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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

As the Year of the Veteran draws to a close my thoughts are very much with Our Veterans in particular for now. In many respects, it has been an eventful time for those who were able to be involved with the VE Day Celebrations. Many 8th Hussars joined the Pilgrimage's to Europe when they relived the memories of WWII. As always we are most grateful for the selfless contribution they made on behalf of all Canadians and freedom loving people worldwide.

Sadly many Hussars have passed on over the last year. We will remember them always with great appreciation and affection. We also remember those who are still with us and have their own health issues to deal with, as this battle seems to be one of time. Our thoughts and support are with them. If you know of a Hussar who is not well "PLEASE" let us know.

I do believe it is time we all pulled together as we have done, so well, in the past. Time has come for us all to reflect on their own contribution to the Association and see if we could find a little time to help. We do need your help. It is your Association.

Hope you had a wonderful Christmas and happiness in the New Year.

REGI PATRIAQUE FIDELIS

MESSAGE FROM HLCOL BILL COUPLAND

The Regiment is well down the road on their conversion, or should I say transformation, to reconnaissance. Last August I had the privilege of observing some troop training in the Kingston Peninsula area. One troop was gathered around a terrain model in a gravel pit. It all looked very familiar with stones, sticks and pieces of paper representing various parts of the troop and their participation in route reconnaissance. Their dedication to the task was obvious.

It must be noted this training was done on old vehicles with almost nonexistent radio equipment. It reminded me of the time we had to train on the old M52 pattern Jeep. Having said this, we did, and still, turn out professionals.

Speaking of dedication, we have a hardcore group working many hours to continue development of the Museum, Band and the Sabretache. Should you have some spare time or change in your pocket the Association would sincerely appreciate your support.

To observe people who are working for the betterment of the Regiment and the Association you have to look no further than our Association Committee. A number have served for a long period and maybe it is time for some others to step in and give them a break. During this coming year, prior to the 2006 Annual Meeting, a Nomination Committee will be established to draw up a slate of candidates. When this committee is established let them know if you can participate.

The Regiment and Association have many items on their task list and I look forward to helping where I can.

MESSAGE FROM THE CO

Season Greetings all and trust that this message finds you in good health and cheer. These last few months have been extremely busy for the Regiment and our success in supporting training in the Armoured School to qualifying our own in individual courses has never been better.

The Hussars continue to be the mainstay of the armoured school in that we generally provide the soldiers and officers so that they can effectively run the national courses that they are tasked to run. During the summer this number can easily exceed 25 or 30, almost like having a SQN at the armoured school once again.

Training junior leaders is a major task for a reserve regiment as it is a time consuming and sometimes difficult course to get soldiers on. It is one of the few courses that is open to both the Regular Soldiers and Reserve. They work side by side and achieve the same standard so it's also a qualification that is easily transported to the Regular force. So it is with great pride that we qualified 9 soldiers PLQ (Primary Leadership

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Qualification) this summer, more than any other unit in Atlantic Canada, and it represents about 25% of all PLQ graduates in the Atlantic Area.

ARCON 2005 was a success this year as well. We had over 80 soldiers on the exercise in different areas in addition to forming the backbone of the Atlantic Armoured Recce Sqn lead by the PEIR. We generally take turns organizing and providing the leadership for this organization. This year the exercise was in 8th Hussar country, on the Kingston Peninsula, doing route, area and point recce tasks as given by SQN HQ. It was a great exercise for our troops and for all those not familiar with the beauty of the Saint John River Valley, a interesting area to work in.

The fall training has been busy. Atlantic area has been tasked to provide 8 armoured recce soldiers to augment the RCD on task force 107, which starts in Jan 2007, so our training is designed to get soldiers prepared for this. It will be a challenging but exciting opportunity for those able to go and commit to a 18 month contract, that includes 6 months in theatre.

It was nice to see the Association Members on the September weekend at the association Reunion. The museum committee did a fantastic job in putting together some interesting photos and other thing of interest for those who can remember back to the 1940s. The Regiment has applied for a number of monuments a Leopard tank for Sussex, two Cougar AVGPs one for Moncton and one for Sussex. It is my intent that our armoured vehicles compliment the Princess Louise Park near the armouries to add significant exposure of the great history the 8th Hussars share with the Town of Sussex. I understand that it has been approved for us, and are awaiting distribution, which could take a while. Another item of interest for us is a possible Royal Visit in the fall of 2006, which may have the Princess Royal visiting New Brunswick.

Thank you for all your support and I trust everyone will have a great Christmas Season. I look forward to seeing many of you in the coming year.

REGI PATRIQUE FIDELIS

SCOTT CRAFT
LCOL
CO 8TH HUSSARS

BURSARY REPORT

The 2004 Bursary recipients were:

Jordan Domey of Ottawa, Ont. He is attending Queens University in the Bachelor of Commerce Business program. His grandfather is Norman Lawrence who served in the Regular Regiment 1957 – 79.

Bradley W.C. Bamford of Moncton, NB. He is attending the University of Toronto pursuing a Doctorate in History and International Relations. He has been a serving member of the Reserve Regiment since 25 October 2001 and is a paid up Life Member of the Association.

The 2005 Bursary winners are:

Lynn MacKinnon of Hampton, NB. She plans to attend University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, in an Arts and Science Concurrent degree program. Her grandfather is Lt. Col. Bob McLeod who is a World War II Veteran (1941–45), a Squadron Commander in Italy and Holland who later commanded the Reserve Regiment (1954–57).

Joseph Hayward of Wards Creek, NB. He will attend University of New Brunswick, Saint John, for a Bachelor of Science degree. He has been a serving member of the Reserve Regiment since November 2004 in “B” Squadron, and is a paid up annual member of the Association.

There were ten (10) applicants both years. The quality of applicants is always very high with many being active in extra curricular activities and doing volunteer work, while maintaining strong academics.

Our plan had been to close applications on April 30 in order to be able to announce the winners at High School graduations, however it was necessary to extend the deadline to 30 June in order to receive a reasonable number of applications. We thank Gary Barling for spreading this information on his Gen. Rad Chapter network. Again this year the deadline for applications is **30 April 2006**, to be mailed to the Association address in Moncton, NB.

There are now two \$1000 Bursaries available, with the Cadet bursary discontinued. We will attempt to get revised **Terms of Reference, Application for Bursary, and Selection**

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Criterion on the 8th Hussars website and will also send a copy to Gary Barling. Failing this, the Application Form currently on distribution is useable.

Applicants are reminded it is their responsibility to ensure the information and supporting documents requested are, in fact, sent with the application.

We trust the application process will go more smoothly next year, thus allowing the selection to be made in a timely manner.

Borden McLellan

LETTER FROM BURSERY RECIPIENTS

Dear Mr. McLellan:

I am writing you today to express my gratitude for the \$1000 bursary I have received from your association. I am really excited and honoured to have been chosen and will continue to study and become involved to live up to the expectations of the award.

I am very flattered to have been selected as a recipient of this award particularly because my grandfather Bob McLeod is a member of the 8th Hussars Regiment. I have always been interested and very proud of what he has done so the award has a great personal significance to me.

I have enclosed a graduation photo taken in the fall for use in the Sabretache. Thank you once again for your time and consideration.

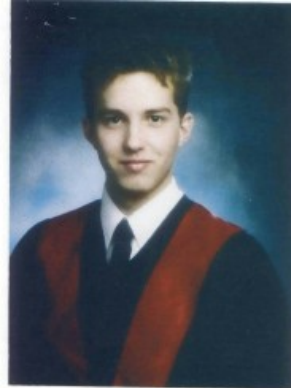
Sincerely,
Lynn McKinnon



Dear Mr. McLellan,

I would like to say thank you for the \$1000 bursary. This will be a great help with my expenses at university. Enclosed is my graduation picture. I hope it is suitable for the Association newsletter.

Sincerely,
Joe Hayward



December 20,2004

Dear Mr. Jaillet,

Thank you for selecting me as the recipient of the Association of 8th Canadian Hussars Bursary. Please extend my thanks to the entire bursary committee and all those connected with the selection process. I am proud and honoured that I have been chosen as the recipient. I am also very grateful to your organization for providing me with an opportunity to achieve my educational goals and continue my studies in the Queen's University Commerce Program.

Please find attached a current picture of myself for publication in your newsletter and confirmation of my continued attendance at Queen's University. Your initial payment of \$500 went towards my outstanding tuition balance, now paid in full for the entire 2004-2005 school year. Upon receipt of the second payment of \$500, it will be used to purchase books for the term beginning in January 2005.

Should you need to contact me, please feel free to call me at (613) 533-7324, or email me at

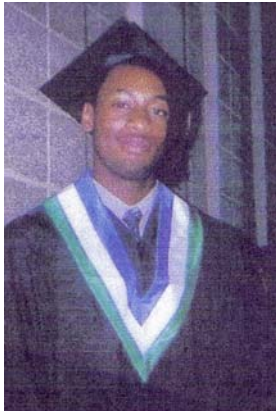
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Norma.dormey@ec.gc.ca

Thank you again for the generosity

Sincerely,

Jordan Patrick Domey.



Every Dog Has Its Day

Cpl Michael Norden

When I was in my final year of high school, I got Trooper as a puppy. (Every armour soldier should have a dog named Trooper). She was a Black Lab / German Sheppard mix, but looked more like a shorthaired Black Lab.

I did not have a doghouse for her so, instead of having her tearing up my mother's furniture and using her floors as a bathroom, I made a spot in the garage for her to sleep. Trooper eventually was house broken and all was fine as she then stayed in the house even though my brother made a great doghouse for her (including front porch, lights, and carpet floors).

I would take Trooper everywhere I went, including into A SQN at the Armouries in Moncton where everyone knew and loved her, including the Squadron Sergeant Major, MWO Cosman (at the time)

From April of 1992 to August of 1993, I was attached posted to the Armour School in CFB Gagetown. Every weekend I was off, I would go back to Petitcodiac and Moncton to see family, friends, and also Trooper. I kept her at my parent's house during the week and I would take her everywhere I went on the weekends.

One Sunday in late June 92, I knew A SQN was gathering at the Armouries for transport to Gagetown for the summer taskings and courses, so I thought I would stop by to talk with some buddies and catch up before I went to Gagetown myself. As usual, I took Trooper off her leash, as she loved to mingle with the crowd like a party girl.

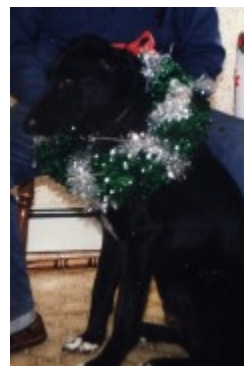
I watched Trooper like a hawk, as a parent would watch his children at a family gathering. All was going well until I lost sight of her. I waited as I scanned the small sea of people gathered in the drill hall. Just as I looked at MWO Cosman talking to another person, (I believe it was an Officer but can't remember who), I noticed that he stopped his conversation in mid-sentence and looked down. As he was looking down I saw Trooper expelling a bowel movement between MWO Cosman and the other person, and yelled out "TROOPER NOOOOOOOO!!!!!!!"

Immediately, you could hear a pin drop, there was dead silence. Before MWO Cosman could say a word, I said, "Don't worry sir, I will clean it up!" "Yes, YOU WILL!!" was his reply. That is when the laughter began.

I cleaned it up with a grin on my face. I look at the Sergeant Major and he was straight faced. I thought for sure that MWO Cosman would tear me apart or even worse, ban Trooper from the Squadron lines. But, I think he had a soft spot for Trooper as nothing more was said.

Trooper is gone now. She was put down due to Cancer 3 years later. We had some wonderful times together in and out of the Armouries throughout her short life.

MCpl Michael Norden
8th Canadian Hussars
From 1988 – 1999



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We regret to announce the passing of the following members of the Corps and Regimental families:

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| Mr Walter Newton | |
| Sussex, NB | January 2005 |
| Mr Ron Barrett | |
| Lloydminster, BC | 15 March 2005 |
| Cpl Merle Knight | |
| Welland, On | 16 March 2005 |
| Mrs Elizabeth Jones (wife of Capt (Ret'd) James Jones) | |
| Westland, Michigan | 25 March 2005 |
| Sgt (Ret'd) Jack Ferguson | |
| Bedford, NS | 02 April 2005 |
| Mr George Campbell (8 NBH, WW 1) | |
| Waltham, Quebec | 10 April 2005 |
| Mr Bud Simmonds | |
| Chattsworth, Ontario | 05 June 2005 |
| MGen (Ret'd) William Howard | CM, CMM, |
| CD, QC Calgary, Alberta | 15 June 2005 |
| Maj (Ret'd) Howard Peck | |
| Ottawa, Ontario | 25 June 2005 |
| Maj (Ret'd) E. Dale Crook | |
| Ottawa, Ontario | 12 August 2005 |
| MWO Carl Ranosday | |
| Edmonton, Alberta | 13 August 2005 |
| WO Benoit Aubin | |
| Deep River, ON | 23 August 2005 |
| WO (Ret'd) Joe Zinck | |
| Chalk River, ON | 03 September 2005 |
| SGT John Johannessen | |
| Cobden, ON | 06 September 2005 |
| SGT (Ret'd) Jim Cheeseman | |
| Calgary, AB | 07 September 2005 |
| Gerald Kelly | |
| Hampton | 22 september 2005 |
| Lloyd MacFarlane | |
| Plumweseep NB | 25 September 2005 |
| Leslie Woodworth Boyle | |
| Saint John NB | 27september2005 |
| MR Frank Spielvogel | |
| Guelph, ON | 02 October 2005 |
| MR Fred Daunms | |
| Calgary, AB | 07 October 2005 |
| Robert George Milliken | |
| Petawawa, On | 25 October 05 |
| Lawrence Murray McCarten | |
| Saint Andrews NB | 20 December 2005 |
| Leona Northrup | |
| Sussex, NB | 02 January 06 |
| Frederic James Dykeman | |
| Saint John NB | 05 January 2006 |

RADLEY-WALTER'S REUNION 2006

Please note that our reunion 2006 will be held on 03 June 2006. We will again hold it at the Yacht Club (Jubilee Lodge). Timing and more particulars will be available in our spring newsletter.

REUNION ACCOMMODATIONS

As you make your plans for the reunion next year please keep in mind that your committee has booked accommodation on base at a great price. These are first class accommodations. Why not attend a great reunion, enjoy good friends and stay overnight at a great price? Maybe have a round of golf and see how the Base and the town have changed, and then enjoy a comfortable drive back home. Your committee is here to help you plan all this. Just let us know.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Several Sabretache were returned again last issue due to wrong addresses. Please notify someone from the Regiment if your address changes or if you know of anyone not receiving it. A lot of members received the last issue electronically, which saved the association on postage and printing. If anyone else would like to receive it electronically please notify MCpl Brenda Coleman at; sabretache@rogers.com

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8th Hussar's annual family get together.

On the 16-17 September the Harold Gamblin chapter hosted the Annual Family get together at the Sussex Legion. It began Friday evening with registration and a meet and greet. Borden McLellan brought a display from the museum for people to see. The regimental band played a short session for every ones entertainment and so that the members could see how far the band has come. Saturday started at 10am with the annual meeting, which ran over as usual, then, everyone had lunch at the legion. At 1400 hrs everyone met at the museum where a memorial service was held. The honour roll was read by Sgt's Jean Korth and Everett Lavoie accompanied by the snare drum. Debbie Craig welcomed all to join her in laying a wreath at the cenotaph. All returned to the legion for drinks before the supper. Supper began with grace by Father Frank Macdonald then once supper was under way Borden McLellan (guest speaker) gave a report on the museum. A good time was had by all and we hope to see everyone again next year.

MUSEUM REPORT

Our museum had a successful year with 1217 visitors signing the Guest Register and writing many positive comments. The Association gave us \$1000 (later repaid), private donations of \$1000 and \$5000 were received and greatly appreciated, the Donation Box provided \$875.35 and three fundraising events netted \$575. Having received \$3000 from NB Heritage to continue entering our collection into the computer, we thus ended the season with a balance of \$6192 with two invoices yet to be paid.

Two grants were received for summer students. Janet Warzecha, (from last summer) was employed as Staff Supervisor (we paid an extra \$2 / hour) and Christine Steeves. Both students were keen, provided good tours, and were well liked by the visitors.

We endeavored to improve all displays this year. Display cases were prepared for Lt. Cols. Otty Corbett, Sussex, and J. Laurie Black, Middle Sackville, and Brigadier, the Honorable Frank B. Black, Middle Sackville, the first Honorary Colonel of the Regiment. The display of personal military items, in addition to uniforms, made these cases of considerable interest to the public.

A display of Boer War items, including a plug of unchewed tobacco in original wrapper, caught people's attention. A display of three settings of Regimental dishes from the periods of 1900's, 1940's and the present was of considerable interest to the ladies.

Committee meetings were held monthly and Management Policies and Procedures Manual has been written. A number of new initiatives are underway including formation of a Board of Directors, and the acquisition of several armoured vehicles. With the approval of the Regiment, these vehicles will be located near the "B" Squadron Armouries. A permanent home for the museum, after the Sussex Train Station, is also under discussion.

In August the NB Culture and Heritage Branch visited us. Tom McLaughlin and I conducted a tour of the museum and then chaired a debriefing afterwards. They were very complimentary and regretted that our tour had not been taped

There is a great need for volunteer workers and tour guides for the museum. Our committee is stretched to the limit to ensure the museum is adequately staffed during the summer months. We are open the same hours as the Tourist Bureau, 9:00 AM – 8:30 PM seven days a week, June to October and staff should be present.

Finances are always a worry. Dependable, sustainable financing must be addressed. Could members consider bequests to the museum? If a good sum of money were held In Trust, with the interest available for expenses, then financing would be stabilized.

The New Brunswick Rangers have put their display case in our museum and we will accommodate their things. However they have not given us any money to support the costs of caring for their artifacts. This will be addressed with the Town of Sussex. A meeting with the Sussex Mayor and Town Manager will be held soon, to reaffirm their support for the 8th Hussars Regimental Museum. A number of irritants from this season will be addressed.

The museum is an important institution within our Regimental Family, and a source of pride to our veterans. They now have a place where their military things can be cared for and displayed.

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The museum is our best hope of preserving the history and artifacts of the 8th Hussars. It will allow their stories, experiences and memories to live on, and their sacrifices will not be forgotten.

With your continued support this can be made to happen.

Borden McLellan

The embarrassing tarp
By **Tim Ellis**

I had been recalled from a 48-hour skiing leave in the republic of San Marino at the highest reaches of Coriano Ridge, during the winter of 1944-45. This tiny 20-mile wide country is a completely sovereign (and neutral) state within Italy; like Switzerland in Europe.

Unbeknownst to me, cavorting on the slopes, the regiment had been alerted for a top-secret move. All identification was ordered removed and/or concealed, cap badges to inside beret, shoulder and divisional patches removed, etc. The tanks were to be cocooned in their tarps so that no identification was visible. No talking, farewells, etc.

"B" Squadron's 20 Shermans were loaded on flatcars in Rimini rail yard, two boxcars for the crews who burrowed deep into the straw; there was no means of communication with the locomotive engineer. When "Junior" Johnston and our HUP got me to the station the train had started to move; he jounced across the rails and got abreast one of the boxcars. I threw in my bedroll, stepped out of the vehicle and the guys pulled me into the "side-door Pullman". To his request as to where he should go next, my reply to Junior was most unhelpful – I didn't know where I was going myself, along with my 100 hired assassins.

The guys clued me in on the secrecy thing, and it was not long after that the train went around a long curve that I beheld, to my horror, and helpless rage, one of our tanks not wrapped up in the standard khaki tarp but in a maroon (the colour of our divisional patch) one. Worse, on both sides, in large white letters were the words "Rimini Farina".

So there we were, in our "secret" move, driving through the countryside like a travelling circus with our point of departure displayed for all to see.

Dry-mouthed and perspiring, I could visualize the circumstances. The original tarp had either

been stolen, or exchanged by the crew for vino, or been the final bargaining chip in an amorous affair. Then came the concealment order. What to do? Easy; just wait until dark, go downtown and steal one off a civilian lorry. Unfortunately, in the darkness, they would have overlooked the flour and seed business name, or never thought to turn the tarp inside out.

The train stopped occasionally, just anywhere, especially if it was thought aircraft were above, but it was not safe to leave the train, which would move off without warning. For the next two days (on our way across Italy to Livorno (Leghorn)), I mentally prepared my defence in the court martial that was sure to follow. It was a miserable trip.

More trouble was to come. As we neared the outskirts of Leghorn the train slowed down to the point where homeless men and boys would jump on the flat cars and ride along into the city. They were like a swarm of bees and there was nothing we could do to keep them off.

When we finally came to a stop in the marshalling yard, our unwanted human cargo promptly vanished, and I was confronted by a British Captain in the movement control who proceeded to tear a strip off me for bringing civilians into a secure area. I was in no mood for this, and there was nothing to do but halt his tirade and insist on first thing first. He would salute and remain at attention while addressing me in a civil manner. When he finally ran out of gas, I pointed out my lack of control on the train, and that if he was concerned about security it was his duty to provide it by poisoning armed troops on the tracks. All very unpleasant.

For many weeks thereafter I fully expected to be summoned to some higher authority but nothing was ever heard about the tarp or the hitchhikers. It was a relief to get back to fighting, and, if there was time, worry about getting killed.

**The deadline for the next issue of the Sabretache is the 15th of Jun 06. Please submit your articles to MCpl B Coleman Via email sabretache@rogers.com or by regular mail at:
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Sept 22 2005

Dear Brenda,

I am enclosing the photocopy of Lcol George Robinson and a little information of my husband. His full name was William Alexander Reginald Hay. He was called Ray and a nickname of war. He enlisted in August 1941 in Sault Ste Marie, trained as a Co driver in the 3rd CACRU then was transferred to the 8th NB Hussars as a Gunner. In 1942 he was sent to England for training and 1 Dec 1943 went to Italy in action in Liri Valley where their tank hit a mine, exploded and caught on fire. They lost their Sgt. Reg was injured in both legs and was in the hospital in Rome. After he was transferred to the CALGARY TANKS. After D-Day he was back to England and in August of 1945 was sent to Holland to help repair their homes. We were married in Sheffield in Oct 1945. Reg came back to Canada December 1945 and I sailed July 7th 1946 on a Troop Ship SS Georgic we docked in Halifax. In July 1962 Reg and I made a trip back to Italy. I went to the Common Wealth Cemetery to Lay 2 wreaths, one for the Sergeant and me for our legion branch 429. And on our way home we visited in Holland the 2 families we billeted with in 1945. They were so happy to see him.

My Dear Reg passed away in 1974 at the age of 55 from a brain tumour. I find the Sabretache so interesting I wish I was closer to see some of the activities especially the curling events. I retired 2 yrs ago from curling.

Yours truly
 Jean Sharp (Hay)

Wawa Ontario 1959 or 1960



Left to right
 Georges friend, Kerry Cushley, Marian Hay,
 Lcol George Robinson, Reg Hay
 Deb Hay Bill Hay



Phil Moffatt
 Tank was turned in with 364 hours on it. The engine was never touched.

BELOW

Front : Sgt Stevens, Cpl Preston, Capt Kit Graham, Cpl Bob Simpson, Maj Blanchette.
Center: Tprs Hank Greenberg, Ernie Hack, Phil Bunden, Phil Moffatt, Boyd Lintin and Eddie Arsenault



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floating up from the depths or maybe they were borne aloft on rum fumes.

Anyway here they are, all seven:

- 1. Surprise**
- 2. Concentration**
- 3. Offensive action**
- 4. Maintenance of the object**
- 5. Security**
- 6. Economy of force**
- 7. Concealment**

ANNUAL FAMILY GET TOGETHER

The Harold Gamblin Chapter will host the annual family get together on the 22 and 23 September 2006 at the Sussex Legion. The cost for the weekend will be \$25.00 a person, which can be paid upon registration.

The event will begin at 1800 hrs on the 22nd with registration followed by a meet and greet. Saturday the 23rd will begin with the annual meeting at 1000 hrs, followed by lunch. At 1500 hrs we will move to the cenotaph for a memorial service, then return to the legion for supper.

Anyone interested in attending can contact Brenda Coleman, or any member of the executive.

Principles of War
By Tim Ellis

In a recent literary effort for the Sabretache I made reference to a "principle of War"(and I don't mean the "boudoir"- there are no principles there). It has been exactly 65 years since I first started concerning myself with such matters and I wondered if it was possible to drag the information back up out of my sub-conscious.

Using a technique that almost always works for me, I shifted the remembering gears into bulldog low prior to drifting off to sleep. Next morning the first waking thought was the code word "SCOMSEC". All right, you recce guys; say it; now say it again. And by me the principles came

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