



THE QUEEN'S OWN CAMERON HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA



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**PETER FORSTER**[Peter Forsterfull obituary](#)

PROFESSOR PETER WAKEFIELD FORSTER AA, DIP. May 24, 1926 - August 15, 2014

Peter passed away peacefully at Riverview Health Centre after a lengthy illness. He is mourned by his wife Liivi (née Koppel) and his daughters.

Peter was born and raised in Newcastle-on-Tyne and educated in Edinburgh. In 1943, at the age of seventeen and a half he enlisted and trained at Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. The WWII hostilities ended before Peter saw active war service but he volunteered to go to India with the 19th King George's Own Lancers 1945-48 and then Egypt 1948-49.

After overseas service he returned to London and worked as a draftsman while studying at the Architectural Association. Upon completing his diploma at the AA in 1955, he began his professional career in London which, in turn, led him to immigrate to Montreal in 1957. Peter joined the School of Architecture, University of Manitoba in Winnipeg in 1959 at the invitation of the Director, John Russell. Retiring at age 70, Peter taught for 37 years: history of art and architecture; architecture theory; and design studio and beginning 1966 in the Department of Environmental Studies and was cross-appointed to the Departments of Architecture and Landscape Architecture until his retirement in 1997.

Due to his reputation as an outstanding teacher, mentor, and colleague in the Faculty and the

University he was highly sought after as a thesis advisor. In 1981 he received the Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Saunderson Award for Excellence in Teaching. Peter inspired his students to achieve excellence and many became well known practitioners and academics in prestigious firms and universities around the world.

In his memoir he writes "Lecturing was not a formidable task for me and I had no trouble preparing and presenting lectures because I had taken the Instructor's Course at Shandur. After that course I'd been appointed as an Instructor at the tank school and finished as a Captain with my third pip and plenty of teaching experience." In 1960 he joined the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada, successfully taking his Captain-to-Major exams in 1962 and becoming Second-in-command.

The family thank everyone at Riverview for their wonderful care. In lieu of flowers friends are encouraged to make donations to Riverview Health Centre Foundation, Humane Society, The Salvation Army, or a charity of choice. A memorial service was held on Friday, September 5 at 2:00 PM at Thomson "In the Park" Funeral Home 1291 McGillivray Boulevard. THOMSON "IN THE PARK" 204-925-1120 Condolences may be sent to www.thomsoninthepark.com

Full Obit published in the Winnipeg Free Press on September 03, 2014

IAN CUTHBERTSON

[Ian Cuthbertson full obituary](#)

IAN MACDONALD CUTHBERTSON August 5, 1929 - May 13, 2015 Ian passed away peacefully with his family by his side on May 13, 2015 at Health Sciences Centre. He will be lovingly remembered by his children Glenn and wife Ophelia, Janet and husband Steve Simons and Nancy and husband Jim Willms. He was predeceased by his loving wife Pat in 2009.

He was born in Montreal as the eldest child of Jack and Gladys Cuthbertson and spent his formative years in Toronto. Ian moved to Winnipeg in 1950 and met Pat while they were both working at the Bank of Nova Scotia. They married in 1955.

After moving to Winnipeg, Ian joined St. Stephens Anglican Church and was a member there for 65 years, volunteering countless hours on the vestry and helping to organize the 100th anniversary of the church. Ian worked for a several companies in administrative roles and retired from MGEA as a staff rep in 1989. Ian was involved in The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada from 1951 to the mid 70's. He was also a long term Mason with the Dormer Masonic Lodge. In retirement, Ian and Pat enjoyed spending winters at their condo in Florida and summers at the cottage on Lake of the Woods

The family would like to thank the caring and compassionate doctors, nurses and health care staff at the Grace Hospital and the Health Sciences Centre who provided exceptional care for Dad over the last few months. Cremation has taken place with a private family interment. A memorial service was held at St. Stephen's Anglican Church, 220 Helmsdale Avenue on Tuesday, May. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Stephen's Anglican Church or a charity of your choice.

Full Obit published in the Winnipeg Free Press on May 16, 2015

ALBERT MOORE[Albert Moore full obituary](#)

ALBERT WILLIAM (BILL) MOORE April 14, 1918 - May 7, 2015 Dad passed away peacefully, at the age of 97 years, tucked in safe and warm in bed at the Grace Hospital watching playoff hockey. He was predeceased in 2012 by the woman of his dreams for nearly 74 years, Cecilia (Peggy). Children Bill (Ruth), Jackie, Ross (Leslie), Penny (Marvin), brother-in-law Norm Glover, as well as numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends will all miss him terribly. A special mention should be made of Betty Moore. She was a faithful daughter-in-law and a willing care-giver to the end whenever the family called upon her.

Dad was an ordinary Canadian but of extraordinary character. Respectfully this is a peek through a small window into the very big room that was our Dad's life spanning close to a century. Following the death of his mother during childbirth, extreme poverty necessitated 17 month-old Dad being placed in an orphanage. He would remain there until he was seven years old when his older brother Eric came and took him to live with him and their sisters, Louella and Maude, in a tiny house at the north end of Whytewold Road in St. James.

Skipping ahead, war drums were beating in Europe when Dad joined the army at Minto Armouries in 1938. When war broke out he was sent off to train at Camp Shilo near Brandon. But it was not all hard work and no play. Cue the twinkle in his eye and a mischievous grin when he would recount the time when the Regimental Sergeant Major gathered the troops around and bragged that there was no use trying to go AWOL because nobody could ever escape Camp Shilo's security. Rising to the challenge, Dad, his brother Malcolm and brother-in-law Ron Hancox soon spotted their opportunity in the form of a laundry truck making its daily pickup on the base. They snuck into the back of the truck while the driver was absent and hid inside three of the many large laundry bags. Shortly after the truck left the camp they popped out and Dad loved describing the horrified look on the truck driver's face. They made their way to Winnipeg and spent a week saying goodbye to family and friends and then turned themselves in to the MP's to face the music. It would be neglectful not to mention the hero's welcome they received from their fellow soldiers.

Dad was a new father with an 18 day old son when his country called and he shipped out to war in the fall of 1940. He was a very proud member of the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders. He would not see his small family again for five long years. When he got to England Dad volunteered for the extremely dangerous job as a Dispatch Rider (DR). Many men washed out because of the demanding training. Dad's skill handling a motorcycle, especially off road in rough terrain, served him well. But he had chosen a job that came with a very large target on the back of each man. Capturing or killing one of them and getting their hands on the vital information they carried was the equivalent of an enemy successfully hacking their opponent's computer today. In enemy hands the information DR's routinely carried could change the outcome of battles and cost many of their fellow soldiers their lives.

In August 1942 Dad was wounded at Dieppe, France where his unit suffered 75% casualties. He was one of the lucky ones rescued and evacuated back to England. Once he recovered, his request was granted to be transferred to the Saskatchewan Light Infantry in Italy. Dad's hope was to get closer to his older brother, Eric, who was there fighting already. He was able to seek

Eric out and Dad said he would never forget lifting the flap on Eric's tent and seeing his face light up when he saw who was calling. They even went for a little tour behind the lines on Dad's motorcycle. Neither knew that day that in just a few weeks Eric would be killed in combat. Dad never forgot his two faithful friends who were constantly at his side during the war. They were his motorcycle and his trusty Thompson submachine gun (Tommy gun). They helped him survive the war including the 1943 Battle of Ortona during a time that became known as bloody December'. It was also dubbed "Little Stalingrad" because of the deadliness of its close-quarters combat. After that came Monte Casino and onwards up the boot' to participate in the liberation of Rome. All of this, yet Dad's steadfast opinion of his war service was "I didn't do anything special". Au contraire.

During the course of the war Dad missed celebrating Christmas very much. When he came home and for the rest of his life he made up for those lost years and Christmas was without question his "most wonderful time of the year". He got a job as a nursing orderly at Deer Lodge Veterans Hospital where he worked for the next 25 years helping care for veterans less fortunate. At the same time he worked another full time job as a landscaper. Two full-time jobs for 25 years! When he retired from Deer Lodge, Dad worked for many years as a custodian with the Winnipeg South School Division.

In accordance with Dad's wishes there was no funeral service. The family would like to extend a sincere thank-you to the staff at the Sturgeon Creek Retirement Residence for eight wonderful years. For those who wish to sign Wojcik's online Guest Book please visit our website at www.wojciksfuneralchapel.com.

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Editor's Note: The Moore Clan were well known to Donny Morrison, one of our former Camerons who served as P/M of the WPS Pipes and Drums for many years.

JOHN (JACK) ROBERT COGHILL

[John \(Jack\) Coghill full obituary](#)

WWII Veteran RCN (H.M.C.S. Peterborough Corvette)

Pipe Major of the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa Pipe Band

Peacefully in his 90th year on Sunday, April 26th, 2015 at the Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre. Jack was the beloved husband of the late Irene Bradley, his "Peanut" for almost 68 years, whose death seven weeks ago left him heartbroken. He was the treasured father of Allison Jamieson (John), Sheila Manhire (Robert), Jack (Donna), Laird (Janice) and Kirsty Hayward (the Rev. Daniel). Memories of their Granddad will also be cherished by his eleven grandchildren.

A Masonic Service was held on Tuesday, May 5th 2015 at the Central Chapel of Hulse Playfair and McGarry, 315 McLeod Street. Friends also shared in the Celebration of the Life of our beloved father, grandfather and great- grandfather on Thursday, May 7th, 2015 at the Lupton Hall of the Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre, 1750 Russell Road, Ottawa. His family wishes to express our gratitude to Drs. Stewart and Hamilton and the wonderful staff and

volunteers of the Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre who treated our father with such care and compassion. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre, the Heart Institute or a charity of your choice would be very much appreciated by his family.

Condolences/Tributes/Donations

www.hpmcgarry.ca

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MWO WAYNE MICHAEL NICHOLSON

[Wayne Nicholson RCR Roll of Honour article](#)

Sadly, a member of our Regimental family has died long before his time.

Master Warrant Officer/Constable Wayne Michael Nicholson (Badge Number 2245, Winnipeg Police Service) of Winnipeg, Manitoba passed away at home on Tuesday 19 May 2015 following a long and gallant battle with cancer. Born on 24 September 1965 he was only 49 years of age.

Wayne Nicholson was a longtime member of the 3rd Battalion The Royal Canadian Regiment (3 RCR) during the 1980s and 1990s. He served with 3 RCR initially at Kapyong Barracks, Winnipeg; then at Baden Soellingen, Germany. After the Battalion's repatriation to Canada from Germany, he was posted with the 10th/90th Battalion at St. Catherines, Ontario and then with 3 RCR at Foulkes Barracks, Petawawa. He later rebadged and served with 2PPCLI in Shilo.

After retirement from the Canadian Armed Forces Wayne Nicholson joined the Winnipeg Police Service, serving the city of Winnipeg as a police officer. Chief Warrant Officer K.R.J. Donovan, who served with him in 3 RCR during the 1980s and 1990s, referred to Constable Nicholson as a "likeable and quiet professional. He never complained and always set an example, a true Royal Canadian."

A funeral service for Wayne will be held at 1:00 PM, Wednesday 27 May 2015 at Minto Armouries, 969 St. Matthews Avenue, Winnipeg, Mb, R3G 0J7

Editor's Note: MWO Wayne Nicholson has no printed obit that I can find at this time.

Sgt-Maj Nicholson was very popular with all ranks of the Camerons and was to have been the next RSM of the Winnipeg Infantry Tactical Group (yes, the Camerons and the Rifles under the same CO & RSM – but are still distinct Units). He was also a very popular policeman, as was easily witnessed by all present at his celebration of life service at Minto Armouries on Wed, 27 May 2015 where well over 100 members of the Force were on hand to support the family and see him off in style.

Wayne was also fondly remembered by members of his former Regular Force regiments, the Royals and the Patricias, many of whom were also on hand to say their farewells. Many of

these guys have also left the military and taken up service with the both the Army Reserve AND the WPS. Talk about twice the citizen !

JOHN BARCLAY GRAHAM

Editor's note: At Major Graham's request his family did not publish an obituary.

John Barclay Graham 25 August 1926-10 Aug 2015 in the company of his wife of 67 years Shelagh, daughters Jocelyn and Niele, and the family dog Pickles.

Major Graham joined the army in January of 1945 and served until the end of hostilities. He rejoined, this time with the Camerons in 1950. He was appointed 2nd Lt on 31 August 1952 and Captain in 1960. He did attain the rank of Major prior to leaving the Regiment but it always remained dear to his heart. In the true manner of the Scot his family has returned the kit that he'll need no more for such use as the RQMS and Museum can find for it.

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 ***

Gord Coutts (Korea, Militia) - Gord has been mostly shut in for quite a while now and plans stay that way for a while yet. Hugh called him on 14 Oct 2015 to say hi. Gord says hi to all and visitors are welcome.

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. He enjoys company and always has a quick joke for visitors.

Piper Bill MacKay (SWW) - Nothing current of the bad kind to report. Stay well Piper Bill !

Tom Munro (Borneo with the Imperials, Militia) – No recent update on Tom

But Hugh will try to contact him soon. **Bill Naven** (SWW) - Nothing new to report with Bill.

Mo Schultz (Drew's Militia - 1990's) – Hugh spoke to Mo in early Oct 2015. Mo is back on the go now. He can be contacted at 587-281-2840. Mo is looking at leaving AB now that the oil patch is doing nothing and there are lineups for jobs at Wal Mart.

Ken Smith (SWW) Hugh O'Donnell spoke to Ken on a number of occasions recently and is very happy to report that Ken is well and active. Ken recently celebrated his 95th and is getting around to visit Piper Bill and some of the other veterans at George Derby Home.

Roy Taylor (SWW RAF, Post SWW Cameron) – Hugh called 14 Oct 2015 to say hi. Louise and Roy are doing OK, but of course Roy gets tired very easily. As Louise put it “We’re still here and we’re still smiling !”

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 ***

Hello to all,

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about the updates to the memorial project the Association has been working on. The Cameron Senate (former CO's of the Camerons) have approved the wording that is to appear on the bench.

We have permission to place it in Vimy Ridge Park at Portage Ave & Broadway Ave in Wpg. It will initially be sited near the 1st Presbyterian Kirk side, but the park is being renovated and the military monuments are going to be grouped together. Our bench will be sited with the other monuments at the end of this renovation. This bench is currently due be dedicated in the Spring of 2016.

I want to thank all of you who have donated your money towards this project; your generosity is most appreciated. We are still in need of more donations to reach our goal so if some of you have been considering donating, please know that your dollars will be put to good use.

I will keep you posted.

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

Outgoing VP - Karen would like to encourage all of us to recruit, retain, and revitalize the Association. She thanks those who have come out to support the Bingo Bowling in the past and promises to help assist with running more of these wonderful evenings in the future. Although she has stepped down from her position of VP Karen remains interested in the welfare of the Association and its members and will continue to assist with other activities as time and circumstances permit.

Thanks for many years of valuable work with the Association Karen and all the best with your future plans !!!

Incoming VP – Marc Gautron will be familiar to many of you. He'll have more to pass along in future Oatmeal Rags but he's still recovering from being voluntold that he's the new VP.



*** 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 48 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 ? ***

Bill Douglas is in his normal digs in Osborne Village and doing well. Bill made it out for the Reunion – both parts !!! He had a few drinks with us on the Friday night and came by the BBQ supper to check the quality of the rations for us. Sadly Bill cannot fully partake these days but the M.O. did give him orders you know !

Donny Morrison made it out for the Friday night of the reunion too. It was great to see him out critiquing the current mob in the Pipes and Drums, just like days gone by. No worries Pipie, former Cameron and WPS P/M Morrison says you were in good form and he'd like to hear you again sometime.

It is my great pleasure to find yet another Cameron from days gone by dropping us a line. In this case it came through his son Ostap Skrypnyk , but **Yaroslav (Yarko) Skrypnyk** served in the QOCH of C in 1948-49. He had just arrived from Europe as a DP. Apparently at the time there were lots of Ukrainian immigrants serving in the Battalion. Even though his time with the Regiment was short, Yarko has fond memories of his service – even if some of it was in Dundurn, SK ! He is still alive and 94 years old. After he left the Regiment he had a very good career with Inland/Genstar Cement, retiring as Chief Chemist. Thanks for getting in touch with us Ostap ! For those of you racking your brains, here is a picture of young Yarko, followed by some of

the other Camerons from that time period. Can anyone identify these Cameron men ?



*** 2015-16 DUES (\$10) STILL PAYABLE UNTIL AUG 2016 ***

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 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 ***

100th Anniversary of the start of The Great War Bench Project - See the President's Message from Steve MacMillan for the current state of play. You can still send your cheque to the Cameron Foundation at the address listed below. All donations are very welcome, believe me ! 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

Support to Students

Part of our job at the Association is to keep faith with the promise "We will remember them". The web site occasionally gets requests from students who are part of a group going to tour the battlefields of one or both world wars. They ask things like who the Camerons are, were, where they fought, and how they fought and won such battles. We try to guide them to the Cameron museum staff and perhaps one of our few living veterans.

Perhaps most poignantly we get the requests from students who have been assigned the job of researching and presenting to their classmates the stories of our Fallen Comrades. This is often easy to do on paper in a warm room, computer humming away with Facebook and Twitter feeds, a mug of coffee steaming away, and some help from the Museum staff and our living veterans.

When they find themselves halfway around the world, soaking in the rain or perhaps just the European dampness of fall and standing next to the grave of a Canadian soldier who was not much older than themselves it takes on a new dimension of "difficult".

I have always paid my respects on Remembrance Day and the moment of silence. The poem in Flanders field always makes me sad when I hear or read it. I thought I understood what happened during war and what sacrifices people made so I could be free to go where I wish and worship my religion without persecution.

When I saw the vast amount of Canadian graves I realized how many died during the war. I thought I had an idea but it was obvious that I did not. I was sad to see so many Canadians died for our country but I was very proud to be Canadian.

What amazed me was the pristine condition of the graves and the beautiful flowers on them. I was also shocked about the age of the soldiers 14 years old and up; they were just boys among men but they died fighting for what was right. I found the soldier I was assigned to who came from "The Queens Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada".

When we arrived in the Netherlands we watched and participated in the liberation parade. To see all the veterans go by in their old uniforms and war vehicles with the marching bands was incredible. There were so many people watching and they were cheering loudly. They also cheered very loud when we marched and I felt the pride the soldiers must felt as well. We were all amazed that after 70 years everyone was so still excited and grateful for the liberation. There were people of all ages watching the parade. Older men and women that were mostly likely present for the actual liberation. People the age of my parents and very little children they were all so excited and made the veterans

feel honoured. I was handing out Canada pins and the kids were eagerly taking them. They were so excited!!

We also visited Juno beach. I don't know what to say other than I cried. I was so overwhelmed when I walked on the beach knowing what had happened there.

We also went to Vimy Ridge memorial. The memorial was a large beautiful monument; but it also scared me that not all the bombs had be removed. We had to stay on the paths to avoid stepping on undetonated bombs. We also visited Beaumont- Hamel. In both of these places I walked through the trenches and it was hard to imagine that soldiers lived and died in them. Also, that there were still bodies all throughout the trenches that had never been discovered.

We finished our trip in Paris.

I will always remember this trip for the rest of my life. I will pass along memories to anyone who will listen. Your service and sacrifices were not forgotten by the people you fought to liberate. I have a new understanding of war and it is never enough just say "Thank you".

Madison

Madison was participating in a history trip through her High School. They visited Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery as well as the other sites listed in her letter. Madison was given Private Oscar Donald Coslett-Thomas Service Number H/22281 Grave reference XXI.F.16 to find out as much as she possibly could. She had had not been successful in finding any information regarding him so she asked us for help. She was very interested to know how old he was when he entered the service and how old he was when he died.

Madison wants all of you to know that she is very honoured to know that some of the men that fought in that war will be reading this! She said to her Dad (who finally got her to put into writing what she had tried to communicate to him) that there was so much that she just couldn't put into words. She wants those veterans to know that she is eternally grateful and will never forget what they did - and that she will pass it along when she has children so they will know as well.

The French Legion of Honour Medal update

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 ! You can read the details in their letter included below.

The Association has submitted some more names so we'll see how it goes. We hope to see at

least a few more Camerons receive their due reward on this side of the soil.



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Your file - Votre référence

Our file - Notre référence

Dear Sir or Madam:

In 2014, the Embassy of France awarded the Légion d'honneur to more than 600 Canadian Veterans who served in the campaign to liberate France.

I am pleased to inform you that the Government of France has extended the nomination deadline for the Légion d'honneur to July 31, 2015. The Embassy of France is looking for candidates who took part in the battles and military operations surrounding the landings in Normandy and Provence during the liberation of France mainly between June 6 and August 31, 1944.

The Department of Veterans Affairs would like to invite you to participate in the nomination of candidates for this prestigious decoration.

Enclosed you will find a nomination form and letter from the Embassy of France regarding the extension of the Légion d'honneur nominations. All nominations must be received by Veterans Affairs Canada no later than July 10, 2015, at the following address:

Veterans Affairs Canada
Commemoration Division
Attention: Jaime Cote
66 Slater Street
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0P4

We are tremendously indebted to those who served Canada and fought to protect our rights and freedoms. I invite you to take this opportunity to express your gratitude by nominating a candidate.

Sincerely,

Dr. André Levesque
Director General, Commemoration

Enclosures

Canada

2015 WEDNESDAY, 11 NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADES

What: Remembrance Day Parades

Time: 1030-1230 hrs

Grid: Minto Armouries in Winnipeg will be the primary Cameron participation event, but for those who so desire 2 minutes of silence wherever you find yourself at the 11th hour of the 11th day will do quite nicely. After all, that was good enough for a lot of the guys who got shot at, shelled, and gassed in the regiment's various battles.

Cost: Your two minutes of silence to remember the approximately 116, 000 Canadian war dead and many, many, more wounded.

2015 SATURDAY, 12 DECEMBER WITG CHRISTMAS DINNER

What: The usual Christmas dinner with the serving members

Time: 1800 hrs for 1845 hrs on 12 Saturday, 14 December 2015

Grid: Minto Armouries parade square

Cost: Nil

Special Instructions: Please let the Association secretary know if you plan to attend. If we have more than 10 members I'll need to let the QM staff know for planning purposes.

2016 FRIDAY, 01 JANUARY CAMERON LEVEE

What: The usual Levee event with the serving members

Time: 0700 hrs for 0745 hrs

Grid: Minto Armouries Officer's Mess

Cost: Nil

Special Instructions: Please be early, on time, or stay away until after the LG of the Province of MB has arrived. You are NOT to attempt to upstage His Honour. That is the mark of lesser people of lesser regiments and branches.

2016 SATURDAY, 23 JANUARY THE CAMERON WO'S & SGT'S ROBBIE BURN'S SUPPER

What: One of the finest Robbie Burn's Suppers in Winnipeg.

Grid: The Fort Garry Hotel

Time: 1830 for 1910 hrs

Cost: \$85 per ticket, see a member of the Cameron WO's & Sgt's Club for tickets. The secretary of the Association will be happy to help you to contact the members.

Dress: Mess kit, dark business suit, suitable attire for evening wear.

2016 SUNDAY, 07 FEBRUARY CAMERON KIRK PARADE

What: The usual Cameron Kirk Parade

Time: 1000 hrs for 1015 hrs at the Kirk.

Grid: 1st Presbyterian Kirk, 61 Picardy Place, Winnipeg, Manitoba

[1st Presbyterian web page](#)

Cost: Tuppence for the plate. Inflation you know.

Special Instructions: Please let the Association secretary know if you plan to attend. If we have more than 10 members I'll need to let the Clerk of Session staff know for planning purposes.

* REGIMENTAL WEB SITES *

The Unit web site is still up running. The links have recently had a much needed going over (April 2015) and most should now function properly. 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>

* UNIT EVENTS *

Pipes & Drums Update: The Pipes and Drums are still busy since the last update. They have a few new members who bring quite a bit of experience and are definitely valuable additions to the usual crew. If the Reunion show is anything to go by the usual performance following the 11 November parade at Minto will be quite impressive. Keep up the great work Pipie !

"A" Company Update: The Company is busy working through the CT (combined training) exercises, which on paper look very pretty. We'll see how they turn out in the field. Lt Reive Deamel is very pleased to report that he's got a full slate of fully qualified NCO's this training year. Hopefully this will mean a great training year for the guys !

The seven or so new troops from the summer training are now in the process of working with

their new platoon and company staff. With some luck and time investment maybe we'll get a few of the best to be worthy of the title of "Sgt" down the road.

SPECIAL "A" Company Note: MCpl C. Brooker has had the privilege of serving with the National Sentry Program. Well done lad !!! That's him in the middle with the look of authority, a plain dark Glengarry, and sporting the blue hackle.



The **Nijmegen Marches** went off well enough. No Cameron casualties anyhow. Sgt Mladjenovic, MCpl Brooker, Sgt Bernier, Cpl Hugill and Lt Reive Deamel were there. Maybe you can spot them in the picture provided below ?



Battalion: It's true ! Cpl. S. Madden has had to pack it in. Cpl Madden retired 21 June 2015



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”. Good thing too with all of the stuff in the news these days ! This august body continues to try to support all ranks in their various endeavours. The latest topics have been the Association’s plans to commemorate all of the Camerons who have served, the Cadets Vimy Ridge pilgrimage, the Officer’s Mess amenities, and the WO’s and Sgt’s Burn’s Supper plans. In addition to all that they’re busy trying to find a way to help out the JR’s too.

*** CAMERON CADET EVENTS ***

The Cadets will be busy 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 100th Anniversary of the battle. Hopefully Lt. B. Will and Capt. K. Walker can keep that concept on track. Vimy is a “must see” kind of place for Canadians in Europe !

Please visit their new 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 ***



Our youngest reinforcement, Jack Trenchard, was born to Brian and Kristin Trenchard on 11

Oct 2015. According to CSM "A", J. Clark, we have also received 7 new recruits from the summer training cycle. We have our work cut out for us, and apparently so does the recruiting system.

*** OTHER REGIMENTAL NOTES ***

Rounds Completed:

2nd Annual Association Bingo Bowling Night 21 May 2015

Association Vice president Karen Tyler set us up at the St. James Lanes which is 1805 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg for an excellent night of comradeship and out and out fun. There weren't a lot of us there but there was plenty of room for more to attend next time.

The star of the evening was four year old Alex, Steve MacMillan's nephew. His mum and himself came out to bowl after a long trip from Europe and both did splendidly ! Those overhand throws of his should keep bowlers in Europe dodging for years to come.

THE JR'S RUN CAMERON HIGHLAND GAMES 23 MAY 2015

Saturday afternoon the lads attended WO Mike Sinnock's place in St. Andrews MB. According to Steve Smith there were about 50 or so that came out to enjoy the event.

CAMERON REUNION 21 & 22 AUGUST &

The Friday night reunion was it's usual great time ! There were several new faces and a few friends of the regiment present including Wayne Ball and Bryan Gwiazda. It is also very important to note that long serving Cameron alumni Bill Douglas and Donny Morrison were present to dignify the proceedings.

As part of the evening's proceedings Sgt-Maj J. Clark conducted the Depart with Dignity for CWO (Ret'd) Hugh O'Donnell. Hugh formally retired from the Canadian Forces on 20 April 2015 but the DWD has to occur after the member is finished their paperwork. Hugh's wife Claudia and son William were present, and they were recognized for allowing him to come out to soldier when needed instead of shovelling snow or taking out the garbage.

Pictured below are LCol D. Fraser, CO of the 38 CBG Battle School presenting retiring BSL RSM H. O'Donnell with a proper dirk for a highland soldier. No frills but a working – and very sharp ! – blade.

Mr. H. O'Donnell and his family at the reunion.



Perhaps the most notable event that evening was the presentation by Maj. (Ret'd) Paddy Douglas to one of the Cameron family's most prominent members – our Honorary Colonel, Bob Vandewater. Paddy got together a fantastic shadow box composed of items that mean a great deal to Bob. Well done sir !



Sgt-Maj J. Clark addresses the ball “William Wallace style” at the Reunion golf.

CAMERON ASSOCIATION IN CANADA 2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM and election of Officers of the Association took place on Monday, 14 September 2015. There were a few goodbyes to long serving members and a few bold new Cameron alumni took up the torch.

If you've read the Vice President's remarks you'll know that Karen Tyler has stepped down to focus on her own life for a while. Many thanks to Karen for her words of wisdom and encouragement to keep recruiting, retaining, and entertaining our membership with decently run events. Incidentally she has kindly offered to help run our next Bingo Bowling event. These are fun little events that your family members, especially your children are more than welcome to attend. You can also bring along a pal or two, provided that they don't throw the ball overhand !

Stuff for the Lassies for next year's Robbie Burns: Jamberry Nails from Mrs. Erika Smith - WO (Ret'd) Steve Smith's wife for those who aren't quite sure of which Smith I mean. She's got this line of Jamberry product for the girl who wants to be Cameron to the tip of her toes...

*** LINKS ***

[Do you know your AFV's of the World ?](#)



The First World War on film.

[Silent film from August 6th 1918](#)

When Very Lights are Shining” song with Old Bill cartoons from Capt. Bruce Bairnsfather

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b8TiexO8nNI&index=20&list=PL9-qGPmFEWNMXw57S_q3TZNZg-f99GUMC

*** HISTORICAL NOTES ***

The keener historians amongst the ranks may be interested to know that at about this time 100 years ago the 43rd Camerons of Canada were still not at all certain of being able to go to the field as a formed unit. Things were looking up – the 79th Cameron Highlanders of Canada Overseas Drafting Detachment had done its work well and all of the holes in the ranks were filled. Here’s bit of what life was like in those days from the Cameron Highlanders of Canada memorial web site:

The winter of 1914-1915 was severe, but the new recruits drilled daily at the new Drill Hall on Erin Street.

#420434 Sgt. David McMillan

The severity of the weather did not slow us down. If it was no colder than zero, we worked outside. Because of the cold we had to go to it vigorously, and it was quite a sight to see a Company blowing icy breaths, and doing physical jerks as if it were a matter of life and death. Then there were the long route marches about every other day. We wore balaclava helmets, but it was quite common to see frozen noses and cheeks. The troops got toughened up by this rigorous training and as far as I was concerned, I never felt in better health.

As the numbers of recruits increased, the problem arose as to where the men should barrack. This problem was alleviated somewhat by temporarily placing men in the basement of St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church. Fortunately, the Camerons moved into the newly constructed Minto Barracks during the first week of March 1915.

As was the custom of the day, the 43rd was presented with numerous gifts before leaving Canada. The former mayor, Alexander Macdonald, gave a complete set of 16 bagpipes imported from Glasgow; the St. Andrew's Society gave a complete set of band instruments. Also, several field kitchens were received by the battalion.

Just prior to leaving for the front, the shocking news of the Second Battle of Ypres reached Winnipeg. It was in this terrible battle that the first heavy casualty lists of members of the regiment appeared.

Regimental resources: <http://www.cameronhighlanderscanada.com/>

*** MORE LINKS ***

Hybrid Warfare and Challenges by Frank G. Hoffamn

[Downloadable pdf article](#)

Current Strategic Thinking notes excerpt from the Small Wars Journal, Issue 521st Quarter 2009 / **JFQ p.35**

“in the future, the most capable opponents may seek to combine truly disruptive capacity with

traditional, irregular, or catastrophic forms of warfare.

This matches the views of many military analysts, who have suggested that future conflict will be multi-modal or multi-variant rather than a simple black or white characterization of one form of warfare. Thus, many analysts are calling for greater attention to more blurring and blending of war forms in combinations of increasing frequency and lethality. This construct is most frequently described as “hybrid warfare,” in which the adversary will most likely present unique combinational or hybrid threats specifically targeting U.S. vulnerabilities. Instead of separate challengers with fundamentally different approaches (conventional, irregular, or terrorist), we can expect to face competitors who will employ all forms of war and tactics, perhaps simultaneously.

Criminal activity may also be considered part of this problem, as it either further destabilizes local government or abets the insurgent or irregular warrior by providing resources. This could involve smuggling, narcoterrorism, illicit transfers of advanced munitions or weapons, or the exploitation of urban gang networks.

A number of analysts have highlighted this blurring of lines between modes of war. They suggest that our greatest challenge in the future will not come from a state that selects one approach but from states or groups that select from the whole menu of tactics and technologies and blend them in innovative ways to meet their own strategic culture, geography, and aims.

NEXT TIME OUT



MR. ALBERT MOORE'S (RIP) SPORTS MEDALS

Hopefully next issue of the Oatmeal Rag will feature a few Cameron sports stories.

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



"These older homes are tricky. You never know what kind of pipes you'll find."



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"Go ahead. I'll only bleed all over your new rug."

Cameron kit on display. Looks like we actually do get better kit from time to time !





[A French EOD Museum web site.](#)

The motto on the coin in one of the last pictures reads to the effect “your first mistake is your last mistake”.

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 from Minto. Please click on the recently confirmed (May 03 2015) link:

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

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Douglas.

Gentlemen, we thank you.



The 79th Camerons of Canada 12 November 1915

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