



8th Hussars Sabretache

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HUSSARS SERVING IN AFGHANISTAN

There are 12 Hussars presently serving in Afghanistan. In April we collected cash donations and treats for care packages. We sent a care package to each of them just to say we were thinking of them. Below are a couple of pictures of the guys before they left for their tours and some while on tour.

I would like to thank the members of A and B Sqns who made donations for the packages, I'm sure the individuals appreciated everything.

These individuals will be returning home at the end of summer however we have more Hussars heading over in the near future. Again we hope to collect goodies or cash donations so we can prepare for the next care packages.

We hope everyone returns home safe and sound.



Cpl Robert Black, MCpl Aaron LeBlanc, Cpl Mark Publicover, WO Kevin Tarrant, Cpl Matt Steen, Cpl Greg Smith



Sgt Mahar, WO Burt White, and Padre Malcolm Berry



Above: Cpl Sebastien Allain

Missing from the photos are: WO Darrell Zinck, Maj Don Korth, Padre and Sgt Sue Campbell. Cpl Jean Korth left in June and will be returning in December.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Since your new Executive took over in September, it has been a steep learning curve for many of us, especially the newer ones. Thankfully the continuity has been carried on by the efforts and contributions of the longer serving members and the Past President, Scovil Brown.

In order to get up to speed we took several months to gather information and to establish a way forward that we would like to pursue, with the support of the members as a key element in that formula.

Cooperation to date has been great and contributions of time and effort from all involved has allowed us to make progress with our plan. By the use of tele-conferencing we have been able to get input and feed back from the Radley Walters Chapter representatives and that has contributed greatly to every meeting to date.

We have focused our efforts to date on four main areas; membership, finances, constitution and by-laws, and outreach to all Hussars at large.

The Membership focus was centered on updating our current records, and cleaning up the database to ensure we miss none of our members with mail-outs, emails and most importantly the Sabretache. Our new secretary, Shirley LaMontagne, with the support of many others, has made great strides in this effort. However it is still vitally important that all members, life and annual, advise us when changes in address occur, or other circumstances, limit our ability to contact you. This Sabretache will be mailed to everyone on the Association mailing list including those who have email addresses to receive it electronically. We have a purpose in doing that, as you will find on the last page an information sheet that we are requesting you complete and

return to us to ensure we have all of your current membership information.

The Associations financial situation is not good. It is no secret that our efforts in raising funds over the past years have fallen short and it has been necessary for past Executives to rely on some of the investment funds to carry on the work of the Association. This can no longer be relied on and the success of our bursary program and other efforts needs an immediate infusion of new money. To that end we have initiated a licenced 50/50 draw with an Early Bird prize, for this spring and summer with the draw to take place at the AGM on 15 Sept 07. Only you as a member of the Association or a Hussar at large can help us by buying these tickets. You can also use our information page at the back of the Sabretache, to order as many as you wish at \$2.00 per ticket. I cannot emphasize enough just how much we need your support in this fund raising effort.

The Constitution and By-laws are out of date and need revision. They still reflect both a Regular Force and a Reserve Force component, and other shortfalls. Included in the schedule of events for 15 Sept 07 AGM, is a notice of motion to establish a committee to correct this situation. More to follow on this.

Our Outreach program, for a lack of a better word, has focused on making our web page more effective and more relevant so that information can be circulated quickly. This includes a Last Post page, a Lost Trails section and information for everyone to keep abreast of Hussar happenings anywhere they occur. Again the web page is only as good as the information the membership provides to it through the Association Secretary. Jim Brown, 1st VP, initiated a meet and greet at the Oromocto Legion on the Regimental Birthday and we briefed a number of local Hussars on the Association of today and where we hope to go in the future. Feedback from that was beneficial. Hopefully future briefings will be

provided to the RWC, the Regiment, and at a locally convened meeting in the Sussex area in the near future. Also, thanks to the efforts of the our social committee and some support from the Regiment, we were able to send the first in a series of care packages to the 12 Hussars currently serving in Afghanistan on TF 01/07. More Hussars will go on TF 03/07 and it is our plan to support them in a similar manner. Donations to this effort can be made at the fall AGM and Reunion.

Of course our other efforts were focused on the Fall Reunion and AGM. The schedule of events is listed on a separate page. This year we have decided to add some entertainment after the dinner. We have secured a well known local group, the Celtic Souls, to provide us with a wide variety of music, from sing-a-long to some rollicking Irish ballads. It goes without saying that we need your attendance to make this day's events a success. We have endeavoured to keep our costs in line with past years and will only charge \$30 per person for the whole weekend's events, including lunch, dinner, entertainment and the Meet and Greet.

In closing, I want to thank all of the Executive and the Board of Directors for their help in getting us up to speed and on track. Without this teamwork, it would not have been possible to get where we are today. But I must remind you that we now need the support of all Hussars in making this a successful year and a big step towards maintaining our Association.

Tom McLaughlan

President

Regi Patriaeque Fidelis

CO'S MESSAGE

I guess its that time again that Tom or someone from the association lets me know that my submission was due last week. Much goes on in the 8th Hussars these days even though we are a Reserve Unit. My message will touch on deployed soldiers, BMQ successes, and collective training successes in my last year of running the 8th Hussars.

A units strength is measured in many ways by my superiors, mostly it is in our ability to recruit, train and retain soldiers. This February our BMQ course graduated 30 candidates, another 13 started in April combined course with 3 Field, so a total of 43 soldiers are heading off to Gagetown for a summer full of training and working in various tasks. I must really recognize the instructors and recruiters who have worked so hard to make this Unit a success. SSM Stairs who works continuously throughout the year to make these courses run and be successful. Sgt Spicer did a fantastic job with recruiting again this year as well as basically running the April BMQ without a course officer. These courses are difficult to run over many weekends and I suspect difficult to be a student on as you could end up working 10 weekends straight along with your civilian study and work commitments.

Maj Niely was tasked to run a collective exercise at the SQN level during the March break period. The overall scheme was based on an insurgency type operation where the Hussars landed on PEI, secured a FOB in Summerside (forward operating base) and then proceeded to conduct patrolling and Observation duties. It was a success as the lessons learned, battle procedure and survival in cold weather training was invaluable. Even minor things helped like changing a tire in -35C weather in howling wind after backing over a spike strip taught many lessons about safe backing. The soldiers always impress me with their positive attitude, good work ethic and professionalism.

As many know we have 9 soldiers from our Regiment on TF0-107 that have been in theater since Feb, and another 5 are going over in July with the 12 RBC deployment as a security troop that will be conducting various convoy escort and security related tasks as part of the NSE. Our troops are doing a fantastic job over there and we have much to be proud of. There are many indicators that seem to not make it in the public's eye that should be the cause for praising the mission's success, contrary to what we may hear from folks on TV. For example, over 7 million kids going to school vice 500 K before 2002, wells being dug in a country where folks can die of thirst and starvation, year after year attacks on our forces being reduced in half, just to comment on a few. The word is on the street over there, when you take on the Canadians, you will lose.

That's all for now, summer training is getting started in a big way and the Hussars have one of the largest student loads of any unit in Atlantic Canada for summer training. Change of Command will take place in Moncton on the 29th of September when I hand the reigns over to Major Neilson.

Until next time.

Regi Patriaeque Fidelis

LCol Scott Craft

FROM THE HONORARY LCOL

It is with a great deal of pride that I have been appointed the new Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel of the 8th Canadian Hussars (Princess Louise's) On Dec 16th 2006 HLCol Bill Coupland and I met at camp Sussex for the regimental sports day and the Regimental Christmas Dinner. The next day Col Bill and I changed appointments Col Bill retiring and I accepting the Hon LCol position.

January 19th 2007 I joined three other regimental personnel in Gagetown for the Red Friday Rally to extend our good wishes to the regimental troops leaving for Afghanistan.

February 10th 2007 Eleanor and I attended a ladies dining out at Le Chateau A Pape Restaurant for an evening of fine food, great conversation and good music. On February 17th I joined members of the Regiment for the lectures in the morning, box lunch at noon and the afternoon at Centennial Park for a patrolling exercise.

On May 30th I had the pleasure of attending the presentation of the French "Legion of Honour" to 12 Canadian Veterans recipients from New Brunswick at the invitation of Mr. Olivier Nicolas, Consul General of France. The presentation was held at the Armouries in Fredericton NB.

Regi Patriaeque Fidelis

J.D. (Jack) Trueman

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MARK YOUR CALENDER

**The AGM and Fall Reunion
Of the Regimental Association
will be held at the Royal
Canadian Legion Br # 20
Sussex, NB on 14/15 Sep 2007.**

**Please see the details at the
back of the Sabretache**

BURSARIES

Bursary applications closed 30 April 2007 with nine (9) requests being received from British Columbia, Ontario, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, giving a wide geographical representation. The majority of applicants are highly motivated, academically successful youth, many of whom also volunteer extensively within their schools, churches and communities.

The selection process will be completed by the end of May with the two (2) successful candidates being contacted directly by the Chairman. The awards will be publicly announced at graduation ceremonies of the candidates' respective High Schools. However a winner presently attending university/community college will not have a public announcement, unless an appropriate event/venue is suggested (with sufficient lead time to make the arrangements).

Two payments of \$500 each are made to the registrar of the educational institution on Sept. 07 and Jan. 08, upon receipt of their confirmation of the candidate's attendance in good standing. Any monies unpaid by 28 February 2008 will be forfeited and will remain with the Association. Bursaries cannot be carried forward.

The 'Regimental Family' may take pride in the high caliber of children and grandchildren who are applicants, and who speak proudly of the contributions of family members who served their country and their Regiment. Our future is in their hands.

Borden McLellan

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SUPPORT YOUR ASSOCIATION

The Association is sponsoring a 50/50 draw this summer to financially support the work of the Association.

Your support is urgently needed.

Please see the details at the back of the Sabretache on how you can order your tickets.

2000 tickets only, Early Bird Draw -15 Aug 07

Final Draw - 15 Sept 07

ANNUAL FAMILY GET-TOGETHER

The Harold Gamblin Chapter will be hosting the annual get-together in Sussex NB, on the 14th and 15th September 2007.

This year we will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the regular regiment. The cost for the weekend will be \$30.00 a person/\$60.00 a couple.

THE BRITISH CON

#2 Instalment

1. The letter from the boy scouts of Spain asked if they could send one of their people to England for an official visit. By all means; do come was the reply (from m15), we shall provide accommodations (so we'll always know where you are). The letter had "spy" written all over it. The Visitor seldom got a good night's sleep. It seemed there was an anti-aircraft regiment right near his hotel that

kept sending shells up into the night sky. In the daytime a squadron of Spit Fires with green propeller spinners made a point of circling the hotel. A short time later another flight arrived with red spinners, and still later another group arrived with blue spinners. Of course they were the same aircraft each time from a nearby airfield, with a different paint job. Hopefully the “spy’s” report was “don’t mess with these guys they’re layin’ fer ya”.

2. Off the North American Coast, behind enemy lines, there were sounds in the night of clanking chains, clattering windlasses and winches, groaning cargo booms, muffled shouts and curses. An invasion force for sure. Not exactly. It was a Royal Navy Motor gunboat with a sound system.

3. In our early anti-gas training there was one real baddie. If you inhaled it you would soon be a goner, there was no antidote or cure. The recommended treatment - give the victim a mug of hot sweet tea! The poor bastard doesn’t know he’s dying; he just thinks it’s mug-up time! He’ll die happy. What a con.

MUSEUM REPORT

Your committee is working on changing and improving this year’s displays, identifying and cataloguing artifacts, applying for Provincial and Federal Heritage funding, obtaining grants for summer staff, and organizing fall fund raising events. For a committee of seven we are busy, but having a measure of success.

We have embarked on an ambitious undertaking – writing the HISTORY OF CAMP SUSSEX - A CENTURY OF SERVICE TO CANADA. In a partnership with history teachers of Sussex Regional High School, research will be done at the NB Archives, NB Museum, maps and primary documents, as well as the extensive film/picture/document holdings of our own

museum. By fall a diorama will be produced of the actual layout of Camp Sussex at one period, surrounded by accompanying pictures and explanatory panels. Phase II will be the production of a multimedia program of camp life and related activities, which will eventually be publicly available on line.

We have applied for a NB Heritage grant to enable us to properly identify, display and archive our considerable (and valuable) collection of books, papers, records, music and documents. We have an experienced librarian/archivist to lead the project, which requires we have further training in the Virtual Collections Database program to ensure proper data entry.

We are fortunate to have two excellent additions to the museum committee: Diane Lutes with extensive library and EA experience, and Lindsey Titus history teacher, re-enactor and military history buff. Welcome both.

In March we had an assessment meeting with NB Heritage Branch in which we discussed the unique features of a military museum, interpretative methods to consider, and a future marketing plan. They deemed ours to be the best privately owned and funded military museum in New Brunswick.

On May 7 and 8 we had 16 classes from Sussex Elementary School tour the museum, with six more to visit in early June. We also expect tours by veterans from the Fredericton Special Care Home.

Vehicle parking on the DND Armouries grounds two weekends in the fall will be our major annual fund raising event. This is done in co-operation with the Sussex Army Cadet Parents Association.

We continue to receive donations of Hussar items and papers for our care, display and safe keeping. However documenting, accessioning

and storing artifacts are becoming real challenges. More volunteer help would improve our administration and organization, and provide a wider variety of interesting displays.

We trust you will be able to visit 8th Hussars Regimental Museum at the Reunion on 14 – 15 September. This is YOUR museum!

Borden McLellan

The cut off for articles for the next issue of the Sabretache will be 10 Jan 08. This should give everyone plenty of time to write their articles. Articles can be forwarded to:

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Or by Email:

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LAST POST

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

- Vincent George MacCallum Nov 11 2006 Tabusintac, New Brunswick
- Ronald More Seely Jan 03 2007 Saint John, New Brunswick
- Joseph Geldart Feb 28 2007 Sussex, New Brunswick
- Sgt Dan Francis Mar 08 2007 Oxford, Nova Scotia
- Vinton Wilcox Apr 22 2007 St George, New Brunswick
- Maj (Ret) Terry Noonan May 5 2007 Petawawa, Ont
- MWO (Ret) Brian Wasylnuk May 25 2007 Almonte, Ont

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

Association of the 8th Canadian Hussars (Princess Louise's) Inc
Annual General Meeting and Reunion
14/15 Sep 07
Royal Canadian Legion, Sussex, NB

Schedule of Events

14 Sep 07

1800 hrs - Meet and Greet/registration @ Royal Canadian Legion

15 Sep 07

1000 hrs – Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers – Royal Canadian Legion

1200 hrs – Lunch with 50th Anniversary Cake – Founding of the Regular Regiment

1500 hrs – Memorial Service – 8th Hussars Regimental Museum, Sussex Train Station

1800 hrs – Dinner with Guest Speaker, Royal Canadian Legion

2030 hrs – Entertainment – Celtic Souls * – Royal Canadian Legion

A 50th Anniversary display of the founding of the Regular Regiment will be set up at the Legion by the Museum staff and will be available through the day until 1700 hrs 15 Sep 07.

The 8th Hussar Museum will also be open on Saturday for visitation before and after the Memorial Service.

Notice of Motion

The following motion will be introduced at the AGM slated for 15 Sep 07.

Motion – **That a three member committee be established to review and revise the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association of the 8th Canadian Hussars (Princess Louise's) Inc and to present that revision to the 2008 AGM for approval.**

*** Entertainment**

The Celtic Souls are a folk/sing-a-long band who caters to all ages. Music will range from It's a Long Way to Tipperary to some rollicking Irish pub music that will appeal to many of our members, from the oldest veteran to the youngest soldier in the Regiment. They will make it a great way to close out our fall get-together.

The Association needs your support and attendance to make this gathering a success.

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14/15 Sep 07
Royal Canadian Legion, Sussex, NB

Membership Reply Form

Please help us update our membership records. If you did not reply to our email query or you think there is missing information on our records, please complete the information below.

Name	
Spouse's Name	
Address	
Telephone	
Email address	

Membership Status

I am a life member	
I am an annual member	
Attached please find my cheque (\$20) for my 2007 annual dues	

2007 Association Fundraiser

The Association fundraiser for 2007 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. The draw will be held at the AGM in Sept 07, with an Early Bird draw for \$100 on 30 Jul 07.

	# tickets	\$
I wish to purchase 50/50 draw tickets		

Please make all cheques payable to the Association of the 8th Canadian Hussars (PL) Inc

Address: **PO Box 1695**
Moncton, NB
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Attention: Secretary