

The Can Scot

The Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's)
Regimental Association
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**Frank Schmidt prepares for planting of a Maple Tree in Wagenborgen in 2010
where the plaque below will be unveiled**

(see letter from Simon Bos on page 5)



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Presidents Message - Ron Cullen

I hope that all is well with everyone and that each and everyone is being safe.

We held our Annual General Meeting on Saturday, March 7 in the Warrant Officers' & Sergeants' Mess. We had about 26 members in attendance. I thank Col (Ret'd) Dave Osland for his talk on the role of the Board of Trustees and also thank Major (Ret'd) Tom Vincent of his talk in regards to the Heritage Foundation.

The Lieutenant Colonel Jack Fawcett Award was presented by Tom Vincent to Clark Russell for his loyalty and dedication to the museum as well as the research that he has done on some of our veterans. I presented the Presidents Award for loyalty and dedication to the Regimental Family throughout the years to the Late Florence Dumont who passed away on October 27, 2019. Her husband, Jim Dumont, accepted the award.

The election was run by RSM (CWO) Newcombe and the following were elected: President, Ron Cullen; V/President, Patrick Bulmer; Secretary/Treasurer, Jack Amo and Directors: Jim Dumont, Hank Lowe, Steve Hayward, Lee Tucker and Dave Stewart. I thank Bob Russell for his years of service to the Regimental Family and welcome Dave Stewart as a director who we look forward to working with.

I have talked to Mike Heppell and he is doing well after his knee operation but is not quite ready to start running. I have also talked to H/Col Crober whose wife, Susan, had a knee replaced and she is doing well. Jack Amo, who I am in contact with weekly, is doing well and is in good spirits. He continues to work extremely hard for the association.

As I'm sure that you are all aware, your association started a bursary in 2018 for serving members of the Regimental Family. There are two \$1,000.00 bursaries handed out yearly. We would like to continue with this and anyone wishing to contribute can do so monthly or yearly and will be issued a tax receipt. Make any donations payable to the Canadian Scottish Heritage Foundation and a note that it is for the Regimental Association Bursary Fund. Anyone wishing an Application Form, which has to be submitted by June 30, 2020, should contact your Orderly Room or President Ron Cullen.

The Executive continues and will work in the interest of the Regimental Family, all be it by phone or email, until we get an all clear from the government. We have not heard of any Regimental Family member being affected by the virus but if any one does hear, please let us know.

I thank Carole Amo for supplying the food for the AGM, it is much appreciated.

To each and everyone of you and your families "be safe and look after one another".

Alan Lowe Appointed Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel

Alan Lowe was formally appointed as Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel of The Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's) in January of this year. He replaces Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Crober who has been appointed Honorary Colonel, also in January of this year, replacing Honorary Colonel Murray Farmer.

Alan Lowe was born in Victoria in 1961. His paternal and maternal grandfathers came to Canada in the early 1900s. They returned to China to marry but because of the discriminatory immigration laws it was very difficult to bring their families back to Canada. Thus Alan Lowe's parents were only able to come to Canada in 1957. His grandfather, Lowe Sai worked at the cement quarry on Todd Inlet in the early 1900s along with Sikh and First Nations workers. Now part of Butchart Gardens, the story of the toil of these early years has been captured by David Gray in his 2011 film, *Beyond the Garden's Wall*.

Alan Lowe's family lived in Chinatown for the first three years of his life, later moving to North Park and Gordon Head. He attended George Jay, Central School and Vic High but returned regularly to Chinatown with his family where they would frequent the Embassy Café. His parents were members of the Hook Sing Tong society. After graduation he attended the University of Manitoba and went on to earn a Masters degree in architecture from the University of Oregon. He won election as a Victoria city councilor for the first time in 1990 and became mayor at the age of 38.

Alan Lowe is the owner of Alan Lowe Architect Inc. which is a small architectural firm based in Victoria, British Columbia. It has been in operation since 1990 and provides architectural services for clients on Vancouver Island.

Some of Alan's other recent contributions to public service are:

- 1999-2008 : Mayor, City of Victoria
- 1999-2008: Chair, Victoria Police Board
- 1999-2008: Director, Capital Regional District
- 2005-2008: Premier's Task Force on Homelessness, Drug Addictions, and Mental Illness
- 2008-2009: Chair and Founding Director, Greater Victoria Coalition to end Homelessness
- 2009-2015: Board of Directors, Victoria Hospitals Foundation
- 2011-2012: Chair, Vic High Building's 100th Anniversary Committee
- 2012-2013: Board of Directors, BC Pavilion Corporation
- 2011-2014: Governor, Victoria Conservatory of Music
- 2013-2014: Chair, Greater Victoria Hospitals Foundation
- 2013- present: Chair, Hook Sin Tong Charity Association
- 2016-2017: Chair, Victoria Canada 150 Celebration Committee

All members of the Regimental Family wish Honorary Colonel Murray Farmer all the best in his future endeavours. They also wish Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Lowe and Honorary Colonel Crober to have a great term in their respective appointments and have the support of the Regimental Association. Congratulations to all three.

Nanaimo Branch - Gord Thomson

The Nanaimo Branch Annual Barbeque that was scheduled to be held on July 11th has been cancelled due to the Covid 19 Pandemic. We know that many of you look forward to attending each year, and we appreciate your support. We look forward to seeing everyone at the next barbeque, which will hopefully be held in July 2021. Please watch for updates on this event in upcoming issues of "*The Can Scot*".

Old Guard - Rhonda Scott

The Old Guard has been patiently waiting, along with other Regimental Family members to start back supporting the cadets.

Members, Paul Smith and Don Tulloch, have been working hard to draw up plans for a 2136 RCACC reunion/anniversary. Once we have the go ahead from Colonel Cessford, both members can approach Anna

Warhurst, President of the 2136 Cadet Support Committee, and together they can make plans to celebrate the special event.

We are just waiting on, a couple of Hoodies that were incorrectly sized and then they will be delivered to Comox/ Courtney Cadets, after the business reopens.

Everyone associated with our group is doing good and is hoping that the curve is flattened as soon as possible

Command Team Message - Covid-19 - LCol Cessford Commanding Officer

Scottish,

Wishing all of the Canadian Scottish Family the best in health and spirit during these unique and challenging times. This message is to share the steps taken by the Regiment to deal with this invisible enemy and as we move down this to trace some of the uncertainties and challenges we will need to address.

The CAF response to COVID-19 has been through Op LASER. Our first Warning Order was in early/mid-March when Force Protection restrictions were implemented and the Regiment initiated its Business Continuity Plan (BCP).

Given the nature of COVID-19, our BCP essentially meant ensuring all of our soldiers and Officers took the necessary actions to remain safe and to prevent infection. This included cancelling training evenings at the Armoury, weekend training, courses, ceremonies, conferences and all social activities. At the same time the Regiment needed to maintain Command and Control (C2) in order to carry on the necessary work of the Regiment and to be prepared to Force Generate leaders and soldiers when the order came out.

The C2 battle rhythm for the Regiment has been a leadership conference call and administration each Tuesday evening and a full parade night Wednesday evenings. All of this is remote, which is to say everyone remains at their homes. Conference call lines have been reserved for the platoons and sections to enable leaders to pass on the latest updates and soldiers to voice concerns or ask questions. Additionally a robust list of online courses soldiers can conduct from home have been pushed down and the necessary kit and equipment checks and administrative requirements can be done. Also Wednesday evenings the Bde Comd conducts a weekly CUB that the RSM and I virtually attend.

The full-time staff, Adjt, Chief Clerk, Fin. Clerk, Ops WO and additional administrative staff work out of the BOR on a rotating basis, with no more than one or two pers in the BSA and NMC Armoury on a given day during the week. The rest of their week they work from their homes completing an incredible amount of work given the circumstances.

In late March the order went out that 39 Bde will Force Generate 4 x Domestic Response Company Task Forces (DRC T/F). Two on the mainland, an Interior T/F and a Vancouver Island T/F. That has since expanded to include Sustainment and Mobility T/Fs. These T/Fs and an HQ make-up the Land Component Command (LCC) lead by Col Ursich a part of JTFFP. The Regiment in true Scottish fashion were "Ready for the Fray" and was able to Force Generate 56 soldiers and Officers. Additionally, there is another 15-20 soldiers and Officers supporting locally. A significant majority of these pers are on Class B or C contracts going out to the end of August. All these soldiers and Officers coupled with the full-time staff and additional Unit members extra-Regimentally employed or on deployment has about 50% of the Regiment currently on full-time service. These are unique and exceptional times.

In order to Force Generate a soldier for Op LASER, or any domestic operation as many of you know, the soldier needs to meet certain requirements and the Regiment needs to confirm these requirements are met. This is called a DAG. This work falls onto the full-time staff. Our full-time staff and the leaders at the company HQ level had less than a week to complete the DAG for the Regiment, prioritizing those immediately available first.

In classic Scottish fashion the full-time staff stepped up and completed this work despite the challenges of working remotely from home, soldiers remaining at their homes and sheer volume to put through the DAG process. This success is in large part due to the people we have who every year step up to support the latest

domestic operation of the day, be it floods or fighting fires and their experience and dedication came through again this year.

BGen Lacroix, our 3rd Division Commander, participated in our Bde Comd's conference call two weeks ago. He passed on to all of us how thoroughly impressed he is with 39 Bde's response to this crisis and proud of the Army Reservists representing B.C. We in turn are proud of all of our soldiers and Officers from the Regiment for stepping up when you can, adhering to the necessary force protection measures and health guidelines in order to be ready to serve our country. The Scottish have a history of being ready for the fray, and again lead by example ready to answer any call.

The soldiers and Officers now part of the DRC T/F have been maintaining their fitness, taking online courses, receiving Force Protection training and undergoing COVID-19 IBTS training, which is now a thing. At this time no Request For Assistance have come out, however as the situation evolves it would not be a surprise for the LCC to receive specific tasks related to Op LASER.

Additionally, given flood and fires (Op LENTUS) in B.C. are almost an annual event, it would not be unexpected for the LCC to be tasked to support these domestic operations as well.

At this time it remains unclear if and how individual training courses take place this summer. We all understand the impact when a course gets pushed back a year. Imagine the impact on the entire CAF if all or even a large number of courses do not occur this summer. While the CAF has established restrictions, so to have Provincial and Federal agencies. The army is very interested in individual training being conducted, however Force Protection and serving Canadians are paramount so it is difficult at this time to say how this will unfold.

Our Recruiting team continues to operate however within Force Protection restrictions which limits how much can get done. At this time we have nine pers ready to enrol, and will occur when restrictions are reduced. There are another 10 at the final processing stage, so close.

The entire Regiment has accepted the challenge and now operates under a new normal that may extend for quite some time. Everyone is pulling their weight and some extra. An incredible amount of work continues to get done, however of course the focus remains on activities and functions supporting Op LASER, Op LENTUS and the operation of the Regiment.

I wish to thank HCol Paul Crober, Regimental Association President Ron Cullen and Trustee Chairman Dave Osland for reaching out and their continued support.

Scottish, please stay safe and healthy.

Letter Received

Dear Mr. Amo,

On April 24, 2020, it will be 75 years ago that our village Wagenborgen was liberated by the Canadian Scottish Regiment on the German occupation. Unfortunately, on April 21, 1945, during the first attack on Wagenborgen on the 'Stolderijweg' on the Canadian side, 19 were killed, 10 of which were in Geert Smid's farm, which was hit by a grenade. Many veterans had good contacts with the inhabitants. We have not forgotten the sacrifices of CSR and have had a 'verge monument' made and placed on the Stolderijweg in memory of this black day, so that we do not forget those who brought our freedom. Cpl. Frank Schmidt planted a maple tree in 2010. The monument is now next to it.

The mayor of the municipality of Delfzijl would unveil the monument, but the covid-19 postponed it for a year.

I will send you a photo of the monument and from Frank Schmidt. Wagenborgers have not forgotten the Canadian Scottish Regiment even after 75 years.

Sincerely,

Simon Bos

Women's Auxiliary - Rhonda Scott

We had to postpone our 15th Annual Silent Auction and Dinner on Saturday, March 28th. Once we get the okay from Colonel Cessford we will resume working on it and gathering up more items and donations. We are hoping we can host it the spring next year.

We have donations earmarked for The Bike Ride that Major Dodd was involved in, also a donation towards the Regimental Association Pipes and Drums and some money go towards the Hoodies for the three cadet corps.

We are eager to get back to work, and continue supporting the Regimental Family. Our 80th anniversary celebration has also been delayed, but once we are allowed to get together, we will have this as a priority celebration.

Our membership is surviving this pandemic, and are sending our best wishes and continued support of the Health Authorities.

Stay safe everyone!

Association Pipes and Drums - Gary Louis

No question the effect of Covid 19 has impacted all activities and in particular group activities with social distancing rules in place. This, in conjunction with shut down of military installations and buildings, has effectively curtailed band activity for many groups throughout the city including of course our Association Pipes and Drums. Major parades and events have been cancelled, or in some cases postponed, with the hope that opportunities will present themselves as restrictions are eventually lifted. Even venerable events such as Victoria Day which has been ongoing for 125 years through two World Wars has not survived the pandemic restrictions.

With specific relevance to the Association, other events include the Regimental Reunion that was scheduled for early June and the Candlelight Ceremony at God's Acre normally in late May.

The committee for Candlelight has decided to cancel the ceremony for this year rather than postpone until summer or possibly early fall. The theme 75th Anniversary of the Liberation of Holland will be retained for next year but of course it will be the 76th Anniversary. Looking a little further ahead, the organizers of the annual Terry Fox fundraiser where our band has been prominent in past years, has indicated that they are making every effort to host some type of commemorative ceremony in September. Details of that will become available if and when relaxed restrictions become apparent.

In the interim the Pipe Major and members are looking towards alternative ways to continuing some sort of relevant band activity. This would include in upcoming months possibly rehearsing outside or virtual sessions online. My experience with the latter is that although it is adequate for group discussion or instructional, sometimes there are slight lag issues which are problematic for ensemble and tempo if playing together. Most piping activity in the city I am aware of has been limited to single pipers and up to five members at retirement homes.

Lastly the Pipe Major has suggested that there should be opportunities for other band members to write this report (polite way of saying he doesn't want me anymore) therefore this possibly could be my last band report. If this proves to be the case, I wish everyone the best and please stay well.

Regimental Secretary Update - LCol (Ret'd) Stephen Sawyer

Greetings all. I was appointed as our Regimental Secretary by the Board of Trustees and have been working behind the scenes on a number of projects. I would like to provide an overview of some of the things that are happening and I'll try to be more diligent in getting reports and updates out to everyone.

The Regimental Council (RC) is a loose-knit organization made up of all of the parts of our extended Regimental family. We try to meet quarterly but like everyone, the restrictions of the Covid 19 situation have caused one postponement as we try to figure out our new reality. I coordinate the RC on behalf of the chair, our

Honorary Colonel. I enlisted the input from all our member organizations to determine fund raising goals for the Regiment. It took a while to refine all of the categories and dollar amounts to the point that I could discuss with the CO. Once that was done, I made my final report to the Board of Trustees who had tasked me with this project in the first place. This study formed part of a long term project of the Board to create an organized and on-going fund raising campaign to cover essential areas that the public and non-public entities of the CAF do not cover. More to follow on that topic at a later date as we want to get this one right.

The Regimental Manual is something missing from our inventory. This is a project that I assigned to myself upon my appointment as RS. As most of you know, I spent most of my career wearing the badges and accoutrements of the PPCLI. When I first joined the Patricia's, I was issued with their Regimental Manual (everything was hard cover in those days). It contained a brief history, biographies of the Colonels-in-Chief, listings of those who had filled significant positions over the years, customs and traditions of the Regiment, etc. When I joined the C Scot R, I looked for our version and found that we didn't have one. I have obtained copies of drafts that were started but not approved in the past. I also reviewed the current version of the Patricia's and also the Essex and Kent Scottish Regiment (who have an excellent Manual on line). I drew up a table of contents for ours and then began working on the text. As I find time, I chip away at this project. As you can imagine, this project will take a while to get a reasonable draft ready. My intention is to circulate a working draft to all member organizations of our Regimental Council upon completion for feedback for improvements. The final product will be published online using our website, after being approved by the Board of Trustees. Please hold off on sending me comments until I have a working draft for you to review, then I will welcome all your editorial notes so that I may improve it for final review and approval.

At the soldiers' Christmas Dinner this year, the CO has granted one hour of the weekend for a presentation on our Regimental organization and history. Although I am coordinating it, I will be asking some experts to provide some of the material to present to our serving soldiers. The occasion that prompted this request to the CO is the recognition of the 100th anniversary of the C Scot R. I know what you're thinking: haven't we already had our 100th? The short answer is yes and no. The long answer is that we have commemorated the 100th anniversary of our antecedent, the 50th Gordon Highlanders (in 2012). The Canadian Scottish Regiment did not officially become part of the Canadian Army's order of battle until 15 March 1920. Our first CO officially took command on 1 December the same year. The Army Order that brought us into being also described our relationships to the Gordon's, the 88th Victoria Fusiliers and the 16th Battalion CEF as our official predecessors and also to other Regiments that were reduced to nil strength at the end of the First World War. Officially, we did not exist as The Canadian Scottish Regiment prior to that time. The addition of (Princess Mary's) came a few years later when the Princess Royal became our first Colonel in Chief. So, long story short, we will be making a presentation to the troops in December to honour the beginning of this chapter of our history as well as acknowledging our predecessors.

I have some other projects lined up but won't be starting on them until I get these two either completed or at an advanced stage.

Victory in Europe 1945 - Mike Heppell

When the Armistice was declared on November 11th 1918, World War 1 was considered "the war to end all wars" but subsequent events would disprove this notion on a global scale. The defeat of Germany and failure to resolve the unsettled issues that caused the war would form the basis for the rise of Nazism in Germany and the eventual outbreak of World War 2 which was the most extensive and costly armed conflict in the history of the world. Involving the great majority of the world's nations, being fought simultaneously in several theatres and costing millions of lives, in total the deaths of about 2% of the world's population, it was the first war in which air power was a significant factor and civilian suffering and terror a primary military strategy.

Canada's official declaration of war occurred on September 10th 1939 following the German invasion of Poland on September 1st. For The Canadian Scottish Regiment, both the 1st and 2nd Battalions were mobilized on September 1st although in late August, as a precautionary measure, small security detachments were sent to guard vital points at the Bamfield Cable Station, Esquimalt Graving Dock, the ammunition depot at View Royal and the Bay Street Armoury. In the months and years that followed, the four battalions of the Regiment served with distinction with the 1st overseas, the 2nd guarding vital points over a 500 mile area along the British Columbia coastline from Prince Rupert to Sooke, the 3rd in reserve at Victoria and at the end of the war the 4th as part of the occupation force in Germany.

By the end of April 1945, German forces were surrendering in mass numbers to Allied Forces in regions throughout Europe including Italy on the 29th, the day before Adolph Hitler committed suicide . On May 5th, Field Marshal Bernard Montgomery accepted the unconditional military surrender for all German forces in northwest Germany and Denmark, involving 1,000,000 German land, sea and air forces and on the same day Canadian General Charles Foulkes accepted the surrender of General Johannes Blaskowitz, German commander-in-chief in the Netherlands, in the Dutch town of Wageningen.

Notwithstanding news broadcasts by the BBC during the first days of May announcing of German formations surrendering and the capture of Berlin, the 3rd Canadian Infantry Division maintained a steady advance in its drive to the north. On May 4th the 1st Battalion The Canadian Scottish concentrated in preparation for an attack on Aurich, Germany when the order was received from 7th Brigade HQ that as of 0800 hours May 5th a cease fire would come into effect.

At 0241 hours on May 7th at Supreme HQ Allied Expeditionary Force in Reimes, France, the Chief of Staff of the German Armed Forces High Command, General Alfred Jodl, signed an unconditional surrender document for all German forces with the end of operations officially set for 2301 hours Central European Time on May 8th. The Russians celebrate Victory Day on May 9th as the end of operations occurred after midnight Moscow time. Although the military commanders of most German forces obeyed the order to surrender not all commanders did so which resulted in regional conflicts throughout the month of May. VE Day May 8th 1945, 75 years ago, a time to pause and remember the service and sacrifice of those who fought against German tyranny and oppression during World War 2.

The Lieutenant Colonel Jack Fawcett Award

The Lieutenant-Colonel Jack Fawcett Award is presented annually at the Regimental Association Annual General Meeting. The award is made to "**Members of the to Regimental Family Who Best Exemplify The Personal Dedication and Effort Displayed By LCol Fawcett In His Many Years of Research and Preparation of Documents To Perpetuate The Proud Tradition and Accomplishments of The Regiment**".

The Award for 2020 was presented by Major (Ret'd) Tom Vincent at the Regimental Association Annual General Meeting on March 7 and this year was awarded to Clarke Russell. The award submission read as follows:

“It gives me pleasure to nominate Clark Russell for the Award this year in recognition of his dedicated work in support of the Regimental Museum’s Library. Clarke has contributed many volunteer hours in re-organizing the library thereby making books more accessible to interested persons. By sorting and examining the many books held by the museum, both on the shelf and in basement storage, he was able to identify books not relevant to the Regiment which were subsequently sold thereby raising much needed funds to support museum projects. He has also made his time available in researching the service of Regimental veterans and in researching historical events of the Regiment. He is acknowledged by his fellow museum volunteers as a team player who makes a significant contribution to the overall success of the museum.



Clark enrolled with C Scot R in 1972 serving in A Coy and completed a tour in Egypt with UNEF in 1975. He was honorably released in 1982 as Sgt (Pl WO). He served as a police officer, first with Esquimalt then Victoria, retiring after 35 years with the rank of inspector. He then accepted a position for six years with the B.C. Provincial Government as supervisor of the Domestic Violent Division with the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

Clark’s professional, friendly and helpful manner coupled with the many contributions he has made in support of the regimental museum and his strong loyalty to the Regiment in general makes him a most deserving recipient of this year’s Award and I commend him to the selection committee accordingly.”

Previous winners have been Peter Ramsay, Michael Allen and George Bevis in 2000 (the first year it was awarded), Hank Lowe in 2001, Gordon Rowat in 2002, Jim Dumont in 2003, Dale Drysdale in 2004, David

Grubb in 2005, Geoffrey Corry in 2006, Bob Darnell in 2007, the late Commander Fred Grubb along with the late Lieutenant-Colonel Terrance McKellar in 2008, John Petitt in 2009, John Wigmore in 2010, Brian Sabourin and Blair Thorburn in 2011, Michael E. Heppell in 2012, Vicki Harland-Flack in 2013, Jack Amo in 2014, Bruce Allen in 2015, Patrick Bulmer in 2016. Daryl Lynn in 2017, Edwin van der Wolf in 2018 and Bob Russell in 2019.

Our congratulations to Clark on joining this list of dedicated Regimental Family

58th Annual Reunion, Cloverdale, BC - Jack Amo

With the Covid-19 pandemic and the uncertainty of how long we are going to have to self-isolate and practice safe distancing and most of all with the desire to keep our membership safe we have decided to cancel the reunion in Cloverdale June 5-7, 2020. With all going well we will be able to resume the reunions June 4-6, 2021. Some health officials are even suggesting this could be re-occurring for the next year or two.

Honouring the Fallen: New Plaque Commemorates Comox Valley Community Members

New Plaque on the Sandwick Cairn Unveiled.

Lieutenant Cameron Park, Public Affairs Officer, The Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's)

Since November 1922, the Sandwick Cairn on Dingwall Road in Courtenay, British Columbia has stood with the names of Canadians who fell in the service of their country. On November 1 a new plaque was unveiled on the Sandwick Cairn honouring three Canadians from the Comox Valley who passed away while serving their country: Master Corporal (MCpl) Mark Isfeld, Corporal (Cpl) Andrew Eykelenboom and Christopher Klein-Beekman.

MCpl Isfeld

MCpl Mark Robert Isfeld was deployed to Croatia with 1 Combat Engineer Regiment (CER) as part of the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) in June of 1994 when he was killed while performing mine clearance duties.

Cpl Eykelenboom

Corporal Andrew Eykelenboom was a member of 1 Field Ambulance who was deployed to Afghanistan as a medic. In August of 2006, he was killed while on his last patrol before being scheduled to return home.

Christopher Klein-Beekman

Christopher Klein-Beekman had served extensively with the United Nations in different parts of the world, organizing aid for those who needed it most. On August 19, 2003 he was working in the UN headquarters in Baghdad. He was killed when a truck packed with explosives detonated in front of the building.

Previously, a plaque dedicated to The Peacekeepers@ adorned the cairn. Master Warrant Officer (MWO) Brad Fairall of The Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's) always felt it was too vague. It didn't give full individuality to those who paid the price, and I knew there were at least two or three local boys who paid the price. We identified three people. Then we went through the steps with the Royal Canadian Legion's Courtney Branch and the City of Courtenay to start the process of putting a plaque on there. @

MWO Fairall began his career in the military as Combat Engineer, and still has close connections to the Engineer community. He reached out to the ex-Regimental Sergeant Major (RSM) of 1 Combat Engineer Regiment (1 CER), Chief Warrant Officer (CWO) Russel Vida. He said, >Leave it with me.= We secured enough funding from a few private donations and from the Canadian Military Engineer Association (CMEA). @

The CMEA is an association of both serving and retired engineers. Major (ret=d) Paul Arsenault (Retired) of the Comox chapter of the CMEA spoke to the importance of contributing to the new plaque: It's a part of our duties, even as retirees, to recognize those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. @

The Canadian Scottish Regiment is a primary reserve infantry regiment of the Canadian Army based on Vancouver Island with locations in Victoria, Nanaimo and Courtenay. It is part of 39 Canadian Brigade Group, which commands all army reserve units in British Columbia.

The family of Christopher Klein-Beckman unveils a new plaque on the Sandwich Cairn in Comox, BC. The plaque is dedicated to Christopher Klein-Beckman, Master Corporal Mark Robert Isfeld and Corporal Andrew Eykelenboom, all of whom were killed while serving overseas. Image by Lt. Cameron Park.



The new plaque on the Sandwich Cairn unveiled on November 1, 2019 in Comox BC. Image by Lt Cameron Park.



The Sandwich Cairn stands with a new plaque commemorating members of the Comox Valley who fell while serving overseas. Built from stones from farm fields in the community, the Sandwich Cairn was first dedicated in November 1922. Image by Lt. Cameron Park



Wearing traditional regalia, elder Donna Mitchell of the K'omoks First Nation speaks at the dedication of the new Plaque to fallen Canadians on the Sandwich Cairn on November 1, 2019. Image by Lt. Cameron Park



Regimental Museum - Randy Evans, Director

The museum remained open for the month of February with volunteers continuing to work on Tuesday, but with few visitors. The last event the museum was involved with was the Western Front Association Conference and Dinner on March 6th and 7th. The Museum was open Friday night, and from 11:00AM until 1:30 PM on the Saturday. Some books were offered for sale and the Metcalf VC was displayed on the Saturday, with numerous photos taken of the medal by the 100 or so attendees. Thanks to Jack Drysdale and Clark Russell for opening both days.

Tuesday, March 10 was the last working day at the museum as the Armoury was closed shortly afterward due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The museum remains closed and the Armoury closure continues with no end in sight. However, to ensure the museum remains in good condition, weekly visits with social distancing in mind, are being conducted to maintain humidity levels, update computers, clean and sanitize the display and work areas and continue organizing and vetting our filing systems. E-mails and phone requests for information are being answered by Jack Drysdale as he has access to museum files and War Records on portable storage at his home.

As no one can say how long this Social-Distancing requirement will be in effect we are unable to report on plans for our future events and projects. All work done so far will be put on hold and we will continue with our planned projects as soon as the virus has been quelled.

In the meantime, the museum will be holding weekly museum meetings via social media (Zoom.us) to keep all volunteers up to date on current events, and to delegate jobs they are able to perform at home.

I hope everyone is safe and healthy and we all look forward to a return to social integration and the end of the crisis.

Remembrance Day 2019

On completion of the Remembrance Day Ceremony on the Legislative lawns, the Regiment and Cadets moved to Courtenay Street where the Association Members were waiting to fall in and march to the Canadian Scottish Memorial in Pioneer Square. There was an excellent turnout by both the Regiment, about 55 and Cadet Corps about 26. The Association also had an excellent turnout with about 26 on parade as well as some that did not March. Jim Dumont was Platoon Commander for the Association Members. It was great to see so many spectators, both adults and children, join us.

The Memorial Service was conducted by Captain Ken Nettleton. The Lament was played by Association Pipe Major Paul Mundt. Wreaths were placed at the foot of the Memorial by the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Scott Cessford and Regimental Sergeant Mayor Gary Newcombe for the Regiment; Dave Osland, Chair for the Regimental Trustees; Hank Lowe for the Regimental Association, Emily Ratcliffe for the Women's Auxiliary and Cadet Master Warrant Officer Makayla Silvey and Cadet Felix Sabolewski of 2136 C Scot R Cadet Corps for the Cadets.

On completion of the ceremony, everyone returned to the Armoury for a wreath laying at the Vimy Cross on the balcony. After dismissal refreshments and chowder were supplied by the Regimental Association for the Regimental Members and others on parade. A great job of serving was done by our Association Volunteers. Everyone who partook in the refreshments thank each and all of you who helped out.

Membership Update

We welcome the following new members to the Regimental Association.

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A.G. Morgan(Cpl)	812 Brookfield Drive, Nanaimo, BC	V9R 0A3	250-210-2827

The following are either changes of address, changes to portions of the address or corrections to previous errors. We have included the whole address so that you can cross them out on your main list and attach this page to your list. We feel this will be easier

B. Akehurst	Unit 70 2006 Sierra Drive, Campbell River, BC	V9H 1V6	250-589-9948
R.H.J. Bandet	224 - 500 Towerland Drive SW, Airdrie, AB	T4B 2K8	
P. Young	3375 Merklin Road, Victoria, BC	V9C 0G9	

Please delete the following from your list: Mr. D.K.Crockett (Deceased), Mr. G.G. Holmstrom (Deceased) and Mr. A.E.Johnson (Deceased).

What Became of Scottie?

We have lost the following member. The number in brackets, after the name, indicates the number of newsletters the name has appeared in this article and if the number is greater than one; it means we have had no response so please let us know if you know where this members is. If we have not received a new address the name will be deleted after appearing four times.

Mrs. D. Ramshaw, Leduc, AB (1).

Last Post

HOLMSTROM, G.G. H1565 - Gordon G. - Brandon, MB - September 7, 2019
Served with C Scot R during WW II and was wounded on July 3 and October 31, 1944

CROCKETT, D.K. (94) K54621 - Denis Kirkpatrick - North Vancouver, BC - November 29, 2019
Served with The Royal Canadian Artillery, had connections with C Scot R and served in World War II with the Regina Rifles Regiment in France, Belgium and Holland.

JOHNSON, A.E. (95) K3572 - Arthur Eric - Victoria, BC - February 21, 2020
Enlisted in June 1944 in Vancouver and transferred to 1 C Scot R in February 1945 in Belgium. Wounded in April 22, 1945 and released in March 1947 in Calgary.

LEST WE FORGET

Regimental Association President's Award

The Regimental Association President's Award for 2019 was awarded by President Ron Cullen at the Regimental Association Annual General Meeting on Saturday, March 7.

The award is made to any member(s) of the Regimental Family to recognize outstanding service by their dedication and hard work and have demonstrated to the Selection Committee a superior commitment to any (and or all) branch(es) of the Regimental Family.

The 2019 recipient was the Late Florence Dumont and the plaque was presented to her husband Jim Dumont. The award submission read as follows:

“It is my great pleasure to recommend the Late Mrs. Florence Dumont for the President's Award of the Canadian Scottish Regimental Association.

For many years she was the secretary of the Women's Auxiliary to the C Scot R and prepared refreshments for the Association's Annual General Meeting. She also assisted in the folding, stuffing, sealing, stamping and the mailing of “*The Can Scot*” newsletters four times annually since 1992 right up to October this year(2019).

Along with her enthusiasm and positive energy, she also provided refreshments at home after many Warrant Officer's and Sergeant's Mess functions such as: the Grey Cup game, Super Bowl game, St Julien Kitchener's Wood Dinner and the Ladies Dinner Dance as well as other special occasions.

Sadly, we had to bid farewell to her in late October last year and will miss having her as part of our team in the Association. I can attest that Florence Dumont was reliable, humorous and an absolute pleasure to work with”

Previous recipients have been: Brian Sabourin and Blair Thorburn in 2010 (the first year it was awarded), Jack and Carole Amo in 2011, Leon Conyers in 2012, Connie Isherwood in 2013, Hank Lowe in 2014, Jim Dumont in 2015, Rhonda Scott in 2016, Bill and Linda Burwood in 2017 and Gord and Maureen Thomson for 2018.

Our congratulations to the Late Florence Dumont for joining this list of hard working Regimental Family Members.



TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Canadian Scottish Regimental Association Bursary Award

ANNUAL AWARD

1. The Canadian Scottish Regimental Association will award two \$1,000.00 bursaries each year to serving Regimental members who qualify. If there is a lack of applications that qualify, only one or none can be awarded in that year.

CONDITIONS FOR THE AWARD

2. The member(s) chosen must be a serving member(s) in good standing within the Regiment.
3. The criteria that will form the basis for this award are as follows:
 4. Be of good character with no disciplinary problems.
 - a) Have made a positive contribution to the Regiment/ a Senior Cadet has made a positive contribution to his /her cadet corp.
 - b) Have received good assessments on all courses.
 - c) Use the award to promote his/her post-secondary education at a BC university, regional college or technical/vocational school.

APPLICATION

5. Selection criteria, the form of submission and the due date are found below. Applications and a poster can be downloaded or picked up from the BOR.

SUBMISSION DATE

6. Members must submit their applications to The Canadian Scottish Regimental Association on or before June 30, 2020.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

7. An awards committee composed of members of The Canadian Scottish Regimental Association will assess the applicants for the bursary and make the final selection(s).

NOTIFICATION OF RECIPIENTS AND PRESENTATION OF AWARD

8. The President of The Canadian Scottish Regimental Association will notify the Commanding Officer of the final selection.
9. The Canadian Scottish Regimental Association will notify the member and advise of the date, time and presentation of the award.

Application Form

The Canadian Scottish Regimental Association Bursary Award

Part 1 - Member Information

Rank & Surname: _____

Given Name(s): _____

Member's academic and military history:

Part 2 - Attachments

1. Company Commander's recommendations including:

- Comment on character of member.
- Comment on contribution to the Regiment.
- Overall assessment of performance on courses.

2. Letter of Application (Your career goals and why you require financial aid. Include name of institution you are wishing to attend).

Applicant's signature: _____

Date: _____