Foreword from the Incoming Commanding Officer

Greetings to all. This is my first Sabretache article as the newly appointed Commanding Officer of the 8th Canadian Hussars (Princess Louise’s). I want to begin by acknowledging the outstanding job that Lieutenant-Colonel Mike Bech did as CO over the last 3 years. His experience and passion have had an impact on the Regiment.

The soldiers, Sr NCOs and Officers of the 8CH (PL) did an outstanding job on the change of Command parade. We had to cope with the loss of all of our vehicles to summer training and the loss of our indoor drill hall. The rain held off and friends and family of the regiment stepped-up with a fleet of excellent vintage vehicles for the parade. Deepest appreciation to those who made the journey to Moncton to support our parade with their vehicles.

Planning is well underway for a busy and exciting training year at 8CH(PL). We’re going to start with an urban patrolling exercise in Sussex in September that will coincide with the Association AGM. There will be some good opportunities for synergy between the Regiment and the Association during that time.

I want to bring your attention right away to the next 8CH (PL) Regimental Ball. This is an annual event which commemorates the Regimental birthday. This ball will take place at the Crown Plaza in Moncton on the evening of Saturday 8 April 2107. All association members and friends and family of the Regiment are cordially invited. Tickets will go on sale in September ($35 for non-serving personnel). Watch for further details this fall.

Tom Peppard
Major
Commanding Officer

Change of Command – 11 June 2016, Moncton, NB
ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

I would like to thank Elisabeth Rybak for all of her service and dedication to the 8th Hussars over her years as HCol and her continuing support to the Association. Our Museum committee has been very busy indeed and the full museum report follows. I would like to thank Tom McLaughlan for his tireless work at the Museum and promoting the Association in all of his travels. The Museum committee is very busy and doing great work and they have another busy summer coming up, if you see them out at events, stop and thank them for their work. If you haven’t seen the Museum please ensure you get over for a visit.

Your Bursary committee has been busy as well. There were 13 applicants for the Bursary this year. See attached report. The Financial committee worked hard at getting the books all ready for the CRA audit and preparing forms to be submitted.

Our Membership committee is working at keeping the membership list up to date and are working on the possibility of an Associate membership class to be presented at the AGM.

The Regiment decided in Dec 2015 that they would like to use the Canex for Kit Shop items to make them avail across the country and for ease of their use of on-line purchasing. This has greatly restricted the items the Kit Shop can sell so it has been decided to close down the Association Kit Shop. The Museum is going to keep a small gift shop for anyone who stops by to visit them and to enable them to sell a few things while on the road at shows. The way it will work is; the Canex will sell merchandise, as selected by the Regiment, on-line and in select stores. If you want an item, you can either order it from the Canex on-line or at any Canex store. If you want something not in their current list of items they will have a working relationship with the unit to amend their inventory list.

It was voted at the AGM that we would do the same thing next year and next year’s planning is well under way for the 3rd weekend in Sep again. Feel free to send any queries to Don Bourque.

We didn’t get a Sabretache out last fall but be assured your Association is doing well. There was a transition of editors and we just couldn’t get the transition done in time for publishing. I would like to thank Brenda Coleman for all of her work over the many years on the Board and then as Sabretache Editor.

The 2015 AGM saw a few changes to the board, Casey Van den Heuvel has had to step down from the board as he finished his term. He is still volunteering with us just as a committee member. We welcomed Don Bourque on as VP and Jody Tower as a Board member to replace Casey. I would like to thank all the outgoing members for their outstanding service and welcome all of our new members. We have appointing a nominating committee and they are preparing for the elections in Sep, so if you are interested in volunteering for a board position or as a committee member feel free to contact any of us.
OUTGOING COMMANDING OFFICERS MESSAGE

Where does the time go? It seems not very long ago that I sat down to write my first article for the Sabretache, and here I am now, preparing my last submission after almost three years. Time seems to have passed very quickly; I am very satisfied with what has been accomplished by the Regiment during my term, and despite the RSM and my best intentions there will always remain a few activities and initiatives that we simply never got to address. I suppose it's always good to have more projects than time, that way we never run out of things to do! Where I will be retiring fully from the CAF in June, I want to use this last submission to do a little more than simply update you all regarding what we've been up to these past few months. Obviously, those who attend the Change of Command Ceremony on 12 June will hear my thanks and praise for those who have supported my vision, but the greater Regimental family will not get the nuances of all that we have gone through as a Regimental family.

I want to say first and foremost that the Regiment is poised and ready to embark upon a great new chapter in its rich history. With the TAPV project under way, we now await only the distribution dates so that the next CO can begin his planning cycle and address the challenge of baseline training the Regiment on a new platform, one that brings with it an expanded operational and DOMOPS capability. I will be truthful; part of me is envious insofar as I will miss the arrival of the new equipment along with all the remarkable training and operational capacity building opportunity it will bring to the Regiment. That said, I remain very proud to have been an integral part of working towards such a worthwhile goal. I am certain the spark in the junior leader’s and young soldier’s eyes, when they mount their vehicles for the first time, will be worth all the work that goes into this project.

When I first addressed the Regiment, I outlined my vision; one which saw the Hussars at the top of the PRes Corps and leading the way. I do believe we have achieved that vision. The evidence is readily apparent. We won every recce competition we entered, I fought for and drove a Divisional level G-Wagon distribution which provided us with more vehicles. I sponsored a new initiative in the annual Tri Regt Ops and Trg conferences which has helped all three Atlantic Regiments to address personnel and equipment shortages in order to optimize our training opportunities. We also renewed and built upon strong relationships throughout the Corps. While there is much to be proud of, the final two prizes were the first place finish in Worthington Challenge (Ex WC) and the announcement of the Hussars as the 5 Division lead for TAPV. Ex WC was a mixed team with PEIR and HAL Rifles (they deserve their due recognition for their part in the win), but as a team we topped every other division in the Army, and not by a few points. The TAPV was, from its announcement, my true focus for the future of the Regt; TAPV was the last piece of the puzzle to bring the Hussars back into the forefront of the Corps, from my perspective.

In addition to the many uplifting and positive outcomes we have experienced over the past few years, we have also dealt with our fair share of challenging and heartbreaking moments as well. We dealt with a major cancer issue for one of our youngest soldiers two years ago, Tpr Jamie Jomphe. The Regt, and in particular WO Paul Chevarie, did a fantastic job of looking after the family throughout that difficult time. Jamie is no longer with the Regt but his health and strength continue to improve; when he feels up to it, he will return and we will welcome him back to the fold. If I had to single out the most difficult situation, it would have to have been gathering to support Pte Samuel Nadeau’s family after he tragically decided to end his own life during the BMQ last summer. While not a badged Hussar at the time, Samuel was nonetheless one of the family and due every honour and dignity we could offer to him and his family. I feel truly blessed to have witnessed the Regiment close ranks around these families, and in Pte Nadeau’s case, watch our padre Chris VanBuskirk go above and beyond to not only assist the family, but set up grief counselling for Samuel’s course mates and keep their mental and emotional health a priority going forward. I should also note that our Adjt, Nick Ouellette, took great care of the administration and support to the family throughout the long process. In every cloud there is a silver lining and in all of our darkest days, the Regiment’s response has been a shining example and in keeping with our philosophical motto during my term of “we are family”.

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As I depart, I can only say that commanding the Regiment has been a tremendous opportunity; not without significant challenges along the way, but a singular opportunity that is not afforded to everyone. It represents a time in my life that I will never forget. Likewise, I cannot close out here without acknowledging the tremendous support I received along the way from every level of the Regimental family. From the Regimental Counsel, Honouraries, the Association, out-station Association chapters, the Museum, the RSM, the Officers and NCMs, as well as my trusty civilian staffer “Bucky” Buchanan, all bought in and helped realize my vision. Without all of you and your support, we simply could not have done all that we did, nor secured any of the accolades and met the many tasks and requirements set before us.

For all of the support and the opportunity to command this incredible Regiment, I thank one and all most sincerely! My prayer for this Regiment is a simple one, that God may look upon our Regiment with great favour; that He will continue to bless it with gifted people who are wise, humble, and acknowledge that the Regiment is a family worthy of their best efforts and that the Regiment move into the future with a strong moral compass in these dangerous times, and that the members of the Regiment be filled with purpose and keep their allegiance strong.

Finally, I pray that they continue to follow the characteristics that have become their hallmark these past three years: Professional always, Proficient in their skill at arms, Proactive in their approach to everything they do, Prepared in body, mind and spirit and Practical in all circumstances.

To my successor, I would offer only a bit of advice. Plan early and plan in detail, execute your plans efficiently as the clock is counting down; your three years will disappear quickly and while money and resources can always be scrounged, lost time can never be recovered.

It has been a distinct honour serving as the Commanding Officer of the 8th Canadian Hussars (Princess Louise’s). Thank you all.

*Regi Patriaeque Fidelis*

Mike Bech
Lieutenant Colonel

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http://www.8chassociation.com/
RSM’s Sabretache Article

Hussars,

Mother Nature gave us a reprieve from the record amounts of snowfall we received last year. The weather has warmed and members of the regiment are preparing for the summer trimester of training. Of special note this year will be the Change of Command of the Regiment between LCol Bech and Maj Peppard on 12 June. This June Change of Command will set the regiment up for success and provide time for a more natural planning cycle for the next command team. My tenure will also end this year, and MWO Jody Tower will replace me as RSM. He is an excellent soldier, and will serve the regiment well.

Leadership and personnel have always provided challenges for the regiment; this coupled with execution in a part time environment makes for challenging leadership situations. One of our strengths has been the honorary team’s participation and support for the Regt. At the soldier’s appreciation dinner this past December the Regiment bid farewell, but not goodbye, to CWO (Ret’d) Don Sears. Don supported the Regiment for over 23 years as our HRSM, and we cannot thank him enough for his generosity with his time and his stellar contribution and support. CWO (Ret’d) Eugene Stairs is our newly minted HRSM, and he brings with him a wealth of Regular and Reserve experience as well as a historical link to the Regular Regiment. As of this past Feb 2016, the nomination of Maj (Ret’d) James Lockyer as HCol has been approved. HCol Lockyer and his family have a long history with the Hussars, and the Regiment will benefit greatly from his experience and his support. LCol (Ret’d) Robin Craig, who was managing both portfolios this past year, completes a very strong team of Regimental Honoraries. He has worked tirelessly and provided excellent advice and presence at almost every event.

Over the past year, the Regiment has also had to continue to meet every task and activity with some significant full-time support personnel challenges. That said, the army, bolstered by the new government, continues to transition; the management and availability of supporting soldiers has recently improved. This summer we will see the regular support staff to the Regiment increase by both a WO and a MCpl. Our current OPS O, WO Richard Larocque has been extremely successful at juggling resources, outside support, and personnel all with minimal staff. The influx of personnel with gives him a break and hopefully a significant reduction in his personal workload. WO Paul Chevarie has served this regiment with honor and distinction over the past several years as the Regt’l Ops WO and thereafter the Regt’l Trg WO. He retired this spring after many years of great service to the Corps and as he departs, and transitions to a civilian life, we wish him all the best in his next career and hope he maintains contact with the Corps and the Regiment.

As posting messages are cut, and long serving members of the Corps make new career choices, our unit sometimes benefits, and this year has great potential. Currently, the regiment has four soldiers committing to transfer from the regular force to the Primary Reserve. These additions will bolster the Sr NCM ranks and add balance and some Corps experience as we begin the transition to TAPV. Leadership and Manning will be key and these people will certainly act as force multipliers going forward.

As you all know, last year the Corps lost a great leader in Gen Radley-Walters. He was widely known and respected and his flair for history, humor and eloquent stories is known to many who served with him. As he was the first Commanding Officer of the regular Regiment, we have decided to commemorate his name through an act of dedication. We conducted a ceremony in the unit lines, dedicating the new Officers and Sr NCM rest easy as “The Radley Walters Room”. While his body has passed, his spirit remains with the Regt and he will not be forgotten; stories of him will be passed down throughout the future generations of Hussars.

On 9 April 2016 we conducted another dedication. In late November we received a leopard C2 tank, which was given to the Regiment in honour of its great service to the Corps, Army and Armed Forces. It was placed in front of the Redball Internet Centre Sportsplex on Russ Howard Drive in Moncton. I couldn’t help but feel a little older that day as I recalled my father pointing out the Centurion he
trained on when I was much younger; now I stand here, telling our soldiers similar stories where this tank is concerned... where did the time go? The ceremony included speeches from the CO, Councilor Dan Hicks and Padre Vanbuskirk. In order to save the moment, we took a photo with all the regimental personnel who were in attendance.

At the divisional level, BGen Carl Turrenne assumed command of 5th Cdn Div last summer. On the first training night in Sept, the Comd came to visit the Hussars. As he toured the regimental lines, several minutes were taken up as he was searching for his name on one of the regimental bugle cases, confirming his close ties and desire to identify as a “HUSSAR” at one time. This has happened before, and on more than one occasion; it demonstrates to me that in my experience as RSM, everyone in the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps is a Hussar, was a Hussar, knows a Hussar, or wants to be a Hussar! Frankly, why shouldn’t they...with our second mission element returned, our recruiting numbers continuing to climb, and new frontiers with the TAPV on the horizon, who can blame them! We have passed through 168 years of outstanding service and dedication, I see another 168 and more on the horizon for this great Regiment.

Regi Patriaeque Fidelis

T.G Halfkenny
CWO
RSM

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Check the Museum Blog for weekly news, activities and stories.
http://www.8chassociation.com/blog---museum
The Radley-Walters Chapter just celebrated their 28th reunion and by all accounts it was a great success. Our attendance numbers were the best in many years in both the meet and greet and the dinner. The weather was great and everyone enjoyed the boat cruise, the golf tournament and the bus tour to the Diefenbaker Bunker.

We were most pleased to welcome 10 new members to the Chapter, because of the tireless effort of our membership chairman, Frank Smith. Thanks so much Frank, certainly most appreciated. It was also great to have Grant Radley-Walters (Gen Rad's son) join us for the golf tournament and to present the trophy for top golfers. Other distinguished guests were our new HCOL Jim Lockyer and Association President Everett Lavoie.

Chapter held the 4th Annual golf tournament and a great time was had as our top golfers in the chapter competed for the Radley-Walters Cup The winners were 1st place Jamie Kendall and Norm Wall. 2nd place Doug Seed and Dave Gowers and winner longest put was Dan Lynch. Our two guests Jim Lockyer and Everett Lavoie were given a prize for the golfers having the most fun. The successful tournament was organized by our chapter golf pro Charlie Butt who did a great job.

During the evening we were pleased to welcome our HCOL who with our Chapter president Bob Lescombe cut the birthday cake (that was most graciously donated by Arnie Jantz) We also has the Association President present a certificate of appreciation to Gary Barling for all his outstanding work for both the Association and the Chapter. Well done Gary and well deserved. Our treasurer did another great job to ensure the committee did not break the bank and to also ensure that everyone had a great time at the reunion. Judith along with her two trusty co workers Phyllis Cable & Sharon Seed did a great job on working the kit shop. Well done ladies. And of course we cannot forget our great Master of Ceremonies Doug Seed who always does a great job. We can never forget Tom McLaughlan and all the support that he gives to the Chapter. Thanks so very much Tom.
Bursary Applications. As noted in previous Sabretaches, applications for the two (2) $1000 Hussars Association Bursaries and one (1) $500.00 LCol McLeod Memorial Bursary close on 30 April annually. Bursary winners will be contacted directly by the Bursary Chairman, once the selections have been made. Due to the Sabertache not being published in the fall of 2015, we are announcing publicly both the 2015 and 2016 award winners in this edition of the Sabertache.

In 2015, only 9 applications were received by the posted deadline. The entrance bursary of $1000 was awarded to Ms. Keeley Shea, granddaughter of Sgt Clement Shea. The continuing studies bursary was awarded to Avery Dawes, grandson of WO Glen Dawes and the McLeod Memorial Bursary was awarded to Anna LeBlanc, grand daughter of LCol RL LeBlanc.

In 2016, 18 applications were received by the posted deadline. The entrance bursary of $1000 was awarded to Madeline Power, a serving member of the Regiment. The continuing studies bursary was awarded to Ariane Chartrand, another serving member of the Regiment and the McLeod Memorial Bursary was awarded to Justin Lochert, grand son of MCpl (Ret) John Griffiths.

All of the applicants who were not chosen are encouraged to continue to apply annually.

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Schedule of Events AGM and Reunion 2016

**Friday 16 Sept 2016**

Meet and Greet

Milton Gregg Armouries, 1830 -2200 hrs

  Entertainment with prizes – Casey Vanden Heuvel

**Saturday 17 Sept 2016**

Annual General Meeting

  Royal Canadian Legion, Sussex, 1300 hrs

Spouses, Partners and Friends Museum Tour

  8th Hussars Museum, Sussex, 1330 hrs

  Tea, Coffee, etc

Memorial Service

  8th Hussars Museum, Sussex, 1530 hrs

AGM Turkey Dinner

  Royal Canadian Legion, Sussex, 1730 hrs

  Quest Speaker – Arnie Jantz, The 8th Hussars and Peacekeeping

  Awards and Presentations

**Sunday 18 Sep 2016**

Breakfast (To be Determined based on interest) (At cost) 0830 -1000 hrs

Learn to Drive a historic vehicle (1942 Bren Carrier and a 1953 Ferret) 1000 -1200 hrs

  Quest lecturer and original 1957 Hussar Carrier Driver – Arnie Jantz

  Other instructors – Darren Spicer, Mike Baxter

Cost for the entire weekend- $35 per person. Bring a spouse, partner or friend and get the second dinner for $25. For a number of years, we have not included activities for spouses, partners and friends, so in an effort to increase interest and attendance we have set a reduced fee for a second person and included an event at the museum while the AGM is being conducted.

Another focus for the weekend will be to engage with all members of the Regiment who will be training in the Sussex area all weekend. Time will be available on a limited basis on Friday evening and during Saturday. The main focus will be on Sunday morning when soldiers and members alike will get an opportunity to drive the historical military vehicles listed above and share the mornings activities.

Individual agendas for each event will be available NLT 19 Aug 2016.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Complete the attached registration form and return NLT 09 Sep 16
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: janssen@nb.sympatico.ca

The cut off for articles for the next issue of the Sabretache will be 18 November 2016. This should give everyone plenty of time to write their articles. Articles and pictures can be forwarded to:
Tom McLaughlan
482 Route 655
Lincoln, NB
E3B 8T2
Or by e-mail: majortmc@nbnet.nb.ca

Donations
We would like to thank the following members who made a donation to the Association General funds and the museum. It is through their generosity that we are able to maintain an active Association and operate our museum.
Sep 2015-Jul 2016

Malcolm Robinson      Padre Vanbuskirk      Dave Henderson      Ron Ewing
Darryl Zinck          Tom McLaughlan       Debra Craig          Mike Ward
Marilyn Dawes         Scovil Brown         Borden Mclellan      Barbara Hughes
Larry Zaporzan        Gail Mackinnon       2859 Cadet Corps     Margaret Graham
Connell Keith         Raymond MacAuley      Sussex Elementary    Keith Estabrooks

100-year-old Hugh Riley signs a copy of the 8th Hussars War Diary. Hugh was the 8th Hussars Regimental Signals O during WW II and currently lives in Fredericton, NB.
Notice of Motions – Annual General Meeting 2016

1. A motion is hereby made to recommend amendments to By-Laws “Section 2 - MEMBERSHIP - MATTERS REQUIRING SPECIAL RESOLUTION” considering and, if thought advisable, passing, with or without variation, a special resolution to amend the By-Laws of the Association, as follows;

ASSOCIATE Membership
The following class of Associate Membership shall be non-voting Members of the Association who pay membership dues and shall be available to:

(a) all serving or former serving members of the Canadian Forces who, at any time, were attached temporarily or provided assistance to the Regiment (other than a formal posting to the Regiment);

(b) widows or widowers of serving or former members of the Regiment who wish to become an Associate Member of the Association; and

(c) individuals who have a special interest in the Regiment or who have provided a unique or special service or function for the Regiment or the Association;

HONORARY LIFETIME Membership
The following class of Associate Membership shall be non-voting Members of the Association and shall be available to;

(a) individuals who have a special interest in the Regiment, have provided a unique or special service or function for the Regiment or the Association or who have contributed to or have the potential to contribute to the Aims and Purposes of the Association. These members must be nominated by the membership and are subject to approval by the membership. Honorary Lifetime members shall not pay fees, dues or assessment.

2. The Second is an amendment to the Investment and Disbursement paragraphs of the By-Laws;

A motion is hereby made to recommend amendments to By-Laws 10.04 "Investment Policy Statement" and 10.06 "Disbursement of Annual Income" of the Association of 8th Canadian Hussars as they relate to the management of the Coriano Trust.

By-Laws pertaining to the Coriano Trust have been in existence since 2002 and need to be updated in order to secure the best possible returns for the Regiment in the investment markets.

Following consideration by Regimental Council in 2015, an Executive Committee of Council was created to review and recommend amendments to management of the Coriano Trust in the knowledge that our investment returns were not able to meet the Regiment’s annual expenses and to continue to grow the Trust to meet future requirements like the 175th Anniversary. The Committee, consisting of Chairman, MGen (Retd) Mike Ward, MGen (Retd) Bruce Jeffries, Col (Retd) Mac Robinson and Col (Retd) Bill Fulton met and consulted with our Coriano Trust investment advisor, and Association legal counsel to develop a new Investment Policy Statement and instructions for control and disbursement of annual income to support the Regiment.

It is the Executive Committee's assessment that these amendments will allow the Coriano Trust to earn better returns based on a more balanced and diversified portfolio that generates stable annual income, preserves the value of our invested capital, protects against inflation and permits reinvestment/recapitalization of funds not required for current expenses.
AGM and Reunion 2016 Registration Form

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