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Regimental Association



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Message from the Regimental Association President



As President of the Regimental Association once again I would like to extend greetings to all members of the Regiment. For the newest members of the Regimental Family the association has been in existence for almost 40 years. Many outstanding leaders who served in the regiment have continued their support by becoming members of the Association Executive. They have worked tirelessly over the years to support the vision of the Association. Quite simply we are here to support the CO and the Regiment with whatever resources we have available.

This has become critically important in the last five years with so many of our soldiers returning from operations in Afghanistan. We have in the past two years helped several soldiers through some difficult times and will continue to support any soldier who needs our help.

The association continues to support the CO in providing funding for Regimental activities like birthday and Christmas dinners for the soldiers. We also are actively involved in supporting the Regimental Pipes and Drums in their many endeavours.

This year we have much to celebrate. In May we celebrated the return of our soldiers from the last combat tour in Afghanistan with a magnificent Gala held at the Pearson Convention Center. With the Duke and Duchess of Argyll in attendance, it was a night of celebration. The Sheridan College Performance Studies students gave us a fast-paced rendition of the musical hit Glee, the famous singer John McDermot made us laugh and cry with his beautiful ballads, the band of the Queen's Own rifles had us singing old military favourites and our Regimental Pipes and Drums made our hearts swell with pride. To conclude we had a moving tribute to all our soldiers. We also raised over twenty thousand dollars for our Regimental Trust fund.

In June we celebrated the 145th anniversary of the regiment with a reunion. There was a lot of hard work in the organisation of this event. Led by the CO and the RSM the planning and organisation made it possible to have a very successful weekend. There was a flurry of activity beginning with a meet and greet on the Friday evening followed by a Regimental parade on Sat morning and then a change of Honorary Colonel on Saturday afternoon. We said farewell to Colonel John McDermid and officially welcomed the new Honorary Colonel Gary Reamey to the Regimental Family. This was followed by a barbecue in the evening. The weekend concluded with the Annual General Meeting for the Regimental Association. Although the weekend was a success the attendance of members of the association and former members of the Regiment was disappointing. We tried to reach out to these former members by the electronic media but with little success. If anyone reading this newsletter has any suggestions please contact us. The executive is always looking for suggestions for social events or presentations that you would like to attend. We are hoping that next year we will have a marching contingent for next summer's Warriors Day Parade, but without the support of the veterans of the Regiment it will not be possible.

In September we hosted the annual Colonel Frank Ching Memorial Golf Tournament. The tournament seems to be growing each year. Over 80 golfers attended and we raised six thousand dollars for the Association. We hope that next year some of our lost comrades can join us.

Remembrance Day was very special this year because the Association was given a position of honour on the Parade by Branch 15 in Brampton. We marched directly behind the colour party with our Regimental Pipes and Drums in the lead. Our former Director of Music, Henk Verschuren was the parade Marshall. He managed to have vintage world war one replica aircraft fly over the cenotaph at the eleventh hour. Our own Colonel Ted Conover, winner of the Bronze Star in the Italian campaign in 1944, rode in a world war two vintage jeep. The crowds were wonderful giving the soldiers of the Regiment and all veterans a great round of applause. I have never seen so many at this service's in a very long time.



As we get closer to the Christmas season it is a time for the Regiment to spend time with their families before the new year when once again the Regiment will again be heavily engaged in domestic and international training exercises. As I stated in my opening comments the association exists to support the Regiment and the Commanding Officer especially during these demanding times.

For this edition of the newsletter we are working closely with the editor of the Primrose Hackle to insure that that we do not repeat the same article twice. The messages from the CO and the RSM can be found by following the links to the Primrose Hackle. Articles on the GALA, the Dukes visit and the Reunion can also be found in the Primrose Hackle. For those who do not receive the newsletter follow the Links to the newsletter for more articles.

From the Executive of the Association we wish all members of the Regimental Family a safe and happy holiday

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The CO's and RSM's Remarks

The CO's and RSM's remarks can be read in the 2011 Hackle at www.lornescots.ca

Lorne Scots Reunion 2011

The Lorne Scots held a reunion June 10 to 12 as part of the celebrations of the 145th anniversary of the regiment. Registration began on Friday evening at the Georgetown Armoury where a pub night was also held. On Saturday, the unit held a Drum Head Service at the Georgetown Fairgrounds as part of the Georgetown Highland Games and Scottish Festival. Being part of the Highland Games was very fitting as our own Major (Ret'd) Jack Harrison was the 2011 Honorary Chieftain for the Highland Games. The unit had approximately 60 veterans from Afghanistan and 120 soldiers on parade. As part of the parade, members of the regimental association were also on parade. The association members looked very smart but were lacking in numbers. Following the Drumhead Service, the unit returned to the Georgetown Armoury for a Change of Honourary Colonel. Honourary Colonel John McDermid passed over his regimental duties to Honourary Colonel Garry Reamey. On the Saturday evening the unit had a regimental barbeque. Sunday morning had the celebrations move to the Brampton Armoury for a pancake breakfast and the Annual Regimental Association Meeting. At the meeting, the Regimental Association President LCol (Ret'd) Bill Adcock recognized Col (Ret'd) Ken Garbutt from Regina, CWO (Ret'd) Bill Herron from Nova Scotia, and MWO (Ret'd) Sharon Steed from Ottawa who travelled a long distance to attend the celebrations. It was a great opportunity to renew old friendships and meet new ones. In 2016, it will be the 150th anniversary of the regiment and we would like to have another reunion. The biggest and best one yet. Pass the word and help us make contact with as many former members as possible.

Regimental Association Golf Tournament 2011

On the 5th of September 2011, the Regimental Association hosted the Annual Col Frank Ching, CD Memorial Golf Tournament at the Acton Golf Course. This year's proceeds were once again going to the Regimental Association to help support both the Regiment and its associated Cadet Corps. The tournament managed to bring in over \$6000. We were also privileged to host another group of our soldiers who have just returned from deployment in Afghanistan. This year we managed to have 90 golfers take part in the event and it was our largest tournament ever. The tee off time was at 1000 with a shotgun start (more like bumper cars at Lemans) and the weather held steady for the entire day!

All had a good time and for the most part behaved themselves!

The winner of best foursome went to the team from Legion Branch 15

With a 12 under par score. Believe it or not, the game was not rigged... Once the game was over, we enjoyed a steak dinner at the club, a couple of beverages and the presentations of awards and prizes. All in all, it was a great day with even better company, the odd war story was shared and even Sergeant Monteith's interpreter from Afghanistan had a good time. It's always great to spend time with "the Regimental Family." We would like to thank all of the major sponsors, including Bill, Jack and Jim as well as the volunteers who came out to support the day. Thanks go out to all of the prize sponsors as well, and a thank you to all who made the tournament a success!

CWO Derek Murphy, RSM



Association President with some veterans

Pipes and Drums

Robbie Burns is fast approaching, to get your Burns Tickets online visit the Pipe Band web site at <http://www.lornescotspd.ca> .

After buying your tickets on line, take the opportunity to review your dance steps as well!

What's New



The RSM models the latest in a line of John Daly golf fashion.

RCMI Concert

Once again this year the Regimental Association provided a display of Lorne Scot history to the RCMI Band Concert held at Ray Thompson Hall this past October.

As usual the display of Regimental History attracted quite a large number of visitors, young and old with a verity of question about the regiment past and present.

Thanks to Rick, Tom, Al, and Jerry for setting up and manning the display.

Special thanks MCpl Nick Barbieri for the chauffeuring plus assisting with the display.

It was good to see the new HonCol representing the unit and taking a keen interest in the concert and display.



Maj (Ret'd) Tom Graham, Maj (Ret'd) Rick Ruggle and the HonCol talk with display visitors



HonCol, Nick and Rick with the visitors.

Fallen Comrades



Donald Elmore Leaver

(January 25, 1921 - April 28, 2011)

Peacefully, on Thursday, April 28, 2011, in his 91st year. Beloved husband of Eileen Leaver and loving father of Murray and Mary Anne. Brother of Audrey Turner of Oakville, and Rosseau Leaver of Cambridge. Loving grandfather of Fleming, Leigh, Caroline, Helene and Justin and great-grandchildren Aleric, Madison and Kody.

Memorial Service at St. John's United Church, 262 Randall Street, Oakville at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 7, 2011. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated.

Lieutenant Donald Elmore 'Don' Leaver. Born Oakville, 25 January 1921. His family had an 18 acre market garden and orchard. 11 July 1941 - 6 November 1942 to Sergeant, Lorne Scots (Reserve). 6 November 1942 - 13 February 1943 OTC (Three Rivers) Cadet (B52491). 3 months conducting basic training at Newmarket. 19 February 1943 SOS to No A 11 TC, Borden. 13 February 1943 2nd Lieutenant, Lorne Scots. 20 March 1943 Lieutenant. 16 July 1943 embarked Canada. 19 December 1943 - 14 February 1944 No.3 Defence & Employment Platoon. He was newly arrived, and Don Stewart was away on two weeks leave, when the CHofO RSM, a big, burly man, insisted that the defence platoon would have to be rebadged Cameron; the next day a sergeant brought a supply of badges and said they had to be sewn on immediately; he was in touch with no one from the Lornes; didn't know who to get in touch with; did nothing; when the order was countermanded a few days later the sergeant meekly asked if he still had the badges. 12-20 May 44 #5 Wing Canadian Army Training School Borden small arms refresher course. 21 May-17 June 1944 #3 Wing Canadian Army Training School Findon Manor (Worthing) Battle School. 18-19 June 1944 Camp #2 Canadian Re-Inforcement Unit, Barnsley. 20 June-10 July 1944 #2 Canadian Re-Inforcement Unit, Sherwood Forest. 11-29 July 1944 #1 Canadian Base Re-Inforcement Group, Crookham Crossroads. 30 July 1944 back to Sherwood Forest. [Art Kemp] Everyone was Cbed one weekend in June 1944; he and a friend left camp anyway, he to visit his girlfriend at Lymington?; train stations were filled with MPs so they went by bus; saw a great array of trucks carrying troops through the town; it was the 5th? cancelled invasion. Later served with The Algonquin Regiment as Platoon Commander in France, Belgium and Holland. He joined the regiment at Abbéville, just after it had come through the Falaise Gap. By a double canal one day--one was the Leopold canal, dug in, in an orchard; the trenches would fill with water by the morning; the artillery was too heavy for the engineers to bridge the canal; when our own artillery got closer and closer to our position, he moved the platoon out; was more easily accepted after that. At the front, officers took off their pips, tucked their pistol under their battle dress blouse, and carried a rifle so they wouldn't be a target for snipers. One day the unit was going on a leave trip to Ghent; the CO told him to put his pips back on; he had started to sew them on when the men suggested that he didn't want to be the only officer, all on his own, and he left them off. Photo (as LS) in Oakville Museum. Spent most of the time trying to catch the beggars; I wasn't in touch with my colonel, but took my orders from the tank commander, who was in touch by radio. 22 October 1944 wounded by shrapnel in the left arm, Holland. 1944 was Returning Officer, went from Berniers-sur-mer to run poll at Bayeus. 23 February 1945 returned to Canada. 13 February 1945 posted to No 2 District Depot (was in Christie St hospital). 13 April 45 SOS, CA(A). Wanted to serve in the Lornes after the war, but Doc Heggie would not allow him, lest it endanger his pension. Opened a garden supply store across from GO station; supplied nurseries from Sheridan, etc.

Bryce Leonard Piukkala



BRYCE LEONARD PIUKKALA Warrant Officer, 2 PPCLI Passed suddenly at the age of 31 in Manitoba on Monday, July 25, 2011 as the result of a traffic collision. Loving son of Linda and Rod Piukkala of Oakville. Proud father of Tyler and Ryan. Brother of Jeff (Melinda). Uncle of Ella and Claire. Survived by his grandparents Kay and Jean Roy of Bellwood and Leonard and Grace Kuenzig of Georgetown. Fondly remembered by Jill Piukkala of Winnipeg and missed by Amber Dodds of Shilo.

Predeceased by his uncle Dwayne. He will be sadly missed but forever remembered by many close friends, extended family and colleagues across Canada. Bryce was a decorated thirteen

year veteran of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry based in Shilo, Manitoba fulfilling his dream of joining the military after school. He served three tours overseas, two in Bosnia and one in Afghanistan. Outside of his profession he enjoyed many outdoor activities and sports. Bryce has returned home to his family in Ontario. Friends will be received for visitation at the Glen Oaks Chapel and Reception Centre, 3164 Ninth Line (Dundas/403), Oakville, 905-257-8822, on Sunday, July 31, 2011 from 4-8 p.m. A funeral service will be held on Monday, August 1, 2011 in the Chapel at 11 a.m. Reception to follow at Glen Oaks. If so desired, in lieu of flowers a memorial donation in his memory can be made to a charity of your choice

Louis Ronald Brush

BRUSH, Louis Ronald - Retired Bell Telephone Pioneer Member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch No. 15, Brampton Member of the Regimental Association of the Lorne Scots Peacefully at Simcoe Manor, Beeton, on Saturday, July 23, 2011, Ronald Brush, formerly of Brampton, in his 84th year, beloved husband of Eileen Brush (nee Cope). Loving father of Carol Brush, Diane and Rene Rabelo, Kim and Gary Mount, Gail Brush and Bob Eby, Nanette Walters and Ian Smith, Lorie and Ron Mitchell, Jeff and Ruth Brush. Cherished grandfather of 14 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. If desired, memorial donations may be made to the charity of your choice. Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com

Upcoming Events

Levee	1 Jan 2012
Robbie Burns	28 Jan 2012 (for tickets - http://www.lornescotspd.ca)

Quick Links

Regimental Association	http://www.lornescots.ca/
2012 Hackle	http://www.lornescots.ca/
Museum	http://www.lornesmuseum.ca
32 CBG Photos:	http://www.army.forces.gc.ca/32brigade/hq/Home_Ex.htm

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Photo's

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SUPPORT THE REGIMENT

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You can support the unit by donating through the United Way.

Visit the United way web site

<http://www.canadahelps.org/CharityProfilePage.aspx?CharityID=s23010>

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Charity Name: **Lorne Scots (Peel, Dufferin and Halton Regiment)
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