



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



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**\* LAST POST \*****HOLTEN CWWG Cemetery Dec 2015, Netherlands.****WALTER DUNN**

[WFP Obit for Walter \(Wally\) Dunn](#)

WALTER (WALLY) DUNN November 26, 1922 - February 11, 2016 Wally was born on a farm at Langruth. The family later moved to Winnipeg, residing on Woodlands Crescent opposite the St. Charles Country Club where Wally worked as a caddy and became a good golfer. In later years Wally golfed at the Rossmore Country Club. Wally and his siblings attended Kirkfield Park School where the St. James Superstore now stands. After schooling, Wally worked at a British Columbia ski resort and became a good skier. Wally skied long before the days of T-bars and ski lifts, having to climb up the mountain with skis on before skiing occurred. Wally later worked at the Brandon race track where he bought a trotter named Penny. Wally rode Penny home to Winnipeg - following the river and buying oats and food for himself from farmers along the way. It took Wally two to three days sleeping under the stars to ride Penny home. Sadly Penny broke her leg while Wally was overseas and had to be put down. In 1939 Wally spent six months of training before going overseas with the Queens Own Cameron Highlanders. Wally fought in most of Europe. While in England Wally for a short period of time drove an army truck at night, headlights turned off, up to Scotland. This truck was loaded with ammunition. A beautiful young lady named Maggie accompanied Wally and drove the truck at night, headlights turned off, back to England. This young lady named Maggie was actually Princess Elizabeth, now known as Queen Elizabeth. As manpower was tight Wally helped briefly at the now 200 year old Knapp Hill Nursery. One Christmas day while in Germany a German soldier appeared from the bush and yelled out 'No fighting today', and with his accordion began to play Christmas carols. Both armies began to sing - not a single shot was fired

this day. The next day the German soldiers had retreated. German women and children were starving, Canadian Army officials arranged for a truckload of food to be delivered daily to those people. When the war ended these people invited the Canadian soldiers to return for a visit. At the end of the war Wally was assigned guard duty on the top floor of the Queen Elizabeth ocean liner. Nursing sisters were housed on the top floor of this ship that was bringing Canadian troops home. If anyone tried to reach the ship's top floor orders were shoot to kill. After the war Wally returned to Winnipeg and a normal way of life. Wally returned to playing golf, archery and 10 pin bowling, excelling in all these venues. One year Wally was Manitoba Archery Champion. Wally worked briefly for a roofing contractor and then Bristol Aviation. The rest of Wally's working life was spent at Pritchard Engineering doing various jobs which included the building of diesel generators that he installed up north. Wally owned a lakefront cottage at Caddy Lake where he taught kids how to water ski. He also helped the Caddy Lake store owners when needed. At one of Wally's 10 pin bowling leagues, he was asked to help a new bowler named Heather. Before long we married and enjoyed a wonderful life together. Our cottage in Northwest Ontario and home have both been renovated using Wally's knowledge, skills and expertise. Wally was predeceased by three brothers, three sisters, and his first wife. Wally is survived by one brother. Cremation has taken place. As per Wally's wishes, no formal service will be held. In closing, thanks to all the wonderful staff on T5 at Deer Lodge Centre (the Veterans Ward), Veteran's Affairs Canada, home care, CancerCare, Dr. W. C. Schellenberg and Dr. J. Milner for all the help given to Wally over the years.

*As published in the Winnipeg Free Press on February 27, 2016*

## **GEORGE GERRARD**

[WFP obit for George Gerrard](#)

**GEORGE GERRARD** George Gerrard of Strathclair, MB, passed away on Thursday, January 14, 2016, at the age of 96 years. George is survived by his wife Helga; children, Christine (Laurence) Bertram of Winnipeg, Alex (Kirsten) of Winnipeg, Nelson of Hnasau, Lois (Dennis) Ostash of Shoal Lake, Ian (Cathy) of Strathclair, Douglas of Seech Lake, 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. The funeral service will be held on Monday, January 18, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. from the Strathclair United Church with Rev. Jamie Bradshaw officiating. Interment will follow in the Bend Cemetery, Strathclair. Remembrances and condolences may be emailed to [raesfs@mymts.net](mailto:raesfs@mymts.net). Rae's Funeral Service of Shoal Lake and Erickson is in care of arrangements. (204) 759-2160

*As published in the Winnipeg Free Press on January 16, 2016*

## **LAWRENCE GRAHAM**

[WFP obit for Lawrence Graham](#)

**LAWRENCE ALVIN GRAHAM (POPS)** January 8, 1918 - April 5, 2016 It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather on April 5, 2016 at the age of 98 years. He leaves to mourn his loving wife of 75 years, Bunny, his children Marilyn Budzan (Terry), Brian (Doreen), and Alvin (Sharon), grandchildren Todd, Greg, Brenda (Kepha), Brad (Patti), Robyn (Grant), and P. J. (Corie), and great-grandchildren Samantha, Ben, Maggie, Tiernyn, Declyn, Jonah, Anthony and Deegan. He is also survived by his sister Shirley, and brother Gary. Born in Middlechurch, Manitoba to Annie and John Graham, he was predeceased by his parents, brothers Percy, Reginald, Angus, and sisters Gwen and Catherine. Pops met and married Bunny (Nana) November 22, 1941 and voluntarily enlisted to serve in the Second World War with the Queens Own Cameron Highlanders from 1942 to 1945. Upon his return he worked for the Province of Manitoba, Highways Department until his retirement as superintendent in 1985. The family would like to thank the home care workers Terry and Maritz, and the nurses at Victoria Hospital. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, 200-6 Donald St., Winnipeg, MB R3L 0K6. At Lawrence's request cremation has taken place and a private family service has been held. For those who wish to sign the online Guest Book please visit our website. Chapel Lawn [www.chapellawn.ca](http://www.chapellawn.ca) 204-885-9715

*As published in the Winnipeg Free Press on April 09, 2016*



**GWEN STOREY (WIDOW OF MAJOR DONALD STOREY)**[WFP obit for Gwen Storey](#)

**GWEN STOREY** It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our mother and grandmother Gwen Storey, on January 25, 2016. Gwen was predeceased by her loving husband, Donald, in 1992. Gwen was a warm, caring person with a great sense of humour. She always had a smile and a kind word for everybody, and usually a witty comeback. She will be greatly missed by her children, Margaret (Iimo), Fred (Linda), David (Coleen) and Anne (Gerard); and grandchildren, Jean, Anne, Sean, Bobbie, Sam, Alexa and Erica; her niece Joyce; her nephews, Don and Scott; and her dearest friends Carol, Helen, Helga and Pearl. Gwen was born in Wellwood Manitoba on October 8, 1922 to Beatrice and Wilfred Pearce. The family, including Gwen's older sister Beth, moved to Plumas soon after and then to Winnipeg. She met her husband Don at Acklands where they both worked and they married in 1949. They worked together at Walter Woods and after retirement they enjoyed traveling to Europe and warm winter spots. Gwen spent 12 happy years living in the Betelstadur Senior's Cooperative where she loved volunteering with the meal program, the store and anywhere else she was needed. We thank the people at Calvary Personal Care Home for taking such good care of Gwen in her last year. A memorial service will be held at Calvary Place Personal Care Home at 1325 Erin St., on Saturday, January 30 at 12:00 noon. In lieu of flowers, donations could be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

*Editor's Note: Gwen's daughter, Anne Storey, has also emailed us to thank Reg Churchward and P/M John Dawson from the regiment to for their kind support to the family. It was very much appreciated.*

*As published in the Winnipeg Free Press on January 28, 2016*

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

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

**\* SICK & VISITING \***

**George Carsted** (SWW, Cold War) - George is still going strong these days but had to go for a trip to the M.O. back in August. He had a bit of an argument with an intransigent power tool and now is doing his math slightly differently. He has recovered well and has his sense of humour back.

**Gord Coutts** (Korea, Militia) - Gord has been mostly shut in for quite a while now and plans stay that way for a while yet. Gord was off for a short stay at his "favourite B&B –the Vic" when Hugh called by on 17 Jan 2016 to drop off his Oatmeal Rag.

**John Johnson** (SWW) – Hugh visited John on 01 Feb 2016 to say hello, drop off a current issue of the Oatmeal Rag, and say congratulations to John on his new rank as Chevalier (aka Knight) of the Legion of Honour.

The crew at the Cameron Association also put on quite a little show for Sir John on the 12<sup>th</sup> of March 2016 at Deer Lodge to make the matter a bit more formal than a letter and medal delivered by Her Majesty's Post. With the help of our French Consul in Winnipeg, Mr. Bruno Burnichon, some of our comrades in arms from the Royal Winnipeg Rifles, a few Portuguese War Veterans, and Ms. Loriann Mundt of Deer Lodge Staff we did a formal presentation of his medal. John's family gathered for the show and were quite thrilled at their Dad's big Day ! John is in great shape and is looking forward the warm weather that's due sometime soon.

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

**Archie Moore** (Korea, Post SWW Cameron) – Archie is now a resident at Riverwood Square in Room #8. He enjoys company and always has a quick joke for visitors.

**Piper Bill MacKay** (SWW) – Ken Smith still pops in to see Bill at Derby Center and tells me that Bill is doing OK.

**Tom Munro** (Borneo with the Imperials, Militia) – Hugh visited with Tom in late Oct 2015. Tom is at home these days and has rather limited mobility. He was quite happy with the visit and says hi to all.

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

**Ken Smith** (SWW) Hugh O'Donnell spoke to Ken on a number of occasions recently and is very happy to report that Ken is mostly well and active. Ken had an unforgettable bowl or two of chili recently. Luckily he survived the encounter thanks in no small part to his boys being wonderful sons. He is still getting around and showing the flag. Keep up the good work Ken !

**Roy Taylor** (SWW RAF, Post SWW Cameron) – Hugh called by for tea on 17 Jan 2016 to drop off Roy's Oatmeal Rag. Roy was sitting up and he had a fine colour to his face but he isn't quite up to demonstrating the Highland Fling or doing the Address to a Haggis at this time. Louise and himself stay in touch with Gord and Mae Coutts.

**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 keep you informed as to when the memorial bench will be dedicated. This bench is now due be dedicated in the Spring of 2016, on 04 June. This date will also be the Unit Stand Down day for Summer training so hopefully there'll be a few of the lads left in town to parade with us. Immediately following the dedication ceremony there will be a brief reception across the street in the Regimental Kirk that all are welcome to attend.

I want to thank all of you who have donated your money towards this project; your generosity is most appreciated.

I will keep you posted.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Bill Douglas** is in his normal digs in Osborne Village and doing well. HO'D & son visited Bill to drop off his Oatmeal Rag on 16 Jan 2016. The home is very quiet and not much to do Bill tells us. Bill appreciated the visit and more are welcome as it can be a wee bit too quiet for a lively guy like Bill !

**Joel Gange** Joel's dad Jacques emailed to let us know that on 17 Mar 2016 Joel was promoted to MCpl following Regimental sports day. He must have done well on the Broomaloo Field indeed !

Congrats from all of us Joel !

**C.R. Nipper Guest** Nipper got in touch with us in late Feb/early March of this year. He's been very busy in the Cochrane, AB area it seems. He's in great shape and curious as to what ever became of the Germans who bumped his section of "B" Coy near Camp de Braeschatt, Belgium on 05 Oct 1944. He's writing his memoirs and wants to make sure that the story is complete.

**Clayton Hunter** contacted us to ask about the French Legion of Honour medal application process. Hugh had the unpleasant duty of letting him know that the program was over but we do want to keep in touch with him in case anything else comes up that might interest him. Mr. Hunter was a 1940-45 Cameron with our "C" Company and joined up with a gent known to a few of you, Hugh Comack.

**Lloyd Jones** has been in touch. He's doing well enough these days. Lloyd was telling Hugh O'Donnell about how he'd helped Major **Norman Keith**, one of our 6<sup>th</sup> Brigade running mates from The South Saskatchewan Regiment to get his Legion of Honour medal. Lloyd and his wife have now been married for 68 years. Quite a record for us young guys to try to match ! His wife's brother was one of those 50 or so unfortunate Camerons to be sent with The Winnipeg Grenadiers to Hong Kong where they went into Japanese captivity.

**Robert O'Neil and his wife Mary** are living in the Winnipeg still. Our Nic Curry and a few of the lads met with Mary and Robert O'Neil on 07 March 2016 for a coffee and chat about Bob's service in the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada during the Second World War. Bob was a good Irish lad whose family immigrated to MacGregor, MB. He and his brother were

both Cameron Highlanders, and both were wounded in France.



**Art Ruddock** was spoke at length with Hugh O'Donnell from the Association on 13 Jan 2016. Art is in pretty decent shape for a guy that started off in the 39-45 war as a Private, landed in France as a Cpl, finished the war as a substantive Sgt, earned Capt. in the Permanent Force artillery (!), and finished off as a Major with the Militia as the P Res were called back then. Art had loads of stories to tell and was keen to relate quite a few points of fine detail about some of those events now mainly found in the history books.

He's very much wondering if anyone can recall the young fellow named Petrie/Poutrie (spelling ?) who did such magnificent work while fighting from dyke to dyke in the South Beveland Peninsula. This lad is one who definitely merits remembering as he was quite content to fight the war entirely on his own if all around him went down wounded or found the going too hot. Art couldn't find his name in the little book that the Padre put together at the end of the war with the names of our Fallen Comrades so he's hoping that this guy made it home. Does anyone know who he is thinking of ?

**Roy Vandenberg** has rejoined the Cameron clan this January. He's been in touch through email and all is well in his world at the moment. Roy has been enjoying buckshee Oatmeal Rags for a bit. We're hopefully all aware that the various clans have some interesting nicknames like "The Gay Gordons" and such but wha else amongst ye knew that it was "The Crooked Camerons" ?

Anyhow, Roy Boy has cheerfully (cheerfully yet !) kicked in his dues for the next five years. He and **Rick Bales** (who also kicked in his dues some years early) will have a few free rounds coming if they ever make it to another Cameron Reunion !



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

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

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

**\* CAMERON ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES \***

**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  
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As previously noted, after a long hiatus the Cameron Association was finally able to send a \$250 contribution to the MB Highland Dance crew last year. This year's Mid-Canada Competition will be held on the dates listed below along with a link to their site for more information. Thanks to all who have paid their dues and made other donations to the Association so that we can help keep the old traditions alive.

<http://www.mbhighlanddance.com/Competitions.html>

June 11, 2016 – Mid-Canada Open Competition and Championship @ The Forks Under the Canopy

### **The French Legion of Honour Medal Update**

Highlander John Johnson, a veteran of the Queens Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada actions at Pourville on the Dieppe Raid and the fighting in Normandy, was invested as a Chevalier of the Legion d'honneur on Saturday 12 March at Deer Lodge hospital, Winnipeg MB.



Sir John was thrilled when Pipey played "March of the Cameron Men" — with Jacques Gagne, [Gerry Woodman](#), [Hugh O'Donnell](#), Sir John Johnson, John Dawson (Pipey), Taffy Gray, Pedro Corriea, Cameron Buchannan, Steve McMillan and Marc Gautron.

Some of you may recall that the French government had closed nominations for this award sometime prior to March of 2015. Well, they gave it a second thought and extended the deadline one last time to July of 2015. There are rumblings of another go around for nominations but we have not yet seen anything formal. Never the less if you would like to send your particulars to the Secretary, Hugh O'Donnell (contact info on the front page) he'll see what he can do.

Another one of our Camerons who **did** get recognized the first time out in 2015 is Robert Johnson:

<http://www.mywestman.ca/community-news/3913-robert-johnston-latest-recipient-of-france-s-highest-honour.html>

### \* REGIMENTAL WEB SITES \*

The Unit web site is still up running. The links have recently had a much needed going over (Jan 2016) 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>

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

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

### \* UNIT EVENTS \*

**Battalion:** The CO has mentioned that the WITG, Camerons and Rifles, have been fairly busy of late. On the 13<sup>th</sup> of Feb this year they had a Sniper Det from 2 VP visit that included the Timberwolf sniper rifle as well as a few other items. Also popular with the lads was the MacMillan sniper rifle. Need I say more ?

Next up was the T. Eaton Cup military skills competition on 27 Feb. Not a good show I'm sorry to say. Maybe next year ?

On 01 March Brigadier-General Wayne Eyre (some of you will remember him as Capt. Eyre, RSSO R Wpg Rif) dropped by Minto for a Town Hall with the troops of the Minto Garrison.

On 05&06 March the troops were to participate in the EX BISON RESOLVE, a TEWT for you

veterans of years and exercises of days gone by, in preparation for the 14-16 March defensive ex in Shilo. The ex was to include a live enemy to keep the lads out of their sleeping bags at night and busy during the day.

04 June will be the WITG Stand Down. At 1100 hrs the Unit will be present at Vimy Ridge Park for the unveiling of the Cameron Memorial Bench, then back to Minto for lunch and so on.

**Pipes & Drums Update:** The P&D have been and continue to be very busy showing the flag. The latest event was the Winnipeg Scottish festival. I'll try to get permission from P/M Dawson to post a video of their performance for all to enjoy. Pipie, your thoughts ?

**"A" Company Update:** The Company has sent various troops on some of the bigger exercises such as ARCTIC RAM as well as the activities listed above.





Sorry, but no names - and therefore no pack drill I suppose - for these guys



MCpl Brooker

That's all for now. Ullamh!

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

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

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

The Regimental Foundation has several projects up for consideration again at this time. I know that they are to have met to determine the priority for spending but we have yet to learn the fine details. Stay tuned for more news.

More recently the Foundation has been the repository for funds sent to support the Association newsletter (yes, this one !) and funds designated for the purchase of the Memorial Bench.

Thank you to all of you who have donated to the Foundation over the years, it has been well spent and very much appreciated !

**\* CAMERON CADETS \***

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

The Cadets by the way were parading about 46 cadets regularly. They have acquired hand held

radios for comms gear on their field trg events, and offer many thanks to Sgt. Dave Storey from the 38 CBG Sigs for all of his help in getting the approval from the Army to use these in the field. Thanks Dave !!!

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

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

From Mike Fejes – At long last, we are happy to introduce you to Lyra, the newest member of the Fejes family. She was born on Jan 20, 2016 and weighed in at 9lbs 9oz. She is perfect and we love her very much! Thanks everyone for your well wishes.



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

#### **Rounds Completed:**

**2016 Saturday, 23 January the Cameron WO'S & Sgt's Robbie Burn's Supper** at The Fort Garry Hotel. Another excellent night out for the Camerons, their families, and their guests ! You just have to pity some of the other units sometimes...

**2016 Sunday, 07 February Cameron Kirk Parade** at the Cameron kirk located at 1st Presbyterian Kirk, 61 Picardy Place, Winnipeg. Not much of a turn out this year but the Army doesn't break for the units all of the time in 38 CBG, nor can it. Given the current international situation we're probably doing well as is. Maybe we need to introduce some Cameron version of Broomaloo ?

**Incoming Rounds:****2016 SATURDAY, 04 JUNE THE UNVEILING OF THE CAMERON MEMORIAL BENCH**

**What:** The formal unveiling and dedication of the Memorial Bench.

**Grid:** Vimy Ridge Park, Wpg, MB

**Time:** 1030 for 1100 hrs

**Dress:** Association kit, dark business suit, or other suitable attire for a formal event are advised. Failing that, whatever will keep you from getting busted for indecent exposure. We'd rather see you in your cut offs than miss you because your best kit is in the wash.

**CAMERON JUNIOR RANKS CLUB ACTIVITIES**

**SATURDAY, 14 MAY 2016 THE ANNUAL CAMERON JR'S HIGHLAND GAMES** will be held at WO Mike Sinnock's place again. If you need directions just contact a member of the Cameron JR's or WO Mike Sinnock himself. More details will be posted as they become available.

**\* LINKS \***

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

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

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

Here's a link for those interested in the current operating environment. Or whatever else they're calling it these days:

<http://smallwarsjournal.com/>

**ISIS / DAESH articles:**

<http://smallwarsjournal.com/jrnl/art/the-convoluted-coalition-against-isis>

<http://smallwarsjournal.com/jrnl/art/understanding-the-wilaya-alforat-heart-of-daesh%E2%80%99s-homeland>

**INFORMATION WARFARE:**

<http://smallwarsjournal.com/jrnl/art/latvia-in-the-crosshairs-russian-information-warfare-and-appropriate-countermeasures>

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[http://www.armyrecognition.com/armies\\_in\\_the\\_world\\_analysis\\_focus/in\\_the\\_future\\_russian\\_army\\_will\\_be\\_equipped\\_with\\_hundreds\\_of\\_land\\_and\\_air\\_combat\\_robots\\_10801161.html](http://www.armyrecognition.com/armies_in_the_world_analysis_focus/in_the_future_russian_army_will_be_equipped_with_hundreds_of_land_and_air_combat_robots_10801161.html)



### Shoot or Don't Shoot ?

<http://tankandafvnews.com/2016/01/18/armored-oddities-of-syriairaq/>



Special thanks for this link to armoured oddities of the most recent round of fighting in the Middle East to my undercover Cameron reporter Mr. Bernard Moosbauer. Some of you may recall that he was actually a Rifle but that's neither here nor there. He's just plain good people !



## CANADA'S COLD WAR HISTORY:

<http://civildefencemuseum.ca/>

<http://www.offscope.com/#!about/c1m3p>

### \* MORE LINKS \*

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

### Canadian War Diaries Of The Normandy Campaign

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

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

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

### \* HISTORICAL NOTES \*



The original "Colours" presented to the Highland Cadet Corps in 1914 consisting of the Kings/Queens Colours and the Regimental Colours. These now hang in the Cameron Chapel of

On another note, the families of First War Camerons are still asking for more information about their kin. If anyone can help out please send the Oatmeal Rag editor what you have or ask to be put in touch directly and he'll do so. Here are just a few samples:

**Subject: Donald Smith**

Hi,

I am wondering if you have any information on a paternal grand uncle of mine who died in WWI. His name was Donald Smith, Private, 153626, KIA, 4th June 1916, aged 24, 43rd Infantry Battalion, Cameron Highlanders of Canada, 9th Brigade, 3rd Division.

I know that he was killed in the area of Sanctuary Wood and have a copy of the battalion war diary for that date.

I am intending visiting the war graves/ battle sites in Sept this year. He has no known grave and is remembered on the Menin Gate memorial. His brother was also killed in WW1 as were also another two granduncles of mine on my maternal side. In total out of my four granduncles three were killed at Ypres and one at Loos

Any information in respect of details of him pre enlistment and during his service along with any photographs or being directed to where the information would be available would be gratefully accepted

Thanks,

Malcolm MacLeod  
04/08/2016 02:57 AM

**Subject: Thomas George Peters**

Hello,

My name is Gord Peters. I am the grandson of Thomas George Peters, a man who died before I was born. I would like to learn more about him.

My search of CFE records uncovered that my grandfather had enlisted in the CEF on November 25, 1915 in Winnipeg. At the time he was in the militia in the 79th Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada and had also spent four months in the Fort Garry Horse.

My grandfather, Thomas, served as a Corporal. He was a Driver. This made sense as he was a Teamster in Winnipeg, driving a horse-drawn beer wagon for the brewery, prior to the war.

I am asking for your help to try to learn more about my grandfather's service in the Great War. I had originally thought that he would have served in the 1st Canadian Division, 3rd Brigade Infantry, in the 16th Battalion. After reading the regimental history on your website, however, it seems that he may have been attached to the 43rd Battalion which fought as part of the 9th Infantry Brigade in the 3rd Canadian Division.

Any assistance you can provide in helping me determine his military service in WWI would be greatly appreciated. Again, his name was Thomas George Peters, born April 5, 1886. He enlisted in Winnipeg on Nov. 25, 1915. His Regimental Number was 482426.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Gord Peters

Valemount, BC

04/09/2016 02:22 PM

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

Here's one from one of our "Veteran's Guard" members of the Regiment, Cpl (and later Lt) Gordon Fonstad:

I recall a 'Remembrance Day' Parade from a time before I was commissioned. The parade formed up on Portage Avenue, somewhere around the Regimental Kirk, and then marched to the Cenotaph. Following the service at the Cenotaph, the parade marched east on Portage Avenue, and then wheeled north onto Main Street, eventually being dismissed up near the old CPR railway station. Well, as we wheeled north at 'Portage and Main', and you know that intersection's reputation for windiness, a strong gust blew up that had everyone's kilts up around our ears! It drew an interesting reaction from the spectators.

Lt. Gordon Hills was in the Provost Pl of the Winnipeg Service Battalion. Gord ended up out in Edmonton, and eventually Commanded the Edmonton Service Battalion. Gord had followed in his father's footsteps when he entered the C Pro C, as his Dad had been a Provost, either during WW2 or Korea. Both 'left-handed' compliments are attributed to Gord's Dad:

He told Gord that he (the Dad) had once fought the "toughest Army in the world", which being a Canadian Provost, meant that he mainly fought with Canadian soldiers.

The other was directed at the Camerons. Apparently he used to refer to the Regiment as ... "A bunch of sheep-stealing; whiskey-distilling, bare-assed Savages" ... but Gord said that he always said that with reverence!

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

Gentlemen, we thank you.

From our long time friend Mr. Brian Koshul here's a big heads up to our Cameron veterans out in that brave new world of ours:

#### **National Defence Headquarters OTTAWA**

**CANFORGEN**

**UNCLAS CANFORGEN 007/16 CMP 006/16 SIC WAH**

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

**MESSAGE/MESSAGE BILINGUE**

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

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

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



**PAYMENTS WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA PENSION CENTRE  
IN OTTAWA (PHASE TWO)**

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

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

**[HTTP://WWW.FORCES.GC.CA/EN/CAF-COMMUNITY-PENSION/MILITARY-PENSION-RENEWAL.PAGE](http://www.forces.gc.ca/en/caf-community-pension/military-pension-renewal.page)**

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

**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. Please click on the recently confirmed (Jan 14, 2016) link:

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



Corporal G.E. Mallery covering other members of the Scout Platoon, Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada, advancing towards Fort de Brasschaet. October 9, 1944 .



Sgt. C. Toews in an ice cave, beneath Sperry Glacier at 2430M in Glacier National Park, Montana.



The Winnipeg Jets Tyler Meyers and The Lads at Military Appreciation Night.



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