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Colonel of the Regiment

Colonel Greg Hug

As this is my fourth article in the newsletter, I decided to spend a minute reflecting on my earlier articles shared with you. In my first article, I highlighted four areas of priority from my perspective:

Strategy - we continue to work on an updated strategic plan. More to follow as it evolves.

Regimental History - we received excellent feedback on the scope of this proposed project. This project will progress over the next few years; expect a further update this fall.

Volunteerism - I did stress the requirement to get younger family members involved as volunteers in the Society and the Association. This requirement is becoming critical as we really need to get new blood into some of our leadership positions. Please do consider volunteering for key positions as your part-time contribution can provide personal satisfaction while contributing to our family dynamic.

Communication - our communications are working effectively but can always be improved.

In this edition of the newsletter, **John Stuckart**, the Vice Chair of the Board of Directors and the Strathcona Society Secretary, has provided an update on the activities of the Board over the past year. From my perspective, we have improved our governance and are making significant progress on how we manage the Society operations. We have created the committees as described last fall and they are contributing effectively to the decision-making of the Board of Directors on your behalf.

An ad hoc committee met in January to confirm the activities planned to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Moreuil Wood in March 2018. There are details on our website at strathconas.ca but in essence we are hoping to have activities from coast to coast next March with key activities in Edmonton and in France. Please read on for more detail in this Newsletter.

As highlighted last fall, the Regiment has been tasked for several operations in Europe and elsewhere. I will leave it to the CO to update on the specifics of the Regiment's commitments. It is important to stress that the Regiment is heavily committed and limited in how they can support Society and Association activities. Nevertheless, there is an excellent level of cooperation between the three elements of our Regimental family.

Our Association continues to provide excellent leadership, coordination, and a range of activities for members of the family throughout the year. As mentioned, next March will see activities across Canada. The various chapters of the Association will require volunteers to help plan and execute the commemoration events. Please consider stepping up in your area.

On a personal note, I remain in the ICU of the Ottawa Hospital. **Maria** has been house hunting for several months but we have not yet found a suitable house in the right location. This is more of a challenge than we anticipated but I remain optimistic that we will find an appropriate house that will allow me to leave the hospital. Until this is accomplished, my flexibility in travelling to participate in regimental events is limited. Again, my thanks to all who have continued to correspond with me and have expressed their best wishes for me.



Col (Ret'd Hug) with Randall and Maureen Purvis

The Stunt Doubles

*Acting Commanding Officer Major Al Wong and
Acting Regimental Sergeant-Major Master Warrant Officer Kevin King*

A lot has happened since the last newsletter, **LCol Mark Lubiniecki** and **CWO Rob Clarke** have deployed overseas on Op UNIFER as the Task Force Commander and Sergeant-Major in the Ukraine along with a slice of the Regiment. They send their regards and salutations. The Acting RSM and I, are extremely humbled to have the honour of temporarily leading our soldiers and supporting deployments. To highlight a few events, over the last few months the Regiment said goodbye to several outstanding Officers and Senior NCOs. The Mariner Room had the opportunity to dine out two fine officers, **LCol (Ret'd) Trevor Gosselin** and **Maj (Ret'd) Rob Hume** at last November's Black Hat Mess Dinner. The Sarcee Room mugged out **CWO (Ret'd) Joe Ramsey**, **WO (Ret'd) Lee Encinas** and **Sgt (Ret'd) Owen Knott** when Strathcona's from all parts of the country bid them well wishes.

In January, the Task Force conducted Theater Mission Specific Training for the Ukraine and took some well-deserved leave prior to deploying in March. The Task Force has been looking for new and exciting ways to share our knowledge with our Ukrainian Allies. We had two advanced gunnery instructors back deck a BMP, (a Russian-designed Infantry Fighting Vehicle), during a live fire trace to provide advice on better gunnery skills. Also, we sent **Sgt Mike Doody**, the KO's 2IC, not only to improve the food quality for our deployed soldiers but to pass on our skills with food planning and meal deliveries. The last time the Regiment deployed RHQ was back in 1997 when **MGen (Ret'd) Tim Grant** took the Regiment overseas to Bosnia. It would appear that the Armd BGs are coming back.

So, while RHQ has deployed, what has the Regiment been up to? A lot! We have loaned a Sqn of Leo 2 tanks to C Sqn RCD for their validation exercise in Wainwright. The Regiment also celebrated the 99th anniversary of the Battle of Moreuil Wood. Over the next few months, Recce Sqn will be supporting the Primary Reserves on the Collective Training Exercises. A and B Sqn will be heading down to Fort McLeod to visit where **BGen Harvey** is interned, as this year marks his 100th anniversary for his actions at Guyencourt. In May, the Officers and Sr NCOs will be celebrating the 73rd Anniversary of Melfa River with a mixed combined Mess Dinner. Also, a confirmation recce will be conducted in advance of the Moreuil Wood celebrations next year. Further, we look forward to celebrating Canada's 150th anniversary by conducting community relations tasks.

For the Moreuil Wood centennial celebrations, we will be having an open house on 22nd of March 2018 following the Moreuil Wood Parade. On display will be **Lt Flowerdew's** VC, his Death Penny and his Riding Crop. The celebrations in Edmonton will culminate with a dinner. The Regiment will also celebrate the centennial at Moreuil Wood in France. More details regarding the Edmonton and France celebrations will be promulgated and published on the Regimental Society Website, strathconas.ca.



The Editors Goofed!

The Fall 2016 Edition of the Newsletter contained an article on the Strathconas deployed in Cyprus in 1974 submitted by **George Patenaude**. The article gave readers the impression that two Lynxs were written-off as battle casualties, one due to a landmine and another due to enemy mortar fire. This was an editing error and in fact only the Lynx that hit a landmine was a write-off. Our apologies to George and, again, our thanks for the excellent article.

An Almost Forgettable Winter Exercise

David Sproule

Throughout the winter of 1973-74, I had the good fortune to be OC of B Squadron. In December we had been on exercise in Suffield supporting the Patricia's and everything went well. When the Regiment went on exercise to Suffield in early March we had every expectation of a successful training period. We had been down to the training area in previous weeks to conduct our recce and were sure we would achieve our training objectives. Mother nature however had other ideas.

Our Lynx and M113s had all been transported to the training area and only the Ferrets and echelons had to drive. We had a flight of Kiowas from 408 Squadron attached and we had just settled in when the wind and snow started - a late winter storm hit and soon we were, for the most part, snowbound. The idea was of course that we would do our sub-unit training and then RHQ would take over and we would finish up with a Regimental exercise. We all dispersed to our allotted areas and if I remember correctly B Squadron was located in the NW portion of the training area. Although we didn't have terrific visibility it was bald prairie and much of the snow was windswept so we were able to conduct limited training. A and C squadrons weren't as fortunate with their training areas and soon became bogged down in the drifts. If you have been to Suffield in the winter you know what I'm talking about.

Of course none of the Kiowas saw any airtime. Apart from the weather, the Pilots and the Observers were sleeping in a shelter which they heated with a Herman-Nelson. On one of the nights the Herman-Nelson flamed out and the shelter filled with carbon monoxide (CO) fumes. It is fair to say that the crews were quite overcome and even if the weather permitted them to fly, they were all grounded because of the CO exposure. Days went by and there was no change in the weather. Now a Commanding Officer doesn't get much opportunity to train his unit during his tour and especially winter training. Having now been a Commanding Officer, I can understand the complete frustration that **Mark Egner** must have felt throughout the exercise period plus the waste of resources. All the plans went west, we did what we could but eventually we ran out of time and away we went back to Sarcee.

A month or so after the exercise, I was posted to Northern Region HQ in Yellowknife and even though I was a staff officer, I had all the winter training I would need to last a lifetime.

And now we know why you settled in Victoria, Dave! Ed.

Moreuil Wood 100 in Kingston

The Kingston Chapter of the Association is finalizing plans for a major celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of Moreuil Wood to be held in Kingston 23-25 Mar 2018. This event will be open to all serving and former Strathcona's and their spouses/partners who wish to attend.

The final plans will be worked out as the numbers attending will determine the sizes of the facilities required, etc.

The tentative plan is:

Friday, 23 Mar 18 – a Mixed Meet and Greet Happy Hour which will be open to all serving and retired Armoured Corps people living in the Kingston Area and "out-of-towners" attending the commemoration. This will provide an opportunity for those coming from outside the Kingston Area to meet up with old friends residing in the Kingston Area who may or may not have served with the Regiment. Location TBA.

Saturday, 24 Mar 18 – a Mixed Dining-in at the Fort Frontenac Officers Mess. This will be an all-ranks event, of course, but open to serving and former Strathcona's only.

Sunday, 25 Mar 18 – a Farewell Brunch. Location TBA

Closer to the event we will be asking for indications of intent to attend from those living outside the area and, depending on the numbers of those requiring accommodation we will endeavour to get reduced-rate hotel accommodation in central Kingston. More to follow on E-News but if you have any questions now, please contact **Kevin Mulhern** at maxx091558@gmail.com.

Historical Vehicle Troop

Since the last edition of the Newsletter, the Strathcona Historical Vehicle Troop has been hard at work maintaining the fleet of Military Vehicles that represents those used by the Regiment during various phases of its history. With most of the Troop's members having been deployed on Exercise Maple Resolve 16, a major effort was required to get most of the fleet ready for the Regimental Change of Command Parade. The Troop was able to provide three Ferret Scout Cars for the Guidon Party and the Sherman Tank, "Catherine", a Cougar, an M113 APC, and a 5 Ton Wrecker to add a historic touch to the parade.

On 4 June, the Troop was very well received when it provided "Catherine", driven by **Cpl Clendenin**, in support of the King's Own Calgary Regiment's Change of Command Parade.

The next event for the Troop saw "Catherine" entered in the Sundre Rodeo Parade with **WO Peter Jones** and **Cpl Shaun Sullivan** crewing the tank along with a "special guest" and later displaying the tank to the residents of Sundre. The members of the Troop received excellent hospitality during their stay and were able to develop excellent relationships with members of the Sundre community including a number of retired veterans who are residents of the town.

As has become the norm, the Troop has represented the Regiment at Spruce Meadows with **WO Peter Jones**, **MCpl Raymond Bondy**, **Cpl Alison Sawyer** and **Tpr Phillip Hibbert** providing excellent knowledge of the vehicles on display – "Catherine" and the Ferret Scout Car "Dictator".

While in garrison the Troop has provided to support many smaller events such as the BLs held in the Officers' Mess and the Veterans' Evening in the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess. "Catherine" was also slated for a display as part of the Bison Transport Family Day which was held at the Mounted Troop's stables but had to be returned to Regimental Lines after the fan on the right-hand engine flew off and cut the radiator. (**Editor's Note.** Tanks will be tanks!) Reacting quickly, the Troop brought out a Ferret and a M37 ¾ ton truck to fill in the display.



The Troop is now hard at work with ongoing restoration. "Alberta", our Centurion, is awaiting a grant to finish the restoration of the engine bay and engine. We now are waiting for funds to fix the fan and radiator on "Catherine", complete a paint job, and to work on the traverse mech to get it fully working in order to get the Sherman ready for the 2017 year. We are also working on getting the FAT-4 CMP ready, by repairing the brakes, all axles and the damaged front end replaced and a new paint job so we can have it ready for events around Alberta. The Harley has all the parts to get it up and hopefully running by the spring of 2017.

This has not been an overly busy year but with ongoing support from the members of the Regiment, the Association, and the Society we can build to a very busy summer in 2017 and beyond with this excellent collection of very real vehicles for the public and Regiment.

LdSH(RC) Regimental Society and Ceremonial Mounted Troop Foundation

Lieutenant-Colonel (Ret'd) John Stuckart

It has been a few editions of the Society Newsletter since the entire Regimental Family has had an update on these two very important organizations. Most do not give it much thought on what they do, how they work or who does the work but without their existence much of what we do outside of normal military duties could not be accomplished today. We were blessed in having leadership long ago determine we needed a means to look after ourselves when Public Funds or Non Public Funds could not - or would not support activities we have since come to take a little for granted. None of what is achieved through these two charitable organizations is in competition with routine Garrison life at the Regiment or the Regimental Association established across Canada - in fact they complement one another in enabling activities such as the Regimental Museum, the Strathcona Mounted Troop, the Pipes and Drums and the Historical Vehicle Troop to exist.

Both the Society and Foundation have a Board of Directors which includes a careful mix of serving and retired military and civilian Directors who provide advice and guidance on various matters that require their attention. They overlook each organization and monitor the operations of each, assisted by various standing committees that, look at Governance, Financial Investment and Fund Raising, developing and refining the Strategic Plan and a soon to be stood up Heritage and History committee. There is a cycle to the Board's activities and meetings are held quarterly.

Not everything is about money but without careful investment and monitoring of current year budgets, the availability of funds needed to "accomplish" each organization's tasks becomes critical. It is also very clear in our structure of governance that the Board must present to the voting members of the Society and Foundation what has transpired in the past year and what is being looked at going forward at an Annual General Meeting (normally held in the spring of each year). The bottom line is that the Society and Foundation are run as a business; there is a structure and process they must follow. Both have accountability to Federal and Provincial regulatory authorities in order to maintain their "Charitable" status and they must remain accountable to the Regimental Family in what they can provide that enriches the serving member, the retired members who maintain an interest in Strathcona matters across the country and more importantly those Society and Foundation Troops who tell the Strathcona story to the general public .

What is remarkable is that this is all done with volunteer support, acknowledging that those on regimental duty are at times "volunteers by position" while others seek active involvement with the Mounted Troop, Historical Vehicle Troop or the Pipes and Drums in their spare time. No one is paid a salary and many hours are contributed by a core group to make things happen. New faces are always welcomed and you are encouraged to step forward to answer the call from our Colonel of the Regiment to get involved by volunteering where your interest, expertise and time allow.

It is unlikely that those who went before us and established these two organizations could have envisioned what has developed over the decades into what exists now or the scope of activities that now are accomplished within the Regimental family. There are always challenges that will need to be faced and government regulations will continue to change and which we must abide by, but it is safe to say we have two organizations that take their task seriously and acknowledge their stewardship on behalf of the Regimental Family.

Fall 2017 Edition Deadline

The deadline for submissions for the Fall 2017 Strathcona Regimental Society Newsletter is

3 November 2017.

Submissions should be forwarded to
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Attention: Kathy Batty

John Swanton Celebrates His 96th Birthday

Major Jamie Hunter

On 12 March 1921, a future Strathcona officer and one of the nicest gentleman you will ever meet was born in Saint John, New Brunswick. On 16 March 2017, surrounded by friends, family and military colleagues, **Mr. John Swanton** celebrated his 96th birthday. It was a really special moment for John and his guests as they paid tribute to a Strathcona officer, World War II veteran, and a remarkable man.

In 1942, John enlisted in the Canadian Army as an Officer in the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps. He first served as a Troop Leader with the Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians). From 1943-1946 John served in Canada, the United Kingdom, Italy and North West Europe.

John is an excellent story teller and the following is one of his best tales in which he recounts a particular memory from his Troop Leader training. John was being assessed on his ability to manoeuvre a tank. At that time students occupied all crew roles including the driver position. John's tank came into enemy contact and he ordered his driver to take a position behind a crest. He then ordered his driver to move up the crest to allow him to locate the enemy and return fire. The driver advanced up the hill and just as he peaked the crest he stalled the tank and it rolled back down the hill. John roared at his driver to get the tank back up the hill. The driver launched back up the hill and just as the tank crested it again stalled and plunged back down the slope.

John was crushed. He figured he failed his task as he had not controlled his driver or the tank and his use of the ground was pathetic. The course instructor, a British Major who had been carefully scrutinizing John's efforts ordered "end exercise" and requested that John and his crew report for debrief. John prepared for the worst.

The Major surveyed John and his crew and announced that John's performance was smashing! He was impressed by John's ability to control his crew and his tactical acumen. The Major told all the students that was how a tank should be lead and that **Lieutenant Swanton** had set the example for all! Neither John nor his crew said a word they simply savoured the moment.

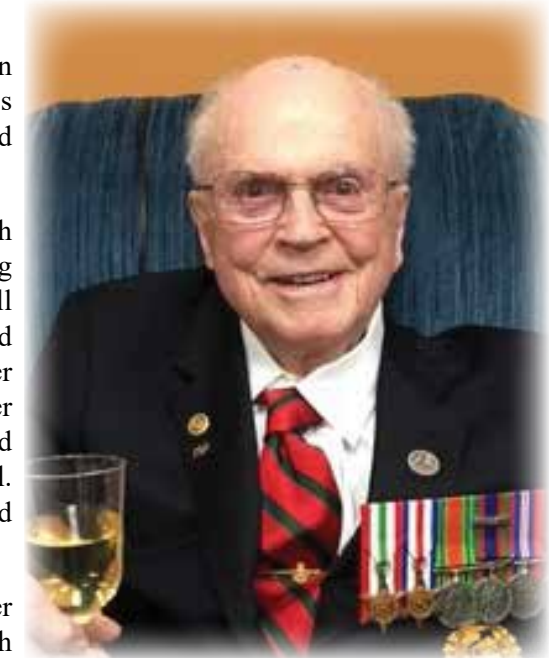
Upon completion of military service in 1947, John was employed in various managerial positions with the New Brunswick Telephone company working in St. Stephen, Woodstock, and Fredericton. He completed his employment with the New Brunswick Telephone company in 1963 as the Regional Manager of Fredericton. In 1970, John was employed as General Manager of Wandlyn Motels. In 1978, he was appointed Senior Vice President of Wandlyn Motels until his retirement in 1986.

John is a recipient of numerous awards and commendations. He was awarded the Distinguished Citizen Award from the Fredericton Chamber of Commerce, the Paul Harris Fellowship Award from Rotary International, the NB Tourism Industry Association Pioneer Award, and the Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) Colonel of the Regiment Commendation.

John's birthday celebration was held at the Veterans Health Unit and was a big success. John's daughter **Peggy**, her husband **Bill**, and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren attended. John is a "larger than life figure" in the Fredericton area and many of his friends from the community including; Rotary Club members, members of his church, and the Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, the Very Reverend Geoffrey Hall, were in attendance.

John has maintained close ties with the Armoured Corps and was the first and only Honorary LCol of the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps School 2011-2014. The Commandant of the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps School, **LCol Chris Hutt** and the **RSM Stephane Daigle** were in attendance. Also in attendance was **Maj (Retd) Dan Hone**, **Capt Rick Cosman**, **Capt (Retd) Chris Kitching** and **CWO Tom Holland**.

John continues to be a role model for future generations. He is the essence of a true gentleman and a very proud Strathcona. Our lives are enriched by knowing him.



Your Dispatches

As the last Regt get-together was postponed, any idea when the next one might be, remembering, we are all getting older?? I served in 1960-64, and never seem to have many people I knew show up, and sometimes I wonder who is and who is not around still, just saying. We also have to SAVE to get out to Edmonton, and if an old Strath Vet showed up at the NEW base, could he have a look around Regt Lines?

Terry Kelsey

Copy of Email Response from Peter Wonderham – Terry, I hope this note finds you well and ready to enjoy a Thanksgiving weekend. Today marks the first accumulation of the white stuff to Calgary. Yuk.

First off let me thank you for your continued support to your Association. We understand that living where you do you get less personal contact than we in Calgary, Edmonton or Kingston. Your reunion question is timely. I am in the process of addressing your question in a note that will be enclosed with your new membership card.

It was truly unfortunate that the last reunion was postponed. This could not have been helped. We in Calgary and probably in areas across Canada are planning on a Moreuil Wood 100 year anniversary dinner end March 2018. We have also asked the Edmonton branch if they have the volunteer base to host a gathering in Edmonton mid June 2018 to coincide with the change of COs or Colonel of the Regiment appointments. Anyway that is our plan. A lot of factors must be taken into consideration and especially the operational availability of our Regiment.

Terry thank you for your question. Please feel free to contact me at any time. We will continue to keep you up to date with notices sent out by our team and of course your newsletters.

Now I must go find my snow shovel.

Thank you for your comments about **Danny McLeod**. He was also an "Islander" (PEI) and was my next door neighbour for the short time he was not in the services. The family

owned and ran McLeod Motors (A GMC outlet) where Holland College in Charlottetown now stands.

Bill Henry

Thanks, Bill. Danny is very much missed by all who had the good fortune to know him. Ed.

It was with great pleasure that I received and read the recent Newsletter. It was great to see the photo on page 4 of outgoing RSM, **CWO Tony Batty** and incoming RSM, **CWO Rob Clarke**. Both top notch soldiers. I also really enjoyed the photo on page 6 with **Tom Falls** and **Scott Long**. I'm not sure if **Scott** lost all his hair as a result of all the hard work he did when involved with the Fort McMurray fire last summer, but I'm sure it didn't help. Tom and I served both in the Regiment (for me 1996 to 2003 as ETQMS) as well as 8CH in Lahr Germany in the early 90's.

My wife and I took a pilgrimage to Europe this past August/September and made a point of going to the Village of Moreuil and the surrounding area. We visited 56 Commonwealth cemeteries, 17 memorials, 1 French cemetery, and the American cemetery at Omaha Beach. It was an absolute thrill to take part in the Menin Gate evening ceremony at Ypres, Belgium, and have my photo taken on the Vimy Ridge Memorial with not another individual on it. Another highlight would have to be locating **LCol John McCrae's** resting place in Wimereux, France, and depositing a Canadian Flag next to his grave stone. The only cemetery we found that has the headstones laying flat rather than upright.

We even made time to go back to

Lahr and drive around the old flugplatz where we discovered a refugee camp. Some of the old base was completely changed and some of the buildings look as though the Canadian troops are only away on exercise.

Doug Harbak

What a fantastic trip, **Doug**. We envy you! No doubt **Scotty Long** will be thanking you for giving him a most honourable explanation for his hair loss! Ed.

Hello everyone,

It is really exciting to see **Col. Hug** out and about.

Mark Legge

So true, **Mark**. The Colonel of the Regiment continues to inspire everyone, including his medical team, with his PERSEVERANCE and courage. Ed.

I receive your regular emails and I am wondering to what extent The Strathconas were involved at Vimy Ridge. Can you advise, please?

Thanks,

Charles Cade

Our Regimental history, 'Always A Strathcona', describes the Regiment's involvement, or non-involvement, with the action at Vimy Ridge as follows:

"From the 9th to the 12th of April the Canadians assaulted, and took, the strongly fortified German positions on Vimy Ridge. The Canadian Cavalry Brigade took no part in this action but was held in readiness in case the fighting around Vimy and Arras produced results that called for cavalry exploitation. (Note: At this time, the Strathconas were serving as part of the Canadian Cavalry Brigade.) This was not the case, and from mid-April to mid-May the Strathconas, along with the rest of the Brigade, could rest and refit." Ed

I should like to make a donation to the Regt Society in memory of **Doug**

Cherry & "Hank" Reid, both of whom were young Troop Sgts with me back in the mid 50s and who passed away last year (2016). In some articles about Canadians in the Korean War, there would be a photo of "B" Sqn crossing the Imjun River "line ahead" & **Doug** is the Crew Commander in the lead tank. **Hank** & I were both "Boy" soldiers back in Saskatoon & although we took various paths in WW2, I met up with him again in 1946 when we were reforming the Strathconas for peacetime service in Camp Borden. The Regt at that time was called the "2/2nd Armd Regt -the original unit was still be demobbed and returning from overseas & known as the 1st/2nd Armd Regt! Same, same with the RCD. That notation was in effect less than a year & back in Currie Barracks we became the 2nd Armd Regt again. Back when the Government was activating more Armd Regts (FGH, 8CH etc), many members rebadged to other units. There are only a very few of that era who never rebadged. **Hank** was one of them and wore the hat badge for most of his 35 years in the service. Even I, though many years later, wore the RCD badge (2 years) as SQMS of the Recce Sqn on the Gaza Strip (ME) in 1959 before posting & promotion back to the Strathconas.

Sadly and a bit of a shock, **Hank's** wife **June** passed away on January 11th of this year. I had phoned her to offer condolences on **Hank's** passing a few weeks prior and she seemed reasonably well. Quite a surprise to see her name in in the Calgary Herald obituaries.

Bob Bartlett

Bob, thank you for your donation. **Doug, Hank** and **June** made significant contributions to the Regimental family over the years and they will be missed. Ed.

I am not sure who I should be sending this to, but this is the only address I could find. I am going through many pictures of my dad, **Sgt R.F. Sims** (SM 6831) who died in 1972. He had a few group pictures that would have been taken in the 50s and he had the foresight to write names on all the pictures (or at least most of them). His most memorable times are as a jump instructor and in Calgary with his Regiment. There are a few pictures that are very propaganda type (makes one feel proud). It feels like a sin to burn them all. My question is there somewhere they can be sent for archive use?

Lynda

Lynda, we sent you an email indicating that our Regimental Museum, which is located in Calgary would be very happy to take the photos and jump book off your hands, especially since you note that most of the photos actually have names attached to them. I know from previous talks with our Museum, they too often receive photos with no names. Thank you for reaching out to us. Ed

Just so you are aware the Calgary Flames goaltender "**Brian Elliott**" now has a Strathcona coin tucked into his pads for luck. **Howie Owen** and I had a good time and were proud to represent veterans and current serving members through Moose's Troops program. **Howie** spend a nice moment with **Elliott's** grandmother and I got a selfie with his wife.

Peter Wonderham

Thanks, **Peter**. We assume that you and **Howie** didn't kiss the coin hard enough since the Flames didn't get past the first round of the Stanley Cup finals. Go Oilers!! Ed



Spotlight on Strathcona's

We often hear about members of the Strathcona Family being recognized in National or local media. Why not share with the entire Regimental Family?

Forward your submissions to newsletter@strathconas.ca



The Kingston Whig-Standard recently published an article on **Tom Martineau** which captures much of his spirit now as he continues his life pursuits and remains active in the local area, including participating in the Invictus Games in September, 2017. To read more, visit:

Sniper Victim Soldiers On -

www.thewhig.com/2017/03/26/sniper-victim-soldiers-on



The Calgary Prime Times published an article on **Father Bob Greene** recently highlighting how at 94 he is still fighting the good fight, speaking on behalf of disadvantaged people to improve their lives and achieve social justice. To read more, visit:

Father Greene still Fighting the Good Fight -

www.albertaprimetimes.com/article/At-94-Father-Greene-still-fighting-the-good-fight-20170103



Howie Owen and Peter Wonderham enjoying a Calgary Flames game representing veterans and currently serving members through the Moose's Troops program.



LCol Chris Hutt, RSM Stephane Daigle, CWO Tom Holland, Capt Rick Cosman and Capt (Ret'd) Chris Kitching celebrating John Swanton's 96th birthday



Doug Harbak during a recent visit to the Village of Moreuil.

Howie Owen and Peter Wonderham with Calgary Flames Goaltender, Brian Elliott.



Lost Trails

Fall 2016 Newsletters which have been returned by Canada Post as undeliverable and Strathcona Enews recipients whose emails have bounced since November 2016. If you have updated contact information on these individuals, please let us know.

- **GRIFFIN MB** - Wainwright, AB
- **LITTLE WR** - Penticton, BC
- **HOWIE J** - Calgary, AB
- **RANCOURT JX** - Pine Lake, AB
- **DANGERFIELD JP** - Vancouver, BC
- **WILL J** - Tisdale, SK
- **BLANCH M** - Creston, BC
- **YOXALL KJ** - Keremeos, BC
- **MILLAR RS** - Enews (Dec 2016)

- **MCLEOD DM** - Enews (Dec 2016)
- **CATHCART J** - Enews (Jan 2017)
- **HANDS D** - Enews (Feb 2017)
- **PARONUZZI A** - Enews (Mar 2017)
- **MCCARTHY JW** - Enews (Mar 2017)
- **HOPPE T** - Enews (Mar 2017)
- **CHAMPIGNY P** - Enews (Apr 2017)
- **NICOLAY B** - Enews (Apr 2017)

Calgary Branch Luncheon

Chief Warrant Officer (Ret'd) Peter Wonderham

On 26 April 2017 the Calgary Branch of the Association hosted 18 members of the Regiment to a luncheon. The A/CO, **Major Al Wong** and A/RSM, **MWO Kevin King** selected a fantastic group to represent the Regiment. We were thankful that these soldiers and their leaders took time out of their Legacy Program fundraiser to spend some time with us. The "Old Guard" turnout was equally impressive. We had folks show up that many had not seen in years. A great afternoon was had by all.

The A/CO and A/RSM gave a very thorough and positive briefing on what the Regiment is doing and how our commitment of soldiers and their leaders are a shining example while in the Ukraine. **Major Wong** gave an overview of the plans for MW 2018 and encouraged us all to keep abreast of the Regimental Website for more details. I was most impressed with the sincere and kind words **MWO King** had for **RSM Clarke**, who as you know is currently deployed as Task Force RSM to the Ukraine.

In my opinion the character of young soldiers changes little. Over the years they have always had a positive and energized attitude. They are always courteous and open to those that have worn the cap badge before them.

We thoroughly enjoyed their company and we thank them, the members of the Association and of course the A/CO and A/RSM.



LAST TRUMPET CALL



HOARD, Roy 10 December, 2016, Age 86, Calgary, AB

MACBRIDE, Albert 8 March, 2017, Age 85, St. Albert, AB

MERRITT, Art April, 2017, Age 80, Edmonton, AB

OAKLEY, Bruce March, 2015, Age 81, Germany

TROUDT, Jacob 3 December, 2016, Age 95, Calgary, AB

In Loving Memory of Wives

LILJE, Cathryn (John) - 21 Dec, 2016, Belleview ON

OAKLEY, Marie (Bruce) - 30 August 2015, Germany

PARKINSON, Virginia (Robert) - 4 January, 2016, Oxford Mills, ON

REID, June (Hank) - 11 January, 2017, Calgary, AB

OUR APOLOGIZES FOR LACK OF DETAILS IN SOME CASES