



### THE QUEEN'S OWN CAMERON HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA



**THE CAMERON ASSOCIATION IN CANADA**  
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**\* LAST POST \***



## **Pourville Memorial**

<http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/memorials/overseas/second-world-war/france/pourville>

### **PAUL EUGENE GUTNICK**

[http://passages.winnipegfreepress.com/passage-details/id-235083/Gutnick\\_Paul](http://passages.winnipegfreepress.com/passage-details/id-235083/Gutnick_Paul)

PAUL GUTNICK - It is with much sadness to announce the passing of Paul Eugene Gutnick, who died peacefully in his sleep at what he would have said was the young age of 87. Although

we are saddened by the loss of a loved family member, we celebrate the life of an accomplished man, husband and father. In the Jewish faith, it's often said that people never leave, as long as you remember them. Paul leaves a long history of wonderful memories as he joins his wife Terry Evelyn Gutnick and his two brothers Nelson and Kenny in the heavens above.

Paul was born in Winnipeg, Canada and was an active member in the community throughout his life. He was a regular member of the congregation Chavurat Tefila and Beth Israel, and the Rosh Pina in early years where his two sons Bernard and Raymond became bar mitzvah. He pursued a career in financial accounting, and held positions for Alcan Aluminum and General Distributors - who introduced Sony to Canada. His entrepreneurial spirits lead to opening retail outlets in the Garden City Shopping, in Garden City where he lived for many years. It's no surprise his two sons followed in his footsteps in careers in engineering and marketing, and continue to leverage his teachings to this very day and in the future

Paul gave back to the community having volunteered for the Canadian Armed Services with an honourable discharge as an officer having earned the rank of Captain, while continuing to teach as a Grand Master instructor for target shooting. He is recognized in the Jewish Athletes of Canada book, which highlights his participation in the global competitions in Bisley, England.

Services were held on Monday, 11:00 a.m. at the Hebrew Sick Memorial Cemetery on McPhillips just north of the Garden City Shopping Center, where he was laid to rest next to his wife and loving mother, Terry Evelyn Gutnick. No flowers are requested. For the exact time, please call Bernard Gutnick at (408) 569-5897. Donations may be made to any charitable organization that helps veterans in need, including the [www.vetscanada.org](http://www.vetscanada.org) Paul would have enjoyed that very much. Salut!

*Full obit published in the Winnipeg Free Press on May 02, 2016*

**WIDOW'S / WIDOWER'S SUPPLEMENT:** There is income supplement for widows / widowers. They will mail out a form for the survivor to complete. You will need proof of marriage and the soldier's regimental number etc. and the spouse's income tax forms. If the financial situation is going badly the survivor should contact Veterans Affairs.

<http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/services/financial/cf-income-support>

### **\* SICK & VISITING \***

**George Carsted** – George let us know that although he is headed for about 86 and plans to make 90 that he's not about to try another Miles for Millions walk again. On the plus side his personal MO told him that he's doing reasonably well. His fingers have healed since August, "but they feel as if I have a permanent glove on them and with the little finger being stiff and not in control, I do make errors when I type. Outside of that, I am OK."

Great to hear it George !



**Gord Coutts** (Korea, Militia) - Hugh visited Gord Coutts at home sometime around the 26th of April. Gord is doing ok but makes frequent trips to the Vic to get rebooted.

**John Johnson** (SWW) –Nothing new of late from Sir John. Hugh hopes to get by soon.

**Vi Miller** (Russ's widow) – No recent update.

**Archie Moore** (Korea, Post SWW Cameron) – Archie is now a resident at Riverwood Square in Room #8. Nothing new for quite some time now.

**Piper Bill MacKay** (SWW) – Ken Smith still pops in to see Bill at Derby Center and told Hugh that Bill is doing OK in late June 2016. That said, The George Derby Centre is going through quite a bit of turmoil and he is hoping for the best.

<http://www.burnabynow.com/news/updated-george-derby-centre-proceeding-with-layoffs-following-fraser-health-audit-1.2285278>

**Tom Munro** (Borneo with the Imperials, Militia) – Hugh chatted with Tom on Canada Day at the Rockwood ANAF for a bit. Tom was in decent form and had his best pal – an O2 bottle – along with his family to mark the day. Tom says hi to all.

**Bill Naven** (SWW, Post War) - Nothing new from Bill lately.

**Ken Smith** (SWW) Hugh O'Donnell spoke to Ken on a number of occasions recently and is very happy to report that Ken is mostly well and active. Minor health issues continue but Ken is planning to go and visit Piper Bill MacKay shortly.

Piper Bill is reportedly doing well according to a fellow Shriner who reports in to the Cameron Association West Coast OIC (aka Ken Smith).

**Roy Taylor** (SWW RAF, Post SWW Cameron) – Nothing new from Brother Roy lately.

**PTSD Help Line**: The toll-free number 1-855-373-8387 will be manned by veterans who will be available on a 24-hour basis. The callers will not be required to identify themselves. See also the Cameron “Links” section of the web page: [Cameron web site "Links" section](#)

### **\* PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE \***

It has been a very busy year for this executive. We successfully completed the installation of the Cameron Bench in Vimy Ridge Park with the help of a lot of great people. The ceremony was well attended and we were pleased to have the Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba, her Honour, the Honourable Janice Filmon as the guest of honour.

I want to thank all those who gave to this project, your donations made this bench possible.

**Now that we have learned everything there was to know about granite benches and how to get them installed in a park we are considering doing something a little bigger, such as a**

**monument to our soldiers who served in the world wars and other operational theaters. This will be discussed at our AGM this coming September. I see this as something that might happen in the next 3 to 5 years. The membership would need to approve of a study to determine the feasibility of us doing a project of this size.**

**I believe it is time for us to do something to recognize the sacrifices of our veterans. There is nothing in Winnipeg to publicly acknowledge this.**

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our AGM to discuss this. Please e-mail me and let me know what you think of this idea.

I hope you all have a great summer and we will see you at the reunion in Aug or in the fall.

**\* VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE \***

*Editor's Note: Nil at this time from our new VP, Mr. Marc Gautron. This is hardly a surprise as Marc has volunteered his time with the Army Cadets and a few other organizations. He has a lot on his plate right now and it is good of him to stand for office and attend the meetings of the Association as best he can.*

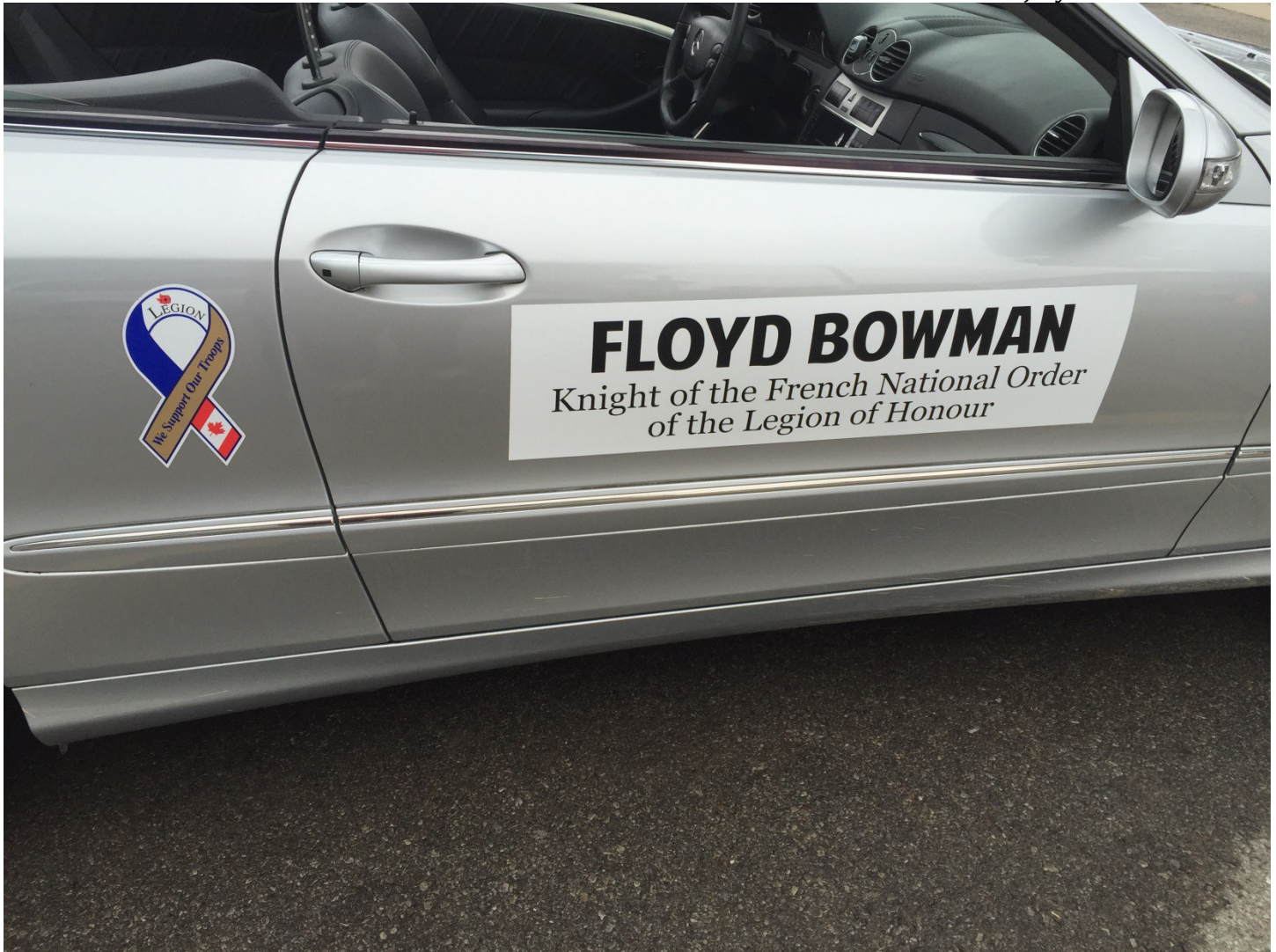
**\* RECONNECT WITH FORMER CAMERONS \***

This is an important thing to do for the health of the Association. There are still lots of former Camerons out there that we don't know about for various reasons. Just because you or they weren't Second World War or Korea veterans doesn't make them any less important to the Cameron Association. Please help us locate them and bring them back into the fold. The ranks of the SWW guys are almost non-existent now and the torch must pass to the following generations of Camerons that we may continue to serve our fellow Camerons.

We only have about 62 paid up members at this time. Thanks very much to those fine souls who have donated some of their hard earned dollars to keep hard copies of this newsletter going out to the guys without computers. Many are Second War men but some younger former Camerons live in areas with poor internet service or dial up, or are just plain happy to be off of the grid.

**\* WHERE ARE THEY NOW ? \***

**Floyd Bowman** seems to be doing well. Chris Bowman sent us an email to let us know that he got out to grace his local Canada Day parade with some Cameron presence. Well done Sir Floyd !



**Nic Curry** has become the Camerons' Political Officer. No, it's not some Red Army thing that the Liberals have inflicted on us. Yet anyhow. Nic fought and beat out long time "Dipper" Dave Chomiak for the Kildonan riding in this year's provincial elections. Congrats to Nic and his very hard working team - which of course included Camerons young and old as well as several folks from other units.

Lest anyone get the wrong picture it is vital to any democracy worthy of the name to have citizen soldiers who play by the rules. Nic's team spend long hours knocking on doors in Winnipeg March weather and won by the rules fair and square. Now to see what he'll be doing in the upcoming sessions with the Pallister government...

**Bill Douglas** We haven't heard anything much from Bill of late but at least there is no bad news anyhow. Hugh plans to get by and see him shortly with the new Oatmeal Rag.

**Kevin Fink** is back on the grid, if only in a small way again. He recently remarried in Edmonton and having been present at their happy day Hugh O'Donnell can assure all of the

doubters that she's an absolutely wonderful lady with an appropriate sense of humour for a Cameron Sgt-Maj to marry. Congrats you two !

**C.R. Nipper Guest** No news from Nipper lately but we presume that he's hard at work with his memoirs. Trust us – they're going to make an amazing read !

**Clayton Hunter** contacted us to ask about how the French Legion of Honour medal application process was doing. Hugh has sent the form in to VAC but there has been no official communication from VAC or anyone much else about the program being extended yet again. Pity, so many got missed !

On the bright side Clayton has been out golfing now that the curling rinks have closed in Shoal Lake MB. He even got two rounds in one the same day in early July ! He doesn't travel far from Shoal Lake very often these days but we can always hope to see him at the Association Golf perhaps ?

**Lloyd Jones** Nothing new from Lloyd himself but Ken Smith told Hugh that he's doing well, showing the flag, and generally enjoying life. Lloyd is also very active with his community. Keep up the great work Lloyd !

**Joe Kveton** has decided as of late April 2016 that he's got more important things to do than keep Canada rolling on the rails. Congrats on a lot of long days and bad weather endurance sessions being behind you Joe ! Now try to enjoy yourself.

**Jeremy LaBossiere** informed Hugh that his Dad **Dennis LaBossiere** was entertaining nurses at the Victoria Hospital sometime on or about the 23rd of April 2016. Something about bedpan commando comments maybe ?

**Donny Morrison** is doing well. He and Hugh have had chats about serving and former Camerons with the WPS. There seem to have been somewhere around 50+ at this point in time.

**Robert O'Neil and his wife Mary** We haven't heard anything much of Robert and Mary since Nic's election but Hugh still plans to get by. Since there has been no bad news we'll trust that all is well for now.

**Art Ruddock** Art has been awarded the rank of Chevalier (Knight) of the Legion of Honour. see below in the French Legion of Honour section. Needless to say he's quite pleased !



As of any old time you can connect with Association Treasurer **David Gibson** (per the cover page of the Oatmeal Rag) who will take your payment. If you are not sure of your status please contact Dave and he'll either be happy to take your \$10.00 payment or be most unhappy that he doesn't get to take any money from you - yet - this year.

A newer method that can also be used is interact e transfer. Our Treasurer Dave Gibson has not got set up for it just yet but you can also do it through the Secretary, Hugh O'Donnell. It works rather like pay Pal for those of you familiar with that service. Here's link to the web page:

<http://interac.ca/en/interac-e-transfer-consumer.html>

A quick reminder that donations over \$25 to Association done through the Cameron Foundation will be given a tax receipt ! This includes donations towards our project to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the start of the Great War. Just mark your cheque as a donation towards the 100th Anniversary Bench Project and these fine gentlemen at the foundation will credit it appropriately.

#### \* CAMERON ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES \*



#### **Amend the Association Constitution wrt the size of the Association Executive**

It has become quite obvious that the time has passed when the Association could count on an Executive of more than about 5 members. This can be no surprise to any of us. The Unit is not at anything like war time strength and the usual diaspora of our former members ensures that the base to recruit from will not be very large again any time soon. This will need to be discussed to exact numbers and we will start this conversation with you formally at the Reunion on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of August this year, to be voted on at the Association 2016 AGM on 19 Sept 2016.



**100th Anniversary of the start of The Great War Bench Project****– COMPLETED AND DEDICATED AT LAST !!!**

- See the President's Message from Steve MacMillan for the current state of play.
- Extra special thanks are due from all of us to Councillor Cindy Gilroy from the City of Winnipeg's Daniel McIntyre Ward. We of the Association had searched most of the obvious places to site our memorial bench with absolutely zero success until Cindy heard about our search. She stepped right up to the plate and within no time we had as suitable a site as the Regiment's shades and serving members could ask for. Vimy Ridge Park is to become the City's military monuments park by whatever name. A plan is in place to site them all appropriately in this park. Watch for future developments.



You can still send your cheque to the Cameron Foundation at the address listed below. All donations are still welcome. Donations for more than \$25 will receive a charitable donation receipt.

Editor's Note: These tax receipts come out fairly quickly too, or at least mine did. Thanks Julian !

The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada Regimental Foundation  
Minto Armoury, 969 St. Matthews Avenue  
Wpg, MB R3G 0J7

**The French Legion of Honour Medal Update**

Sgt. (later Maj.) Art Ruddock, a veteran of the Queens Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada actions during the fighting in Normandy, was awarded the rank of Chevalier of the Legion d'honneur late this spring. Whatever some of you may think of The Royal Canadian Legion

Branch #26 in Kelowna is stepping up to look after the formal part of the award of the medal to Sir Art. I don't have the details yet on when the formal presentation will take place because there are some family members that will wish to attend but apparently it is to be done in Sept of 2016. It's a pity that it's so far from home but have a great day from all of us Sir Arthur !

Some of you may recall that the French government had closed nominations for this award sometime prior to March of 2015. Well, they gave it a second thought and extended the deadline one last time to July of 2015. There are rumblings of another go around for nominations but we have not yet seen anything formal. Never the less if you would like to send your particulars to the Secretary, Hugh O'Donnell (contact info on the front page) he'll see what he can do. He has just recently submitted a form for another one of our guys but there is no indication that it will ever be acted on.

### **\* REGIMENTAL WEB SITES \***

The Unit web site is still up running. The unit web site continues to be a point of contact between ourselves, the families of those who served in the Camerons, and those who become interested in the Camerons for one reason or another. We continue to have a few requests through the unit web site for information from families about former Camerons. If anybody can help out with them please feel free to do so. You can find the web site at:

<http://thequeensowncameronhighlandersofcanada.net/>

Our Picasaweb site is also worth a look and is full of little details about our history. The Secretary will be updating the site with more pictures shortly. You can take a bit of a virtual tour of the Cameron Memorial Chapel and see some of the artifacts held by the Cameron Museum:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/camsofc>

The Cameron Highlanders of Canada Memorial Site, Recording the History of the Regiment, 1914-1919, web site is one that every Cameron should have a look at once during the 100th Anniversary of the Great War. The creator of this site, Mr. J. Stuart McLean has done a great job of helping out the Cameron regimental family. Thanks for sharing your hard work sir !

<http://www.cameronhighlanderscanada.com>

Wilfred Laurier University has a page devoted to the Canadian War Diaries of the Normandy Campaign. While not a complete collection at this time (The Fort Garry Horse are missing as are many of the supporting arms and services War Diaries), ours and the rest of the 6<sup>th</sup> Brigade look to be complete.

<http://lmharchive.ca/canadian-divisions-of-the-normandy-campaign/2nd-canadian-infantry-division/>

### \* UNIT EVENTS \*

**Battalion:** The CO of the WITG, LCol S. Moran, tells us that the Units are to conduct a big Defensive Ex this August 13-21<sup>st</sup> as part of the Brigade BISON WARRIOR EX. This EX will be out in the stomping grounds of many of our former Camerons – Dundurn , SK ! Our CO will be the commander of the EX too. Sometimes the more things change...

One of the other big activities of 2016 for the Camerons as a regimental family was the unveiling of the Cameron Memorial Bench on 04 June at Vimy Ridge Park. The Unit put up a good show with both a guard and the Pipes and Drums in fine form, followed by a Stand Down BBQ.



Milling about prior to the ceremony.





(L ->R) LCol Moran, HCol Vandewater, Lt. Gov of MB Filmon,  
Councillor Cindy Gilroy, HLCol Logan  
unveiling the Memorial Bench 04 June, 2016 at Vimy Ridge Park, Wpg, MB

**Pipes & Drums Update:** The P&D have been and continue to be very busy showing the flag. They are to sending about 15 all ranks to compete from 27 July to 01 Aug 2016 at Maxville, ON.

Another item of interest was the return by a very kind hearted gentleman who lives in the USA of a 1913 book of pipe music from the 79<sup>th</sup> Camerons of Canada which had made its way south over the decades since the First World War. Given Capt (maybe Maj by the time I have this finished) Fordham's project to get a book of pipe music out which includes old Cameron tunes this could prove quite interesting.



P/M Dawson and “The Lads” prepare to grace the occasion appropriately.

**“A” Company Update:** The Company has been busy doing Defensive Ex’s lately. The big exercise to train up to is the Brigade Ex in Dundurn this summer.



Sgt. Snidal positions the Guard.

That's all for now. Ullamh!

**\* REGIMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD NOTES \***

The Advisory Board continues to provide sound advice to the CO on all matters Cameron in “interesting times”. The Board continues to try to support all ranks in their various endeavours. The latest topic continues to be the Cadets Vimy Ridge pilgrimage.

**\* REGIMENTAL FOUNDATION 2015-6 NOTES \***

The Regimental Foundation has had several projects up for consideration again and the Annual Report for 2016 lists several worthy projects that have been approved and received funding. The Chair for this past year was our HCol Bob Vandewater and this is but a short list of some of the initiatives funded by the foundation according to the Foundation's Annual report for 2016::

The Cameron Cadets received funds towards the purchase and operation of radios for field training, laptops for office work, and straight up cash towards the Vimy Pilgrimage trip;

The Regimental Museum also received about \$3900 for its many needs;

Our former HCol, J. W. Burns provided nearly \$20K towards the purchase of decent feather bonnets, hair sporrans, spats, and blue hackles;

The Walker Wood Foundation have awarded a postsecondary education scholarship to Cadet Sgt. Cole Bockstael;

Additional grants to name but a few: The Miller Fund Cameron of the Year - \$500; WO's & Sgt's Burn's Dinner - \$1050; \$500 Cameron Highland Games; St. John's-Ravenscourt School book prize - \$400; Dieppe School - \$120 to commemorate our former P/M Alex Graham of The Dieppe Raid fame which was endowed by his son Blair Graham.

On behalf of those recipients listed above here is a big thank you to all those of you who have donated to the Foundation over the years. It has been well spent and very much appreciated !

### **\* CAMERON CADETS \***

The Cadets will be busy again this year. In addition to whatever else they plan, they are still planning to send some cadets on a pilgrimage to Vimy Ridge of the famed Easter 1917 battle. The intent is that Canadian cadets are on hand for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the battle. Lt. B. Will and Capt. K. Walker with help from various interested parties are doing their level best to keep that concept on track. Vimy is a "must see" kind of place for Canadians in Europe !

The cadets who get to go over will have a copy of Pierre Berton's book "Vimy" to help to pass the time flying over the Atlantic courtesy of Mr. J. Christie. Mr. Christie is a member of the CO's Advisory Board and is well known to the Scottish community here in Wpg.

Please visit their official web page and you will see how to sign up for REMIND. This will be a communications tool the Corps uses to notify all concerned of activities, notices, quick information etc.... sign up at: <http://www.407army.ca/>

### **\* REGIMENTAL REINFORCEMENTS \***

Nil this time out.

### **\* OTHER REGIMENTAL NOTES \***

**Rounds Completed:**



**CAMERON JUNIOR RANKS CLUB ACTIVITIES**

**SATURDAY, 14 MAY 2016 THE ANNUAL CAMERON JR'S HIGHLAND GAMES**

Were held at WO Mike Sinnock's place again. We don't have many details of how things went but Cpl (ret'd) Al Lancaster did send a few pictures of the fun and games in the very "Highland" weather. Thanks Al !



**Incoming Rounds:**

**CAMERON REUNION 19<sup>TH</sup> AND 20<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2016**

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August Grid: Minto JR's

Time: 1900 for 1930, 2000 hrs Fallen Comrades

Dress: Casual but clean.

Special Instructions:

- Bring your Cameron Association card for 2016 or have the \$10 for your annual membership handy at the door.
- See Don MacDonald re Saturday Golf if you haven't already. See below for details.

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August Grid: Assiniboine Golf Club on Ness

Time: 1330 for 1400 Tee time for the golfers

1630 for 1700 for the BBQ only crowd

Dress: #4A Recreational (Garrison) or Suitable attire

Special Instructions:

- The BBQ dinner is \$25 per head, the Golf & BBQ dinner is \$40 per head.
- Check in with Don MacDonald or Steve MacMillan ASAP to sign up or to pay up.
- Failing that on the day have your cash in hand and see him pronto !
- Contact info to sign up is:  
Don MacDonald's email address: "dmacdona@mymts.net" [dmacdona@mymts.net](mailto:dmacdona@mymts.net)

or call Hugh to arrange to get Don's phone number

**CAMERON ASSOCIATION IN CANADA 2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Our AGM and election of Officers of the Association will take place on Monday, 19 September 2016.

Grid: #4 Legion, St. James Branch – look for the Exec members.

Date: 19 Sept 2016, Monday pm

Time: 2000 hrs

Special Instructions: Bring your Cameron Association card for 2016 or have the \$10 for your annual membership handy at the door.

**\* LINKS \***

**Before You Go - Information for Reservists to assist their Release from the Canadian Armed Forces**

This site is set up for guys like us. The P Res guys who are trying to figure out just what in the heck is supposed to happen. It is available to guys who are already releasing, are long out, etc.

<http://www.forces.gc.ca/en/caf-community-support-services-for-members-reservists/before-you-go.page>

**Here's that link again** for those interested in the current operating environment. Or whatever else they're calling it these days. Some of the current titles to skim through are:

<http://smallwarsjournal.com/>

With a Hint of Regret, Obama Describes New Kind of Endless Quasi-War by The Washington Post

A Four-Point Strategy for Defeating the Islamic State by The Washington Post

Myatezh Voina: The Russian Grandfather of Western Hybrid Warfare by Adam Klus

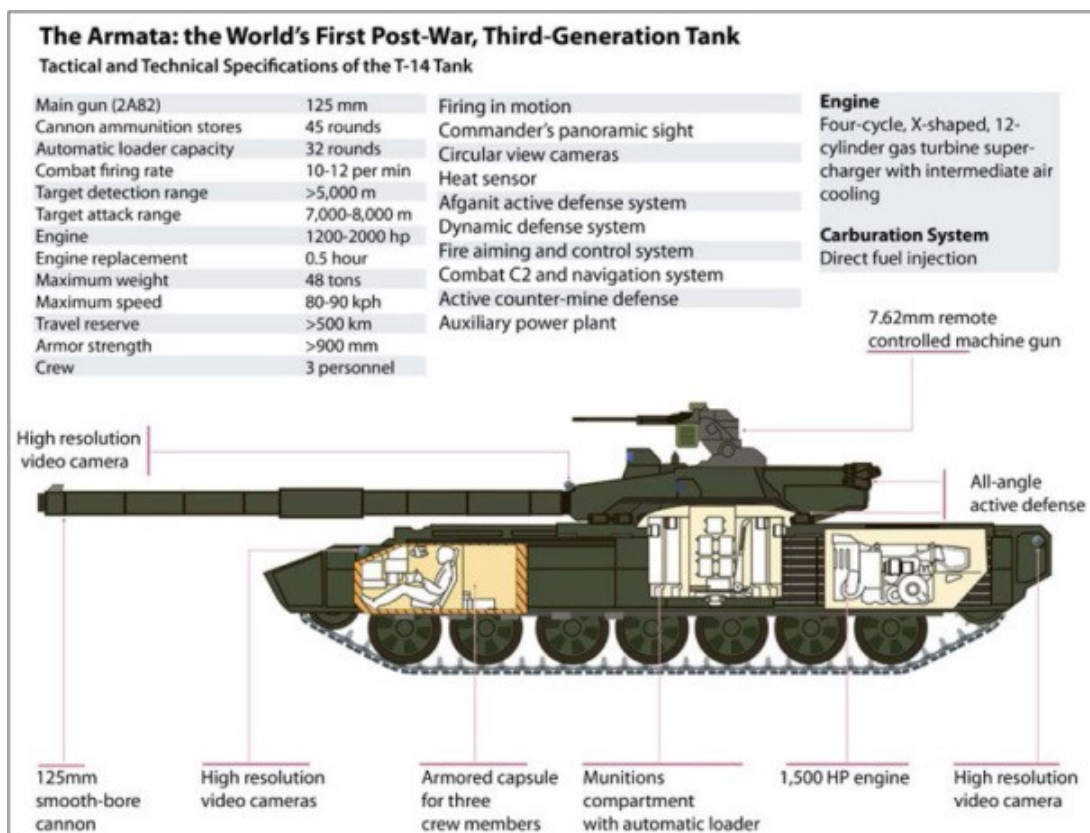
**Shelburne County's Rally Point Retreat helping those with post traumatic stress disorder**

<http://www.novanewsnow.com/News/Local/2016-06-30/article-4575257/Shelburne-Countys-Rally-Point-Retreat-helping-those-with-post-traumatic-stress-disorder/1>

**Do you know your AFV's of the World ?**

**Shoot or Don't Shoot ?**

<https://tankandafvnews.com/2015/03/31/oe-watch-releases-details-on-russian-armata-tank/>



### \* MORE LINKS \*

For all of those of you who still want to know what the Unit was up to in Normandy according to the War Diary – well, here it is. If you need help translating 1944 Cameronese into Modern English Sgt Tyler from the Museum or myself can probably help.

### Canadian War Diaries Of The Normandy Campaign

<http://lmharchive.ca/canadian-divisions-of-the-normandy-campaign/>

### 2nd Canadian Infantry Division (that'd be us Camerons in 6 Bde)

<http://lmharchive.ca/canadian-divisions-of-the-normandy-campaign/2nd-canadian-infantry-division/>

### \* HISTORICAL NOTES \*

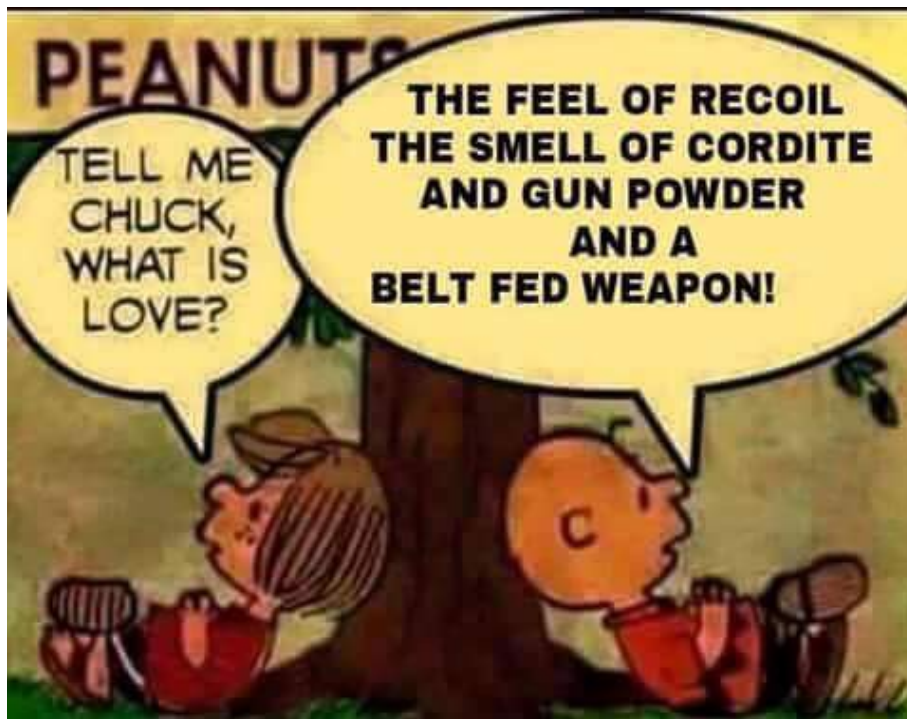
There are still families of First War Camerons are still asking for more information about their kin. If anyone can help out please send the Oatmeal Rag editor what you have or ask to be put in touch directly and he'll do so. Lest WE forget our own !





Capt. H.S. Hansen, D.S.O. and Bar, M.C., 43rd Bn., Capt. G. Geddes, M.C., 43rd Bn., Capt. H. Walcott, M.C., 43rd Bn., Lieut. F. Chisholm, M.C., 43rd Bn. LAC a0072

**\* "IT WOULDN'T BE AN OATMEAL RAG W/O A WEE JOKE" (RUSS MILLER) \***



Seen on Facebook recently. Author unknown but obviously one of our own at heart.

We are always seeking sponsors or advertisers to help defray the cost of this publication. If anyone is interested or has any suggestions as to whom to contact please let us know and we'll be happy to do the follow up.

Sponsors to date are: Mr. Max Katz, our very first sponsor, of the Oatmeal Rag and the Jewish War Vets; Mr. Greg Flom, a former Cameron; Maj. Bill Gray, Cameron Advisory Board; Sgt Tim Seeley, Drum Sgt Extraordinaire; MCpl (Ret'd) Mark Silver, our "Eastern Branch" contact; Sgt (Ret'd) Roy Taylor, the Cameron WO's & Sgt's #1 choice for reading "Rab" Burn's poetry; Maj. Ken Smith; Col. Bob Darling, President of the Cameron Advisory Board Mr. W L (Lloyd) Jones, SWW Cameron; P/M Donald Morrison; Major Ken Smith; Sgt. Bill Douglas.

Gentlemen, we thank you.

Just a reminder to all of you awaiting your Army Reserve Pension:

**National Defence Headquarters OTTAWA**

CANFORGEN

UNCLAS CANFORGEN 007/16 CMP 006/16 SIC WAH

**SUBJ: ADMINISTRATION OF CANADIAN ARMED FORCES PENSION PLANS**

**MESSAGE/MESSAGE BILINGUE**

**1. THE PURPOSE OF THIS CANFORGEN IS TO INFORM CAF MEMBERS OF THE UPCOMING TRANSFER OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CANADIAN ARMED FORCES (CAF) PENSION PLANS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE (DND) TO PUBLIC SERVICES PROCUREMENT CANADA (PSPC). THE DND MILITARY PENSION RENEWAL (MPR) PROJECT IS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA PENSION MODERNIZATION PROJECT**

**2. DND WILL TRANSFER THE ADMINISTRATION OF CAF PENSION PLANS TO PSPC IN TWO PHASES. IN THE SUMMER OF 2016, THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CAF PENSION PLANS WILL BE FULLY TRANSFERRED TO THE PWGSC GOVERNMENT OF CANADA PENSION CENTRE IN OTTAWA (PHASE ONE)**

**3. PENSION PAYMENTS FOR RETIRED CAF MEMBERS AND THEIR SURVIVORS/CHILD(REN) WILL CONTINUE TO BE SUPPORTED BY THE SPECIALIZED SERVICES DIVISION (SSD) AT PWGSC UNTIL THE WINTER OF 2016. AT THAT TIME, THE ADMINISTRATION OF PENSION PAYMENTS WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA PENSION CENTRE IN OTTAWA (PHASE TWO)**

**4. NOTE: DURING THE WEEKS IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO BOTH TRANSITIONS, MEMBERS MAY EXPERIENCE DELAYS IN SOME PENSION SERVICES. FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE AVAILABLE CLOSER TO THE TRANSITION DATES**

**5. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS TRANSITION AND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ), VISIT THE CAF PENSION WEBSITE AT**

**<http://www.forces.gc.ca/en/caf-community-pension/military-pension-renewal.page>**

**(Link tested and confirmed by Hugh 14 July 2016)**

**6. IT IS REQUESTED THAT THIS MESSAGE BE GIVEN THE WIDEST POSSIBLE DISTRIBUTION AND REPOSTED ON INTERNAL DND COMMUNICATIONS CHANNELS.**

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**<http://www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/tbsf-fsct/350-58-eng.asp>**





Pte Philip Chura H20141 Prisoner of War death 12 July



Sgt Chris Toews at Cancun MX Underwater Museum 2015.  
That's the "A" Coy Camp Flag flapping in the current.



Cpl "Iron Jim" Blackmore at the Cameron JR's Highland Games  
"Does life get any better than this ?"

## SET OF BAGPIPES NUMBERED AMONG DIEPPE CASUALTIES

Heroic Piper Played For  
Wounded Men Until  
Sheepskin Broke

### SHRAPNEL - PIERCED

Somewhere in England, Oct. 22. — (CP) — Piper Gordon (Red) Campbell, who wears the balmoral of the Cameron Highlanders on a head of short-cropped hair responsible for his nickname is back at the old training job of "piping the boys up the hills."

#### Things Were Crowded

There's a brand new sheepskin in the crook of his arm as the 28-year-old soldier from Transcona, Man., helps the route-marching Camerons along with a skirl of his pipes.

"The bag that was on my pipes when my company gave them to me was put out of order at Dieppe," said Red. "Shrapnel did it—left nine pinholes in the sheepskin. So I've a new one."

The square-jawed, solidly built piper went through the big raid armed with a revolver as well as his pipes and used one and the other as the circumstances warranted. The Camerons fought their way more than three miles inland and Red was in the thick of it.

"Things were so crowded, you couldn't tell whose shots were putting the Germans down," he grinned. "But I sure got rid of a lot of ammunition."

When Red got back to the beach for re-embarkation he hadn't yet had time to blow one wailing note. And for quite some time after he was too busy tending wounded for anything else.

"We were aboard a destroyer stalling around picking up survivors," Red recalled. "I was down below helping with the wounded because the first-aid men seemed short-handed."

"When I came up after doing some bandaging somebody asked me to play a tune. I played requests one after another. There was dive-bombing going on."

The wounded and exhausted men sprawled about the destroyer in the midst of that air attack heard such tunes from Red's punctured pipes as the March to the Battlefield, the Road to the Isles, Blue Bonnets, Hundred Pipers and Bonnie Dundee.

"The longer I blew, the bigger got the holes in the sheepskin," said Red. "But it lasted until we were back in our camp."

The Camerons took five battle-dressed pipers to Dieppe and lost three. Red said chance gave him a part in the raid and luck pulled him through unscathed.

When the Camerons were taking combined operations training before Dieppe, Red was up in Edinburgh polishing up his piping under a Scottish pipe major who once taught the Duke of Windsor.

"Ahl! He's good," said the Canadian of his Scottish tutor, then going on to explain how he was assigned to the raid because the Camerons' pipe major who had been designated was on leave at the time.

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