

The Guards Star



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ASSOCIATION REUNION DINNER

The Association will be holding its 71st annual reunion dinner weekend on the weekend of September 29-30, 2017. The weekend will kick off with a meet and greet in the Regimental messes on Friday the 29th at 19:00. On Saturday the 30th there will be a short Memorial Service at the statue in front of the Drill Hall at 18:00 followed by a cocktail hour and the dinner at 19:00. The cost is free for Friday night and the dinner is \$60.00 per person. Let's make a huge effort to attend this weekend and get together with serving members, former members and friends of the Regiment to catch up and update our war stories.

Message from the LCol Comd

LCol Chris Lynam, CD, ADC

I will use this Guards Star edition to both welcome serving members back from summer training and taskings and to recap some of the Regiment's accomplishments from last year.

The Regiment was exceptionally active in 2016 and in the first half of 2017 across all of its functions. It conducted live-fire training and patrolling exercises, adventure training in the form of ice climbing, participated in the bi-annual patrol concentration and took part in a Territorial Battalion Group level exercise focused on domestic operations. In May, a number of soldiers took part in Exercise Maple Resolve, the annual large scale Army training exercise in Wainwright, Alberta which was the culmination of a year of high readiness training. Also in May, 40 members participated in Operation Lentus, which was the Canadian Armed Forces' response to assist civil authorities in managing recent widespread flooding in the Montreal and Ottawa regions. Our members performed exceptionally well in helping people and communities in the Outaouais and by providing much of the leadership for the deployed

domestic response company and 33 Territorial Battalion Group headquarters. On the ceremonial and military music fronts, the Regiment played the central ceremonial role during the multi-day visit of the U.S. Army Chief of Staff, General Milley to Ottawa in March. In addition to supporting a mess dinner, the Regiment fielded a 50 person Guard of Honour, Colour Party and the Band in full dress in the drill hall, an event that has not occurred during the fall and winter months for some time. While it took significant effort to plan and execute these activities (particularly as they occurred the Sunday and Monday after a demanding weekend exercise), it demonstrated the professionalism and abilities of our members and gained the appreciation of the leadership at the Army level. In April, the Regiment sent CSgt Rob Nevin to Vimy, France to act as the Sergeant-Major for the Guard that took part in marking the 100th anniversary of this historic battle. We also sent a contingent of sentries, flag party and musicians to Washington, DC to play the central role in helping the Canadian embassy mark the Vimy anniversary during an elaborate ceremony. In June, the Regiment had the privilege of having the Band and sentries take part in a high profile beating retreat ceremony at Earncliffe, and helped honour the British High Commissioner for his diplomatic service to Canada as part of the eve-

ning's festivities. All told, the Regiment's contribution to training, operations and ceremonial duties has been exceptional.

Looking forward, we will no doubt have another busy training year with a focus on defensive operations. We will also welcome back Lieutenant Arthur Konopka from Poland where he has been serving as part of Operation Reassurance. On the public duties front, there will be a Freedom of the City parade on September 16 and we will stand ready to provide an investiture Guard for the incoming Governor General this fall. In addition to these tasks, we will focus heavily on recruiting and basic training courses as well as identifying and preparing individuals for leadership courses. While we have grown significantly, we need to continue to achieve our directed expansion to meet our two mandates. On this note, I ask everyone to assist the Regiment in identifying potential new members. There will be a particular focus on identifying college and university students

who can be recruited and proceed to Ceremonial Guard where they can obtain a full summer's worth of employment while also conducting individual training courses before returning to the Regiment at the end of the summer. Please get the word out there for interested people to contact the recruiting NCO, Sergeant Kevin Smith. Finally, I ask everyone (serving members, former members and family and friends of the Regiment) to reach out and make contact with former members who may no longer be involved in our activities or the Regimental Association. We have the Association weekend scheduled for the end of September and will hold a Guards Ball on February 3, 2018. These events provide great venues for previous members to re-engage. We will also be ramping up planning efforts as we move closer to the Regiment's 150th anniversary which we will celebrate in 2022 and want to engage as many members of the Regimental family in this endeavour as possible.

Up the Guards!



Message from the RSM

CWO (RSM) Neal Porter, CD

The past year has been extremely busy for the Regiment, what with individual training, collective training, Operation LENTUS, on exercise with 1 RCR, and performances and public duties including a guard of honour for the Chief of Staff of the United States Army. Capping off that training year, I want to welcome everyone back and congratulate those who spent the summer instructing, training, performing, or supporting in Ottawa, Petawawa, Meaford, Gaagetown, or further afield. We had personnel taking career courses, conducting public duties, shooting at international competitions, and many more activities. I encourage all of you to speak about your experiences with your peers in the Regiment - especially those who were on leadership training - and pass on your knowledge and newfound wisdom.

There have been quite a few changes in the warrant officer and NCO cadre since the last newsletter. First off, congratulations to CSgt Mark Rocheleau who took over as Band Sergeant Major from MWO Gord Birkinshaw earlier this summer. In terms of arrivals, I want to welcome the following to the Regiment: CSgt Steven Jarvis, Sgt Erick Ledain (as the new Chief Clerk), Sgt David Turner-Bob, MCpl Geoffry Robertson (as the new Tpt NCO), and MCpl James Stinson (since promoted to Sgt and subsequently commissioned). Sgt

Dom Kowlessar is also back with the regiment. Sgt Kowlessar has accepted to be the organizer and mentor for all members wishing to undertake their Primary Leadership Qualification training and I encourage anyone seeking advice or with questions to approach him directly. To be congratulated on their promotions are CSgt Gareth Webb, MCpl Caitlin Coppell, MCpl Kyle Crego, MCpl Conor Fagan, MCpl Cameron Meyerink, MCpl Marc Mtanos, MCpl Colin Muldoon, MCpl Samantha Williams-Hamaoui, and MCpl Devon Witol. NCOs who have departed include Sgt Nathan Platte, MCpl Lisa Bebyck, and MCpl Stephen Hum. Sgt Steven Slaunwhite has also returned to 1 RCR and there was a good turnout to see him off and thank him for his dedication while he was with the GGFG from 2014.

In marksmanship news, members of the Regiment have participated in a number of competitions and won many awards and matches. MCpl Daniel Bertrand competed at the Australian Army Skill at Arms Meeting (AASAM) in May 2016; Cpl Mat Valcour competed at the Armed Forces Skill at Arms Meeting (AFSAM) in Arkansas in both 2016 and 2017; and both soldiers competed at Bisley in the United Kingdom in summer 2016. In 2016, Shooting Team members were present at the National Service Conditions Championship (NSCC) and the Canadian Armed Forces Small Arms Concentration (CAFSAC) and I know a number of members are looking forward to competing at these events this summer. In sports, Sgt Kinga Golebiowski was part of the Canadian soccer team at the first International

Military Sports Council Women's Football World Cup in France in 2016. Equally newsworthy, the Sergeants' Mess defeated the Officers' Mess in the Adjutant's Cup in 2016.

In terms of awards,

LCol Chris Lynam, CSgt Robert Nevin, and Cpl Anthony Westra were awarded their first clasp to the Canadian Forces' Decoration (CD), while Capt Stuart Kelly and Cpl Matthew Hoo-genboom were awarded their CD.

Cpl Erik Altoft was presented with a Chief of the Defence Staff commendation for quick and selfless actions in rescuing a teenager who had been swept away by the fast current in the Ride-au River near Strathcona Park on 12 June 2013.

LCC commendations were awarded to Sgt Patrick Alden for his relentless effort in coordinating the substantial number of requests for ceremonial support from the unit by outside agencies; Sgt Alec Altoft for his leadership as a section commander on Operation LENTUS; Sgt Marc Chassé for the key role he played in the formation and development of new recruits; Sgt Golebiowski for her dedication and leadership in the BOR; Sgt Slaunwhite for his overall dedication to the Regiment during his tenure and in particular while filling in as the Assistant Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant; Cpl Alana Ali for her outstanding service during Operation LENTUS; Cpl Kevin O'Brien for his outstanding efforts in the preparations for the guard of honour the Regiment mounted for the Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army; Cpl Westra for his exemplary attitude and performance of duties in support of Operation LENTUS; Pte Dylan Challinor for his outstanding service during Operation LENTUS; and Pte Kelvin Jiang for his outstanding service during Operation LENTUS.

The Commander of the Canadian Army presented a Canadian Patrol Concentration (CPC) Pennant to the 33 CBG team, which achieved a silver standing. The fourth annual CPC occurred in Wainwright in November 2016 and the Regiment had two members on the team (Cpl Valcour and Cpl Patrick Fortin), while Cpl Patrick Lopez was a spare and MCpl Muldoon was the Training 2IC. Other members were in Wainwright supporting the concentration.

The Cpl Erno Kiss Top Soldier award went to Cpl O'Brien and the Cpl Erno Kiss Sports Award was won by Cpl Guillaume Fauteux-Brault.

MCpl Muldoon was presented with the MCpl of the Year award, as voted on by the Colour Sergeants and Sergeants. This presentation was done during a Regimental Birthday lunch amongst the Sergeants' Mess and the MCpls.

The 'Stick' for best turned out on parade was awarded to Cpl O'Brien (2 May 17); Cpl Amritpal Gill (15 Nov 16); and to Cpl Kevin Warren (10 May 16).

In December 2016 Cpl O'Brien was presented with the Most Improved Guardsman Award and Cpl Emily Bellman was presented with the John V. Birchall Award.

We have had a number of members participate in commemoration events. For instance, in September 2016, Cpl Bellman participated in the burial of Pte Duncanson of The Algonquin Regiment in Belgium. Note that both regiments were part of 4th Canadian Armoured Division. Additionally, in perpetuating the 2nd Canadian Infantry Battalion, CEF the Regiment had representatives in France in both 2016 and 2017.

MCpl Muldoon was part of the Canadian military delegation in France for the hundredth anniversary ceremonies of the Battle of the Somme. While the Canadian Corps as an entity was not present at the beginning phase of the campaign in July, we were in the middle and final stages and this is reflected in our laurel anniversaries: 30 August - SOMME, 1916 [date Canadian Corps moved from the Ypres area to the Somme]; 1 September - Pozières [date the Canadian Corps replaced the ANZAC Corps at Pozières]; 15 September - Flers-Courcelette [date of start of battle]; and 1 October - Ancre Heights [date of start of battle]. I encourage all members to read their Regimental histories or visit the Regimental Museum to learn more. For those seeking even more detail, I recommend reviewing the 2nd Battalion's war diaries.

This was also the campaign where Acting Cpl Leo Clarke was:

detailed with his section of bombers to clear the continuation of a newly captured trench and cover the construction of a "block." After most of his party had become casualties, he was building a "block" when about twenty of the enemy with two

officers counter-attacked. He boldly advanced against them, emptied his revolver and afterwards two enemy rifles which he picked up in the trench. One of the officers then attacked him with the bayonet wounding him in the leg, but he shot him dead. The enemy then ran away, pursued by Acting Corporal Clarke, who shot four more and captured a fifth. Later he was ordered to the dressing station, but returned next day to duty.

Leo Clarke died of wounds in October 1916. He had recently been nominated for the VC and at the time of his death he was reportedly leading the Bomber Section of the battalion, with his brother as his 2IC. In 1937 the 2nd Battalion Association presented a framed photo of Leo Clarke, along with one of the battalion's other VC recipient Maj Okill Massey Learmonth, which can now be viewed in our Regimental Museum.

Final thoughts on the Somme are best left to the history of the 2nd Battalion, which summarized the campaign as:

The six weeks on the Somme had practically wiped out the combatant strength of the Battalion which marched on to the Brickfields of Albert on August 30th. Total casualties for the period were 18 Officers and 601 Other Ranks, distributed as follows:

Killed: 9 Officers and 186 Other Ranks

Wounded: 9 Officers and 415 Other Ranks

The Regiment was well represented in commemoration activities this year for the Battle of Vimy Ridge.

Highlights included CSgt Robert Nevin in the military contingent in France, Cpl Alexandre Guitard-Peloquin in the parade here in Ottawa, Sgt Chassé supporting the cadet vigil while others supported a City of Ottawa event, and 10 members were in Washington, DC to provide ceremonial and musical support to Canadian Embassy activities. Another Vimy link is the connection with Col Murray, who wrote the history of the 2nd Battalion as well as the Epic of Vimy. Col Rob Foster was the guest speaker at the 2017 Cut Knife Dinner and the Sergeants' Mess was able to present him with a signed 2nd Battalion history as a thank you, from one regimental historian to another so to speak.

Before the Battle of Vimy Ridge in 1917, like the rest of the Canadian Corps, the 2nd Battalion underwent extensive preparations and rehearsals in advance of the attack, and the officers went to see the large-scale model that had been constructed of the ridge. In the front line at the beginning of April, the 2nd Battalion organized trench raids and observed the bombardment and counter-bombardment that had been going on for some time. As described in the Battalion history:

... The whole area was a vista of black explosions and scattering debris; the shriek of the shells and their deafening burst turned the ridge into an inferno. Hour after hour and day after day, the flood poured down, pounding the hill into a mass of reeking, sulphurous earth.

Standing almost waist-deep in liquid mud, the Second suffered the savage retaliation that fell steadily on the front line, obliterating the trenches, crashing in dug-outs, and sowing destruction with a liberal hand...

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Notes from the Band

CSgt Rob McKinnon

This is the first edition of The Guards' Star since the director's baton was passed to Lt Stefan Sikorski. In the 18 months since his appointment as the Director of Music, the band has stayed tremendously busy. Under his baton, the band continued to support the Ottawa military community by providing music for changes of command, a host of mess dinners, the Army Ball, and the National Remembrance Day Ceremony. We also maintained some of our perennial favourites such as our Remembrance Concert with the Central Band of

the Canadian Armed Forces, a performance at Wintertlude, and a musical collaboration with organist Brad Mills at St. Paul's United Church in Perth, ON. For our 2017 concert, we were warmly welcomed by a very eager and attentive audience, many of whom have faithfully attended all three of our Perth appearances.

In the past year, the band reached out to the community by engaging with the students at a few area schools. In September, we performed an exciting Star Wars-themed marching routine for the 125th Anniversary Ashbury College Homecoming football game. In the winter, we performed high-calibre community concerts for the Glebe Secondary School and École Sécondaire

de la Salle before sharing the stage with their students in joint performances that were as exciting for our own members as they were for the next generation of musicians. We look forward to performing for these students again this year and perhaps adding performances in other Ottawa area schools.

The band continues to grow in spite of the loss of some of our members. As many of you will no doubt be aware, our stalwart and energetic Band Sergeant Major, MWO Gord Birkinshaw is in the process of releasing from the CAF after a long career in the primary reserve and 12 years as the BSM. We wish him all the best in the future and know that his family will be excited to have him back. I am confident, however, that MWO Birkinshaw will continue to support the band and we look forward to having him perform with us from time to time.

Congratulations to CSgt Mark Rocheleau who has been appointed the band's new BSM - you have big boots to fill, Mark, but the band is looking forward to working with you in the coming years to build upon the successes of our storied band.

We lost several other valued members of the band in the last 18 months, many to the regular force, but our band is set to grow to 43 permanent members this fall with a number of transfers in from the Band of the Ceremonial Guard and several other reserve units. With

our regular cadre of cherished volunteers, associates and our two drum majors, our band will be 53 members strong for the upcoming year!

The timing could not be more perfect as we are ramping up for what promises to be another very busy year. The band will once again be the musical work horse for Army Week in September and has been requested to provide musical support for a host of Army events in and around the capital. You can be sure that the Regimental Band will also be out in full force for the GGFG Association Weekend and a number of other signature events put on by the Regiment. Our calendar is already well-populated right up to July of 2018!

The band is eager to establish and grow our social media presence this year to highlight the accomplishments of the Regiment, the Canadian Army and the CAF. We have several audio and video recordings planned for sharing on Facebook and youtube in the fall. Looking further ahead, we will also be working hard to advertise our concerts that are open to the public via social media in an effort to increase the profile of our already respected and visible Regiment. Naturally, we would accept any offer of help from our talented colleagues in the Regiment - if you are interested in providing some of your effort to assist, speak with CSgt Rob McKinnon on a training night.

Stalwart Guardian 2016

Esgn Cory Wyne

Following the end of their individual summer training, members of the Governor General's Foot Guards (GGFG) were able to exercise their skills during Exercise STALWART GUARDIAN 2016 (SG16), alongside other reserve elements of The Algonquin Regiment and the 2nd Battalion, Irish Regiment of Canada. The exercise took place at 4th Canadian Division Support Base Petawawa from August 13 to 26, 2016, and saw integration and cooperation within Charles Company (3 Coy), 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment (1 RCR), with an emphasis on mechanized infantry tactics and skills.

The exercise was divided into two main portions which saw the confirmation and refreshment of skills, both old and new, as well as the exposure to other companies and other aspects of Infantry training. During the first week members were required to perform their

personal weapon test level 3 (PWT3), as well as pairs live fire and movement, prior to the commencement of further training. Once that was completed, the Guards were given the opportunity to refresh their skills with respect to navigation and patrolling and to familiarize themselves with mechanized platoon tactics and skills. This involved full integration of the Guards with the other Charles Company call signs during mechanized section and platoon attacks while on the Mattawa Plains.

Following the theory and practical review of the first week, members were able to embrace the patrolling spirit during the conduct of point reconnaissance patrols while with Dukes Company, 1 RCR. After the exposure to Dukes, members practiced their Urban Operations skills with Bravo Company and conducted a platoon sized clearing operation on a company-minus objective, led by GGFG leadership and supported by both Charles and GGFG NCOs. In order to emphasize the complexity and chaos that is inherent to Urban Operations, Bravo Company employed simunition, which for many members was their first time with that increased

level of realism of training.

In conclusion, almost all of the Guards who participated in SG16 had the opportunity to train and command at least at their level. More often than not they acted up one or several ranks. MCpl Williams-Hamao-

ui, for example, fulfilled the role of Platoon Warrant throughout the second week. Overall the training goals for the Guards was achieved and opportunities to train with different equipment with different units were taken full advantage of.



Notice of Motion

From Kevin MacLean, Member at Large

Once a Guardsman Always a Guardsman

Introduction

The term “Once a Guardsman Always a Guardsman” is often coined however many Guardsman fade off the radar of the Association when they no longer pay dues. The Regimental Association is the organization whose roll it is to maintain contact with and encourage all Guardsmen to remain affiliated with the greater Regimental family.

During the 21 March 2017 meeting of the executive, there was discussion on how to both increase the membership and simplify the administration of membership. It was felt that the paying of dues by non-serving members was an obstacle for many and was difficult to track, administer and collect dues.

Costs associated with membership dues were in large part used to cover postage for the Guards Star. As the Guards Star is for the most part distributed via email/website, and most events are user pay the thought within the executive was that we eliminate dues for all past serving members and compensate for the loss in revenue by using other streams such as fundraising, voluntary donations and subscriptions for user pay events such as the Reunion Dinner and Guards Ball if need be.

Proposed Motions

Motion to amend Para 8 of the bylaws regarding Ordinary Members:

The current para 8.1 states “Ordinary membership is open to all persons serving, or who have served, with the Governor General’s Foot Guards or other Guards Regiments”

Motion to strike this para and replace with:

8 Ordinary Members

8.1 Ordinary members comprise both Serving Members of the Governor General’s Foot Guards, and Non-Serving Members of the Regimental Family.

8.2 Serving Members are those that are presently on strength of the Governor General’s Foot Guards. Membership fees shall be assessed annually based on the parade state at the time of the AGM against the three rank based social clubs.

8.3 Non-Serving Members include all persons presently serving with other Guards Regiments, those who have served with the Governor General’s Foot Guards or other Guards Regiments. Upon outclearance from the Regiment, members will transfer from the Serving Membership to the Non-Serving Membership role.

8.4 Application for non-serving membership shall be accompanied with evidence of qualifying service be either the applicant or their sponsor. Upon approval of the Executive Committee, their names shall be sent to the membership prior to the next General Meeting for approval. Upon approval, members shall be granted voting privileges

Seconded by:

Follow on Motion to amend Para 9 Life Members:

The current para 9.1 states “Life membership may be granted to a member of the Association on payment of a lump sum of money after having reached the age of sixty-five (65) years. Life Members granted by the GGFG Association (pre 2006) will be honoured with Life Memberships in the Regimental Association.” As

only Serving Members will now be assessed dues, this para no longer is applicable.

Motion to amend Para 9 Life Members to read:

9. Life Members

9.1 Life Membership prior to 2017 was granted to a member of the Association on payment of a lump sum of money after having reached the age of sixty-five (65) years. As of 2017 membership fees were no longer assessed against

non-serving members and therefore all Life Members were transferred to the “Non-Serving Member” list annotated “Pre-2017 Life Member”.

9.2 Life Membership dues paid prior to 2017 shall not be refunded, however pre-2017 “Life Members” may still retain the title and any associated benefits or privileges afforded to such members.

Seconded:



Notice of Motion

From Michael Ward, Member at Large

Motion to amend the By Laws of the Governor General’s Foot Guards Regimental Association to more precisely define how the assets of the Association may be invested.

Amend Para 23 - Add Sub Para 23.1.7 - “Investment Committee”

New Para 30: Investment Committee

30.1 Purpose: To support the Regimental Association in generating a beneficial rate of return on assets for the purpose of supporting the good works of the Association and Regimental family.

Membership:

- i. Chair – Honorary Lieutenant Colonel;
- ii. Member at Large - Sentry Fund Representative;
- iii. Member at Large – Association Member;
- iv. Member at Large - Association CFO; and
- v. Regimental Member at Large – Deputy Commanding Officer.

30.3 Included Assets:

- i. Assets of the Regimental Association General Funds as directed by the Executive;
- ii. The Legacy Fund;

iii. The Endowment Trust Fund (Sentry Fund); and

iv. 150th Anniversary Funds.

30.4 Investment Policy Statement

(1) This Investment Policy Statement applies to the Governor General’s Foot Guards Regimental Association. The purpose of the Statement is to outline the policy with respect to types and balance of investments that may be held within the Association investment accounts (including investments for the General Account). Funds may be invested in investments on offer by licensed financial institutions used by the Association. The allocation of funds among asset classes has the greatest role in determining investment returns. Establishing the asset class allocation ranges and policy neutral percentages for each asset class will have the greatest determinant effect on the investment returns over the long run.

(2) Investment Committee. The Association Executive will form an Investment Committee consisting of the membership listed above to manage the investment accounts. The Investment Committee will instruct the Investment Advisor on the asset allocation of invested funds and will meet periodically to review and adjust holdings as necessary to achieve the investment objectives prescribed below. The Investment Committee will report to the Executive quarterly, and to the Association AGM annually on the performance of the investments and seek any

authorization necessary to make changes to this Investment Policy Statement.

(3) Investment Objectives. To ensure that the Association fulfills its intent in perpetuity, it is paramount that the style of the Association's investments emphasizes capital retention and growth. To this end, the following objectives shall be pursued (in order of priority):

- i. Generate stable annual income for the Association's designated purposes;
- ii. Preserve the value of the invested capital by spending only the proceeds of revenues earned, not the principle amount of donations;
- iii. Protect the value of the invested funds against inflation; and
- iv. In a best-case scenario, increase the Association's capital beyond the rate of inflation, with a view to enhancing the scope of projects/activities that may be funded with annual income.

To fulfil these objectives, it is expected that the Association investment accounts must earn a rate of return that exceeds the rate of inflation (as measured by the Consumer Price Index) and net of any investment fees by at least 3% as calculated on an annualized basis over a moving four-year term. This is in order to achieve a measure of stability in the spendable portion of current income with a view to meeting the ongoing annual disbursement requirements of the Association without interruption.

(4) Investment Beliefs. The Governor General's Foot Guards Association holds the following views concerning investment management style:

- i. The foundation of our basic investment philosophy is a conservative attitude and approach towards investment risk. This conservative approach is highlighted

through the adoption of a balance between equity and fixed income securities, being long in investment holdings and the general avoidance of speculative, derivative and hedged investments;

- ii. A balanced portfolio approach provides the best means of maximizing investment returns while minimizing risk of investment loss and excessive volatility; and
- iii. The allocation of funds among asset classes has the greatest role in determining investment returns. Establishing the asset class allocation ranges and policy neutral percentages for each asset class will have the greatest determinant effect on the investment returns over the long run.

(5) Authorized Investments. To this end investment decisions shall seek a balance of equity and fixed income and securities that focus on long term asset appreciation while generating revenues to support annual disbursements:

- i. Equity investments to a value of between 50-60% net asset value of the Governor General's Foot Guards Association principal. The Association Investment Committee will balance funds between Canadian and International (including US) equity instruments
- ii. Fixed income investments to a value of between 35-45% net asset value of the Governor General's Foot Guards Association principal; and
- iii. Cash to be held in short term money market funds or GICs to achieve a satisfactory short term rate of return on funds which are being held temporarily pending availability of an acceptable longer term investment opportunity. Cash value is to be limited to 5% of the net asset value of the Governor General's Foot Guards Association principal.



Memorials and Tributes

“Once a Guardsman, Always a Guardsman”

King, Harold

On January 5, 2017. A former member of the Governor General's Foot Guards Band post WWII whose enthusiasm for military music made him a willing member of any band requiring a bugler or drummer.

Langlois, Georges

On February 17, 2017

Bayne, Gordon

On February 12, 2017. He was a proud member of the GGFG (1943-1947); a Chief Warrant Officer of the RCR, 1st Battalion, a Veteran of the Korean War, as well as many peacekeeping missions (1948-1976)

Oikle, William

On April 15, 2017. WWII veteran with the GGFG.

Joiner, Marty

On May 28, 2017. WWII Veteran, Battle of Normandy, Member of the 21st Armoured Regiment, Governor General's Foot Guards and member of the “Forceful” tank crew.

Law, Clive

On June 10, 2017. Former officer of the Governor General's Foot Guards. A passionate military researcher, Clive authored and co-authored 12 books and published over 100 titles through his publishing house, Service Publications.

Swan, John

On June 18, 2017. Served with the GGFG from 1969 to 2006 and 28 Service Battalion from 2006 to 2011. Subsequently became a Lieutenant with COATS as a Cadet instructor.

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[The history notes with amusement that while they were busy planning and executing the raids the higher staff sent a motorcyclist to Bn HQ to urgently advise them of the decision that they would not be permitted to abbreviate “Eastern” in the title ‘Eastern Ontario Regiment’, direction that was ignored “[c]haracteristic of that perverseness that seizes Battalions when they fail to get their own way.”]

The 2nd Battalion suffered casualties during these raids, in both night and daytime, whose purpose was to identify enemy units and dispositions, and report on the effects of the artillery bombardment. The 2nd Battalion moved out of the front line on 6 April and continued preparations for the assault. The Battalion started Easter Sunday with a church parade and then moved to the Assembly Area that evening. Zero hour was 05:30 on Easter Monday 9 April and a drizzling rain turned to snow blowing into the advancing soldiers and turning the ground into mud. The 2nd Battalion was in reserve and moved out at 07:30, sustaining casualties from the German counter-bombardment before reaching the position of the old front line. Casualties, including from the Canadian bombardment, continued during the

morning and the 2nd Battalion secured gaps between the front battalions and captured German positions that had been passed over. By 1300 the objective was taken and consolidation began and the Canadians could look over the ridge and see the Germans retreating on the plain below. The snow continued. Later in the night the 2nd Battalion relieved the 3rd Battalion at Farbus Wood and the 2nd Battalion's outposts and patrols engaged groups of German soldiers throughout the night. In the morning shelling and sniper fire greeted the 2nd Battalion and the main concern was securing the right flank. On 12 April the 8th Battalion relieved the 2nd.

The 2nd Battalion suffered 28 killed, 76 wounded, and 8 missing for a total of 112 casualties in five days of fighting at Vimy Ridge. This is in addition to those casualties suffered during the period at the front in the lead up to the battle. You can read the 2nd Battalion operations order as well as the war diary narrative online.

On a final operational note, this year also marked the anniversary of Operation ASSISTANCE, which was the military operation in support of flooding in Manitoba in the spring of 1997. The Regiment deployed five

soldiers with 1 RCR for this operation. They were Cpl Waddell, Gdsm Bradley, Gdsm Boadway, Gdsm Lystiuk, and Gdsm Morris.

The upcoming year promises to be challenging and rewarding. Many opportunities will exist for those who want to seize them. I look forward to celebrating your accomplishments in the next issue of the Guards Star.

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