



# 8<sup>th</sup> Hussars Sabretache

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## **Foreword from the Incoming Commanding Officer**

Greetings Sabretache readers. As this is my first opportunity to contribute to the Sabretache I would like to take express how excited, proud and honoured I am to take on the role of Commanding Officer in such a fine Armoured Regiment. I look forward to the challenge. I would like to thank LCol Tom Peppard for his leadership and vision. Under his leadership the Regiment trained hard and morale is extremely high. Thank you.

Let me take a few moments to tell you a little about myself. I recently retired from the Regular Force after completing 34 years service as an Armoured Officer. I completed tours in Cyprus (I'm that old!!!) and Bosnia. Prior to my retirement, I was serving as the Officer Commanding (OC) Training Support Squadron (TSS) at the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps School. My most rewarding work was completed while I was OC at the Joint Personnel Support Unit (JPSU). The JPSU provided support to ill and injured troops and their families. It was difficult work but extremely rewarding. On a personal note, I am married to Faye, who is a Registered Nurse, and I have three daughters – Leigh, Claire and Ellen. Those women keep me in line and alive and I love them very much.

The Hussars have continued to work hard through a very busy year that has been hampered by the pandemic and the restrictions it continues to impose. Face to face training has been difficult but the Regiment has displayed outstanding flexibility and tenacity and was able to utilize virtual training platforms and deliver quality training. Although face to face training is preferred, the virtual classroom offers new learning opportunities to bring soldiers together. I believe this virtual connection is motivating and hopefully encourages retention. Young troops are comfortable with online gaming and courses and 8 CH must continue to explore virtual training opportunities if we wish to be an employer of choice.

I am not the only newbie to arrive this year. Captains Corinna Tofts and Joe Burchat arrived at the unit in September. Captain Tofts is the units Operations Officer and Captain Burchat is OC B Squadron in Sussex. These two officers bring a wealth of knowledge and enthusiasm and I am very pleased to have them on staff. Welcome Corinna and Joe.

The Regimental Birthday Ball will be held 10 April 2021 in Moncton. Details will be published in January. Please mark your calendars.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the RSM on his promotion to CWO. CWO Darrel Zinck's experience and contagious enthusiasm for all things 8CH is an excellent example for all unit personnel. I am very fortunate to work closely with such a professional leader.

Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year to All

LCol Jamie Hunter

### **Change of Command – 19 November 2020, RHQ Moncton, NB**

Due to the many impacts of COVID 19, the Change of Command between LCol Tom Peppard and LCol Jamie Hunter required face masks, social distancing and no formal parade, however the Regiment was prepared and the proper respect to the event was observed.



**Signing Ceremony officiated by the Reviewing Officer, Col SI McPherson. Comd 37 CBG**



**LCol Peppard**



**LCol Hunter**

**The Official Signatures**

Following the signing ceremony LCol Peppard moved off to address the members of the Regiment who were segregated separately within the building. Gifts to the outgoing CO were done at the same time. In addition to being presented with his pennant, he received a thank you plaque from the Regimental Association, a traditional busby from the soldiers, which was hand crafted by a member of the Regiment, and a hand crafted oak sword case presented by the officers. LCol Peppard took the opportunity to speak to the members of the Regiment and presented a gift to the Regiment, an oil painting of the Milton Gregg Armouries, and the Commanding Officers coin to the RSM.



**The CO's Gifts**



**The Command Pennant**



**Milton Gregg Armouries**



**Presentation of the CO coin.**



**The Out-going CO departs**



**Promotion to LCol. By Faye Hunter**

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## **MESSAGE FROM THE HONORARY COLONEL – HCOL JAMES LOCKYER**

2021 has certainly been a very different year. We have been struck with a deadly pandemic that has rocked society, limited our activity, determined how far we travel and what we do. And it's certainly had an impact on Regimental training.

All of us are hoping this pandemic will soon be vaccinated out, and with that some degree of normalcy will return. But one of the questions is; what will the new normal look like? My view is that it will take some time but the “normal” we have known will return with a few changes but largely the way we have known it.

We have all had to adapt to the pandemic and while there have been tremendous inconveniences, it has given us an opportunity to look its impact and develop policies and lessons to address it.

For those of us who were members of the Regiment during the 1960s 70s and 80s, an important component of military training was NBCW (Nuclear, Biological, Chemical, Warfare). Of course, back then the threat was nuclear war with the Soviet bloc. All of us, even school children, were trained to get under a desk or into a ditch if we saw a bright flash. Because of the training, we had a pretty good theoretical knowledge of what to do in case of a nuclear attack, although we felt it probably would never happen. And we knew what we had to do as a result of a chemical attack based on experiences in World War I and where chemical weapons have been used in limited fashion elsewhere. But we never had to face the threat of an unseen virus and how it can have a debilitating effect on a society. As we are fighting Covid 19 the thought occurs as to what would be the effect on our society and our military supposing the virus was a tool of biological warfare – purposely directed as an attack on our country. We now see what could be the result. In the US Covid 19, as of the date of this writing, has killed over 339,000 people – more than half of the 625,000 killed in the US Civil War or more Americans than all other US wars combined. It causes us to reflect on what an adversary could do with a virus. The message is that we need to be prepared and this will not be the only virus we will face.

The Covid pandemic has given us the opportunity to manage a pandemic from a military perspective. It has focused attention on the need to plan and prepare for a possible biological/viral attack. It has forced to military to not only come up with new ways of training

men and women – from the use of masks to enforcing distancing to developing virtual training. And while these steps will not replace the value of training in-person, these are tools that have a role to play going forward particularly with virtual and simulator training, the latter of which has been used for some time now, on small arms ranges to full motion tank and aircraft simulators. Nevertheless, simulation cannot replace the real on-the-ground training. Ask any professional pilot – all of whom “checkout” on simulators. They will tell you that landing the aircraft on a runway in real time in adverse weather is the proof confirming you know what you are doing.

For 8th Hussars, we need to use every training tool available. But it cannot stop there we still need more than ever to get out in the field and drive the TAPVs through defiles, open spaces, laterals so when it comes time to deploy, we are ready for the real world.

Immediate readiness (ready, willing and able) to accept the mission remains the commitment of an 8th Hussar. And that has been what is happening. Although some weekend training had to be suspended because of moving from Covid yellow to orange status and back, when possible other training went ahead. During the pandemic, members of the Regiment displayed leadership during OPERATION LENTUS and with the 37 Bde Territorial Battle Group. All Hussars need to be commended for their commitment to training and to minding the restrictions imposed by Covid but, above all, staying safe.

But 2020 has brought other changes. As we close out the year we wish to recognize and thank LCol Tom Peppard CD for the 4 1/2 years of stellar leadership which he provided to the Regiment during the course of his command. LCol Tom was always concerned about the trooper, the corporal and the Master Corporal. He took time to talk to Hussars. On behalf of the Regimental Family, I want to congratulate him on his term of command and wish him well as he undertakes new duties at 5 Division Headquarters. We also recognize and thank his life-partner Anita for the support she provided to him and the Regiment while he committed himself to his duties. LCol Tom will remain close to the Regiment as a member of Regimental Council and we will certainly see him on special occasions going forward. His new role at 5 Div Headquarters ensures the Regiment continues to have friends in high places.

It is also a pleasure to welcome to the Regiment LCol Jamie Hunter CD as the new commanding officer. LCol Jamie arrived in the midst of a training year and has certainly adapted well to the numerous issues facing a commanding officer in the reserve element. LCol

Jamie has a deep interest in the private soldier, the young NCMs and officers which form the backbone of the Regiment. His personable approach to everyone is constantly on display and will ensure that he has the support of the troops going forward. The Regimental Family welcomes LCol Jamie Hunter to our midst. We will work hard to help him pursue and accomplish the goals he wishes his Regiment to achieve.

I wish to congratulate RSM Darrell Zinck on his promotion to the rank of Chief Warrant Officer. CWO Zinck is a committed and dedicated senior NCM who worked well with LCol Tom Peppard and who will work well with LCol Hunter. Together they will form a great command team.

I also want to commend Capt (retd) Ric Cosman, the Association president and its Board of Directors who have put in place a plan to ensure the financial longevity of the Association of 8th Canadian Hussars (Princess Louise's). Ric and the Board have worked very hard at coming up with a plan to ensure the Association continues to undertake the services and tasks of its membership in a vibrant way for the years going forward. The Association recently conducted a fundraising drive that resulted in over \$7000.00 being raised to ensure that the objectives of the Association, including its bursaries, will continue well into the future. I wish to express my gratitude to those members of the Association who made donations to this effort.

I also want to thank Major (retd) Tom McLaughlin and all members of his VIIICH Museum team for the tremendous work which has taken place to ensure the Museum remains financially stable in a period where attendance dropped by close to 85% and the Museum lost revenue from two major fundraising events which were cancelled due to Covid 19. Nevertheless, because of the team's stewardship, the Museum is holding its own, increasing its exhibits and space and promises to have a stellar year going forward. All members of the Museum team are to be congratulated for their exceptional work.

The Regimental Family is approximately 2 1/2 years away from our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2023. The Regimental Council, the Regiment and the Association are now thinking ahead to planning events for our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The writing of a commemorative 300-page pictorial history is well underway and it's hoped that the publication will be available early in 2023. Efforts at planning the actual 175<sup>th</sup> celebratory events will crystallize early in the new year. The membership of the Regiment and the Association are kept abreast of developments as we move forward in the planning of what will be a very special anniversary.

As a final note, I wish on behalf of the Regimental Family to congratulate Maj (retd) Debbie Craig OMM, CD on her recent appointment to the Order of New Brunswick. Maj. Debbie is the wife of former Hon LCol Robin Craig. She had been a member of the Reserve for over four decades and one of its most accomplished administrative officers. When she retired from the Reserve, she brought the same commitment and dedication to the Army Cadet movement, holding many local and provincial offices and eventually becoming the first woman to chair the Army Cadet League of Canada. In her citation for the O.N.B., Debbie is described as a “trailblazer” in the military for women for well over forty years. We are pleased she was a “trailblazer” with us. Congratulations Maj. Deb.

In closing and on behalf of Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Susan Chalmers-Gauvin, I would like to extend to all members of the Regimental Family and your families our very best wishes for a happy and prosperous 2021.

Regi Patriaeque Fidelis



Photo: David Gordon Koch/Brunswick News

**Hon LCol (Ret) Robin Craig and Major (Ret) Debbie Craig ONB**

## **RSM's Corner**

A hearty RSM's greetings to all Hussars, past and present. As 2020 draws to a close, it is a suitable time to recall the events the Regiment has gone through since the beginning of the year.

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the entire fleet of armoured vehicles known as the TAPV (and 8CH's primary platform) were grounded in January 2020. This put paid to training a new round of Hussars on the platform but there looked to be an opportunity for some return of vehicles as early as April 2020. However, the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on the Forces in general prevented the vehicles returning. Standing up Operation (Op) Laser as the CAF's response to the pandemic did allow almost 70 Hussars to be placed on full-time Class C contract until the end of August preparing to provide any Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) response in aid to the civil power. LCol Tom Peppard, CO 8CH, was named to lead the Task Force (TF) raised in NB. Many Hussars filled Officer, NCO and soldier positions around the TF from March to June 2020. As Op Laser ended at the beginning of July, these full-time personnel formed a cadre of instructional staff around the province. Since the Divisional Training Centres were cut back significantly in what they would provide for courses, 8th Canadian Hussars ran a successful BMQ (Recruit) course and the short follow up BMQ-Land from the Garrison in Moncton. The successful students added to our growing list of young new soldiers and was a welcome addition to the manpower available to the Regiment.

As the summer drew to a close, focus shifted opportunities at the unit level. While the TAPVs remained gone, use of G-Wagons and types of training that did not require vehicles became the short-term way ahead. This past fall, 8CH has conducted rifle ranges, virtual training online and attendance lectures. Many of the restrictive measures continue to impact the training life of the Regiment but it is significant to point out that unit strength has not dropped. Engagement of the soldiers throughout the pandemic, passage of information to all levels by many different means, and the variety of tasks available continued to draw the interest of the soldiers able to attend training and tasks. Morale remains high and all Hussars understand the roles they play, will play and could play in the future.

While Remembrance Day parades were restricted for 2020, the Hussars did show the flag in providing small cenotaph guards in NB communities. We will remember them. At the time of writing, we are approaching the time of the year where the Soldier's Appreciation Dinner becomes a concern. However, again due to COVID restrictions, that activity is prohibited. Currently a small training activity is being planned that may allow a haybox meal, that may be a turkey dinner, be served to those attending the Ex. Wish us luck.

In closing, I can assure all former, current and even future members of the Regiment that the 8<sup>th</sup> Canadian Hussars (Princess Louise's) continues to thrive and continues to strive to conduct training and activities that benefit the individual, the unit and CAF, wherever possible.

Knock knock..... Hussar.

CWO Darrell Zinck CD

RSM 8CH



**Check the Museum Blog for weekly news, activities and stories.**  
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**Remembrance Day 2020 - The CO lays the Regimental Wreath, Sussex, NB**

As we all know, 2020 has proven to be a challenge to the way things have been done in the past, with regards to Military service. No less challenging was the limitations that the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) placed on units regarding parades; No parades.

As the Regiment approached the 11 Nov Remembrance Day period this year, it was pretty obvious that we would not be able to parade in any manner like we had in previous years. Sending a body of soldiers to an event in a surrounding community was just not going to happen. Not only because of the restriction placed on the Forces but also the fact that many of these communities, due to COVID, cancelled their Remembrance Day activities. It quickly became obvious that some other form of conducting an act of remembrance was needed.

Regt'l leadership formed a plan whereby a small party of Hussars, all volunteers, would just show up at a small-town cenotaph at approx. 1050hrs 11 Nov 20, take post at the cenotaph, stand at attention until 1110hrs and dismiss. Once it was determined that this would be acceptable to the Military chains of command, permission was sought from the community with the promise that COVID restrictions would be followed. None refused.

Therefore, on 11 Nov 20, in each Community of Sussex and Dorchester NB, five Hussars under the leadership of a Master Corporal, arrived at the cenotaphs, took post over the critical 11 O'clock hour and dismissed shortly thereafter. CO and RSM 8CH just both happened to be in the vicinity of the Sussex cenotaph that day, both happened to be in their Dress uniform and the RSM just happened to have a wreath in the trunk of his car. Following the axiom of never missing an opportunity, CO & RSM 8CH placed a wreath on behalf of the Regiment. Remainder of Regimental members were granted authority to do an act of remembrance of their own choosing. Many Hussars went to their community cenotaphs, some stayed home and observed a moment of silence appropriately and some volunteered for the cenotaph tasks. It was cheering and warming of the heart to see large numbers of Hussars turnout for these events, tasks and personal choices that honoured those that came before us and those that had paid the supreme sacrifice.

### *We will remember them*

#### **LAST POST (Courtesy of the Radley Walters Chapter)**

With sadness we announce the passing of the following members of the Corps and Regimental families, for the year 2020.

<b>PTE MICHAEL BEAMAN (Grandson LCol Beaman)</b>	<b>KINGSTON, ON</b>	<b>27 JAN 2020</b>
<b>SGT. (RET'D) AL FIELDS</b>	<b>BELLVILLE, ON</b>	<b>06 FEB 2020</b>
<b>MRS. BARBARA HOLDER (LCol Shane Holder's Mom)</b>	<b>OTTAWA, ON</b>	<b>18 APR 2020</b>
<b>MRS. BRENDA RUTH MCMULLEN</b>	<b>PETAWAWA, ON</b>	<b>18 APR 2020</b>
<b>MAJ. (RET'D) FRED BERGE</b>	<b>CHILLIWACK, BC</b>	<b>20 APR 2020</b>
<b>MR. NORMAN TIPPING</b>	<b>PETAWAWA, ON</b>	<b>21 APR 2020</b>
<b>MR. JIM FALLIE</b>	<b>TORONTO, ON</b>	<b>23 APR 2020</b>
<b>MR. J. FRANK SEED (WWII Vet) (Father CWO Seed)</b>	<b>STRATHROY, ON</b>	<b>30 APR 2020</b>
<b>MR. STEVEN FIEGAN</b>	<b>EGANVILLE, ON</b>	<b>03 JUL 2020</b>
<b>CWO (R) DON GREEN (RSM MILITIA 80-83)</b>	<b>SACKVILLE, NB</b>	<b>14 JUL 2020</b>
<b>MR. CHUCK DRUMMOND</b>	<b>CALGARY, AB</b>	<b>21 JUL 2020</b>
<b>CAPT (R) PETER PENNER</b>	<b>MARKAM, ON</b>	<b>31 JUL 2020</b>
<b>WO (RET'D) RICHARD INSLEY</b>	<b>LONDON, ON</b>	<b>20 AUG 2020</b>
<b>MRS. CHARLENE WATSON (Wife Al Watson)</b>	<b>KNOXVILLE, NB</b>	<b>27 AUG 2020</b>
<b>MR. KEN LANTZ</b>	<b>TORONTO, ON</b>	<b>29 AUG 2020</b>
<b>MRS SONJA DUKE (Wife of CO LCol Ed Duke)</b>	<b>CALGARY, AB</b>	<b>18 SEP 2020</b>
<b>MR. AL STEWART</b>	<b>QUEENSLAND, AUS</b>	<b>24 SEP 2020</b>
<b>MR. CHRIS STOCK (Brother Ian Stock)</b>	<b>KINGSTON, ON</b>	<b>14 NOV 2020</b>
<b>MRS ANNE MACDONALD</b>	<b>PEMBROKE, ON</b>	<b>19 NOV 2020</b>
<b>TERRY SWYERS</b>	<b>STEPHENVILLE, NF</b>	<b>01 DEC 2020</b>
<b>MIKE MAKI</b>	<b>KENTVILLE, ON</b>	<b>08 DEC 2020</b>
<b>BILL SPENCER</b>	<b>HAMILTON, ON</b>	<b>14 DEC 2020</b>
<b>MAJ (Ret) JOHN CARTER</b>	<b>OTTAWA, ON</b>	<b>20 DEC 2020</b>

#### **REGI PATRIAEQUE FIDELIS – FAITHFUL TO SOVERIGN AND COUNTRY**

The Chapter list of fallen comrades within the Corp and Regimental families is certainly not complete. Information is posted as received and put into the association records. The Radley-Walters Chapter would like to acknowledge the sacrifice and contribution being made today by our soldiers and particularly those of the Armoured Regiments so actively involved. We offer our support to those that leave home to carry on the tasks that the people of Canada have asked you to do. In doing so, you uphold the fine tradition of your Regiments and The Canadian Forces. You have our utmost support and thanks. We wish to pass our condolences to the families who have lost love ones in these recent times. There has been no greater sacrifice than the giving of one's life so we may all live in a better world in the future. To the families of those who have fallen we offer our thanks, our admiration and deepest gratitude to all.

## **From the President**

Fellow Hussars:

Well, the year 2020 will be a year that we will all remember.

On 06 March the Executive of the Association was going to meet in person in the Museum conference room when the issue of this new COVID virus started going around. After some discussion around I decided to postpone this meeting until we understood a little more about it. Literally the next day the Premier of New Brunswick got on the news and basically put the province on a bit of a Lock Down, which I guess justified my concerns. And of course, this is how we have been for the rest of 2020.

On a similar vein, 05 May 2020 was the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of WW2. On 02 May 2020 we were going have an event to mark the occasion in Sussex with representation from the Dutch Embassy in honour of the 8<sup>th</sup> Hussars' role in the liberation of the Netherlands. As you can imagine that event did not happen. A small Dutch Flag raising happened at the Sussex Town Hall very quietly a little while later without the benefit of a crowd in keeping with the restrictions imposed by the NB Government.

We did a bit of a celebration for Gordy Bickerton for his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. But again, as he is in a Long-Term Care Home in Saint John, the representation from the Regiment was very small and they did not go in so as not to risk an infection spread.

In November we had a Change of Command between Tom Peppard and Jamie Hunter also to conform with NB Social Restrictions, a very small representation from the Association was present. There was a small signing ceremony and the troops had a separate goodbye ceremony for Col Peppard. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Col Hunter to the Regt and offer the association's support for him in his coming adventures with the 8<sup>th</sup> Hussars.

Our Fund Raising that we do every year at the Sussex Flea Market and the Balloon Fest did not happen this year because of COVID which has caused us some heart ache but it has been a double-edged sword as the Museum staff, not having to deal with as many tourists this Summer, have had a lot more time to do research for the museum. I am sure Tom M will expand on this in the Museum Report.

COVID has not interfered with plans for our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Association Executive in concert with the Regimental Council is narrowing down the way we will celebrate this milestone. Money has been squirreled away since the 150<sup>th</sup>, so there should be enough to mark the occasion well. Some ideas have been floating around the Council and I hope to be able to give you a list of events and initiatives soon.

By now you should have heard of the Hon Col's project to get us a newer pictorial history of the Regiment covering the years of the 1970s through to today. This includes both the Regular and Militia Regiments back in the day as well as the Total Force Regiment in the 1990s and of course then the Modern-Day Regiment. The Regimental Family is made up of our "Blue and Flannel Hussars", "CADPAT Hussars". I encourage all the Regimental family members who have a picture and can remember the details surrounding the event to offer it up to the Hon Col to submit it for this pictorial.

*Regi Patriaeque Fidelis*

*Rick Cosman*

*President*



## Radley Walters Chapter

The Radley-Walters Chapter sends best wishes to our members, the Regiment, and the 8th Canadian Hussar Association. The chapter like most organisations has been slowed by the Corona Virus the past few months. It was a tough call but by end March this year we found it necessary to cancel our reunion set for May 2020. Of course, we now know that doing so was the right thing to do. We are hopeful that everyone will continue to be safe through the coming months.

Steve and Marylyn Clarke arranged this group photo at the 2019 reunion. There were 121 in attendance that year. Thought we would share it again to acknowledge a cross section of our many long-standing members taking part in this photo. We appreciate your participation!



Pictured on the right Back Row (L to R): Steve Clarke, Mick and Brenda McMullen, Mike Maloney, Ken and Jean Murphy, Jack Griffiths, Margaret Feltham, Bob Feltham, Sterling Mercer, Sandra Mercer, Terry Switzer (behind), Brenda Martin, Betty Jantz, Arnie Jantz, Don McPherson. Seated L to R: Sharon York, Charlie and Nancy Mabee, Bonnie Sutton, and Marilyn Clarke.

The chapter managed to attract another 8 new members since our last reunion in May 2019 due to the tireless effort of our membership chairman, Frank Smith. The following have been sent their membership cards and a Lapel pin.

Sgt (Ret'd) R. J. (Bob) and Mary Lou Lucking Jun 2019

Pvt E. Donald Bethune and Mary Fantin Oct 2019

Mr. Joel and Donna Siverson Nov 2019 and paid a Life Membership.

Tpr. (R) T. Gerald (Gerry) and Jane Ozon Mar 2020.

Col M. W. (Mac) and Patricia Robinson Apr 2020.

Mr. Jean Marc Pepin Jun 2020

LCol John and Val Easson Sep 2020

LCol (R) Charles and Jane Oliviero Oct 2020.

We appreciate your participation and welcome each of you to the chapter. We hope that you will consider joining us at one of our reunions in Petawawa. The chapter committee is starting plans for another annual reunion 28-30 May 2021 in Petawawa. The weekend would again encompass a Meet & Greet 28th, Golf and a Dinner Dance on 29<sup>th</sup> and a Farewell Breakfast on the 30<sup>th</sup>. We are aware that like most gatherings' restrictions are still in place but we remain hopeful.

The Chapter would like to thank recently retired LCol Don Bourque for his support to the Chapter during both his tenure as CO and then as our 8CH Association president, a position he recently vacated. It was our pleasure to have you attend reunions and acquaint yourself with our membership. Our Thanks! A big welcome from the Chapter to Rick Cosman, our new president of the 8<sup>th</sup> Canadian Hussar Association.

We also would like to recognize LCol Peppard outgoing CO 8CH. Our sincere thanks for the support given the Radley-Walters Chapter over your time as Commanding Officer. Thank you for making the time to attend reunions and showing your support to the many old Hussars in the Chapter. We are aware that a few days from our writing this article, that you will hand over your Command. To that end congratulations on a successful tour as CO and again our thanks. LCol Jamie Hunter, we welcome you and offer our congratulations on your Command as CO 8th Canadian Hussars (Princess Louise's).

Just a reminder that HCol Lockyer has asked for assistance in supporting the Association through donations. The 8CH Association operating costs includes the provision of yearly bursaries, a very worthy cause.

To our members a reminder that the Radley-Walters Chapter is your chapter, and its success is only possible with your support. The Chapter continues to do well with your participation, dues, and donations, without them the chapter would struggle to survive. We offer our sincere thanks to all those who participate in our reunions each year. A special thank you to Charlie Butt for his participation in making our golf tourney work so well. Charlie, we hope the snow does not throw you off your game as practice time is limited in a Petawawa winter!

We can also be found on Facebook, ask to join our group the Radley-Walters Chapter for more information and reunion pictures. We are hopeful our next reunion will go 28-30 May 2021 in Petawawa. Watch for our spring newsletter for more information.

Regi Patriaeque Fidelis

Doug Seed

Secretary

Radley-Walters Chapter



## THE MUSEUM REPORT, DECEMBER 2020



2020 has been a difficult and challenging year for the 8<sup>th</sup> Hussars Museum. The impacts of the COVID 19 pandemic have had far reaching impacts in many cases. The museum was not allowed to open until July 2020 and closed at the end of August. Visitors numbers would drop from 2800 in 2019 to 560 in 2020. This drop would also be evident in a corresponding loss of revenue. Two of the museums annual fundraising events, the Flea Market and the Balloon Fiesta, were cancelled and thus another loss in revenue ranging in the area of \$9000. In order to be allowed to open the museum to the public a sanitization program was required and daily sanitization was conducted by the summer staff. This included a sanitization of all flat services in the display areas, mopping the floors and daily accounting of visitors' information. An hour per day was allocated to this requirement and resulted in an additional reduction in visitors time as well.

In addition to COVID impacts, we were also faced with the temporary closure of the museum's storage site at RHQ in Moncton while building renovations were carried out and this came with special challenges to be detailed later in this article.

I am pleased to say however that thanks to three excellent summer student employees partially funded by the Province of New Brunswick and the Federal Government and the efforts of the museum volunteers who contributed over 1000 hours of volunteer time we were able to be open to the public when many museums locally were closed for the summer.



Dylan

Hayden

Matt

Once we got all of the pandemic requirements established and operational, we opened on 30 June 2020. The arrows were on the floor, the hand sanitizer bottles were full and the warning signs were on the doors.

In addition to their daily responsibilities, the staff started off on a summer museum to do list, the first of which called for the development of 10 blogs relating to the history of the Regiment including battles in which are now emblazoned on the guidon. This was successfully completed by mid August and these blogs are currently being posted on the webpage, one per month until May 2021. Check them out.

<http://www.8chassassociation.com/blog>

Next on the list was an effort to advertise the museum locally in an effort to entice more visitors with videos featuring an artefact with its story. Five “Did you know” videos were posted to Facebook before the museum closed for the shortened season. These are still available on the Museum Facebook and have contributed to a late surge in attendance at the end of the summer season. These videos were produced entirely by the summer staff.

<https://www.facebook.com/8thHussarsMuseum/videos/322530015536785>

Running parallel to the production of the advertising videos was the development of more Lest We Forget videos honouring 8<sup>th</sup> Hussars war time casualties. First envisioned by the museum VP Stephen Wilson, these videos are available on line and will be uploaded locally at the museum as well during this coming season. Feedback from Facebook viewers has been exceptionally positive after the upload of each video. Even some families of these wartime casualties have responded.



A challenge that faced the museum volunteers this past summer was the required closure and relocating of all the museum stored artefacts at RHQ to allow for a complete renovation of the buildings heating lines. The storage area contents and many artefacts displayed at RHQ needed to be moved to temporary storage and then returned to the original site upon completion. This move entailed moving 110 storage tubs, 11 full size lockers and two racks of historic uniforms, not to mention the dozens of displayed items at RHQ.





Upon completion of the renos the same process needed to be done in reverse ensuring that every tub and locker was returned to its original place. The reason for this is that all our artifacts are registered with Canada Heritage including tub number, shelf number and room number. Errors in returning the items would require a complete inventory review to be conducted on the more than 4000 items in storage. We also appreciated that soldiers volunteered to assist in the moves which made our work load more tenable for the older volunteers and it gave them a chance to learn more about the Regimental history as they assisted in moving the stored artefacts. Security checks and condition assessments were also possible during the duration of the moves as well.

It should be noted that at this time a funding request to Heritage Canada for Covid 19 assistance was approved and we received \$5000 to offset some of our losses which at this time when all is accounted for, appears to be in the range of \$3500. Another successful grant application for \$1300 at this time will allow us to develop 5 more videos over the wintertime for advertising purposes once the museum opens in the spring. A number of significant donations were also received from Association members due to the appeal from the Hon Col Jim Lockyer. These will be acknowledged elsewhere in the Sabretache. We greatly appreciate this support and our thanks goes out to all our supporters who donated to the museum during the fundraiser.

Our kit shop sales have improved considerably this summer with the addition of the t-shirts and then the license plates. We still have stock left so if you have missed out please feel free to contact the kit shop with an order. One issue that has cropped up was the lack of the ability to accept e-transfers to purchase items and we are currently addressing that issue. <http://www.8chassociation.com/museum-gift-shop.html>

The volunteers who are currently keeping the museum operational are as follows;

Darrell Zinck, Director	Borden McLellan, Director	Mary Jane Sare, Direct
Rod Belliveau, Director	Brian Clancy, Director	Dominique Hache, Dire
Perry Fullum, Assoc Rep	Ann Taylor, Director	Carol Carr, Treasurer
Gail McLeod, Secretary	Stephen Wilson, Vice	Tom McLaughlan, Chair

The following members are volunteers;

Cathy Spicer	Darren Spicer	Wayne Fogarty
Doug Sare	Gina Kaupp	Diane Lutes

It should be recognized that these volunteers have contributed over 1000 hours to the museum in the last year.

A number of significant artifacts are donated yearly and this year was no different. One of the many interesting ones that were received this year, was transferred to our museum from the Seaforth Highlanders Museum in Vancouver. This was a brass plaque commemorating the capture of a German tank during the Battle of Coriano on 14 Sep 1944 by C Sqn who were supporting the Irish Regiment of Canada in that battle. That tank was recovered from the rubble intact and presented to the GOC of the 5<sup>th</sup> Arm Div, MGen Hoffmeister. That story is told in both of the Regimental histories. The plaque is engraved to commemorate that event and was made from a German 15 cm shell. This event is also marked by a painting that was presented to the museum by the artist, Cpl (Ret) Pat McLaughlin. It should also be noted here, at that time, C Sqn was commanded by Major C McEwen, the father of one of our board members, Mary Jane Sare.

Looking forward to summer 2021, we have started planning and applying for the necessary government employment programs to staff the museum for the summer as well as some grant monies to expand our displays. Yes -expand is the word. The Town of Sussex has opted to move their tourist information facility out of the train station to a new location uptown and have offered the existing floor space to the museum, which we have gladly accepted. With it comes some responsibilities and some concerns but the additional space will allow the museum to plan and implement at least 4 new displays. Our concerns center around the fact that the tourist bureau drew a large number of visitors who then would drop in to the museum which provided us with revenue that might not be so readily available under the new system. Time will tell.





**The Whiskey Decanters-** In the Fall of 2019, LCol (ret'd) Jack D. Trueman CD donated a pair of cut-glass whiskey decanters to the Regiment. At the time, this former Commanding Officer of the regiment (1977-80) and Honorary LCol (2006-09) indicated that he would like a suitable home for these fine vessels and the Regiment was honoured to offer that home. In the Spring of 2020, it was decided to incorporate the decanters, along with LCol Trueman's silver serving tray he had given upon relinquishing Command of the Regiment, as a centre piece. It was to be placed in the Command Team short hallway in RHQ at Garrison Moncton. CO 8CH, LCol Tom Peppard and the RSM, CWO Darrell Zinck each added a pair of regimental whiskey glasses to accompany the centre piece and LCol Jack was invited to christen the arrangement. For obvious reasons, the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent restrictions delayed the event until recently. On 17 Nov 20, prior to relinquishing Command of the Regiment, LCol Peppard, Major James Hunter, DCO and incoming CO, and RSM Zinck were able to confirm the meeting, under the current health measures. CO & RSM had each decided to provide a bottle of whiskey of their choosing for each decanter as the inaugural whiskeys. Accompanied by Regt'l Association Executive member Perry Fullum, LCol Jack came to the CO's Office that evening and enjoyed a nip or two to incorporate the serving set to the 8<sup>th</sup> Canadian Hussars proper. RSM Zinck seemed to take a small delight in the fact that LCol Jack seemed to relish the whisky that he had chosen a bit more than the CO's. Both CO and RSM pledged to challenge those Hussars who follow to maintain the levels. The Regiment very much appreciates the kind gifts from LCol Trueman and will dispense from them at worthy times in honour of his leadership and contributions to the Regiment.




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*Web page:* <http://www.8chassociation.com/contact-us.html>

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**Donations.** In response to the appeal from Hon Col, Lockyer, a number of significant donations were made recently to the Association and the 8<sup>th</sup> Hussars museum. We can not express our thanks enough, to those donors. Your donations have provided the Association with stable funding for the foreseeable future and supported the museum which saw its visitors' numbers drop from 2800 in 2019 to 560 in 2020 due to COVID 19 and the closure of our normal fund-raising parking cars.

**Association Donors**

Melanie McVivar	Paul Crober	Robert Lescombe
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Mac Robinson	Jack Trueman	Stephen Bowes

### **Donations to the Museum**

Borden McLellan

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The Association does plan to conduct other fund raisers in the coming months once details have been worked out and licenses procured. Information on the Grand in Hand will be sent out by email. Thank you so much to our donors who made a difference this year.

**Association Bursary Program.** Applications for the two (2) \$1000 Hussars Association Bursaries and one (1) \$500.00 LCol McLeod Memorial Bursary was to close on 30 April however due to the Covid situation the deadlines were extended until June 2020. Twelve applications were received by the dead line. Bursary winners were contacted directly by the Bursary Chairman, once the selections have been made.

2020's successful applicants were as follows:

Kyle Hayward (Grandson of LCol JD Trueman,) (1953-1990) \$1000 Entrance Bursary.

Kaitlyn Shea (Grand-daughter of Sgt C Shea) (1939-1946) \$1000 Continuing Studies.

Allison Janssen (Daughter of MCpl T Janssen (Still serving) \$500 RS McLeod Bursary,

Unsuccessful applicants are reminded that they can re-apply for these bursaries in future years as well.

To ensure that the bursary program remains effective it was decided at the Association AGM that a committee to review the management and operation would be established. The mandate of this committee was to review administration of the fund, and the applicant selection process. The committee consists of Don Bourque, Jamie Kendall and Tom McLaughlan and the first scheduled meeting will be held in early February.

Please note that the deadline for applying for a bursary in 2021 will be 25 June 2021. This deadline was extended as last year, since students had difficulties obtaining marks and other documentation required for the application process. Application forms will be available on the Association web site. <http://www.8chassociation.com/bursary.html>

## This Moment in Time

Some time ago, our lovely editor Diane suggested I do something for the Sabretache on events gone by. By the time this is published the date it covers would have passed.

75 years ago, the guns of the Second World War fell silent. The Hussars already knew in late April, early May of 45 that the war was all but done, just tell the Germans that.

From the War Diary, this is what is written for 04-05 May, 1945.

**Holland 1/100,000** 4 May The weather was very changeable with heavy showers throughout the day. 2 Officers and 30 Other Ranks left at 0300 hrs on privilege leave to the UK along with 4 Other Ranks on rotational leave to Canada. Lt- Col J.W. Eaton held an "O" Group at 1330 hrs, attended by all squadron and echelon commanders at which he stated that the present role of the division was an occupational force with the task of holding and patrolling the coast line from the Ems River to IJssel River, our regimental task until the 6 May 45 being to patrol the sector of coast from 383398 to 40296 occupied by the "ROSS" Force. Lt-Col J. W. Eaton stated that all captured staff cars in the regiment must be registered and controlled by an officer of field rank. "V" Day celebrations will be supervised as much as possible to avoid accidents. Due to a number of tanks being bogged down and left separate from the squadrons in the last actions, considerable difficulty arose over delivery of rations to these crews. A meeting of the 2 ICs of squadrons is to be held by the Quartermaster to discuss the problems of rations. The squadron commanders were asked for further nominations of awards resulting from the last actions. "A" and "B" Squadrons spent the day doing maintenance, painting and general refitting of tanks. Capt J.W. Stobbart, Auxiliary Services, has arranged to show a film twice a week for all ranks. At 2230 hrs the long awaited for message was received from Rear 5 Cdn Armd Bde, **"Cancel all offensive operations, cease fire at 0800 hrs 5 May 45"**. The "ROSS" Force was situated as follows: one troop "C" Squadron and one platoon Dutch Independent Company at SPIJK (4033) and one troop "C" Squadron and one platoon Dutch Independent Company at ZIJLDIJK (3434). The remainder and force HQ were stationed at GODLINZE (3831). The enthusiastic Dutch were allowed to do all patrols under supervision of the "C" Squadron troop leaders concerned. The patrol reports were nil. A dance was held by the officer's mess during the evening.

5 The day dawned amidst scattered showers with a cold, strong breeze blowing. The day was chiefly spent by the maintaining of vehicles and by personnel having their clothing cleaned etc., and the resumption of the out of action schedule. The "ROSS" Force spent a quiet day. All reports of any unusual activity being received. During the afternoon the "ROSS" Force was relieved by the BCDs and "C" Squadron returned to their former quarters at PATERSWOLDE (2106). A regimental officers mess is now functioning. As a result of the two operations many new faces were amongst the Officers and men.

After everything was said and done, the Regiment would spend another eight months in Europe before returning home to Sussex in late January 1946.

Sgt. Don Abbott  
8<sup>th</sup> Canadian Hussars (Princess Louise's)  
Historical Archives NCO



## New Recruiting Process for the Reserves by Sgt Mike Barton.



The Primary Reserves has changed so much over the years and as such recruiting has changed along with it. The biggest change is that the Primary Reserves separated from the Canadian Forces Recruiting Group and have started processing our own applicants. This has reduced strain from the sheer number of applicants that different detachments across Canada needed to process. With our new program called StAR (Strengthening the Army Reserves), the Reserve units have seen drastic changes in the number of new members being enrolled into the reserves across the country.

The Recruiting positions have also changed with our new branch called A2R (Attraction, Recruitment, and Retention). This new branch at 37 Canadian Brigade Headquarters has recruiters across the brigade working as Regional Unit Recruiters. As a Regional Unit Recruiter, I personally recruit for 2 different units in my area of operations: The 8<sup>th</sup> Canadian Hussars and the North Shore (New Brunswick) Regiment. As a branch we work hard together to accomplish our goal of strengthening the Army Reserve.

Many things have changed and one thing that has posed a challenge is working in our new environment with COVID 19. Keeping our staff and applicants safe is our main priority. We have received a lot of training with regards to our business resumption plan on how to accomplish our mission and to safely work in our new environment. Recruiting has resumed and as a branch we are the first brigade in Canada to hit the ground running alongside our eager new applicants ready to conduct the recruiting process.

I took over recruiting as a Regional Unit Recruiter in November of 2019 and I have seen many changes since then such as, working in the new COVID 19 environments, and our new mission of StAR (Strengthening the Army Reserves). Working with A2R has been fantastic. The different staff that I work with on a daily basis are very knowledgeable and dedicated on accomplishing our common goal of strengthening the Army Reserve.

Sergeant Michael Barton

Regional Unit Recruiter NB East



### LCol Bourque's Spurs

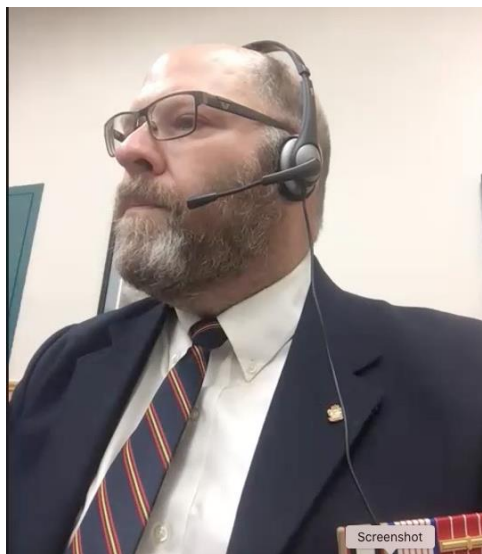
After thirty-seven years of service, LCol Don Bourque retired from the CAF. Hanging up his spurs, as it were, and given the restrictions of the current pandemic, his Depart With Dignity ceremony was conducted over the Internet. Below is a transcript of the farewell speech given on Friday evening, the 27<sup>th</sup> of November:

“Putting a uniform on at 12, as an Army Cadet and continuing to wear one until recently, made it difficult to hang it up. There’ve been many highlights throughout those years. Meeting the challenges of training, operations, career progression, and the joys and struggles of command appointments, have all led me here. But the most pleasing aspects of my career are not the things I did, but rather the people I’ve met.

Before deploying to Afghanistan in 2003, I was approached by a young Trooper named Rooney and told I’d be missed. When commanding the Regiment, I heard a unique laugh from outside my office and across the counter of the Orderly Room, to which I yelled from my office, “that must be Cpl Russell!” Sure enough it was, and she reminded me of that when I asked a few years later what advice she would give as a soldier to a new CO. She said, firstly, not to be a dick. Secondly, she retold the story of the laugh at the counter, because my reaction made her feel that someone highly placed in the chain of command saw her as a person and not just a service number. It’s all about the people and, if you don’t love the soldiers you work with and serve, you don’t deserve to wear the uniform as long as I’ve been privileged to.

I’m reminded of a congratulatory note I received when I took command of the Regiment, from a highly respected gentleman and officer named Chris Corrigan. He advised me to be seen by my soldiers often, smiling.

All this is to say, that I’m touched to see so many of these beloved family and friends, from my multiple families that extend beyond the one I was born to, here. Because it’s about the people, and I love you.”





## 8<sup>th</sup> Canadian Hussars (Princess Louise's) RCAC Corps News

With the implementation of National COVID-19 restrictions the second week of March 2020, cadet training across Canada was suspended “temporarily” for three weeks; then cadet training facilities, such as armouries and schools closed. Cadet training, however, was reactivated and continued in a virtual platform funded by DND. These regular on-line training sessions involved creative and innovative activities, often the result of direct cadet input; Annual Cadet Reviews and Change of Command ceremonies were held virtually. Summer 2020 saw Cadet Summer Camps, National and International exchanges and treks not authorized, so summer “day camps” were held for “bubbles” of cadets at selected local training facilities where physical distancing, sanitization and the wearing of PPE was the norm. This fall, regular in-person training was authorized by DND and most training facilities reopened, but with significant changes; for example, CIC staff were required to complete online certified COVID-19 Awareness training prior to interacting with cadets and the presence of parents, Support Committee/League representatives and other persons who would normally be in attendance on training evenings was not authorized. One positive to come from COVID-19, however, is that Corps will maintain uninterrupted training in future; on-line and telephone contact with cadets will be maintained. Unfortunately, Corps’ located in rural areas are challenged, as some cadets do not have ready access to home computers and Internet connectivity. The emphasis at the Corps this training year is to retain the current enrollment numbers, not necessarily recruitment; no cadet will be disadvantaged if they cannot attend to complete training qualifications such as fitness tests, and other promotion criteria and cadets who would have normally “aged out” this past year will be retained. This Spring 5-day Cadet Activity Programs (CAP), no longer called “day camps”, will be held at 18 sites in Atlantic Canada, as a “grow” for Summer 2021, for groups of approximately 50 tri-service cadets. In Summer 2021, a Regional in-person tri-service Training Center will be located at HMCS Acadia for approximately 287 cadets and staff facilitating three- and six-week courses, medium to advances; there will be no training a CTC Greenwood or Argonaut. In addition, approximately 3,000 cadets and staff will participate in tri-service training at selected local Corps locations in Atlantic Canada. Unfortunately, DND has not authorized out-of-country travel this summer, so once again, there will be no National or International exchanges or treks.

Contact information, for the five Regimental Affiliated Army Cadet Corps, is as follows:

560 (Moncton) RCACC - Lt (N) Corey Thibodeau is the Commanding Officer of the Corps that parades on Wednesday evenings in the 37 Canadian Brigade Headquarters Building.  
[Cory.thibodeau@cadets.gc.ca](mailto:Cory.thibodeau@cadets.gc.ca)

1535 (Shediac) RCACC - Capt Craig Gaddess is in his second year of commanding the Corps that parades on Tuesday evenings at the Louis J. Robichaud School. [Craig.Gaddess@cadets.gc.ca](mailto:Craig.Gaddess@cadets.gc.ca)

2335 (Port Elgin) RCACC - Capt Glenn Darragh is Commanding Officer that parades on Tuesday evenings at the Port Elgin Memorial School. [Glenn.Darragh@cadets.gc.ca](mailto:Glenn.Darragh@cadets.gc.ca)

2859 (Sussex) RCACC – Capt Jason MacDonald replaced Capt Eleanor Lloyd as Commanding Officer this past year. The Corps parades on Tuesday evenings at the Milton Gregg Armoury.  
[2859army@cadets.gc.ca](mailto:2859army@cadets.gc.ca)

3006 (Dieppe) RCACC - Capt Larry Comeau is Commanding Officer of the Corps that parades on Thursday evenings at the Lou MacNairn School. [larry.comeau@cadets.gc.ca](mailto:larry.comeau@cadets.gc.ca)



The Army Cadet League of Canada (New Brunswick) Inc.  
Ligue des Cadets de l'Armée du Canada (Nouveau-Brunswick) Inc.

COVID-19 restrictions curtailed League presence at cadet Corps early in March 2020. However, in anticipation of DND allowing League personnel to attend later this training year, all Corps Directors were required to complete the online certified Department of National Defence and the Canadian Forces COVID-19 Awareness training. League meetings are held online, including this year's AGM at which, a former Hussar, Pat Peterson, was elected Provincial President; he continues to work with 560 (Moncton) RCACC. Former Hussar, Doug Sussey remains as the Provincial Membership Chair and Debbie Craig as Director for 2859 (Sussex) RCACC.

If you enjoy working with young people and would like to share your military experience and expertise in the advancement of the Army Cadet Movement within the Province of New Brunswick visit <http://newbrunswick.armycadetleague.ca/> or in your province, visit the National website at <http://www.armycadetleague.ca/>



**Cadet Instructor's Cadre**

If you are retired or retiring from the CAF and would like to continue wearing the uniform as a member of the CAF Cadet Instructor's Cadre, or serve as a paid Civilian Instructor, then visit <http://www.cadets.ca/> Perhaps you'd just like to assist a Cadet Corps in your local community as an Army Cadet League of Canada Volunteer, then visit <http://www.armycadetleague.ca/>

**CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS**

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!

Secretary – Austin Wilson

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The cut off for articles for the next issue of the Sabretache will be 30 June 2021. This should give everyone plenty of time to write their articles. Articles and pictures can be forwarded to:

The Editor - Diane Lutes

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**Looking for Kit Shop items? Visit the Association Giftshop:**  
<http://www.8chassociation.com/museum-gift-shop.html>

## **THE MAN BEHIND THE SCENES**

**Courtesy of the 8<sup>th</sup> Hussar, 1978-79**

There is a man in our contingent whom everyone tends to forget about until a critical two-week period. The two-week period in question is the time that many of us have spent in Lahr on 2A or 2G leave. The man is Warrant Officer Frank Smith, the Lahr leave NCO. Frank wears a blue beret just like the rest of us because he is one of us. The reason your wife had flowers in her room when she arrived was because Frank got them for you. The reason that the wives were so well taken care of before you got to Lahr and after you left, was because Frank took care of them for you. The reason that the rented car was waiting for you when you got off the plane was because Frank lined it up for you. Just ask anyone, wives or service men what they think of Frank and you'll likely find that he is the most popular guy in the contingent. By the way, Frank did make it to Cyprus. In December he sneaked in on a Wednesdays Huc, was "forced" that night (By the Welfare Officer) to drink copious quantities of his favorite poison and was "poured" (By the same Welfare Officer) back onto Thursdays Huc to Lahr. Witnesses state that Frank's face was same colour as his beret. If you are listening Frank, we have not forgotten you. You've helped to make a lot of people very happy. We could not have found a better man for the job.

**HOW THINGS HAVE NOT CHANGED (IN SOME WAYS!!)**



**WO Frank Smith**

**THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO FOR US!**

## 11 November 2020, No Ordinary Remembrance Day

As we are all aware Remembrance Day ceremonies across the country presented challenges whether the event was held at an indoor or outdoor location. As a result of the restrictions imposed on pipe bands by the pandemic with regards to gatherings and playing of pipes, my wife Mary Anne and I were able to spend much of the fall at our house in Cape Breton. It would be our first time at this location during Remembrance Day so we had planned to attend the usual ceremony which is held every year at the local Presbyterian church. She was hoping to be able to play the lament for them. Unfortunately, the church in Grand River where the ceremony usually took place remained closed and there were no plans to open it even for a socially distanced Remembrance Day event. Our plan now changed to just the two of us going out to the church, where the cenotaph is located, and to conduct an act of private remembrance. After speaking to neighbours, we came to find out that there were individuals who still wanted to place wreaths in remembrance of loved ones at the cenotaph but were unsure as to how to go about it. That is when we developed our plan.

First a little background. Mary Anne practices the pipes at home. She has an amplifier which she can plug her phone into and use as a metronome or to play recorded tunes. If she could download and play tunes from her phone using the amp, perhaps we could access and download music for a Remembrance Day ceremony. I have attended Remembrance Day ceremonies for several years at Victoria Park in Moncton where they do just this. With the aide of the phone, the amp and Mary Anne with her pipes, perhaps we could give the people from the local community a reason to gather, socially distanced of course, and participate in a Remembrance Day event. We met with success. We were able to download the music and then we packed up the phone, the amp and her pipes and went out to the church to see if we could put it all together. Our neighbour gave us access to the church as we required power for the amp. After the rehearsal we concluded that indeed, a limited, scaled back ceremony could take place. The date was 10 November, so now it was up to the local community to get the word out that there would be a socially distanced or remain in your vehicle Remembrance Day Ceremony taking place at the church. The weather on 11 November was better than we had experienced for any Remembrance Day that I could recall. It was sunny and warm. When we arrived at the church, a crowd was already gathering. The word had gotten out and as we prepared more people arrived. Before we began, I reminded those in attendance of the restrictions concerning the use of masks and social distancing.

We are happy to report that the event was very well received. There were around 30 people who attended and those in attendance we so very happy to have had an



opportunity to show their respect. Many individuals came up to us afterwards to offer their words of appreciation for adding a sense of normalcy to their lives, even if for only a day. Those who wanted to lay their wreaths were able to upon conclusion of the informal ceremony. There were several veterans in attendance who were also very appreciative of being able to attend an event in person. We were both happy that we were able to take this from just an idea to reality. We would do it all over again if we had to but let us hope that by 11 November 2021, the usual Remembrance Day ceremonies will be able to take place.



**Dr. Mary Anne Carlos and Captain (Ret) Wayne Fogarty , Remembrance Day 20**

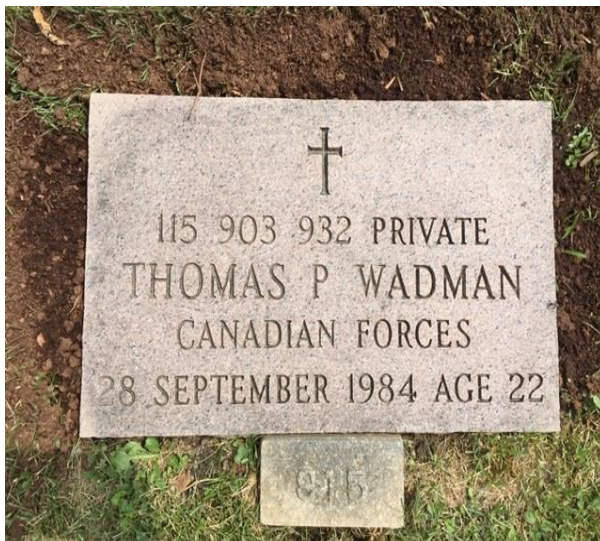




### **The Royal New Brunswick Rifle Association**

With a comprehensive COVID-19 Operational Plan and Return to Play Guidelines, and the full cooperation of all RNBRA sanctioned gun clubs, the clubs remained open throughout the shooting season even conducting Shotgun and Bench Rest competitions, the Governor General Match and the Annual RNBRA Prize Match at the Batouche Range in 5 CDSG Gagetown. The “Atlantic Bubble” allowed shooters from NL, PEI and NS to compete in NB shoots and RNBRA shooters to travel to their competitions. Of course, the National and International shooters remained at home with the cancellation of competitions and the closure of facilities such as the Connaught Ranges. All-in-all, the “shots down range” continued as normal; the only visible change being the number of shooters on the mound at any given time and enhanced sanitation. One casualty of COVID-19 restrictions was the range outdoor “privies” for which the Department of Health could not find suitable guidelines; perhaps not a big consideration to them but no doubt, on occasion, a major concern to shooters. At the RNBRA AGM on November 1, former Hussar Steven Stewart, replaced Debbie Craig as the Association President. The role of RNBRA is to promote sportsmanship, marksmanship, safe proficient use of firearms and competitive shooting sports in the Military, Civic Police, and Civilian population. Currently there are 17 gun clubs affiliated with RNBRA and over 3,200 active recreational shooters in New Brunswick; more information about the Association can be found at <http://rnbra.ca/>

### **Tpr Thomas Wadman, Killed in Service 1984**



Tpr TP Wadman was killed in service in 1984 and is buried in Toronto. A few years ago, it was noted that his name was not in Book 7 of the Book of Remembrance in the Parliament Buildings. The museum was asked to help correct the situation and a search for info was conducted. Contact with VAC in 2019 was established but led to a blank wall. The summer staff started another search and were successful in locating his headstone which provided a service number and that provided access to his file for VAC.

We were recently advised that the error would be corrected and his name would be added. Due to covid 19, delays will occur but we will keep all our members updated and it might be possible for some to attend a service. More to follow as it is available.

If any members might know his family contacts that info would be appreciated too.