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RE-OPENING OF 8TH HUSSARS MUSEUM



The 8th Hussars Museum officially re-opened on 15 May 2011 after the arsonist's fire on 16 September 2010. This event also coincided with the Regimental Birthday celebrations and included a visit to the museum by the Regiment, with their full compliment of vehicles parked in front of the Museum and soldiers standing by their vehicles. It was impressive.

Tom McLaughlan, President of the Association, welcomed our guests and acknowledged the veterans, widows and other family members in attendance.

Special guests who brought greetings were: Honourable Trevor Holder, MLA, Minister of Wellness, Culture & Sports; Honourable Bruce Northrup, MLA, Minister of Natural Resources; His worship Ralph Carr, Mayor of Sussex; and Brigadier General Steven Bowes, Commander, Land Forces Atlantic Area.

Borden McLellan, Curator, responded to BGen Bowes' remarks. He then introduced Bill Wannamaker, Chief of Sussex Volunteer Fire Department, to whom he presented an 8th Canadian Hussars (Princess Louise's) plaque with suitable inscription expressing gratitude for

the Department's quick response and professionalism the night of the Train Station fire.

Closing remarks were by Mary Stokes-Rees, daughter of Honourary Lieutenant Colonel Tim Ellis, who delivered the message prepared by Tim prior to his passing. Mary then declared the 8th Hussars Museum officially re-opened.

The event was considered an outstanding success, with 125 people signing the Guest Register together with a number who did not sign. It was a very busy day, and one filled with much Hussars spirit and good will.

A reception followed at the "B" Squadron Armouries, hosted by Lieutenant Colonel Don Bourque, Commanding Officer, as part of their Regimental Birthday celebrations.

By all accounts, it was an enjoyable, well attended event which brought together many members of the extended Regimental family.

We wish to publically acknowledge the dedicated, hard working group of volunteers who helped to clear out the museum building; clean artefacts and hardware; then return everything to the building; and create displays in time for a 15 May 2011 opening.

Thank you to all!

Borden McLellan, Curator
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COMMANDING OFFICER'S MESSAGE

By Lieutenant Colonel Donald A Bourque

It's a great time to be a Hussar. With another training year winding down, and Summer soon upon us, this is a good time to take stock of what we've done and to focus on where we're going. I am most pleased by what I continue to see happening in the Regiment and among the Regimental Family. Over the coming months, I hope to see the Regiment grow in both numbers and public awareness, as we continue to act on my vision statement of last Fall: the 8th Canadian Hussars becoming **the** recognized face of the Army throughout south-eastern New Brunswick.

Since the last issue of the *Sabretache*, the Regiment gave MGen Ward a proper Hussar send-off as he prepared for retirement, having him as our guest-of-honour and speaker at our Soldiers' Christmas Dinner. Before having time to digest their dessert, a Troop of Hussars deployed to Churchill Falls by way of Fredericton for Ex STALWART GOOSE, supporting Land Force Atlantic Area's Arctic Response Company Group exercise. Ironically, there wasn't as much snow on that exercise as we enjoyed on the 37 Canadian Brigade Group Collective Training Event, Exercise MAPLE RAIDER, in Gagetown during the March Break.

The RSM, Adjutant, and I had the privilege to visit with WW2 Veteran, and former HLCol, Tim Ellis in late March. We enjoyed some banter, and the RSM learned that B Sqn only had two Sherman Firefly tanks (105 mm) rather than one per Troop. You'll no doubt recall that Tim was a regular "columnist" to the *Sabretache* with wartime memoirs that later were published in his book, *This Hussar Remembers*. At 94 years old, we were happy to see his

memory hadn't faded, and he was able to add a bit to the tales we read about.

The amount of work that has gone towards preserving our history and heritage has not gone unnoticed. The re-opening of the Hussar Museum in Sussex was made possible by the combined efforts of the Museum Committee, the Regiment, and others. I've no doubt this will be expanded on in greater detail elsewhere in this *Sabretache*, so I won't steal the thunder. Suffice to say, it was an honour for the Regiment to play a role in the re-opening ceremony on 15 May, delaying our Regimental birthday celebration to make the event bigger.

Summer will also bring with it a busy schedule of Individual Training for both our serving soldiers and our affiliated cadets. I wish you all well as you continue to develop your skills and knowledge. The season will also bring a busy schedule for our musical ambassadors, the Association Pipes and Drums.

I'd be remiss not to mention as well a significant event for our affiliated cadet corps'. Every five years, a combined Annual Ceremonial Review takes place, where these five corps' form an impressive Cadet Regiment on parade. This year's combined ACR in Port Elgin includes the bestowing of Freedom of the Town to the cadets. Well done, all.

Not all the news is happy, and we mourn the losses of our fallen comrades over the past several months. We will remember them.

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ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Since our fall AGM and annual reunion, the Association Executive has spent considerable time seeking and discussing ways to re-vitalize

the Regimental Association. In response to an email I sent out in late 2010, we received a number of very good suggestions and I wish to assure everyone who took the time to send them that we considered each and every one carefully. It was

obvious from the onset that some of the ideas were beyond the capabilities of the current Executive based on the extent and scope of the suggestions. There simply is not enough attendance at the fall AGM and Reunion to support such ideas.

However a general theme among most suggestions was to increase the level of fun that everyone could enjoy by attending the AGM and make travel to it worthwhile. So keeping that in mind we worked towards revamping the event and are attempting to expand the activities to provide everyone an opportunity to benefit from that attendance.

To summarize, our focus this year, in addition to meeting the requirements of our charitable status through the necessary meetings, is to increase the number of events to provide attendees with a variety of entertainment including a Casino to raise funds for an additional bursary, and a beer garden with live band later in the evening. This band has played at the CFB Gagetown on a number of occasions and is very popular to all

ages. The beer garden will certainly be lively when they entertain.

We have recently managed to get a new series of beer steins produced with a mounted pewter hat badge on them which sold out the first day they went on sale so a second order has been placed. It is our intent to reward attendees at the beer garden who attend with mug in hand with a suitable prize.

Other games and entertainment are planned for the Friday night meet and greet so everyone should feel at home and welcome.

We are continuing our 50/50 draw program for the summer and with your support will be able to offer a substantial prize to the winner as well as the Early Bird winner. So please get your request for tickets back into us as soon as possible.

There has been considerable efforts placed on this event by the members of the Executive and hopefully their efforts will be rewarded by your attendance at the event. A trip east or west depending on where you live during the beautiful Maritime fall colours would be an ideal fall excursion. Car pool up and bring a group!

At this time I wish to thank the Executive and the Board of Directors for their support and in many cases, considerable effort and work. They are working to support your Regimental Association and your support in return will keep our Association viable and strong.

Regi Patriaeque Fidelis
Tom McLaughlan
Association President

FROM THE DESK OF THE RSM

As always it is a privilege to be able to address the association through the Sabretache. Since my last fall article, winter has waned and spring is finally here. First I would like to inform you that Major Shannon King, who recently completed a tour in the Sudan, is off on another tour in the Afghan theatre. The Regt wishes her a successful tour and a safe return.

It was great sadness that we learned of LCol HRS (Tim) Ellis (Ret'd) passing on the 10 May. The CO, the Adjt Capt Fogarty, and I were very fortunate in late February to be able visit him at his home in Rothesay and spend over two hours with him. He regaled us with many interesting stories and incidents of his experience with the Hussars. His ability to remember events that occurred over his life time with such clarity totally amazed us. I would to thank his daughter Mary Jane Stokes-Rees for arranging and allowing us the privilege of this

visit. We will miss him, we will remember him

The Regiment has had a very busy fall and winter period, a very well attended Soldier Christmas dinner was celebrated on the 11 December 2010, where we had the privilege of MGen Ward joining us before his retirement. The Regt has conducted several exercises and courses over this time period and we were able to successfully graduate fourteen new recruits and seven DP-2 students. These young soldiers will be off this summer to the area rank and trade school in Gagetown to further their military knowledge and experiences. The Regt is now on a major recruiting campaign, as we have been granted the authority to recruit up to forty-seven new soldiers. This should really bring our Regt strength up and hopefully we will be successful in this endeavour.

On the 15 May the association had the official re-opening of the Hussars museum and in conjunction with this prestigious event, the Regt delayed our 163rd birthday so we could celebrate this important milestone with them. One cannot even fathom the amount of work and commitment that have gone into this effort. Tom McLaughlin and Borden McLellan and the multitude of those people that assisted them cannot be thanked enough

In closing, as summer is fast approaching, I sincerely wish you will be able to take a few days' holidays and spend the time with your family and loved ones. Play safe and take care of each other

Regi Patriaeque Fidelis
E.G. Stairs
Chief Warrant Officer

REGIMENTAL MUSEUM REPORT

The museum board has been diligently working all winter towards re-establish the 8th Hussars Museum.

In order to reconstitute museum articles following the arsonist fire: cleaning of artefacts has been completed by museum volunteers; cleaning of display cases, book cases and desks will be completed in early April; and cleaning of Archival Materials was completed by the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick; minor display case damages are in the process of being repaired and/or repainted; and two new cases are being built in a workshop in CFB Gagetown. We appreciate the efforts of all who assisted us in this major undertaking.

The Town of Sussex informed us we will be able to begin moving back into the Train Station on 26 – 27 April and their Town works crew will assist with this move. Once the hardware is in place the next task is to rebuild the museum displays. A firm date of 15 May 2011, at 1:30 PM, has been set for the Grand Re-opening, which will coincide with a static display by the Regiment returning from training in CFB Gagetown. A reception will follow at the “D” Squadron Armouries hosted by LCol Don Bourque, Commanding Officer, 8th Canadian Hussars (Princess Louise’s) to also celebrate the 163rd Regimental Birthday as well as the opening of the museum.

Meanwhile the regular business of running a museum carries on: applications for Summer Student grants have been submitted; the Virtual Collections database has been enhanced with new artefacts and photographs and the annual report submitted to Heritage NB; our Archival Materials database has been the focus of intense work to document, scan, print and accession in excess of 500 historic 8th Hussars photographs and a report submitted; and applications for several provincial and federal museum

support grants have been submitted. We have also extended the lease on the rented Storage Site to the end of May, which will allow us to re-introduce our display items back into the museum in a more orderly manner.

A letter of sincere appreciation, accompanying an 8th Hussars plaque, will be presented to the Sussex Volunteer Fire Department at the Museum Reopening ceremony. It is a fact that their quick response and professionalism at the fire saved our 8th Hussars Museum!

A recent decision of the Board was to greatly enhance our insurance coverage. Therefore: insurance on the hardware (cases, tables, book shelves, etc.) has been raised to \$12,000 and will be increased again when we are finally moved into the Train Station; Officers and Directors Liability to \$2 million has also been purchased, which will be shared with the Association. Insurance of specific, appraised, items will also be obtained but general insurance for most artefacts is simply not affordable.

The Board of Directors has made their final response to the Development Plan for the Sussex Cultural & Heritage Plan (50 pages). When this plan receives the approval of the Agricultural Museum and Sussex Town Council the next step is to seek the funds to build the facility. In its final draft it is an ambitious undertaking which will greatly enhance our two museums but also be a show-piece for Sussex and surrounding regions. We will keep you posted.

Borden McLellan

Curator

BURSARIES

The committee met 10 May 2011 and the selection processes went extremely well. There was an Entrance Bursary (\$1,000.00) and a Continuing Studies Bursary

(\$1,000.00) awarded.

Applications were down from last years from 14 to 9 applicants. The successful applicants were ; Entrance Bursary , Mary Florian and Continuing Studies Bursary, Justin Ermel. As Chairman, I would like to thank the following new members; Aaron Leblanc and Paul Chevarie. I would also like to acknowledge Everett Lavoie, Bob Scott and Shirley LaMontagne for their continuous support and knowledge.

BURSARY APPLICATION

As noted in the previous Sabretaches, next years applications for the two (2) \$1000 Hussars Association Bursaries will 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 Hussars Association, 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, 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. We are working hard at providing these two Bursaries and we need the financial and volunteer support of all who read the Sabretache, and those who expect to receive Bursaries.

B.D. Montrose
Sgt
8CH Ops and Trg Tasker
8th Canadian Hussars (Princess Louise's)
Moncton

VIIICH (PL) ASSOCIATION
RADLEY-WALTERS CHAPTER
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As spring is getting its start, it is time to once again remind everyone of the Reunion in May. In keeping with the past, the weekend after Victoria Day has been chosen; more precisely Saturday, 28 May, 2011. Additional information on the Reunion is contained in this newsletter.

I informed you last year that I had created a Facebook group and we have had some success in opening lines of communication between members. I know that not everyone is excited about Facebook. So, I want to ensure all members that our normal means of communication using e-mail and regular mail will continue. I will however continue to look for ways to reach members and attract new ones. Our efforts include reaching out to some of the younger Hussars that served the regiment over the years. Through the social

network we have discovered former Hussars serving and retired, reconnecting with fellow Hussars. Without our prompting, some of the younger generation of Hussars have started another Facebook group; search for 8th Canadian Hussars. We will post notices on some of the Facebook sites to inform them of our Chapters efforts and events.

In the past the Regiment sent its members a Birthday card and /or an Anniversary card. That tradition likely continues within the Regiment today. The Radley-Walters Chapter tending to those retired and those left behind after the Regiment went to Germany, tried this for some time in the early 90's. I believe in the end a decision to discontinue the practise was taken, likely due to the cost of cards and postage. We want to resurrect the idea to both offer congratulations on your milestone and also to offer our thanks for your support to the Chapter through these cards to members.

Over the years the Chapter has continued to flourish due to its stalwart membership. Without your participation, dues and donations, the chapter would struggle to survive. While I always appreciate the work of my committee and our Association Reps; I wanted to appeal to you, the members for your continued support to this year's reunion. I look forward to seeing all of you on Saturday, 28 May, 2011, at Jubilee Lodge. I know the day will once again be a great success with your help.

Regi Patriaeque Fidelis

Bob Lescombe
President
Radley-Walters Chapter
8CH Association

RADLEY-WALTERS CHAPTER REUNION

As most are aware the Chapter reunion took place on the 28th of May as planned. The weather held off and the turnout was tremendous. We had 65 registered and final tally was around 70 in attendance, to make just a wonderful afternoon with family and friends. There were some new faces, some we have not seen in a long time, Frank Ainsworth & Marie were there along with Bill Prouse, PA Daniels, Greg Ewing, Jake Douthwaite, Bob Fairweather, Terry Shaw, Bob Shuter, Terry Switzer, and Keith Baldwin to mention just some, but all appeared to enjoy the day.

The Chapter President, Bob Lescombe, spoke and introduced Association President, Tom McLaughlin from New Brunswick, who gave a briefing on the Association, the Museum sitrep and also the upcoming AGM to be held on 30 Sep-1 Oct in Sussex. Tom made a nice presentation of four Hussar crested mugs which were raffled off and won by Al Denny. The mugs were a big seller and Tom just happened to have a few extras for sale (great salesman that Tom). The Association was presented with the RSM

Cane, by Bill Prouse and will find a nice home in the museum in Sussex, (thanks so very much Bill).

That was followed by a toast to the Regiment, Regimental prayer and toast to Fallen Comrades by Gary Barling. The members were treated to a very nice and plentiful, catered meal.

We noted that several more made the effort but car troubles ended in a retreat. Dave Caldwell, made the trip from Hamilton only to find the last of us leaving. Timing is every thing. We are truly sorry you missed us Dave, as he was trying to reconnect with his past as an 8th Hussar. Bill Prouse made the long journey from Alberta and Frank Ainsworth, although from nearby Eganville we hadn't seen for awhile. There were several from Kingston and Camp Borden, as well.

The committee would like to thank all those who assisted in so many ways to make the day a success as we could never do it entirely alone. Especially those who attend as they are the ones

that make this day such a great success. After all, it is for you the members.

We are looking for feedback on your reunion, tell us what you think! Feedback on the Location; should we look elsewhere?; another city? How was your meal?; remember you only pay \$10, sit-down meals served are more expensive! Should it be more than one afternoon and if so, what would you like to do or see. Should you care to respond, bare in mind that all our finances are from our \$10 membership dues or donations. So, more elaborate meals, location changes and a weekend effort might well mean more out of pocket funds. That's why we need your feedback now to let the

planning begin for next year as we must book now!

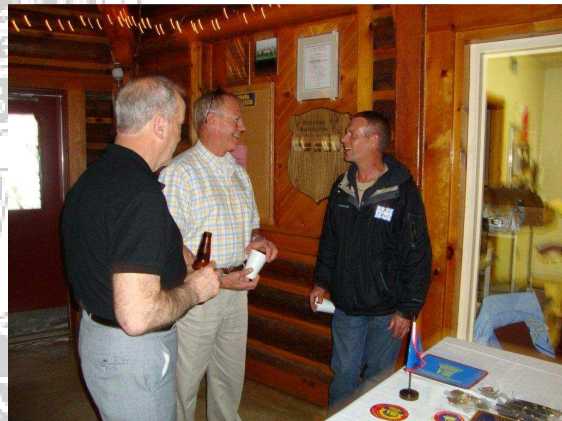
Thanks again, and send feedback to dseed@execulink.com Secretary; or other committee members: r.lescombe@sympatico.ca , President; w.j.rutledge@sympatico.ca Treasurer.

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PICTURES FROM THE RADLEY-WALTERS CHAPTER REUNION



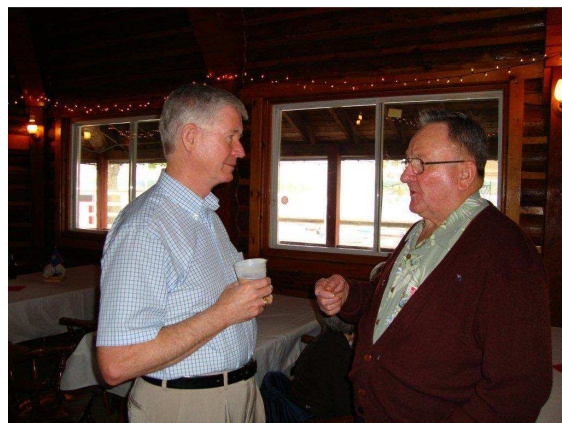
L to R P.A. Daniels, Frank Ainsworth, Marie Ainsworth (both Second World War)



In this photo Tom McLaughlan (yes he really was here) Jake Douthwaite (past RSM when Regiment was in Moncton) & Greg Ewing



Left to Right Mrs Ruth Baldwin, PA Daniels, Kieth Baldwin, Frank Ainsworth, Norm Lawrence John Riggs, Sterling Mercer, Pat MacDonald, & Ann MacDonald



Bob Shutter (retired MAJ, 8CH, HQ SQN 1985-1987) Bill Prouse (retired RSM, 8CH 1977-1979)

Thanks to a friend

I've just learned that when I was in Mexico this winter, one of Canada's great soldiers of the Second World War had died in Halifax.

Ned Amy was one of those individuals who, once met, could not be forgotten.

A tiny guy, he was about 5-foot-2, but didn't have a small-man's personality.

Down-to-earth, his eyes had a perpetual twinkle.

He was probably the closest friend my father had after the war, my mother too. My sister Robin and I revered him.

Ned ended the war as a colonel, winning a Distinguished Service Order (DSO) and a Military Cross (MC) and later in the Korean War, an Order of the British Empire (OBE). He was promoted to brigadier-general. After the war, and throughout the 1960s, Amy, me, my father and retired Armoured Corps brigadier Rad Walters, would annually hunt deer at the Meaford tank range in Ontario — an area rich in apple trees and alive with well-fed deer, since the gunnery range was off-limits to local hunters.

I first met Ned in the early days of the Second World War when he came to Camp Borden as a young officer in the Armoured Corps.

I was 12 or 13, and although he was 10 years older than me, he looked about my age. And I was a bit taller.

At the time I felt if he could get in the army, why couldn't I?

My father brought tanks into the Canadian army, and quickly warmed to Ned, who became something of a surrogate son and a family member.

Ned Amy had a lively sense of humour and, like my father, was utterly lacking in pomposity or self-importance. His small size made him an ideal tank man, winning the MC with the Calgary Tanks in Italy, and the DSO commanding the Grenadier Guards in north-western Europe.

On retirement he became colonel of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, and later colonel commandant of the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps.

Amy was a legendary figure in our military, adored by all ranks.

I recall him joking about being arrested for impersonating an officer while in London during the war.

Military police could not believe this small, boyish person could be a lieutenant-colonel with a DSO and MC. Red faces all around, with Amy the only one enjoying the incident.

Some in Amy's situation might have been outraged. Ned was amused.

He also liked to recall that when he was undergoing officers' training at Brockville, a captain instructor badgered him mercilessly, insisting that Amy show due deference to his rank.

Later in the war, Ned was in London back from Italy and this bullying officer, now a major, entered an elevator with him.

The major glanced casually at Ned and disparagingly said: "I see you're still around, Amy."

Ned replied, "Yes, and I assume you know it's customary to address a superior officer as, sir."

The startled major, who'd glanced at what he thought were two pips on Amy's shoulder, indicating lieutenant, looked again and saw the crown and pip of a lieutenant-colonel, and immediately began to grovel. Amy relished the memory, and enjoyed telling the story.

Soldiers who have had long and distinguished careers rarely escape controversy.

Ned Amy was one about whom I doubt anyone had a bad word.

Modest but confident, he treated everyone the same and was loved and respected by all ranks. His bravery in war undisputed.

A Maritimer, he fought in retirement to get the Halifax Rifles resurrected to active status from supplementary reserve where they'd relegated since 1965. He succeeded in 2009. A small triumph.

Ned's wife Jean predeceased him in 2004. He leaves two sons, Robert and Michael. Ned was 94 — a good run for a good and gentle man who served his country honourably and well and inspired all who knew him.

Peter Wothington

BASE NAMES SHELTER FOR TRAINING SUPERVISOR

When Capt. James George Roberts used to supervise training exercises at Canadian Forces

Base Kingston, he'd be concerned about his waterlogged soldiers.

"He always wanted a building for his guys to come to," said Roberts' son, Joel. In his seven years at the base, Roberts continually advocated for a shelter where troops could escape from the rain between exercises.

Yesterday, base officials dedicated a new facility in memory of Roberts, who died in 2007 after a battle with cancer.

Roberts was responsible for training on CFB Kingston's shooting ranges from 1993 to 2000.

"His priority in life was always to look out for the welfare of his soldiers," Roberts' wife, Angie, said in her speech to friends, family and base personnel yesterday.

"He was always calm and approachable."

The new shelter has an open space for soldiers waiting their turn on the range. It's also equipped with a workshop for the range warden to construct new targets.

"It's quite an honour that his name will definitely remain for a long time to come," Angie said. "We're thrilled."



Pictured here is Diane Lutes, board member of the 8CH Museum presenting an 8CH pin to Hennie Rogerson, Dutch War Bride of Trp John Rogerson, at an event held at the Drew Nursing Home in Sackville, NB commemorating Hennie's life in Holland and Canada.

Roberts served with the Canadian Forces for almost 30 years, with postings in Petawawa, Ont., New Brunswick and Germany.

The new facility, dubbed the Capt. James George Roberts CD Building, has a plaque mounted on the wall in the soldiers' quarters.

Joel Roberts works on the operational side of the Mississauga St. Michael's Majors Ontario Hockey League team. The family donated a military-theme Majors jersey to be framed and mounted in the shelter.

"When you drive by this beautiful building, wave to him", Angie said

A nice gesture to remember a great 8th Hussar Jim Roberts

Gen Rads 91st
Birthday



Fr: Dave Henderson, Syd Radley-Walters, Doug Green
Mid Clive Milner, Bill Laird, Bill Coupland, Jamie Cade, James Osler
Rear Doug Harvey, John Roderick, Rod Babiuck, Ted Nurse, Denis Levesque

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.

**Capt (Ret) Vernon Wilson – Kingston Peninsula, New Brunswick
November 30, 2010**
**LGen (Ret) René Gutknecht – Ottawa, Ontario
January 02, 2011**
**Elmire Chaput – Petawawa, Ontario
January 31, 2011**
**Maj (Ret) Brian Hook – Barrie, Ontario
February 01, 2011**
**BGen (Ret) Ned Amy – Halifax, NS
February 02, 2011**

**Marvin Ellis Springer – Saint John, NB
February 04, 2011**
**Mr George Fudge – New Brunswick
February 23, 2011**
**Capt (Ret) Barth Wttewaall, Sussex, NB
February 24, 2011**
**Mr Ray Cook – Deep River, Ontario
May 02, 2011** **Col (Ret) Harold Ellis – Rothsay, NB
May 10, 2011**
**WO (Ret) Duane Sears – Sackville, NB
May 17, 2011**

Imagine sitting in a quiet, candle lit bistro, enjoying a perfectly prepared NY cut Sirloin steak, baked potato smothered in sour cream and chives, and a well aged bottle of red wine, perhaps from 1942. The steak has just a mild garlic aroma, and as you cut into it the juices ease out adding flavour to your steamed vegetables. Imagine...now look around you. You are actually sitting in the rain, on perhaps a luxuriously appointed rock or maybe a fallen tree, your wine is powdered juice which you drink from the plastic bag in which you mixed it, and your steak is cold beans and wieners served in a plastic-foil combination bag which you would have heated if you had either time or means to do so and eaten with a plastic spork which doubles as the knife.

This dichotomy is the hallmark of the CF Café, provider of the haute cuisine enjoyed by the men and women of the Canadian Forces while on field exercises or deployment in foreign lands, and its signature dish, the IMP or Individual Meal Pack. The true pleasure of the dining experience comes as much from the quiet ambience of a combat zone, as it does from the never ending surprise of what you are served for your meal.

As you open your cold IMP you are greeted by the aroma of ambiguity. The scent alone cannot define what you are about to eat. You must, daringly and without hesitation drive your spork into that meal pack and dig out whatever awaits your pallet. If you close your eyes and let the flavour fill your mouth, the aroma flood your senses, you will not need to take more than one bite to know that you are into something that simply defies description. It is recommended that after your first, and in many cases your last, bite you drink as much water or the powdered juice generously provided as possible to remove the taste from your pallet and prepare you for what awaits.

Once the main course is concluded, one eagerly rips into the desert pack. From apple crisp, to fruit salad, or chocolate bar, the desert options are limited. As with most meals, the best part is the desert. Not only will it mask the taste of the main course, it tastes considerably better on the way back up.

With countless possible meal combinations for breakfast, lunch and supper and all at a very reasonable price (approximately \$12.50 per meal) it is hard to find a comparison to the CF Café's IMP. I think, however, the most apt description I can give comes from a box of food that was served to a group of young officers on course last summer at CFB Gagetown. The side of the box read "For Prison or Military use only." Need I say more?

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8th Canadian Hussars Princess Louise's
Sussex, NB

REGIMENTAL CURLING BONSPIEL

D Squadron Sussex, held the regiment's annual curling bonspiel on the 4th and 5th of Feb 11 at the Sussex Golf and Curling Club and it was another success with 12 teams participating. Teams from Sussex, Moncton and Oromocto gathered at the mess Friday evening for a meet and greet and to draw for game times.

LCol Bon Bourque kicked off the bonspiel Saturday morning with an encouraging first rock and some encouraging words to begin the round robin, which guaranteed each team 3 games. Some spicy chilli was available for lunch and the day went by quickly with lots of laughs.

This year's teams were there to win and have fun as usual. The winning team this year was from Oromocto. It consisted of Lead Frank Dedrick, 2nd Lance Weibe, 3rd Chris Kitching, and Randal Torpe as skip.

I would like to thank the curling club for letting us use their kitchen and all the people who helped cook lunch, supper and clean up during the event. If it wasn't for the volunteers we wouldn't be able to run such a great bonspiel each year.

We hope to see all the teams again next year and hopefully some new ones.



LCol Don Bourque throws the first rock in the opening ceremonies.

The winning Team



CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Several Sabretache have been returned to us due to wrong addresses. Please be sure to notify us if your address changes or if you know of anyone not receiving the Sabretache. Anyone wishing to receive his or her Sabretache via E-mail please send your email address to: Shirley.lamontagne@forces.gc.ca

Henry Sampson Memorial Golf Tournament *Calling all Black Hatters (and their friends)*

The event you have all been waiting for is now available for registration. The 2011 Henry Sampson Memorial Golf Tournament (HSMGT) is planned for 22 July at the Smiths Falls Golf and Country Club. Contact Don Craig at address & number below for a registration form and come on out for some new memories and a lot of fun. I have already been advised of some new players this year.

Cheers, Don
Don Craig
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SUPPORT YOUR ASSOCIATION

The Association will be sponsoring another "50/50 draw" this summer to financially support the work of the Association. **"Your support is needed and appreciated."** Please watch this issue of the Sabretache for more details on how you can order your tickets. There will be an early bird draw as well as the final draw at the "Annual General Meeting" in October 2011.

HUSSARS IN AFGHANISTAN

Maj Shannon King is currently deployed in Afghanistan.

Donations

We would like to thank the following members who made a donation to the Association. It is through their generosity that we are able to maintain an active association. Please note that this list does not include the many donors of artifacts to the museum which is too long to include in this Sabretache.

Tom McLaughlan	Linda Fury
Bill Coupland	Debbie Craig
Sam Bowland	LCol JR Mungall
Donations for the LCol RS McLeod Memorial Bursary. This \$500.00 per year bursary will be available in 2012.	
Barbara & Allison Gates	John McLeod
Gail MacKinnon	Jane Corey
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We especially acknowledge the many hours of work provided by a dedicated cadre of volunteers. After the fire they removed artefacts and display cases, cleaned and repaired where necessary and rebuilt the displays. Their work has made re-opening possible. Thank you most sincerely- The Curator

**Annual General Meeting and Reunion
30 September & 1 October 2011
Milton Gregg Armouries
Sussex, NB**

Schedule of Events

30 Sept 11

1830 hrs - Meet and Greet/registration @ **Milton Gregg Armouries**
- Entertainment – Trivia Games with Prizes

01 Oct 11

1000 hrs – Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers @ **Milton Gregg Armouries**

1000 hrs – 11:30 – Guest Entertainment for Spouses in the 8 CH Mess

1200 hrs – Lunch

1330 hrs – Memorial Service – **8th Hussars Regimental Museum, Sussex Train Station**
- Guest Speaker TBD

1500hrs-1730 Casino & Auction \$10.00 for \$200 in casino money
Concurrently beer garden in drill hall

1800 hrs – Oktoberfest BBQ Buffet Dinner

1900 hrs – 2100 hrs – **Live Band “Bottoms Up”**
Concurrently beer garden in drill hall

Draws during intermission

- 50/50 raffle
- bring your “**8 CH beer mug or buy one**” at the beer garden and have a chance to win a Regimental golf shirt
- models Sherman firefly and cougar raffle draw



Cost for the weekend festivities will be \$30.00 per person excluding Casino

Friday Meet & Greet Only \$5.00

Saturday only \$25.00 per person excluding Casino

All members, family and friends are welcome to attend festivities. The Association needs your support and attendance to make this gathering a success.

For planning purposes, please advise if you will be able to attend the AGM weekend to the web address: shirley.lamontagne@forces.gc.ca or to the mailing address below.

'Bottoms Up' is a highly energetic Celtic Maritime band from Fredericton, New Brunswick. Listening to their music is like falling in love with Celtic Music all over again. Beautiful and rugged vocals tell their story from the Great Canadian Maritime North. This is a band that will have you kickin up your shoes to a dance or singing along with a pint in the pub. There is no question, 5 star music from a 5 star band - uncommon that they sound so damn good live, you would think you were there rockin in the audience! Bottoms Up Live is an album that would make a great companion on a road trip, for a party or while cleaning the house. Personally, I would recommend listening with a few friends and some dark lager beer to go along with their infectious songs and melodies. This one is going to be a favourite of ours for a long time.



2011 Association Fundraiser & AGM

The Association fundraiser for 2011 will be a 50/50 draw with 2000 tickets only being sold at \$2 per ticket. Please support this effort by buying some tickets. Simply attach your cheque for the number tickets you wish to purchase and we will mail them out to you or send numbers via an e-mail address if provided by you... The draw will be held at the AGM 1 Oct 11, with an Early Bird draw for \$100 on 15 Aug. 11.

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