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*** Last Post *****PIPE-MAJOR ROBERT FRASER**

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ROBERT ARNOTT GILLESPIE FRASER Friday, March 9, 2012, at Grace Hospital after a lengthy struggle following surgery. He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Frances, his parents Jean and James, his brother James and sister Connie. Bob was born on September 27, 1922, in Arbroath, Scotland, where he was raised with his brothers, Bill and James, and his sister Connie. When the Second World War broke out, Bob joined the Royal Air Force and was stationed in a variety of locations throughout the world. After being discharged, Bob went into the printing trade and became a journeyman printer. While stationed in England during the War he met the love of his life, Frances, whom he married in 1944. They spent 42 wonderful years together. He never stopped grieving her and they are now reunited. In 1957, Bob immigrated to Winnipeg with Frances and their three children. He began working for Public Press and eventually worked his way up to manager. Bob was also President of the Graphics Arts Board of Canada and was involved in the development of the printing industry. While Bob always strove to be a leader in his chosen profession, his real passion was the bagpipes. As a child in Scotland he took bagpipe lessons and Bob continue the tradition by teaching others to play. He never asked for payment. His reward was watching the generations of boys he taught turn into successful adults. On his arrival in Canada he founded the Lord Selkirk Boy Scout Pipe Band and 54 years later was still passing on his knowledge. Throughout his piping career Bob was also the Pipe Major of the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders and the St. Andrew's Society Pipe Band. The family would like to thank the staff at Deer Lodge Centre, Victoria and Grace Hospitals. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Lord Selkirk Boys Pipe Band, 84 Leon Bell Dr, Winnipeg, MB R3T 5X1, or a charity of choice. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, March 19 at 11:00 a.m. at Assiniboia Christian Centre, 3390 Portage Ave. Interment at Assumption Cemetery

Full Obit published in the Winnipeg Free Press on March 13, 2012

DOUGLAS ANDREW FREDRICKSEN

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FREDRICKSEN, DOUGLAS ANDREW Born: October 29, 1922. Passed Away: July 6, 2012. Doug passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family, on July 6, 2012.

Doug had a long, eventful and happy life. He grew up in Manitoba and then served his country with distinction in World War II. He was one of the lucky few survivors of the ill fated Dieppe raid.

But the war was not all bad for Doug. During the war, while stationed in England, he met and married his sweetheart, Winnie, and with her raised a loving family in Maple Ridge, B.C.

Doug was predeceased by his wife, Winnie, and leaves behind his three children, John (Mary), Jane (Don), and David (Laurie).

A Celebration of Life service was held for Doug at 2:00 p.m. on July 14, 2012 at the community hall at Pioneer Park, 27111 - 0 Avenue (corner of 0 Avenue and 272 Street), Aldergrove.

Obit published on BCclassified.com on Wednesday 11 July, 2012

CHARLES HILL

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CHARLES HERBERT HILL Peacefully on May 16, 2012 at the Deer Lodge Centre, Charles Hill passed away at the age of 94 years. Charles is survived by his wife Olive Hill, his son Murray Hill and wife Mindy Moss. Charles was born October 8, 1917. He grew up in Langruth, Manitoba. He signed on with the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders and was captured in the Dieppe Raid and spent the last years of the Second World War in a German Prisoner of War camp.

Upon returning home he started working at Canada Malting and met his wife Olive; they were married March 9, 1949. When growing up, Charles had to leave school early to work the family farm. Although his education was minimal when he returned home from the war he found work that he had great skill for as working with his hands was what he knew. He chose to advance himself as a Stationary Power Engineer which required considerable effort to learn on his own the necessary math skills. He enjoyed a long career at the Winnipeg Clinic Retiring with over 20 years of service. Charles was a wonderful husband and father. His can do and don't quit till it's fixed attitude and his strong independent will to do it himself are the reasons he lived such a long and good life . Anyone who ever got to know Charles very quickly had a nice thing to say about Charlie; we will never know how many people he helped and influenced.

In keeping with his wishes a private graveside service was held at Brookside Cemetery, where Charles was laid to rest with his Daughter Elaine. Honesty and Truthfulness are only words, but in Charles Hill, those words came to life Funeral Home 774-7474 Condolences: www.bardal.ca
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ROBERT LITTLEJOHN

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ROBERT DREWE LITTLEJOHN Drewe passed away suddenly Friday, June 22, 2012 at his cottage at Ingolf, Ontario, at the age of 63. He will be remembered as a kind, generous, and courageous man with a passion for life. Born in Winnipeg August 17, 1948, the majority of his youth was spent in Norwood where he attended Nordale School and Nelson MacIntyre Collegiate. As a young man, he served as an officer with Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders Cadet Corps and maintained a lifetime fascination with all things military. Anything sharp and/or explosive caught his attention. He developed an interest in karate in his early twenties and was a core member of the former Winnipeg School of Karate, winning medals in competition and moving quickly through the ranks. He was a great fisherman, appreciating the beauty and solitude of the outdoors, and had been eagerly anticipating catching his first sailfish in Mexico. He loved fast cars, Cuban cigars and any and all big machines. Drewe began working at 16, with his career culminating in more than two decades with the Province of Manitoba, Workplace Safety and Health. He retired in October of 2011 to spend winters in Las Vegas and summers between Winnipeg and Ingolf. Drewe will be dearly missed by his wife, Heather; his parents, Betty and Bob Littlejohn; and numerous family members including brothers Gregory and Wayne, brothers-in-law Bob and Scott Lovell and cousin Dan Goodman. Special thanks to Bob and Hulda Etherington and Helen Ann Haack and family of Ingolf, Ontario for all their kindness. Cremation has taken place with interment at a later date. A Memorial service will be held 1:00 p.m. June 29 at Korban Funeral Chapel, 907 Main Street, Winnipeg.

IAN MCGREGOR

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IAN RODERICK MCGREGOR June 14, 1935 - July 10, 2012 After a lengthy illness Ian passed away at home. Left to cherish his memory are his wife Joyce, son Robert (Cathy), daughters June Rempel and Diane (Keith) Kowalchuk, stepdaughter Patti (Jim) Bews and stepson David (Heather) Sullivan. Ian also leaves to mourn his brother Murray, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his son Donald and brothers Roy, Neil and Paul. Ian worked for the city of Winnipeg for 31 years and was in the Cameron Militia for 26 years. He also belonged to the Manitoba Collectors Club of Canada and his interests were genealogy, carpentry, woodcarving and puzzles. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Canadian Cancer Society.

Funeral service will be held on Tuesday, July 17 at 2:00 p.m. at Chapel Lawn Funeral Home, 4000 Portage Avenue. REST IN PEACE Chapel Lawn www.chapellawn.mb.ca 885-9715

CHARLES NEWBURY

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CHARLES ERIC NEWBURY Eric passed away peacefully, at Donwood Manor in his 95th year. He was predeceased by his first wife Ruth in 1994, and his second wife Irene in 2002. Left to cherish his memory is his son Ralph, grandchildren Derek and Kendal, and siblings.

Eric was born in Nottingham, England on January 26, 1917 and immigrated to Canada in 1923 where they settled in Charleswood. Eric enlisted with the Cameron Highlanders during the Second World War and served in Europe where he received medals for distinguished service. When he returned to Canada, he entered the Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Manitoba and graduated Class of 1950. He purchased Roberts Drug Store at Sherbrook and Logan which he operated until his retirement in 1981.

We would like to thank the staff of 2 South, Donwood Manor for their care and friendship to Eric over the past 11 years, and the many family and friends who visited him.

A memorial service to celebrate Eric's life will be held on Tuesday, July 17, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at Glen Lawn Funeral Home, 455 Lagimodiere Blvd., Winnipeg Manitoba, R2J 4J4. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to Heart and Stroke Foundation of Manitoba, 200 6 Donald St. Winnipeg, Manitoba, or to a charity of your choice in memory of Eric.

Family and friends may sign a Book of Condolence at www.glenlawn.ca. Glen Lawn Funeral Home

LLOYD THOMAS (NO KNOWN OBIT)

LLOYD THOMAS 1963 – 2012 Lloyd died of a heart attack on 19 June 2012. Lloyd served with the Camerons in 1981 – 1982 and again later about 1988 in time to go with the Cameron section attending the 1989 PPCLI Winter Battle School. Lloyd had a small farm that had been his grandparents just north of Winnipeg as well as working doing various carpentry jobs.

A small gathering was held in his honour at The King's Head Pub, a place familiar to many Camerons from days gone by.

JOSEPH WHITHAM

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JOSEPH DOUGLAS WHITHAM 1927 - 2012 After a very long and courageous battle with cancer, Joseph Douglas Whitham, with his family at his bedside, passed away peacefully at the Victoria General Hospital, on February 28, 2012, at the age of 84. Joe was born in a farm cottage in Rogersceugh, Cumbria, England and at an early age, worked alongside his Father and his brothers in the coal mines of Scotland. Having missed the war, he joined the Royal Air Force as a Motor Transport Driver, and while stationed in Iburg, Germany, met the love of his life and later wife of 64 years. In 1952, he started his long career in Policing. In 1957 he immigrated to Canada and took up roots in Winnipeg, whereupon his arrival, enlisted with the Winnipeg Police and took up walking the beat the same night he stepped off the train. Bringing his wife and now two children, in 1958, he started the second half of the family, with another two children. Dad was a hardworking, gentle man who enjoyed playing the bagpipes. He was a member of the Police Pipe Band as well as the Cameron Highlanders of Canada at Minto Armouries. The crowning glory of his Police career was the day he was promoted to the rank of Superintendent. He was a well-respected man of integrity and a valued Policeman's Policeman. After a total of 34 years of Policing, Dad retired in 1987 and cherished the rest of his days with his beloved wife doing the things they missed during his long working years. Predeceased by his brothers, Bill and Jim, sisters, Jean and Kitty in England, He leaves to grieve his passing, his dear wife, Johanna (Jane); children: Mary (Phil), Andrew, Dale and Barbara (Mario).

Respecting Dad's wishes, cremation has taken place and no funeral will be held. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Transcona #7 Legion, P.O. Box 62005, Transcona Postal Station, 104 Regent Avenue East, Winnipeg, MB R2C 5G2.

*** Sick & Visiting ***

Ed Abraham (39/45) – Seems to have passed away but am confirming this with his family.

Archie Moore (Korea, Post SWW Cameron) – Archie is now a resident at Riverwood Square in Room #8. He enjoys company and always has a quick joke for visitors. Visitors are advised that this is a secure facility as some residents are known to wander. Be sure to be clear on how this place works or you may get to spend the night too.

Tel:(204) 275-7632

<http://www.riverwoodsquare.com/home>

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Roy Taylor (WW2 RAF, Post SWW Cameron) Roy is at home and comfortable. He enjoys short visits but does get tired quickly.

*** President's Message ***

Taffy is strongly encouraging all of us to support the upcoming Regimental and Association activities. They are listed in the INCOMING ROUNDS section of this copy of the Oatmeal Rag for your convenience. They are also posted on the Cameron web site for those of us with computers. They often come out through Facebook too. Taffy would like to thank all of you who have come out to support the Association and Regimental events in the past and please continue to do so. It means a lot to him to see a good turn out.

*** Vice-President's Message ***

The Association Mess Dinner concept still taking shape. It's looking like a lot more like a casual night out or BBQ somewhere now. It seems that to do any function involving 17 Wing or Minto has gotten very complicated. More to follow on this topic.

The AGM elections are coming soon. Who wants to help out by joining the Exec ?

*** Reconnect with Former Camerons ***

This is an important thing to do for the health of the Association. There are still lots of former Camerons out there that we don't know about for various reasons. Just because you or they weren't WW 2 or Korea veterans doesn't make them any less important to the Cameron Association. Please help us locate them and bring them back into the fold. The ranks of the WW 2 guys are almost non-existent now and the torch must pass to the following generations of Camerons that we may continue to serve our fellow Camerons.

Shaun Delamere April 27, 2012

Hey guys, just wanted to let you know I finished the history course and faired pretty well. Michelle left yesterday for a cruise with her mother (65th birthday) in France, Belgium and Amsterdam. One of the stops/excursions is Juno Beach! Her mom had an uncle in the Muddies who was one of the guys executed by Kurt Myer. Poor bastard first coming from Transcona then that... They're going to see his grave. Anyway hope all is good with your clan. TTyl. Shaun

David Desjean 25 Aug, 2011

I have 5 courses left to obtain my degree in logistics management. It's a long and very technical course involving international laws, distribution, intercontinental shipping, supply chain management, road air and sea transport plus new methods of providing management skills like six sigma. I'm also busy coaching football as the defensive line coordinator for the boys team. So far so good on that one. I got Noah (the youngest) as a nose guard. At 7 yrs old he is already 4 1/2 ft tall and 110 lbs. He's a Tasmanian devil on the line, very destructive. Zach (my 8 yrs old) is on the offensive line as a blocker 4ft 9 inch tall 103 lbs will not only block players but will hit like a Mack truck. Unfortunately, we have only a few (5 kids) that are big. The rest are all smaller and have cleat marks on their backs from getting run over.

And Dave again 19 July 2012

Things here are good. Big news, all the work I did with the Legion and youth football here paid off. I was nominated for the Jubilee Medal and accepted. I shall receive it on the 18th of August. I know it doesn't mean much but I am humbled.

Retirement of Capt Dan Richter

Dan's retirement was on 24 May, 2012. Well, as some of you know we are moving down to Cochrane, Alberta, so I have been busy and I have neglected the blog. Add in my retirement from the army and trying to catch up on some wheelbuilds now that I have more stock, I have not kept up here on Blogger.

<http://richterbicycles.blogspot.ca/>

Norm Sproll and his family are posted to the UK for the next posting cycle. Lucky Norm, just in time for the 2015 200th Anniversary of Waterloo stuff !

*** 2012-13 Dues Payable Aug 2012 ***

But not just yet ! As of 19 Aug 2012 Sgt Dave Gibson will take your payment. If you are not sure of your status contact Dave and he'll either be happy to take your payment or be most unhappy that he doesn't get to take any money from you – yet - this year.

*** Association Activities ***

Taffy has been very busy representing the Cameron Association at quite a number of Cameron events since the last Oatmeal Rag went out. If anyone thinks that this must be quite a treat they're STILL welcomed and encouraged to run for the Cameron Association President's job at the AGM in Sept 2012 by Taffy himself !

Taffy made it out to the Cameron Highland Games this year but couldn't stay long due to other family commitments. The weather in Winnipeg was "Fine Scottish Rain" and many a less stout hearted Cameron didn't make it past the perimeter I'm sad to say. Bill Worden and I also made it out and our funding of the event's "Green Rocket" was once again appreciated. Someone has to think of the paperwork !

Taffy and his wife were treated to the Road Rally version of the June 9 &10, 2012MB Highland Dance Association run Mid-Canada Open Competition and Championship and Lord Selkirk Premiership. The Forks Under the Canopy was the designated place but due to utterly awful weather the final part of the competition ended up being run at Balmoral Hall. Of course no one seems to have passed the word his way in time. Taffy and Betty did eventually find it and were in plenty of time to present the Cameron Association trophy to the perennial winner, Ms. Stacie Nixon. As you are all aware the winner of the Cameron Association is usually our highland dancer at the Cameron WO's & Sgt's run Robbie Burn's Dinner and Ms. Nixon is always a crowd favourite !

As always the complete list of upcoming activities are listed in the Incoming Rounds section. Did I mention bring prizes for the Reunion Golf yet ?

*** Unit Web Site ***

The Unit web site is still up running at:

<http://thequeensowncameronhighlandersofcanada.net/>

Our Picasaweb site is also worth a look and is full of little details about our history:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/117042978234752447737?gsessionid=2I4fhFnicaBQw1UpIRMSlw>

*** Change of Command ***



On 26 May 2012 the Cameron regimental family gathered to witness the Change of Command Ceremony of the Winnipeg Tactical Group. Outgoing Commanding Officer LCol Brett Takeuchi, C.D. relinquished command to LCol Sui (aka Peter) Wut C.D.(shown signing above). LCol Wut is no stranger to the Camerons having been with us for the better part of two decades. He is an avid fitness enthusiast and has placed well in the Manitoba Marathon.

The ceremony also featured the Change of Stick between outgoing RSM CWO Brian Boyd, C.D. to incoming RSM CWO Jim Seggie, C.D. Mr. Boyd will be continuing on in the officer ranks I am told. CWO Seggie is also no stranger to the Camerons. He's a former PPCLI Sgt who came over to the Primary Reserve side after retiring from the Regular Force.

All the best from the Cameron Association to our new command team !

*** Regimental Advisory Board Notes ***

There have been changes at the Board Executive. Mr. Donald MacDonald has moved on to become the Past Chairman and LCol Bob Darling is the new Chairman. The new slate is now in place as a result of the AGM held on 05 June 2012.

It should be of the greatest interest to all members of the Cameron Family that HCol Bob Vandewater has succeeded that great Scot Mr. Jim Burns. A formal event will be coming down the road to mark this transition. The necessary work to getting a new HLCol is in progress and an announcement is expected sometime in the Fall of 2012.

HCol Jim Burns did quite a number of very important and very unique things during his tenure as our HCol. The list is very long so here's a snapshot for you. No doubt he will be best remembered by the Pipes and Drums for the cross Canada book launch tour of the book "Great Scots ! How The Scots Created Canada" by Matthew Shaw. The Cameron WO's & Sgt's Club will long remember him for helping us with our near debacle the first year we ran the Cameron Robbie Burn's Dinner at the Fort Garry Hotel. Those who have had the pleasure of a unit European battlefield tour may wish to thank him too.

*** Unit Events ***

“A” Company Update:

“A” Coy update from WO James Clark

The Camerons attending EX ARCTIC RAM have now returned and the long wait for the legends that will come of this excursion is over. A few pictures are posted on the Cameron Picasaweb site now. Come by the Mess and the Reunion to hear them in full !



This just in: It’s looking very much like the Camerons will have their own cap badges grouped in one platoon or more in the WITG’s “A” Company for this training year. Could there be any better news during this time of cutbacks and belt tightening ?

*** Cameron Association Events *****The Valour Road Plaques Unveiling Sunday, 27 May, 2012**

On Sunday, 27 May 2012 at the Valour Road Commemorative Plaza the formal unveiling ceremony took place. The Camerons and Rifles were joined by The Honourable Andrew Swan, The Manitoba Minister of Justice & Attorney General as well as the MLA for Minto; Mr. Harvey Smith, Councillor for Daniel McIntyre Ward; the nephew, grand-nephew, and other family of Acting Corporal Leo Clarke, V.C; Mr. Antonio Di Geronimo and students from Clifton students; and The Clifton School Bell Group led by Mrs. Lori Bodner; Mr. Bob Williams (who has made quite a nice donation to the Cameron P&D – family connection), RSM Art McKenzie of the GGFG (perpetuating unit of A/Cpl Clarke's CEF Bn), and lots of interested neighbours and other citizens of Winnipeg.



The weather was not the finest but cleared long enough for the 35 minute ceremony. The individual citations were read by soldiers of each unit of equal rank to the man who won the V.C. where possible, or by an RSM in A/Cpl Clarke's case as he was the only one who could make it this far. WO James Clarke got to read Lt. Shankland's V.C. citation as Shankland had been an NCO when he won his D.C.M. – and Lt. Fordham didn't have his necessary eyewear. Pity sir, maybe next time ?

Long time Cameron MCpl Mark Pearson also got a decent job for this parade. He got to do the actual unveiling of the Shankland plaque, a job that couldn't be entrusted to just anyone.

Mr. Bob Williams also was able to attend. He is wearing his FGH Association gear and should be easy to pick out. Without his help the Clarke plaque would still be an artist's concept on the drawing board. Thanks again sir !

Our old friend (and foe for some of you miscreants out there) and long time crusader for the Valour Road Commemorative Plaza, LCol(Ret'd) Brian Batter, wrote up the program for the event. He had previously spent a great deal of his time on the wording of the plaque describing the Victoria Cross at the entrance to the small park. It is perhaps the only real sad note of the day to note that Brian couldn't be with us on the day that the Plaza was finally completed as originally envisioned. Thanks very much Brian, I only muffed a few lines.



Mr. & Mrs. Charles & Gisele Brunet of Brunet Monuments (in the orange & blue jackets right side of the picture) the company responsible for the crafting of the plaques) were able to attend the unveiling and were quite pleased to see the ceremony. They and their staff were of immense help to me while the project was unfolding. Thanks for everything you two !

The Winnipeg media showed up and best of all MCpl Rutledge from the 38 CBG PaffO shop got all of those fine pictures that you can see on the Cameron Picasaweb site:

<https://picasaweb.google.com/117042978234752447737/ValourRoadPlaquesDedicationCeremonySunday27May2012>

The question of how to pay off the final amount owing for funding the A/ Cpl Leo Clarke V.C. plaque was solved courtesy of the City of Wpg. Councillor Harvey Smith and his most able counterpart Mr. Ken McKim of PP&D did the necessary stick handling in conjunction with the Cameron foundation and the final bills are paid.

Our thanks from the Cameron Association to all who made this event possible and successful !!!



*** Cameron Cadet Events ***

Captain Kerry Walker, DCO of Queens Own Cameron Cadets, received the Diamond Jubilee Medal at a ceremony on May 24, 2012. Federal MP Shelly Glover made the announcement and performed the service for this prestigious event.

The Cameron Cadets had their 99th Annual Ceremonial Review on 08 June 2012 at Minto Armouries.... they did a great job. And well done to the RSM- CWO Sylvie Atkinson. Awesome turnout!

The Cameron Cadet 100th is in the planning stages. Keep tuned for future developments !

Regimental Reinforcements:

MCpl to Sgt (at last !) Derek Zapozan

* Regimental Events *

Incoming Rounds:

Dieppe Reunion - 70th Anniversary (19 Aug 1942 - 19 Aug 2012)

- Date & Time: 17 Aug 2012 - Minto Armouries Junior Ranks Club

18 Aug 2012 - Assiniboine Golf Club on Ness

19 Aug 2012 – TBC, keep watching the web site or call

Golf: Cost is \$40.00 for golf and dinner. It is \$25.00 if only coming for dinner. You can enter by sending Mr. Don MacDonald a note at dmacdona@mymts.net or calling him at 771-3825. It will be at Assiniboine Golf Club with a 2:00 p.m. tee time.

“Prizes – ask for prizes” – Bill Worden. Consider yourself asked – and expect a Shawinagan handshake if you show up empty handed. You have been warned !!!

- Locations: As above
- Suggested Dress: Association blazer & tie, dark business suit, or at least clean and presentable attire.
- Purpose: Commemoration of the Dieppe Raid in particular, and Annual Cameron Reunion as usual. Annual dues for the Cameron Association should be paid at this time.
- This year we are investigating some special events to help mark the 70th Anniversary of the Raid. More to follow re a possible service at 1st Presbyterian here in Wpg. You should all know it as that Kirk where our old colours are laid up in the Cameron Chapel.
- France: "Young" Tim Paryniuk is going to visit. Not sure at this time of any other pilgrims.
- Mr. Frederick Jeanne will be our new Cameron Representative in France. Mr. Jeanne is also the long time rep for the R Wpg Rifles and has attended many ceremonies on their behalf. He has been writing the Cameron part of a book on Green Beach (the Pourville part of the Dieppe Raid of course) and contacted us to get some information directly from the regimental archives which was duly provided by Sgt Tyler. Mr. Jeanne is very involved in the Canadian Remembrance in France. He has travelled to Winnipeg in 2008 for the 125th RWR Anniversary and again in 2011 for two weeks to do research for a book about the RWR during the week after D-Day and the tough battle of Putot-en-Bessin where 58 of them were murdered by SS Hitleryouth. He has already written two books about the Canadian Army in Normandy and also many other articles because he works for the biggest WWII publisher in France (HEIMDAL) and became co-editor in chief of two magazines in France ("39/45 magazine" who will celebrate the Number 300 on May of this year). For an example see: <http://admin6073.wordpress.com/category/editions-heimdal/> His second book was "Normandy 1944". To quote Fred, "It's brand new but our public loved it and we sold a lot of them; 8000 copies". He is also the president of an association called "Maple Leaf/Souvenir Canadien". They are planning to make two big plaques for the Canadian soldiers who died in action in Putot-en-Bessin, it should include more than 200 names. Fred's aim is to serve the Canadian Remembrance.

Rounds Completed:**Vimy Pilgrimage: Cpl Jordan Booth**

This spring I was offered the opportunity to represent the regiment in the 95th Anniversary of Vimy Ridge Honour Guard. This guard was to be comprised of 50 members; one from each regiment that holds Vimy as a battle honour. Along with a corporal from the Winnipeg Rifles, I made my way to CFB Trenton via Toronto to meet up with the rest of guard.



In Trenton we met up with members working as the Directorate of History and Heritage, who coordinate and direct the guard and its activities. The next three days were spent receiving various briefings and lectures, preparing our uniforms, practicing rifle drill in both English and French languages, and getting to know the other members of the guard who came from all over Canada.

We flew out of Trenton around 1800 hours and arrived in Lille, France at about 1000 hours local time. We quickly settled into our hotel to touch up our uniforms once again, and then had the rest of the day off. Most of us disregarded any jetlag to head out on the town, although almost everything was closed anyways.

The next morning we traveled to Belgium as we had a small ceremony to perform at St. Julien, then a larger one at the Menin Gate in Ypres. Along the way we stopped at a memorial on Hill 62 of the Ypres Salient, and another for Passchendaele. We had a historian attached to us who provided us with insight as to what happened at each location as well as their significance. In Ypres, we participated in an evening memorial

that the locals have performed every night since 1928, and the appreciation and gratefulness towards our forefathers is still felt strongly today.

The following morning was the Vimy Ridge memorial, which was well attended by spectators and dignitaries alike. Just like the previous day, everything that we saw and felt was very humbling and filled all of us with great pride; it underscored the importance as to why we were there and all that we stood for as Canadian soldiers. I feel very privileged to have been a member of this occasion, and to have worn the Cameron uniform amongst all the other regiments present.

Our last day in France was spent cramming as many tours in as we could. We visited the Notre-Dame de Lorette cemetery and Arras Road cemetery, then spent the rest of the day at Vimy Ridge. Our historian gave us a walk-through-talk-through of the battle and we toured portions of underground tunnels and the trenches. These tours were significant and an amazing experience, but I feel that they only touched the surface of the event and I plan to go back someday to tour the area again.

I would like to convey my appreciation to the regiment for giving me this opportunity, and I hope that others are able to share the experience in the future.

Unveiling of Cameron 100th Anniversary Plaque at the Manitoba Legislature

On Tuesday, 27 March 2012 this special event took place at the MB Legislature. It wasn't actually held in the area where the plaque is to be formally mounted but was staged in a much more user friendly location – the Rotunda. There was a decent turnout for a Tuesday am and media were present.

Cameron Highland Games 16 June 2012



Well despite the less than wonderful weather that Winnipeg got stuck with things were far different out at the ancestral home of Clan Breustedt. The weather was quite obviously fair and the company was as good as it gets. Highlights of the event included the Honorary Colonel's attendance and support, keen competitors, and WO Lumsden's Urban Assault Vehicle. Don't let the Winnipeg microclimate fool you again next year guys !

*** Links *****CJATC RIVERS, MANITOBA today**

<http://www.hillmanweb.com/rivers/07.html>

Afghanistan 2012

<http://www.theatlantic.com/infocus/2012/02/afghanistan-february-2012/100254/>

<http://www.theatlantic.com/infocus/2012/06/afghanistan-may-2012/100310/>

<http://www.theatlantic.com/infocus/2012/07/afghanistan-june-2012/100331/>

*** Historical Notes *****Meet the Pipe-Major: Pipe Major Ian Ferguson, C.D.**

Master Warrant Officer Ferguson was born in Victoria, British Columbia but was raised in Scotland, where bagpipes are part of everyday life. It was during his childhood that he became fascinated with piping and pipe bands. At the age of seventeen, Pipe Major Ian Ferguson returned to his native Canada to begin a career with the Canadian Forces in April 1977. MWO Ferguson joined the CF and the ranks of 2nd Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment as an Infantryman and Piper in the Battalion Pipes and Drums. Completed the Infantry Section Commanders Course in 1979, and was promoted to MCpl in 1983. He served a tour in Cyprus 1983-84 as a Section Commander and having completed all required courses, was promoted to Infantry Sgt in 1987.

In 1988, MWO Ferguson attended the year long Canadian Forces Pipe Major Course, and upon graduation, was transferred to the Musician Trade in 1989 and posted to 4 Wing Cold Lake as Pipe Major for the Wing Pipe Band. In 1993, was promoted to the rank of Warrant Officer and again posted to 2RCR in CFB Gagetown, where he directed both the 2nd Battalion (RCR) and the newly authorized 3 ASG (Area Support Group) Pipes and Drums.

In 1996, Pipe Major Ferguson was promoted to MWO and posted to the Music School at CFB Borden, as the Senior Bagpipe Instructor, CSM and Pipe Major for the Base Pipe Band.

In 2002, Pipe Major Ferguson was promoted to Chief Warrant Officer and posted to Ottawa as the CF Senior Pipe Major, Pipe Major for the Air Command Pipes and Drums and Trade Advisor to the Supervisor of Music.

In July 2008, accepted his Commission and was promoted to the rank of Captain, and posted to the Air Command Band, Winnipeg as the Commanding Officer and the 1st ever CF Director of Bagpipe Music.

Pipe Major Ferguson, having served 33 plus years, retired from the regular force in May 2010 and joined the ranks of the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada as an MWO and Pipe Major for the Unit Pipes and Drums

During his career in the military, Pipe Major Ferguson has performed at and coordinated CF Pipe Band events for many national and international world-renowned events such as the Lone Piper at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Red Square; Solo Piper at the

Edinburgh Military Tattoo; Nova Scotia International Tattoo; Victory in Europe Parade in Moscow, Russia; Landings in Sicily events; Virginia Military Tattoo; and Parade / Concert for Her Majesty, the Queen Mother at Hyde Park, England. Liberation of Holland events, soloist for the Vimy Re-dedication ceremonies and events in France and more recently, the Queen's Visit to Winnipeg and the 100th Anniversary celebrations and events for the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada. Over his Career, Ian has played in competition at the highest levels with various Military and civilian Pipe Bands. Pipe Major Ian Ferguson is proud to represent the Canadian Forces and Canada in his capacity as the Pipe Major for the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada.

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Our next item is a dandy ! The bit shown in the picture below is only a section of this picture which shows the original Cameron contingent that went off to the First World War in 1914. It was sent to us by Charlotte Marie (nee Alvoet) Schulz, who grew up in Dundee, Scotland. She is the daughter of a Second World War soldier who fought with the Essex Scottish Regiment of Windsor, Ontario, Canada, and was originally declared missing and then determined captured at the raid on Dieppe, August 19, 1942. She is also an Arizona Convenor of Clan Mackintosh, North America

While enjoying a weekend holiday in Pinetop, Arizona, she came across this old picture in an antique shop:



Her Scottish heritage kept calling her back to this picture until she finally did a definitely "Un-Scottish" thing and bought it! To put it in her very own words:

"Immediately upon returning to my daughter's cabin, I opened up the Internet to learn more about the 79th Cameron Highlanders of Canada. I discovered these Camerons were either Scottish born or Canadian descendants of Scots of Winnipeg. I learned about bravery in Flanders Fields and at Ypres and other trench warfare battles. I was thrilled to read they were a kilted regiment as they fought and cast a thought to these "Ladies from Hell" who dared the foe to call their uniform a "skirt."

I moved on in my search to learn about the Camerons in World War II. The Regiment's Dieppe story "garred me greet" when I read and wept that the Camerons of Canada were the men and heroes whose role at Dieppe was to flank and thus protect the Essex Scottish as they assaulted the beach and struggled through the shale on that awful day. The Cameron men died with my father's friends. The Cameron men were captured with my father and his friends. The Cameron men bore the suffering of the capture, the long march, the shackles, and the captivity of the men of Dieppe as my mother and grandmother had told to me in childhood stories of courage, and dedication, and independence, and freedom that was my heritage as a girl born in Scotland, of an American father who fought for Canada, and as a granddaughter of Wales and the Royal Navy, and a child of Flanders Fields.

And I knew where the photograph belonged. To the 79th Regiment of the Cameron Highlanders of Canada 1910-1914, and to their sons of the Regiment who raided Dieppe on that August day with the men of the Essex Scottish."

This picture is now in the care of Sgt Grant Tyler of the Cameron Museum. The nominal roll for the Cameron contingent to the 16th Bn CEF, the men in the picture can be found on the Cameron Picasaweb site.

Thanks again Charlotte !

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Date: Sat, 14 Jul 2012 12:48:28 -0700

Subject: 43rd. Camerons

Hello, My name is Bill Russell and I live in Vancouver.

My grand-father was with the 43rd. Camerons during WW1. He was in the pipe-band under Pipe Major John Duke. He was also there when a benefactor gave the 43rd. 16 sets of bag-pipes....the pipers, after some controversy at the end of the war, were allowed to keep their pipes.

I will have to check as I am not sure.....he always had scores of stories and his memory was intact right to the end and I think he had a story of each piper and several for P/M Duke. His pipes (#14) were taken overseas for WW2 by my father and landed in Europe on day 2 of the Normandy Invasion and again in 1958 when my father was Pipe Major of the RCAF pipe-band in Marville, France....

During my career as a piper I ran into a few sets of Cameron Pipes since they were so distinctive.....Duke's pipes (who had the only set that was fully engraved) came to the Coast via the Ironsides family in Seattle and recent inquiries on them were that the adopted son of Ironsides had some issues and they were "pawned" somewhere in the US within the last 10 years or so).....very unfortunate!

My Dad joined the RCAF in the 50's and was Pipe Major of one of RCAF Pipe Bands (Marville) and they ended up back in Europe for a third time 1958-1962 and of course saw lots of service again under more peaceful circumstances. It was during the family being stationed in France

that my grandparents came to visit and we returned to all the places that the Camerons had been during his service....the stories he told were amazing. My grandfather had been gassed to some extent during the war and there was a legacy of that.....he became Pipe Major of the Calgary Highlanders and on the eve of departure overseas he became ill and nearly died at the Col. Belcher Hospital in Calgary....as much as he tried they never let him re-join the band in Europe and ended up with the Army Police and POW's from the war that were held in detention somewhere in Alberta...but as mentioned the pipes were taken by my Dad anyway and were played at different areas during WW2 in several places.

At any rate....going thru some "stuff" recently I came across his original Plaid which he wore on parade in WW1....a few moth nips but still very good condition....also have 2 framed pics which hung in his house for his whole life..

- 1) WW1 Pipe Band picture....taken as I recall in London.....right up to the end he could name every piper.
- 2) Framed picture of the 43rd pipe band marching in the Lord Mayor's Parade at the end of WW1 in London (England)

I am wondering if the Regiment would be interested in these artifacts for your museum or such.

Best Regards,

Bill Russell (seaforth99@telus.net)

*** More Links ***

Cameron Cadet in Wild Winter challenge in Canmore, Alta.

<http://www.winnipegfreepress.com/our-communities/lance/Wild-winter-challenge-no-match-for-cadet-141619473.html>

Outward Bound - Veteran's Programs

Check the link found in this email chain. I hear that all personnel - serving and retired - should check this program. Let the editor know what you think:

http://www.outwardbound.ca/results_index.asp?Category=88

Lest We Forget Project

<http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/cenotaph/025009-1101-e.html>

Since 2001, Library and Archives Canada has been supporting the Lest We Forget Project, connecting youth to Canada's history by making military personnel files available, both in person and online.

For more information, please contact us at podcasts@bac-lac.gc.ca.

Recommended Reading

Brave Battalion: The Remarkable Saga of the 16th Battalion (Canadian Scottish) in the First World War by Mark Zuehlke

<http://www.amazon.ca/Brave-Battalion-Remarkable-Canadian-Scottish/dp/0470154160>

Or at your local library under the call number: 940.41271

An excellent book that actually mentions our Cameron contingent to the 16th Bn CEF guys in detail !

*** “It wouldn’t be an Oatmeal Rag w/o a Wee Joke” (Russ Miller) ***

Len Decosse’s latest offering *** The current plight of the Costa Concordia reminds me of a comment made by Sir Winston Churchill.

After his retirement he was cruising the Mediterranean on an Italian cruise liner. Some Italian journalists asked why an ex British Prime Minister should chose an Italian ship.

“There are three things I like about being on an Italian cruise ship” said Churchill.

“First their cuisine is unsurpassed.”

“Second their service is superb.”

“And then, in time of emergency, there is none of this nonsense about women and children first”.

In the 1940s, the FCC assigned television's Channel 1 to mobile Services (two-way radios in taxicabs, for instance) but did not Pre-number the other channel assignments. That is why your TV set has channels 2 and up, but no channel 1.

We are seeking sponsors or advertisers to help defray the cost of this publication. If anyone is interested or has any suggestions as to whom to contact please let us know and we'll be happy to do the follow up.

I need a piper for a Cameron Association member’s funeral ? ? ?

For those of you who are trying to plan ahead or suddenly need to book a piper for one of our Comrades and don’t know how it is done here you go:

1. Contact the President of the Cameron Association or the Editor of the Oatmeal Rag at a reasonable hour; and
2. We’ll pass you the contact information of the current Cameron Pipe-Major (because the appointment does actually change from century to century or so and otherwise you may call the wrong guy); and
3. The P/M will help you to make the appropriate arrangements.

Verification of Former Service DS Solution: You can make a request under the Access to Information Act, which will provide you with proof of your service with the Camerons. Thanks very much to Sgt V. Sellars of the WGOR. Please click on the link:

<http://www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/tbsf-fsct/350-58-eng.asp>

Manitoba Highway of Heroes Unveiling

The Trans Canada Highway between Winnipeg and Brandon was officially designated the Highway of Heroes by the Government of Manitoba on 8 June 2012 to honour the contributions and sacrifices of Canadian Forces members and veterans. Special highway markers featuring a red poppy are located just west of Winnipeg and near Shilo.

Among those attending the unveiling ceremony were CWO O'Donnell of MB Dom Ops, RSM Jim Seggie WITG and WO John Helgason who is a longstanding member of the Cameron WO's & Sgt's Club. Also present at the unveiling were a number of former Camerons and Cameron RSS including Dale Whitham, Jeff Cook, and Benny Grant.

See photos at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/lfwapao/7167255085/in/set-72157630082290732>
and <http://www.flickr.com/photos/lfwapao/sets/72157630082290732/>

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