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*** Last Post ***



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 using the contact information on the front page of the current issue; 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.

JAMES JOHNSTON

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/vancouver/sun/obituary.aspx?pid=172866125>

JOHNSTON, James - Passed away peacefully at home in New Westminster on October 10, 2014 at the age of 97. Jim was born in 1917 in a small stone house on the grounds of Drum Castle in Drumoak, on the outskirts of Aberdeen, Scotland. He was the oldest of three sons born to Nellie

and James MacPherson Johnston. The family immigrated to Canada when he was fifteen months old, settling on a farm in Fairford, 170 miles north of Winnipeg.

Jim became a Cameron Cadet in 1932, at the age of 15, following the tradition of his father and uncle who were members of the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders in the First World War. In 1937, Jim became a piper for the Camerons. When Germany invaded Poland in 1939, Jim transferred to the infantry. With the Canadian Forces, he landed on the Normandy beaches, seeing battle in France and later in Belgium. He served until 1945 when he was discharged following a war injury. On December 13, 1946, he married Wanda Katherine Kopachynski.

Jim worked as an officer at the B.C. Penitentiary from 1949 until his retirement in 1977. He was active in his community with a keen interest in New Westminster's history and politics. He served as president of Century House for seven years until his retirement in 1982. He was known for both his quick wit and fast paced walking stride. He regularly played in a bowling league. Jim had a lifelong passion for playing the bagpipes and enjoying all things Scottish. He was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion Pipe Band #83 and continued playing the pipes until he was 80 years old. He kept a beautiful and productive garden at his home which gave him great pleasure. "Dad" was the centre of the Johnston family. He was a committed husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather who was admired and dearly loved by his family. Jim was predeceased by his wife Wanda in 2008. Jim is survived by his children, Joyce (Roy), Sharon, Jim (Valerie) and Elaine (Garry).

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Jim to Century House in New Westminster or Amos Ferguson Society in Surrey. Friends and family are invited to Jim's home on Sunday, November 9, 2014 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. to Celebrate Jim's Life and toast with a "wee dram."

Full obit published in Vancouver Sun and/or The Province on Oct. 19, 2014

See more about Jim's life at:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/vancouver/obituary.aspx?pid=172866125#sthash.iVHUh4Wv.dpuf>

<http://obits.dignitymemorial.com/dignity-memorial/obituary.aspx?n=Louis+%22Bud%22-Sherman&lc=3754&pid=173814462&mid=6274038>

JIM (JR) ROBERTS

JAMES EDGAR ("J.R".) ROBERTS jr. (1951----2015)

On or about January 21, 2015, at _his residence in Cowichan Bay, British Columbia, "JR" passed away at the age of 63.

JR was born in Winnipeg on 05 June 1951, eldest son of the late James E Sr and the late Geneve Boyanoski Roberts. He attended Viscount Alexander School, Vincent Massey High School (Class of 1969) and the University of Manitoba (1969-1973) , from whence he graduated with Honours.

After some post-graduate education and work experience, JR joined the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation in May of 1976 as a Claims Adjuster, and rose through the ranks to retire as a Senior Claims Supervisor in the Bodily Injury Division in 2006, with a Management Certificate from the University of Winnipeg.

He proudly served as an officer in the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada (CF Reserve) from 1984 until 1991.

JR was always known as an "out of the box thinker" and an innovator. He had a lifelong love of building scale models in meticulous detail. He was an ardent naturalist. He became a popular and successful wildlife carving instructor, both in Manitoba and British Columbia. At work, he played a large part in the development of PIPP (The Manitoba Personal Injury Protection Plan) and in Manitoba Public Insurance as a whole, over a 30-year career.

JR is survived by his estranged wife Jill, brothers: Bruce (Gwen) of Calgary and John of Vancouver. Also, his nephew Brett and his nieces Erica and Christina.

He was pre-deceased by his beloved Uncle Stan (Stanley Boyne (Boyanoski)) his dear friend Victor Brikin, his carving pal Dr Bonnie Trodden; his kitty friends Budley, Oskie, Emmy and Alvie, and his parents.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Humane Society of your choice, to Craig Street Cats in Winnipeg, or to the Primate's World Development Fund of the Anglican Church of Canada, c/o The Parish Church of St. Luke, Osborne Village, Winnipeg

"LORD, lettest now thy servant depart in peace"

This is the obituary that JR himself drafted about 6 months ago.

STEWART ROSS

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STEWART DOUGLAS ROSS 1928 - 2014 The Ross family lost its beloved patriarch on November 1, 2014 with the peaceful passing of our dad and papa. He is now reunited (and probably having a cup of tea) with mom (Gloria/Glo/Nana), who passed away July 2012.

Dad was born in Winnipeg on February 10, 1928 and grew up on McPhail St. in Elmwood with his father Jim, mother Ethel and sister Joan, all deceased. As a 15-year-old, he met a young girl from nearby McIntosh Avenue and his life would never be the same. Stu and Glo married on October 2, 1948. In 1950, they started their family. On February 1, 1954, dad began his distinguished career with the Winnipeg Fire Department, one where he made many lifelong friends and from which he retired on June 5, 1988 as a captain. Dad was in navy cadets as a teen where he joined the marching band as a drummer. A Scot through-and-through, he played in the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders Band and later in the ANAVET Unit 303 Pipes and Drums Band. Highlights of his musical career were appearances at the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California, and performing for family and friends annually at Folklorama.

He was a gentleman and the nicest guy you'd ever want to meet. He taught us humility, honesty and humour (and an appreciation for good scotch). We miss him terribly. Thanks for everything, dad, we sure had fun!

Thanks to the staff at Nova Vista Lodge for their care the past few years. They made his final chapter as comfortable as possible. A Celebration of Life took place Wednesday, November 12 at 2:00 p.m. at East St. Paul Banquet Hall, 266 Hoddinott Rd. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Firefighters Burn Fund. For those who wish to sign the online Guest Book please visit our website. www.chapellawn.ca 885-9715

Full obit published in the Winnipeg Free Press on November 08, 2014

LOUIS RALPH (BUD) SHERMAN

http://passages.winnipegfreepress.com/passage-details/id-220874/name-Louis_Sherman/min-run-date-1418450400/date-range-month/classification-id-1/order-publish_date%7CDESC,last_name%7CASC,first_name%7CASC/

LOUIS RALPH (BUD) SHERMAN December 24, 1926 - January 9, 2015 After a short illness, at age 88, at the Health Sciences Centre in Winnipeg. Predeceased by his beloved wife, Elizabeth, and survived by his three children, Cathy (Gordo), Christopher (David) and Todd (Eric).

Bud was born in Quebec City, the third child of The Most Reverend L. Ralph Sherman, Archbishop of Rupert's Land, and Carolyn Gillmor Sherman. Bud received his early education at Strathcona Boys' School in Calgary. After moving to Winnipeg with his family, he attended Kelvin High School and the University of Manitoba, graduating with his Bachelor of Arts in 1949. During his undergraduate career at the University, Bud was active in the student newspaper, "The Manitoban", inter-faculty sports, fraternity life, student drama, and the Canadian Officers' Training Corp. He graduated from the Royal Canadian School of Infantry at Camp Borden, Ontario, in 1949 with the rank of 2nd Lieutenant.

Bud's brother, Lieut. Laurence Gillmor Sherman, was killed in action with his Infantry regiment at Monte Cassino in Italy in 1944. This was a seminal event in the family, and motivated Bud for the rest of his life to honour his brother through public service. On December 28, 1955, Bud married Elizabeth Ann (Lizanne) Beaton, of Winnipeg. They were married for almost 55 years and, ultimately, that was the proudest accomplishment of his life. Bud and Lizanne moved to Vancouver in 1956 and returned to Winnipeg in December, 1957. They raised their family in Winnipeg and made it their home for the next 30 years. They also loved spending time at their cottage at Delta Beach at Lake Manitoba.

Bud's professional career spanned the fields of journalism, broadcasting, politics, health care consulting and communications. After graduating from university in 1949, Bud went to work for Canadian Press in Winnipeg, embarking on a wire-service and newspaper career that covered the next 11 years and included service in Halifax, Montreal, Calgary and Vancouver. Much of this work was with United Press International and its predecessor, British United Press. In the late 1950s, he served as Bureau Chief and Western Canada Manager for UPI, in Vancouver. In 1960, Bud moved into television journalism and became Director of News and Public Affairs, as well as a popular on-air anchorman and host of a public affairs program, with CJAY-TV, the local CTV station in Winnipeg.

In 1965, Bud began a 19-year career in federal and provincial politics when, representing the Progressive Conservative Party, he was elected the Member of Parliament for Winnipeg South. In 1969, he moved into provincial politics when he was elected a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba for Fort Garry, a constituency he was very proud to represent for the next 15 years and through four elections. During this period, he served his party as Whip, Chairman, Deputy House Leader, communications advisor and labour critic. From 1977 to 1981, Bud was the Minister of Health for the Province of Manitoba. During his tenure, he initiated a multi-million dollar redevelopment of Winnipeg's Health Sciences Centre. He was instrumental in developing a new Rh Institute and national Blood Fractionation Laboratory at the University of Manitoba and in securing permanent status and funding for the Manitoba Health Research Council. He also spearheaded major legislation regarding the governance and operation of the regulated health professions in Manitoba. In Cabinet, Bud also served at various times as Deputy Premier, Minister of Community Services and Corrections, and Minister for Amateur Sport.

From 1981 to 1984, he was Deputy Leader of his party and chief health critic in the Legislature.

In 1985, Bud left politics but maintained his interest in health administration, publishing articles on Medicare and other health issues, and participating as a speaker and resource person for numerous health care and communications conferences and studies. Bud was appointed as a Commissioner of the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission, based in Hull, Quebec, in 1985. He and Lizanne relocated to Ottawa, and Bud served on the CRTC for ten years, becoming Vice-Chair Telecommunications in 1987 until his retirement in 1995. Bud's proudest accomplishment on the CRTC was the central role he played in work relating to long distance competition in the telephone industry. In 1987 and 1988, he chaired a Federal-Provincial-Territorial Task Force on Telecommunications. The Task Force's report became an invaluable common database on telephone industry competition. He also chaired the CRTC's 1991 central public hearing on long distance competition, leading to the Commission's landmark 1992 decision on the industry. On March 1, 1989, he was elected by his colleagues to fulfill the role of Acting Chair of the CRTC for a period. In 1995, the Canadian Business Telecommunications Alliance awarded Bud the Chairman's Award for outstanding contribution to the Canadian telecommunications industry.

After leaving the CRTC, Bud engaged in telecommunications consultancy work for Telus and the Manitoba Telephone System, and acted as the CRTC-approved Trustee of CKVU-TV, an asset of CanWest Global Communications Corporation. After 1995, Bud focused his energies on volunteer activities in the military, sports, education and cultural fields. These included: membership on the Advisory Board, and Chair of the Board, of the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada; Director of the Manitoba and Northwest Ontario Committee of the Canadian Forces Liaison Council. In memory of Lizanne, he was very proud to establish an English literature award in her name, and a sciences lecture series in the name of his father-in-law, at Balmoral Hall School in Winnipeg (formerly Riverbend), which Lizanne attended.

Throughout his life, Bud was an avid sports enthusiast. He was a strong supporter of Canadian football and later became keenly interested in soccer. He was a voracious reader of literature, poetry and military history.

A memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 15, 2015, at St. George's Anglican Church, 168 Wilton Street, at Grosvenor Avenue. Cremation has taken place. A private family interment will occurred on Friday, January 16, 2015.

The family would like to extend special thanks to the staff at the Shaftesbury Park Retirement Residence. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Bud's memory to the Parkinson Society Manitoba and the Canadian Cancer Society. THOMSON "IN THE PARK" 204-925-1120
Condolences may be sent to www.thomsoninthepark.com

As published in the Winnipeg Free Press on January 13, 2015

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.

*** Sick & Visiting ***

Gord Coutts (Korea, Militia) Gord has been in the Victoria General Hospital of late. Gord can be tough to find unless you know to ask for John (Gordon) Coutts. Bill Worden visited him.

I'm happy to report that Gord is home now and doing fine according to Louise Taylor. (25 Jan

Steve MacMillan (Post SWW Cameron, Bosnia) Steve has just had the usual infantry/hockey player repair job. He is doing well enough. At least Dale hasn't killed him yet I hear.

Vi Miller (Russ's widow) Karen Tyler spoke to Vi not long ago. She's doing ok.

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) is back at George Derby after a visit to the hospital Ken Smith reports. Bill is doing well now.

Tom Munro (Borneo with the Imperials, Militia) Tom Munro 31 Oct 2014 – hasn't been feeling all that well.

Bill Naven (SWW) Cameron had serious health issues this past year. Was out for 11 Nov 2014 to help lay wreath at Church service with HO'D.

Mo Schultz – Had a stroke in Sept but is back on the go now. Just shows that you can come back from being paralyzed from the waist down. He can be contacted at 587-281-2840. Doing OK and hoping to get back to work soon. – 21 Dec 2014

Ken Smith (SWW) Hugh O'Donnell spoke to Ken in Mid-Nov and Ken tells us that he is doing OK. Ken also had news of Lloyd Jones, another SWW Cameron. Lloyd is still active in the Shrine and Lodge. Ken is quite content at 312-10215 150th St and his boys look after him. Ken is getting around ok on the bus and with taxis.

Roy Taylor (SWW RAF, Post SWW Cameron) Hugh O'Donnell spoke to Roy and Louise during short visit mid-Nov 2014. He was weak but very alert and happy for the visit. Hugh also spoke to Louise on 26 Jan 2015 and Roy is still enjoying scones, shortbreads, and haggis but doesn't have a lot of energy.

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:

<http://www.thequeensowncameronhighlandersofcanada.net/links.html>

*** President's Message ***

Steve MacMillan has been working with the Association Executive regarding the upcoming 100th Anniversary of the Great War 1914-18. He's got us investigating several ideas, the main one of which is a permanently sited granite bench that will be located in the Field of Honour at Brookside Cemetery in Winnipeg. Read more about this project in the section about Cameron Association Activities.

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

Karen would like to thank all of those who came out to support the Bingo Bowling. She is planning to run another one and is hoping (*Editor's note: as are we all I'm sure !*) there will be

some of the same level of support. The date is TBC but start looking on the Cameron web page towards early March 2015 for dates and such.

*** 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.

The guys that I know are still alive are (in no particular order):

Major Ken Smith - Surrey, BC

Lloyd Jones - Delta, BC

Bill Douglas - Wpg, MB

Bill MacKay - Surrey, BC

Floyd Bowman - Ontario

Roy Taylor – Wpg

Mr. Worden – Wpg

Jack Coghill – Ottawa

Len DeCosse – BC – Feel free to call him at a reasonable time. See below for details.

Bill Naven - Wpg, MB

Not sure but haven't heard the worst and decidedly wishing them the best:

Roscoe Long - SK

Rudy Bucholtz - Wpg, MB

Anyone else to add to the Roll Call ? We get calls for Normandy and Holland vets every now and then and it's nice to be able to at least share a name or two.

15 Dec 2014

Can you inform me of rank and service of my late father Robert James Mure McKerrell (of Hillhouse) who served in the Cameron Highlanders of Canada sometime before the Great War until at least 1915?

Also, I lost an uncle at Passchendaele, Private Martin Mungo Mure McxKerrell, and was very proud to see him listed as a Canadian citizen.

My wife took a group to the Menin Gate where I wore the old Vimy Pilgrimage medal with pride. I also wore it this year with my OSTJ at the annual festival of St John here in Scotland. It is missing its original pin and ribbon which had a beaver on it. Hopefully I will find a replacement part and ribbon one day.

The family medals were lost in a fire, but the Vimy pilgrimage one was saved.

With best wishes for the coming season,

Charles McKerrell of Hillhouse

December 8, 2014

Sirs,

I came across these photos of the Cameron Highlanders of Canada. I believe they are from Winnipeg. I thought you would like them for your photo gallery.

My husband's family had 3 relatives that were in the 79th Cameron Highlanders in Winnipeg and another one was with the Highland Light Infantry during the First World War. I have their Attestation Papers for the Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force.

Their names were George Groundwater, Robert McCall, Joseph Betts McCall. I do have other photos.



George Groundwater 1915.



Sincerely,

Cynthia Halasey & Joe Halasey

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14 Oct 2014

Looking for Corporal ? (first name unknown) Cameron, 8 Platoon, "A" Coy

Hi, My Father Pte. Floyd E. Bowman served in the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada in 1944. My Father will be 91 years of age this Oct. 17th, and I would like to purchase the dark blue cap for him. How can I do that?

Also I would like to find out the first name of a Corporal Cameron in "A" Coy, 8 platoon. My father was a runner for Corporal Cameron but he never knew Cameron's first name. My father

was the soldier who caught Pte. Clifford Batty(he didn't know Pte. Batty's first name until a few days ago) when the rifle grenade exploded in front of Pte. Batty wounding and knocking him back at Woensdrecht. Thanks

Richard Bowman

More info re Pte F. Bowman

My father was wounded July 16th 1944 at Carpiquet Airfield, (shell air burst, wounded in the right leg) while serving with the Lorne Scots (4th Brigade Headquarters). Later, in August or early September 1944, he became a member of the Cameron Highlanders "A" Company, 8th Platoon and served with the regiment until November 24th at Mook where again he was wounded - this time in the left leg and thigh (mortar round).

Thanks again.

Richard Bowman

*Editor's Note: Mr. Floyd Bowman received his cap and his family sent us a picture of him proudly wearing it. I wasn't able to squeeze it in due to space limitations but I'll see about getting it posted to the Cameron Picasaweb site for all to enjoy.
Happy birthday sir !*



We only have about 42 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.

*** Where Are They Now ? ***

Greg Graham was by Minto not too long ago. Pity he didn't manage to say hi to any of us old dogs except for Cpl. Jim Ventnor. Back on Monday, December 29, 2014 our BC Chapter alumni Andre Blais had a good chat with Greg. Andre wanted to wish him all the best and see how he was doing and to make sure that we of the Cameron Association are missing him – and want to stay in touch with him of course. No computers or email for Greg, so we'll have to stay in touch the old fashioned way.

Greg is doing very well out in Ardath, SK and has no complaints. Greg said he keeps busy which is the best course of action.

Happy New Years to all !

Andre Blais

Bill Douglas is in his normal digs in Osborne Village and doing well. Hugh O'Donnell spoke to Bill during a short visit during mid-Nov 2014. He is doing very well ! Bill is no longer interested in travel but may do the very odd local trip. He still spends time with his Grandkids. Bill also made donation to Oatmeal Rag and gave money for his 2014-15 dues. Thanks again Bill !

Len DeCosse from the SWW Cameron Mortar Platoon is in pretty good shape but his eyesight isn't good enough for the computer anymore. Now that he's had to close down that particular net he would really appreciate a phone call from anyone who "Wants to talk Cameron" stuff. He has asked to put his phone number out for those of you with a spare quarter for the phone and a loud voice (Mortar Platoon – remember ?) to give him a shout. 250-339-9916 and ask for Sgt. DeCosse of the Camerons.

Editor's Note: I spoke to Len and he's doing fine. He had a great Christmas and is looking forward to his next chance to party. He still enjoys the Oatmeal Rag too. He was curious about what the guys in "A" Coy and the Pipes and Drums were up to. Luckily I'd been speaking with CSM "A" in the Mess last Tues and could tell him. (10 Jan 2015)

Wednesday, October 29, 2014 9:40 AM

Special Note: Burial Service - Cpl. N. Cirillo - Burlington Ontario 28Oct14 from Brian Lowe

Greetings - former and serving Camerons,

My daughter and I attended the Burlington portion of the Highway of Heroes trip from Ottawa to Hamilton for Cpl Cirillo. There had to be at least 500 on each overpass that the procession passed under and many more lining the sides of the highway. Even though it was well after last light, people stayed to pay respects.

I had the honour to assist in securing the venue for the burial component of Cpl Cirillo late of the Argyll's in Hamilton. It was a most dignified burial ceremony and the Argyll's did a fine job of supporting the Cirillo family members. Members of the public and the media were most respectful and did not intrude on the family only internment. It was nice to see a blue hackle on parade as a Cameron was part of the non-Argyll guard - I presume from the Ottawa regiment.

(Editor's Note: I believe the wearer of that blue hackle was actually none other than Sgt. N. Mladjenovic, a former Argyll that followed the old adage for success – "go West young man". Sgt M. went to represent the Camerons and given that the current Chair of the Cameron

Advisory Board is Col. B. Darling, another Argyll who discovered life west of the Great Lakes, it is most fitting that we should have had at least one serving member present in those sad ranks)

I am told by my counterparts who assisted the Hamilton Police with the funeral that the support from the public was beyond description.

So the next time you wonder if Canadians care much about its soldiers - I can tell you that I have seen first hand that a tremendous number of the population absolutely do.

I apologize, I have no photo's to share - but there were a pair of CAF/Army photographers on site at the internment. I am sure those will be released at some point.

Regards,

Brian Lowe
(Camerons of C - circa 1985)

Andy McKechnie

Greetings all,

Re Mr. Mark Zuehlke's visit, geez I wish I was in Winnipeg so I could attend. For future consideration, perhaps a recording (converted to MP3) of the discussion may be considered ? This event sure sounds of great interest. Truth be told, someday I'd like to drop into the armoury when folks are around and just have a chin-wag and catch up. It's been a long time to be sure. And with all certainty, I'm on the tail-end of available time (nothing implied or intended) as I'm just plain old Gettin Old.

Best to all there,

Andy McKechnie

Editor's Note: Andy also sent us this "small piece of scribing as "I saw it" this past Friday afternoon."

October 24, 2014

Today is the day the Cpl Cirillo is going home to Hamilton. I was listening to the radio in Ottawa when I had heard that Cpl Cirillo would be going home along the Highway of Heroes. The DJ mentioned that people were already starting to gather on overpasses along the route. How could I not take a few minutes out of my "oh so busy day" to pay respects to a fallen comrade-in-arms that was taken by such a senseless act. I found my spot on the Fallowfield overpass just after 1 pm. Already, there were a great number of good folk lining the bridge and draping their Canadian Flags as a show of respect, unity, and in honour of Cpl Cirillo. As time moved on, I noticed that more and more vehicles were parking alongside the highway, patiently awaiting the procession. I could see about a half mile from my vantage point. Both sides of the highway were well lined with with cars. As the procession approached, an honour guard of Ontario Provincial Police Officers stationed along the roadside below came to attention. I too, came to attention in honour and respect for our fallen comrade. I also thought of the other two soldiers that were run down just a few days before. Stay well and stay safe.

Andrew McKechnie (Cpl)
Ottawa



Mr. Mathieu Guerin's 2014 Christmas card to the Camerons. Mr. Guerin has written a local history of the battle of the Forest La Londe and has gifted us with pictures of the old battlefield in previous issues.

Some of you regular readers will recognize the "Castle" of "Robert the Devil" in the background.

David McCracken

Hi Guys,

It is always a pleasure to see the Oatmeal Rag. It never ceases to amaze me how some names never change, but at the same time how the youngsters keep turning over. Both are healthy, of course. We need that long term backbone and the new blood.

FYI, I have been dragooned into attending the CHofO Association Dinner this coming Saturday, 01 Nov 14. I have barely seen any of those folks since I served there in about 1992-1994. Oy, that's 20 years ago! It will be a potentially odd evening after such void, and it was never home the way the Regiment was. Anyhow, we'll see how it goes.

Editor's Note: Dave asked me if he could check in on anyone. I don't think that I answered him in time to see how Jack Coghill might be. Maybe he'll be good enough to let us know anyhow ?

I am back on contract with DND, helping with some issues in the IM Gp. That gives me a DND email again. I still think of bacon sandwiches as Hughies. If I ever had a restaurant, they would be on the menu!

TTFN

Bill Naven Bill is waiting to hear from the French Consulate about a medal he was put in for recently. It's one of those commemorating the Second War. Other than that he's doing OK.

Jeff Quail I doubt that it will come as a shock to those in the know, but Jeff has announced he is retiring from the WPS as of 24 Jan 2015. All the best with your future endeavours Jeff !

*** 2014-15 Dues (\$10) Still Payable until Aug 2015 ***

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 - WAS cancelled but is ON !!!

Grid: Field of Honour at Brookside Cemetery

Time: Next few years unless we can fund it and design it sooner !

Cost: \$3500 or so, but THIS one will be PERMANENT, unlike the earlier version.

Details: To mark the start of the 100th Anniversary of our lads going off to save civilization as they knew it, the Association has restarted a project to place a park bench with regimental markings on it in the Field of Honour at Brookside Cemetery.

Ours will still be based on the pattern set by the staff of Brookside and may be similar in design to one being placed by the PPCLI to mark the same occasion.

It turned out that the bench originally envisioned would have only been used for 10 years and then further costs would be incurred. Fortunately, following some further inquiries we discovered that a very similar design but made of granite can be built AND WILL BE PERMANENTLY SITED. Or at least until the granite gets eroded by time and weather.

All that said, \$3500.00 isn't exactly what I had in my wallet, nor you either at a guess. Together however, with donations from all we think that this project can go forward.

Future fund raising efforts will be coming but if you do have something to contribute right now you can send your cheque to the Cameron Foundation at the address listed below. All donations are welcome. Donations for more than \$25 will receive a charitable donation receipt.

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

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

CAMERON ASSOCIATION KIT SHOP stuff:

Stickers are \$2.00 each and Lapel Pins (3/4 Inch diameter) are \$5.00 each.

(001) Silver Badge on Blue, adhesive backing.

(003) Blue Badge on Silver, adhesive backing.

(005) Blue/Silver Badge on Clear, adhesive on face side for glass.



The pictures were taken on a red background to try to highlight the different styles of sticker. The sticker on the right is on a transparent background sheet, hence it looks red. They will be available at the Cameron Museum on Tuesday nights from Mike Nickerson or from the website.

* Regimental Web Sites *

The Unit web site is still up running. The links have recently had a much needed going over (Jan 2014) 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. It has recently had a few new (Sept-Oct 2014) items added, including the "**Souvenir Book of the Cameron Highlanders of Canada 1916**", courtesy of Mr. Duncan MacDougall. You can also 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 this 100th Anniversary of the Great War year. The creator of this site, Mr. J. Stuart McLean has done a great job of helping out the Cameron regimental family.

<http://www.cameronhighlanderscanada.com>

* Unit Events *

Regiment: The next Regimental level event is the Annual Kirk Parade on 08 Feb 2015 at the Cameron's Kirk, 1st Presbyterian on Canora Ave, Wpg, MB; followed that afternoon by the Change of Command Parade. Please be either present in the kirk basement hall for 1000 hrs or seated in the kirk proper no later than 1015 hrs. For those who plan to attend the Change of

Command Parade, it will be held at Minto Armouries at 1500 hrs. Please be in the door and seated no later than 1445 hrs 08 Feb 2015.

Battalion: The CO will not be in the corner office for much longer. Family duties are priority one for all of us, and his time is up on 08 Feb 2015. His replacement is a fine infantry sort who saw action as a young platoon commander with the Patricia's during the Medak days. His is LCol Sean Moran, and he has been the CO of what most of you would have known as 16 and 17 Svc Bn for the past while. This year's Brigade directed but unit planned Collective Training events are now at CT 6 for those who are counting.

"A" Company Update:

The Company is busy with the latest round of combined exercises. EX FIRST RUN is up soon and so are a number of courses.

Sgt. J Bernier and the WITG lads excelled at the Canadian Patrol Competition held 17-21 Nov in Wainwright, AB ! The other Cameron members of the team are MCpls Brooker, MCpl Fourcade, and Cpl MP2. They did the best of all of the Primary Reserve (The Militia to us old timers) and apparently there is a visitor coming to Minto to present them with an appropriate honour. Hopefully that works out to free drinks in the Mess for those guys !

Pipes & Drums Update: The Pipes and Drums are still busy since the last update. They are sounding spectacular, and should be a real treat at the Change of Command Parade on the 08th Feb 2015 at Minto.

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 ! The Regimental Church Parade will be on 08 Feb 2015.

*** Cameron Cadet Events ***

The Cadets have been busy this year. They're working on getting a Biathlon team up and running. They are also looking at sending some cadets on a pilgrimage to Vimy Ridge. The ridge in France that is of course, not the park downtown named for the famous 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.

The Corps paraded at the Norwood Legion on Remembrance Day.

Editor's Note: Sorry, I haven't a picture at this time.

The Cameron Cadets kept up their recent tradition of having a Robbie Burns Supper on the 27th of January 2015. Well done to the staff of the Corps and the volunteers who made it possible !

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 ***

Strictly speaking, the promotion of MCpl Chris Toews isn't technically a Reinforcement, but such promotions are an absolute must if we are to survive as a regiment. Congrats Chris !

*** Regimental Events ***

Incoming Rounds:

Kirk Parade: 08 Feb 2015 - Kirk Parade will be on 08 Feb 2015 due to the projected 38 CBG training schedule. Given the number and dispersion of Units, Squadrons, and Batteries across the Brigade it is inevitable that every weekend is someone's Big Event. Our turn to take a hit for the Brigade this time out.

Grid: 1st Presbyterian, our Regimental Kirk as usual.

Time: 0945 for 1030 hrs.

Cost: A penny or twa for the plate.

Dress: Regimental Blazer, Dark Business Suit, or presentable attire.

Change of Command Parade: 08 Feb 2015 – Yes, the same day as the Kirk Parade.

No, lunch is NOT laid on. We'll have to fend for ourselves. Which may not be a bad thing as the bar is nae open at the Mess for lunch !

Grid: Minto Parade Square

Time: 1430 for 1500 hrs. Seated NLT 1445 hrs.

Cost: An hour or two of your time and whatever you spend in the Mess..

Dress: Regimental Blazer, Dark Business Suit, or presentable attire.

Rounds Completed:

Remembrance Day: 11 Nov 2014

Grid: Minto or as assigned.

Time: If you are not actually on parade then be at Minto NLT 1000 hrs if you might want a seat. Priority for the seats on the Armoury floor is senior veterans and disabled who need it then everyone else.

Cost: Paid for you in full by the guys buried under CWWG Commission headstones here and Overseas. Show a little respect and wear a red poppy that day.

Camerons in the FWW Presentation to the Manitoba Genealogical Society

On 10 Nov 2014 Hugh O'Donnell did a presentation for the MB GS about what the Camerons did in the FWW. The presentation focused on the raising of the Camerons just a few short years before the Great War, then on to the key battles fought by the Cameron men. It was very well received and the Society made a small but welcome donation to the Association coffers.

Forgotten Victory Tour 17 Nov 2014

The Cameron family and some of our friends, including Capt. Gordon Crossley and RSM (Ret'd) Gerry Woodman were treated to a fine evening with award winning Canadian military history author Mr. Mark Zuehlke. Mark was in Wpg to speak to us about the Cameron part in the battles of winter 1944 and Spring 45. He did well enough in sales that I think we can expect to see him back again sometime.

Christmas Dinner: Tuesday Night, 09 Dec 2014**Grid:** Minto**The annual awards featured the following presentations:****Soldier of the Year: Cpl B. Trenchard****Top Corporal: Cpl A. Lancaster****Worst Shot: Cpl S. Rivas****Russ Miller Award: Sgt M. Pearson****Special mention: Sgt. J. Bernier and the members of the WITG Canadian Patrol****Competition Team who placed FIRST (!) on the Primary Reserve side for all of Canada.**

“Wainwright, Alberta — Rappelling from a CH-146 Griffon helicopter while hovering 20 metres above a wooded copse in sub-zero temperatures is only the first of many experiences that teams participating in the second annual Canadian Patrol Concentration (CPC) will take away from this uniquely Canadian training event.

Hosted by the Canadian Manoeuvre Training Centre (CMTC) from November 14 to 24, CPC 2014 provides an opportunity for Regular and Reserve Force soldiers from across Canada to competitively practice patrolling in an infantry reconnaissance patrol format.”

<http://www.army-armee.forces.gc.ca/en/news-publications/national-news-details-no-menu.page?doc=canadian-patrol-concentration-2014/i2kaevue>

Cameron Robbie Burn's Dinner: 24 Jan 2015**Grid:** Fort Garry Hotel 7th Floor Concert Room

The event was well attended and was a great evening all in all. 161 tickets sold, 157 or so seated. The Pipes and Drums under the leadership of P/M J. Dawson were spectacular and our Highland dancer, Ms. Domke was great too. Mr. Tom De Nardi of Piazza De Nardi was our haggis connection to the fine repast that graced our plates.

Stuff for the Lassies for next year's Robbie Burns:

Jamerry 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 Jamerry product for the girl who wants to be Cameron to the tip of her toes...





Sydney, Tom, & Sam De Nardi of Piazza De Nardi fame – and haggis holder extraordinaire.



Sgt. A. Buchanan Addresses the Haggis. The picture is blurred because he was making his knife whistle and belting a rustic, haggis fed WO.

*** Links ***

Saskatchewan Lt. Governor's Military Service Pin

<http://ltgov.sk.ca/news-and-events/military-service-pin>

The Lieutenant Governor's Military Service Pin is intended for individuals who have lived in Saskatchewan at one time. The following are eligible to receive the pin:

- Current and retired members of the Canadian Armed Forces (Regular, Primary and Secondary Reserves, including Canadian Rangers);

- Current and retired members of police forces who have served in military operations (including municipal forces and the RCMP who have served in military operations).

Book Review: Winning the Radar War

by Jack Nissen with A.W. Cockerill

http://www.richardgilbert.ca/achart/public_html/books/winning-radar.htm

The Second World War was the first 'technological war', and no technology was more important than radar. The British desperately needed the means to warn them of bombing and U-boat attacks. Jack Nissen, a Cockney, began working on this new technology as a 'tower monkey' in 1937 at Bawdsey Manor, Suffolk, where the British effort in radar began. Tower monkeys were the agile lads who shinned up the radio towers to install, fix and adjust whatever the scientists working at Bawdsey wanted fitting or set up. From that modest beginning, Jack learned the secret workings of radar technology. He served in the rank of flight sergeant in the RAF and took part in the Dieppe Raid in August 1942 to learn the secrets of the German Freya (radar) system.

Editor's Note: This book was a great read and I thoroughly enjoyed it. It's a bit on the dated side now but it does a great job of explaining in layman's terms how the radar systems worked and how the Allies got the upper hand. Follow this one up with David O'Keefe's One Day In August !

*** Historical Notes ***

Regimental resources:

Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada Regimental Museum First World War Historical and Genealogical Research Resources

1. Regimental Orders, Vol. 1, 1910-1915
2. Regimental Orders, Vol. 2, 1915-1929
3. Minutes of the Meeting of the Officers & Committee Meetings 1910-1924
4. Non-commissioned Officers' Qualification Book, 1920s-30s
5. Service Roll Book Vol. 1, 1910-1919
6. Service Roll Book, Vol. 2, 1919-1939
7. War Diary, 43rd Battalion (Cameron Highlanders of Canada) Canadian Expeditionary Force
8. War Diary, 14th Canadian Reserve Battalion, CEF
9. Attestation Papers, 179th Battalion (Cameron Highlanders of Canada) CEF
10. Roll of the 79th Regiment Cameron Highlanders of Canada, All Ranks Passed Through, Canadian Expeditionary Force
11. Roll of Officers, 79th Cameron Highlanders of Canada
12. Roll of the Coronation company, 79th Cameron Highlanders of Canada, 1911
13. Nominal Roll, 43rd Battalion (Cameron Highlanders of Canada) CEF
14. Nominal Roll, 179th Battalion (Cameron Highlanders of Canada) CEF
15. Nominal Roll, 174th Battalion, CEF
16. Rolls of the Overseas Drafts, 79th Regiment, Cameron Highlanders of Canada Overseas Drafting Detachment
17. Service Roll of the 43rd Battalion (Cameron Highlanders of Canada) CEF Contains:
Regimental Number,
Name
Rank, 43rd Battalion
Final Rank, CEF
Service Record, 43rd Bn (Canada, UK, France)

Previous & Subsequent Service
Decorations & MIDs
Killed in Action; Wounds and dates thereof
Contains over 4000 names

Book Reviews:**The End of the Beginning**

By Tim Clayton and Phil Craig

<http://books.simonandschuster.ca/The-End-of-the-Beginning/Tim-Clayton/9780743223270>

"Like the best works of popular history, *The End of the Beginning* is more than a simple chronicle of battles won and lost, of the decisions of statesmen and generals. Its stories are told from the perspectives of the men and women who spent these pivotal months on the very tip of the Allied spear, with raw, personal experience documented on virtually every page: Peter Vaux, the intelligence officer of the British 7th Armoured Division, plotting the defeat of the Afrika Korps in a desert wadi named El Alamein; American merchant marine cadet Lonnie Dales sailing in the Pedestal convoy in an attempt to relieve Malta and, after his ship is sunk, volunteering to man the anti-aircraft gun on the crippled oil tanker *Ohio*; Flight Lieutenant Ken Lee flying ground support missions by day, exploring the fleshpots of Alexandria by night; Alex Szima from Dayton, Ohio, one of Darby's original Rangers, joining the Canadians in the failed raid on Dieppe, and probably becoming the first American to kill a German during the war; Mimi Cortis, a Maltese nurse in one of the island's supply-starved hospitals. These stories give an unmatched depth to the consequences of the disputes between Churchill and his senior commanders; the shuttle diplomacy between London, Washington, and Moscow by FDR confidant Harry Hopkins; the deep conflicts between Montgomery and his predecessors; and the extraordinary American intelligence blunder that betrayed the Eighth Army's plans to Rommel."

Editor's Note: I just finished this one over New Year's and I can personally guarantee that it's a good read. I had never before heard of Colonel Bonner Fellers, but those of you who take the time to read this book will likely never forget his name either once you find out what the effects of his work on behalf of the US Government and US Army were. The coverage of the Dieppe raid is of course lacking but understandable. It's also not a big deal thanks in no small part to Canadian military history authors Mr. David O'Keefe and Mr. Mark Zuehlke's fine works on the subject.

*** More Links ***

.50 Caliber HMG use myth ?

<https://www.mca-marines.org/gazette/killing-myth>

No prohibition exists in the Geneva Conventions, any other law of war treaty, nor in any other part of the law of war on the use of weapons such as the 23mm ZU-23 or the .50 caliber machinegun as antipersonnel weapons. See link for full article.

*** "It wouldn't be an Oatmeal Rag w/o a Wee Joke" (Russ Miller) ***

This just in from Andy M: I was in Apache Junction, Arizona last week and I spotted a bumper sticker on a parked car that read :

" I miss Winnipeg, MB. "

So, I broke the window, stole the radio, shot out two tires and left a note that read, "I hope this

*Vereniging Leefbaarheid
Netterden*



January, 15 2015

Memorial Monument for The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada

Re: 70th anniversary of the liberation of Netterden

Dear Sir, Madam,

After heavy fighting, the village of Netterden was finally liberated by The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada on 31 March 1945. Sadly, 10 members of the regiment were killed in action on 30 March 1945 and one more soldier lost his life in the nearby village of Etten on the following day.

We, the inhabitants of Netterden, would like to honour these brave men. To do so, a memorial dedicated to them will be unveiled on Saturday 28 March 2015. Several guests from The Netherlands and Germany will attend on. The ceremony will be preceded by a church service at 3.30 pm. During this service 5 occupants (4 Canadian and 1 English) of the crashed Lancaster- 617 Sqn RAF, on May, 17 1943, will be honoured as well.

Please see the enclosed programme for further details.

We kindly request you to inform the relatives of the deceased, of this very special event for our village, to which the Ambassador of Canada, Mr. J. Lambert, Colonel M. Hogan and Canadian Legion Colour Party have been invited as well.

We hope we have informed you well enough.

Sincerely,

Community Organisation Netterden (Vereniging Leefbaarheid Netterden),
the committee

Enc. Programme + List of KIA Netterden

Secretariaat
p/a Emmerikseweg 37
7077 AN Netterden

E-mail: secretariaat@vlnnetterden.nl
Website: www.vlnnetterden.nl
Telefoonnr. 0315-231149

Inschrijving KvK: 40125495
Bankrekeningnr: 32.66.61.018

Programme 28 March 2015

- 2.00 pm Guests arrive at PartyCentrum Terhorst, Emmerikseweg 2 - Netterden
- 2.45 pm Piano concert by Alex Brewster
- 3.15 pm Break
- 3.30 pm Memorial service in English (St. Walburgiskerk)
- 4.15 pm Step off to memorial
- 4.30 pm Unveiling of the memorial
- 5.00 pm Unveiling "bench of Freedom"
- 5.15 pm Return to PartyCentrum Terhorst for a dinner (c. 5.30 pm)
- 6.30 pm Closing remarks

KIA Netterden 30-03-1945

Pte Thomas 30-03-1945 kia Netterden. Groesbeek 19-D-8

Pte Bozak 30-03-1945 kia Netterden. Groesbeek: 19-D-11

L/Sgt Speziali 30-03-1945 kia Netterden. Groesbeek: 19-D-12

Pte Lissoway 30-03-1945 kia Netterden. Groesbeek: 19-D-13

Sgt Moore 30-03-1945 kia Netterden. Groesbeek: 19-D-14

Pte Younes 30-03-1945 kia Netterden. Groesbeek: 19-D-15

Pte MacFie 30-03-1945 kia Netterden. Groesbeek: 19-D-16

Capt Glossop 30-03-1945 kia Netterden (Killed by Mortar fire at HQ). Groesbeek: 19-B-5

Name: THOMAS, BERT J.

Date of Birth: 15 Jul 1923

Date of Death: 30 Mar 1945

Rank: Private

Unit: Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada, R.C.I.C.

Force: Army

Service Number: H10481

Reference: RG 24

Volume: 27187

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Name: KOHLRUSS, ANTON W.

Date of Birth: 10 May 1911

Date of Death: 31 Mar 1945

Rank: Private

Unit: Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada, R.C.I.C.

Force: Army

Service Number: M17381

Reference: RG 24

Volume: 26275

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Name: OBERG, EDWARD OLIVER

Age: 19

Date of Birth: 17 Sep 1925

Date of Death: 30 Mar 1945

Rank: Private

Unit: Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada, R.C.I.C.

Force: Army

Service Number: H22116

Reference: RG 24

Volume: 26725

Extra Information: Son of Jonas Oscar and Hilma Oberg, of Oxdrift, Ontario.

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Name: MOORE, VINCENT ALBERT

Age: 29

Date of Birth: 15 Apr 1915

Date of Death: 30 Mar 1945

Rank: Sergeant

Unit: Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada, R.C.I.C.

Force: Army

Service Number: M51061

Reference: RG 24

Volume: 29210

Extra Information:

Son of William Stevenson Moore and Bertha Mary Moore, of Calgary, Alberta.

Lancaster I, ED-778 van 57 squadron RAF

Crashed in Netterden on Mai, 13th 1943

Killed by crash

Pilot Officer Hugh Columba Navigator

Royal Canadian Air Force - J-17016 24 jaar

Afkomstig uit Redpoint, Victoria County, Nova Scotia, Canada. Rij B Graf 25

Sergeant Thomas Joseph GREGORY Royal Air Force - 996725 31 jaar

Afkomstig uit Leigh, Lancashire. Rij B Graf 24

Warrant Officer II Henry Augustine SHEEHAN

Royal Canadian Air Force - R-81445 21 jaar

Afkomstig uit Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Rij B Graf 26

Killed in air

Flight Sergeant Milford Glen Thomas LEVINS

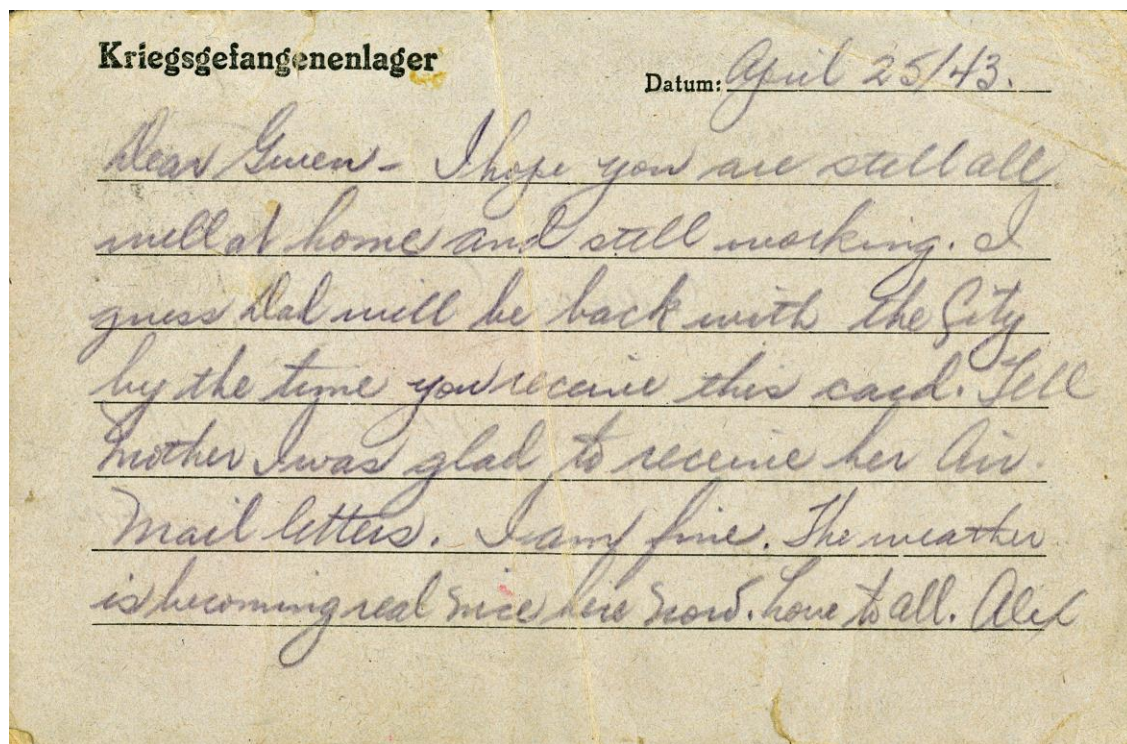
Royal Canadian Air Force - R-116417 19 jaar

Afkomstig uit Isabella, Manitoba, Canada. Rij B Graf 23

Warrant Officer II Allan Lockwood HOME

Royal Canadian Air Force - R-90950 26 jaar

Afkomstig uit Kirkland Lake, Ontario, Canada. Rij B Graf 27



Postcard from a German Prisoner of War camp sent by (later P/M) Alex Graham to his sister in 1943.

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Gentlemen, we thank you.

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 link:

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Neepawa Veteran To Get 6 Medals

Within the next few weeks, Company Sergeant Major Preston Cheetham, of Neepawa, Man., will become one of the most decorated Canadian veterans of the Second World War.

He is due to receive from army headquarters in Ottawa the C.V.M.S. and clasp, the Africa Star, the France and Germany Star, the Italy Star, Defence Medal and the War Medal.

Preston Cheetham compiled a lengthy war record. He enlisted at Neepawa with the Queens Own Cameron Highlanders on Sept. 6, 1939 at the age of 26. After training at Shilo and Quebec City he went overseas in Dec. 1940.

He took commando training in England and landed at Dieppe Aug. 19, 1942 where he was wounded in battle. Following his recovery in England he went to North Africa in 1943 with the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment and remained to the end of the campaign.

Upon returning to England he was promoted to company sergeant major and rejoined the Q.O.C.H. and landed in France after D-Day in 1944 where he was wounded for the second time at St. Andre Sur Orne.

He returned to Canada in 1944 and was stationed at the convalescent centre at Portage la Prairie until his discharge in 1946.

C.S.M. Cheetham is a native of Neepawa and his wife is the former Vida Kellough. He is the son of Mrs. Cheetham and the late Edwin Cheetham. Since his



C.S.M. CHEETHAM

discharge he has been employed with the Canadian National Railways at Neepawa.

Man Gets 2 Years For Bogus Money

VANCOUVER, Sept. 16 (CP)—The first conviction in what police have termed a country-wide counterfeit ring was registered Thursday when Lloyd Prestley, 27, was sentenced to two years on a charge of possessing bogus \$10 bills.

CSM Prescott Cheetham of Neepawa, MB received his CVSM and clasp, Africa Star, France and Germany Star, Italy Star, Defence Medal, and War Medal in Ottawa after the hostilities ended. He was discharged in 1946 but got the medals a bit later.

The good Sgt-Maj got around a bit. He went in at Dieppe where he was WIA, then on to North Africa with the Loyal North Lancashire Regt, then back to rejoin the Camerons in time for the scrap at St. Andre sur Orne.