



8th Hussars Sabretache

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Remarks by Hon LCol DA Henderson, OMM, CD

In late July I received a letter from the Minister of National Defence, the Honourable Peter MacKay, informing me that he approved my appointment as Hon LCol of the 8th Canadian Hussars (Princess Louise's). I was delighted to accept the honour and be able once again to wear the 8th Hussar uniform with pride.

Before I learned of my appointment, I was looking forward to attending the Radley-Walters Chapter Reunion in Petawawa 28 May with John Beveridge and Bill Coupland. We began our journey in my nine year old trusty van and shortly after passing through Smiths Falls I suddenly noticed a vibration in the steering wheel. We pulled off the road at a garden centre and discovered that the emergency brake had seized and the rear wheel was smoking hot!!



After an hour or so wait for a tow truck, a tiny IZUZU truck with a loading bed appeared. The driver informed us that he could take only two passengers in the cab so Bill offered to hitch a ride. Before the van was completely loaded he had secured a ride from a former RCR soldier who had stopped to get some flowers. We all ended up in Smiths Falls at a garage and celebrated the reunion with a "Big Mac" lunch at McDonalds!! By the time the van was made roadworthy again it was regrettably too late to continue our drive to Petawawa. My new van should now ensure trouble free visits to future Hussar events.

My first visit to RHQ 30 Sep was most interesting and it enabled me to meet with the CO, LCol Don Bourque and some of his staff. Don brought me up to speed on the activities of the regiment and made me feel welcome.

The AGM and Reunion activities were most enjoyable. The organization and execution of all events proceeded with precision. This is due to the hard work by a number of Hussars. Four stalwarts who provided the leadership throughout were our President, Tom McLaughlan, our Secretary, Shirley LaMontagne, our Museum Curator, Borden McLellan and our Social and Communications Director, Brenda Coleman.

It was a pleasure to meet a number of former 8th Hussars with whom I served including Gord and Mary Bickerton who were key members back in the early fifties. Gord was the NCO who fixed everything and Mary was the chief clerk who knew just about everybody and everything!! Past President, Scovil Brown and I served in the regiment in Germany 1959-62, Past Hon Col Ted Nurse and his wife, Judy were with us in Petawawa in the early 60s and Jim Lockyer was a student at the Army staff College, Kingston 1973, when I was on staff.

It was wonderful to meet Frank Gaunce, who is our oldest 8th Hussar at the astounding age of 99 and still going strong!! I enjoyed chatting with our guest speaker Dr Lee Windsor who was a former serving 8th Hussar. I also had the opportunity to talk with the RSM, CWO EG Stairs and a few other serving members.

In closing I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year and I hope to meet many more of you in the near future.

ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It hardly seems like a year since I sat down to write this report for the 2010 Sabretache. It has been a very busy year for many of us as we went about the day to day operations of the Regimental Association, struggled through and persevered with the cleanup and re-opening of the museum and watched with pride as the vehicle restoration club moved closer to their goal on a fully operational ferret.

It has to be recognized by all members of the Association just how much work is being done on their behalf by a small group of volunteers but I am pleased to say the numbers are growing. I am often wary about listing names in these cases in fear of missing someone who has contributed to the successful past year. But I can easily point out the efforts of Brenda Coleman, and Shirley LaMontagne who daily put time in on these extra curricular activities whether they be Association related or Regimental related. There are a number of dedicated members of the museum committee who do not get recognized often enough including Gary Bowser, Darrell Zinck, Carol Carr, Diane Lutes, Mary Jane McEwen, Harvey McLeod, Aaron Leblanc and Don Robinson. And if we move on the vehicle restoration club we must certainly include Bill Nickson, Darren Spicer, and Byron Ostrom to name a few. There are a number of members still in uniform who are always willing and available to help, including Casey Vandenheuvel, Paul Chevarie, Bruce Montrose, Wayne Fogarty, Louis Leclerc, Tricia Janssen, and Roland Doucette. In short, all members should be aware there are a number of dedicated people

working on their behalf and you can see by this list why I might be afraid to miss someone.

The past year did see some gains made with one exception. The raffle for this year was not well supported and coupled with lost opportunities to sell tickets, the mail strike just prior to the early bird draw and the loss of a couple of our more dedicated sales man, we did not meet our goal for fund raising through this venue. As detailed elsewhere in this newsletter, we successfully implemented another annual bursary thanks to the generosity of the McLeod family. Last spring we undertook to canvas the membership on ways and means to rejuvenate the Association and we made efforts in that direction. It is always a necessity to have an AGM each fall to ensure the business of the Regimental Association is being conducted properly and in compliance with CRA guidelines for Charities. There are also large amounts of paperwork required annually to ensure all reporting requirements are met at various deadlines. It is a fact of life that we no longer can have a 50/50 raffle without a license to operate and then a full report on revenues at the end of the raffle. These items take up considerable volunteer time.

All members of the Association should be aware that due to changes to the Canada Revenues Act pertaining to registered charities, that there may requirement to review our constitution and by-laws and also to re-register the charity. CRA has offered some training but clarity on the whole issue is not available at this time. It certainly will mean additional work for the current executive and the process

could extend over a two year period.

To make the Reunion more fun this year we went back to having live entertainment on the last evening and it was a successful event although not as well attended as we would have liked. However the word is out that it was fun and this means we are under pressure to do even better next year. In addition to the entertainment the Regiment sponsored a casino event to raise funds for a soldier's bursary specific to a serving member of the Regiment and it was a success as well. All of the Hussars bucks were sold and in the end over \$500 were raised for the bursary. We are always open to more suggestions so please do not hesitate to offer them up.

We hope to expand our outreach to more members by the use of Facebook and other social media now in use daily. The first try will be to expand the use of Facebook to present info on events such as the book launch "Steel Cavalry", the new Museum Horse and perhaps into future, live streaming of various meetings. In addition to the Executive which now covers various parts of Ontario and New Brunswick, we would like to start an ambassador system across Canada to get other interested persons involved in spreading the word on the Association and providing feedback where possible. First on the list was Dave Corney from PEI. If you have an interest then please let us know!

We have been able to expand our support to our 5 local cadet corps who wear the Hussar hat badge. By working directly with these corps, we were able to raise a significant amount of funds towards their annual cadet activities this past summer. It should also be noted at this time that the Dieppe Corp will be participating in the commemoration of the 70th Anniversary of the Dieppe Raid this August and they are actively working towards raising the necessary \$30,000, of which the Association was able to

support this past summer at a parking venue with about \$3000.

I also want to acknowledge the support of the Regiment to many of the Association activities, from hosting the AGM, to supporting the efforts of the vehicle restoration club, and especially the support provided to the museum as they struggled through the more than 7 months of work to restore and reopen the museum. Without

the commitment of LCol Don Bourque and his staff, we would have been severely challenged to continue some of the Associations activities and events. It was also our pleasure to welcome the new Hon LCol Dave Henderson to the event and we are delighted to have him on board. Just as a note, he was the last one out the door at the end of the dinner/dance where we were entertained by Bottoms Up, a

local band who have made their mark in recordings and special events such as the East Coast Music Awards. They actually asked specifically if they could come back next year to entertain us!

In closing I want to wish all our members all the best for the coming Christmas festivities and a very happy New Year.

Tom McLaughlan
Regi Patriaeque Fidelis

Pictures from the AGM 2011



Presentation of Regimental Coins



CO Opening Casino



Die Hard Gamblers!!!!



Getting caught up with friends...



“Bottoms Up” the entertainment for the evening.



Ready for the Buffet!!!

COMMANDING OFFICER'S MESSAGE

Having ended my first of three years in command, I look back at those yard sticks we've pushed forward and what has yet to be done. Certainly, the Regiment has undergone a few changes.

One of the challenges to overcome was the restrictive establishment of the unit that discouraged growth. We were directed to provide positions from our establishment to create a new Reserve Engineer capability in Fredericton. This was initially destined to be an entire squadron from the Regiment. We were able to stop the reduction at 40 positions, though we lacked a second squadron HQ. Recently, I remedied that through some shuffling of positions, what staff

officers call "mitigating from within". As a result, I'm pleased to report that A Squadron once again parades in Moncton and B Squadron in Sussex. We continue to form a composite Recce Squadron for exercises and domestic operations.

Another initiative has seen the closer cooperation with our sister units within Land Force Atlantic Area: the Prince Edward Island Regiment and the Halifax Rifles. We look forward to taking the lead on a gun camp for the three units in early December.

In next Spring's issue, I hope to see lots of great tales from the gun camp I just mentioned, as well as Exercise STAWART GOOSE and MARITIME RAIDER, both

collective training events of 37 Canadian Brigade Group.

This time of year, we all lovingly turn our attention to two other H's besides Hussars: hockey and holidays. Let's all keep our senses as we travel through the highways and byways as weather gets typically Maritime, and remain safe throughout the season. No matter where you're reading this, you are among our most valuable resources, and I hope to see you often in the future.

Best wishes for the holidays,
Hussars!

Regi Patriaeque Fidelis.
LCol Don Bourque

REGIMENTAL MUSEUM REPORT

This has been an exceptionally busy year for the 8th Hussars Museum. Last year's arsonist fire (16 September 2010) required the immediate removal of all displays, cases and hardware from the Train Station. Storage was provided in the Sussex Armouries vehicle garage; our storage cage at RHQ; and a rented storage unit in Sussex. Over the winter display cases, furniture and artefacts were all cleaned; uniforms dry cleaned, and Archival Materials cleaned by the NB Provincial Archives – which we greatly appreciated.

A special appeal was made to Association members with response in excess of \$10,000, which helped defray costs of dry cleaning, storage tubs, labour, cleaning materials, repairs and furniture replacement. We began moving things back into the Museum and rebuilding displays on April 20th. The Re-opening on 15 May 2011 was a great success with four World War II 8th Hussars veterans, three Provincial Cabinet Ministers, the Commander Land Force Atlantic Area, Unit Commanders from CFB Gagetown

and other museum curators attending. The Guest Register was signed by 125 people.

This summer we had four exceptionally good students, which allowed us to conduct excellent tours while continuing to accession more Archival photographs. This gave us a head start for our winter Archival Project work. Attendance this season has been 1592 visitors 1 Jan. - 11 Nov 2011.

Discussions are progressing on the new Museum building which will be part of the Sussex Culture and Heritage Centre, announced by Mayor Ralph Carr at the Museum re-opening. In preparation for this, with the approval of Revenue Canada, the Museum Board has established a New Building Fund, to which the first deposit has been the Bob McLeod Memorial funds.

Insurance coverage has been increased to \$50,000 for our display cases, furniture and hardware; and a \$2 million policy has been obtained covering Officers and Directors Liability, which is shared with the Association. Increased insurance for specific, appraised, Artefacts is also being perused.

Work on our separate Virtual Collection databases, for (1) Artefacts and (2) Archival Materials is on going, supported by grants from the N B Culture and Heritage Branch. We are currently focusing on Archiving our photograph collection and documenting our storage of Artefacts.

With the temporary closure of the CFB Gagetown Military Museum, we were able to obtain a full Mess Kit uniform and accessories of Lt. Col. James Domville (CO 1880 – 1899) with display case, and a further Officer's Mess Kit and accessories c. 1890 with display case. In addition we also received three large boxes of 8th Hussars Artefacts, which we appreciate.

We recently obtained a life-size concrete horse which, with some minor repairs, will grace the entrance to our new museum. A Donor Recognition plaque has been constructed and will be mounted in the museum, acknowledging those who have been faithful contributors. Donations from Association members continue to be the main lifeline of your museum. Consideration of the 8th Hussars Museum in Estate Planning will

ensure your Artefacts and Archival Materials will be preserved for all time and the 8th Hussars story will live on.

On Remembrance Day we hosted a very successful launch of Dr. Lee Windsor's book, STEEL CAVALRY". This is an updated, detailed account of the outstanding armoured support provided by the 8th

Princess Louise's NB Hussars in action in Italy, beginning March 1944, from the Tollo Crossroads Indirect Shoot, up the Liri Valley to the Gothic Line, and Coriano. In spite of inclement weather, 150 people attended and Lee's presentation was riveting. Veteran John Curran, from St. Stephen, NB, who was wounded in this action, was most impressed and moved by the

things he heard. Following the presentation and during the reception, books were sold and autographed by the author. They sold all 113 books they had with them. It was a great day to be an 8th Hussar!

Borden McLellan,
Museum Curator

8TH CANADIAN HUSSARS PIPES & DRUMS



The band has been very active once again in remaining 2010 & 2011 season since last year's AGM.

Building on the 2010 Champion Supreme for Dress & Deportment, we have just completed the final stages of a 2nd dress which will be ready for the 2012 parade & competition season. With the addition of a #2 band dress, this allows the band to readjust our current #1 dress to reflect our more traditional military connections by adopting the distinctive green shirts & ties, currently used by armed forces.

BURSARY APPLICATION

As noted in the previous Sabretaches, applications for the two (2) \$1000 Hussars Association Bursaries and one (1) \$500.00 LCol McLeod Memorial Bursary close on 30 April 2012. The selection process will be completed by the end of May, in time for their announcement at High School graduations (if the winners are High School graduates).

Bursary winners will be contacted directly by the Bursary Chairman, once the selections have been made. All applicants will receive a response letter from the Bursary Committee. Unsuccessful candidates are eligible to apply another year,

2011 had the band competing at Highland games in Moncton, Summerside & Fredericton, as well as several competing solo at the Maine Highland Games. The bands best finish this season was a 2nd place finish in Moncton beating the 78th Highlanders of Halifax that went on to become Maritime champions this year. We are working hard indoors once again & look forward to the 2012 season.

The band continues with a strong mix of street parades & festival concerts, competition & military troops supporting performances. This year in excess of 35 performances. Most recently being Remembrance Day ceremonies & performances at Sunny Brae Legion, Moncton Garrison & #6 Legion, also on that day we had a piper at the Sussex Museum book Launch for 'Steel Calvary'.

This year the band has just purchased 18 new matching bagpipe chanters from McCullum bagpipes in Scotland which several of us had the

opportunity to visit, which will definitely help improve sound quality.

The band as always are eager to accept new members of any age group, as well as offering in house training.

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Cheers
Robert Whitton
President/PipeCpl



providing they will still be attending a post-secondary educational institution.

It is worth noting that money for these nationally available Bursaries is raised in New Brunswick through fund raising by veterans, former members and volunteers of the Association. The average age of our World War II veterans is 85 and our Korean veterans 75 years old. We who are working at this need the financial and volunteer support of all who read the Sabretache, and those who expect to receive Bursaries.

RADLEY-WALTERS CHAPTER

The Radley-Walters Chapter would like to take this opportunity to pass along our Best Wishes, for the upcoming Holiday Season. We extend Season's Greetings and our support, to those still proudly serving the Regiment and the greater Association of the 8th Canadian Hussars.

We are planning our next Reunion in Petawawa for the weekend 26-27 May 2012. Keep that date in mind as you plan your spring activities; as we always look forward to any visitors from the Regiment or the Association.

Through the years the Regiment has produced some of the finest soldiers and on numerous occasions one or has been recognised for their distinguished service.



Legion Veteran Wins Prestigious Commendation

Mr. Jack Myers is just one of those that keep on giving. This wonderful fellow was Bob McLeod's, loader/operator in the Sherman Tank "BYNG" throughout WWII. Jack now retired has been a long standing member of the Radley-Walters Chapter of the 8th Canadian Hussar Association. As a Veteran of WWII, he continues his service and dedication through the Legion Branch 492 and was recognised for his efforts.

We wish to extend our sincere congratulations to Jack on receipt of his Commendation. While our Association is proud of you and your accomplishments, the Legion, Veterans and seniors of Wawa, ON are the real benefactors of your dedication. Thank you Jack! Photo and Story by Barb Fisher

Each Year the Minister of Veteran Affairs Commendation is awarded to one deserving individual nationwide who has contributed in an exemplary manner to the care and well being of Veterans and seniors. This past July, Wawa's own Legion Member Jack Myers won this prestigious Commendation in recognition of his World War II military service

overseas with the 8th New Brunswick Hussars, and his tiresome care of Veterans and seniors in our community.

Jack recently presented his Commendation to the President of Legion Branch 429, Eric Mitrikas at a Legion gathering. The Commendation will be prominently displayed on the Legion wall with other honourable memorabilia. He addressed the group proudly commending the many volunteers who had helped to develop the Legion into the service organisation it is today. He talked of the many youth groups that the Legion has helped through their tireless fundraising efforts, and although feedback is not always forthcoming, he was sure that many young people in the community have had their lives enriched through the Legion's efforts.

I spoke with this endearing young man of 89 years and found him to be proud yet humbled as he was mindful of the many Canadians deserving of the award, but none more proud than himself to have received it.

8TH HUSSARS MUSEUM GETS THEIR HORSE

Thanks to a special donation from Mrs Eileen Fudge, the 8th Hussars Museum has been granted a full size statue of a horse. This horse originated in Sussex and was sculpted by Winston Bronnum, who was a renowned artist who produced life like animal sculptures across Canada, including many at Animaland at Penobsquis, the lobster at Shediac, the potato at Maugerville and the full size elephant at St Thomas, ON.

This horse was given to a friend of Mr. Bronnum, who displayed it on top of his tavern in Saint John for many years before the tavern gave way to the new city thoroughway in the mid 1970's. Since then it has rested on a front lawn in east Saint John, until the movers arrived to lift it and bring it back to Sussex.

As a former cavalry Regiment, it is very evident that we have not lost our link to the horse and few can resist trying out the newest addition to the museum. This full size horse is a perfect symbol for our museum. Currently the statue will reside at the armouries until repairs can be made to it. After almost 45 years of exposure to the elements, numerous cracks and fissures are evident but everything is repairable. What is remarkable is that in comparing the damaged areas of the statue to the state of Princess Louise I just after she was rescued in Italy, there is an eerie similarity between her bandages and the statue wraps. Final display plans have not yet been finalized, and of course, a new name will be needed. More to follow on this subject in the near future. Maybe a contest????



THE BLACKTHORN DRILL CANE

I was serving with the regular force Regiment in 1971 when we received drill canes from our allied Regiment, the Queens Royal Irish Hussars. The RSM and each of the Squadron SSMs got a cane suitably engraved. At the time I was SSM B Sqn. The cane I received was identified as SSM B SQN 8Cdn H from Sgts Mess QRIH. It is unknown to me, whether these canes were intended to be gifts to the incumbents of the day or were the canes meant to remain with the Regiment.

At the recent Radley-Walters Chapter reunion I gave the cane, B Sqn SSM, to Tom. In my opinion it would be nice if the other canes were found and returned. *Editors note:* The blackthorn cane will be part of a 8th Hussars museum display in the near future.

WL Prouse

CWO ret

FRANK GAUNCE CELEBRATES A 99th BIRTHDAY



Frank Gaunce, one of Canada's oldest living cavalry troopers, celebrated his 99th birthday this past summer. A family gathering was held at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 76 in Norton, NB, with many friends and past military comrades in attendance. To add to this special birthday, the Association made a presentation to Frank at the fall AGM in October. This triple size beer mug was especially procured for Frank so he might toast his 99th with one large drink rather than a number of small ones.

Frank joined the 8th Hussars as a mounted cavalry trooper at Camp Sussex in 1934. He often has remarked how disappointed he was in the fact that his horse was paid \$1.00 per day while he only earned 50 cents a day. At the outbreak of WW II Frank volunteered to serve overseas and spent the entire war with the 8th Hussars.

We all join in wishing Frank the very best as he currently recovers from a fall and subsequent hospitalization. All the best from all members of the Regimental family.

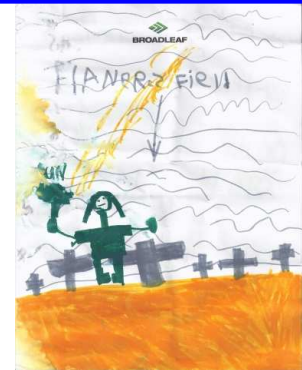


Three old Hussars together at Frank's 99th Birthday. John Curran, left, Frank, centre and Sam Bowland, right

WO Roland Doucette

Again this year I was assigned cenotaph duty in Riverview with the 8th Canadian Hussars. Our Traditional uniforms are the most impressive, and most photographed, so it's my job to ensure the Lancers look smart. As for me, I am wearing the DEU's, and stand behind the scenes. I don't usually get noticed. But today, this young boy comes up and stops in front of me, no words, just reaches up to give me a sheet of paper with the most famous words ever written by Lt Col John McCrae. He had copied the poem down and drew poppies around it, a Canadian kid remembering a great Canadian soldier, and now he chooses to give it to me, because he sees me as another Canadian soldier. A few steps behind him is his father who says, "He felt inspired". I thanked the boy and said I will be sure to show it to my Regt. He marched off with pride. I may be just a 'reservist', but I wear a Canadian uniform, and I thank Nicholas for noticing it. On the other side of the sheet is a drawing of Flanders Field. There are some great kids out there, and these ceremonies do mean something to them.

Six Year Old Kid Inspires 'Me'



Piper Sgt McKinney A Sqn



Remembrance Day celebrations took place throughout Metro Moncton on Friday. Here, Ralph Dael of the Korea Veterans Association and Jack Trueman of the Riverview Veterans and Armed Forces Association take in the service in Riverview.



Pte Travis Smith

Hunter Dunn, 8th Hussars Oldest Surviving Officer

The oldest surviving officer, Hunter Dunn, is now 93 years old. Hunter served with the 8th Hussars through the entire Italian and North West Europe campaigns. He joined the McGill Canadian Officer Training Corps (COTC) on Dec 21st 1939 and was commissioned and spent about 8 months training recruits before joining the Canadian Armoured Corps. He went overseas in May of 1942 and joined the regiment on June 2nd. He trained in RAM tanks in England until Nov 1943 when the Regiment went to Italy.



He came home on the Queen Mary 2 on which Winston Churchill was also travelling to New York. One stormy evening Churchill spoke to all the troops on board and said that they had done a good job defeating against Hitler and his Nazi gang. He said "We are going to New York despite the wind and the waves trying to push us off course, but we are going to get to New York because that is our purpose". He went on to say "The best advice I can give you young men in your civilian life is to have a purpose. As a consequence Hunter went on to McGill University and graduated in 1950 with a degree in Civil Engineering.

In his spare time Hunter has written a book on his life as an 8th Hussar and currently he spends his spare time volunteering at the National War museum, where no doubt, a few stories can still be told.

All the best from all members of the Regimental family.

Association members:

Due to Borden McLellans illness he was unable to present this tribute at the HLCol Tim Ellis's funeral and has requested it be published at this time.

HON. LIEUTENANT COLONEL (RET'D) H.R.S. 'TIM' ELLIS, DSO

Tim Ellis was in every respect a fine gentleman, an exceptional officer and an outstanding soldier. His two main objectives throughout World War II were to defeat the enemy and to bring his men home alive, both of which he accomplished admirably. He knew when to be bold and when to be cautious.

As Officer Commanding "B" Squadron, 8th Princess Louise's New Brunswick Hussars in Italy and Holland, his constant concern for the well being of both his and the Regiment's men was unswerving. The loss of a single soldier was a personal blow to Tim as evidenced by the dedication of his book to the memory of a young officer lost in Holland.

His uncanny ability to anticipate the enemy's actions; his outstanding leadership on the battlefield; and his significant contribution to the Regiment's successes, were recognized with the award of the Distinguished Service Order (DSO). The Commanding Officer of the Cape Breton Highlanders once said "I did not want to go into battle without the support of the 8th NB Hussars". Major Ellis' leadership did much to build that Regimental recognition. He always led from the front, never from behind.

Tim returned to civilian life as a Bank Manager but also maintained a close relationship with the 8th Hussars; serving as Association President; editor of the Sabretache; and Honourary Lieutenant Colonel 1992 – 95. He was also a member of the executive of the Royal Canadian Armoured Corp Association. He was an accomplished story teller, possessing an amazing memory for dates, events and battle actions. His book "This Hussar Remembers" is an interesting collection of amusing, frightening and colourful events from his 8th Hussars training days and battle experiences.

While we say farewell to Tim, his memory, stories and accomplishments will remain with us always. He was a wise business manager, caring husband and father, true friend and a respected, decorated military officer.

We recognize your service in the cause of freedom and to fellow citizens.

Borden McLellan

Padre Maj Malcolm Berry Retires

On 04 Oct 2011, family and friends gathered at CFB Gagetown to wish Padre Berry all the best in his retirement. Attendees came from many parts of Canada participate in wishing Mac all the best in his next adventures and to express our many thanks for his dedicated years to serving his soldiers. His contributions to the welfare of his soldiers extended far and wide, touching the lives of many of us. From providing personal advice and support, boosting morale, and in many cases just being plain old "Mac", he was always there for us. We always knew that and could count on it! Best wishes from all members of the Regimental Association!



HUSSAR WARTIME HISTORY LAUNCHED

On Remembrance Day, the 8th Hussar Museum in Sussex participated in a book launch sponsored by the University of New Brunswick Gregg Centre and Goose Lane Publications. *Steel Cavalry* by Dr Lee Windsor, details the 8th Hussars contribution to a portion of the Italian Campaign up to and including the battle for Coriano Ridge. This book will be part of a series dealing with the Hussar history in WW II and is one of a number of books published in the New Brunswick Military Heritage Project. Currently this series has 18 volumes dealing with the military contribution by New Brunswick units to the defence of Canada and freedom.

This book delves deep into the every day activities of the Regiment during these crucial battles and often pinpoints exact locations of various actions carried out by individual tanks and personnel.

The author, who is a former member of the Regiment, presented his oral version of this book to over 130 attendees at this event. During his presentation he clearly indicated how the Hussars had become one of the premier armoured units in Canada's ORBAT at that time. Following his presentation a book sale was conducted and the author took time to autograph all the books that were sold. It is our intent to offer these books for sale through the museum gift shop and anyone interested in obtaining one should get in contact with the museum. The price will be \$22 plus shipping.

The museum board gratefully acknowledges the support from the University of New Brunswick, individuals from the Gregg Centre, the publisher, Gooselane, and members of the Regiment and the Regimental Association for their contributions to this very successful event.



Article by Capt Wayne Fogarty.

THE ARMY RUN, MORE THAN JUST ANOTHER RACE.

On 16 Sep 2011 my wife Mary Anne and I along with Roger and Kathryn Casey and Don and Joan Lutes left Moncton for the long drive to Ottawa. Our goal was to participate in the Army Run. This run had been on our Radar for quite some time and this was finally the year to do it. My recovery from the serious knee injury I suffered in Aug 2010 had progressed to the point where I was able to complete two half marathons in Aug 2011 and I was physically and mentally prepared for this one.

For those of you that may not be aware, the Army Run is the fastest growing run Canada. It has gone from 7000 participants in 2008 to a total of over 16000 runners equally divided between the 5km and half marathon runs this past Sep in Ottawa. It is a run like no other I have participated in.

I would first like to provide a little background on the run. The initial planning was put in place to provide an opportunity to unite the Army with the local Ottawa community. It was also an opportunity to showcase fitness and the Canadian Forces. This transformed into a means of showing respect for those injured or lost. The main financial goal of this event is to raise funds to benefit The Military Families Fund and The Soldier On Fund. The monies raised go toward continued assistance for military families as well as serving or former Canadian Forces personnel with permanent or chronic illness or injury.

The atmosphere of this run is unique. It feels like more of a celebration than a competition. Certainly there are the elite runners whose goal is to win or run a personal best, but I must say in general participants are there to show their support to the injured and the men and women in uniform. One's emotions run high at the start of each race when the injured soldiers line up to start before the able bodies runners. The sight of these soldiers and the playing and singing of the National Anthem send a chill up one's spine.

The adrenalin continues to surge when the gun goes off to signal the start of the race. The weather was perfect for over 8000 runners and walkers who were signed up for the half marathon. This route took us by the Parliament buildings, the War Museum, into Hull, along Sussex Drive and finally along the Canal and back to the finish near City Hall. Spectators lined the route and clapped and shouted encouragement all along the way. This feeling of

encouragement and support was also shared between the runners as well. There were teams from various units, proudly displaying their colours. I saw runners from RMC participating in the half marathon while wearing a bunny suit, boots and gas mask. Runners were cheering on each other. This was truly a feel good run.

I have run half marathons in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Florida, Maine and New Hampshire but I can honestly say that this, The Army Run, was by far the best half marathon running experience I have yet enjoyed. I would encourage any of you who are runners, to put this on your list of must do runs. Although I participated as a civilian, in the past there has been a staff check in the late spring/early summer looking for nominations from various 37 CBG units, for soldiers to attend this event. Keep this on your radar and if the opportunity presents itself, grab it. I guarantee you will not be disappointed.



SM, MWO Shawn Mercer stood at the finish line to greet all of the participants who completed the race



Roger Casey, Kathryn Casey, Mary Anne Carlos, Joan Lutes, Don Lutes and Wayne Fogarty by City Hall in Ottawa



A photo of the injured soldiers before the start of the 5 km race.

Last Post

*The Association's list of fallen comrades is far from being complete. Information is posted as received. If anyone knows of a member of the Regimental family who has passed away or is sick, please contact a member of the executive.

Jean Ashton
New Glasgow, NS
Nora Bell
16 April 2011, NB
Ron Scott
July 2011, NB

Ernie Budd
12 July 2011, NB
Clifford Tingley
12 August 2011, NB
GR (Busher) Bennett
3 October 2011
George Leal
30 Oct 2011, Ont

"Letter to the Editor"

Hello Shirley,
Would there be an chance of mentioning a book I recently put together in a note in the Sabretache? The Book is called "Ironsides", Canadian Armoured Fighting Vehicle Museums and Monuments. For more information see: www.SilverHawkAuthor.com.
Cheers,
Harold Skaarup

REGIMENTAL CURLING BONSPIEL

The Regimental Curling Bonspiel will be held on the **04 Feb 12** at the Sussex Golf and Curling Club. It will kick off Friday evening at the Sussex Armouries with a meet and greet, at which time we will draw the ice times. We will throw the first rock at 0800 hrs Saturday morning, curl all day and finish off with a BBQ supper.

The cost will be \$100.00 per team, and must be registered by the **26th of Jan 2012**. Anyone wishing to enter a team can contact the **Armouries at (506) 432-1040 (lve msg)**

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

In the past, several newsletters have been returned to the secretary due to wrong addresses or postal codes. Similarly e-mail is often not delivered due to changes in personal e-mail accounts. Please be sure to advise the committee of any changes to your mailing address or email address, when changes occur. Your assistance in this regard would be truly appreciated. Thanks!
e-mail: shirley.lamontagne@forces.gc.ca

8 CH Association Web Page: www.8chassociation.com

The cut off for articles for the next issue of the Sabretache will be **15 April 2012**. This should give everyone plenty of time to write their articles. Articles and pictures can be forwarded to:

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Or by e-mail: brenda.coleman@forces.gc.ca

"FUNDRAISERS"

CONGRATULATIONS to Judy Nurse who was the big winner of \$596.00 for the 50/50 draw held at the AGM, and Doran Vienneau who won the early bird prize in Aug. We would also like to thank everyone who sold or bought tickets in support of the Association's fundraising efforts.

Parking: The Volunteer parking for the Annual Flea Market and the Balloon Fiesta held in Sussex went extremely well due to fantastic weather and great volunteers. Volunteers are always greatly appreciated for this event. Contact the Secretary for info on how you can help volunteer.

Shed Auction: The shed auction was held in October and Scovil Brown came in with the highest bid of \$1050.00.



Donations

We would like to thank the following members who made a donation to the Association General funds. It is through their generosity that we are able to maintain an active association.

Judy Nurse
Mac Robinson
Diane Lutes

Bradford Fleming
Tom McLaughlan
Tim Ellis Estate

Facebook: 8th Canadian Hussars

*Wishing you a
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year*

