

The Can Scot

The Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's)
Regimental Association

PO Box 44180 RPO GORGE, Victoria, BC V9A 7K1
October 2020

Remembrance Day November 11, 2020
Nanaimo, BC
Left to Right Don Stedeford, Bruce Heathcote
and Marc Marchand



Important Dates and Articles

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Association AGM – March 6 – CANCELLED

Association Lunches – See page 11

Deadline for May 2021 Newsletter – Sunday May 1

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Presidents Message - Ron Cullen

It has been a long time since we have done much on the executive due to the covid-19, the armoury has been closed for some time but just opened on January 20th. The Regiment is now parading and following the proper protocols.

I trust that all had a good Christmas and New Year, one that we will all remember for years to come. Learning new techniques such as zoom and the virtual technical way of doing business has been a terrific way to stay in contact with family and friends as well as holding meetings. Let us hope that we have a better 2021.

We held a Remembrance Day service at Pioneer Square on Wednesday, November 11. It was well attended with about 35 persons in attendance and keeping social distancing. We would like to thank all those members who attended as well as those that made it happen.

Congratulation to the two members that were awarded the Regimental Associations bursaries. We thank our Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Lowe for presenting the bursaries to Captain Brian Daszko and Private Liam Diamond.

We will not be holding our Annual General Meeting on the first Saturday in March due to the virus but hopefully will be able to hold it prior to the end of the year. We will keep you informed. The Up Island Branch has also held off their Annual General Meeting and are also hoping to hold it by the end of year.

I will be meeting by zoom on February 25 for the allocation of the interest from the Regimental Endowment Fund.

Our members on sick parade that I know of appear to be doing well. I went and visited Jack Amo and he's looking good. He had a couple of setbacks, but it looks as if they have been sorted out. Former RSM CWO Dadds was in the hospital and had an operation but is recovering and doing well. He is looking forward to getting back to work. Captain (Retired) Randy Evans is on the mend and will be for a few more months. He is still directing the Regimental Museum and I might add doing a terrific job. We are wishing all of you a speedy recovery.

Error in the October 2020 Newsletter – Jim Dumont

I apologize to Clark Russell and Tom Vincent for the mix up of names in “The Lieutenant Colonel Jack Fawcett Award” article in October 2020 newsletter. The winner of the award for 2020 was Clark Russell not Tom Vincent as printed.

Association Pipes and Drums – David Stewart

This Covid-19 dominated season has vastly reduced all the bands ability to participate in our usual public performances and even our ability to meet as a band to practice. As a result, there is little to report on that front.

We were able to provide some presence on Remembrance Day, November 11th. Pipe Major Paul Mundt played at the Regimental Cenotaph as well as the Afghanistan Memorial. The full band, properly distanced, played at the Broadmead Lodge for our veterans so they could see and hear the pipes. We performed outside as their safety would not allow anyone inside or any of them outside. We understand from the staff that it was much appreciated. As well, we also had a Christmas get together on Zoom

Our ability to act upon our operational plan for this past year has completely been set aside by the safety concerns presented by the public health directives, so even access to the Bay Street Armoury band room with such poor ventilation has not been safe to do so far. We had been using Craigflower Manor outside, until the weather turned. Our hope is to resume these practices as the weather co-operates this spring. Public performances are still out of sight.

The Regimental Endowment Fund has allowed us to purchase a set of 12 new chanters which have already arrived and a set of new drum slings still to be delivered.

As the traditional Burns night activities approach, we have very severely limited to only be able to provide a single piper to participate at two of our usual venues. Chris Chiarot will play at the Bard and Banker and Bob Glazier will play at The Irish Times, both on the 25th of January. The Regiment is unable to offer their traditional evening of celebration this year. Those seeking some comradery around this event can find a virtual version put together by The Greater Victoria Police Band, and I believe the Simon Fraser Band has also done something similar.

On a more personal note, for the band, Bill Buckingham, one of our own long time pipers, had a tragic loss on Christmas Eve as his youngest son Cameron passed away of natural causes. Our thoughts and prayers have been surrounding Bill, his wife Sharon and daughter Heather since their loss of this very alive and loving son so unexpectedly. Pipe Major Paul Mundt played outside the celebration of Cameron’s life to pay our collective respects to the Buckingham’s. Cameron is sorely missed by all who knew him.

We are all anxiously awaiting the time when we can resume some version of our previous ability to meet and engage in all things Canadian Scottish related. The vaccine roll outs will be what makes that eventually possible. Until then please continue to wash your hands, wear masks in public places, practice social distancing but also find other ways to stay connected to one another that are safe during these dangerous times for us all.

Women's Auxiliary – Rhonda Scott

There is nothing to report other than the passing of Connie Isherwood at 101 who has been a valued member and the Treasurer of the Women's Auxiliary for many years.

Regimental Museum – Randy Evans, Director

Though the museum has remained closed to the public since Tuesday, March 10th, 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic the Museum volunteers have been busy with display improvement, artifact conservation and restoration, cleaning, and organizing our collection. An average of four volunteers attend the Museum every Tuesday morning to perform various duties while maintaining Covid distancing and cleanliness requirements. Weekly Zoom meetings were also held each Tuesday until December 15th when the Armoury was closed for the Christmas holiday. Zoom meetings were resumed on Tuesday, January 19th, just prior to the Armoury being re-opened, and volunteers returned to the museum, adhering to Covid regulations, to continue work on Tuesday, January 26th.

Prior to the shutdown, volunteer John Azar, our Outreach Manager, was able to get funding from Veterans Affairs for his popular "Remembrance Illuminated" project. Last year photos from the First World War were projected onto the south tower of Christ Church Cathedral. This year John's, production of "Artwork from the Second World War" was displayed from Monday, November 9th to Wednesday, November 11th at the Regiment's kirk. Even with Covid restrictions, the display was well attended. Pipe Major Roger McGuire assisted each night by providing Bagpipe music for the event. If you have not seen this year's production - War Art - I have noted the web page information to the You Tube page below. Just type it into your browser. It is well worth a look.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChL4n4GZxOrj9NmSvMC5QZg>

Prior to the Christmas break Jack Drysdale spearheaded the effort to clean out all our Armoury Tower storage spaces to make room for the planned Armoury office renovations. It was a huge undertaking which he and volunteers completed in record time, and we are still in the process of vetting and recording the artifacts and archival materials that were moved. We are hoping for a new, more appropriate storage area to be assigned in the near future.

At the end of November 2020, Jack Drysdale received information of a Vimy Tunnel Art display that might be available to interested museums this year. We spoke with the Artistic and Executive Director of CANADIGM (The Canadian Historical Documentation & Imaging Group) Zenon Andruszyn. In 2012 his group travelled to France and used 3D ultra-high-resolution Laser

Scanners to take images of WW1 tunnel art. The various engravings were carved into the chalk walls in the tunnels by waiting soldiers prior to the attack on Vimy Ridge in 1917. He reproduced many of the carvings using a 3D printer and made a mobile display which he took across Canada from 2015 to 2019 to celebrate the centenary of the Vimy Battle. After completing his cross-Canada tour he now wishes to house the art in permanent homes.

After seeing the photos of the display and determining that several of the impressions were made by soldiers from the 16th Battalion, we proposed that our Regimental Museum would make an excellent home for the art. Mr. Andrusyszyn, who has visited our museum, enthusiastically agreed and has kindly donated two 6x6x2 foot oak display cabinets, with built-in LED lighting and filled with tunnel art, to our museum.

This is a unique opportunity to acquire an already established and professional display of Tunnel Art, pertinent to the 16th Battalion. CANADIGM only asks that we cover the cost of shipping the 2-cabinet display from Winnipeg to our Armoury. The museum is prepared to cover the estimated \$1000.00 shipping cost and are hoping for some assistance from the Regimental Family as our DHH (Directorate of History and Heritage) grant funding does not cover transport fees. The display cabinets and art will be trailered to Victoria this summer (the Canadian Forces will not ship these items as they are not military).

If you would like to help us pay for the transport, donations can be made to **The Canadian Scottish Regimental Heritage Foundation**. Tax Receipts will be issued for all gifts. Any donation will be very much appreciated.

Donations can be made in two ways:

The first is to make a cheque out to **CSRHF** for the amount you wish to donate and mail it to:

CSRHF
c/o 6310 Elaine Way
Victoria, BC V8Z 6A1

Your tax receipt will be mailed to you.

The second is to go to the Canadahelps.org web site at: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/>

In Get Started: Find a Charity: enter: **canadian scottish**

Once the search completes: click on **“The Canadian Scottish Regimental Heritage Foundation”**

Donate to this charity: click: **1. Regimental Museum**

Enter donation amount and click: **continue with donation**

Canadahelps will then ask for: your contact info: how you wish to get your tax receipt:

whether you wish to use your credit card or paypal:

Canadahelps will email your tax receipt right away.

The Museum Volunteer Staff wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.

You can contact the museum at 250-383-8753 and the museum website is

cscotrmuseum@shaw.ca

Heritage Foundation Assists with Association Bursary – Bruce Allan, Foundation Chair

The Regimental Association presents \$1,000.00 bursaries to members of the serving unit each year at the Soldiers' Christmas Dinner. The Heritage Foundation maintains a bursary sub-account on behalf of the Association. In the fall of last year, Ron Cullen (President of the Association) approached Bruce Allan (Chair of the Foundation) asking for assistance in raising funds for the bursaries. One of the advantages of donating through the Foundation is that the donor receives a tax-receipt for their donation. The Foundation launched a fund-raising campaign within the Regimental Family and in short order, raised over \$2500.00 for the bursaries. The bursaries were presented to Captain Brian Daszko and Private Liam Diamond on December 2nd, 2020 at the Armoury by our new Honourary Lieutenant-Colonel Alan Lowe. Unfortunately, due to COVID it could not be done at the Soldiers' Christmas Dinner this year.

The Association would like to continue its bursary program; but it needs continued support. The easiest way to donate is through the Canadahelps.org website. Search for "Canadian Scottish"; click on the Canadian Scottish Foundation link. Once there, there is a drop-down menu. Select - Regimental Association Bursary Fund; enter the amount you wish to donate; enter your email address, etc. and payment method (credit card or Paypal). As soon as you donate an income tax receipt is sent to your email address. If you are not comfortable donating on-line; you may still donate by making your cheque payable to CSRHF and mailing it to CSRHF, c/o 6310 Elaine Way, Victoria, BC V8Z 6A1. The Armoury is locked down and this will come to my home address and I will get it to Al Giesbrecht, our Treasurer, and arrange for you to get your tax receipt.

Remembrance Day 2020

This day at the Regimental Cenotaph at Pioneer Square was completely different from most other years. Because of health guidelines, we had no marching troops, no cadets, and no veterans on parade. There was approximately 35 persons in total in attendance, once again because of gathering restrictions.

The Memorial Service was conducted by Padre Andrew Gates. 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 Major Gary Newcombe for the Regiment; Dave Osland, Chair for the Regimental Trustees, Honourary Lieutenant Colonel Lowe for the Regimental Association, Dixie Allan for the Women's Auxiliary, Rae and Sandra McDonald for the Old Guard and Jim Dumont for 2136 C Scot R Cadet Corps on behalf of the Cadets.

On completion of the ceremony everyone went their own way as there was no reception at the Armoury. As I said at the start, things were different.

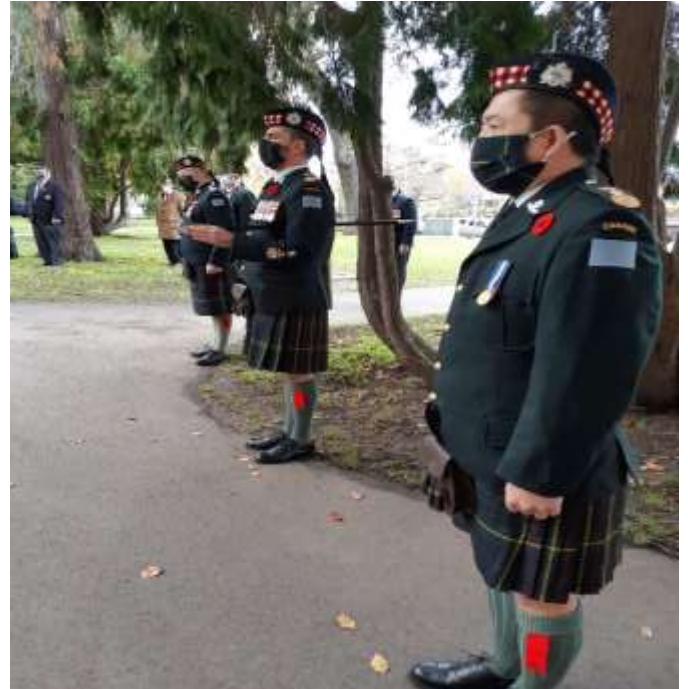
The main ceremony at the Cenotaph in front of the Legislature Buildings was also very restrictive to the numbers attending. Padre Gates was the Padre for the Ceremony and Gary Lewis played the Last Post on the trumpet.

Paul Paone and Gary Lewis, who played the last post on the trumpet, were at the Afghanistan Memorial for the ceremony there.

Remembrance Day 2020 at Pioneer Square



Padre Gates begins ceremony



**Honourary Lieutenant Colonel Alan Lowe
Regimental Sergeant Major Gary Newcombe
Commanding Officer –
Lieutenant Colonel Scott Cessford**



Association Pipe Major Paul Mundt



**Wreaths have been laid and ceremony
finished**

Remembrance Day 2020 at the Afghanistan Memorial



Association Pipe Major Paul Mundt

Paul Paone and Gary Lewis

Message from the Commanding Officer – Lieutenant Colonel Cessford

Honourary Lieutenant-Colonel Lowe presented Private Liam Diamond and Captain Brian Daszko Regimental Association Bursaries last evening. These funds are much needed and most well deserved and meant a lot to each member. Thank you for making this happen. The serving Regiment understands your support, commitment, dedication, and service. Thank you, it is very much and most appreciated.

Honourary Colonel Crober was on hand as well to present Lieutenant Featherston and Lieutenant McKenzie, who were both promoted last night, their commissioning scrolls.



**Pte Liam Diamond (left) is presented a Regimental Association Bursary
by HCol Lowe**



**Capt Brian Daszko (left) is presented a Regimental Association Bursary
by HCol Lowe**

Captain Pat Rippon receives Commanders Commendation.

Brigadier General David Awalt, Deputy Commander, 3rd Canadian Division, presents Captain Patrick Rippon of The Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary=s) with a Canadian Joint Operations Command (CJOC) Commander=s Commendation on 2 December 2020 in Victoria, BC. Captain Rippon earned the commendation while deployed on Operation IMPACT. Operation IMPACT is the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) mission to build the military capabilities of Iraq, Jordan, and Lebanon, and set the conditions for their long-term success. Op IMPACT complements the work of other Canadian government agencies such as Global Affairs Canada and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.



Captain Rippon receives the Commanders Commendation from Brigadier General David Awalt

Canadian Joint Operations Command Commendation
is awarded to **Captain P.N. Rippon**

Captain Rippon deployed to Amman from January to July 2020 as Projects Officer for the Canadian Assistance Training Team - Jordan. Responsible for several large-scale projects totalling 36 million dollars, he ensured compliance and saw them through to completion. He worked tirelessly to foster good relations with legacy implementing partners and set the foundations for continued excellence with new project execution. Throughout the deployment, he drew upon a significant level of contractual and legal experience, bringing all the analytical tools available to offer sage advice and increase chain of command situational awareness. Captain Rippon's remarkable actions in a complex and challenging small mission environment brought great credit to himself and the Canadian Joint Operations Command.

The commendation is signed by C.J Coates, CMM, MSC, CD, Lieutenant-General Commander and E. Poissant, MMM, CD, Command Chief Warrant Officer on September 24, 2020.

Heritage Foundation Assists Regimental Museum – Bruce Allan Foundation Chair

The Foundation assists members of the Regimental Family with fund raising by providing tax-receipts for donations. We continue to use the Canadahelps.org website to fund raise. The procedure is outlined in the article on Regimental Association Bursaries.

On the site, we have a drop-down menu which allows you to allocate your donation to the following:

1. Regimental Museum

Good and Welfare of the Regiment

Missing 44 at Thelus

Regimental Association Bursary

You will notice that the Regimental Museum option has the number 1 in front of it; this moves it to the top of the list.

Yesterday, Randy Evans (Regimental Museum Director) contacted me and asked if the Foundation could assist the Regimental Museum in raising funds to transport World War One trench art from Winnipeg to the Regimental Museum. One of the purposes of the Foundation is:

"to preserve the military heritage of Canada, British Columbia and Vancouver Island by encouraging the Regimental Museum, to educate museum staff, to provide lectures, discussions, workshops, visits, publications and exhibits for the enjoyment of the public, and to co-operate with other public and private bodies devoted to the same or similar purposes;"

So well within the scope of the activities of the Foundation, we are glad to support this fund-raising effort. I've outlined the method of donating to the Foundation in my other article. Please assist the Museum in their efforts

The Daily Colonist Friday, February 6, 1914

“The recent militia order by which men engaged on special duty are to draw extra pay and allowances has been made retroactive in its application, which will date from August 1st (1913). This will make it apply to those men of the Victoria regiments who have been doing duty in the colliery centres since the strike riots of last year, which will generally be acknowledged to be a wise thing”. Long overdue approval of recommendation by Col Hall, who pointed out that the special police acting under the protection of soldiers were getting much better pay than their protectors.

Last Post

- TROWSDALE, V. (97)** Vina - North Bay, ON - October 10, 2020
Served in the Royal Canadian Air force for two- and one-half years during World War II.
Widow of the Late Robert Trowsdale.
- MCRAE, M.H. (87)** Marjorie Helene - Terrace, BC - October 14, 2020
Widow of the Late William McRae.
- SERIANI, A. (94)** Albert (Ab) - Nanaimo, BC - November 20, 2020
- SPELLER, C.R. (96)** K4824 Charles Roy - Victoria, BC - November 21, 2020
Served with C Scot R during World War II and was wounded at Deventer April 20, 1945.
- MCINTYRE, H. (75)** Hugh - Langford, BC - December 31, 2020
Started with 2136 Canadian Scottish Cadets in the 1950's as a Piper and Highland Dancer. Joined the Black Watch Depot in 1962 and on completion of training went to the 1st Bn Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) Pipes and Drums until 1964. He then served with C Scot R in Victoria until 1966 when he returned to the 1st Bn Black Watch and was deployed to Cyprus in 1967. When the Battalion was disbanded in 1970, he retrained as a Medic and was posted to 3rd Bn Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry in Victoria until 1974. In 1976 he became a Cadet Instructor List Officer until well into the 1980's and served firstly with the 2136 Cadet Corps in Victoria and later the 2458 Rocky Mountain Rangers Cadet Corps in Revelstoke, BC. He then became Officer Commanding "B" Company, The Rocky Mountain Rangers in Salmon Arm and then took the position of Staff Officer Personnel Management at Pacific Militia Headquarters in Vancouver, BC
- CRAVEIRO, W. (74)** Walter - Victoria, BC - January 5, 2021
Served in C Scot R during the 1960's.
- ISHERWOOD, C.D. (101)** Constance (Connie) Dora - Victoria, BC - January 26, 2021
Connie was a dedicated member of the Regimental Trustees, the Heritage Foundation, and a supporter of the Regimental Cadet Corps. She was a member of the Women's Auxiliary for almost 40 years and had been a long time Treasurer.

LEST WE FORGET

Lunch Dates - Jim Dumont

It is unfortunate that we have had to cancel some of our lunch dates including the February date. The March 13 and April 3 luncheons are still scheduled but at this time I feel they will probably also be cancelled. I am hoping that things will change before the fall and we can start getting together again. From what I have heard there are quite a few persons missing the chance to get together and have a good visit.

Membership Update

Please delete the following from your list: M.H. McRae (Deceased), A. Seriani (Deceased) and V. Trowsdale (Deceased)

What Became of Scottie?

We have lost the following members. 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 either of these members are. If we have not received a new address the name will be deleted after appearing four times.

Mrs. D. Ramshaw, Leduc, AB (4) and P. Wood, Edmonton, AB (3).

The Daily Colonist Wednesday, February 18, 1914

The first parade of the 50th Regiment, Highlanders of Canada, was held Monday Night, 16th February at the Knights of Pythias Hall on Douglas Street at Pandora, where Lt Col Currie and his officers met the men in a body for the first time. The pipe band was present, and later in the evening played in the street outside, attracting a large and delighted audience.

Colonel Currie made a short address to the regiment. He expressed his sense of honor done him in entrusting him with command of the 50th, which he hoped and felt confident his hearers would make the smartest regiment in the Dominion in appearance and in shooting, and he solicited the co-operation of every Officer, NCO and man toward this end.

After the Colonel's speech, the Adjutant, Lieutenant RT Townsend, allotted men to their companies and instructed the officers to place their subalterns and sergeants in charge of sections and half-sections.

Old Guard – Rhonda Scott

There is nothing to report other than monthly Zoom meetings are being held.

Our Cover – Gord Thomson

The front cover photo is of The Nanaimo Branch or the Association which held a Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Nanaimo Cenotaph which took place at 8:00 AM on Remembrance Day, November 11, 2020. The early hour and overcast skies did not deter our members from paying their respects. The Legion gave us permission to conduct our small ceremony early.