignments, the annual Christmas Dinner, and to the Trooping of the Colours Committee in planning for the Trooping events, now scheduled for May of 2023.

We are looking forward to a return of a "new normal" where our members will have the opportunity to support the Regiment "in person" and participate in the camaraderie of the Regimental Family.

Chief (Ret.) Dennis Poole
OC D Coy





Passing of decorated Kent Regiment WWII Vet

Lieutenant Woodward Stewart McKeough C de G (1921-2022) died on 17th February 2022 in his 101st year. Stewart joined The Kent Regiment before 1939, too young to go overseas, so he became part of A&T Staff 2nd Bn Kent Regt. He provided vital point security at Sault Ste Marie locks, assigned to Armoured Officer training for 3 months at Camp Borden, 1st June 1942, then transferred to the 18th Armoured Car Regt (Manitoba Dragoons). On 8-9 July 1944 the Dragoons landed in France as part of II Cdn Corps. The Dragoons were the armoured reconnaissance 'eyes' for the Canadian II Corps which located the gap in the Falaise Pocket, advised II Cdn Corps and continued to recce while the gap was being closed off by the Corps. Allied Forces captured more than 90,000 enemy soldiers in the Falaise Pocket. In the fighting to close the Falaise Gap 7-9 August 1944, Stewart earned the Republic of France's Croix de Guerre for his gallantry and leadership under fire. Due to a leg injury after the battle, he was repatriated to Canada for the duration of the war.



He was named after his uncle, Major William Stewart McKeough 'C' Company commander in our WWI 18th Bn CEF (KIA 15th Sept 1916 at the Sugar Trench / Courcellette / The Somme).



Stewart's father, WWI member of our 186th Bn CEF, later transferred into the RCN as Naval Sub-Lieutenant Grant McKeough, fought in many naval operations, and was The Kent Regt Honourary Lieutenant-Colonel at the time of the 1954 amalgamation. Stewart is survived by his brother, our Regiment's good friend Retired Lt.(N) Darcy McKeough OC.

Stewart was a career local businessman in Chatham. He was also an avid sports competitor excelling at tennis. He was also an accomplished international yachtsman competing in several Great Lakes and ocean racing circuit competitions, capturing the 1982 title in the Newport to Bermuda race. Stewart was an avid deep-water fisherman and was part of the Canada Tuna Team in 1971.

Another legacy accomplishment was his re-purposing and redesigning of McKeough Park in Chatham, planting 60 trees including a Vimy Ridge oak.

Usque ad Aras!

Compiled by Major (ret'd) Greg Childs CD
Regimental Major, E&K Scot



208th Commemoration of the 1814 Battle of The Longwoods



On 6th March 2022 a commemoration was held to honour this small but important War of 1812-15 battle, located at Battle Hill on Longwoods Rd, 4 km east of Wardsville (midway between Chatham and London). Due to COVID-19, only approximately 60 guests attended the service, down dramatically from previous years. As our Regiment perpetuates the Kent Rangers and Loyal Kent Volunteers, a regimental wreath was laid by Major (ret'd) Greg Childs CD. Volleys were fired by 14 members of the Royal Scot Upper Thames military re-enactors.

On 3rd March 1814, Capt Wm. Caldwell leading a patrol of 50 militia and 44 native warriors, spotted a mounted American contingent of 165 regular army with Kentucky and Michigan militia traveling north of Wardsville along the Thames River. Their objective was a raid upon the military outpost at Delaware. Caldwell sent for British reinforcements while skirmishing with the US force, holding its advance in check. At 1700 hrs on 4th March 1814 a British contingent of 146 regulars arrived and conducted a frontal assault up from a steep icy snow-filled ravine (6" had fallen on 3rd March) against the US force secured behind an abattis of cut trees on the crest. (British forces seem to like frontal assaults like ours at Dieppe 1942). The First Nations Warriors and Caldwell Militia fought from the flanks. The Allied attack was beaten back.

Present with the Caldwell Western Rangers were 14 Kent Rangers, led by Lt John MacGregor. MacGregor was wounded twice in the same arm during the intense fighting and later lost that arm, but Lt MacGregor fought again at the Battle of Lundy's Lane in Niagara. Five other Kent Rangers were wounded including Pte Shaw whose story continues in the next article. This Longwoods skirmish resulted in 14 British and militia killed, 54 wounded and the US forces suffering 4 dead and a handful wounded. The Americans fearing another attack, abandoned their mission and fled back to Detroit. Lt John MacGregor was promoted for his efforts at the Battle of the Longwoods.



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1814 Gravesite of Pte William Shaw, The Kent Rangers



Pte William Shaw was one of the Kent Rangers wounded at the Battle of the Longwoods. The seriously wounded Pte Shaw was evacuated to his family home 30 km away near Louisville but died of his wounds just prior to arriving. He was one of our 34 Kent and Essex militiamen to die during the War of 1812-15.

Out of all the soldiers killed at the Longwoods (4 American, 14 British and Militia) only Pte Shaw has a known and marked gravesite which has been located at Shawbanks cemetery on the east edge of the village of Kent Bridge beside the Thames River. He is buried beside his father Capt William Shaw (1751-1822), a War of 1812-15 officer listed as serving with the 1st Kents.

A current effort is underway to acquire two Government of Canada 12" wide black granite plaques commemorating the fighting of War of 1812-15 combatants, to cement-in at the family gravesite. Efforts are also underway to acquire two military veteran gravestones from Veterans Affairs Canada for a future ceremony to honour these two soldiers from our Regiment's history.



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In Memoriam

Since the last newsletter, we were saddened by the loss of Francine Nantais, James Bedford, Marilyn Morrison, Dorothy Davidson and Stewart McKeough. We continue to honour those who have gone from our midst and we remember them.





Membership – Have you joined or renewed?

Your membership is important to the extended Regimental Family. It is our chance to keep updated on events with the serving members, enjoy social activities, and support each other. We raise funds for many activities and consistently support our serving members in many ways like: BBQ and social events, support to the annual Winter Dinner (used to be called the Christmas Dinner), financially assisting with special equipment for the troops in things like Tug-O-War competitions – highland kit- and special requests. We have set aside \$8,000 towards supporting the Trooping and Freedom of the City for May 2023. We send care packages to deployed troops. We provide support to our Veterans families when a Veteran passes away. Whether serving or retired, it is important that we have your support. Please join or renew soon!

Cathy MacDonald, Membership Chair



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.