



THE QUEEN'S OWN CAMERON HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA



CAMERON ASSOCIATION IN CANADA
THE QUEEN'S OWN CAMERON HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA
MINTO ARMOURY, 969 ST. MATTHEWS AVE
WPG, MB R3G 0J7

2010/2011 OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	Taffy Gray	198 Seekings St Headingly, MB	R4J 1B1	889-5655
VICE-PRES	Steve MacMillan	351 Ainslie St Wpg, MB sdmacmillan@shaw.ca	R3J 2Z7	831-0542
SECRETARY	Hugh O'Donnell	713 Cambridge St Wpg, MB hodonnell@shaw.ca	R3M 3G2	285-7222
TREASURER	Dave Gibson	104 William Gibson Bay Wpg, MB dwgibson@mts.net	R3C 5L7	222-9509

Executive Board

Past Pres	Bill Worden	47 Flett Ave Wpg, MB	R2K 3N3	669 -9888
	Mike Nickerson	P.O.Box 122 Station L Wpg MB	R3H0Z4	TBC
	Mitch Prudhomme	790 Parkhill St Wpg, MB	R2Y 0V5	837-5778
	Sean Rivas	164 Carroll Road	R3K 1H5	802-2264
	Don Steenson	N/A	N/A	
	Karen Tyler	255 Aldine St Wpg, MB	R3J 2A9	414-0973
Foundation Trustees	Don Steenson (2010 – 2012)	Marc Gautron (2011-2013)		
Auditor				

MARGARET DOUGLAS (Sgt Bill Douglas' wife)

http://passages.winnipegfreepress.com/passage-details/id-188612/name-Margaret_Douglas/min-run-date-1329890400/order-publish_date|DESC,last_name|ASC/

MARGARET SOPHIA MILLER DOUGLAS (Rita) Margaret Sophia Miller Douglas (nee Martin) passed peacefully on February 21, 2012. Born on August 21, 1924, to Walter Charles Martin and Grace (Kessel) in Farnborough, Hampshire, England. She was the youngest of three siblings, Raymond, Mary, and Thomas (Pinch). On completion of her schooling, the Netball Champion took employment at a dress shop. When the Second World War broke out, Rita went to work at a bomb factory. She was very proud to serve her country. She met a tall handsome Canadian soldier named Elvin Miller at a dance hall in 1941. They were wed August 22, 1942, the day after her 18th birthday. Along with many young War Brides and their children, who left their families and country behind, Rita and her oldest daughter Jeannie (1944), arrived at Halifax on August 13, 1946, aboard the H.M.S. Letitia. Disembarking off the boat they came west to Winnipeg by train. Rita and Elvin were busy setting up home and having more children, George in 1948, Perry in 1952, and Rita in 1956. After a lengthy illness, Elvin predeceased her in 1973. In 1964, Rita went to work for Midland School and Office Supply, until she retired. It was about this time she started keeping company with Bill Douglas. They were married on August 6, 1993 and shared many happy years together. Rita also accompanied some of the Dieppe veterans to Pourville in 2002 for the 60th anniversary of the Raid and was a regular at the Cameron Reunion Golf. She leaves this life, and will be missed, but remembered fondly and with love, by her husband, Bill; daughters, sons, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great- great-grandchildren. A private graveside service will be held. Bill tells me not to bother with cards but that if friends so desire donations in memory of Rita should be made to a charity of one's choice. 586-8044

Full obit published in the Winnipeg Free Press on February 25, 2012

Charles J. A., Brig. Gen. (Retired), MBE, CD Hamilton (39/45, Korea, Reg Force)

<http://yourlifemoments.ca/sitepages/obituary.asp?oId=558588>

HAMILTON, Charles J. A., Brig. Gen. (Retired), MBE, CD - Charlie Hamilton was buried with full military honours in Elgin, Ontario on November 28, 2011. Charlie was born in Brookdale, Manitoba in 1921 and at the age of 20, joined the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders in Winnipeg. He earned his commission in March 1942 and was sent to England to prepare for the invasion of Italy. His troopship (The City of Venice) was torpedoed and sunk in the Mediterranean Sea on July 4th 1943 just off the coast of Gibraltar. After coming ashore in North Africa, Charlie rejoined his mortar platoon and eventually joined the invasion on September 3rd. He fought with the First Canadian Division throughout Italy and then up into northwest Europe where he saw the war end in 1945. Charlie returned to Canada and married Anna Fleming in Minnedosa, Manitoba and the two embarked on a 58 year adventure that included postings in Kingston, Ontario, Edmonton, Alberta, and Whitehorse, YT. In 1950 he was appointed the Senior Staff Officer of the 25th Canadian Light Infantry Brigade in Petawawa, Ontario, where he trained soldiers for duty in Korea. From 1950-1952, Charlie served with the 2nd Battalion of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry in Kapyong, Korea. He was awarded Member of the British Empire (MBE) for his outstanding service. Returning to Canada, Charlie was posted to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas and later, Washington, D.C. with the US Army Research and Development Staff at the Pentagon. Charlie moved to the 2nd Battalion of the Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry in Calgary and was later appointed to command the 2nd Brigade of the PPCLI in Edmonton. He served on the Directing Staff at the Canadian Staff College in Kingston from 1964-1967, and was promoted to Colonel and appointed

Director of Studies and Deputy Commandant in 1967. Charlie attended the Imperial Defence College in London, England from 1967- 1968. In 1968 he was promoted to Brigadier-General and served as Canada's Senior Military Observer in Nigeria during their civil war. From 1969-1970 he commanded the 3rd Armoured Brigade in Gagetown, N.B., and later commanded the 1st Canadian Light Infantry Brigade in Calgary, Alberta. Charlie completed his working life with a 10 year career with Great West Life Assurance Company in Winnipeg. During this time, he was appointed an Honorary Citizen of Brandon, Manitoba, served on the Board of Governors at the University of Manitoba, the executive panel of the Corps of Commissionaires, and was Chairman of the Manitoba Army Cadet League. Upon retiring in 1983, Charlie and Anna moved to Ontario, where they divided their time between their retirement home at Chaffey's Lock and their winter home in Port Charlotte, Florida. He has left an incredible legacy of family, pride in the Canadian Armed Forces, and pride in Canada.

Capt (later LCol) Herbert George Kent (39/45)

My grandfather, Herbert George Kent, just passed away yesterday at the age of 94 here in Ontario. He was an officer with the Cameron's during World War II and was captured at Dieppe. He was a Captain at the time of his capture, and reached the rank of Lt. Colonel prior to his retirement from the military.

Although I don't have dates yet, we will be repatriating him to Winnipeg for burial at the St. Vital cemetery. I was hoping the regiment could provide some support in the grave side service and would be looking to speak with someone or a contact that could assist in discussions around this.

I am also a piper with the Royal Highland Fusilier's here in Cambridge, so was hoping we could perhaps get some assistance from your band, or perhaps a salute or escort or similar, since the Regiment was such a big part of his life. There are fewer and fewer of the vets around anymore, and I know here in my area our Regiment does everything possible to assist in a send off when they go.

Just for interests sake I've attached a scan of his original POW ID card from 1942 when he was placed in a Stalag in Eichstatt, Germany.

Inspector David Bishop

Central Division

Waterloo Regional Police Service

Cambridge, Ontario

Col. (Ret'd) Doug Ludlow, CD (Post SWW Cameron)

http://passages.winnipegfreepress.com/passage-details/id-187948/name-Douglas_Ludlow/office-id-24/order-publish_date|DESC,last_name|ASC,first_name|ASC/

Members of Manitoba's military community are mourning the passing of Colonel Douglas Ludlow, CD, who passed away Tuesday morning, January 31, 2012 at the St. Norbert Nursing Home where he had resided for the past several years.

Colonel Ludlow had a long history with the military both in England and Canada. Born in Watford, Hertfordshire, England, he enlisted as a private in the British Army in 1948, emigrated to Canada in August 1951 and took up residence in Winnipeg.

In 1955, he enrolled in the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada as a second Lieutenant and by 1969 he had attained the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and was appointed commanding officer of the Camerons in January 1965. He served in that position until August 1969.

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret'd) Ken McCuaig, a past president of the Canadian Infantry Association and a former Cameron Commanding Officer remembers him as a keen supporter of the Infantry and a strong advocate for the Reserve component. LCol McCuaig remembers him "stressing that the Reserve component of which the Camerons are part, provide the only Canadian military footprint to most communities across the country and regularly make valuable contributions to their communities like fighting the Red River floods".

Colonel Ludlow went on to serve as District Army Cadet Coordinator for Winnipeg in December 1969 following which he was appointed Senior Staff Officer (Reserves) responsible for Logistics and Administration for Land Reserves throughout the Prairies.

In June 1973, he was promoted to the rank of Colonel and appointed Commander, Manitoba Militia District (Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario). Five years later he was appointed by the Chief of the Defence Staff as the Senior Staff Officer (Land) to the Chief of Reserves.

Following his retirement from active service, he was appointed Honorary Lieutenant Colonel of his regiment, The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada, in November 1993 and served with distinction until December 2008.

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret'd) Reg Churchward, a former Cameron Commanding Officer, says "during his tenure as Honorary Lieutenant Colonel, he distinguished himself as a champion for his regiment and its soldiers. He worked tirelessly to better his regiment and its soldiers."

In 2008, he was recognized for his many contributions to the Canadian Army and was presented with a Chief of the Defence Staff Citation in a special ceremony in Minto Armoury. His retirement as Honorary Colonel was recognized by the members of the Cameron Regimental Senate and Advisory Board and his many friends at a retirement dinner in his honour at the Fort Gary Hotel in January 2009. Most recently he was made a Life Member of the 78th Fraser Highlanders, Fort Garry Outpost.

A funeral services was held on Monday, February 6, 2012 at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 830 North Drive at Point Road, Winnipeg. A memorial page is posted on the Neil Bardal website.

www.nbardal.mb.ca

Lloyd McDougall (39/45)

http://passages.winnipegfreepress.com/passage-details/id-187036/name-Lloyd-Mcdougall/min-run-date-1325743200/order-publish_date%7CDESC,last_name%7CASC/

LLOYD RAMSAY HAROLD MCDOUGALL It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our Dad/Pa, Lloyd Ramsay Harold McDougall on January 4, 2012. He will be lovingly remembered by his wife Irene and six children, and four great-grandchildren. Dad was born in Winnipeg in 1924. He attended Gladstone Elementary and St. Ignatius Schools and finished his education at St. Mary's Cathedral with honours. In May of 1942, at the age of 17, Dad enlisted with the Winnipeg Light Infantry. After training in Vernon, Nanaimo, Calgary and Debert, he was deployed overseas. After transferring to the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders in England, Dad fought in Germany and Holland. He returned home to his family in 1945 after being severely wounded in battle. Dad began his progressive career with the Canadian National Railway when he was 25. After starting as a fireman shoveling coal, he advanced to brakeman, then baggage master and ended his 35-year CNR career as a hostler. The family would like to thank the wonderful staff at the Grace Hospital for their compassionate care and thoughtful attention that they gave to Dad in his final days. We would also like to thank those individuals who took care of Dad while he lived at Deer Lodge Centre. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Salvation Army would be appreciated. A celebration of Dad's life was held on January 9 at 10:00 a.m. at Chapel Lawn Funeral Home, 4000 Portage Avenue with interment following the service. For those who wish to sign the online Guest Book please visit the website: www.chapellawn.mb.ca
Full obit published in the Winnipeg Free Press on January 07, 2012

Felix Ptashnik (39/45)

<http://passages.winnipegfreepress.com/passage-details/id-187084/name-Fel>

FELIX PTASHNIK 1923 - 2012 Born in Hodgson, MB, one of 10 children. At the age of 17, he lied about his age so he could sign up for the Army where the minimum age limit was 19. His service with the Queens Own Cameron Highlanders took him overseas, landing in Normandy to fight in the Second World War. He was very proud of his service as a dispatch operator whose job was to ride a motorcycle across Europe, in-between enemy lines to relay coordinates for gunfire. He enjoyed sharing his proudest memories and stories of his years spent serving his country. After his return to Winnipeg in December 1945, he began his lifelong career as a tailor and invisible art mender, which he took pride in teaching himself. His art of pulling apart threads from the inside of any cloth or knit garment and reweaving damaged, torn or burned clothing was so amazing and one of a kind that he had customers from across Canada, into the United States, and Europe who brought in and sent from casual to expensive and sentimental items for repair. His business of over 50 years provided well for his large family until he retired at age 78. He spent time with his many friends at the St. James Legion where he was a member for over 40 years. The family would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of his friends, comrades, and especially the amazingly kind and friendly staff who all made him feel so very special, by catering to him every time he came through the doors. He loved you all. Approximately six years ago, he became a resident at Deer Lodge Centre where over the years his charming personality has created many new family and friendships. The family would also like to say thank you so very much, to each and every staff member who had any part in his care, comfort and dignity, big or small. A Cheers ! and Celebration of Life gathering at the St. James Legion #4, 1755 Portage Avenue, was held on Friday, January 13, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. Daddy, we love you - ya tebe liubliu For those who wish to sign the online Guest Book please visit the website. Chapel Lawn www.chapellawn.mb.ca
Full obit published in the Winnipeg Free Press on January 09, 2012

*** Sick & Visiting ***

Ed Abraham (39/45) – Nothing heard for over a year now and no replies to emails have arrived I'm sorry to say.

Bill Douglas (39/45, Post Second World War Cameron) – Bill has had a hospital stay for treatment. His replacement ticker was giving him grief. He was at home in time to enjoy Christmas with his family in settings with warm food. Bill is still undergoing treatment for his condition and is not up to entertaining company.

Ed Montgomery (Post SWW Cameron) – Ed has just recently been in for a heart issue. He's on the mend now. Get well soon Monty !

Archie Moore (Korea, Post SWW Cameron) – Archie is now a resident at Riverwood Square in Room #8. He enjoys company and always has a quick joke for visitors. Visitors are advised that this is a secure facility as some residents are known to wander. Be sure to be clear on how this place works or you may get to spend the night too.

Tel:(204) 275-76321 778 Pembina Highway Winnipeg, MB R3T 1R2

<http://www.riverwoodsquare.com/home>

Roy Taylor (WW2 RAF, Post SWW Cameron) Roy is at home and comfortable. He enjoys short visits but does get tired quickly.

*** President's Message ***

Taffy is strongly encouraging all of us to support the upcoming Regimental and Association activities. They are listed in the INCOMING ROUNDS section of this copy of the Oatmeal Rag for your convenience. They are also posted on the Cameron web site for those of us with computers. They often come out through Facebook too. Taffy would like to thank all of you who have come out to support the Association and Regimental events in the past and please continue to do so. It means a lot to him to see a good turn out.

*** Vice-President's Message ***

The Association Mess Dinner concept still taking shape. It's looking like a lot more like a casual night out or BBQ somewhere now. It seems that to do any function involving 17 Wing or Minto has gotten very complicated. More to follow.

*** 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 WW 2 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 WW 2 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.

ANDREW McKechnie (Sunday, November 20, 2011)

Hi guys,

Hope your summer was a good one. Did some travelling in the states on the Harley. I'm sure some of you remember "boy Bruce"? Well, the not so little tyke got married last weekend in Winnipeg. Lynn and I were in town for 5 days and barely got to see some of the folks. I didn't even get out to see me mum in Neepawa. Or, for that matter, I never saw my wife's (Beth) folks either. It's still been great for weather out here. NO SNOW ...yet. 'Twas a balmy 8C today. According to the forecast, next weekend is looking like 9Cish. That being the case, I'm off to Quebec where my bike is stored and go out for a ride for a few hours.

Well, almost time for this old boy to take a shot glass of Geritol and get ready for snooze time.

Chat later guys, say hello to everyone who knows me. I'm soooo bad with names.

Mike Fejes has a new address - P.O. Box 500 (KNGTN) CJCSC Jamaica Station A Ottawa, Ontario K1N 8T7 ! Mike says that anyone wishing to send a "Care Package" should include anything but goat, mackerel rundown, sweet and sour liver, sautéed baloney, escovish fish, curried mutton, boiled yams, fried plantain, garnished sardines, and pig tails. He has lots of those.

This next note came by email and may be of great interest to Camerons with itchy feet and sea legs:

02/18/2012 09:23 PM

Subject: Former Reserves 1969-1971

Dear Sir/Madam:

I require proof of my service with the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders Reserve in 1969-1971 period. Please advise the steps needed to acquire the above.

Regards,

David Kelly Smith

P.S. Proof of service allows me a \$250.00 onboard benefit on Princess Cruise Lines. This could be of great benefit to others within the reserves if established as such.

Verification of Former Service DS Solution: You can make a request under the Access to Information Act, which will provide you with proof of your service with the Camerons. Thanks very much to Sgt V. Sellars of the WGOR. Please click on the link:

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

*** Dues Payable Now ***

Please send your payment to our membership/treasurer Dave Gibson ASAP.

If you are not sure of your status please contact Dave and he'll either be happy to take your payment or be most unhappy that he doesn't get to take any more money from you this year.

*** Association Activities ***

Taffy has been very busy representing the Cameron Association at quite a number of Cameron events since the last Oatmeal Rag went out. If anyone thinks that this must be quite a treat they're welcomed and encouraged to run for the Cameron Association President's job at the AGM in Sept 2012 by Taffy himself !

Our President attended the WITG Men's Dinner on 17 Dec 2011. While there he presented MCpl Snidal his ISAF tour appreciation gift from the Assn and noted that things were much better run that last year's effort. Next, he attended the Cameron Levee where he got to give Maj. Douglass his ISAF gift – a handshake and a decent dram ! Things went well at the Levee and it was well run this year. Well done to all who ran the event !

On the 21st of Jan 2012 it was off to the Cameron WO's & Sgt's Club run Robbie Burn's Dinner. Taffy thought that it was one of the best he's been to – period ! The one thing that he has suggested after some discussion with other interested parties is to replace the usual speech prior to the Toast to the Immortal Memory with a simple reading of one of the Bard's poems. This will be given due consideration by the WO's & Sgt's at their Robbie Burn's 2013 planning meetings.

Not content with the social calendar, Taffy has also been attending the Cameron Advisory Board meetings. For those who are a bit in the dark as to what this most distinguished body of gentlemen do, I would suggest reading their section of the Cameron web page for enlightenment.

At any rate Taffy briefed the Advisory Board members about a request to the Cameron Family from Mr. Malcom Bissett for help to prepare a traveling display to mark the 70th Anniversary of the Dieppe Raid. His plan is to visit Wpg in the August 2012 time frame. He is seeking support in terms of both artifacts and some cash from as many as possible of the units involved in the Raid. The intent is to visit each of the units who participated in the Raid over the course of the Summer and Fall of 2012. Malcom was still trying to work out where to visit for the South Saskatchewan Regiment, and who might have some artifacts for the display. As an aside, he is currently trying to repatriate a Churchill tank that went south of the border for a bit. It sounds like it's now a matter of rail fare.

Mr. Bissett is connected through family links to the Calgary Tank Regiment, now the KOCR. His uncle was one of the tank crew in "Bluebell", a Churchill Oke, which landed on the main beaches at Dieppe proper during the 19 Aug 1942 Raid. The display will be starting on 01-03 June 2012 in Olds, AB. Lodging can be had at the Siesta Hotel, and it has a Legion Member discount for anyone who may be interested in going by to see the display in its original form at the start point of its journey.

Aside from his duties as President, Taffy has been out to visit with a former Cameron RSM, Archie Moore. Archie's current disposition is in the Sick & Visiting section. Taffy reports Archie to be in great spirits and always ready with a joke or two. Archie constantly getting visits from the other residents of his new home but especially enjoys a visit with any of the Camerons who drop in to visit.

On a more somber note Taffy was out to help a former militia soldier, Lesley Jansen to find her father's grave at Brookside Cemetery. Her dad had been a Second World War Cameron who made it back from the war and after he died was buried there. Much to their surprise he had no headstone, nor did the two comrades buried on either side of him. Lesley took it upon herself to get that sorted out with the CWWG and Last Post Fund and now he has a headstone. It may be worth a look around The Field of Honour for other guys with no headstones if someone has some spare time on their hands.

Most recently Taffy was helping to lead us in prayer at the Cameron Kirk Parade to First Presbyterian. It would have been nice to have a few more pews full of Camerons but such is life on Sunday mornings in Wpg.

*** Regimental Foundation Note ***

There has been a very significant change at the Foundation. LCol (Ret'd) Reg Churchward has stepped down after quite a few years of tremendous service to the Cameron family as Secretary/Treasurer of the Foundation. His shoes are now being filled by Mr. Julian Benson, who is a former Secretary of Manitoba's Treasury Board.

Thank you for all of your years of service sir ! Welcome aboard Mr. Benson and we hope that you'll enjoy your new post.

*** Unit Web Site ***

The Unit web site is still up running at:

<http://thequeensowncameronhighlandersofcanada.net/>

Our Picasaweb site is also worth a look and is full of little details about our history:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/117042978234752447737?gsessionid=214fhFnicaBQw1UpIRMSlw>

Kerry Walker

11:26am Nov 26

Our Cameron team that participated in the Army Cadet Challenge in Shilo Mb, last weekend, had a blast... check out the pics at www.prairiecadets.smugmug.com

*** Regimental Events ***

“A” Company Update:

A Coy update as of Thursday, December 01, 2011 7:50 AM from Sgt (now WO) James Clark

We are out this weekend (again), but we have the main body at Live fire level 2 and almost level 3 (that is section attacks live in a 2 section format, with a live weapons det - C6 & 84 - firing overhead) we will be level 3 live by February (live platoon attacks) which puts us further ahead in arctic deployment readiness than the Patricias. The first time since I have been here that we have been this far up on our battle readiness.

The Camerons attending EX ARCTIC RAM have now returned and the long wait for the legends that will come of this excursion is over. The pictures will be posted on the Cameron Picasaweb site shortly. Come by the Mess and the Reunion to hear them in full !

*** Cameron Association Events ***

The Valour Road Plaques 2011 - 2012

The members of the Cameron Association in Canada had noticed over the past few years that there weren't a lot of things to mark our first 100 years, outside of Minto Armouries and the Cameron Chapel at First Presbyterian Kirk that is. The Fort Garry Horse have a statue of Winnie the Pooh at Assiniboine Park, the Winnipeg Rifles have their football team, but what about us ? We therefore decided that we should try to get something done about this situation. It just so happened that the Cameron Advisory Board were thinking along the same lines – but only after the usual 100th Anniversary plaques were duly presented to the Province of Manitoba and the City of Winnipeg.

I had been part of the committee that worked with architect David Wagner to design the Valour Road Commemorative Plaza. I therefore knew that provision for the three units (43rd Bn CEF Camerons of Canada, 8th Bn CEF Royal Wpg Rifles, 2nd Bn CEF Governor General's Foot Guards) to place a plaque to commemorate their individual V.C. winners had been made – but that the units had been far too preoccupied with the training and preparation of soldiers to go overseas for the war in Afghanistan to even think about events that had happened so long ago. The suggestion was made to the Cameron Association, the Cameron Advisory Board, and the Cameron Foundation that we should finally get our plaque for Valour Road done.

Mr. Len Johnson of the Cameron Association and I took on the task of pricing out a bronze plaque to be placed at the Valour Road Commemorative Plaza to commemorate Lt. Robert Shankland's V.C. won at Passchendaele, 26 Oct 1917. Most of the places we got quotes from were happy to provide us with quotes for bronze plaques - but quite reasonably tried to encourage us to go with highly polished stone instead. They cited theft, breakage or other vandalism, and the simple fact that stone is far cheaper than bronze.

The Scottish character trait of stubbornness when tradition is challenged (after all, the

Victoria Cross IS made of bronze !) rather than our normal frugality won out. The Cameron Advisory Board and Cameron Foundation were good enough not to have a stroke when they learned that the price would be more than 25 pounds sterling and it was away to the vendor we went.

The vendor selected was Brunet Monuments of St. Boniface, a fine family run establishment with an eye for tradition of its own. The team at Brunet were great people to work with. Charles Brunet and Denis Savoie with whom I worked most closely were quick to understand what it was that we were trying to accomplish and guided us appropriately. In no time at all we were ready to get the Shankland plaque done !



Mr. Donald MacDonald of the Cameron Advisory Board was kind enough to help me with the Manitoba Provincial Heritage Plaques & Cairns Program paperwork. This application was duly processed and the financial help from the Province was very much appreciated when the final bill came due.

It was about this time that I mentioned the Shankland plaque project to CWO (Ret'd) Gerry Woodman of the Royal Winnipeg Rifles. Now the common wisdom is that Camerons and Rifles can only be trusted (forced ?) to work together at gunpoint, and it had best be held by a rather large and steady nerved 38 CBG staffer at that. This is simply not true. We can be trusted to work together well enough if we get to point the gun at them too. Or occasionally we can work together if a common goal is to be achieved.

The latter being the case, Gerry and I had a few burgers to help the discussion along and in no time at all he had what he needed to go and visit the Rifles' Senate and Association

for approval - and cash if you please. He also got a large helping hand from the military museums program to help to pay for the plaque to commemorate the deeds of CSM Frederick Hall, V.C. on 15 April 1915 during the Second Battle of Ypres. Then it was off to Brunet for him too.

It was at about this point in the process that I learned Mr. Ken McKim from the City of Wpg had been given the job to complete the Valour Road Commemorative Plaza Building Communities Phase II – namely to get some plaques done ! Ken had support from Harvey Smith, the Winnipeg City Councillor for Daniel McIntyre and had been looking for help from the military to complete the project in a suitable and mutually agreeable fashion. The staff at the 17 Wing Museum had been very helpful but had no real objection to Gerry and I taking over the military side of the project for Ken.

Ken was quite pleased to discover that he had a small pool of very enthusiastic people who were very keen to help him finish the plaques – and also had the wherewithal to do so in bronze. Ken got some expert help from LCol (ret'd) Brian Batter to sort out the wording of the plaque describing the Victoria Cross and how Valour Road got its name. The next step was to the design table at Brunet. It must be mentioned that LCol (Ret'd) Brian Batter is a long time champion of Valour Road getting the recognition it is due. It was mainly at his behest that many years ago elements of the Minto Garrison started to parade at Valour Road on Nov 11th something that 38 CBG HQ continues to this day.

Things were going well but there was one plaque missing. Acting Corporal Lionel (Leo) Clarke, V.C. was going to go without. It seems that while the Camerons and Rifles were able to get things moving along nicely for their respective V.C. winners, the perpetuating unit of the 2nd Battalion CEF, The Governor General's Foot Guards, located in Ottawa had been busy with getting some plaques of their own done. They were busy trying to commemorate the victory at Hill 70 and two of their other V.C. winners. The RSM of the Guards, CWO Art McKenzie and the Guards Regimental Museum were keen enough to help with the design of the plaque, so that got done. Finally, through the good offices of Mr. David Wagner, the original architect of the Plaza a gentleman named Mr. Bob Williams stepped forward to pay for half of the costs of the Clarke plaque. There's still a fair bit of cash owing to Brunet but I'm sure we'll get that looked after one way or another.

This story is simply not complete without mentioning the members of the Clarke family who still live in Wpg. Mr. Clarke, Sr. and Mr. Paul Clarke were also heavily involved in supporting the project. They were also extremely happy to be the first members of the public to see the Clarke plaque when it arrived here in Wpg. Mr. Clarke, Sr. was quick to note that the official wording of the citation is not correct. It seems that whoever wrote up the original citation was perhaps not aware that Acting Corporal Clarke had not used a "revolver", nor two German rifles. Or perhaps he was only too aware that A/Cpl Clarke had used an unauthorized weapon for which he had been "crimed" at least once already. This being the case it is likely that more time in "The Digger" might have been awarded by a less than grateful higher commander instead of a richly deserved V.C.



A/Cpl Clarke had in fact used a Colt automatic pistol that he had acquired in England from a wounded Canadian officer. It is now a well established part of the family lore that A/Cpl Clarke's brother Charlie had been with him during the fateful battle and had witnessed Leo in action. Charlie was one of the wounded men mentioned in the citation. Not only that, but Charlie had brought the single remaining bullet and Colt pistol magazine from Leo home with him. It was eventually surrendered to the WPS by Mr. Paul Clarke many years later due to concerns with the safety of aging and decrepit ammunition.

Many thanks to the MLA for Minto, Minister Andrew Swan, who from the start of the events provided helpful guidance and support. Thanks are also due to the ladies at MB Culture, Heritage, & Tourism. Claudia & Pauline – thank you very much for your patience, help, and guidance.

As of this writing all four of the plaques are in Winnipeg and with a little cooperation from the weather will be in place and ready for a formal unveiling at 1400 hrs on 27 May 2012. The Cameron Association in Canada, The Royal Winnipeg Rifles Association, and the Winnipeg Infantry Tactical Group hope to see you there !

Hugh O'Donnell
Secretary
Cameron Association in Canada

*** Cameron Cadet Events ***

The 407 Cameron Cadets have been a bit busy lately. Activities include a Robbie Burn's Dinner with the Address performed by Ian Ross. Three cadets passed the NSCE. Congrats to Sgt Lo, Sgt Sinclair and Warrant Bouchard. Meanwhile, Cadet RSM (Chief Warrant Officer) Sylvie Atkinson worked as staff at the Manitoba NWOnt Provincial Biathlon. She did an excellent job and was selected for Nationals to be held In Nova Scotia. Well done RSM !

Reinforcements:

Former Cameron officer Adam Petrin and Leanne Petrin had a baby boy! Travis William Petrin, 7 pounds, 5 ounces, 19 Dec 2011! Both mom and baby are doing great. Adam is with the Patricias these days and is doing well there.

Congrats to WO James Clark, the third home-grown Cameron Warrant Officer since the Mike Mutch days. WO Clark was promoted this past Valentine's Day I'm told. There's an odd coincidence in that somewhere I'm thinking.

CORRECTION ! Sgt to WO Matt Lumsden. Matt is our first "Home Grown" WO since WO Steve Smith was promoted to that august rank a long time ago now. The error in the last edition is Hugh O'Donnell's and no one else's.

*** Regimental Events *****Rounds Completed:**

17 Dec 2011 – Men's Christmas Dinner: A well run event this year. Job well done to the Officers and NCO's that organized and ran it.

01 Jan 2012 – New Year's Levee: The New Year's Day Levee 2012 went off without a hitch and was a very positive success. This is due to everyone's combined efforts - a true team effort. Many thanks for a fine job. The Advisory Board had approximately 60 attendees (some came in late making an accurate count impossible) not counting the Highlanders and Pipes and Drums. Kudos to the Pipes and Drums for distinguishing themselves once again and ensuring a true Highland flavour to the event.

04 Feb 2012 – Depart With Dignity and Minto WO's & Sgt's Meet & Greet Night: A fine night planned by our own WO Matt Lumsden. There was a bit of a state of the Units brief from unit reps followed by a DWD ceremony for WO D. "Benny" Grant. WO Grant was most touched by RSM Boyd's presentation and had a great night out!

05 Feb 2012 – Annual Kirk Parade to 1st Presbyterian. A reasonably good turn out from the Unit and Cadets. Those of us in the Assn living in Wpg could do a much better job of letting The First Kirk save our souls once a year. They definitely need more of our financial contributions to buy comfy seats you know !



**The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada,
Advisory Board**

Colonel-in-Chief

Field Marshal, HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, KG, KT, OM, GBE

Honorary Colonel
J.W. Burns, OC, CD

Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel
Robert Vandewater

Commanding Officer
L.Col. Brett Takeuchi, CD

Her Majesty The Queen
Buckingham Palace
London SW1A 1AA

February 6, 2012

Madam

I would like to extend our heartfelt best wishes to you on the occasion of your Diamond Jubilee on behalf of the Commanding Officer and all Ranks and the Regimental family (Senate, Advisory Board, Regimental Association and the Cameron Cadet Corps) of Manitoba's Highland Regiment, the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada.

I can assure you that the Regiment has continuing warm memories of your visit to Winnipeg in July 2010 at which time we were deeply honoured to have the opportunity to present our Colonel-in-Chief with the first edition of our Centenary book.

I have the honour to be, Madam, Your Majesty's humble and obedient servant.

Robert Vandewater
Honorary Lieutenant Colonel 180 Kingsway Avenue
Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada R3M 0H2

Incoming Rounds:**Clarke Plaque for Valour Road Bingo Call Out**

- The Clarke plaque meant for Valour Road is only half paid for at this point. There is another \$3037 or so owing once the plaque is installed. We have been offered a chance to do a Bingo fundraiser – but it will be on very short notice. Anyone who can devote 3 hours of their time on an unknown night or weekend for this worthy cause please contact Hugh O'Donnell at (204) 688-6139. I don't know which location we'll be asked to go to or which exact slot we'll get – but it will be on about 12 hours notice to go. I need at least 7 names to complete the evening and earn half or more of the money owing.

Unveiling of Cameron 100th Anniversary Plaque at the Manitoba Legislature

- Date & Time: Tuesday, 27 March 2012 at 1100 hrs
- Location: The Rotunda of the MB Legislature.
- Suggested Dress: Association blazer & tie, dark business suit, dress of the day at your job, clean and neat apparel as circumstances permit. Numbers count so please attend if at all possible.
- Purpose: When the Cameron plaque was presented the Leg staff were conducting a review of the current relevance, purpose, and location of every plaque that has been placed in the MB Leg since it was first opened. The review concluded that the best location for all of the military plaques would be in a newly dedicated section, likely to be called The Hall of Honour", in the hallway outside the Lieutenant-Governor's Office.

The plaque will now be formally unveiled in its proper home.

Valour Road Plaques Unveiling

- Date & Time: 27 May 2012, H-Hour is set for 1400 hours
- Location: TBC, but likely the park at the corner of Sargent Ave and Spruce St.
- Suggested Dress: Association blazer & tie, dark business suit, dress of the day at your job, clean and neat apparel as circumstances permit.
- Purpose: The Valour Road Commemorative Plaza at Valour Rd & Sargent Ave built in 2005 has long been incomplete. Each of the perpetuating units of the "Pine Street Boys" will finally be unveiling a plaque to remember their Victoria Cross winner. The fourth pedestal, for a plaque explaining how Valour Road came to be so named, will also be unveiled. The Plaza will finally be completed as originally designed !

Cameron Highland Games

- Date: & Time: TBC but a Saturday in mid to late June 2012 is the best guess for now.
- Location: WO B's "Highland Hostel"
- Suggested Dress:
 - Serving members - #4A Recreational (Garrison) which is number 440.2 of the Cameron Dress Regulations of 15 Feb 2006 and can be found on the Unit Only Portion of the Cameron web site.
 - Everyone else: Comfortable sports attire fit for the Highland Heavy Games.
- Purpose: Regimental Sports Day with the Cameron Association, Advisory Board, and family members strongly encouraged to attend.

Dieppe Reunion - 70th Anniversary (19 Aug 1942 - 19 Aug 2012)

- Date & Time: 17 Aug 2012 - Minto Armoury Junior Ranks Club
18 Aug 2012 - Assiniboine Golf Club on Ness
- Location: As above
- Suggested Dress:
 - Friday: Association blazer & tie, dark business suit, clean and presentable attire.
 - Saturday: appropriate golf attire
- Purpose: Commemoration of the Dieppe Raid in particular, and Annual Cameron Reunion as usual. Annual dues for the Cameron Association should be paid at this time.
- This year we are investigating some special events to help mark the 70th Anniversary of the Raid. More to follow, but Mr. Malcom Bissett of the KOCR Association is trying to coordinate a traveling display of artifacts and pictures to honour all of the units that participated in the Raid – and to visit their “home bases” such as they are now. If anyone knows of any South Saskatchewan’s vets in Wpg please pass the word their way too please.
- France: "Young" Tim Paryniuk is going to visit. Not sure at this time of any other pilgrims.

*** Links ***

This was sent in by Maj. Don Steenson. Nice to see that our efforts are remembered over there. Maybe some time we'll get something even remotely like it here in Canada ?

**DECEMBER 24TH IN THE NETHERLANDS:
CANADIAN SOLDIERS ARE REMEMBERED:**

Since 1991, the school children of Holten , Netherlands have, on December 24th, placed candles on the graves of the Canadian soldiers who died liberating the town of Holten in the 2nd World War.

The people of South Korea honour and remember soldiers from Canada and other countries in much the same way. Canadians liberated the Netherlands and they helped to liberate South Korea.

About 8,000 Canadian soldiers died in the Netherlands and many thousands more were wounded. A total of 516 Canadians died in Korea and another 1,400 were wounded.

Click on:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kQr9Z8Dnxyo>

* Historical Notes *

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
--	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----

Personalkarte I: Personelle Angaben

Kriegsgefangenen-Stammlager:

Oflag VII B

Bezeichnung der Erkennungsmarke:

Nr. 4048

Lager: **Oflag VII B**

Name: Kent

Vorname: Herbert George

Geburtsort und -ort: 10.7.17 Kenora (Kan.)

Religion: C of E

Vorname des Vaters:

Familienname der Mutter:

Staatsangehörigkeit: Brit.-Kanadier

Dienstgrad: Oberleutnant Res. befördert


Truppenteil: Sektionschef Komp. ufw.:

Zivilberuf: Cameron High-School-Gr.:
landers of Canada


Natizitel Nr. (Stammort des Heimatlandes): Dieppe 19.8.42.

Gefangennahme (Ort und Datum):

Ob gesund, krank, verwundet eingeliefert: gesund.



4048

Nähere Personalschreibung	
Haarfarbe	Braun
Augenfarbe	Blau
Fingerabdruck des rechten Zeigefingers	
Name und Anschrift der zu benachrichtigenden Person in der Heimat des Kriegsgefangenen	
Gattin: Mrs. H.G. KENT, St. Vital (Manitoba, Kanada), 15, Guay Ave..	
Vermerken!	

40-18


600 m

K. K.

Bekanntg.d.OKW.Bef. 10-1-40

Verkehr Kof.m.deutschr. Frauen

3. Sept. 1942



Vermerken!

Name: Kent

Bezeichnung der Erkennungsmarke: 4048 Lager:

*** More Links ***

The bodies of 21 German soldiers entombed in a perfectly preserved World War One shelter have been discovered 94 years after they were killed. See the link below for the full story and more pictures:

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2099187/Bodies-21-German-soldiers-buried-alive-WW1-trench-perfectly-preserved-94-years-later.html>



The Soldiers who Survive the Wars
are the Veterans Who Weep at the Sound of Pipes
and March to Keep the Faith
for Brothers Lost Who Did Not Die in Vain.
It is Their Rite to Remember.
Soon They Will Pass the Torch
as They Too will be no More
and Dare You Follow in their Footsteps and Never Forget.



“It wouldn’t be an *Oatmeal Rag* w/o a Wee Joke” (Russ Miller)

The wife told me to go to the doctors and get some of those tablets that "help" men get an erection.

You should have seen her face when I came back and tossed her some diet pills ! I'm still looking for a place to live.....

For that special evening on an Italian Cruise.



A Len DeCosse Christmas Story

A married couple had been out Christmas shopping at the mall for most of the afternoon, suddenly, the wife realized that her husband had "disappeared".

The somewhat irate spouse called her mate’s cell phone and demanded: Where the hell are you?

Husband: Darling you remember that Jewellery shop where you saw the Diamond Necklace and totally fell in love with it and I didn't have money that time and said Baby it'll be yours one day ?

Wife, with a smile blushing: Yes, I remember that my Love.

Husband: Well, I'm in the Pub next to that shop.

We are 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.

I need a piper for a Cameron Association member’s funeral ? ? ?

For those of you who are trying to plan ahead or suddenly need to book a piper for one of our Comrades and don’t know how it is done here you go:

1. Contact the President of the Cameron Association or the Editor of the *Oatmeal Rag* at a reasonable hour; and
2. We’ll pass you the contact information of the current Cameron Pipe-Major (because the appointment does actually change from century to century or so and otherwise you may call the wrong guy); and
3. The P/M will help you to make the appropriate arrangements.

Special Appeal for support to the Army Cadet League of Canada (Manitoba Br.)

The Army Cadet League needs your help (mine too of course). They are asking us to circulate the membership form on the next page and to encourage you to join the League to support the Cadets with your name and your \$20. More details regarding what support is needed can be obtained from HLCol Bob Vandewater, LCol (Ret'd) Rod Klinck, or any of several of our former CO's. The forms and \$20 are to be sent to:

Mr. Rod Klinck, Treasurer 749 Bonner Ave Wpg, MB R2G 2J8

For more general information about the Army Cadet program please see:

<http://www.armycadetsmb.ca/index.html>

The Army Cadet League of Canada
(Manitoba)



La Ligue des cadets de l'Armée du Canada
(Manitoba)

APPLICATION FOR LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP

This Application for Membership is required for any individual joining the Army Cadet League of Canada (Manitoba). Once completed the application is considered CONFIDENTIAL and is forwarded to the Provincial Branch Membership Officer for handling. Approved members are automatically members of the Manitoba Branch and the National organization.

(Note: Applicants joining the League are not expected to work directly with cadets. Should an applicant decide to become more involved with the operation of a cadet corps and would like to work directly with cadets, they will be required to participate in the League's Volunteer Screening Program which includes a CPIC and Vulnerable Sector Screening check. This screening process is designed to safeguard our cadets.)

I hereby apply for Membership in the Army Cadet League of Canada in the province/territory of Manitoba. as a **National or provincial/territorial member with no direct and regular contact with youth.**

Surname: _____ First Name: _____ Initials: _____

Address: _____ City/Town: _____ Prov: Manitoba

Postal Code: _____

Telephone(Bus) _____ Telephone(Res) _____ Telephone (Cell) _____

Fax _____ Email: _____

I understand that this application once completed and returned becomes the property of the Army Cadet League of Canada (Manitoba) and shall remain confidential and that the annual membership fees are \$20.00 per year unless increased at a later date at a general meeting of the membership. My membership fees for current year are attached herewith.

Signed this _____ day of _____, at _____, Manitoba.

Applicant: _____

Special thanks to
for your support



COMMISSIONAIRES

TRUSTED · EVERYDAY · EVERYWHERE