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Regimental Association



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The President's Message

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Having just recently returned to the regimental fold after several years with another unit and an interesting tour in Sierra Leone, it is an honour to now be the president of the Regimental Association.

As we are all aware, the Regiment is committed to Force generation both for international and domestic operations. This has increased the Ops Tempo for the unit exponentially and increased the pressure on all members of the unit. The G8 conference, the Olympics and TF 2010 will challenge the regiment even more than the previous year.

There is no down time especially for the command team so it is especially important that the Association through its mission statement continue to support the Regiment in any way possible.

I have expressed this to LCol Phelps, the new Commanding Officer. In my conversations with him I emphasized the desire of the Association to assist the growing number of soldiers from the Regiment who have come back from operations in Afghanistan and in all other operations throughout the world. With this as one of our primary objectives the theme of the Regimental Golf Tournament is to honour our returning veterans and raise funds to help those experiencing challenges integrating back into the normal routine of life. It is important that as many of the Regimental family as possible come out to support them. I wish all members of the Regimental Family a happy and safe summer and hope to see as many as can make it at the Golf Tournament on Labour Day.

Bill Adcock –President
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Lorne Scots Take the Lead **EX Khyber Thrust 09**



WO Diotte and RSM Murphy
In Fort Lewis, CA

Exercise Khyber Thrust saw a Company Group and Contingent Command Group from 32 Canadian Brigade Group of more than 200 soldiers deploy to Fort Irwin, California, for three weeks in March 2009. Led by the Command Team and Staff from Lorne Scots, the Company Group worked with The 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment "Blackhorse" role playing as the Iraqi Army in order to support the US 5th Stryker Brigade Combat Team as it prepared to deploy for operations.

The focus was on training in Full Spectrum Operations. In addition to commanding the Exercise and the Company Group, a platoon of Lorne Scots worked with 2/11 ACR or the Eaglehorse out of FOB Seattle.

A first also occurred when the Regimental song of 11 ACR, Allons was transposed to the Pipes and played for the first time to Regimental Commander by Cpl Chambers.

In true Lorne Scot fashion, we also managed to leave the legacy of the Lorne Scots in Fort Irwin forever. A museum display now has a manikin dressed in Canadian CADPAT wearing the Rank of a certain Lorne Scot CWO complete with Balmoral and Hackle.

CFLC honours the City of Kitchener for its support of Captain Tom Ruggle

The Canadian Forces Liaison Council (CFLC) honoured the City of Kitchener with an award in Toronto Friday night, recognizing the support the city showed two of its firefighters -- chief fire prevention officer Tom Ruggle and fire prevention officer Jessica Umlandt -- in their recent roles as reservists for the Canadian military in separate tours of duty in Afghanistan.

Ruggle wrote a letter nominating the city through the CFLC awards and recognition program, and specifically highlighted Fire Chief Tim Beckett for his tremendous support of Ruggle's role as a captain with The Lorne Scots (Peel, Dufferin and Halton Regiment).

"The city -- Chief Tim Beckett in particular -- was very flexible, given the uncertainty that existed around when our missions would start and when they would finish -- right up until the last minute," Ruggle explained. *"In Jessica's case -- she didn't even have an end date when she left on her tour. But the city took a go-with-the-flow attitude and showed us nothing but tremendous support before we left and after we returned."*

As a reservist, Ruggle augmented Quebec's 5 Brigade from July 2007 to March 2008. He served as a liaison officer with the Canadian headquarters in Kandahar. Umlandt, who augmented Canada's 1st Battalion Royal Canadian Regiment from July 2006 to February 2007, served in a combat role on the ground.

Ruggle said both he and Umlandt learned a lot during their tours, gaining skills he believes are now of great benefit to the city.

"We learned a great deal about relating to other organizations, which included the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), the Afghanistan government and allied armies," Ruggle explained. *"We were also exposed to a number of high-pace, fast-tempo situations, where you had to deal with problems quickly -- similar to what we do for the fire department. Situations like those complemented -- even enhanced our existing skills, and better prepared us for the demands we face in our roles here."*

He added, *"A lot of what we were doing overseas is the same kind of work we're doing here every day -- and that's building communities making sure they are safe and stable for people to live in. It's such an important role to play, and I applaud the city for its support of our work."*

Welcome Home



Photo by WO A Nault

LCol Orange presented certificates of appreciation to the following members of the Lorne Scots having recently returned from deployment in Afghanistan on TF 3-08:

Sgt Maranda Robertson	MCpl Greg Monteith
Cpl Chris Banks	Cpl Mike Perron
Cpl Martin Boreczek	Cpl Andrew MacKay
Cpl Josh Smith	Cpl Wayne Strudwick
Cpl Chris Varga	Cpl Travis Westwood
Cpl Anton Zuck	

We are happy to welcome them back and see them safely reunited with their friends and family. Our thanks to all of you for a job well done.

Change of Command Parade: 20 June 2009



*LCol Orange, Col Chapman, LCol Phelps
Handing Over the Unit Colours*

Photo by WO A Nault

On 20 June 2009 The Lorne Scots and invited guests, embraced a wet day in Milton with a Change of Command parade. LCol Tim Orange CD, Commanding Officer has after two years and eight months handed over the reins to LCol Andre Phelps CD.

As a part of the day the Unit also conducted a Freedom of the City parade where Mayor Gordon Krantz, and Col J Chapman, CD, Commanding Officer of 32 CMBG CBG, helped to re-enact the historic rite of allowing a formed military unit to march through the city with "Drums Beating, Bayonets Fixed and Colours Flying."

"Leaving your family to go off into new a path is never easy", said LCol Orange in addressing the parade and spectators, *"So it is with mixed feelings that I hand over Command of The Lorne*

Scots today". Although LCol Orange is thankful for the exciting challenges that come with being employed at NDHQ, he and his wife Rosemary will always miss the close-knitted community of The Lorne Scots.

During the Parade there were several presentations including the presentation of the Bronze Star to Col Conover by the Honourary Colonel, the Honourable John McDermid PC (more on the association web site). On August 21, 2006 The US Army authorized the award of the Bronze Star Medal for Service to the living Canadian veterans of the 1st Special Services Force for their service to the U.S. Army during World War II.

WO Fallowfield was also presented a Joint Task Force Afghanistan Commanders Commendation, (more below).



Lorne Scots Pipes and Drums

Photos by R Welsh



Marching past the Dais

Lorne Scots Warrant Officer receives Commander's Commendation in Afghanistan



*WO Fallowfield being presented his
Commendation by LCol Orange*

Photo by R Welsh

Sergeant Fallowfield (now WO), as a member of the Force Protection Platoon, National Support Element, In Afghanistan August 2006 to February 2007, is recognized for his outstanding professionalism and devotion to duty during numerous Combat Logistics Patrols, many that were ambushed. Whether he was in command or in a supporting leadership role, Sergeant Fallowfield demonstrated professionalism and knowledge that contributed to the success of the mission and inspired confidence not only from the soldiers, but in the soldiers own abilities. Sergeant Fallowfield's leadership significantly contributed JTFA's mission success.

Lorne Scots Gain New Missions

The new arrangements are being driven by the Army Commander and part of a national push to make the Reserve more operational.

At LFCA, Brigadier-General Collin issued his orders in January and stated;

“The lead — the main contributor — for expeditionary operations is the Regular force. They form the core and are augmented by Reservists,” BGen Collin told the National Post in March. *“What we have now said is that for domestic operations, the core will actually be provided by the Reserve force, augmented by the Regular force. The Reserves will take a dominant role in domestic operations in the future, once they are properly equipped and trained to do so.”*

As a part of the units domestic tasking the unit will be part of The Arctic Response Company Group, led by the Grey and Simcoe Foresters and manned by Foresters and Lorne Scots. *They’ve already run two exercises, one last year in Moosonee and another recently in Kitchenuhmaykoosib.*

On the expeditionary side, the army accepts that some 20% of all future overseas battle groups will come from the Reserve (there are nearly 600 Reservists in Afghanistan now). *“In the future, our participation will be based on standing operational tasks and fostered by fixed affiliations between Reserve units and the Regular units of 2 CMBG in Petawawa.”* What used to be haphazard will now be predictable; the idea is to head overseas with people you know.

We will be affiliated with 3 RCR, with the Lorne Scots providing a Defence & Security Platoon – similar to our role during the Second World War.

Ex Polar Warrior, Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwig, Ontario



*MCpl Cassey Lectures Troops
on Animal Recognition in the North*

32 Brigade’s Arctic Response Company Group (including The Lorne Scots) trained with the Canadian Rangers in Kitchenuhmaykoosib from February 27 to March 7. Invited to train there by Chief Donny Morris, the company and all of its equipment were flown into the remote town of 1400 people on the shores of Big Trout Lake. The alternative route to this community some 600 kilometres north of Thunder Bay involves a lengthy drive on seasonal ice roads that start where the permanent roads end. Cell phones don’t work in Kitchenuhmaykoosib.

The cold, rugged and isolated location is ideal to exercise a self-supporting Arctic response unit in winter operations. After shaking themselves out from their journey, camping in the cold woods and getting comfortable in their winter gear, the soldiers switched to stand training for their last three days in the field. Shooting, making survival shelters, living off the land, ice fishing and ice rescue were covered under the guidance of the Canadian Rangers.

The exercise ended with a community day in Kitchenuhmaykoosib, where the soldiers mingled with the locals at a school before heading to a feast at the community centre. The menu included beaver, moose, caribou, lake trout and snow goose.

Correspondence

Member Bits

CWO Jim Antrobus

Congratulation to Jim who celebrated his 80th Birthday, many friends attended a celebration held at Branch 15 in Brampton on April the 11th.

LCol Bill Adcock OMM, CD

By Acclamation Bill is now the new president of the Regimental Association

Ed Note: The tracks were very narrow.

Thanks and Good Luck.

Upcoming Events

Pipes and Drums - check out the Quick Links for the Aug Concert at Gage Park, Brampton.

Annual Regimental Association Golf Tournament on Sept. 7th.

Fusilier Gathering :

Any interested parties should contact RSM Murphy directly to determine availability of tickets to the various events and accommodations for the Fusilier Gathering taking place over the weekend Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th September 2009 in Bury, Greater Manchester.

Planning is only in the initial stages and further details are not available at this time. The first step is to determine the number of individuals who would be interested in going.

SATURDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER;

Evening Dinner & Dance.

SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER;

Association Parade, Church Service, Lunch and a Tour of Lancashire Museum.

Quick Links

Regimental Association <http://www.lornescots.ca/>

1849 Cadet Inspection http://www.citizen.on.ca/news/2009/0604/local_news/024.html

Significance
of 'Victory Homes' not lost
on Heritage Halton Hills <http://www.independentfreepress.com/news/article/70177>

Pipes and Drums Concert <http://www.bramptondowntown.com/tncs.htm>

Fusilier Gathering <http://www.fusiliers-association-lanacs.co.uk/Gathering/Gathering.htm>

32 CBG Photos : http://www.army.forces.gc.ca/32brigade/hq/Home_Ex.htm

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Ordinary Member - \$10.00 yearly

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