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Foreword from the Commanding Officer

Happy New Year and warm greetings Sabretache readers. I hope this note finds you all well. I hope you had an opportunity to spend some time with family and friends and recharge your batteries. It's been a long year for everybody and working through the new COVID reality has been challenging. We'll push through this and warmer summer days are ahead.

The Regiment has continued to work hard through a very busy year and successfully coordinated and participated in some great field training. In October the Regiment hosted Exercise ARMoured FIST a squadron level exercise that saw five Brigade units work together in a collective environment. It was excellent training that exposed the soldiers to the role and support each unit can provide and the power the combined team brings on the battlefield. During the exercise 3 Field Regiment (Artillery) was firing live and their CO allowed 8 CH soldiers to conduct and control fire missions. This is an opportunity that few Reserve and Regular Force soldiers have a chance to conduct. The Regiment also started training on Cavalry tactics as the Armoured Corps transitions from a recce/tank focus to a more task focused philosophy. All Armoured Soldiers will be expected to be able to conduct a route recce or a quick attack. It's a very exciting time!



Hon Col James Lockyer receives the Commander Canadian Army Commendation from Col Greg Kennedy, Commander 37 CBG

I am pleased to announce that the Honorary Colonel Jim Lockyer was presented the Commander Canadian Army Commendation for his work to establish a formal partnership between the Regiment and Oulton College in Moncton. As you all know Colonel Jim possesses an unbelievable amount of energy and compassion for the 8 CH. His efforts established a mutually beneficial recruiting arrangement within the local area and business community. His work will help recruit high quality soldiers for the Regiment and the CAF. Congratulations HCol Jim!!!

WO Keddy and Sgt Ryan were presented 37 CBG Commander coins for their outstanding leadership and excellent support to the Regiment and Brigade. These two NCOs are superb leaders and their efforts have greatly benefitted all unit personnel. Well done WO Keddy and Sgt Ryan!



WO Keddy (left) and Sgt Ryan (right) receive their Commander's Coins

The Regimental Birthday Ball will be held 02 April in Moncton COVID dependent. Details will be published in February. Please mark your calendars.

Finally, I would like to welcome CWO Tom Holland as the new RSM. CWO Holland's thirty plus years' experience and professionalism will greatly benefit the Regiment and all unit personnel. I am very fortunate to have CWO Holland as my fire team partner.

Happy New Year to All



Acting RSM and CO, Soldiers Appreciation Dinner

Getting the RSM to pay up – The Kitshop

RSM's Corner

16 Jan 22

LoD. In an institution that is rooted in tradition and staying the course, change is never easy or rapid. Whether the CAF, the Army or our unit, we stand behind the walls created by those who have come before us hoping to arrive in the future as we are now. As time passes, we bend a little here, take a step forward there and follow along with the society that has created us. If it weren't for the enemy, rapid change might never happen in the Army. Over this last year change has been rapid and at times drastic.

Bound 1. The institution of the Forces has been under assault by an old-world culture that isn't relative today, and the force has been struggling to move back into the light. It has caused real change at every level and the unit has been forging ahead to master what our Nation needs us to be. Good old fashion Armour (and Calvary) flexibility has helped us adapt and overcome major hurdles so that we can see "those green fields beyond". We have done a massive amount of individual education and training on what is "right". The Hussars have and are continuing to make sure people know that we are an employer of choice where workplace and career safety exist.

Bound 2. The Royal Canadian Armour Corps, has had to adapt to relevancy issues in this new world environment, and with a deliberate pincer movement has reoriented the entire Corps as Armoured Cavalry. Reconnaissance has disappeared as a trade and is now a task that Armour Soldiers do. 7-8 car recce troops have disappeared. All Corps A echelon troops are now 4 cars, whether Tank, LAV 6, TAPV or G Wagon. We as a Corps are back where we belong, in the lead and in the fight.

The Objective. With all the change happening our focus is our near-term Objective. 4th Apr 2023, will mark the 175th Anniversary of the forming of the Regt. This will be celebrated on the 18th-21st weekend in May of 2023 (we do live in Canada after all). We are the oldest continuously serving Armour Regt in the Nation and will be doing our best to ensure that the nation knows it. Grand celebrations will be taking place in both home stations of Moncton and Sussex. So spread the word to the whole Regt family. It's Homecoming time.

The Last Round. Finally, for myself, I must state that I am honored to have been appointed as your Regimental Sergeant Major. I have served in the Corps since 1985, on Lynx's, Cougars, Grizzly's, Leopards, Iltis, Coyotes, LAVs and TLAVs. Both in Canada and on 6 various missions overseas. Two of those years were as an 8th Canadian Hussar in Germany. After 38 years of both Reg and Res service, I have returned to the Regt. This opportunity to continue to give back is a gift, and I thank you greatly. In closing, more change is coming but we'll take that step together.



"Regi Patrique Fidelis"

RSM Tom Holland

MESSAGE FROM THE HONORARY COLONEL – HCOL JAMES LOCKYER

In my last Sabretache message six months ago, I started off by saying: [*We are on the cusp of emerging from the onerous (covid) restrictions imposed to keep us safe.* How wrong I was! Covid and its resurgent “Omicron” variant, which seems to be less serious than its predecessors, is running across North America like the wildfires of last summer. It has had its effect across all sectors of society, no less so than the CAF Reserve.

When training seemed to be returning to some degree of normalcy, Covid struck our province and the Regiment once again, bringing with it a reimposition of restrictions. I will leave it to the CO, LCol Jamie Hunter, to describe the tremendous effort the personnel of the Regiment have been making to ensure the continuation of constructive and viable training. Hopefully the impact of this variant will be of short duration which will allow us to return to the life of many months ago that we yearn for. I would like to say, “the end is in sight”! Regrettably science might say otherwise.

But the good news is that the members of the Regiment are doing well. It has been an active fall training season, culminating in the Soldier’s Appreciation Dinner held at the Sussex Armouries on December 11th, 2021. It was a successful dinner and Hussars can take great pride that their efforts and accomplishments have served the Regiment and higher formations well. I am confident the Regiment will continue to take a very aggressive training posture in the weeks and months ahead leading into a full slate of interesting and rewarding summer training. Hussars are weathering the storm! They are succeeding!

175th Anniversary Celebrations – May 18-21, 2023

The 175th anniversary of the formation of the 8th Canadian Hussars (Princess Louise’s) on April 4th, 1848, is rapidly approaching. We are 16 months out. The 8th Hussars is Canada’s oldest continuously serving armoured regiment. In the June *Sabretache*, I mentioned that planning had begun for the celebration of the 175th Anniversary. Work on the anniversary preparations has been underway for 18-20 months. Regimental Council and a small group of 8th Hussar Family members have been working away at developing a comprehensive and inclusive program to celebrate this remarkable accomplishment. The Council has established a Regimental Planning and Coordination Committee (RPCC) consisting of members representing the Regiment, the Regimental Council, Regimental Association, the Radley-Walters Chapter, the Museum, and some members of the public to plan and carry out this homecoming event.

While the official launch of the program will come later this spring, highlight events are now starting to take shape. The celebrations will take place in Moncton and Sussex during the long weekend in May (18-21) 2023. These events will make for an 8th Hussar « Homecoming Weekend » where all members of the Regimental Family; the Regiment, the Regimental Council, the Regimental Association, the Museum, and 8th Hussars, past and present – will come together to celebrate the 175th birthday of the Canada’s oldest continuously serving armoured regiment.

175th Anniversary – The Regiment

The Regiment’s plan will include exercising the *Freedom of the City*, participating in civic and municipal receptions and memorial services. It will host open houses and media events and

provide equipment demonstrations. These events are scheduled to take place on Saturday May 20th in Moncton and Sunday May 21st in Sussex. The Regiment will invite affiliated and HRH sister regiments to send delegations and join the 8th Hussars in the ceremonies and celebrations. The Colonel-in-Chief has been invited to attend. In the spring and fall of 2023, the Regiment will conduct “175th Commemoration Visitations” to all the communities that bestowed upon it the “Freedom of the Town”. Planning is ongoing.

175th Anniversary – Association “Homecoming Weekend”

The Association will be issuing an invitation for all members of the Regimental Family to come to Moncton and Sussex for the events of May 18th-21st 2023. The “Homecoming Weekend” will include an *8th Hussar and Friends* Golf Tournament at the Petitcodiac Golf and Country Club on Thursday May 18th. An Association General Meeting, a historical presentation on the 8th Hussar's WWII campaigns, a Veteran's Luncheon, a Maritime Kitchen Party, a Pictorial History Book Launch, and other social events will take place on Friday May 19th. Hotels are being solicited to reserve rooms and providing affordable accommodation. Details will follow.

The 8th Hussar 175th Commemorative Pictorial History

The Regimental Council has commissioned an 8th Hussar 175th Anniversary Commemorative Pictorial History to bring regimental history publications up to the present day and to provide a 175th commemorative gift to members of the Regimental Family. This new 310-page tome will be modelled on the recent publication of the RCD history entitled “Into their Second Century”. The 8th Hussar publication entitled “175 YEARS” is being written by Mike McNorgan (RCAC Historian and former 8th Hussar) and produced by Col (retd) Allan Halfper, the RCAC Archivist. It will have ten chapters, seven appendices and seven annexes. The manuscript is 99% complete, and layout and production has now begun. Printing will take place in January/February 2023 with the Book Launch scheduled for the “Homecoming Weekend”. Mike McNorgan and Allan Halfper will be present and signing copies. It will be an extraordinary memento documenting the success of the Regiment over 175 years.

The 8th Hussar 175th Commemorative Concert – The New Brunswick Youth Orchestra

The organizing committee is also proposing an 8th Canadian Hussar (Princess Louise's) 175th Anniversary Commemorative Concert by the New Brunswick Youth Orchestra (NBYO) which will feature a significant 8th Hussar presence in both visual and historical content. This will consist of the Regimental Marches, historical vignettes, musical anthems, audio-visual presentations, and artistic components. The NBYO is Canada's premier youth orchestra consisting of 80-90 musicians. In the past, it has toured Italy, Austria, China and performed at the National Arts Centre in Ottawa and at Carnegie Hall in New York. The initial conversation with NBYO includes live streaming the concert worldwide and recording it for further presentation. The concert promises to be an outstanding pageant of music and colour – a memorable and spectacular event – not to be missed. The NBYO will also provide a musical ensemble for the Gala Dinner on Saturday evening. To see the potential for this musical event, members of the Regimental Family are encouraged to have a look at the NBYO website. (<https://nbyo-ojnb.com/>)

175th Anniversary – Association Gala Dinner

Capping these events on Saturday evening May 20th, 2023, will be a Gala 8th Hussar 175th Commemoration Dinner for the Regiment, the Council, the Association, the Museum, and the public at the Delta Beauséjour Hotel in Moncton. There will be music, audio-visual presentations and vignettes included in the dinner program. Independent fund-raising efforts are being made to assist in defraying costs for members of the Regimental Family attending the event.

175th Anniversary – *Friends of the Regiment*

The 8th Canadian Hussars, formed in 1848 from 11 cavalry troops from Hampton to Sackville, has maintained a very visible presence in New Brunswick throughout its history. Apart from deployments of its soldiers overseas in WWI, WWII, and Korea, it has to this day, provided troops for national and local causes throughout its history. Over twenty percent of the Regiment served in Afghanistan. The Regiment has been deployed in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia multiple times to assist the public during hurricanes, flooding and other storm-related events and emergencies. The 8th Hussars have served when called upon.

This service and contribution to national and local security has not gone unnoticed. The profile acquired is well recognized by New Brunswickers. As a testimonial to that recognition and in view of the upcoming 175th anniversary celebrations, a group of New Brunswickers have come together to form the “*Friends of the Regiment*”. It is their statement about the relevance, importance, and the support they have for the 8th Canadian Hussars (Princess Louise’s).

This group includes:

James Dixon – Ashford Group, Moncton NB

Susan Hicks – Technology Venture Corporation, Moncton NB

James D. Irving – Co-Chair J.D. Irving Limited, Saint John NB

Robert K. Irving – Co-Chair J.D. Irving Limited, Moncton NB

John K.F. Irving – Past Hon Col, 3 Field Regiment, Ocean Capital, Saint John NB

Leonard H. Lockhart – The Lockhart Foundation, Moncton NB

Stephen O. Lockyer – Confederation Partners, Halifax NS

Judy R. Lockyer – Los Angeles CA

Frank McKenna – Deputy Chair, TD Bank

Larry Nelson – Past Chair of the Lounsbury Group

These community leaders believe in the 8th Canadian Hussars - its history, its presence, and its mission. Becoming a *Friend of the Regiment* is their way of saying “thank you” to the Regiment and its members.

Members of Regimental Council who have actively supported the establishment of the *Friends of the Regiment* include Col John Beveridge, LCol Bill Copeland, LCol Robin Craig, BGen Ross Ermel, Col Bill Fulton, LCol Dave Henderson, MGen Bruce Jeffries, LCol Paul Nielsen, Col Ted Nurse, Col Chuck Oliviero, Col MW (Mac) Robinson, MGen Mike Ward and Col Larry Zaporzan.

All of the “*Friends*” and these members of Council have made an important financial contribution to the publication of the pictorial history and to the “Homecoming Weekend”. All

members of the Regimental Family thank them for this tremendous support and wonderful gesture. We are very grateful.

If any members of the Regimental Family would like to make a small donation to support the “Homecoming Weekend” and its events or projects, do not hesitate to contact me at; james.lockyer@umoncton.ca

We welcome the *Friends of the Regiment* to our midst, and we are excited they will be joining us for the celebrations of the 175th Anniversary. They are now part of the Regimental Family.

More details “Homecoming Weekend” will follow. We hope to have an official launch of the program in late spring or early summer. But there is more work to do. Further details will be provided following the official launch.

In the meantime, think about becoming involved and attending these celebrations. Plan to be in Moncton and Sussex in May 18-21, 2023. We are still sixteen months away. But on April 4th, 2022, our 174th birthday, the countdown will begin. It will be an exciting time.

General Rad

Over the last few months, a *YouTube* video has come to my attention which displays the successes of a great 8th Hussar, former commanding officer and subsequently Colonel of the Regiment, Brigadier General Sydney Radley-Walters. General Rad was a “soldier’s soldier”. We admire him for that and all that comes with it. But perhaps few people know that General Rad was a very successful tank ace on the Allied side during the Second World War. The *YouTube* URL, below, is a 10-minute description of his wartime successes. It was a privilege to have known General Rad and appreciate his contribution to this Regiment, but this video tells us what he did long before we knew him. He was tremendous leader, an outstanding Canadian, and a great 8th Hussar. He remains an inspiration for all of us. https://youtu.be/EGqwW00_mxA

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 2022.

Make plans now to attend the Homecoming Weekend, May 18-21, 2023!

Stay healthy and stay safe!!

Regi Patriaeque Fidelis



1953 Willys M38A1, Victoria Park, Remembrance Day 2021 (Restored by Mike Baxter)

LAST POST (Courtesy of the Radley Walters Chapter)

With sadness we announce the passing of the following members of the Corps and Regimental families.

MRS. GLADYS VEYSEY	SUSSEX, NB	24 JAN 2021
MR. GEORGE PROUSE (son Bill Prouse)	CALGARY, AB	26 FEB 2021
MAJ (Ret'd) DENNIS CLEMENT	OTTAWA, ON	19 MAR 2021
MRS. MARY ELEANOR TRUEMAN	RIVERVIEW, NB	22 MAR 2021
MRS. JEAN CAROLYN BELL	THORNHILL, ON	28 MAR 2021
MRS. JOAN BROSKI (Wife of LCol Stan Broski)	PEMBROKE, ON	18 APR 2021
MR. KEN GRAY	LONDON, ON	20 APR 2021
MR. PIERRE DEMERS	MONTREAL, PQ	23 MAY 2021
MR. THOMAS COLPITTS	BEACHBURG, ON	09 JUN 2021
MR. ARTHUR J. RAYMOND (Father Terry Murdock)	PEMBROKE, ON	26 JUN 2021
MR. ANDRE CHAPUT	PETAWAWA, ON	06 JUL 2021
MR. JEAN-MARC PEPIN	OTTAWA, ON	21 JUL 2021
MAJ (R) GARY BART	EXETER, ON	02 OCT 2021
MRS. ANNE BITHELL	GITSON, BC,	29 OCT 2021
MRS. SHIRLEY HUNGERFORD (Mother Bill Hungerford)	BARRIE, ON	NOV 2021
MRS LORRI WATT,	LETHBRIDGE AB,	30 NOV 2021
MAJ (R) TERENCE MONNON.	FREDERICTON, NB,	11 DEC 2021
LCOL (R) JOHN EASSON,	OTTAWA, ON,	26 DEC 2021

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.

Please note that a complete list for the COVID time period 2019 -2021 may be found in the RWC newsletter section.

From the Association President

Fellow Hussars:

Well, the year 2021, our second year of COVID, is coming to a close.

Again, this year we have spent much of the year meeting on line or by phone to accomplish the Association's business.

While we have been back and forth here in New Brunswick about the COVID restrictions. In the late Spring and Summer, the NB Government relaxed the COVID restrictions only to put many of them back up when the Delta Wave hit us in the Fall. Although there is a bit of a move forward with those that are double vaccinated. The NB Government is cautiously allowing the fully vaccinated to gather if safety protocols are in place. Because of this the CO carried out his plan is to have a soldier's holiday dinner along with that the Hon Col held an in-person Regt Council meeting. Both were held in Sussex on 11 December 2021. Hopefully it will lead to more gatherings in the future.

Even during COVID life goes on and the 8th Hussar family is no exception. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome CWO Tom Holland back to the regiment as our new RSM.

Our Fund Raising that we do every year at the Sussex Flea Market and the Balloon Fest did not happen this year again because of COVID which has caused our financial heart ache to continue.

COVID has not interfered with plans for our 175th 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 150th, 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.

The Hon Col's project to get us a newer pictorial history of the Regiment covering the years of the 1970s through to today is still ongoing. 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". Even though the authors are finishing up the drafts of the chapters, 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



Researching the new Regimental history -Sgt Don Abbott and Col (R) Allan Halfper

8th Canadian Hussars (Princess Louise's) An Illustrated History of the Regiment 1848 - 2023

One of the many ways that the Regiment is planning to commemorate its 175th birthday, in 2023, will involve the production of a new regimental history book. This book is being published on behalf of the Association by the production team of Mike McNorgan and Allan Halfper. Mike is a former Hussar and a respected writer of many military history books and articles. Allan is the book's producer and is responsible for design and content. This team has just completed a similar project for the Royal Canadian Dragoons.

This full-colour, hard-cover book is being developed in a similar style using a combination of well-researched historical content and many carefully selected photographs, maps and illustrations.

Tom McLaughlan, Ben LeBlanc and the other volunteers at the museum in Sussex have been assisting in this research. In Moncton, Sgt Don Abbott has been invaluable in tracking down missing information and finding key images for the book.

The book covers the entire history of the Regiment but focusses on the more recent eras which have not been documented in previous histories. A large group of people assisted Mike in telling the story by sending their memoirs and anecdotes while others shared their photos and memorabilia to help Allan show what that history looked like. The book is close to complete and in the layout stage. It will take a few more months to complete some of the details but will be published and printed in time for the Anniversary.

The production team is extremely grateful for everyone's assistance in pulling this book together.

Colonel (Retd) Allan Halfper

THE MUSEUM REPORT, DECEMBER 2021



2021 has been another challenging year for the 8th Hussars Museum. The impacts of the COVID 19 pandemic continue to have far reaching impacts in many cases. The museum opened in early July 2021 and was open 5 days per week and closed in early September. Visitor numbers would continue in the range of 550 which was still greatly reduced from pre-Covid 19 summers with over 2500 visitors. This drop would also be evident in a corresponding loss of revenue. Two of the museum's annual fundraising events, the Flea Market and the Balloon Fiesta, were cancelled again this year with a resulting loss in revenue there as well, ranging in the area of \$9000.

I am pleased to say, however, that thanks to four 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 hundreds of hours of volunteer time we were able to be open to the public when many museums locally were closed for the summer due to Covid19. Unfortunately, due to provincial lock downs we were not able to open the museum for Remembrance Day this year.

Projects undertaken by the summer staff included development of several new displays which reflected communication methods over the years including bugles, radios, pigeons and runners as well as mine sweeping and detection. The planning and development of 8 additional Lest We Forget videos featuring 8th Hussar war casualties

were also completed and will be available to visitors this summer on our touch panel. These videos are available to visitors on social media platforms as well. Check them out. <https://www.facebook.com/8thHussarsMuseum/videos/322530015536785>

Feedback from Facebook viewers has been exceptionally positive after the upload of each video. Even some families of these wartime casualties have responded.



Members of the Regiment visit the Museum – Fall 2021

Also, on the to do-list was the development of a plan to advertise the museum locally by having staff members visit certain venues like a farmers' market to hand out brochures, and provide vignettes wearing historical uniforms in an effort to entice more visitors. Feed back from the public was positive and further expansion of the vignettes this coming summer and onsite presentations may improve the effects even more so. Concurrently, our long-time employee Hayden finished a project that took him three summers to complete. He is the grandson of Sgt Frank Gaunce (WWII) and has been with the museum for 6 years as a summer student employee while pursuing his law degree. He will graduate this spring. He produced a photo album of over 1000 local WW II volunteers using newspaper records which details dates of enrollment and other

enlistment information. This information has been coil bound and is now available for viewing at the museum.

A number of significant donations have been received from Association members in response to the appeal for funding donations. These donations 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 this year.

Our kit shop sales have improved this year. The establishment of the ability to use e-transfers (museumsupport@nb.aibn.com) has been very beneficial. We are currently reviewing our stock and will make changes this year to conform with the 175th Anniversary and its historical significance. At the current time our plans include ball caps, golf shirts, wind jackets, with or without wind pants and upgrades to all our glassware with a new pewter emblem recognizing the 175th Anniversary of the Regiment. We are also open to suggestions. Please contact the museum directly if you have a valid suggestion. A 175th logo for the cloth items has been developed and will be submitted to the CO very shortly for his approval and we hope to start sales of 175th items in the near future. The following link will take you to the gift shop website: <http://www.8chassociation.com/museum-gift-shop.html> which will be updated as soon as items are available. Questions or suggestions can be sent to Tom. majortmc@nbnet.nb.ca

The committee members who are currently keeping the museum operational are as follows;

Ben Leblanc, Director	Borden McLellan, Director	Mary Jane Sare, Director
Rod Belliveau, Director		Dominique Hache, Director
Perry Fullum, Assoc Rep	Ann Taylor, Director	Steve Wilson, Treasurer
Gail McLeod, Secretary	Brian Clancy, Vice	Tom McLaughlan, Chair

The following members are volunteers;

Bill Nickson	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.

The most significant artefact donated this year was a Boer War hat worn by a member of the Canadian Expeditionary Force and a former member of the Regiment before the war. Looking forward to summer 2022, 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.

Museum Visitors with a Story



Rob and Beth Cooper



John Igaki

Rob Cooper is the grand son of Brig George Robinson, CO of the 8th Hussars during the Regiments time in the Italian Campaign. Lots of stories and previously unknown facts about one of the Regiments most popular Commanding Officers.

John Igaki is the son of Motosauke Igaki AKA Motorcycle Charlie. John's father was the only Japanese soldier to join the Canadian Army in WW II and was noted to be the best mechanic in the army. He served overseas with the 8th Hussars and in Canada and was badly burned in a vehicle fire at Camp Utopia near the end of the war.

Association Bursary Program Update. Please note that Jamie Kendall, has been selected to be the new Chair for the 2021 Bursary Committee. We would first like to thank Steve Neily for all the hard work he has done for the program over the years. His support has been greatly appreciated. Applications for the three (3) bursaries must be submitted NLT 30 June 2022. Application forms and detailed information is available on the 8CH Association website. <http://www.8chassociation.com/bursary> We look forward to the opportunity to assist Regimental family members to apply and potentially receive one (1) of the three (3) bursaries given out each year.

Contact us: *Association: Secretary:* Austin.Wilson@forces.gc.ca
Museum: hussarssussex@nb.aibn.com
Mail: **PO Box 1695, Moncton, NB E1C 9X5**
Web page: <http://www.8chassociation.com/contact-us.html>

Donations. In response to the appeal from Hon Col, Lockyer, a number of significant donations were made recently to the Association and the 8th 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 2021 due to COVID 19 and the closure of our normal fund-raising parking cars. A special thank you to all.

Donations 2021

Association Donors

Canada Help (x2)	Richard Mungall	Ric Cosman
Stuart Cole	Neil Amos	Doran Vienneau

Museum Donors

Derek McLellan (x2)	Tom McLaughlan	James Lockyer
Diane Lutes (x2)	James Kendall	Marianne Donovan
Janette Strokappe	Michael Jackson	Ben Leblanc (x2)
Sean Wallace (x3)	Ann Taylor	Steven Bowes
Terri Chesterman	Brian MacNichol	Rob Cooper
Mike Ward		

Thank you so much to our donors who made a difference this year.

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.

The draw for the winner of the most current Grand in Hand will be conducted during the first week of February and the winner will be announced via the membership distribution list..

8th Canadian Hussars (Princess Louise's) RCAC Corps News

Army Cadet training for the five 8th Hussar Affiliated Corps commenced, in person, this Fall with authorized personnel only in attendance, social distancing, the wearing of PPE the norm. However, at the time of writing, the Corps' have reverted back to on-line virtual training and telephone contact with cadets; a challenge for Corps located in rural areas, as some cadets do not have ready access to home computers and Internet connectivity. In-person and virtual training requirements will be reviewed on a daily basis until the completion of the training year. DND is emphasizing that the goal is to retain the current enrollment numbers, not recruitment. It has also provided assurance that no Corps will be closed during COVID-19 due to low enrolment. No cadet will be disadvantaged if they cannot attend to complete training qualifications such as fitness tests, and other promotion criteria.

DND remains committed to offering a fun and challenging training program and during in-person training, Corps can request "multi-unit" training, offer limited/authorized in-person indoor/outside training such as music, drill, Biathlon and Orientation. Uniforms can even be fitted at the Corps level with proper safety measures in place. Summer training will probably be restricted to five and ten-day Cadet Activity Programs (CAP) to be held at selected sites in Atlantic Canada as no over-night, international/duty travel, cross-border training or commercial air travel is currently authorized.

The Army Cadet League of Canada, NB Branch. Former members of the 8th Hussars continue to support the 8th Hussar and Army cadet Corps in the Province through their participation in the Army Cadet League New Brunswick Branch: Debbie Craig, Don Bourque, Pat Peterson and Doug Sussey.

Contact information for the five Regimental Affiliated Army Cadet Corps, remains 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

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

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

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

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

ARE YOU A FORMER ARMY CADET?

As a former Army cadet, who was non-effective (N/E) or Struck off Strength (SOS) on or before 31 December 2003, you may apply to your former Cadet Corps for the Army Cadet Service

Medal, and service bars as applicable. You must have completed the qualifying period of four years of continuous, honourable service and pay for the cost of the medal; currently \$15. Each additional year of service will be marked by the award of a bar to the medal; on the undress ribbon, additional years of service will be marked by a gold maple leaf. If you were enrolled in a Cadet Corps that no longer exists, you may apply to a Commanding Officer of an associated Corps who may have knowledge of the previous cadet Corps and who will accept the supporting evidence of service you produce. The Chair of the Support Committee shall approve the application as well.

Interested individuals should visit: <https://www.armycadetleague.ca/wp-content/uploads/Policy-13-1-Army-Cadet-Service-Medal-ACSM-Aug-2018-1.pdf>

The application form for the Cadet Service Medal, Annex 1, can be found at

<http://www.armycadetleague.ca/wp-content/uploads/Policy-13-1-ACSM-application-form> by selecting APPLICATION FOR THE ARMY CADET SERVICE MEDAL

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 2022. 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:

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175th Anniversary Items will be posted and ready for sale by 01 April
2023

THE HISTORY CORNER

Lt.-Col R.H. Arnold, 1872 – 1927 8th Princess Louise's Hussars

A Sussex friend recently presented me with an obituary titled “Lt.-Col. R.H. Arnold Passes Away”, which his late father had clipped from the Kings County Record on October 7, 1927. The obituary indicates that LCol Arnold “who was 55 years old, joined the 8th Princess Louise's Hussars in 1895” at 23 years of age and “would have assumed command of this unit in November”, a month after his death.

The obituary went on to state that, after his enrolment in the Hussars, LCol Arnold served “through the South African war in 1900 and 1901 as a private in the mounted unit of the First Canadian Contingent”. Then in World War I, LCol Arnold “was appointed paymaster of the 26th Battalion in 1914”; the 26th Battalion (New Brunswick) CEF, was an infantry battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Force recruited from throughout New Brunswick and mobilized at Saint John. The 26th Battalion (New Brunswick), CEF, is now perpetuated by The Royal New Brunswick Regiment.

Of interest to me, also, was the indication that LCol Arnold was “prominently connected with the New Brunswick Rifle Association”, founded in 1866, and from which I have just retired as President. LCol Arnold appears to have successfully competed for the 8th Hussar from 1899 to 1910, through the ranks of Lieutenant to Major, having won the prestigious RNBRA Prince of Wales Cup on two occasions in 1899 and 1902. The Prince of Wales Cup, currently on display at Government House in Fredericton, was presented to the New Brunswick Militia Rifle Volunteers to promote marksmanship by His Royal Highness, Edward Prince of Wales during his visit to the province in 1860.

In his civilian life, LCol Arnold was on the staff of the Kings County Record and a correspondent for the Telegraph-Journal, from 1926 until his illness, which eventually took his life.

As an aside, recalling that I had a book, written in 1898 by Captain Thomas McKenzie titled “My Life as a Soldier” in which he listed “Officers with whom I have been Associated in Canada”; I found Second Lieutenant R.H. Arnold's name listed as a member of the then 8th Regiment of Calvary. Of note, the author of “My Life as a Soldier”, was born in Gibraltar in 1830; his father being a soldier. In November 1841, Capt McKenzie joined the 64th Regiment in Templemore, Ireland and rose through the ranks, beginning as a member of the Fife and Drums, to serving in India, Persia, England and finally in New Brunswick, Canada as both a regular and Militia officer.

Submitted by Maj (Ret'd) Debbie Craig, OMM, CD

Christmas on the Line

Most people are familiar with the famous Seaforth Highlanders photo of them enjoying Christmas dinner while fighting in Italy. For just a few short hours the men of the Highlanders regiment rotated through and enjoyed a festive meal and a couple of hours

off the line away from the horror of Ortona, which was sometimes referred to as Canada's little Stalingrad. The Hussars were no strangers to celebrating Christmas while on the line in Italy either. From the war diary we find this about Christmas in 44.

25 Dec 44

At 0140 hrs outpost at 464460 sighted 7 Jerries on a patrol crossing Highway 16 heading SW. About three quarters of an hour later outposts exchanged fire with the a/m patrol. No casualties on either side. Patrol was seen again by outpost at COW 464460 and in the ensuing excitement One B sqn man was wounded by our own troops. C sqn and Recce Troop were back at 0600 hrs to take over from B sqn. Take over completed at 0715 hrs. Recce Troop immediately had a short sharp exchange with the enemy at 0730 hrs. Rest of day was quiet. A, B sqns and RHQ celebrated Christmas in the line. Lt-col J.W. Eaton visited sqns during the day and wished all a "Very Merry Christmas". There was plenty of Italian vino around plus the NAAFI issue of beer to make the day a merry one. 1 Prisoner from 11/721 JR was taken by C sqn this morning.

Sgt Don Abbott



"8th P.L.N.B. Hussars"

2nd Canadian Armoured Brigade Hockey Champions 1943 (England)

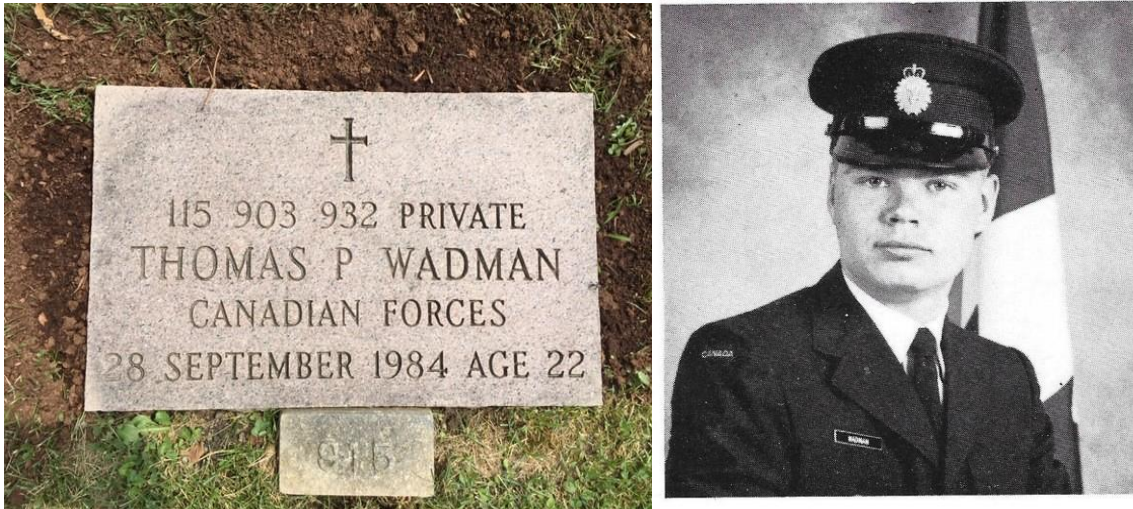
Front Row L-R: Sgt. R.C. Wallace, Capt. P. Lindores, Colonel G.W. Robinson, Lt. Hunter Dunn, L/Cpl. S.E. Martin

Middle Row L-R: D.K. Bulmer, H.A. Smith, F.M. Stanley, A.K. Schryer, Sgt. H.R. MacNichol, F.A. Letterick

Back Row L-R: M.D. Pyle, A.L. MacFarlane, D.G. Goldsney, Cpl. M.T. Rowe, Sgt. C.E. Gammon, Cpl. E.W. Langille

Digitizing the 8th Hussars War Diary – Sgt Don Abbott has started a tremendous project to digitize the 8th Hussars War Diary and he hopes to have it available for the 175th Anniversary. Many pages of the diary are badly damaged and to ensure authentic reproduction is done he must also confirm each page of the project through Heritage Canadiana from microfiche originals. To date he has transcribed and digitized over 300 pages out of a 534 total. We sincerely appreciate his efforts and we are looking forward to seeing the end results.

Tpr Thomas Wadman, Killed in Service 1984



To update all our membership on the efforts to have Tpr Wadman's name added to the 7th Book of Remembrance in the Parliament in Ottawa, we would like to inform you that we were just advised by Veterans Affairs Canada that approvals by VAC and DHH were completed in late 2021 and that his name had been added to Book #7. His name will also be added to the Canadian Virtual War Memorial in the near future. Thanks to information provided by Ernest Pothier we were able to connect directly with his family in Nova Scotia and give them a personal update on our efforts. Needless to say, it was greatly appreciated.

GRAND IN HAND Raffle. We would like to thank all our members who purchased tickets for the 2021 Grand in Hand fundraiser. The CO and the RSM were available on Thursday 03 Feb 21 to make the draw for the winning number which was #40. The \$1000 winner was Jim Allard from Kelowna, BC who graciously donated half of his winnings back to the Regimental Association. Thank you so much.