



The Glen

The Newsletter of the Calgary Highlanders Regimental Association



Editor's Page

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This issue of The Glen is filled with information about the Unit, both past and present. As you've come to expect, our chronicle of the 10th Battalion's exploits

during the First World War continues, now with an account of the battle for Arleux. It's difficult to imagine how a battalion which had suffered fifty percent casualties only three weeks earlier at Vimy Ridge could be tasked so soon afterward to assault another heavily fortified position, but it was and you can read about it starting on page 3. Moving forward to the near present, there's an account of Sgt. Desilets' trip across northern India in an absurdly tiny and underpowered 'tuk tuk', commentary on the changes made to Operation Impact - Canada's contribution to the coalition fighting ISIS, photo pages and much more. I hope you enjoy it all.

An item I'd like to draw to your attention is the Outward Bound Canada (OBC) poster to be found on page 7. OBC offers week-long, adventure-based resiliency training to all current and former members of the CAF. In some cases up to 100% of the costs may be covered. If you're a soldier or veteran, do yourself a favour and check out what's available at www.outwardbound.ca.

On Friday 29 January the Unit's Sergeants and Warrant Officers held their annual Robbie Burns Supper (see page 23) and by the time you read this the Grand Highland Ball, held on 27 February, will be but a memory. However

there are two very important events to come which you are invited to attend.

On Wednesday 30 March the Regiment will celebrate its 106th birthday at Calgary's Military Museums. Festivities begin at 7:15 pm with lectures on Regimental history and tours of the Unit's Museum Gallery and Weapons Vault and Archives. A reception will follow at 9:00 pm at which oysters and Black Velvet will be served. A cash bar will be open for those who prefer other beverages.

The annual St. Julien commemoration will be held on Saturday 23 April with a parade to the Old City Hall, Association AGM and the Reunion Dinner. Note that there will not be an Officers Mess Dinner this year, but you are invited to the Reunion Dinner to be held at Mewata Armoury. Detailed instructions and timings for St. Julien will be forthcoming and I encourage you to mark your calendars and attend both it and Regimental birthday.

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A Message From the Command Team

LCol Kyle Clapperton and CWO Chris Tucker



Since the Fall edition of *The Glen*, the Regiment has been hard at work maintaining its high standards and demanding tempo! A Coy (Maj Beauchamp & MWO Downey) have been extremely busy, with 3 Platoon (2Lt Hill, WO Klein & Sgt Malenfant, and numerous other Calg Highr instructors) running the Basic Military Qualification course for Southern Alberta Units; nearly half of the course are Calg Highrs candidates. 1 Platoon (2Lt VanCaeyzeele & Sgt Staniewski) and 2 Platoon (Lt Jones & Sgt Graham) have focused on individual soldier skills and training on several of the infantry support weapons that are no longer taught on DP 1 Infantry, such as the M203, SRAAW(M), SRAAW(L) and Claymore. They have also focused on basic winter warfare skills and most recently have been conducting the Close Quarter Combat Basic (CQCB) course- the first of its kind to be run decentralized from the 3 Canadian Division Training Centre on a timetable designed for the Reserve Force. The course has been a huge success and 3CDTC is now looking at exporting the new course Training Plan to the other Reserve brigades. Congratulations to the Ops and Trg Staff (Capt Pittet and WO Aburto) for their tenacity and hard work to make this course a reality, and to the excellent cadre of instructors and course candidates for making CQCB so successful. Again, Calg Highrs lead the way!

On Saturday 27 February HCol Shaw and HLCol Currie hosted the 67th Grand Highland Military Ball at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. This year's GHMB honoured the Veterans of Afghanistan and the significant contribution our Regiment made in that conflict. It was an exceptional event, with nearly 350 Calgarians - a record - coming out to support Calgary's Infantry Regiment. Next month the Regiment will be in the spotlight again as we host the 4th Annual Kilted Regiments Council on 1-2 April, attended by representatives from the Canadian Army, Royal Canadian Infantry Corps, and the 17 Scottish and Irish regiments in Canada.

Looking ahead to the summer training activities, in addition to opportunities for our soldiers to attend the 1 CMBG Road to High Readiness training in Wainwright (Ex PROMETHEAN RAM and Ex MAPLE RESOLVE), the summer collective training kicks off with Ex GOLDEN COYOTE (13-21 June 2016) in South Dakota for a platoon (-) of Calg Highrs soldiers, and will also include 39 CBG's Ex COUGAR CONQUEROR (13-21 August 2016) in Wainwright as the culminating exercise to our training year. Plan to be on those exercises and show the Army what Calg Highrs soldiers are made of. Finally, everyone should mark their calendars for the following Regimental events: the 101st Anniversary of the Battle of St. Julien will be commemorated on Saturday, 23 April with the traditional parade to the Cathedral Church of the Redeemer, wreath laying at City Hall and reunion dinner; the "Gathering of the Clan" regimental BBQ and Family Day will be held on Saturday, 28 May; and the Calgary Highlanders Cadet Corps combined ACR parade will take place on Sunday, 12 June at Mewata Armoury. I encourage all of you to attend these events and support our Regiment.

... **AIRAGHARDT!**

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Photos from all eras of the unit's history are welcome and may be sent to our email address (above) or in the case of prints, to The Calgary Highlanders Regimental Association, Mewata Armoury, 801-11th St SW, Calgary AB, T2P 2C4. Prints will be scanned and returned upon request. Photos should be accompanied by a note explaining who or what the image captures and when and where it was taken.

Letters and articles are encouraged and, if published, may be edited for content and length.

The Fighting Tenth at Arleux Loop

By Darryl Knight

Only three weeks after the 10th Battalion had fought its way up Vimy Ridge - and suffered fifty percent casualties doing so - it was faced with another formidable task: taking the heavily fortified village of Arleux.

In the days following the capture of Vimy Ridge the men of the 10th Battalion were given little time to reflect on the 374 casualties suffered by the unit while taking their critical objective on 9 April. On 14 April the Battalion was ordered to support a short advance of the 8th Winnipeg Battalion, which was moving forward several hundred metres east of the village of Willerval, but no opposition was encountered.

Relieved the following night, the Battalion returned the 2nd Brigade support position west of Vimy Ridge known as the Labyrinthe. In his book, *Gallant Canadians*, Daniel Dancocks recorded:

It was aptly named. A testament to bloody fighting between the French and Germans over the previous two years, the Labyrinthe would later be described by Pierre Berton as a "city of the dead, a bewildering network of caves, tunnels, trenches, and dugouts, circulating and radiating in all directions. Here...French and Germans burrowing beneath the ground had blown each other up and fought hand to hand with knives and clubs. French equipment, human bones, wire, and scores of home-made bombs...lay everywhere. In the Aux Ruitz cave, it was said, there so many dead that one tunnel had to be walled up."

Three days later, the Battalion moved into old, familiar billets at Mont-Saint Eloi for a week of rest.

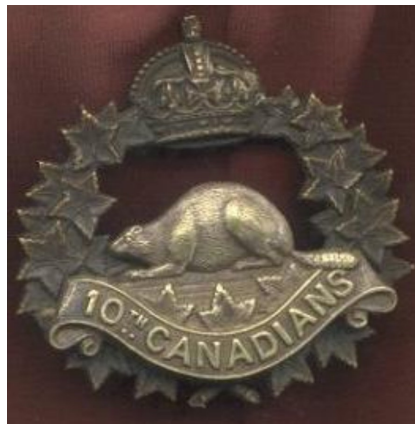
Although the men initially enjoyed a divert-

ing few days of sports and concerts beneath clear, blue skies in mild springtime weather, the "Fighting Tenth" was suddenly ordered to train for offensive operations through the 24th and 25th of that month.

In the preceding weeks the French Army had launched a massive offensive in the Aise sector involving 54 divisions supported by 5,300 guns. Known as the Nivelle offensive after the French commander-in-chief, General Nivelle, it was intended to smash through the German defences, restore mobility to the Western Front, and begin the Allied drive into Germany. The British Expeditionary Force (BEF) had launched its own offensive farther north in the Arras region a week earlier, with the aim of drawing German troops away from the French sector, thereby enabling the decisive attack. The Canadian attacks at Vimy Ridge and the Arleux Loop were part of the BEF's Arras offensive.

Following the German loss of Vimy Ridge, the enemy had established the Oppy-Mericourt line, digging and wiring into a series of new fortified positions. Field Marshal Haig called upon the Canadian 1st Division - along with an additional five British Divisions - to eradicate this new obstacle.

For the Canadians the objective to be taken would be the Arleux Loop, a heavily-fortified frontage on level, featureless ground, between strong-points at Arleux-en-Gohelle and Fresnoy-en-Gohelle villages, roughly one mile east of



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Willerval.

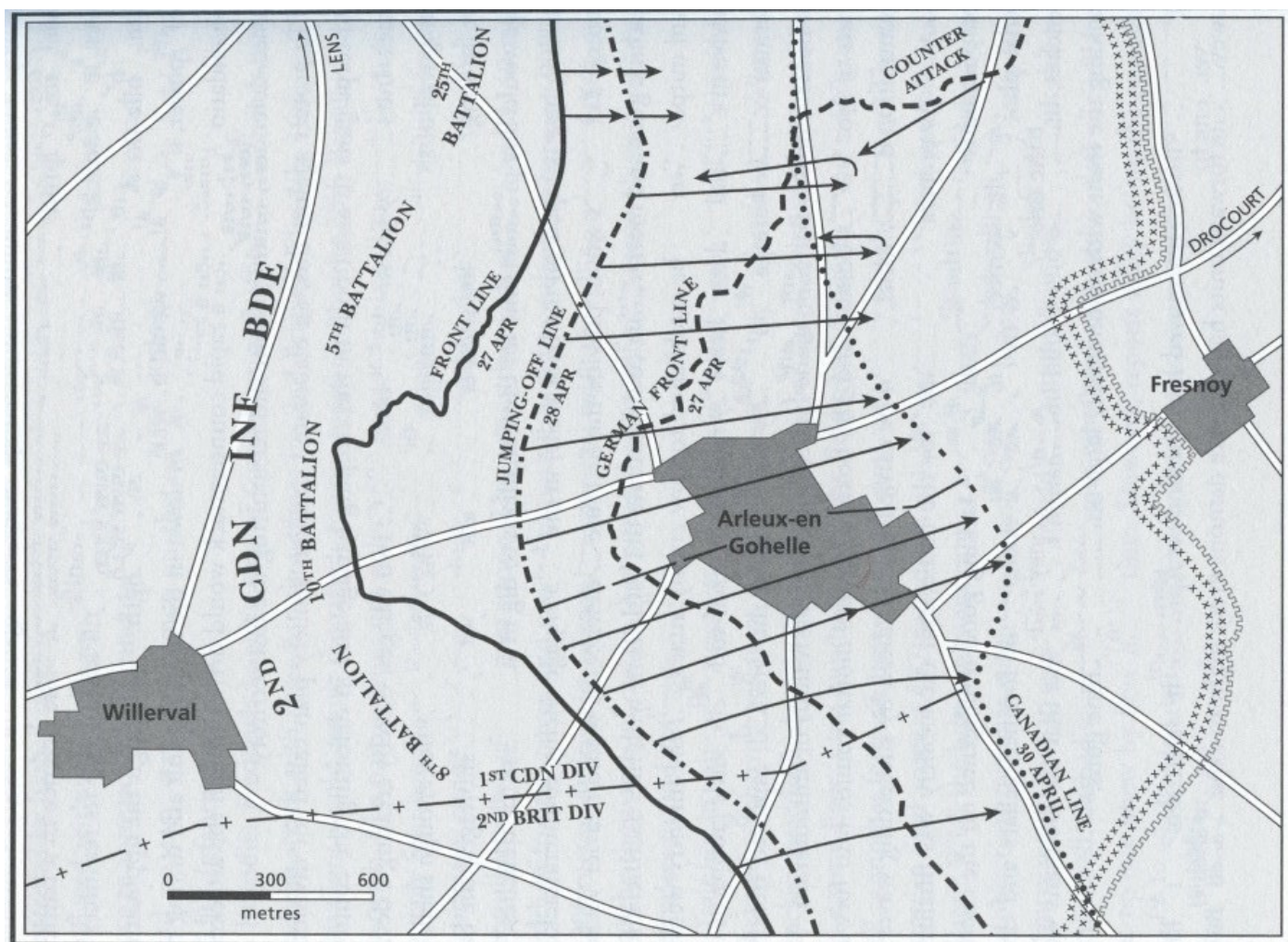
The initial attack was to be by the 2nd Canadian Infantry Brigade over a 2600 yard frontage, with the 10th in the centre, flanked by the 5th Battalion on the left and the 8th on the right. Their major objective was the fortified village of Arleux. Once it was taken, 2 Brigade was to consolidate their position. Later 1st and other 2nd Brigade units would advance through and seize Fresnoy.

Margins were cut very fine for the attacking force: eight minutes of creeping barrage pounding the enemy positions, and ten minutes allocated for the men to complete the

job and capture Arleux.

Colonel Ormond was ordered to remain left-out-of-battle. Under the Battalion's 2ic, Major Alexander Thompson, 14 officers and 625 O.R.s prepared to make the charge, while a recently-arrived draft of 171 new men remained on Vimy Ridge.

Forty-eight hours before the operation began, the 10th Battalion moved into Farbus Wood, relieved the 2nd Battalion CEF, and remained there for 24 hours. Then, on the night of the 27th, the Fighting Tenth moved up to within 200 yards of enemy positions, into a shallow trench forward of the Canadian front line that had been prepared as a jumping-off line for



Tim Cook, Shock Troops

This map shows the Canadian jumping-off line, the German front line, and the Canadian front line at the end of the Battle of Arleux. The Tenth jumped off about 200 m from the German front line and fought through the north half of the village of Arleux in bitter street battles. Although successful, the Battalion suffered 301 casualties, 103 of whom were killed. The Arleux operation cost 2 Bde 1,255 casualties but after Vimy, the success at Arleux further cemented the Canadians' reputation as shock troops..



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Stretcher Bearer and German prisoner dressing wounded Canadian at Arleux. The village's devastation testifies to the savage fighting involved in its capture.

the assault.

Zero hour for 2 Brigade's attack was set for 0425 hours on Saturday 28 April. The Tenth was to attack with 3 Companies up, B at the centre with D on the left and C on the right. A Company would follow to lend support where needed.

The move to the jumping-off line did not go smoothly. German artillery fire was moderate, contributing to mounting losses as the men moved into their attack positions. Although A Company remained in a support position, a solitary enemy shell killed eleven men, including the Company commander, Captain Trimmer MC and Bar, and Lt. S. Jackson MC and Bar. Also hit was Captain Stanley Kent, wounded while guiding soldiers to the jumping-off line. He died the next day.

When news of the losses sustained by A Company reached Battalion Headquarters, Lieutenant Stanley Robertson hurried forward to assist the Company but was fatally wounded minutes after the attack began.

Allied guns opened fire one minute earlier

than planned; at 0425 the three lead companies went over the top. B and C found gaps in the enemy wire which were quickly exploited; D Company, however, ran into virtually intact wire and had to cut its way forward by hand. Now the enemy counter-barrage and machine-gun fire opened up on the attackers, and as the advance became increasingly difficult, casualties mounted.

All but one D Company officer, Lieutenant Frank Costello, fell during the initial minutes of the assault. Four Sergeants – McAndie, Mortimer, Murray and White – and Corporal M. Sullivan, assisted the sole D Company officer in moving their decimated unit forward, over the wire and into a house-to-house street fight through Arleux-en-Gohelle. These six men were later decorated for the morning's action.

The battle for the fortified village was brief but bloody as the men of the

Tenth fought street by street at close quarters. The defenders were numerous and resistance determined, but to the Canadians' surprise (and relief) it suddenly collapsed, though the Germans withdrew in good order.

All companies reached their objectives and dug in, laying new wire in anticipation of a counter-attack. By 0640 hours, the right flank was firmly joined by the 8th Battalion, but on the left, D Company held a defensive flank, thinly spread and not firmly in touch with the 5th Battalion, its members delayed by intact enemy wire and moderate shelling.

Meanwhile, C Company's commander, Captain Burbidge, sent out an urgent call for assistance: artillery fire required on Fresnoy Wood, Lewis Gun ammunition depleted, reinforcements needed, enemy snipers prevalent in the area.

As was the plan, Allied artillery had ceased firing at Zero + 120 minutes. Major Thompson went forward to assess the situation himself. Contacting General Loomis (Brigadier, 2nd Brigade HQ), positive results were swift in coming. British and Canadian artillery re-

commenced firing and carried on through the day. One company from the 7th (1st British Columbia) Battalion was sent forward to assist the survivors from the 10th Battalion; 120 of the recently-arrived reinforcements, left behind at

Vimy Ridge, were also sent forward.

That night, a burial party was assembled to undertake the sobering task of retrieving and burying the 10th Battalion dead. During this

tasking, enemy troops assembled on several noteworthy occasions for counter-attack but were quickly dispersed by Allied artillery fire and vigilant machine gun fire from the Battalion's Lewis gunners. With the position held firmly by the "Fighting Tenth," enemy shellfire continued unabated through Sunday, 29 April.

The Battalion was relieved by the 13th Battalion (Royal Highlanders- Montreal) during the early morning hours of 30 April; the Fighting Tenth remained out of the front line for almost the next two months. The British official historian would later write that the Canadian attack on Arleux was "the only tangible success of the whole operation."

As the men from Calgary returned to safe ground on Vimy Ridge, the butcher's bill was soberly recorded: 304 casualties including 12

officers, and this only three weeks after the Tenth had suffered 374 casualties at Vimy. 179 prisoners and five machine guns were captured, along with Arleux village. Three MCs were won, along with 23 MMs deservedly won by the O.R.s. Special mention went out to the



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10th Bn band in Hoffnungsthal, Germany. This photo was taken after the band had been reconstituted following the disaster of 1 May 1917, when a single long-range shell - possibly from a 13-inch gun mounted on a rail car - struck the Tenth's billets in Mount Saint-Eloi. The huge shell caused 53 casualties, including 15 dead; every member of the band was either killed or injured.

Battalion Medical Officer, Captain R. Kenny MC, who had gone out to treat the men in the open while braving sniper and shell-fire, far forward from his aid station dugout.

The 10th Battalion moved west from the Ridge to the Labyrinth - the men en-

joying a memorable meal there - and then farther away from the front, to billets near Mont Saint-Eloi.

The following Tuesday morning, 1 May, tragedy struck. At 0600 hours a solitary long-range enemy shell, possibly from a 13 inch naval gun mounted on a railway car, struck the Chateau where most of the 10th Battalion had been billeted, killing fifteen and badly wounding another 38 men. All but one member of the Scout section- and virtually the entire Regimental band - were wiped out in a single moment. Loss of the band dealt a serious blow to morale as members were deeply respected for their willingness to trade instruments for stretcher-bearing duties during the heaviest fighting.

Thus ended a fabled chapter in the relentless struggle of the "Fighting Tenth" on the Western Front of the First World War. 🍁



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Outward Bound Canada (OBC) offers week long, adventure-based resiliency training open to all current and former members of the Canadian Forces. OBC courses are an opportunity to connect with other veterans in a supportive environment. You'll have the chance to share deployment and post deployment experiences with like-minded peers, experience a time of personal renewal and reflection and learn some new outdoor and leadership skills while enjoying the landscape you served to protect. OBC has received generous financial support from a number of partners and sponsors, which pays 100% of the course tuition and travel if needed.

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 - ROCKY MOUNTAIN BACKPACKING (JULY 10-16)
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Rickshaw Run: Vacation or Insanity?

By Sgt. Richard Desilets



Sgt. Desilets beside his tuk tuk, prepared to experience the wild exuberance that only 7 hp can bring.

legs you need to put them out the side of the tuk tuk, but must ensure that there are no vehicles coming up behind you that can break your leg. The rear seat can house 2 Canadians with only 6" of legroom. Once again, placing your leg *outside* the tuk tuk is done at your own risk. Other than that, it's a great vehicle to see the Indian countryside.

The two others in the team were Miles and Tracy; a husband and wife team who are always looking for unique ways to travel our planet. Did I say that the tuk tuk was small? I'm over six foot and so were my two teammates. The parts of me that ended up the most sore made me make a mental note to bring extra seat padding next time.

We had a couple of days before we departed to check over our tuk tuk to make sure that the vehicle was running okay. The Adventurists (the team that runs this adventure) did a good job of prep work. On the April 4th start date the air was full of good wishes and laughter from the other 81 teams that were taking part.

There are three runs a year in India and we chose the west-to-east run that routed from Jasalmer to Shillong along the north of India. It took us two and a half days to travel from 10°C Calgary to the start point in 40°C Jasalmer, big temperature changes for us northern boys. Jasalmer is India's western-most desert city before the Pakistani border. It's history goes back to the silk trade routes. Now the tuk tuk is not a speed demon on the road. We ran ours at 45- 48 km/h. If you wanted to, you could run the tuk wide open

The phone rings and the person at the other end asks you to travel to the other side of the world to participate in a road challenge for charity. You may want to do some research before you say, "I'm in!"

The Rickshaw Run is a 3,300km road race that takes place in India. The mode of transportation is an auto rickshaw. Nicknamed the tuk tuk, this 3-wheeled oversized scooter is powered by a 7hp single-piston engine. It can do 0 – 60 downhill...maybe. When I saw the tuk tuk for the first time, my thought was "where's the rest of it?" There might be enough room for 6 local-sized people, but it maxed out at our 3-person Canadian team. The driver's seat has enough room to sit and look out the windshield. If you need to stretch your

and end up like some teams who blew pistons. So, off we went! The first four hours were going great until I looked behind me to see a wall of sand coming. Yep, a sand storm of epic proportions and winds exceeding 60 km/h! What a way to start.

After that first day of having sand everywhere, the trip went better weather-wise. Driving was another thing. In India there are rules and the bigger your vehicle, lets you make the rules. So a tuk tuk is near the bottom. As you're driving on the left (the opposite to we Canadians who drive on the right), you have to train your mind to stay left. Anyone can drive straight forward, but now add cows, goats, dogs, bicycles, small motorbikes, cars, trucks, busses, and even larger trucks, and did I say cows? And all of them on both sides of the road forcing you on to the shoulder, if



Sgt. Desilets

In India the largest vehicles make the rules of the road. So much for tuk tuks.

there is one. Now, repeat for 12 days or 3,300 km, and when we ended our journey in Shillong we were happy to finish.

As a serving member of the Canadian military (Calgary Highlanders), we experience things that other people don't. We train from our first day in the Forces to fight the enemy; we go on exercise to better our soldier skills, take advanced training, and for some of us, deploy to conflict zones. All of the skills we learn train us to not panic, but instead assess the situation, find the best way forward, and the best part - if %\$@# goes sideways, not to cry on the side of the road. And one of the best parts of this trip was that no one was shouting at me. This entire trip was an eye opener to a different world of language, food, climate and the integration with the people, and I mean lots of people; a billion actually. If you're looking for something to add to your bucket list, try this one. 🍁



Autoweek

Sgt. Desilets denies, in the strongest possible terms, that this is the vehicle he drove in India from Jasalmer to Shillong.

Note: All of the funds raised by Sgt. Desilets during his Rickshaw Run went to benefit the Calgary Veteran's Food Bank through the Calgary Poppy Fund. Donations are always appreciated.

QMSI Corner

Regimental Mess Dress

By CWO Christopher Tucker MMM, CD1

With events such as the Grand Highland Ball (GHB) and the Robbie Burns Supper many of our soldiers are in the public eye and it is important that a high standard of dress is maintained by all. This said, here is your guide to looking good and staying off the Sergeant Major's radar. The tables, with a little help from the photo, will help you get dressed properly from your head to your feet. Just remember to polish your entire shoe even if it is covered by the spat in the 2B order of dress. Have fun at the GHB and Robbie Burns everyone.



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Left: Number 2 Mess Standard, as worn by a Sr. NCO. Note that NCMs wear rank on right sleeve only.
Right: Number 2B Mess Service, as worn by a MCpl. Note that ribbons and specialist badges are worn as part of this order of dress. See attached tables for full details of both Number 2 and 2B Mess Dress.

Number 2 Mess Standard

Occasions: Formal evening functions (after 1800 hrs) such as:

- Mess dinners;
- Other formal mess functions; and
- Service and civilian occasions where formal attire would be deemed appropriate, for example, formal receptions, dinners, and weddings which occur in the evening.

Item	Officers	WOs	Sgts	Pte - MCpl	Remarks
Headdress	Glengarry				Worn to and from venue
Jacket	Scarlet jacket: yellow facing with Vest: Government tartan 1A				Officers, CWO: notched collar, gauntlet cuffs NCMs: collar with epaulettes, miniature oak leaves
Plaid w/brooch	No				
Rank	Shoulder	Right sleeve only**			Officers: Shoulder boards – pips and crowns* NCM's: Gold wire stitch on facing colour
Tie	Black bowtie				Clip or standard bow tie
Shirt	Common to all: White, turned down collar***				Officers: Marcella front, French cuffs NCM: pleated front, French cuffs All: Black and silver edged studs All: Regimental cuff links
Collar badges	None	Silver	Bronze		Pipers, drummers: silver In line with medals which are worn 12cm from the centre of the shoulder strap****
Cross belt	No				
Waist belt	No				
Sash	No				
Gloves	No				
Kilt	Government tartan 1A				Females may wear long tartan skirt in the approved set in lieu of kilt
Kilt panel Rosettes	Yes		No		DM, PM: rosettes and kilt panel
Sporran	Badger (with Brass chain belt)		6-point (brass)		Pipers: 3-point black tassels on brown horsehair PM, DM: 3-point black tassels on white horsehair Drummers: 6-point sporran (silver)
Hose	Red and white diced full hose				Pipers: Rob Roy full hose
Flashes	Red				
Spats	No				
Sgian dubh	Yes		No		Regimental design***** P&D: Authorized to wear
Shoes	Brogues, laced		CF Oxford		Officers, CWO, MWO: brogues
Accoutrements Sidearms	No				
Medals/ribbons	Miniature medals on left lapel 1.3cm below notch	Miniature medals on left breast 1.3cm below parachutist wings			Officers: Parachutist wings with red backing sewn on left lapel under the notch at the widest part. Medals mounted 1.3cm below wings NCO's: Parachutist wings with red backing sewn 11.5cm down from the centre of the shoulder strap to top of the wings on left breast****

* Miniature Oak Leafs are worn on the shoulder boards

** Placement of rank is no different than the DEU Jacket found in the CAF Dress Instruction A-DH-265-000/AG-001

*** No wing tip collar on dress shirts.

**** If medals overlap onto lapel, medals will be worn under the collar badge on the left side.

***** See section 21 of this chapter for the description of the regimental design.

Number 2B Mess Standard

Occasions: Formal evening functions (after 1800 hrs) such as:

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- Other formal mess functions; and
- Service and civilian occasions where formal attire would be deemed appropriate, for example, formal receptions, dinners, and weddings which occur in the evening.

Item	Officers	WOs	Sgts	Pte - MCpl	Remarks
Headdress	Glengarry				Worn to and from venue
Jacket	DEU (cutaway)				Worn as per No.3 order of dress
Plaid w/ brooch	No				
Rank	As per CAF regulations**				
Tie	Black bow tie				Clip or standard bow tie
Shirt	Common to all: White, turned down collar***				Officers: Marcella front, French cuffs NCM: pleated front, French cuffs All: Black and silver edged studs All: Regimental cuff links
Collar badges	Silver		Bronze		Pipers, drummers: silver
Cross belt	No				
Waist belt	No				
Sash	No	Crimson (silk/wool)	Red (wool/cotton)	No	DM, PM: WO's sash
Gloves	No				
Kilt	Government tartan 1A				
Kilt panel Rosettes	Yes		No		DM, PM: rosettes and kilt panel
Sporran	Badger (with Brass Chain belt)		6-point (brass)		Pipers: 3-point black tassels on brown horsehair PM, DM: 3-point black tassels on white horsehair Drummers: 6-point sporran (silver)
Hose	Red and white diced hose tops with black socks				Pipers: Rob Roy hose
Flashes	Red				
Spats	Yes				Nine buttons with stiffeners on side and rear, no toe notch
Sgian dubh	Yes		No		Regimental design***** P&D: Authorized to wear
Shoes	Brogues, laced		CF Oxford		Officers, CWO, MWO: brogues
Accoutrements Sidearms	No				
Medals/ ribbons	Ribbons and Specialist badges				Worn as per No.3 order of dress

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The Regiment in Photos

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April 1917

Germans captured at Arleux.

On 28 April 1917 the 5th, 7th and 10th Battalions of Second Brigade captured the fortified village of Arleux in a short but bloody battle. For more on the Tenth's role see our story beginning on page 3.

6 October 1944

Cpl S. Kormendy (L) and Sgt H.A Marshall cleaning the telescopic sights of their sniper rifles, Kapellen, Begium.



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17 October 2015

Cpl White no doubt reflecting on the principles of marksmanship following the live fire pairs range, part of Ex Heavy Metal and described elsewhere in this issue of the Glen.

14 July 2015

Maj Peter Boyle was awarded the Veterans Affairs Commendation by the Department's Minister, the Honourable Erin O'Toole. The Commendation is awarded annually to individuals who have contributed in an exemplary manner to the care and well-being of Veterans or to the remembrance of the contributions, sacrifices and achievements of Veterans. Maj Boyle's achievements in this area are many and are reflected in the wording of his commendation which can be accessed at <http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/about-us/department-officials/minister/commendation/bio/1356>

MCpl Evan Bullock

Veterans Affairs



October 2015

Retired RSM Flint Walters spotted at the finish line of the Long Beach, California Half Marathon. Having recently turned 50 years of age, the retired CWO made a personal best time for a half marathon - despite the temperature hitting 36°C. In addition to the motivation provided by his military experience, there was free beer at the end.



Flint Walters



2LT Fraser/Sgt Nussbaumer

20 October 2015

Bill Green, now 94 years of age, served with the Calgary Highlanders during the Second World War. Unfortunately he lost his Glengarry many years ago, but this was made right when the Unit's soldiers presented him with a new one. With Bill are Sgt Nussbaumer (L) and 2 LT Fraser.



28 October 2015

To mark his retirement from the Army after 32 years of service, LCol F. Lee Villiger, CD (centre) was presented with a print of the 10th Battalion's April 1915 night attack at Kitcheners Wood. The presentation was made at the Mewata Garrison Officers' Mess by RSM Chris Tucker (L) and the Commanding Officer, LCol Kyle Clapperton. LCol Villiger joined the Unit as a Private in 1983, was commissioned in 1985, and served as CO 2002-2005. His service hasn't ended with formal retirement as he's recently taken up the post of Regimental Secretary.

LCol Clapperton

11 November 2015

Former Calgary Highlander MCpl Christian Poonwah observed Remembrance Day 2015 in Nicosia, Cyprus. Christian is shown with members of the Royal Regiment of Scotland (R) and the Gurkha Rifles.



Christian Poonwah

13 Dec 2015

Kids' Christmas Party

Major B looks happy but Santa's magic touch is obviously not working on these two little ones.



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Ken Clements

18 December 2015

The Unit celebrated the close of 2015 and Christmas with the annual Soldiers Dinner, held on the Mewata Armoury Parade Square.

18 December 2015

MWO Gerald Downey (R) watches while the RSM and Cpl Wally Fong exchange tunics for the evening. Cpl Fong's tunic was a tight fit on the RSM, who managed to tear the rear seam of Cpl Fong's jacket apart while performing his 'incredible hulk' impression. Unfortunately he failed to turn green. At least not until later in the evening.



Ken Clements

Exercise Highland Marksman, September 2015

By Maj Andrew Beauchamp



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Range staff coach members of The Calgary Highlanders on EXERCISE HIGHLAND MARKSMAN, 25-27 Sep 2015 at CFB Wainwright.

With the end of summer the leaves change colour, the days become shorter, a chill creeps into the air and a new training year begins. As with every new training year all members of The Calgary Highlanders are called on to requalify on a number of basic soldier skills including the C7 Personal Weapons Tests (PWT). Over the weekend of September 25-27, 2015 The Calgary Highlanders deployed 57 soldiers to CFB Wainwright to conduct C7 PWTs 1 and 3. Below is one soldier's account of the PWT 3:

"We had just finished zeroing our C7s and completed some shooting from a range of 300

metres. The range flags were catching the gentle breeze as we walked towards the 400 metre point. This was an opportunity to quietly reflect on the marksmanship principles and on the test ahead. At the 400 metre point the Range Safety Officer (RSO) quickly reviewed the test. The orders started coming quickly after the briefing and I clamoured to find my first magazine. With the RSO behind me shouting the orders 'with a 14 round magazine, LOAD!', 'READY – 300 metres!', 'WATCH AND MOVE', I shift my focus down range, waiting, watching for the targets to appear. After what feels like an

eternity I see the dark image of the figure 11 target emerge. The test is underway.

I clamber to my feet and run 100 metres to our first firing point. As I complete the run the sergeant behind me reminds our relay to shoot '2 ROUNDS AT EACH TARGET'. I get into the prone position, align my rifle with the target and

deliberately fire my rounds; as the last round is released the targets go down. Placing my weapon on safe I wait for the targets to materialize again. Suddenly there they are, and I find myself running to the next firing point.

As I'm completing the 100 metre run it dawns on me I need to adjust my sight as the

sergeant behind me yells 'KNEELING POSITION.' I take a second to adjust my sights before controlling my breath and squeezing off my rounds. This time it seems like the targets have barely fallen when they pop back up. Running to the 100 metre firing point I realize that my magazine is empty. I reach for my last magazine as I'm running up the mound at the 100 metre point. I change magazines quickly before getting into the prone position and firing off my rounds. It's a little more difficult to calm my breathing after this run and ultimately I don't fire the second

round before the targets fall; hopefully I don't need that point to pass the test. Now we're ordered 'UP!' and we start walking forward, scanning for the targets. As we hit the 75 metre point the targets pop; I stop and fire two rounds at the center of the target's chest before it falls. We continue advancing towards the 50 metre point. This time you



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As part of range background activity 41 Combat Engineer Regiment provided instruction on Explosive Threat and Hazard Awareness and Recognition during EXERCISE HIGHLAND MARKSMAN.

hear the butts NCO yelling 'TARGETS UP' before you see the target appear; I aim and fire again. Finally we advance to the 25 metre point. As the targets appear the sergeant reminds us to fire 'BURSTS!'. Quickly I adopt the standing position and, looking over my sight, switch to automatic before pulling to trigger to the familiar 'burapp' of C7 automatic fire. With the test complete we file back towards the administration, anxiously awaiting our scores." 🍁

Exercise Heavy Metal, October 2015

By MCpl Evan Bullock



MCpl Evan Bullock

Beautiful conditions to zero on range 6.

In past years Exercise Heavy Metal consisted of familiarization and qualification shoots for the C6 (7.62mm General Purpose Machine Gun), C9 (5.56mm Light Machine Gun), Carl Gustav (84mm anti-tank recoilless rifle), grenades and even a memorable .50 cal shoot. This year was quite an offshoot from the standard. The scope was PWT3 Qualification and Live Pairs Fire and Movement.

On Friday October 16, 2015 the unit RV'd at

Mewata Armoury at the usual 1900hrs where we drew weapons and hopped on the bus in a timely manner. The bus ride's feature films, brought to you by MCpl McDermott, were *Pain & Gain* and *Edge of Tomorrow*. After a stop at Chez McDonalds we arrived at CFB Wainwright at around 0100hrs. Not too shabby.

Reveille on Saturday was 0600hrs and a hearty breakfast was had at the mess before heading out to the range to zero and fire

PWT3. The weather was optimal with not a cloud in the sky and a slight breeze. One of the benefits to firing on the CFB Wainwright ranges, as opposed to Edmonton, is that firers actually get to walk up to their targets and analyze their shots. We used the skills of shot analysis and adjusted our scopes to zero our C7 rifles. I find it satisfying to minimize a grouping and adjust the scope to the correct zero position. I believe it gives the firers more confidence and assurance in their shooting. After completing the PWT 3 range we moved to the pairs range. On the way to that range we came across several sentries from multiple units posted on routes in and around their respective ranges. Their task was to ensure vehicles coming in and out were cleared by range staff in order to ensure maximum safety.

After receiving our range safety briefing we practiced dry runs of team fire and movement before breaking off into two man teams for the live portion. Teams were tasked to approach possible enemy locations. Once the targets popped up the team fire and movement portion began. After the double

tap, dash, down, sights, observe, the teams assaulted the enemy position. Unfortunately due to dry conditions we were unable to employ T Flashes as simulation grenades. After clearing the trench, teams advanced and destroyed two more enemy positions. It was noted by staff that the fresh new Privates Ardell and Abboud had performed the task in the quickest and most effective manner. Sgt Wagg and Cpl Hardiment were the only ones to have expended all 90 rounds. I found this exercise beneficial as I hadn't shot a live fire attack in many years. It really builds on the skills we practice while shooting blanks and enhances confidence. It is one thing to perform an attack with blanks, but when live rounds are going downrange it drives home the need for taking those aimed shots and communicating with your fire team partner. After the range was completed we headed back to base for dinner and weapons cleaning. Two of the officer cadets also took off later in the night for navigation exercises.

Another reveille at 0600hrs and meal in the mess was followed by 1 Platoon staying on base and clearing out the shacks while 2

Platoon went back to the range to pick up brass and return the targets. We departed Wainwright at approximately 1100hrs and watched *Charlie Wilson's War* and *Crank* on the way back to Calgary. At 1700hrs we were dismissed.

All in all, the weekend was a success for those shooting PWT 3 and Live Fire in teams. It is not often we get to fire live outside of the conventional range and it was a great training opportunity for all ranks. I, as well as others look forward to building on the skills we learned and refreshed over the weekend with group, section and hopefully platoon live fire attacks. 🍁



MCpl Evan Bullock

MCpl McDermott and Cpl Nistuk getting pumped up for the pairs

Robbie Burns 2016

By MWO Glenn Fedoruk, CD

On behalf of the RSM, I would like to thank everyone who attended the 2016 Robbie Burns Supper. The comments received throughout and following the event were very positive leading us (the WO's and Sgt's) to believe it was a success. This dinner is the premier event for the Calg Highrs (which is the proper short form for "The Calgary Highlanders") WO's and Sgt's Association to showcase the Regiment to our family, friends, and guests. A great job was done by all involved to roll the evening out in a smooth, efficient, and timely manner.

Sgt Brian Gaisford again demonstrated his poetic skills with his thrilling rendition of "Address to a Haggis." Although we had bandages on standby, I was happy that Sgt Gaisford managed to avoid slicing his hand open during the address while wielding a dirk. And the RSM was happy his dirk came back in one piece and the silver platter didn't have

any more dents in it. Excellent job again this year Sgt Gaisford.

The association would again like to thank WO1 (Retd) Tam Connelly for his delivery of the immortal memory. It truly is a privilege and an honour to have such a distinguished guest speak at our event. A special nod to the six individuals who were called upon to recite some of the works of Roberts Burns. Thanks for being such good sports about it all.

What can I say about the Pipes and Drums of The Calgary Highlanders that isn't shared by everyone who was in attendance? We are proud of our P&D as they consistently demonstrate their professionalism, dedication, and skill. The floor shows performed during the evening confirmed these attributes as they balanced a traditional set followed by an absolutely stunning performance incorporating more recent and popular music with a wide array of instruments. The dedication of the



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L to R: The DCO, Maj Simon Cox; the RSM, CWO Chris Tucker; HLCOL Lauchlan Currie; HCOL Michael Shaw; and the CO, LCOL Kyle Clapperton.

P&D was represented by Dmr Robinson, who though seven months pregnant, drummed and danced enthusiastically.

At the end of the night the Calg Highrs WO's and Sgt's Association donated \$500.00 to the Calgary Highlanders Regimental Funds Foundation (CHRFF), to be put directly into the endowment. This helps pay for our ceremonial uniforms, accoutrements and other regimental operating costs not covered by public funds. A special thanks to everyone who attended to make that possible.

Another Robbie Burns Supper has come and gone, leaving only memories. On the 27th of January 2017 we will make new memories at the next supper. For those who missed this year's address, immortal memory, and sets, you did exactly that, missed. Please don't lament on opportunities lost; be upstanding and attend the Burns supper next year. 🍁



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The Pipes and Drums were once again a centrepiece of the Burns Supper with their splendid performances.



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The next Burns Supper will be held on 27 January 2017. Mark the date in your calendars and don't miss it.

Operation Impact: Renewed but Modified

Operation IMPACT is the Canadian Armed Forces' (CAF) contribution to the multinational coalition to halt and degrade the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL, but also referred to as ISIS or IS). IMPACT has had two major components: a relatively small number of military advisors (said to be fewer than 70) working with Iraqi security forces, predominantly the Kurdish Peshmerga in Northern Iraq; and, an Air Task Force (ATF-I) based in Kuwait.

The military advisors - reportedly drawn from the Special Operations Regiment - have, for the most part, managed to operate in the shadows and avoid media attention.

ATF-I has fielded six CF-18 Hornet fighters, a CC-150 Polaris refuelling aircraft, and up to two CP-140 Aurora aircraft. Since carrying out their first air strike on 2 November 2014, the Hornets had carried out 238 strikes as of 1 February 2016 (233 in Iraq and five in Syria). Not surprisingly, their role in Operation IMPACT has attracted the most media and political attention.

The Polaris refuels strike aircraft - both Canadian and Allied - in mid-air, while the Auroras are surveillance aircraft which contribute to coalition intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) capabilities.

In other words, the Auroras find the targets, the Hornets destroy the targets, and the Polaris increases the Hornets' effectiveness by allowing the fighters to stay in the air longer.

The previous Parliament set an expiry date for the military operation of 30 March 2016; it would have to be renewed if operations were to go beyond that date.

On 8 February the Trudeau government announced that Operation IMPACT will be extended until 31 Mar 2017, but with some significant changes including:

- The six Hornets will be withdrawn and strike missions will cease as of 22 February. However the Auroras and the Polaris will remain.

- Despite the withdrawal of the Hornets and associated personnel, Canadian Military personnel deployed in the region will increase from 650 to 830. Included in this is a tripling of military advisors from 69 to 207.

- A team of 'strategic advisors' will be offered to the government of Iraq.

- Additional CAF members will be sent to Jordan and Lebanon to help with "capacity-building efforts".

- A "small" contingent of helicopters will be deployed to support Iraqi forces with medical evacuations.

The media has been quick to assume that the increase in military advisors will all come from the Special Operations Regiment though the government did not actually say this, and it remains to be seen whether advisors will be drawn from other units. The Prime Minister did say that Canada's fight against IS will not be wholly a military one, but involve a 'whole-of-government' approach. This will include increased humanitarian aid and an 'increased diplomatic presence in the region'.

As he announced the renewed and modified Canadian mission against IS, Prime Minister Trudeau emphasized that with the withdrawal of the CF-18s the military role would be a non-combat one. However, readers should be aware that the government's interpretation of 'non-combat' may not be what the words imply. The Auroras will continue to search for targets that coalition aircraft can bomb, the Polaris will continue to refuel the bombers, and presumably the special forces will call in air strikes and mark targets. General Vance, the Chief of Defence Staff, summed up what non-combat means when he said, "In my view, it's a non-combat mission in that we are not the principal combatants there".

A Smart IS Strategy - Except for the Air Strikes

By Thomas Juneau

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Canadian Armed Forces

A Canadian CF-18 in Kuwait is armed and ready for a combat mission against IS. The author argues that Canada's recently announced IS strategy is sound, with the glaring exception of stopping Canadian airstrikes.

[On February 8th], the Trudeau government released its strategy to confront Islamic State. On balance, it is a good strategy, one that is consistent with Canada's interests, with one important exception: the decision to stop the air strikes.

Every element in the strategy allows Canada to pursue its interests in the Middle East. The plan calls for Canada to provide crucial niche capabilities essential for coalition operations. This includes continuing the deployment of air-to-air refuelling and surveillance aircraft. Canada will also increase its number of officers in coalition headquarters. It is also sound policy

for Canada to increase its intelligence assets committed to better understanding the threat posed by IS.

It is unfortunate that the regional capacity-building elements of the strategy have received less attention, since they deserve praise – it is in Canada's interests to boost the capabilities of partner governments in Lebanon, Jordan and Iraq.

Many critics lament that it has taken three months for Ottawa to announce the new policy. This is unfair, for two reasons. First, it is normal for a new government to carefully think through its options on such a complex

issue while it builds trust with the bureaucracy. More importantly, Canada is a mid-sized contributor to a large coalition. Agreeing on niche contributions therefore requires identifying specific needs with allies and partners through extensive consultations, matching these gaps with Canadian assets, and working out logistical and legal frameworks. This takes time.

The decision to increase the existing level of support to Iraqi Kurdish troops is probably the right one, but it carries short-term benefits in exchange for longer term costs. The Kurds are among the coalition's most reliable partners in fighting IS; in the short-term, they deserve support. Looking farther ahead, however, the wisdom of boosting a sub-state actor with secessionist aspirations plays against Canada's support for a stable and united Iraq. This could also eventually be a source of tension with Turkey, a NATO ally at war with its own Kurdish insurgency.¹

The Liberals made the commitment to stop the air strikes largely for domestic political purposes; it worked for them, and they should be commended for respecting an electoral promise. That said, they have not articulated a sound strategic rationale for doing so. Their oft-repeated claim that Canada will focus on "what we're good at" is inaccurate, because the Royal Canadian Air Force is highly skilled at what it does.

Similarly, the claim that we contributed only 2

to 3 per cent of air strikes, and that the coalition can easily do without us, is misleading. The Obama Administration has wanted the coalition to be seen as legitimate, which is why it worked hard to build broad support. Canada's value-added in contributing to the air strikes was therefore as much political as it was material. With this logic, Canada's other initiatives should also be suspended: as a mid-sized country, we rarely contribute more than a small proportion of overall efforts.

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Critics who claim that air strikes aren't helping to defeat IS misunderstand their purpose. Air strikes have weakened the group and have chewed away at its capabilities, providing space and time for the coalition to support local troops. And ultimately, IS is a symptom of broken political processes in Iraq, Syria, and elsewhere in the region; it will only be defeated when stability and prosperity come to these countries. That will not happen for years, and in

the meantime, air strikes are the least bad option to contain the group.

The government recognizes this logic. The new strategy undeniably supports coalition air strikes and even enables them. The only coherent explanation for the Liberals' decision to stop the air strikes is for domestic political purposes; then they built a policy around it. The result is a sound plan and an appropriate commitment of resources which will help Canada pursue its interests in the region – despite one important, poor decision. 🍁

¹ Another view is that Iraq - and Syria - have likely passed the point where they can be put back together and that expecting either country to emerge from this war 'united and stable' is unrealistic. Proponents of this view believe that our diplomats need to start taking that eventuality seriously. - Ed.

Fallen Comrades

Christopher David Allen



Captain Christopher Allen lost his life on October 24, 2015 at Campbell River, BC while salmon fishing on the Pacific Ocean with friends. He was only 31 years old.

A native of Toronto, he served with the Calgary Highlanders while living in Calgary before joining the RCAF and qualifying as a fighter pilot in 2011. Captain Allen was a veteran of two deployments on Operation IMPACT - the Canadian Armed Forces contribution to the coalition to halt and degrade ISIL/ISIS - and in May 2015 completed the Fighter Weapons Instructor Course, a prestigious and highly sought-after qualification among the fighter pilot community.

2nd Lieutenant Hill of the Calgary Highlanders commented:

Capt Allen started in the CF as a Calgary Highlander officer and was well known to many still serving. He often attended our events following his Component Transfer to the Air Force and continued to consider himself a Calgary Highlander...he took our ribbing about his Air Force blue uniform in good spirits. He will be missed.

Gordon George Cousins



Gord Cousins, CD died on December 1, 2015, surrounded by his wife and children, after a brief but courageous battle with leukemia.

Gord was born in Mississauga, Ontario on August 10, 1948 and moved to Calgary in 1975. He was involved in numerous community projects and in particular the Calgary Highlander Cadets, where he served as an officer on the Cadet Instructors List until mandatory retirement several years ago.

Even then he continued his service as a volunteer and civilian instructor until the time of his passing. Gord was also an active member of the Regimental Association and served on the Board of Directors. In recognition of his service to the Regiment he was a recipient of the Order of the Gallant Canadians.

Gord is survived by his wife, Jean, three sons and a daughter, and nine grandchildren. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Fallen Comrades

Raymond Hoffman



Ray Hoffman, a Second World War veteran of the Calgary Highlanders and resident of Cochrane, AB, passed away on January 25, 2016 at the age of 92.

Ray joined the Army as soon as he was old enough - or was able to satisfy the recruiters that he was old enough - and found himself in the Calgary Highlanders in early November 1944 as one of the badly needed reinforcements soon after the battle for the Walcheren Causeway. Ray was possessed of great physical strength and was a Bren gunner, and one of the few who could accurately fire that weapon from the standing position. He fought with the Highlanders until war's end as the battalion drove into Germany.

Ray was proud of having served as a Calgary Highlander and was a long time member of the Cochrane branch of the Royal Canadian Legion. He is survived by his daughter and grandson.



Library and Archives Canada

Mewata Armoury was constructed during the First World War on land donated to the Federal Government by the City of Calgary. This use of city land met with opposition but the issue was settled in the municipal election of 1913 when the question was put to Calgarians. More than 70 percent of voters were in favour and the city donated the land in 1916. Construction began in September 1916 and was completed at the end of 1918. This photo shows the Armoury on 28 February 1918. At that point the exterior was complete though much work remained to finish the interior. Mewata Armoury was designated a Provincial Historic Resource in 1979.

*Major Peter J Boyle CD, AdeC
Calgary Highlanders Museum and Archives*

Lieutenant Staley Currie Robertson, MC

Stanley Currie Robertson was from Calgary and joined the Canadian Expeditionary Force in December of 1914. After training he was assigned to the 10th Battalion, CEF and fought with them in a number of battles where he distinguished himself. In June of 1916 at the Battle of Mount Sorrel, Lieutenant Robertson was awarded a Military Cross for leading his bombing platoon with great skill and determination as well as rescuing a wounded officer.

Lieutenant Robertson served at the Battle of Vimy Ridge the following year and a few weeks later found himself in the midst of the Battle of Arleux on the 28th of April 1917. Lieutenant Robertson was serving at Battalion Headquarters when the A Company Commander, Captain Trimmer, was



**LIEUT. S. C. ROBERTSON
Died of Wounds**

Archives Canada
Lt. S. C. Robertson, MC was wounded during the Battle of Arleux on 28 April 1917 and died a week later.

killed along with ten officers and men. Lieutenant Robertson immediately volunteered to take the place of one of these officers and moved forward to join A Company. Soon after his arrival and minutes after the attack commenced, he was wounded in the left arm and leg by enemy machine gun fire. His wounds were dressed at the Battalion Aid Post and he was taken to a Field Ambulance and evacuated to a General Hospital at Boulogne. Lieutenant Stanley Currie Robertson died of his wounds a week later on the 4th of May 1917 and was buried at Wimereux Communal Cemetery – just a few rows away from where the author of *In Flanders Fields*, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae lies. The Calgary Highlanders Regimental Museum and Archives holds a number of interesting artefacts belonging to Lieutenant Currie, including a tunic of his with "Sam

Browne" cross belt along with an orders field case that he had with him when wounded. The Glenbow Museum holds Lieutenant Robertson's field message pad that was with him when he was wounded and copies of this are held by the Museum. This message pad has his orders, notes and sketches from the weeks leading up to his being wounded and includes the fighting at Vimy Ridge.

As well as the Military Cross, Lieutenant Robertson was awarded a Mentioned-in-Despatches during his time with the 10th Battalion. He is remembered with a grave marker in France and his name appears on the Calgary Soldiers' Memorial. 🍁



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The Regimental Museum and Archives holds Lt. Robertson's tunic with Sam Browne belt along with the orders field case he had with him when wounded.



Commonwealth War Graves Commission

The Wimereux Communal Cemetery is located about 5 kms north of Boulogne in the small French town of that name. Boulogne and Wimereux, which sit beside the English Channel, formed an important hospital centre for the BEF during the First World War, and those who died of wounds or sickness were buried in the south-east half of Wimereux Cemetery until it was filled to capacity in June 1918. It contains 2,847 Commonwealth burials of that war, amongst whom are 220 Canadians including Lt. S.C Roberson, MC of the 10th Battalion. The cemetery is unusual in that the military headstones were laid flat because the sandy soil could not provide them with a stable footing. During the Second World War, Wimereux was liberated by the Canadian 1st Army on 22 September 1944.



The Calgary Highlanders Regimental Association Dues, Gifts and Membership

If you are an existing member of the Association, either Ordinary or Associate, all you have to do to renew your membership for 2016 is to send us your annual dues of \$15.00 (Box A)

If you are not an existing member and wish to become one, please complete the application form (Box B) and attach the 2016 annual dues of \$15.00.

All serving soldiers are automatically Ordinary Members upon receipt of the annual dues and need not apply for membership.

If you are unsure of your status, complete Box B.

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2016 dues are \$15.00 and, of course donations are much appreciated.

A tax receipt will be issued for donations of more than \$10.00; annual dues are not tax-deductible. Cheques should be made out to 'The Calgary Highlanders Regimental Association' and mailed to:

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Calgary AB T2P 2C4

Enclosed are my annual dues of \$15.00 (2016)

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