

OATMEAL RAG

THE QUEEN'S OWN CAMERON HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA



CAMERON ASSOCIATION IN CANADA
 THE QUEEN'S OWN CAMERON HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA
 MINTO ARMOURY, 969 ST. MATTHEWS AVE
 WPG, MB R3G 0J7

2010/2011 OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	Steve MacMillan	351 Ainslie St Wpg, MB sdmacmillan@shaw.ca	R3J 2Z7	204-831-0542
VICE-PRES	Karen Tyler	255 Aldine St Wpg, MB	R3J 2A9	204-414-0973
SECRETARY	Hugh O'Donnell	713 Cambridge St Wpg, MB hodonnell@shaw.ca	R3M 3G2	204-285-7222
TREASURER	Dave Gibson	104 William Gibson Bay Wpg, MB dwgibson@mts.net	R3C 5L7	204-222-9509

Executive Board

Past Pres	Taffy Gray	198 Seekings St Headingley, MB	R4J 1B1	204-889-5655
	Mike Nickerson	P.O.Box 122 Station L Wpg MB	R3H0Z4	TBC
	Mitch Prudhomme	790 Parkhill St Wpg, MB	R2Y 0V5	204-837-5778
	Sean Rivas	164 Carroll Road	R3K 1H5	204-802-2264
	Len Johnson	1094 Bay Rd	R1A 3L1	204-757-2023
	Tom Russell	376 Oak St	R3M 3R5	204-488-0088
Foundation Trustees	Fred Westphal (2012-2014)	Marc Gautron (2011-2013)		
Auditor				

*** Last Post *****BERTRAM CRADDOCK**

http://passages.winnipegfreepress.com/passage-details/id-199565/name-Bertram_Craddock/min-run-date-1358143200/date-range-month/classification-id-1/order-publish_date|DESC,last_name|ASC,first_name|ASC/page-4/

BERTRAM THOMAS CRADDOCK November 4, 1928 - February 3, 2013 Our father Bert Craddock passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 3, 2013, with family at his side. He is once again where he wants to be, with our mom. Bert was born in Winnipeg and raised in the West End for most of his life. He attended Isaac Brock and Daniel McIntyre Schools. He excelled in sports and broke many records for track and field. He joined the Cameron Highlanders of Canada from 1947 to 1950 and completed his Apprenticeship for Painting and Decorating in 1951. He has belonged to IUPAT Local 739 for 61 years and was very proud of that. The family would like to thank the staff at Ericksdale Hospital who went above and beyond with their kindness and support. We invite family and friends to join us on Saturday, March 2, 2013, at 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Waterfront Centre, 5th floor (Johnson Hall) 94 - 1st Avenue Gimli to celebrate the life of this kind and gentleman. Should friends so desire, donations can be made to Betel Home Gimli or The New Iceland Heritage Museum Gimli. Gilbert funeral home, Gimli in care of arrangements. www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

Full obit published in the Winnipeg Free Press on February 09, 2013

RAYMOND HADDAD

http://passages.winnipegfreepress.com/passage-details/id-198935/name-Raymond_Haddad/min-run-date-1356242400/date-range-month/classification-id-1/order-publish_date|DESC,last_name|ASC,first_name|ASC/

RAYMOND DAVID HADDAD May 29, 1930 - January 20, 2013 After a short illness, Ray passed away on Sunday, January 20, 2013 at the Health Sciences Centre. Ray is survived by his much-adored wife of 57 years Betty. He volunteered at the Folklorama Lebanon Pavilion for many years, serving as Pavilion Mayor in the early 1980s. Ray attended Daniel McIntyre High School. As a welterweight amateur boxer, "Rapid" Ray fought out of Gord Mackie's Madison Boxing Club and gained a reputation as a classy fighter. He joined the Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers in the early 1950s and was stationed in the Port of Churchill and Winnipeg. In 1954 Ray joined The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada (reserve). He left in 1969, proudly wearing sergeant stripes on his sleeve. He remained active for many years in the Cameron Association. Ray worked at the Patriotic Salvage Corps, the CNR, and drove for Midwest Storage/Seaway-Midwest/Livingston. Ray was also involved in the Grand Orange Lodge and many years of league bowling at the St. James and Academy lanes. Services were held on Friday, January 25, 2013 at Glen Eden, 4477 Main St., Winnipeg. Thank you to the extraordinarily kind doctors, nurses, and support staff at the Health Sciences Centre.

Full obit published in the Winnipeg Free Press on January 23, 2013

MAX KATZ

http://passages.winnipegfreepress.com/passage-details/id-190780/name-Max_Katz/date-range-all/first-name-max/last-name-katz/order-publish_date|DESC,last_name|ASC,first_name|ASC/

MAX LOUIS KATZ Peacefully on Sunday April 29, 2012, at the age of 83, Max Louis Katz passed away suddenly at home. He leaves to mourn his children, Tami and Hartley, his siblings, Irene, Bernice (George), and Harvey (Gloria), as well as several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife Gloria (Yussiem), parents Sally and Abraham, and his sister Clara. Max grew up in Fort Frances, Ontario. At a young age he joined the Canadian Army Reserves. He moved to Winnipeg, married, and raised his family. His working years were devoted to sales with Stylerite Department Stores. Max was an active member of the Royal Canadian Legion General Monash Branch No. 115 and was also Commander of the Moshe Dayan Post of the Jewish War Veterans of Canada. A graveside funeral was held on Tuesday, May 1, 2012, at the Rosh Pina Cemetery. Donations may be made to MB CancerCare or the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

As published in the Winnipeg Free Press on May 05, 2012

Editor's Note:

For those who never had the pleasure of meeting him, Max was a very great friend of the Camerons – even if his original service was with the RCA. Not only did he pay his dues in person at the reunion and on time every year since he joined (and you know how rare that can be!), but he was THE first sponsor of The Oatmeal Rag in its current format.

Quite a few years ago, during one of those cross country public meetings seeking reasons NOT to cut units from the CF Order of Battle, Max went to bat for us. He pointed out that quite a few of Wpg's Jewish community had served in the Camerons (a great example being CSM W.O. II "Abe" Arbour, M.C. – one of the first Canadian Warrant Officers to be awarded the M.C. in the Second World War) both in peace and war. He made it quite plain to those serving on the committee that cutting the Camerons would be a slap in the face to Wpg's Jewish community. And further that such a slap would be long remembered! We're still here thanks to support from all of the various people and organizations that have fought for us - but our old Association Secretary Russ Miller always spoke very fondly of your support being so very important during that particular battle Max. We'll miss you.

DEREK ROGERS

http://passages.winnipegfreepress.com/passage-details/id-200527/name-Derek_Rogers/date-range-all/keyword-Derek_Roy_Rogers/order-publish_date|DESC,last_name|ASC,first_name|ASC/

DEREK ROY ROGERS With deep sorrow we would like to announce the passing of Derek R. Rogers on March 13, 2013. He was predeceased by his wife Thelma and his sister Betty. He leaves to mourn his daughters Barbara (Ray) and Judy, and his son Donald (Terrol). He served with the Camerons in the Second World War. He was employed with C.N.R. for 36 years as a fireman and engineer. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Salvation Army or a

charity of your choice. A memorial service will be held at River East Care Home, 1375 Molson St. from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 16.

Condolences may be sent to www.desjardinsfuneralchapel.ca Desjardins 233-4949 1-888-233-4949

Publish Date: Mar 15, 2013

Full obit published in the Winnipeg Free Press on March 15, 2013

Widow's / Widower's Supplement

There is income supplement for widows / widowers. They will mail out a form for the survivor to complete. You will need proof of marriage and his regimental number etc. and her income tax forms.

If the financial situation is going badly the survivor should contact Veterans Affairs.

*** Sick & Visiting ***

Hugh Comack (SWW, Post SWW Cameron CO) – had a visit from our former Cameron cadet P/M Donny Morrison on 11 Nov when he went by to play at Deer Lodge. Donny reports that the Col. was in good spirits with medals on.

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>

1778 Pembina Highway, Winnipeg, MB, R3T 1R2

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

Bob Vandewater (HCol) The HCol thought he'd do a quick inspection of the Victoria Hospital. They passed it seems - and he's home and on the mend.

*** President's Message ***

Steve says thanks to all who came out for the various Cameron Association events, especially the Men's Christmas Dinner and Levee. Alex Mortimer and a few others made it out to the dinner to represent us.

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

Nothing from Karen at this time.

*** 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.

We have 75 paid up members at this time.

First World War

Philip Henry (PH) John Pte. 871278.

My Grand Father was part of the CEF with the 43 rd Cameron Highlanders. He was overseas from 1916 -1919. Philip Henry (PH) John Pte. 871278. Do you have any information on his service overseas? On his discharge papers he was listed under the Chaplain Service. Does this mean he was a Padre or stretcher bearer or? Did he keep a diary if a Padre? Just FYI I placed a wreath this year in memory of the 43 Cameron Highlanders of Winnipeg here in West Vancouver November 11, 2012. Also, I'm a piper learning all the battalion tunes. Anything you have is helpful. Thanks Much.

Regards!

Christopher D. John
Integra Electrical Services Inc.
4050 Ripple Road
West Vancouver, BC V7V 3L4

Second World War

George Dickson family information sought

I am writing as the Grand-daughter of George Dickson. My Grandfather passed away back in 1951 in a mining accident so I never had the opportunity to know him. Just recently, I had the pleasure of meeting one of my great aunts and she brought with her a lot of information about my Grandfather.

She told me that he served with the Cameron Highlanders so I assume that I am writing to the correct organization. She said that he enlisted when he was 17 (lied about his age) and served overseas for about 3 years. I have postcards from Rouen, France ('44-'46). I'm not sure if this is related to this particular service as I have another notation about him being with the English Marines for a short time, but I also have pictures of him on the Grenville. (*Editor's Note: This picture turned out to be post war*) Finally, I have some serial numbers: C58845 and C455615. I have attached a picture of him in uniform.

I'm hoping to get some information about my Grandfather's tour(s). It is also my understanding that my Grandfather was awarded some medals for his service. These were lost long ago and I was really hoping I might be able to get replacements. There is very little that we know about him. He died while my father was in utero and it's been over 10 years since my Grandmother passed. Her second husband was quite strict about keeping all things "George" out of the family so we were never in a position to

learn more about him and his life. It was a blessing to have met his last surviving sister and it would be wonderful if we could come to know more about him - even if it's posthumously. Whatever information you may have for me would be most appreciated - even if it's some direction on where to go next.

I thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

Merisa Butler (nee Dickson)
96 Brightonstone Common SE
Calgary, Alberta, T2Z 0K3

Recent Years

Dan Richter

Hey fans of Soldier On, I have previously benefited from the SO program. In my retirement, we are opening a bicycle studio in Cochrane, AB, dealing in mostly road bikes and related parts and accessories. Details of our opening are attached for those in the Calgary area. We also have an online shop. I will also have performance/bike fitness testing, bike fitting services, and repairs on site.

As I have previously navigated the SO equipment process, I would be happy to help out those that are new to the process or need help, regardless of specific sport. And anyone interested in a new bike or cycling equipment, you can message or call us, we'd be happy to help out any serving member or veteran with that of course.

9:07pm Feb 18 2013

Cheers

Dan Richter

*** 2012-13 Dues Still Payable until Aug 2013 ***

As of any old time you can contact Sgt Dave Gibson and he will take your payment. If you are not sure of your status please contact Dave and he'll either be happy to take your \$10.00 payment or be most unhappy that he doesn't get to take any money from you - yet - this year.

*** Cameron Association Activities ***

Nothing formal is planned at this time. We do however encourage our members to attend the events such as the Whiskey Tasting on 06 April, the Cadet 100th on the 20th of April, and the Cameron Junior Ranks sponsored Cameron Highland Games to be held sometime once the snow thins to about 4" and the mosquitoes come out to play.

*** Unit Web Sites ***

The Unit web site is still up running at:

<http://thequeensowncameronhighlandersofcanada.net/>

Mr. Stuart McLean dropped us a line on November 14, 2012.

Mr. McLean is the gentleman who created, hosted, and developed the old 43rd Bn Camerons of Canada web site before we got on the net. Over the years he has helped greatly with our 43rd Bn information and family requests. His site can be found through our Links page or:

<http://www.cameronhighlanderscanada.com/>

Here is his letter.

Hi Hugh

Many thanks for your message. I have not had much time to devote to the web site but I do hope to add pages and I would definitely include the 14th Reserve Battalion. (I have two collar badges of this unit) I've just been laid off work due to company cutbacks (I expect the business will be completely gone by years' end). So I'm busy looking for work right now. But when things get back on track I'll continue my research on the Camerons.

My next project will be to transcribe the Fred Claydon interviews (tapes held by the Univ of Victoria Archives). I have copies on CD. He was a 79th Battalion man (Brandon, Manitoba) who was sent to the 43rd just after the Battle of Mount Sorrel. And I just determined that he was with Lt Young when this officer was awarded the MC for capturing a prisoner August 1916. Claydon survived the Somme, Vimy, Passchendaele and was badly wounded at Amiens August 1918. He was a Battalion Scout under command of Major Charlton, but he did not know my grandfather although both of them were with "B" Company.

PS - do you know anybody at the National Archives? I have this fear that the government may destroy the Part 1 and Part II Orders of the 43rd (and other Bns) as part of government cutbacks. These Orders do not seem to be included in the re-cataloguing of CEF Battalion records. Perhaps you might check this out? I hope my fears are unfounded.

Editor's Note: Anybody able to help with this one ?

Any scans of badges or photos would be very much appreciated. Oh, one last thought, I was just looking at a Remembrance special, Vimy Underground, I think this was on the Global channel, anyway, quite a few carvings were shown - one being the cap badge of the 16th which may have been carved by the 79th Cameron, it was only shown briefly but if you catch this programme sometime you might see that carving.

Regards,
Stuart

J. Stuart McLean

Our Picasaweb site is also worth a look and is full of little details about our history:
<http://picasaweb.google.com/117042978234752447737?gsessionid=2I4fhFnicaBQw1UpIRMSlw>

*** Unit Events *****“A” Company Update:**

“A” Coy has been busy conducting the usual Section and Platoon training and hopes to soon move on to company level activities. The soldiers who work with the ARCTIC RESPONSE COMPANY GROUP got a bit of a workout in late February 2013. You can see more about this training at:

http://www.army.gc.ca/lfwa/media_products-eng.asp

Pipes & Drums Update:

Former CF P/M I.A. Ferguson, Master Warrant Officer, is now the former P/M Cameron Pipes and Drums. Ian is off to help out his junior call signs with full diapers and late night feedings, God bless him ! All the best to Lynn and himself in their upcoming role as “supporting arms”. Here is Pipey’s final update:

The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada Pipes and Drums have had a very good year. The strength of the Pipes & Drums is currently at 20 members. In addition to their regular support to Regimental activities and parades, they continue to support the community and surrounding towns with participation in their local parades and festivals.

Some notable activities this year were:

1. In the spring, entered into competition in Grade 4 and won all their events, including Dress & Department;
2. They were 1 of 4 Primary Reserve Pipe Bands selected from across Canada, to represent Canada and the CF at the Jamaican Military Tattoo last June. Led by our Pipe Major and Pipe Sgt;
3. They participated in the Selkirk Settlers 200th Anniversary parade and Massed Pipes and Drums Gala Dinner performance coordinated and led by our Pipe Major; and
4. They Travelled to Victoria in October, to participate in the Canadian Scottish Regiments 100th Anniversary parades and activities. During WW1, the 16th Battalion Pipes and Drums consisted of the Cameron Highlanders of Canada, Canadian Scottish Regiment, The Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders and the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada. All 4 Pipe Bands had representation at the event and performed in mass. Probably the first time since WW1.
5. The Pipes and Drums look forward to a great year in 2013.

*** Regimental Advisory Board Notes ***

The Advisory Board continues to provide sound advice to the CO on all matters Cameron in “interesting times”.

*** Cameron Cadet Events ***

Captain Kerry Walker, DCO of Queens Own Cameron Cadets, reports that the Cameron Cadet 100th is on ! They are starting out with a re-badging ceremony for all cadets to wear the 1913 Highland Cadet Battalion badge for better part of the training year. This happened in the 2nd week of October 2012. There is a Mess Dinner planned, the details are listed below. There will also be a Freedom of the City Parade on 20 April 2013 starting at 1300 hrs in the Wpg City Hall courtyard.



YOU ARE INVITED

We are honored to invite you to the Centenary of the 407 Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada Royal Canadian Army Cadets. The Cameron Cadets have had a long and very proud history, and we would be honored to have your presence at our celebration.

We will hold our celebrations on 20 April 2013. Details below;

1300hrs- City Hall Exercising our right to Freedom of the City
1600hrs- Cocktails at the Greenwood Inn
1700hrs- Gala Dinner at the Greenwood Inn
2000hrs- Live band and DJ service for all

We would encourage all members wishing to attend the parade to please do so.

Tickets for the dinner are available now.

If you wish to attend the Dinner you must **RSVP** with cheque made payable to 407 Queen's Own Cameron Cadets.

Tickets are \$35.00ea

RSVP deadline is 5 April 2013.

Please mail your RSVP with check to the following;

407 Cameron Cadets
Attn: 100th Committee
969 St. Matthews Ave
Winnipeg, Manitoba
R3G 0J7
204-786-1130

You too can donate to the Cameron Cadets through the Cameron Regimental Foundation but you **MUST** specify that the money is meant for the Cadets !

Regimental Reinforcements:

Nil at this time.

*** Regimental Events ***

Incoming Rounds:

Cameron Social Club Whiskey Tasting:

DTG: 06 April 2013 Doors open @ 1800hrs, Tasting starts 1830hrs
Minto Armoury JR Mess
\$40.00 per ticket

It's a Pipes & Drums Scotch Tasting Fundraiser with the thought being 5 samples with your ticket, some light social type food, a visit or twa from the Pipes and Drums of the Regiment – and some great company !

Rounds Completed:

Men's Christmas Dinner: 08 Dec 2012 Minto

Cameron WO's & Sgt's Robbie Burn's Dinner:
26 Jan 2013, The Fort Garry Hotel,

Kirk Parade: 03 Feb 2013.

*** Historical Notes ***

2013 has been Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II's 60th Anniversary: Here are but a few pictures and names of Camerons honoured with the Diamond Jubilee Medal



Cpl J. Booth, Cpl L. Olafson, and Sgt M. Sinnock through the Unit. And some R Wpg Rif guys too, of course, but they'll be given their due in their very own Devil's Blast. ;-)



Former Cameron Pipes & Drums AND Wpg Police Pipe Band P/M Don Morrison through Mrs. Joyce Bateman, MP.

Btw Don, John Ross from the old days on The Force says hi !



Speaking of the Force, Sgt D. Zaprozan, MCpl (ret'd) C. Janz, W.O. M. Lumsden were also honoured through the good offices of the WPS.

Former Cameron cadet officers J. Ross and R. Ripley were also honoured with the medal.

PS: *I got one too says the Junior Editor of the Oatmeal Rag.*

The Warpig Packs it in:

Boys and girls, it's been great fun and a hell of a ride. This is my last military email and I would like to say at this time that you have all meant something to me and it's been a pleasure to have filled your life with trauma and what the Chinese call "interesting times". As some of you have heard I will be conducting a proper retirement party and you are all invited. I will use this email as the basis for the information disclosure that will give time and place, but be advised that it is tentatively scheduled for the last week in February. Insure your livers are properly conditioned before hand. Hope to get the details out to you soonest.

Do not hesitate to contact me at home, 450 678-9204 or my home email (kreischwine@sympatico.ca) where Teresa and I will be maintaining a precarious hold on life in the greater Montreal region. Never hesitate to drop by if you have time.

The world is too small not to run into most of you again. No need to dread the moment. It will come as a pleasant surprise. Later.

Lorne Warawa
retired.

*** More Links ***

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.

*** Camerons and Coca-Cola ***

Last issue, or somewhere at least I promised to pass on a story about the Camerons and our link to Coke – the drinking kind of course ! This is courtesy of Mr. Jim Swank. Here it is:

That Extra Something!
...You can spot it every time

When war correspondents say that Coca-Cola is the drink of our fighting men, you know there is a reason for it. What drink offers such delicious taste and downright refreshment?

One tells how a Ranger, returned from Dieppe, asked for Coca-Cola in preference to anything. Another cables that the main event of the week for the doughboys at a desolate South Pacific outpost was 12 bottles of Coke. We read such things in the papers regularly.

Coca-Cola had to be good to earn such friendship like that with our Armed Forces. Coca-Cola is good. It's made that way with a finished art and choicest ingredients. And with a taste all its own. Truly, the only thing like Coca-Cola is Coca-Cola, itself.

CANTEEN

You could see this going on many places in the world. When our soldiers get a chance to enjoy a pause, they make it the pause that refreshes with ice-cold Coca-Cola.

Although war has changed and disrupted so many things in their lives, our fighting forces overseas are so often delighted to find in far-off places an old familiar friend... Coca-Cola... being bottled in Allied Nations all over the globe, just as it is at home.

Drink
Coca-Cola
Delicious and Refreshing

The best 5¢
is always
the better buy!

August, 1943

THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE

Vol. LXXIV, No. 2

COPYRIGHT 1943, THE COCA-COLA COMPANY

The US Ranger mentioned in the Coca-Cola ad was my father, Marcell G. Swank. He was a nineteen year-old Sergeant, a member of the newly formed 1st Ranger Bn and was one of 53 Americans on the Dieppe raid. He swam out off of Green Beach after evacuation craft had floundered and was picked up by another craft about a mile out at sea.. He was wounded in the right forearm and sharing a cigarette on the deck of the HMS Calpe with a Canadian who had had his legs blown off. A British sailor wormed his way through the crowded decks offering stiff shots of rum to the wounded. All deck

levels were packed with wounded/dead from the various beaches. My dad took a swig and immediately spit it out. Jokingly, he asked for a Coke. A US war correspondent heard my dad's remarks and passed them on. Coca-cola got a hold of it and the rest is history.....

For those of you who knew P/M Alex Graham, Marcell Swank is THE US Ranger that Alex went to play for at Arlington National Cemetery in 1993. They are both now at rest, no doubt sharing a Coke and a scotch or something equally appropriate while chatting about current Cameron doings.

A letter home from a Cameron who made it back from the Dieppe Raid:

CANADIAN LEGION
WAR SERVICES

England
Sep 17th 1942

Dear C.

How are you getting along these days? I hope you are ok & doing good at school. I am ok & only had a little mark on my head from the raid at Dieppe & got two pieces of shrapnel taken out by the doctor when we got back to England.

We had quite a time as there were lots of big square headed Germans all over the place. I'd better tell you from the start.

Well, we left England at 8 o'clock at night and we went all the way in small boats 20 men in each. We had warships on each side of us all the way over it was nice and smooth out in the English Channel & the moon came up & we could see pretty good. We couldn't smoke as we didn't want the Fritzs to see us just yet. The moon went down & soon it was dead dark. We each had a tin of cold soup & a tin of emergency chocolate to last us till we got back.

At about 4:45 am we saw the French coast & it looked much like England to us. As we got nearer the sky & earth opened up as our bombers dropped tons of high explosive bombs & naval guns sent big shells through the air. The German land guns shot out to sea & when they hit, great clouds of water would shoot up near us. The German ack ack or flack as they say was very heavy & the German machine gunners were using tracer bullets to find their targets (they are like a red ball of fire as they go thru the darkness). It was like a 1st of July fireworks show. The old sun came up & it was like a ball of fire too. We hit shore at 5:30 and had lost only one man but we hit a cement wall nearly 6 ft high & wire on top of that. But we cut the wire & got thru quickly.

We lost our Sergeant Major & our Colonel there & a few men. We worked our way to the left & got to a nest of machine gunners & put them out of action & went on to a ridge where there was a 4 gun battery. We lost quite a few here but used a smoke screen & got all the guns & 8 prisoners. My Lieut was hit & our Capt had me take him back & the prisoners to headquarters. I was given another job there along a road & had 10 men with me. We had 4 Brens 2 Tommy guns & a Sten gun. We stopped all the Germans from coming up on the right along a sunken road. One of our Officers came up there & was talking to me when a mortar bomb hit the road & he & I were thrown against the wall & he was badly hurt. I was very lucky there but had a bad headache all day from it. We

were there all day nearly (almost 9 hours) & we were sure hungry & tired when we had the order to go to the beach. We had a lot of prisoners on the beach but couldn't take them all as we didn't have room on our boats. We had about 30 on our boat & 4 were airmen & one Major. There were lots of planes in the sky. I saw a lot go down. One Stuka had a wing blown off & fell like a stone. I had a German rifle but couldn't keep it as I had a wounded man to take to the boats. All those that weren't hurt helped those that were wounded. We waded out to our necks & got small boats that took us to the destroyers. All the way back the Germans tried to dive bomb & sink us. The boat I was in knocked 5 German planes down alone.

I'm enclosing a leaflet that we took to France it told the French not to help either side as it was only a raid & not an invasion.

Well as I have no more paper I'll close for now. I'm writing this in my tent by candlelight. Write soon.

Love Uncle Art

A Cameron vet remembers

Steini Palsson's story of his Second World War with us. It's not a long read but it sure has a point to it.

<http://www.interlaketoday.ca/2012/11/07/a-vet-remembers>

This is from our extended Regimental family overseas:

Subject: Proposed Wind Turbine Development on Battlefield of Loos

<http://www.longlongtrail.co.uk/research/index.php/proposed-wind-farm-a-serious-threat-to-loos-battlefield/>

Dear Sir or Madam

I am writing you in regards to a planned wind farm project on the site of the Loos battlefield site at Hohenzollern Redoubt. As you are probably well aware this is the last resting place of a huge number of Imperial Cameron Highlanders of the 9th and 15th Scottish Divisions. There are many soldiers of different regiments; far too many to be listed in this message are at rest in this area.

I am trying to get in touch with as many Scottish associations as I can, and ask them to write to the British French Attaché at the attached email address:

postmaster.lille@fco.gov.uk

Your assistance in this would be very much appreciated. And I think you will agree that the soldiers of this battle deserve to be left at peace not be disturbed.

Lest We Forget.

Regards Robert C Bulloch
lochabernomore@shaw.ca

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

What did I say wrong ??

A Muslim bloke I work with was bragging that he had the entire Koran on CD.

All I did was ask him to burn me a copy and all hell let loose !

From Joe Kveton:

You must learn from the mistakes of others.

You can't possibly live long enough to make them all yourself.

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.

Hey Hugh;

Hope all is well with you these days.

The Eastern section (small), of the Regiment still meet about twice a year.

It is great that we tell the same tall tales every time we get together, and don't remember them for the next time and get a chuckle out of them again and again.

Two things that I am requesting info on;

1) Where do I send my dues, and how much?

2) We Eastern boys have been discussing the possibility of donating some funds for the Oatmeal Rag, and are curious as to what kind of funds are needed(that way we can make McCracken pay the most).

Anyway it's been a long winter and can't wait for riding season to begin, probably in August the way things are going weather wise.

Take care,

Mark Silver

Mark: Your dues should be sent to me for now. Sgt Dave Gibson our Treasurer will probably be going Overseas for a bit on a CF holiday. My contact info is on the front page of the issue.

Your Oatmeal Rag contribution can be whatever you like. As a guide, it costs about \$40.00 plus or minus to mail the copies out to the guys who aren't on a computer, mostly SWW vets and folks who can't afford such luxury. Or get much of a signal if they can, such as “Quiche MacGraham” in Ardath, SK.

Sponsors to date are:

Mr. Max Katz, our very first sponsor, of the Cameron Association and the Jewish War Vets;

Mr. Greg Flom, a former Cameron currently with Birchwood GM; and

Maj. Bill Gray, Cameron Advisory Board.

Sgt Tim Seeley, Drum Sgt Extraordinaire

Gentlemen, we thank you.

Our Sponsors for this issue of The Oatmeal Rag are:



Thank You!

Sometimes words are not enough.



To show our appreciation, Birchwood Chevrolet Buick GMC would like to extend General Motors' Military discount of \$500 to **\$500 on new vehicles** for all active and retired military personnel. In addition, take advantage of a **\$500 Military discount on all used vehicles plus 15% off parts and labour.**



Birchwood Chevrolet Buick GMC
40 - 3965 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg, MB
(204) 837-5811
birchwoodgm.ca

Present current military identification, or a pay stub at Birchwood Chevrolet Buick GMC to qualify for discounts.

**Special thanks to
for your support**



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.