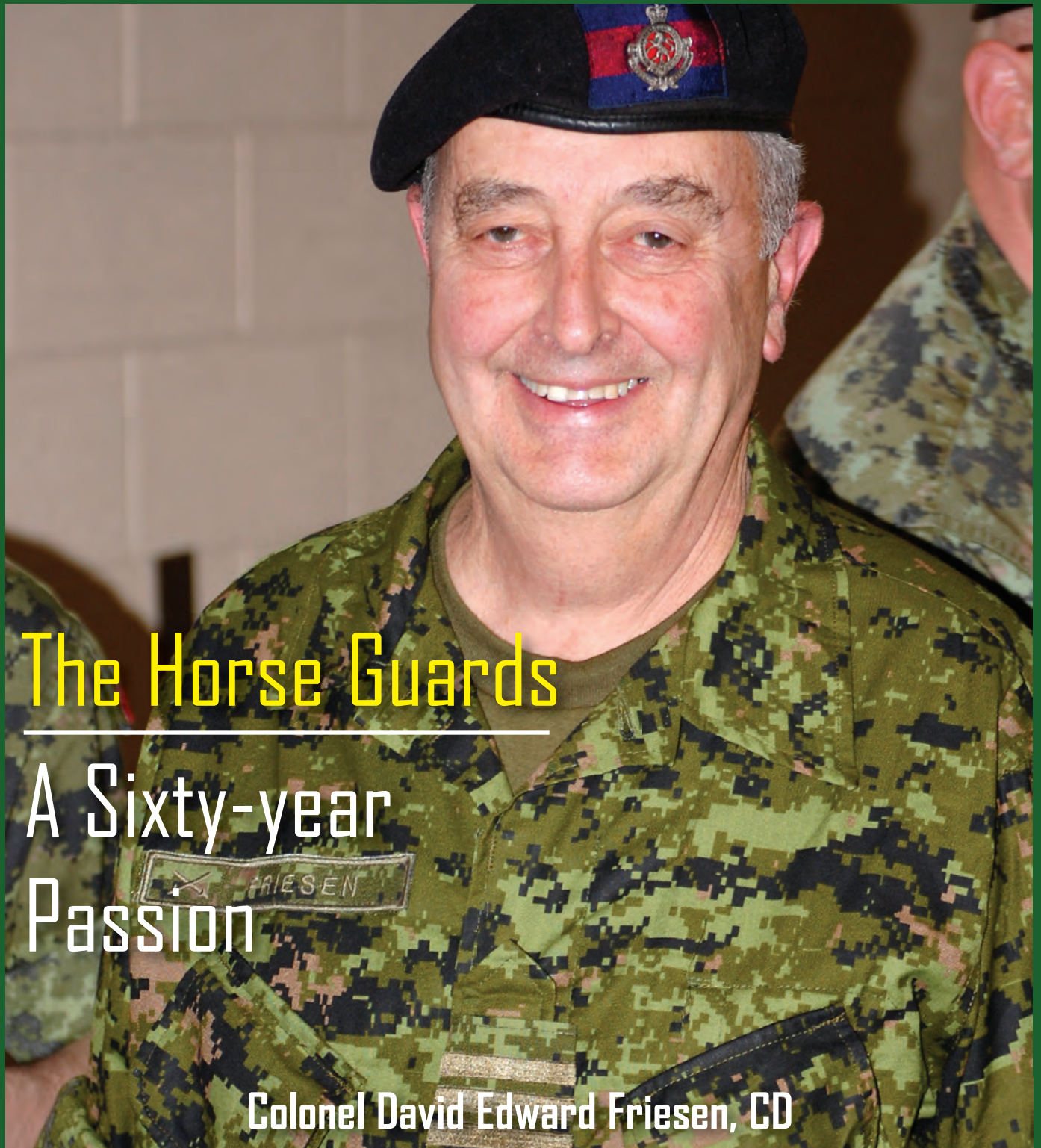




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GOVERNOR GENERAL'S HORSE GUARDS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Spring 2021



The Horse Guards

A Sixty-year
Passion

Colonel David Edward Friesen, CD



President's Message

just to talk; it was appreciated. Our thoughts and/or prayers go out to those who are suffering or have suffered losses during these troubled times.

Congratulations to Pte Saint Fleur and Cpl Alexander Fleming, this year's GGHG Association and GGHG Historical and Cavalry Society Bursary co-recipients. Ed Stafford celebrated his 100th Birthday and received his first vaccine shot. Our Sgt-at-Arms Duane Grady has been awarded the 50th Anniversary Recognition Coin from the Cadets Army League for his support of 2402 RCACC.

I would like to take this final paragraph in my final President's Message, to say thanks to the Members of the Executive for their support and cooperation during my short term as President. I have learned a lot about negotiation and compromise since I joined the executive as 2nd VP in 2018. It has been a rewarding experience, even if I was not able to achieve all the goals I had envisioned. I am proud to say that I was the President of the Governor General's Horse Guards Association. Now, I challenge those of you who served in the 80's and later, to step up and get involved with shaping the Association as it continues into what will be a bright (vaccinated) future.

Nulli Secundus

Leslie Brenham
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Fellow Horse Guards:

This marks the third publication of Regimental Lines as we continue living with COVID-19. While vaccines are being administered, a return to normalcy is uncertain. Restrictions to travel and social gatherings have eliminated opportunities for face-to-face interactions, yet we are still here and carrying out Association business. When the doors to the Mess or local watering hole are thrown open and we can enjoy each other's company, we will be ready to gather once again.

This past year was a long slog, physically and emotionally. This is the time for us to be reaching out to our comrades-in-arms and asking, "how's it going?". Thanks to Ron Serkies, who has been diligently reaching out to our Veterans. Thanks to those who called Jim Fisher to brighten his spirits as he continues to deal with health issues. To those who called Ed Stafford after his recent loss, offering condolences or

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Letters to the Editor

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

Thank you for sending the link to the Virtual Memorial Ceremony. I was quite moved by the presentation. It did bring back memories of being with my father at other ceremonies many years ago. It was a wonderful way to acknowledge the past and present members at this special time.

I have again enjoyed reading the Regimental newsletter and will forward it to my brother.

Once again, thank you for keeping in touch. I appreciate hearing about the Regiment. With all good wishes

Eileen Martin
Daughter of WW I & WW II Veteran RSM Jack Finnimore
Glencairn, Ontario

GREETINGS FROM THE 1950's



Greetings to you:

I served with the Horse Guards from 1957 to the end of 1961. Arrived as a 2/Lt and left as a Captain. Served with the 19th Alberta Dragoons and The King's Own Calgary Regiment, retiring at the end of 1974 as CO, with rank of LCol.

When with the GGHG, I was active in the Riding Club (as it was then), participated in the Queen's Escort for Elizabeth & Philip at the running of the Queen's Plate. The escort OC was Maj. "Mac" Burka - the year I don't remember, but Bob Rutherford was CO of the Regiment.

Is the Riding Squadron still active? I noticed on its web page the events calendar is dated 2016. I did attempt to contact the Squadron a few years ago and received no reply.

Does the Regiment have a museum? I have a copy of the first history of the GGHG plus a copy of the Body Guard's dress regulations; I still have my Riding Club jacket and a copy of Denison's book on the History of Cavalry that won him the Czar's prize. I'm approaching the age of 88 and although I'm still active, I'd sooner some of these things went to the Regiment for safe keeping rather than into a dumpster.

I'd appreciate your assistance in deciding where to send this memorabilia.

LCol Larry Gilchrist
Vernon, British Columbia

REGIMENTAL HISTORY

Thank you for sending me the History of the Governor General's Horse Guards, Second to None by John Marteinson. I am enjoying the read. I was in high school during the War and in my class, we followed the War very closely. It has brought many memories back. My husband didn't talk much, he told us more of the people and girls of course.

Our grandson is Vice-Principal at a high school and each Remembrance Day, he takes his grandfather's uniform and medals to the school service. This year, we will also take the GGHG, *Second to None*.

I am enclosing the picture (pg. 20) of the Regiment boarding the boat for overseas in 1941. I'm not certain of the date. Edward (Ted) MacMillan is first at the top left hand corner. Thank you again, I really appreciate *Second to None*.

Alice MacMillan
McLennan, Alberta



"Don't experiment with anything."

In Memoriam

We wish to convey our heartfelt condolences in acknowledging the recent passing of the following:

BANNON, Sgt Terry - former Horse Guard and Association member, passed away on



March 30, 2021 following complications from a stroke he suffered a year ago. Terry joined the Governor General's Horse Guards as a Cadet while the Regiment was still located at the University Armoury. When the Regiment moved to Denison Armoury in 1960, Terry transitioned from Cadets to the Regiment and served as a member of the Cavalry Squadron. Terry was cremated and buried with family members in Minden. He was 75 years of age.

FRIESEN, COL David Edward - former Commanding Officer and Honorary Colonel of the Governor General's Horse Guards, on February 10, 2021, passed peacefully, at the age of 82, in the company of his family.



He is survived by Marilyn, his loving wife of 56 years, and his children, Lianne, Michael, Catherine, Chris and Andrew. A gathering to honour David and celebrate his life will be held at a later date.

TKACHUK, Cpl William "Bill" - former Member of the Governor General's Horse Guards Cavalry Squadron and Riding Club, on February 7, 2021, at St. Joseph's Hospital, Toronto at the age of 90.



Bill was born in Ethelbert, Manitoba to parents Matt and Mary Tkachuk on June 14, 1930.

He attended the local school, then completed his schooling at St. Vladimir's College, Roblin, Manitoba. Bill was employed by the CPR until his retirement. He rode on his horse, 'Big Red', with The Governor General's Horse Guards in the annual Eaton's Santa Claus Parade and participated in many Remembrance Day ceremonies and escorted Queen Elizabeth II during her visit to Toronto. He is survived by sister Edna Goran, Winnipeg, sister Anne Styles, Pinawa, and sister-in-law, Maxine Tkachuk, Dauphin, Manitoba. and his loving wife of 47

years, Starr. Bill was laid to rest at Mount Hope Catholic Cemetery in Toronto alongside Starr's parents.

MACQUARRIE, LT.CDR Jack - WW II Veteran passed away on January 10, 2021 at Markham Stouffville Hospital.



following a brief period of illness. He had just celebrated his 95th birthday.

Jack was a highly decorated Veteran of WW II and the Korean War, serving in the Royal Canadian Navy. He was a friend of the Horse Guards, having played with the Regimental Band as an Associate Member for many years.

Jack is survived by his wife of 35 years, Joan Andrews and his son Drew. A celebration of Jack's life will be planned at a later date

SCYTHES, Capt Douglas - the oldest surviving Post WW



II GGHG Officer, passed away in October 2020. Captain Scythes as a young officer, served in the Regiment during the 1950's. In February 2018, his wife Dorothy, to whom he had been married for 68 years, passed away and in September of that year, he was one of the six Horse Guards Veterans visited by Members of the GGHG

Association Executive and presented with a Quilt of Valour.

STAFFORD, Mrs. Monica Mary (nee BOURNE) Passed away peacefully, on April 8 in her 94th year. Beloved wife of WW II Veteran Edward Stafford for 62 years and loving mother to Andre Stafford (Joy-Anne), Denise Thompson (David), Donna McGarrett (Murray) and Jacklyn Stafford (Jonathan Peck). Monica enjoyed her life with Ed, especially at family functions and their retirement years in Florida. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. In memory of Monica, donations can be made to a food bank of your choice or the Heart & Stroke Foundation.



Remembering

Colonel Friesen



On February 10th, 2021, David Edward Friesen passed peacefully, at the age of 82, in the company of his family.

He will be greatly missed by Marilyn, his loving wife of 56 years, and his partner in countless adventures. Whether living in a town, (pop. 12) for a year in the NWT, or hiking across Baffin Island, they shared a passion for the outdoors and the physical challenges that accompanied each expedition.

Born on March 4th, 1938 to Edward and Beatrice Friesen, he was a devoted son and loving younger brother to his sister Elizabeth. Over the years he shared fond memories of his childhood, growing up in the close community of friends in Montreal where he attended Selwyn House School from 1947-1950. During those years, he was a member of Cubs, Choir, Junior basketball and Junior hockey, where he played goalie. David came in second among Form A during the 1949 Academic Prizegiving and was noted as being "quiet and industrious" while getting "spectacularly high marks in arithmetic."

David's family left Montréal and Selwyn House for Toronto, where he would go on to earn his Civil Engineering degree at the University of Toronto in 1961 and build a successful career while devoting time to his growing family and woodworking hobby.

A devoted father to Lianne, Michael, Catherine, Chris and Andrew, and father-in-law to Nick Woolridge, Mark Maybank and Lupita Aragonéz. He welcomed each person into his life with an open heart and unconditional love.

As a member of the Governor General's Horse Guards from the

age of 23, he worked tirelessly and gave generously of his time and expertise to countless projects and held several distinguished positions including Commanding Officer and Honorary Lieutenant Colonel... a sixty year passion!

Those that knew David Friesen well knew his passion for the Regiment, but few will know his role behind the scenes of the Museum. If you visit the GGHG Anteroom and see the medals on the west wall there is a small plaque on the wall dedicated to the man and his contribution. The wall of valour, painted crimson, the colour of the Victoria Cross ribbon and the Regiment, showcases some of the Regiment's heroes over the last two centuries, a project driven by David.

His contribution to the museum was far more than just donations of time, objects and funds, auction buys and display material, concepts in design and content, it was his enthusiastic support and his excitement seeing this project to fruition that resonated with all those intimately involved with the project. The museum committee will continue with his vision and keep him in mind as we celebrate our history now and in the future.

A gathering to honour David and celebrate his life will be held at a later date.

He was truly Nulli Secundus!!

RL

“His smile was always his trademark. It could be seen across the Parade Square, and as he entered any room.”



Photo by James Burton

Even as a hardened Troop Officer training in Petawawa, Dave could never stop smiling. (The one on the right).



Veterans Remembered

Lieutenant Commander Jack MacQuarrie, CD

by Sgt (Ret'd) Colin Rowe

In this issue of the newsletter, it may come as a surprise that the featured Veteran did not serve in WW II as a Horse Guard. However, this Veteran has had a distinguished military career and worn the Horse Guard uniform on many occasions over two decades.

During a very brief period of palliative care and shortly after celebrating his 95th birthday, Lieutenant Commander Jack MacQuarrie passed away on January 10, 2021 at Markham Stouffville Hospital. Since September 2006, he had been the Bandstand



While the trombone might have been Jack's first love, everyone knew that his vehicle was packed with a wide array of brass instruments in the event that one was needed on the job.

columnist for the Wholenote music magazine, covering the activities of community bands and military bands. What is amazing, is the fact that Jack has had as much of a storied career in music as he did in the service as a naval officer. I know that post pandemic when we celebrate his life there will be many stories about Jack but this is my opportunity to relate the impact he has had on both my musical and military career.

As early as the seventies, Jack was the master of ceremonies for military band concerts in Toronto parks, Ontario Place and the Canadian National Exhibition. Those were the glory days when there was so much work, that musicians had a uniform for every military band, as the use of non-military associate members was quite common. His deep baritone voice was perfectly suited for the role and he was so well prepared, that it was a clinic on each composer and composition played.

I met Jack around 1976 when there were so many playing opportunities for musicians, that we spent more time together than with our families. By my recollection, Jack and I played in more than 15 bands ranging from military to big bands to Italian marching bands and of course the mess dinners were many. As his constant sidekick, Jack led me in 1985 to the 411 Squadron Band at CFB Downsview, where he

played each week. My curiosity at seeing brown envelopes being handed out every 2 weeks, led me to sign up for the military at the tender age of thirty-seven. Sadly, the band was disbanded in December 1986 and a small contingent of seven musicians, led by then Sergeant, Janet Walker, made the decision to transfer our service to the band at Denison Armoury on Dufferin Street because it was close by, and thus began my career as a member of the Governor General's Horse Guards Band.

For many years, Jack played trombone in the Regimental Band until the park concerts were no more but until his passing this year, he was still playing regularly (tuba, trombone and bass trombone) as a 25+ year member in The Newmarket Citizen's Band, Resa's Pieces Concert Band and Swing Machine, a Toronto based big band. He was even member at one point in time, of the Clarington Concert Band in Bowmanville where I lived. While music might have been the focal point of our relationship, Jack tinkered with electronics and radio and I was in awe of his knowledge when it came to technology and computers.

Growing up in the Windsor area, Jack's parents were very musical, having met in a Gilbert and Sullivan production. His earliest musical memory was of his mother singing the role of Buttercup from HMS Pinafore



Jack shared his love of music for thirty-five years with his wife Joan.

as she worked around the house. Jack was bitten by the band bug in grade 11 when he joined The High Twelve Club Boys Band sponsored by a service club, and then the local Kiwanis Boys Band. The Boys Band was “borrowed” by the commanding officer of the local naval training unit who had been asked to recruit a reserve band. Boys as young as 12 through 17, whose parents gave permission, found themselves Probationary Boy Bandsman with a uniform and rehearsal pay – for Navy parades, concerts in the park and Navy events.

Jack served his country in the Royal Canadian Navy and Naval Reserve from 1943 to 1972. He initially enlisted with the Army in 1943, but as the Army would only send men overseas at 19, in his eagerness, he decided to join the Navy instead. In the summer of 1944, Jack enlisted in Montreal and then attended Naval training in Windsor. He was shipped to Halifax where he worked in the dockyard on ship maintenance and was then sent to Navy Signals School where he received signals, radio, and radar training. He was given leave prior to being sent to the Pacific, but the war in Japan was over before his leave was.

Jack reached the rank of Lieutenant Commander in the Naval Reserve and returned to sea during the Korean War as a diving officer, laying aside music during those seven years, but never

since. With music fuelling his lungs, mind and spirit, he returned to university, acquired an MBA and then did four years of graduate studies in engineering – investigating human performance in hostile (underwater) environments.

He received a Massey Fellowship under Robertson Davies, and qualified as a Navy Diver and became part of the Operational Diving Unit. He participated as a “subject” in experimental chamber dives conducted by Commander Kidd at the Defense and Civil Institute of Environmental Medicine – towards the development of a decompression computer. He remembers “deep chamber dives and rapid ascents” to test the computer model. His unit was also responsible for salvaging aircraft and for underwater bomb disposal and in 1964, he served as the Electrical Officer on the final voyage of the HMCS Haida. An account of that historic trip can be found at:

<http://jproc.ca/haida/hfinalv.html>

In 1966, one of his Naval Reserve assignments was clearing unexploded munitions dumped into the Halifax harbour after WW II. While suiting up on the deck for a naval working dive, carrying about a hundred pounds of gear – double tanks and a weight belt, he slipped and fell and was seriously injured. He spent six months recover-

ing at Sunnybrook hospital. Diving once again when able, he unfortunately ingested and inhaled some oily water at a dive surface and the illness that ensued ended his ability to dive. His last assignment was as Commanding Officer of the Sea Cadet Corps before his release from service in 1972.

In 2017 Jack made a splash by donating his collection of 22 works of art by famed Canadian Group of Seven artists to the Varley Art Gallery in Markham and at the time, a large reason for his decision to donate was the gallery’s promise to keep the collection together.

Having retired to the town of Uxbridge, Jack was very much involved in the community and was an active member of the local Legion and participated in the Remembrance Services by the local high school.

For 35 years, Jack has been supported in his musical journey by his wife Joan, a music educator, accomplished flute player and an active member of several choral groups in Toronto. We are all looking forward to the end of this pandemic when we will pay a fitting tribute to Jack with music and many tales of his adventures over his long and well lived life.

RL



Jack (Centre) was a member of an operational diving team in the Royal Canadian Navy in 1960 and in later years, went on to be the first scuba instructor and one of the founding members of the scuba diving club at the University of Toronto in 1962.

GGHG CAVALRY AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

KING FAMILY - GGHG BURSARY



Sgt (Ret'd) Malcolm King

The GGHG Cavalry and Historical Society is again pleased to announce that applications are being accepted for the “King Family - GGHG Bursary”. The Bursary is presented thanks to a generous donation made on behalf of the King family. This donation is to recognize the service contribution of both Sgt (Retired) Malcolm King, and his father, Squadron Leader, Ralph G.B. King who saw service in World War II with the RAF and later joined the RCAF.

The bursary is to help a regimental member (past or present) or their immediate family members to partially finance their formal education at a college or university level, including trade schools. The bursary is to support the greater Regimental Family.

Amounts. 2 x \$2500 per year

Criteria for Selection: The recipient(s) of this award may be one of the following

- Serving Member of the Governor General’s Horse Guards (or spouse)
- A child or grandchild of a serving Member of the Governor General’s Horse Guards
- Serving Member of the cadet corps affiliated with, or sponsored by the GGHG
- A child or grandchild of a member of the GGHG Association, in good standing

Criteria for selection to include:

- Entering or enrolled in a full-time post-secondary education program at a recognized Canadian post-secondary institution, including trade schools
- Achievement in academics (Minimum 75%)
- Demonstration of community service
- Well-roundedness (good performance across academic subjects and extra-curriculars)

Application Process: The applicant must download and complete the application form now posted on the GGHG Cavalry and Historical Society Website (<https://www.gghgsociety.org/>), a short (max 500 words) essay that shows how grit and determination has driven you towards your goals, the embodiment of both the Armour Corps and the Governor Generals Horse Guards.

Application Due Date: May 31, 2021

Award Date: July 31, 2021

JRBS

JUNIOR RANKS BURSARY

We all remember the challenges of going to school and parading with the Regiment. In 2018 the Association, in collaboration with the Cavalry and Historical Society, established a \$1,000 Bursary to support our current Junior Ranks. Beyond the usual academic criteria, we are looking for members of the Regiment who are navigating life as both a student and a soldier. Successful candidates will be:

- currently enrolled at an accredited post secondary institution with a good academic standing,
- completed at least 1 full year of service in the Regiment,
- good attendance on parade nights and during weekend training exercises,
- achieved a high pass on all military advancement courses, and
- a role model for other soldiers.

Applications are distributed through the Squadrons in October, with recommendation of Commanding Officer due by December 1st. The Bursary is awarded at the Amalgamation Dinner in December.

Winners to date are:

2018 Sgt Adam English (then MCpl)

2019 Pte Neriah Ramdass

2020 Pte James Saint-Fleur and Cpl Alexander Fleming (award split)

We hope to expand the number of Bursaries available and beyond the Junior Ranks in the future. A tax-deductible directed donation may be made to the Association via the Society.

Donations may be sent to:

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Please make the cheque out to: The Governor General's Horse Guards Cavalry and Historical Society Inc. (in full) and indicate that the funds are to be directed to the Association.

RL



2018

MCpl Adam English

2019

Pte Neriah Ramdass

2020

Pte James Saint-Fleur

2020

Cpl Alexander Fleming

For Ed Stafford

On the occasion of his 100th birthday

*Congratulations Ed on this milestone event.
A life well lived – an age that's heaven sent!
100 years young – so much to celebrate,
January 31st, 2021 is truly a special date.*



*Born in Toronto in so different a time,
Even during the depression, he made out just fine.
What is the secret of such a long life?
Good genes, great attitude and of course a loving wife.*

*But maybe there is even more to recap,
Like the fact he was a golf caddy and had a 14 handicap!
Or maybe that he played both baseball and football,
Or partied with gusto at 'The Palais Royale' dance hall.*

*I'm actually in awe of his amazing memory,
His recall of his service in WW II is a veritable treasury.
From England to Italy and back again,
He had adventures and challenges...but would never complain.*

*So Ed – best wishes on your centenary year.
I hope you know we hold you "most dear".
We wish you good health and many more years,
Of line dancing and laughing – until we're all in tears.*

Anne Sado

Honorary Colonel

Governor General's Horse Guards

RL





Notice of Annual General Meeting 2021

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of
THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S HORSE GUARDS ASSOCIATION
Will be held as follows

DATE: Sunday May 30, 2021
TIME: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time - Toronto
LOCATION: Virtual Meeting

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

For the 2021 GGHG Association AGM, we are asking you to pre-register before the meeting. The pre-registration process will assist us in ensuring that enough eligible voting members will be attending.

Please visit www.gghgassociation.com to pre-register your attendance at the 2021 GGHG Association virtual AGM no later than Wednesday **May 26, 2021**

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the virtual AGM closer to the meeting date.

All GGHG Association Members, Associates and other interested individuals are welcome to register for and attend the Annual General Meeting. However, only Members-in-good-standing may vote on any motions tabled at the AGM. Upon registration, your membership status as of May 30, 2021, will be confirmed and you will be contacted if necessary regarding renewal or your eligibility to vote.

This is also an opportunity for anyone wishing to contribute to the Association either as a volunteer or a member of the Board. If interested, please contact Craig Anhorn at craig.anhorn@gmail.com

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TOUR OF ITALY 2019



One of the many beautiful murals in Cassino Monastery that depicts the life of its founder St. Benedict. As one of his original monasteries established in 529 CE, it is one of the more significant religious sites in Europe.



Following a visit to the Dora Sarchese Winery on day 6, it was time to cap the day's activity off with a seafood dinner at the Lanciano Mercato municipal market.



Il Cantuccio. This non-descript building, houses one of the finest restaurants in Emilia-Romagna, Northern Italy and the owner and chef, Fabrizio Raia will guarantee you a gastronomic experience you will never forget.



Ed and the gang can attest to the fact that not only is the food great at Il Cantuccio but so is the selection of wines served with lunch. A great way to relax before heading to Venice.



Three eras in Horse Guards history represented by Regimental Sergeants Major Shouldice, Jimenez and Munroe. All relaxing on the ferry boat heading to Venice.



Piazza San Marco often known as St. Mark's Square, was the gathering place for members of the group going on any tours in Venice. Sadly, this was a different scene in November when the city experienced the worst flood since 1966.

TOUR OF ITALY 2019



Nothing like an old-fashioned field promotion by the RSM and LCol Duncan for Sgt English while on the tour in Italy.



The interior of the Church of Santa Maria della Libera in Aquino. Following the unveiling of the Horse Guards monument, a reception was held on the lawns.



Cpl Butler enjoying hanging out with Regimental Band members at Fontana dei Quattro Fiumi (Fountain of the Four Rivers) in the Piazza Navona in Rome.



This newly-wed Japanese couple on the steps near the Trevi Fountain in Rome, was a Kodak moment your newsletter editor could not resist. There were several other photo opportunities like this in the course of the Tour.



A brief recovery on a sidewalk bench after walking the cobblestone streets of Rome, was a great way to meet people and make new friends. Negotiating the communication hurdle was the only difficulty encountered.



Like a good armoured crewman, Ed Stafford found a comfortable way to do some sightseeing in Rome.



A legacy of the war is the treasure trove of unexploded ordnance and buried utensils which end up in the many local museums in Italy.



Food is an integral part of the Italian culture and this spread, provided at one of the stopovers, was an inexpensive and enjoyable lunch for the travellers.

TOUR OF ITALY 2019



The final night in Venice was spent at the restaurant Tattoria da Bruno. An evening of fine dining and camaraderie and a good time was had by all.



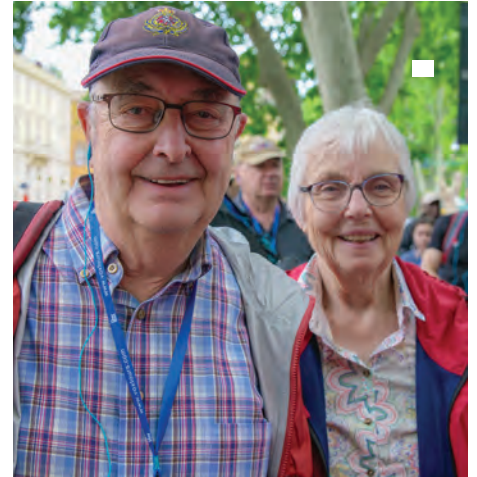
An impromptu sing-along in the restaurant, led by members of the Regimental Band and an accomplished minstrel on saxophone, contracted for the evening.



Our Regimental Poet Laureate, Hon Col Sado delivered a reading of her special poem, penned as a tribute to Veteran Ed Stafford (Printed in the last newsletter).



The canals, gondolas and outdoor cafes, all part of the allure that makes Venice one of the most beautiful cities to visit in Europe.



This was Colonel Friesen's second tour of Italy, in the footsteps of our WW II Horse Guards and his wife Marilyn was there to share the journey with him.



Then Association President, Craig Anhorn, could not resist one last feed of the famed Italian gelato as a treat, before his departure the following day.



A final group photo in the Piazza San Marco. The Piazza is not much above sea level and six months later, it was completely flooded after heavy rainfall and water from the lagoon surged into the square.

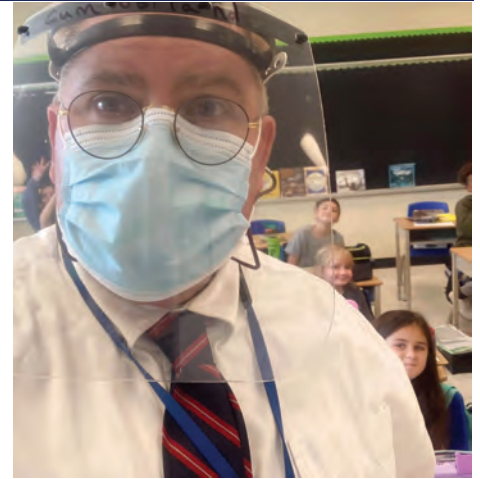
'ROUND THE REGIMENT



Congratulations go out to now Sergeant Godall, who didn't let the pandemic delay his career progression into the Senior NCO ranks.



Well wishes to GGHG Association and former Regimental Band Member Sheila Andrews, now promoted to Warrant Officer with the Royal Regiment.



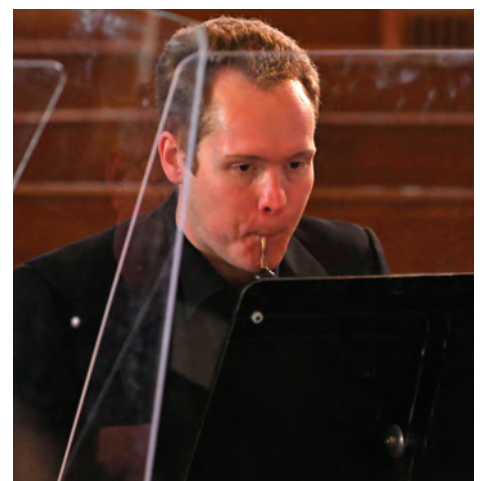
Our new Association Member and elementary school teacher Mike Cumberland, added his newly purchased Regimental tie to his classroom attire.



This landmark stands at 3300 Dufferin Street, now known as Katz Korner. A fitting tribute to the old Katz's Deli and its owner, the late Col Jeff Dorfman.



Best wishes go out to Association Member John Johnson and his wife Jaci who celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary on Valentine's Day.



Congratulations to the Regimental Band on their recruitment of oboist Pte. Mark Pinder, currently enrolled in the Masters program at Western University.



Thanks to COVID-19, Veteran Ed Stafford's 100th birthday was a subdued affair but Jackie and the girls still made sure there was at least a birthday cake and candle to mark what was a very special milestone.



While members of the Regiment and the Association were on Zoom wishing Ed a happy birthday, LCol Clayton, Captains Van Auken and Zeitoun were relegated to videochatting from the lobby and waving to Ed outside his window.



MESSAGE FROM THE COMMAND TEAM

Fellow Horse Guards:

It is hard to believe that we are more than fourteen months into the COVID-19 pandemic. Although all members of the Regiment should be proud of our collective accomplishments over the last year, we continue to struggle with the delivery of training under unprecedented circumstances. At the best of times, the Primary Reserve labours under many constraints but lack of time has always been a most worrisome challenge. Time is remorseless and unforgiving; we will be hard pressed to ever recoup time lost in 2020.

Despite the current situation, the Regiment continues to perform beyond expectations. For example, we currently have three Horse Guards overseas: one Captain in the Ukraine on Operation UNIFIER; one Sergeant in Jordan on Operation IMPACT and another in the Sinai on Operation CALUMET. In addition, a Corporal, Sergeant and Lieutenant all recently returned to Canada from tours on Operation IMPACT with one earning a commendation from the Commanding Officer of the Task Force Headquarters. I dare say that we have not had this many Horse Guards deployed on international operations since the Afghan War.

Here at home, we already have five soldiers pre-screened for Operation LENTUS, the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) response to natural disasters, if/when they might be required this spring. Likewise, the unit has several personnel currently committed to Operation LASER, the CAF response to the pandemic, as well as Operation VECTOR, the CAF support for the vaccine rollout, including a Captain in a key planning role.

Internally, the unit continues to recruit and train as much as possible; albeit at a much-reduced capacity than in years past. We have personally enrolled five new officers and ten non-commissioned recruits since last autumn and, thanks to the high quality of virtual training being conducted by the Squadrons, our retention levels are steady. We have nine freshly minted Troopers who just finished the Armoured Reconnaissance Crewman Course and we managed to qualify an additional six Tactical Armoured Patrol Vehicle



(TAPV) Remote Weapon System (RWS) gunners in early December. We may have up to five newly qualified Troop Leaders by September and have plans for several courses exported from the RCAC School in the coming months. All this success would not be possible if not for the dedication, energy and professionalism of the candidates, their instructors and course staff who have all continued to work tirelessly towards shared goals throughout this crisis.

We would also like to take this opportunity to officially welcome Captain Monique Roumy to the Horse Guards as our new Padre. Formerly with 32 Service Battalion, she has been backfilling for Captain Robert Legair who has recently decided to join the Regular Force. She has already proven her worth over the last year, loves horses and, therefore, we have no doubt she will make an excellent addition to the Regimental Family.

Overall, regardless of outside forces, GGHG continues to march on, fulfilling its duty to the government and citizens of Canada. We have always been proud of the unit but never more so than in this strange, difficult year. Remain strong and hopeful ... we will see you on the trace.

Worthy!

Bruce Clayton
Lieutenant-Colonel
Commanding Officer

Jamie Shouldice
Chief Warrant Officer
Regimental Sergeant Major

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INTRODUCING YOUR NEW REGIMENTAL CHAPLAIN



Capt Monique Roumy

Horse Guards,

My name is Captain Monique Roumy, and it is with great pride that I introduce myself as your new Chaplain. I transferred in a few weeks ago after 21 years of pastoral service with 32 Service Battalion, and to be honest it does not feel so much of a transfer but more of a return home.

My original request was to join the Governor General's Horse Guards when I enrolled in the Reserves in 1999, and I was quite disappointed when told that the Chaplain's billet was filled. I thought the dream of serving with the Horse Guards was just that, a dream. That is until over a year ago Padre Robert Legair asked me if I would cover for him during his Class B work in Petawawa. And the rest, as they say, is history. When Padre Legair announced his intention to component transfer to the Regular Force, I presented my candidature to be the new GGHG Chaplain. To Robert, my friend and fellow Chaplain, I wish him many blessings and much success in his ministry with the Reg F. I hope that I

will be able to continue the good work he had started with the Horse Guards.

Now, a little bit about myself: I am a Lay Pastoral Associate mandated by the Catholic Military Ordinariate. Throughout my Reserve career I filled many chaplain positions at major Regular Force infantry, engineer, and signals units, training centres, schools and air force wings. In 2004, I deployed on Operation Athena Roto 1 with the 3e Battalion R22eR as the first Canadian Reserve Chaplain in Afghanistan. Also, I have been frequently called on to teach Basic Officer Qualification courses and operational courses at the Canadian Forces Chaplain School and Centre.

On the civvy side, I work in a career college teaching ethics, professionalism, legislation and business practices to healthcare students. Off duty, I am involved with a number of charitable organizations, but most of my activities are with St. John Ambulance as the Toronto Branch Chaplain.

I look forward to meeting all of you in person very soon!

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THE LONG ROAD TO JORDAN



Sgt Jesus Castillo

Getting There is Half the Battle. At CFB Trenton it was the usual airport wait until boarding and having to switch from the comforts of an Airbus, to the mesh cargo seats of a C-130 Hercules,

In September of 2020 I was lucky enough to be selected to be the Force Protection Lead / Operations NCO for the Canadian Training Assistance Team – Jordan (CTAT-J). CTAT-J's primary goal here is capacity building working with the Jordanian Army to help mentor and train their soldiers in various military skills.

It's been a long road to get here, and it all started with MCpl Butterfield walking into my office and enthusiastically asking, "You want to go on tour!?" MCpl Butterfield had this wonderful plan where he hoped to fill most of the positions on CTAT-J with Horse Guards. An ambitious plan that didn't end up working out as he'd hoped, but he put the thought in my head and got the ball rolling. The months leading up to my departure were filled with days on the range, lots of IBTS lectures, several ILN courses, and two of the best courses I've ever done, Basic Evasive Driving and Tactical Combat Casualty Care. Not to mention countless appointments with the MIR, TMFRC,

Clothing Stores and most importantly the GGHG OR. It was without a doubt a lot of work, and without the help of MCpl Butterfield constantly looking over my file and making sure I was completing everything I needed to do, I don't think I would have gotten this far.

As the departure date approached anxiety, fear, excitement, nervousness, and doubt all began to fill my mind. I was lucky to know a few people who were already in Jordan as part of the previous rotation, so they helped answer a lot of questions and put my mind at ease regarding what laid ahead. When the day finally came to say goodbye to my wife and son and head into Denison with all my bags. I was ready.

The first step in our journey to Jordan was the move from Denison to Kingston to get our first of many COVID tests. We stayed in a hotel for 3 nights while we awaited our results and we were strictly confined to our rooms, with only a few minutes a day where we were allowed to walk laps around the hotel for a bit

of exercise. The hotel had Wi-Fi and the food was decent, so really, we had nothing to complain about.

Once our team had received our negative test results it was time to board the busses and begin our move to Trenton for our flight. This was the first opportunity we got to see exactly how many CAF members were staying at the hotel. As it turns out there were quite a few of us, all headed to different countries within the Middle East in support of Operation IMPACT.

Once at Trenton it was the usual airport wait until we could finally board the plane at around 1700 that day. Excitement was high, but we knew we had a long trip ahead of us, with layovers in Scotland, Kuwait, and Beirut before we would reach our destination in Amman, Jordan. After approx. 26 hours of flying and having to switch from the comforts of an Airbus to the mesh cargo seats of a C-130 Hercules, we finally made it to Amman around 0200 local time.

Once the ramp doors of the Hercules lowered, we were greeted with several familiar faces. The previous rotation was also primarily filled with people from 32 CBG, so we had friends from 32 CER, Tor Scots, QOR, and 48th Highlanders all there to greet us. The friendliest face of all was our very own, Cpl Di Biase who was front and centre, ready to help us unload and get us through the security checkpoint. There was something very comforting about having a fellow Horse Guard there to greet you when you find yourself in a strange new land.

Once we got though all the admin on the tarmac, we loaded onto 8 awaiting SUVs and we were chauffeured to the Joint Training Centre (JTC), a US camp where we spend our first 10 days in quarantine before finally going to Canada House. The accommodations at JTC consisted of longhouse barracks with about 20 beds for our team to settle into, with many facilities at our disposal. The cafeteria was big and had lots of options, there was a nice big gym facility, and even a recreation room with pool tables, video games, and ping pong tables.

The first two days were great and having to stay there for 10 days seemed almost like a vacation, unfortunately the fun was short lived. On our second evening, one of the medics who had tested our team for COVID the previous day walked into our room with the news that one of us had tested positive. As a result, we were all confined to the barracks. We would no longer be allowed to use any of the facilities on the camp, and all our meals would be delivered to us in Styrofoam containers. What looked to be a very



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comfortable and enjoyable 10 days, suddenly turned into a rather confined and boring 14 days.

Luckily, we soldiers are resilient and experts at combating boredom, among other things. Our stay at JTC turned out to be a blessing in disguise because it allowed many of us to make new bonds and get to know each other a little better. Nevertheless, when it was finally our day to leave JTC after yet another COVID test we were all ecstatic. We had come to Jordan to do a job and were finally ready to get our hands dirty.

There was so much to learn about our roles and responsibilities, and so much information to take in about the country and its people, that after 6 weeks of being in the role, I am still learning. Due to our extended stay at JTC, we only had a week with our previous roto counterparts before they took off back home to Canada, so it was an effective, yet fast and furious handover.

There is a lot going on now and I am sure that the remaining 4 months I have in the country will provide me with plenty of stories to tell in the next newsletter. I am happy to be in Jordan, I'm grateful for the people I am working with, and I'm humbled by my role here, which is proving to be a true learning opportunity.

Nulli Secundus

Sergeant Jesus Castillo
Force Protection Lead/ Operations NCO
Canadian Training Assistance Team - Jordan

Sergeant-At-Arms Duane Grady



Nominated for 50th Anniversary recognition coin from Cadets Army League.



It is always gratifying when good people get recognized and in this case it is especially true. Our own Sergeant-at-Arms, Duane Grady, has been voted to receive the 50th Anniversary recognition coin for Exceptional Service to the Royal Canadian Cadet Corps.

Back in October 2013 while driving along Sheppard Ave., Duane stopped at a red light and noticed a GGHG License plate frame on the vehicle in front of him. He had been a member of GGHG 2402 Corps way back in 1971, memories flooded in and his curiosity was peaked! Like many of us our relationship with the Regiment has had a long and lasting impact on our lives. He tracked down and joined the Association, attended the 2013 AGM and stood for election to the Executive as Sergeant-at-Arms.

Knowing the positive impact, the GGHG Cadets made in his life, in 2014 Duane became a Civilian Volunteer with 2402 Corps, to put it in his words “to teach this generation

the meaning of Nulli Secundus.” Duane not only works as the Recruiter, but he also attends most overnight field training exercises, and attends parade nights at the Armoury every week. Under his guidance several Cadets have graduated to the Regiment!

When the Society created the Regimental Family Committee in 2018, Duane was a natural fit to represent the interests of both GGHG Corps (2402 and 748). Working with him on this Committee and watching him interact with both Cadets and their parents, I have had the firsthand opportunity to witness the dedication and passion he brings to working with young people. He is a very deserving recipient of this recognition!

Craig Anhorn
Chair, Regimental Family Committee
Past President GGHG Association

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Duane on one of his countless Field Training Exercises with the cadets.



Ever generous and selfless, he speaks of his cadets with pride, both in their presence and without.



A passionate supporter as well as the liaison between the GGHG Cadet Corps and the Regiment.

LOOKING BACK AT YESTERYEAR (1970)

*No greater love than to serve
country - new CO*

Military service is one of the highest forms of patriotism, the new Commanding Officer of the Governor General's Horse Guards said last night.

Lieut. Col. Harold K. Forbes told a crowd of about 1,200 at the CNE Coliseum he believes "there is no better way for a young man to show his love for his country than to serve in the military reserve."

Lieut. Col. Forbes last night officially took over command of the Horse Guards - Canada's most senior cavalry regiment - from the retiring commander Lieut.Col. M. B. W. (Mike) Davis. Governor General Roland Michener, the Regiment's Honorary Colonel, presided at the ceremonies.

SILENT MAJORITY

In his first official address, Lieut. Col. Forbes said, the young men in his Regiment "are part of the silent majority of the youth of Canada and are truly good Canadians."

He commented that those who support them are also good Canadians.

Lieut. Col. Forbes, a salesman for Wire Rope of Canada Limited, joined the regiment in 1950 and served under eight Commanding Officers. He received his commission in 1958 and was appointed a Colonel Aug. 1, this year (1970).

RESERVE UNIT

The Horse Guards date back to the first cavalry troop organized in Upper Canada. In 1936 they were organized under their present name and from 1941 to 1945 fought in World War II as an armored regiment.

They were removed from active duty in 1946 and for



Gov. Gen. Roland Michener, accompanied by LCol Mike Davis, inspects the Governor General's Horse Guard at the CNE Coliseum on the evening of September 29, 1970.

the past three years have operated as a reserve mobile command unit.

The regiment also acts as a guard of honor for the Queen, the Governor General and the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario.

Last night, the regiment, in their dress navy blue and red uniforms, thrilled the crowd with a precision march past for Governor General Michener.

As a finale, the regiment's silver helmeted cavalry squadron led by Capt. Eric Constantinides performed a precision musical ride.

- Toronto Telegram September 30, 1970

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Another 200th Anniversary in 2022!!!



Thanks to our Regimental Historian LCol Scott Duncan and quick review of the Regimental history, we know that Button's troop was raised in 1810 and served in the War of 1812, in what was then known as the Niagara Frontier. Button's Troop was taken off active service in the summer of 1815 as defence was no longer a priority.

A revival of interest in the militia in the 1820's lead Colonel Chewett, Commanding Officer of the 1st West York Regiment to ask Captain George T. Denison, then commanding a company of the unit, to form a cavalry troop for the Regiment in August 1822. The York Dragoons or as we commonly know it Denison's Troop was raised and hence 200 years of continuous service began!

A small team, lead by Hon.Colonel Anne Sado, of LCol (Ret'd) Rob Shaw, Capt P.J. Van Auken, Capt Monique Roumy our new Padre, Sgt (Ret'd) Helen Jolly, Sgt (Ret'd) Colin Rowe and Lt (Ret'd) Craig Anhorn, are planning a slate of events for 2022 to mark this anniversary. Watch your email, and Regimental Lines for more information.



IT'S A QUESTION OF LOYALTY

Canada has their loyalty, a full loyalty freely given. No one can force it, nor buy it. But your country has it. *You* have it. Nor can they buy your loyalty, nor force it. *You*, and you alone, can *give* it.

Loyalty, to them, is not some intangible allegiance given by their minds. To them, loyalty means leaving jobs and friends and family. Loyalty, to them, means actually risking death. Consider that, think of its full import. Face that fact and loyalty, to you, will mean at least self-denial, freely practised.

One effective way of giving your loyalty is to buy War Savings Stamps and Certificates. Buy as many as you can, as often as you can. And what a small price that is to pay for their loyalty!

Liberty



THE *Most* YOU CAN LEND IS THE *Least* YOU CAN DO

Trooper Edward (Ted) MacMillan leading the Horse Guards aboard the ship headed for England in 1941.

Life Members

MCpl	Paul	Acquaah	Tpr	Bruce	Hampson	2Lt	Flynn	Paquin
Maj	Clayton	Ahrens	MWO	Bob	Hannigan	MCpl	Bernard	Payne
MCpl	Akinbola	Akintunde	Lt	Leonard	Heidebrecht	CWO	Doug	Peel
Sgt	Gareth	Anderson	MWO	Edward	Henderson	Capt	Scott	Plumley
Sgt	Sheila	Andrews	Capt	J.	Hendricks	Capt	Jan	Popko
Lt	Craig	Anhorn	Sgt	Carole	Hibbert	MCpl	Colin	Powell
Capt	Furquan	Azam	Rev.	J. Alvin	Hingley	MCpl	V.S.	Ramphal
MWO	Bob	Bartlett	Cpl	Terry	Hlywka	Tpr	Ross	Rennie
Mrs.	Jean	Bell	Capt	Carlo	Jeffery	MCpl	C.	Richardson
Capt	Kevin J.	Brady	Mr.	Alec	Jeffrey	MCpl	Michael	Roberts
Lt	James	Brady	Capt	Ingmar	Jimenez	Sgt	Colin	Rowe
Maj	Robert	Brain	Sgt	Helen	Jolly	Cpl	John	Ryder-Burbidge
Sgt	Leslie	Brenham	Mr.	Kevin	Joyce	WO	Ronald	Serkies
Capt	Chris M.	Briggs	Col	Chris	Judd	Sgt	Gary	Shackleton
Capt	James	Burton	Sgt	Stephen	Kacsor	Cpl	Mohan	Singh
Cpl	Michael	Clarkin	MWO	Kevin	Kalk	MCpl	Al	Smith
Mr.	Brent	Clarkson	Sgt	Malcolm	King	Sgt	Janet	Smith
Lt	Bruce	Corley	Sgt	Jeff	Knights	WO	Garry	Smith
WO	Keith	Craig	MCpl	Patrick	Krawczyk	MCpl	Donald	Smith-St.Kitts
Sgt	Carlos	Crispim	Mr.	James	Krueger	MWO	Mark	Stephens
Capt	Peter	Crngarov	Maj	Gregory	Laing	Capt	John	Thompson
CWO	William	Davidson	Mrs.	Diane	Latto	Cpl	Andrew	Thompson
Bandsman	Paul	Davis	Capt	Sienna	Leung	Capt	Patricia	.Van Auken
CWO	Joe	Devogel	MCpl	Victor	Leung	Capt	Arjeh	Van der Sluis
Capt	Daniel	Dionisio	2Lt	Harvey	Low	MWO	Charles	Vondercrone
Mrs.	Faye	Dorfman	Capt	Brian	MacDonald	MWO	Janet	Walker
Sgt	Scott	Duckworth	Sgt	Faye	MacLachlan	MWO	Lloyd	Walter
Tpr	Terry	Duff	Cpl	Daniele	Mariani	Lt	Sean	Ward
Ms.	Janice	Duncan	Sgt	Rob	McKichan	Col	Timothy	Zack
Sgt	Castel	. Edmond	Tpr	Gerhard	Meissner	Cpl	Aaron	Zaretsky
LCol	Tom E.	Esser	Maj	David	Mezzabotta	Capt	Andrew	Zeitoun
Mrs.	Judith	Esser	Cpl	Alek	Milenovic	Maj	Mike	Zeitoun
MWO	James	Fisher	LCol	Alex	Moseanu			
MCpl	Cindy	Forbes-Favreau	2Lt	Glenn	Moss			
MCpl	Italia	Furfaro	MCpl	Sean	Murphy			
Capt	Branko	Gasperlin	Capt	Andrew	Nairne	Sgt	Brian	Colwell
Mr.	Duane	Grady	Mr.	Royce	Nettleton	Cpl	William	Cope
Lt	Richard	Gunn	2Lt	Yiu Cho	Ngai	Cpl	Mickey	Kaneko
CWO	Dave	Hall	Tpr	Douglas	Ouimet	Sgt	William	Murray
Capt	Ian D.	Hamilton	LCol	Bruce	Palanik	Tpr	Ed. A.	Stafford

Veterans

Sgt	Brian	Colwell
Cpl	William	Cope
Cpl	Mickey	Kaneko
Sgt	William	Murray
Tpr	Ed. A.	Stafford



In this age of direct bank deposit and online banking, this scene would be unfamiliar to today's young soldiers. The once bi-weekly pay parade was a good reason to make it to the armoury for parade night but apart from the pay master, there was no escaping the adjacent table where your obligatory mess dues were instantly collected. Yes, those were the "good old days".

