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Happy holidays to everyone from the Bulletin

This issue represents a change. As of November, Joe Murray, a former Commanding Officer of the 1st Hussars, has become the President of the Association. Ron Janus was elected Vice President. Bill McTavish remains Treasurer, and Michelle Lundy has taken on duties as Secretary. Please be sure to join us for one of our lively meetings at the Byron-Springbank Legion in 2016, and get involved.

I have many great memories of my 13 years as President, but a lot of it revolves around the WWII veterans. When I transferred to 1H as a Sergeant in 1970, the first person who welcomed me to the mess was Harry Cluff, a former RSM and the guidon bearer for the 1967 guidon presentation. I joined the Association and had a wonderful time getting to know many of the members. I remember Rusty with his asparagus, Andy with his turnips, Jim Paisley with his stories, and Red's incident with the window at the Hotel de Paris in Courseulles-sur-Mer.

Joe will do a great job as President. He knows the history of the Regiment and is involved in many of the committees like the Museum and Cavalry Fund. He has many ideas to help the Association prosper in the coming years. It will be nice to sit in the background and criticize everything that happens!

In this issue, we hear from Maj Al Finney who visited the King's Royal Hussars this summer. We also have a new Commanding Officer; the Change of Command was conducted in September. LCol Bernie Scheid took over from LCol Rick Phillips. Nick Corrie has put a piece together on the Shedden remembrance ceremony and the commemoration of WWII Hussar, Sergeant Roy Graham Lilley, BEM. Sarnia is in the process of raising funds for the installation of a monument (a LAV III) to the Afghan veterans. More details are included in this Bulletin.

A Message from the Editor:

Season's Greetings to all members of the 1st Hussars Association. Thanks for all the positive feedback this past year regarding The Bulletin, I have had some major shoes to fill. (...and made of Steele to boot!)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mike Steele for all his years of hard work in maintaining the Bulletin after original Editor Sam Pawley's death in 1996. That's a lot of years of organizing the publication on top of taking on the Presidency of the Association after Jim Tuffin's passing in 2002. His dedication to the Regiment is most commendable. Enjoy more time in your canoe next year catching big ones, Mike!



Our weekly lunches are held on Thursdays 1200 hrs at the Mocha Shrine Centre, 468 Colborne Street, London.

1H Association Meetings

Held at the Byron-Springbank Legion, 1276 Commissioners Road West, London. *No meeting held in December or January*

Sunday 21 Feb. 2016, 1300 hrs Sunday 20 Mar. 2016, 1300 hrs

St. Pat's Irish Pub Night

Saturday 19 Mar. 2016, 8:00 PM – 1:00 AM HMCS Prevost, 19 Becher Street, London. *Save the date and watch your e-mail for more details and how to purchase tickets!*

General Meetings and Events - Sarnia

Sarnia's meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at the WOs' and Sgts' Mess at the Sarnia Armouries, beginning at 7:00 PM.

Next meeting is 10 Dec 15. Early 2016: Jan 14, Feb 11 & Mar 10



In Memoriam

Don Ashford

14 October 2015, age 70, St. Thomas Ontario

Don was the father of Major Blair Ashford, who is now parading with the Windsor Regiment.

Bill Bury

7 November 2015, age 90, Hamilton Ontario

"Wild" Bill was a WWII Hussar, and recipient of the French Legion of Honour Medal in 2014.

Harold Duggan

25 August 2015, age 95, Barrie Ontario

Harold was a Sergeant with the Hussars in WWII, and was appointed to the French Legion of Honour last November.

Rita Hutt

24 August 2015, age 76, Ingersoll Ontario

Mrs. Hutt was the mother of Cpl Ian Hutt of London.

Jack Madeley

21 November 2015, age 87, London Ontario

Jack was a Sergeant in A Sqn for many years.

Joe Veale

14 October 2015, age 57, Sarnia Ontario

Joe was a Lt in C Sqn and a member of the Canadian Military Veterans Riders Association. One of his dogs was named Hussar.

Laurel Westman

15 October 2015, age 69, London Ontario

Mother of Lori Hartwick. Lori's husband Steve Hartwick is a former member of the Regiment.

Rick Young

8 September 2015, age 68, Sarnia Ontario

Rick was a Sergeant in C Sqn, Sarnia and paraded with 1H for 11 years.

A Visit With The King's Royal Hussars By Maj Allan Finney



Regiment on parade. Photo: Allan Finney

I had the pleasure of representing LCol Phillips for the King's Royal Hussars 300th Anniversary ceremony on 18 July in their Tidworth Garrison. It was estimated that well over 1,000 people attended and the Princess Royal, Princess Anne, Honorary Colonel of the King's Royal Hussars, was the reviewing officer. The Regiment had spent about six weeks conducting parade rehearsals led by a Sergeant from the Welsh Guards Regiment. The manoeuvres performed by the Regiment were flawless and looked exactly like the Trooping of the Colours at Buckingham Palace. It was interesting to note that each of the guards on parade (formed up of each of the squadrons) were wearing symbols and emblems representative of the antecedent regiments of the KRH. The Senior Squadron and Right of the Line is C Squadron, they perpetuate the lineage of the 11th (Prince Albert's Own) Hussars. They were granted right of the line status based on their actions in Egypt, which is also a Battle Honour on the KRH Guidon. A Squadron perpetuates the linkage with the 20th Hussars, B Sqn the 14th King's Hussars and D Squadron perpetuates the lineage of the 10th Royal Hussars.

The parade was followed by a Polo match of serving Officers against retired Officers, with the retired officers winning the match. The KRH also hired a number of re-enactors to set up a display of WWII equipment, and British Artillery of the Napoleonic War. In talking with the gun crew I found out that they were are at the 200th anniversary of Waterloo re-enactment as was I. In fact their battery was located just behind the re-enactment unit I was a member of. Also of great interest to me were the cavalry re-enactors that put on a horsemanship display using the uniforms of the various antecedent regiments from the 1750s up to WWI.

The evening saw a wonderful BBQ followed by a Drumhead Ceremony on Sunday with a curry luncheon.

Overall the visit was a great success with the Colonel of the Regiment, General Shirreff, KCB, CBE, and LCol Justin Kingsford stating that the relationship between the KRH and the 1st Hussars is the strongest and most active of any of their allied Regiments. It was also noted that the KRH will be in Suffield in 2016 and welcome the opportunity for members of 1H to take part in their exercise. Hopefully we will be able to make this happen and continue to build on our friendship with the KRH.



HRH Princess Anne Photo: Allan Finney



<u>1st Annual Oktoberfest</u> By MCpl Tova Burkhart

The Oktoberfest "Boots on the Beach" fundraising committee was comprised primarily of Sarnia JR's Club executive members, to include MCpl Mike Smith (Entertainment Rep), MCpl Matt Bradshaw (Vice PMC), Cpl Keegan Lester (Secretary) and myself (PMC). Advice, aide, and assistance toward the successful outcome of the event was given by Cpl Mark Fitz-Gerald, WO Scott Elliott, Ron Janus, Ron Prior, and Michelle Lundy (the persons who provided active assistance in various aspects of the event, without whom the event would not have been a success). Also, many Association members and last but not least, HCol Maas & HLCol Hogan played a vital role with their continuous support (both mental and financial) during all phases of the event. The clean set-up and quick tear-down was manned by the Sarnia Garrison members. A special thanks should be given to Sue Bailey (our Sarnia Garrison bartender), Jason of "New York Dogs on Wheels", and our very own Mandy and Ronn Forgét who provided the DJ service.

With this event being the 1st annual Sarnia "Boots on the Beach" fundraiser, I can confidently say that we have set the bar high for all years to come. This event was geared towards building a sense of Regimental community, while benefiting the preservation of our Regimental history. The Regiment, Association, Cadet Corps, Cavalry Troop, family, friends, and the Sarnia-Lambton community were in attendance of the event in order to support the "Boots on the Beach" initiative. With the support given by all the different Regimentally associated groups, and all of the time and dedication put towards the event by those involved, we turned a profit by raising over \$3000. See you there in 2016!

1st Hussars Museum Report By Steve Liggett

Another year has passed and the Museum is no longer open on a regular basis. However, we are happy to open if someone would like to make an appointment. If you or someone you know would like a tour, please call one of the numbers below.

The Museum had another good season. We had an excellent turnout on Canada Day, and on the two days for Doors Open we had approximately 360 visitors. To all of the volunteers that helped out on those two occasions, thank-you very much. We also received the government grant that enables us to hire two summer students. Heather Stephenson and Jessica Stevenson had the Museum open Monday to Friday from the beginning of June to the end of August. They had a steady supply of visitors.

We have acquired a number of new items, trophies, medals, etc. and they have been added to our displays. Please plan to come in sometime to see our new (but very old) artifacts.



One of our "newest" artifacts. Canadian General Service Medal, with 1866 Fenian Raid bar, named to Trooper T.N. Talbot of the London Cavalry. Photo: Nick Thiel

We will be opening next year on Saturdays and Holidays beginning on Saturday 9 April. We would normally open on April 14, but the 9th will be the 99th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge.

For an appointment please contact one of the following people:

 Steven Liggett
 519-455-4533

 Mike Steele
 519-668-3460

 Alastair Neely
 519-471-1538

Photo Ops



Jeff Duncan, Joe Murray, Pat O'Hagan, and COS Dan McLean - Habitat for Humanity Heartland Ontario build for the Brockett family of London. June 6, 2015. Photo: Nancy Murray



LCol Chris Brown, 'General' Erika Brown, LCol Mark Poland, and RSM Jon Kisslinger. Mark took Command of the RHF of C on Oct 3rd. Mark is the former 21C of 1H and RSM Kisslinger is a former RSM of 1H.

Photo: Joe Murray



LCol Bernie Scheid, Centenarian Art Boyle, and HCol Andre Maas celebrate Art's 100th birthday with the presentation of a plaque and cake.

Photo: Ken Boyle



Joe Murray, Col James G. Thompson, & Mr. Vito Frijia at the London & District Business Hall of Fame induction ceremony on October 22nd. Both Col Thompson & Mr. Frijia were inducted.

Photo: Nancy Murray



An impromptu photo with the women of the 1st Hussars.

Photo: Flangette Phoenix

A Bravo Zulu goes to...

- ...WWII Hussar Bill Fleming for receiving the French Legion of Honour medal. Bill was bestowed with the honour during a ceremony on June 6, 2015 in Unity, SK.
- ...Cpl Connor Gray of London & Cpl Byron Hickey of Sarnia who were the recipients of the Top Trooper Awards for 2015.
- ...Cpl Mike Loiselle & Cpl Josh VanMaanen who were posted as sentries at the War Memorial in Ottawa for the remembrance ceremony honouring Cpl Nathan Cirillo and WO Patrice Vincent.
- ...Alastair Neely on his retirement after 45½ years with the London Public Library. Alastair is the Curator for the 1st Hussars Museum.
- ...MWO Buster Thiel, a Petrolia 1st Hussars Cadet who was presented with the Major General Howard Award as the Top Cadet in Ontario for 2015.

The Change of Command By Joe Murray



The "best guidon party ever" Photo: Joe Murray

On September 13th, the Regiment said good bye to LCol Rick Phillips as Commanding Officer and hello to LCol Bernie Scheid. LCol Scheid is the 44th Commanding Officer of the 1st Hussars. The ceremony took place on the parade square at Wolseley Barracks. Colonel Bertoia, the Brigade Commander was the reviewing officer. HCol Maas and HLCol Hogan were also part of the reviewing party.

It was a great parade with participation from the Sarnia Legion band, the cadets, association and the "best guidon party ever". A good crowd was on hand and it was an emotional time for all. The crowd thought that this would be end of a great career, but it looks like LCol Phillips may be on his way to a posting somewhere in the Mideast. He is just like the Energizer bunny - nothing stops him and he keeps on going. We wish him safe travels and a speedy homecoming.

LCol Scheid, who began his career in the 1st Hussars, then transferred to Regular force and then back to the reserves again, is employed full time as a police officer with the City of London. LCol Scheid has served for many years, including tours of duty in Germany and Afghanistan. He brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the unit.

The Change of Command Dinner took place the evening before at Sunningdale Golf Course, courtesy of the Thompson Family. Colonel Thompson and his lovely wife Beverly graced us with their presence at the Dinner. 2016 will mark the 160th anniversary of the Regiment and LCol Scheid is planning several events to mark and commemorate the occasion. The Association is looking forward to working with the new Commanding Officer.

Remembrance Sunday By Michelle Lundy

The sun was shining this year for the annual 1H Remembrance service which was held on Sunday, November 8th at Holy Roller.

The Cavalry Troop was well represented at the event, with the inclusion of a riderless horse - a powerful symbol of fallen soldiers which dates back to the time of Genghis Khan.

Thanks to Cpl Emily Putherbough who provided the Last Post and Reveille, and to Father Frank Leslie who came from Chatham to conduct the service.



The riderless horse "Ted" with Trooper Andy Thompson. (Note the reversed boots in the stirrups.) Photo: John Greenshields

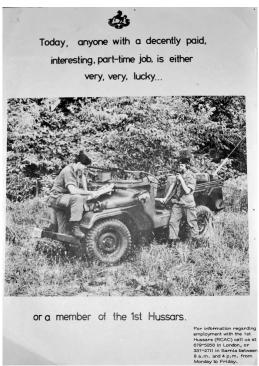
1953 M-38A1

By Steve Hearn



Photo: Shirley Hearn

I have a great deal of fun driving it around and taking it to local car shows, where it is a big hit among the kids and quite a few of their grandparents that actually used jeeps in the service. I have also been contacted by the local Legion branch about driving veterans on Remembrance Day. The jeep is a 1953 M-38A1 (first pattern) that I bought in 2012. In 2014 I decided to have it professionally restored to represent a jeep that I commanded in 1970's.



Sgt Hearn & Cpl Gord Woods with the jeep that was used on a 1H recruiting poster in 1977. The poster was used as the reference for the camouflage scheme and tactical markings.

The actual paint colours were taken from the military pamphlet CFP 318(9) Camouflage and Concealment. The restoration was done by "The Guild of Automotive Restorers" in Bradford Ontario and was featured on their TV show "Restoration Garage". During the restoration process, we installed a complete C-42 radio and antenna matching unit which was very hard to come by as they went out of service in the 70's. We also installed a complete GPMG mount and I am currently working on getting a DWAT C5 machine gun to use on displays at car shows. "The Guild" also manufactured a wire cutter for the front bumper. Although it was not on the jeep in the recruiting poster, this was a feature of most jeeps at the time. The final touch was added by Al Engelhardt, a former Hussar currently living in Alberta. When he saw the TV show on my jeep, he called me up and offered me a very rare "B Sqn" pennant which had been made by Col Newman's wife. As far as I can remember they were only in wide use for 1 year (1977) as they were highly prized as mementos.

Preview: March 2016 issue of the Bulletin

The Westlake Brothers Souvenir Association visit London & Sarnia – August 2015.



A report on the premiere of "The First Hussars & the Liberation of Holland" at the 1st Hussars Documentary Film Night, held at Fanshawe College on November 19th, 2015.



View the film through the following link: https://docs.google.com/open?id=0B5fz4xPQWgtLNGxBWXI NMFp4d2c

November 8th, 2015 Southwold Remembers: Roy Lilley By Nick Corrie

Each Remembrance day for the past sixteen years, the people of Southwold Township have gathered in Shedden at their Keystone Complex to conduct services to all known local Armed Forces veterans who served in times of peace and war. These wonderful rural citizens despite their small numbers, set an example of devotion and commitment to their veterans which is a model without equal. Upwards of 300 people gather on the Sunday before November 11 for a commemorative service which includes a well-known speaker, prayers to the fallen, hymns, outdoor wreath laying and a fly past from the Harvard Association. Two notable past speakers were Don Harron as TV's Charlie Farquharson and author Ted Barris, a frequent and entertaining presenter. Each year a Silver Cross family is selected and their fallen relative is commemorated; this year the special family was that of our fallen First Hussar, Sergeant Roy Graham Lilley, BEM.

I had the honour of representing the First Hussars at this year's ceremony honouring Sergeant Lilley. On hand from many parts of SW Ontario, Saskatchewan and Michigan, were many of Roy's surviving family. In conversation with the extended Lilley family I was impressed that despite the time gap, despite many who never knew him, they enthusiastically exhibit an attachment which extends beyond the obvious respect for him as a brave soldier. They are truly a devoted and caring family who lovingly represent in living terms their lost, but not forgotten relative.

In his address to the standing room only crowd, Reverend John Brown read excerpts from letters Roy sent from overseas to his family back home in Southwold. From these war time lines and other sources, we learned from Reverend Brown that Roy was highly respected by his fellow soldiers. He put service above self and his motivation for service came from a love for Canada, a desire to protect his family and a trust in God's guidance. Georgina Bruggman who is Roy's niece, adds, "He would not have considered himself as a hero but just one of the guys trying to help others survive in a distant land..." She further adds, "He knew as thousands around the world knew, Hitler had to be stopped."



A 88, Sgt Lilley, Roy Graham, BEM, MiD, KIA, 14 August, 1944, Bretteville-sur-Laize, France. Photo: First Hussars Museum

Sergeant Roy Graham Lilley

Roy Lilley was born on November 17, 1918 in Southwold Twp. just west of St. Thomas. His first venture off the farm as a young man found him working in town at a florist shop. When war broke out in 1939, Roy was among the first recruited into the First Hussars with Regimental No. A 88. His early enlistment would have qualified him to be included in the colour film footage our museum holds of the 1940 – 41 training at Camp Borden and again on parade in England. In the book The Gallant Hussars, by Michael McNorgan, page 97, Roy is seen posing with two fellow Hussars in England. From this image we learn that he was a rather robust individual, a physique which likely aided him to carry out his three known recorded acts of good soldiering, daring and heroism.

The first of these occurred on April 30, 1943, during an exercise demonstrating firing Bren guns from the hip. On this occasion he was awarded the BEM, the British Empire Medal, by "...showing complete disregard for his own safety..." he disarmed a man who was overcome with an epileptic seizure but continued to fire indiscriminately endangering others nearby.

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Sergeant Lilley arrived in France in July, just in time to perform his next extraordinary feat on July 13, 1944 when his crew, part of the Regiment's Anti-aircraft Unit, shot down an enemy aircraft and damaged another. (Frankly, reading this excerpt is the first time I knew this Unit actually existed.)



Crusader III, AA Mk III
Sgt Lilley in turret
Photo: Red McCormick Collection

Sadly, in war it's the last act of bravery and soldiering before death which elevates the individual to a new status and Sergeant Roy Lilley's last was a perfect example. It was while trying to close the Falaise gap in Operation Tractable, a particularly bloody time with many losses in men and material, tanks being no exception, that Lilley's tank suffered the impact of an anti-tank round though his turret fatally wounding him as crew commander. Typical of the man as a soldier and civilian, Roy mustered enough strength to rotate the turret far enough to allow the trapped co-driver Tpr Harold Newburgh to safely escape. His final act of soldiering was recognised by a MiD, Mentioned in Dispatches, the only posthumous award available except for the Victoria Cross.

<u>Defibrillator Donation in Memory of B Sqn</u> By Patrick Armstrong



Patrick Armstrong and Maj Allan Finney Photo: www.davemounsey.com

My name is Patrick Armstrong, an OPP officer and the Executive Director and Founder of the Dave Mounsey Memorial Fund; a charity which donates life-saving defibrillators in the name of fallen law enforcement, fire, EMS and military members killed in the line of duty. To date we have donated 49 devices, one of which was used last year to save a life!

I am a veteran with the Army and Navy. My experience started when I joined the 1H out of high school, becoming an Armoured driver (AVGP at the time). I stayed in the unit until 1995 and left, then joining the Navy shortly after. I later decided to become a police officer.

In 2006, I was witness and first onscene to the crash of my training officer and dear friend Dave Mounsey of the OPP. He died a month later, never having regained consciousness. Before the collision, he and his partner Brenda had run a marathon to raise money for a defibrillator for the local volunteer fire department. In 2009 we started the charity to give back and honour those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

I was aware that the Regiment has two defibs already, one in each garrison. However it occurred to me that the unit did not have one for field exercises or for being outside when they were. So in memory of the First Hussars B Squadron, we donated a device with a temperature controlled bag to the Regiment for use on exercise.

Thank you to MWO Tim Park & Maj Allan Finney for accepting the defibrillator, which was presented at a ceremony in Sarnia on September 24th, 2015.



Following are the items currently available in the kit shop. These prices do not include shipping costs. If we have to send the item to you, please remember to enclose adequate postage. Schedule at the moment: Open most Thursday training nights. Please phone ahead if you are planning to visit.

1st Hussars Kit Shop 701 Oxford Street East, Wolseley Barracks London, ON N5Y 4T7

Phone: Ron Janus (519) 649-1947 or ron.janus@rogers.com or Mark Fitz-Gerald (226) 448-9169 or fitzy.74@hotmail.com

<u>Item</u>	Cost
Belgique berets	\$20.00
Officers' cloth cap badge	\$20.00
Cap Badge (Brass)	\$20.00
Regimental Tie	\$25.00
Blazer Crest	\$25.00
Large and small buttons - gold plated	\$ 3.00 each or all 8 for \$20.00
Black belt with Gold or Silver 1H buckle	\$25.00
Lapel Pin (1 H)	\$ 7.00
Tie clip	\$15.00 – on back order
1H key chain – Gold or Pewter	\$ 5.00
1 st Hussars regimental coin (numbered)	\$10.00
1H Ball Caps	\$15.00
T-shirts – black embroidered	\$15.00
T-shirts – Army green	\$10.00
T-shirts – brown "Keep Calm & Hussar On"	\$15.00
Sweat shirts	\$25.00
Windshield Decals (I H-Gold)	\$ 3.00
License Plate Frames	\$10.00 – on back order
Coffee cup Porcelain (Black)	\$ 5.00
Ladies Brooch	\$25.00
Royal Canadian Armoured Corps History	\$50.00 – 1 remaining
1 st Hussars New Regimental History (2004)	\$50.00 contact for shipping charges
Bronze plaques (1H)	\$50.00
Miniature Guidon (unframed)	\$250.00
Miniature Guidon (framed)	\$350.00
1 st Hussars Silver Ring	Contact for pricing
1 st Hussars Gold Ring	Contact for pricing
1H Guidon Pin	\$ 5.00
1H Flag Pin	\$ 5.00
Riggers Belts	\$20.00
Sunglasses	\$15 to \$35 depending on style
Tactical Gloves (half finger)	\$20.00
Tactical Gloves (full finger)	\$25.00
Shemagh	\$15.00 – on back order
Hockey Jersey Woodland or Dessert	\$125.00
Embroidered Crest (on your own shirt or jacket)	\$10.00
Pewter Stein engraved	\$95.00
Track Suits	\$85.00
Tactical Boots	Contact for pricing
Jerry Can Flask	\$15.00 – 2 remaining







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