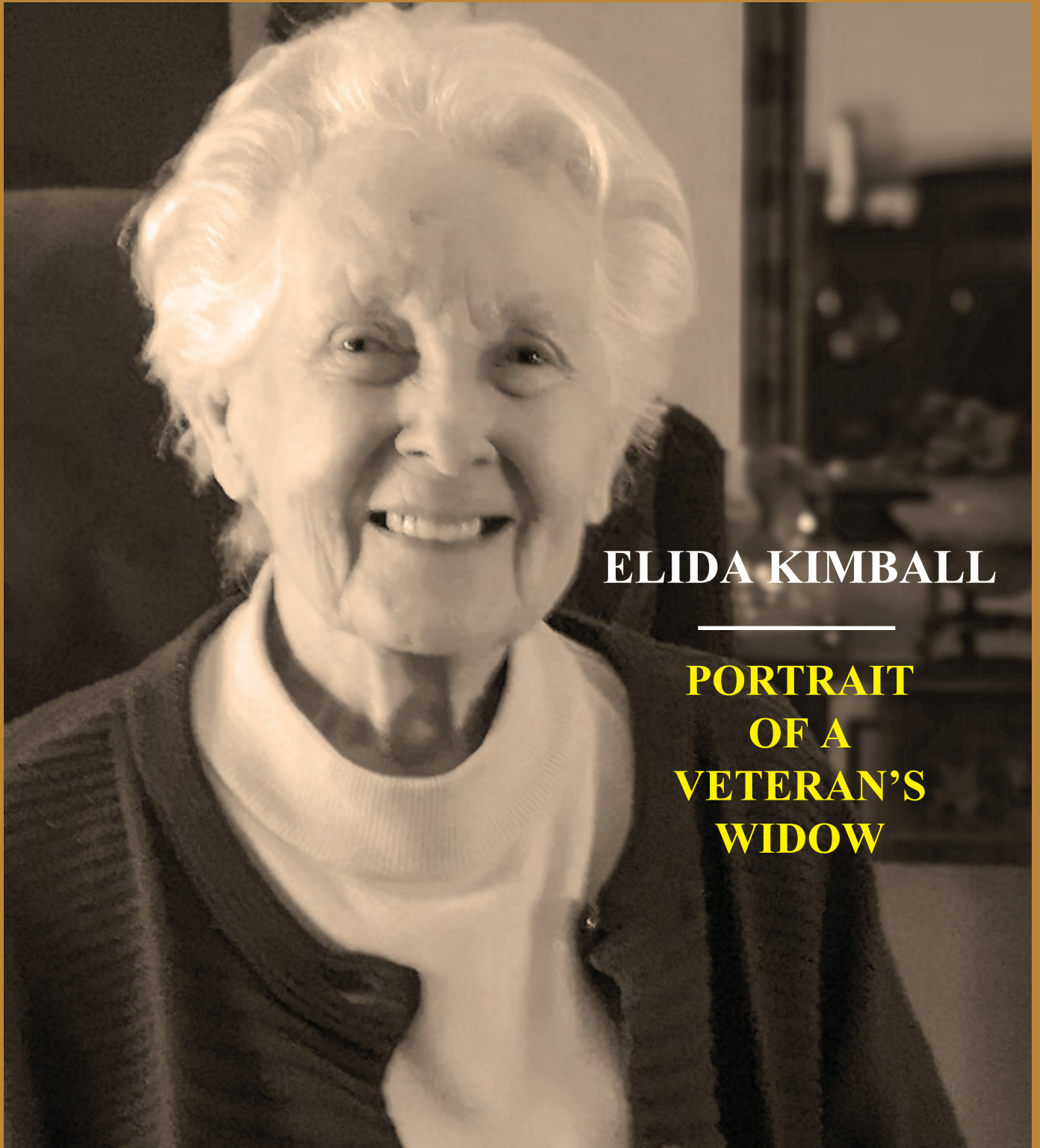




# REGIMENTAL LINES

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S HORSE GUARDS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Spring 2020



**ELIDA KIMBALL**

**—  
PORTRAIT  
OF A  
VETERAN'S  
WIDOW**



## President's Message

Editor in Chief has penned a column shining the light on one Veteran's Widow, adding insight into an area we do not often talk about.

In his final President's Message, Craig Anhorn wrote "Change is always with us". Since our Annual General Meeting, change has been the Executive's mantra. There is change in the Executive as we welcome aboard Daniele Mariani, our new Vice-President. We have had a full social calendar planned up until June which included Ironsides, mess dinners, the D-Day Dodgers Dinner and Black Hat BBQ and were able to squeeze in a darts night before change wiped the calendar clean. I do not think however, that anyone would choose any of these events over the health of our friends, families, and those in essential services.

I would invite you to join us for our next social event, but we honestly do not know when that may be. Until then, stay safe and if you are looking for something to do, we are always looking for people who want to get involved, even if only via Zoom.

*Leslie Brenham*  
**President**

RL

Welcome to the spring issue of Regimental Lines and I hope that all is well with you and your families. With the COVID-19 Pandemic and the resulting restrictions, we are all facing new challenges and tribulations but hope springs eternal that the measures being taken today, will see us once again able to congregate in person, and not just via Zoom meetings.

In this issue, we begin with an article about Major Addison Alexander Mackenzie MC, who started his military journey in the GGBG, rising to SSM, commissioning in 1912 and serving in 4CMR during WW I. Our



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# Letters to the Editor

## REMEMBERING JACK GILL



I am Jack Gill's granddaughter.

You did a lovely "in memory" on him on your site. I want to thank you for doing that. I can appreciate that maintaining the "In Memory" site must be a lot of work.

My aunt printed me a photocopy of a longer article you published about Jack in your magazine and framed it for me but it is beginning to fade. I'm wondering if it is possible for me to get a digital copy of the article so that I can preserve it. The article was called "Trooper Jack Gill" and I want to say it appeared within a year and a half of his death (April 10, 2016) but I don't remember the date she gave it to me and I only have the clipped article.

I don't know what your costs are to make your publication and maintain your website but I would be happy to make a small donation to contribute towards your society if you could let me know the best way to do that.

Thanks,

*Bethany Gill*

## ELIZABETH (CHESNEY) SMITH



Thank you for your kindness and sending this beautiful information!

*Jennifer Gorin*  
**(Daughter of Mrs. Smith)**

## THANK YOU & NEW YEAR WISHES



**Lt. Frank Victor Clapp**

Thanks for taking the time to send the newsletter and other information. I do not have a copy of the Marteinson history, but would very much appreciate a look at it. We are having a great Christmas with all of our immediate family and spouses here with us. Thanks for the best wishes, and the same to you. Happy and healthy New Year.

*Maj (Ret'd) Joe Clapp*  
**(Son of Lt. Clapp)**

## PEARL GILL 92 YEARS YOUNG!



Thank you so much for the copy of the newsletter.

That is too bad about the golf tournament but everyone's safety is paramount.

I haven't gotten to see Pearl recently because of Covid so I haven't seen her since New Year's but I talk to her every few days so I'll tell her you say hello.

Here she is partying it up on New Year's at the young age of 91. She'll be 92 in May.

*Bethany Gill*  
**Granddaughter**

RL



# In Memoriam

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

**LIDDLE, Ensign H. Raymond** - passed away on December 16, 2019 after a prolonged period of illness. He was 86 years of age. Although Ray never served in the Regiment, our records indicate that he and his brother Lt. Peter Liddle (deceased) joined the Association over two decades ago and were introduced to the Regimental Family by former Trustee and WW II Veteran, the late Capt. Harry Hinton.



In his early twenties, he started racing sports cars, mainly MGs. Then in 1959, he had the privilege of taking a factory ride in a TR3 with his best friend Jim Duncan. In June 1961, Ray raced a brand new Lotus 7 and won the first support race in the grand opening of Mosport. Later in the season he flipped the car upside down at Mosport, repaired the car, and continued to race it. That was his last year of racing.

He was an active member of the historic 78th Fraser Highlanders and enjoyed many Dining Ins and assisted in keeping the historic regiment alive. As he wished, cremation has taken place and a true celebration of life will take place later this year (golf season) to bring all his friends together. He is survived by his wife Muriel, and step-daughters Chelsea and Samantha.

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**MACASKILL, Lola Haines** - widow of the late John Angus MacAskill, a GGHG WW II Veteran to whom she was married for 47 years, passed away on January 14, 2020 in the QE II Health Sciences Centre in Halifax.



Lola had resided for a number of years in Northwood Manor, a Seniors Residence in Halifax and was one of our few remaining Veterans' widows with whom we maintained an ongoing connection through our Association Newsletter. She was a member of Grand River United Church and an active member of her community, always willing to lend a hand. Lola enjoyed her daily activities with staff and residents and was always up for a good laugh.

She is survived by her children, Alvin (Claire), Dart-

mouth; Dan (Brenda), Grand River; daughter, Dolores (Carl), Truro. Funeral Service was held in Grand River Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, January 21st with burial at Grand River Cemetery.

**SMITH, Mrs. Elizabeth (Beth)** - Passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 1, 2020 at Regina Pioneer Village in Saskatchewan at the age of 89 years. ‘



Elizabeth or ‘Beth as she was known to friends, was the sister of Lieutenant Lorne Chesney who was one of the five Horse Guards killed in October, 1944 during the battle to capture Cervia in WW II. Although a young child at the time of her brother's death, she carried the memories of him all through her life and in 2013 contributed a stirring tribute in the Spring Edition of Regimental Lines. Over the years, despite the distance, she maintained an interest in the Regiment and looked forward to each issue of Regimental Lines.

Beth is survived by her daughter Jennifer Goring and at a later date in the year, there will be a memorial service to celebrate her life..

**WEGNER, Capt Werner Henry** - passed away peacefully on February 20, 2019 in the Carleton Place Hospital at age 89 with his family beside him. He leaves behind Ingeborg his wife of 64 years, and children Isabell (Jorg), Michael (Monique), Christina (David) and Louisa (Larry),



Captain Wegner was born in the community of Altona in Hamburg, Germany. He discovered his passion for horses while employed on a work farm during WW II, in what became after the war, East Germany. He came to the GGHG Cavalry Squadron in the early 70s and also introduced his vast knowledge and skill in horsemanship to a small core of young cadets chosen from local neighbourhoods. Many of these young men went on to participate in Royal Escorts and the Queen's Plate. One of the most notable graduates from his training program was the Regiment's former Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Scott Duncan.

A Celebration of Life will take place at a future date. **RL**



# Veterans Remembered

## VIMY: Woodbridge war hero gravely injured during Battle of Vimy Ridge

by Adam Martin-Robbins Vaughan Citizen

**Major Addison Alexander "Lex" Mackenzie**

Photo: Courtesy of Archives & Records Management Services, City of Vaughan

If you spend time in and around southern York Region, you're probably familiar with Major Mackenzie Drive, but many people don't know that road is named after a Canadian war hero who was gravely wounded during the Battle of Vimy Ridge 100 years ago.

Addison Alexander "Lex" Mackenzie was born and raised on his family's farm in Woodbridge along with his four siblings. He decided to pursue a military career joining the Governor General's Body Guards in 1904 as a private. Mackenzie rose through the ranks first becoming a squadron sergeant-major then a lieutenant in 1912.

At the beginning of the First World War, he was transferred to France where he served with the 4th Canadian Mounted Rifles. He was quickly promoted to captain as a result of his pre-war militia experience.

In 1916, Mackenzie led his troops in a daring, day-light reconnaissance mission before launching an assault on the German army at Regina Trench during the Battle of the Somme, one of the war's bloodiest battles. Mackenzie was awarded the Military Cross for his gallantry.

He was promoted to major and led the 4th company at the Battle of Vimy Ridge in 1917. During the fierce fighting, Mackenzie was severely

wounded by shrapnel from an artillery shell, but continued to serve in the army's training system until the end of the war.

Though Mackenzie survived, his younger brother, Donald Ross, was killed in 1918 in France. Upon returning home, Mackenzie settled on the family homestead in Woodbridge and took up farming.

A few years later, he became immersed in municipal politics, serving as a Village of Woodbridge councillor from 1922 to 1926 and as reeve from 1927 to 1935.

In 1945, Mackenzie jumped to provincial politics, serving as a Progressive Conservative MLA representing York North until 1967, when he retired at age 82.

Mackenzie died May 13, 1970 and is buried at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Cemetery on Pine Valley Drive, just north of Major Mackenzie Drive.

Also named in his honour are Alexander Mackenzie High School in Richmond Hill, Mackenzie Vaughan Hospital, Mackenzie Richmond Hill Hospital and the Royal Canadian Legion Mackenzie Branch 414 in Woodbridge.

**Adam Martin-Robbins is a reporter for YorkRegion.com and its sister papers.**



**The Mackenzie Richmond Hill Hospital now MacKenzie Health is one of several prominent buildings in the York Region named in honour of Major MacKenzie.**

## PORTRAIT OF A

# VETERAN'S WIDOW

*By Sgt (Ret'd) Colin Rowe*



Elida Kimball proudly displays her copy of *Regimental Lines* which she looks forward to receiving. Her husband Edward, was featured in the Fall 2008 edition just months after he passed away in July of that year.

In each issue of *Regimental Lines* we feature a Veteran but it occurred to me recently, that for each of them, there has been someone there to provide the kind of love and support that so many would need upon their return home after they survived the War. In the fall of 2008, I was visiting relatives in Ottawa and knowing that one of our Veterans, Edward James “Sonny” Kimball had passed away earlier in July of that year, I thought it would be a thoughtful gesture to visit his widow Elida Kimball who lived in Gatineau. The result of that visit was a feature in our November 2008 issue which profiled Trooper Kimball.

Fast forward twelve years later to this February, and I was again in Ottawa and a visit again to Gatineau, provided me with the perfect opportunity to learn about Sonny’s widow, Elida Kimball, a remarkable woman with a wonderful sense of humour.

Elida or Lilly as she was known to friends, was one of four daughters born to parents who were Italian immigrants from Treviso, a region of northern Italy. She was born in Shawinigan, Quebec, while the eldest was born in Nova Scotia, where her Dad was working in the coal mines. Her

two younger sisters were born in the former Municipality of Masson-Angers, now part of the City of Gatineau where the family eventually settled. The eldest died of breast cancer at age 78 in California, where she had lived for years and a second sister who worked for the Federal Government, also died at age 78. Her only surviving sibling will be age 89 later this year.

Elida’s Dad, Ricardo Milani, arrived in Canada in 1923 at age 14. At that time, one of his uncles had made the decision to come to Canada because he knew someone in Nova Scotia and because the Italian town in which they lived was small and poor, Ricardo asked his uncle if he could go with him. The initial concern was the fact that he was only 14 years of age but miraculously, they were able to obtain documents that said he was 18 years old. In Nova Scotia, they found work in the coal mines but because of his age Ricardo was not allowed to work deep in the mines, so he was given the job of operating the horse and buggy which transported the coal out of the mines. That was the job he held until age 23, at which point his uncle, like many thrifty immigrants working the mines, had accumulated enough savings and

decided that he would return to his village in Italy and buy himself a farm. Elida's Dad said to him, "I'll go back with you and see my father who is ill, but I want to stay in Canada". In the 6 months that he was back in Italy, he met and married her mother, Maria Roncato. She was 17 and he was 23 and together they headed back to Nova Scotia where he resumed his job in the mines and very soon started a family.



**Edward and Elida were married for 62 years until his death in 2008**

While the coal mines provide Ricardo with a steady income, his young bride was not happy, because every time that she heard the whistle blowing at the mines, she feared for the safety of her husband and by that time, they also had their first child. It was not long before Ricardo moved his family to Montreal and then to Shawinigan Falls where Elida was born. He later returned to Montreal where he met an Italian engineer named Carlo Carniel, who had a sub-contract with the James McLaren paper mill in Masson, Quebec. Although both were Italian and lived in Montreal, the two men had never met before but Carniel told her Dad, "you could make yourself a nice bundle of money if you would come with me to Masson". So, ever the fearless adventurer, Ricardo headed to Masson by himself and stayed at a local hotel once located at the end of the street where the family home is now located. Once he got the job with Mr. Carniel, he returned to Montreal to get his family and settled in Masson. In addition to his sub-contract with the paper mill, Carniel had become quite an entrepreneur and bought much of the land in the neighbourhood and divided them into lots which Elida's Dad sold for him. Ricardo then bought himself two lots and had two prefabricated houses built on them. While one of the properties has since been sold, today, Elida lives in a home on the larger property located on Rue Carniel, named after that pioneer Italian businessman, Carlo Carniel.

When the Milani family moved from Montreal to Masson it was a closely knit community of immigrants, but they were the only Italians on the street where they lived. This also provided Elida and her sisters with the unique opportunity to become fluent in Italian, French and English which served them well in their later careers. Ricardo, lived to the ripe old age of 91 and sadly, his wife Maria, passed away ten years before him after battling with Alzheimer's Disease.

Elida's husband Edward was of Irish descent and the two families lived beside each other. As she put it, he was always at their house and even at age 6, she thought he was a pest though he was 2 years older than her. He had a brother

who was 10 years younger and three older sisters and they all went to the same school so there was a close relationship between the two families.

When the War broke out in 1939, Edward badly wanted to join the army, but he was too young, so he went to work in the local James MacLaren Industries pulp and paper mill. However, as soon as he turned eighteen, he along with two friends

headed to the recruitment office in Ottawa but he was the only one to be assigned to the Governor General's Horse Guards and in 1942 he was headed to England.

According to Elida there was a "little something" before Edward left for the War and they had gone to the movies together but that was about it. He returned after the War in January 1946 and in the words of Elida, "when he came back, well, he was twenty-three, tall and good-looking and things started to change. Something clicked, and we got married pretty fast in 1946". She continued, "I often think back, he was like a fixture and I couldn't see myself married to anybody else". Their marriage lasted for 62 years until Edward's death in 2008. Elida described him as "the nicest person I had ever met, not because he was my husband, but he was polite, respectful, tall, reserved and just like his mother. He had a brother who was more outgoing like his father, but I can't remember him making me feel bad for anything".

*"when he came back, well, he was twenty-three, tall and good-looking and things started to change"*

When Edward returned, as a Veteran, he was offered his old job at the James MacLaren paper mill and including his four years of military service, he had a successful career there for forty-five years while working his way up the ranks in the company.

Elida had worked for the Federal Department of Finance in Ottawa during the time that her husband was overseas but after their marriage, she went to work for Canada Manpower in an office that was closer to home. She ended her career twelve years after they were married, when they decided to start their family and adopted their first son John and five years later, their second son Robert.

Today, Elida lives in the family home with Robert and in this period of self-isolation due to the Corona virus, she has phone conversations with her one remaining sister. This coming October, she will celebrate her 95th birthday and apart from some hearing loss, she is in remarkably good health, alert, proud of her Italian heritage and only too happy to tell about her family's immigrant story.

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# GGHG CAVALRY AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## KING FAMILY - GGHG BURSARY

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**Sgt (Ret'd) Malcolm King**

The GGHG Cavalry and Historical Society is pleased to announce the creation of 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 30, 2020

**Award Date:** July 15, 2020



# TOUR OF ITALY 2019



A brief stop at the home of author and teacher Saverio Di Tullio who proudly showed his published book, *1943 The Road to Ortona*, a gripping account of the Canadian battle for Ortona. The cartoon on page 1 is one of several by Severio.



Another stop in Ortona was the Church of Santa Maria Constantinopoli where on December 25, 1943, the Seaforth Highlanders were treated to a full Christmas dinner, within yards of a bloody street battle against German paratroopers.



What a difference a year makes! MCpl St. Kitts and Sgt Smith fell into the afternoon groove with a coffee break at a sidewalk cafe in Ortona.



The Cathedral of San Tomasso, was rebuilt between 1946 and 1949 following bombing of Ortona during the Second World War. The basilica owes its name to the presence of relics of the apostle Thomas, the Saint who “wished to see to believe”.



This visit to the Cesena War Cemetery and the grave of Tpr William Beeswax was not the first for Veteran Ed Stafford but it was special because he was able to share the experience with his grand children.



The unveiling ceremony at the Villanova Canadian War Cemetery was just one of the many occasions where young people stood in line to meet our WW II Veteran Ed Stafford.

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Meet your new 2020 GGHG Association Executive, a blend of the old and new but committed to strong leadership in the coming year.



A big Thank You to Craig Anhorn who has guided the Association through two terms that have seen many changes within the Regimental Family and has now turned over the reins to our new President, Leslie Brenham.



No stronger show of support than the presence of LCol Clayton at his first Horse Guards AGM and a commitment by President Brenham to maintaining the strong partnership already in place between the Association and the Regiment.



A moment of levity between three former Association Presidents. (Left to right) Craig Anhorn, Chris Briggs and Mark Stephens.



The ever resourceful Helen Jolly uses her tailoring skills to replace a missing button on the blazer of Veteran Ed Stafford who celebrated his 99th birthday just a few months ago.



Braving the elements on a wintry Sunday afternoon were, former Membership Chairman Jim Fisher and long-time Association Member Richard Gunn.

# DARTS NIGHT



Pumped and ready for this year's Darts Night, was Past President, Craig Anhorn.



Not to be outdone, MWO Kalk was also ready for a challenge but sadly, his game did not live up to the hype.



The night was a family affair and Justin Rowe proved to be better at darts than his Dad, newsletter Editor Colin Rowe.



A study in form was LCol Clayton, with a reminder that there is always next year.



President Brenham was not the leader of the pack but in the spirit of the evening, gave it his best shot.



The winner of the evening's 50/50 draw was Doug Ouimet who graciously bought the house, drinks at the bar.



An evening of fun and camaraderie as Gary Meissner (left) and Chuck Vondercrone would attest and a good time was had by all who were there.



Honourable mention goes to Brian MacDonald, our runner-up winner, who provided stiff competition, even after heart surgery just a few weeks earlier.



Congratulations to Karen Anhorn who was the surprising but convincing winner of the evening's tourney, even after a hard day at work.

# A LOOK BACK AT YESTERYEAR



Troopers of the Governor General's Horse Guards at an outdoor shop on the Via Roma, Naples, Italy, 27 November 1943.

Photo : Library & Archives Canada



Governor General's Horse Guards displaying distinctive haircuts before the advance on the Hitler Line, Italy, 26 May 1944. (L-R): Troopers G.W. Richardson, E. Duncan and S. Montgomery.

Photo : Library & Archives Canada



There is one Trooper here who looks awfully familiar but can anyone name the members of this quartet?



The wireless C42 radio sets were the state of the art technology for the old-timers back in the seventies. Thank God, we lived to see cell phones arrive as communication device of choice on the rifle ranges just a decade later.



Retrieved from the Archives was this evidence of your former Regimental Drum Major and Newsletter Editor, Colin Rowe, on the 1990 Combat Leader's Course at the RCR Battle School in CFB Petawawa.



Comrade-in-Arms Sheila Andrews, was the second member of the Horse Guard duo on that 1990 CLC Course and they both survived to tell the tale.

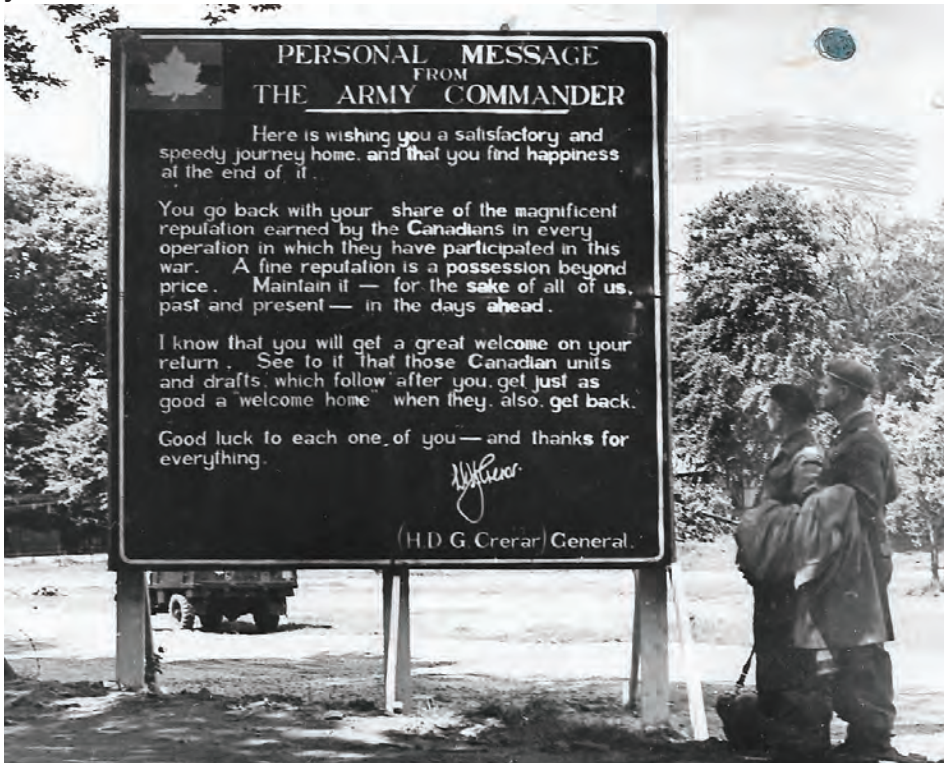
# A LOOK BACK AT YESTERYEAR



Could it be that time has morphed these athletic young troopers into physiques we no longer recognize? If you know any of these former Members, we'd be happy if you would share that with us.



It's hard to believe, but this was a young Trooper Ross Rennie who tried to enlist at age sixteen in 1943, by lying about his age. However, by the time he joined the Regiment in 1945, the War was over and soon after the Japanese surrendered so he never made it overseas. In June of this year, Ross will celebrate his 92nd birthday and we wish him well as he hits this next milestone.



At the end of WW II, the Canadian Army Commander, General Henry Duncan Graham Crerar, had a large billboard made with a message to all the troops, wishing them a satisfactory and speedy journey home and that they find happiness at the end of it. Unlike most officers, Crerar remained in the army after the war and this military photograph from May 1945 taken in Europe, is of two Horse Guards reading the billboard from General Crerar to all troops about the end of hostilities and returning home. The two officers are Major G.Allan Burton DSO, Commander of the #1 Experimental Draft home after the war in 1945, and Rev Major Bob Snead the Regimental Padre, both of whom served in the 5th Canadian Armoured Division.



Time was that duties in the Cavalry Squadron was a rite of passage for a Horse Guard and it certainly served Gary Meissner well for Escort duties in 1976.

# 'ROUND THE REGIMENT



A persistent group of attendees at the Memorial Dinner who make every effort to ensure that their presence is duly noted in Regimental Lines.



Pte. Nanno, still a recruit but proud to be a Horse Guard. One of several new additions to the Regiment working at the Canadian Forces Pavilion down at the Canadian National Exhibition.



Before Social Distancing became a requirement, Pte Gluck and MCpl Rizzo were part of the GGHG Team at the CF display down at the CNE.



While the CNE might be in doubt this year, Cpl Fleming enjoyed his first assignment at the Canadian Forces display and interacting with the public.



Twelve years of service recognized with the awarding of the CF Ceremonial Decoration (CD) to Lt Penner and MCpl Neaves (RCD) by LCol Clayton.



President Brenham, making the rounds to introduce himself to the troops while raising awareness of the Association and its benefits, such as the Junior Ranks Bursary, awarded annually by the Historical Society and the Association.



The Junior Ranks is further strengthened with the promotion of Cpl Sor (Centre) to the rank of Master Corporal.

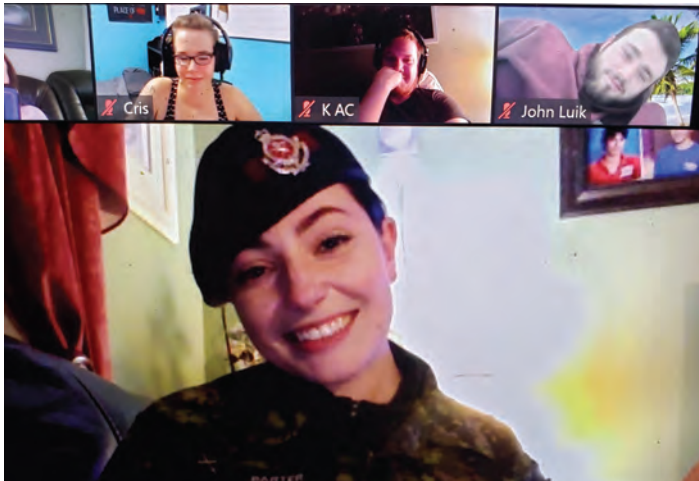
# 'ROUND THE REGIMENT



The Regiment continues to maintain its position of strength in the Brigade and a post-parade briefing by LCol Clayton has the undivided attention of the troops.



Congratulations to Sgt Xia who has lived up to the Regiment's motto Nulli Secundus and rewarded with the 32 Brigade Commendation for instructions on the TAPV courses throughout the year.



Perhaps a first for any Regiment was the virtual promotion of Pte Barter to the rank of Corporal with an online audience as shown by the screen capture above. Congratulations to Cpl Barter and all responsible for this technological innovation.



Maintaining social distancing while staying in musical shape on their time off are, Pte St. Fleur on Bassoon, Pte Di Cerbo on Trumpet, and William Right on Trumpet. Yes, they are all presently on Operation LASER tasking in CFB Borden.



WO Victoria Wickett of the Regimental Band, played the Last Post during Operation Distinction Ceremony last November in Italy. She was among contingent members chosen to represent regiments that fought in the Italian Campaign.



Still a Horse Guard at heart, Sgt Jeff Knights (left) reunites with Cavalry Squadron Member Kevin Joyce, for the RCD Leliefontein parade last fall in 4th Canadian Division Support Base (4CDSB) Petawawa.

# 'ROUND THE REGIMENT



Covering all the bases with an impromptu first aid training session in the field.



All the comforts of home for Pte Susel, settling in for some down time from Operation-LASER in Borden.



In February, members of the Regimental Family including LCol Clayton were on hand for a celebration of Veteran Ed Stafford's 99th birthday



Sgt Xia (right) ended the year as a highly decorated Horse Guard with victories in CAFSAC 2018 match 19 (Biathlon), the Colquhoun trophy team competition and respectable placings in Skill At Arms competitions. Nulli Secundus.



It's never too early for our young cadets to learn the benefit of teamwork as they tackle the job of setting up a tent during their weekend field training exercises.



Growing Cadets need a hearty breakfast but not before the morning's greetings and briefing.



These new cadet recruits also face a delay in their training while the armoury is on lockdown and a resumption date is uncertain.



Every long-serving soldier will tell you that KP duties build character and so it is for Pte. St. Fleur on his first tasking.





# Commanding Officer's Message

LCol R.B. Clayton, CD, A de C

Fellow Horse Guards,

Up until a few short weeks ago, I had been planning to write about all the accomplishments made by the Regiment since I had the privilege of being appointed Commanding Officer last October.

For example, I was going to boast about successful collective training events such as Exercise WORTHY CHARGE held late last November just outside Peterborough where we deployed over two hundred soldiers in a composite Armoured Reconnaissance "Squadron Group" consisting of troops from the Horse Guards; the Queen's York Rangers; the Ontario Regiment; 32 Service Battalion; 32 Signal Regiment; and 2 Military Police Regiment.

I was also going to brag about all the great individual training the unit has been running such, as our Basic Military Qualification (BMQ) Course; the Light Over Snow Vehicle (snowmobile) Course in February; and the two Tactical Armoured Patrol Vehicle (TAPV) Dual Remote Weapon System (DRWS) Operator Courses (aka gunnery) that were supposed to culminate at the end of March with our annual Gun Camp.

However, given the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent need to preserve the operational capability of the force, the unit suspended all training on Friday, March 13th. It should be noted that in the weeks leading up to this unprecedented event, the unit deployed a total of 13 personnel to CFB TRENTON on Operation GLOBE; the Canadian Armed Forces' contribution to the government's repatriation of Canadians stranded overseas by the contagion.

Even though the Regiment ceased parading in person in mid-March, we have not been idle. Soldiers continue to train by means of on-line courses as well as participating in

virtual professional development sessions organized by their troop and squadron leadership. More recently, troops at all ranks have been seized with preparations to join the Canadian Armed Forces' effort to assist Canadians during this unprecedented crisis.

As I write, over 70 soldiers of the Regiment are poised to deploy on full-time Class C service with either the 32 Territorial Battalion Group (TBG) or with our Local Response Force (LRF) based out of the Denison Armoury. Their purpose will be to assist local, provincial and national governments in coping with COVID-19-related issues and/or respond to any other such domestic crisis such as annual spring flooding.

Never, in all my years of service, have I been more proud of our troops as I am of the Horse Guards who have selflessly volunteered to assist their fellow citizens in this, their hour of greatest need. They are to be commended for their desire to serve despite the health risks and what will likely be prolonged separation from friends and family.

Before I wrap up, I also want to thank everyone in the extended Regimental Family for making both me and my wife Glynis feel so welcome upon joining the Regiment.

I sincerely hope that by the time I sit down to write my next article for Regimental Lines, all of our lives will have returned to near-normal. I very much look forward to reconnecting with all of you in person.

In the meantime, all the best from my family to yours; take care of each other.

Worthy!

*Bruce Clayton*  
Lieutenant-Colonel  
Commanding Officer



# REGIMENTAL SERGEANT MAJOR'S MESSAGE

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER J.S. SHOULDICE, CD

Fellow Horse Guards and extended Regimental Family,

It is amazing how quickly half a year can go by. During this time, the Regiment has continued to support the Brigade Battle School in conducting entry level courses and unparalleled collective training events such as Exercise Worthy Charge, where over 200 soldiers made up a composite squadron.

In spite of all these positive events and continued excellence, an unforeseen event has shifted our focus. The global pandemic of COVID-19, has seen over 70 of our soldiers' volunteer to assist in the government's initiative to support fellow Canadians in this time of uncertainty.

This truly demonstrates the Regimental motto, "Nulli Secundus". While we wait for specific tasks to be assigned and locations determined, our soldiers are preparing and willing to assist as required. As the RSM, I am truly fortunate to have soldiers willing to deploy at a moment's notice in this time of need.

In closing, I would like to remind everyone to look after each other, and I am always available and willing to help in any way I can.

9C out!

*J.S. Shouldice*  
Chief Warrant Officer

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## *C Squadron Update*

*By Captain Andrew Zeitoun, CD*



Six months ago, one of the major topics of discussion around the Regimental Family was the impact of new instructions around the traditional Regimental Remembrance parade. As we adapted to that, C Squadron was looking forward to an incredible Ceremonial season filled with a combination of common and once-in-a-lifetime events.

Whether it was the planned spring concert for the Sunnybrook Veterans or the invitation to turn out en masse (musicians and riders) for the RCD Change of Guidon, to the highlighting of the 80th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps, these events and plans were in our calendars and on our minds as we started writing this article for the Spring edition of Regi-

mental Lines.

By March, however, most of these plans had to be put to the side.

When the Regiment talks about operational commitments, most people automatically think of A Squadron, since that's where the majority of our qualified troops report. Over the last year however, the soldiers in C Squadron have also contributed. From Op LENTUS in 2019 to Op GLOBE and Op LASER this year, soldiers from C Squadron have volunteered along with soldiers from A, B and Headquarters Squadrons.

While in-person individual training is on hold, soldiers have adapted to remote learning and training and the musicians of C Squadron are no exception.

In the short term, we will focus on our two main directives: preserving capability and supporting Canadians and Canadian institutions during the pandemic. Once we are through that as a country, we can get our Blues and our horses ready again.

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# B Squadron Update



An impressive gathering of the troops for this group photo at the end of Exercise Worthy Patrol last fall.



A Squadron level running replenishment being conducted by Horse Guards



*Major Tom Bell, CD*  
**Officer Commanding B Squadron**

While the current focus is on Op LASER, B Squadron was active in training throughout 2019. In addition to the BMQ that was run by B Squadron leadership, the next major activity undertaken by B Squadron, in the fall of 2019 was the conduct of Ex Worthy Patrol.

Worthy Patrol was a Territorial Training Group 3 Exercise combining Queen's York Rangers and Horse Guards leadership, support staff, and troops at all levels. The combined Squadron totaled 84 people including 3 full troops and the SHQ with the Echelon. We had 2 mounted troops on TAPV and LUVW, with one dismounted troop conducting Pre-PLQ tasks as the Opposing Force (OPFOR).

After deploying to Borden on Friday night and orders were issued, the Squadron headquarters and Troop leadership engaged in battle procedure until nearly 2am. Starting Saturday morning, the two mounted troops conducted area and route reces as the dismounted OPFOR sections observed and engaged them with dismounted patrols, OPs, and ambushes. A Squadron level running replenishment (RR) was conducted Saturday afternoon led by WO Smith as the SSM and WO Nemeth as SSM Headquarter Squadron.

From the RR, the Squadron adopted a screen line and a troop hide. As OPFOR probed the screen line and searched for the troop hide, I issued orders for a deliberate Squadron attack for Sunday morning. This initiated another full cycle of Battle Procedure, culminating in a Squadron attack on Sunday morning.

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**Cpl William Right, CD**

# Loblaw supports employee on COVID-19 military mission

by Mary Scianna

*Loblaw received the Canadian Forces Liaison Council Certificate of Recognition in 2015 for the company's contribution to Canada's Reserve Force and for assisting reservist-employees in maintaining their commitments to the Canadian Armed Forces.*

William Right, associate merchant at Loblaw Companies Limited, is taking a four-month leave of absence to serve in a Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) operation that is preparing to assist Canadian communities dealing with the Covid-19 pandemic.

Right, a reservist serving with the Governor General's Horse Guards who joined the CAF in 1995, began his four-month training on April 6. He, along with other reservists and CAF soldiers, are currently training at the Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Borden for what is being termed "Operation Laser."

Right says he is appreciative of the company's support, and adds that Loblaw has a history of supporting reservist-employees with their commitments to the CAF. Indeed, in 2015, Loblaw Companies Limited received a Canadian Forces Liaison Council (CFLC) Certificate of Recognition for its support of employees who are also in the Reserves.

"We have not received a 'Request for Assistance' yet, but we are training at CFB Borden to be able to respond to emergencies. Our priorities are to help efforts to slow the spread of Covid-19, provide support to vulnerable communities and assist provinces, territories and municipalities with logistics. We could play a critical role in providing humanitarian support and delivering supplies."

Right says the decision to join the operation was a difficult one because it will take him away from his family, but he wants to do his part to assist Canadians during this period.

"I want to thank the Canadian Armed Forces for assisting Canadians during this pandemic and my employer, Loblaw Companies Limited, for giving me a four month leave of absence to volunteer for deployment on Operation Laser."

Right is a musician in the Reserves and through his service, has been able to "carry on my passion of perform-

ing and composing music. Through employment with the military, I was able to produce two albums, which are available on Spotify, Apple Music and other digital platforms."

He makes note of these digital platforms because proceeds from his first music release "Going Home" will go to the Toronto Military Family Resource Centre and Wounded Warriors of Canada. He adds that proceeds from his second music release, "God's Wonderland" from his upcoming musical "Black and White" (that he began writing in high school), will go to the soon-to-be-created Natasha Williams Memorial Scholarship and Bursary for a Northview Heights Secondary School graduate seeking a career in music.

In addition to his current song-writing initiatives, he formed a not-for-profit organization last year called "Black and White Music Productions" that among other things, enables Right to ensure that proceeds from the sale of his music go to assist soldiers who suffer from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, Operational Stress Injuries and will also go to other projects he is working on.

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# OUR CADET CORPS

## SOMETHING TO BE PROUD OF



By Duane Grady

The best compliments in life are the ones that come when least expected, completely unsolicited and from people you may least expect it from. I have long regarded our cadets as particularly disciplined and well behaved. The Denison Corps is different from the Markham Corps but one thing they both have in common is a respectful deportment and a sense of discipline and apparently people have noticed.

Our Commissionaires can be long suffering on Cadet nights. Cadets of all corps usually group together in the lobby until most are accounted for and then let in.

One night, I was surprised by a commissionaire who volunteered that our Corps when waiting in the vestibule are

the best behaved corps out of the five that parade there. I was told that our cadets form up and stay reasonably quiet and there is usually a senior cadet present to keep things orderly. I didn't think that was a big deal but apparently it is. Other corps group together and laugh and joke and sometimes get rowdy. I have witnessed other corps running across the parking lot like school kids at recess, dropping kit and on one occasion dropping a drill rifle.

On other nights I have heard stories from exasperated commissionaires about cadets climbing over equipment unsupervised in the dirty work area, something that will never happen with GGHG Cadets. With another cadet corps the entire staff of a cadet corp went home, as in left the building. After an inspection the commissionaires found 6 cadets sitting on the floor of the parade square playing with their phones. This happens a lot I am told. Discipline starts from the CO down.

About four weeks after the first comment a commissionaire who claims to "hate kids", added to this story by commenting "How is it that your cadets are so different from other corps"? Now that got my attention, I respond only half joking "These are not ordinary cadets they are Horse Guard cadets."

When I asked what he meant by his (unsolicited) comment he said the same things as the previous commissionaire. Our cadets are quiet and orderly in the foyer, and show good discipline.

He commented that one cadet began to talk and got half of a four letter word out of his mouth and was stopped in his tracks by a Cadet Sgt. who was having none of that in the foyer. The commissionaire expressed genuine surprise and reiterated that he "normally doesn't like kids but these ones..."... apparently our own Horse Guard cadets have made an impression.

Not to claim that our cadet corps are robotically perfect, I feel that every effective organization should have a strong "esprit de corps" but also allow a bit of a "M\*A\*S\*H" type of feeling which is to say a slight "looseness" that is belied by high degrees of skill, commitment and pride. This is where ethics, morals and deportment count more than how shiny your boots are or how well the trousers are pressed. It's too easy to memorize rules and just rhyme them off, it's quite another thing to have ethics and standards become a part of the personality of an organization.

It is no small thing to instill the pride of being a Horse Guard into our cadets. For us it is critical to emphasize that being a GGHG cadet ranks higher than the issued numbers assigned to the Corps. I purposely do not refer to the corps numbers. That's because being a GGHG family member is far more important. The corps number is just some administration requirement so it's there, but typically you will never read the corps number before the regimental reference... EVER. It is always "GGHG" first then "2402" only if necessary. However, recognizing that our Markham Corps has an attachment to the "748" reference as it is historical to them as it was chosen and requested by them at the beginning and not randomly assigned like most corps numbers, you will see it more often from Markham and that is understandable. As you know the roots of the GGHG are in Markham.

What this does is emphasize a connection to the sponsoring regiment rather than strictly to Canada's most successful youth program itself. When a cadet finally earns a cap badge that cadet knows and feels like they belong to something bigger than themselves. They become Horse Guards at heart. What this produces is a team of cadets who take full responsibility and will carry out orders and follow the SOP in every case. On a rare night when most of the staff was unable to get to Denison there was only one officer and myself as the entire adult staff to begin the night. By the time other staff got there everything was underway and running smoothly. I note that the Markham Corps is similarly disciplined.

Cadets know what to do and they simply do it. When I showed up that night I simply opened the office door then unlocked the QM and stood back. Senior cadets came in got what was needed, set up the duty crew and got them moving.

The RSM gave instructions and it was seemingly not noticed that the officers and staff were not in yet, because that didn't matter to them. They had their orders and a chain of command effectively in place and it worked. It is as if officers aren't actually needed. Absolutely outstanding!

I have been around other cadet corps where this would have been a nightmare situation. Cadets would be pushing and shoving for a place disregarding rank, Sergeants who have to fight with cadets to get them to listen, RSM's trying to instill discipline with cadets turning their backs on them and walking away. This I witnessed at Borden on a Winter FTX. That corps was a disaster, it took an officer showing up to put things right, this should never be and could never be when there are well disciplined NCO's running things with a mentoring spirit. Finally I will relay one last story, one of our Sergeants who has aged out by now saw a straggler from another corps. He was new and didn't wear his combats or his beret properly, and our GGHG Cadet Sgt took this young cadet aside quietly. I saw this Sgt take the cadet from another corps, kneel in front of him and place the cadets boot on his thigh as he instructed the new cadet on how to properly blouse his pants.

Frankly just to look at our Cadet Sgt you wouldn't expect that, he didn't have the "look" of a kid who would mentor and instruct with that kind of care, but he was a Horse Guard cadet and apparently that makes a difference. How many of you can imagine an average 15 year old youth taking the boots of a 13 year old he has never met into his hands and helping him come up in appearance? I will let you think on that. It's a step above the wonderful things that cadets all across Canada are taught and frankly a lot of cadets don't end up with this level of commitment, care and mentoring from the officers they report to either.

So, if you see one of our cadets in the hallways of Denison, know that you have something to be proud of, they are part of this family and bring us pride.

In the last six years I have seen dozens of cadets age out and join the Regiment. At one point I saw that a full 20% of the Regiment's nominal was made up of aged out former cadets. I have news for you, there is another wave coming. You already have Miller, you're getting about six more in the next while and more to come after that. As long as our cadet corps are being led by people who are Horse Guards at heart this will continue.

I think that for all of us who love this Regiment and are proud to wear our cap badge, Nulli Secundus is more than a motto, for all of us it should be a goal.

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In a bold gesture of gratitude, RSM Munroe donated his DEU, beret and forage cap to Mariangela Rondinelli during the Regiment's visit to Italy last May. She works tirelessly to keep the legacy of Canadian service and sacrifice alive through *Wartime Friends*, an organization that fosters acts of remembrance rooted in the Second World War. Mariangela was of extraordinary help in making the Regiment's Villanova monument possible and was recently presented with the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers by Governor General, Julie Payette.

