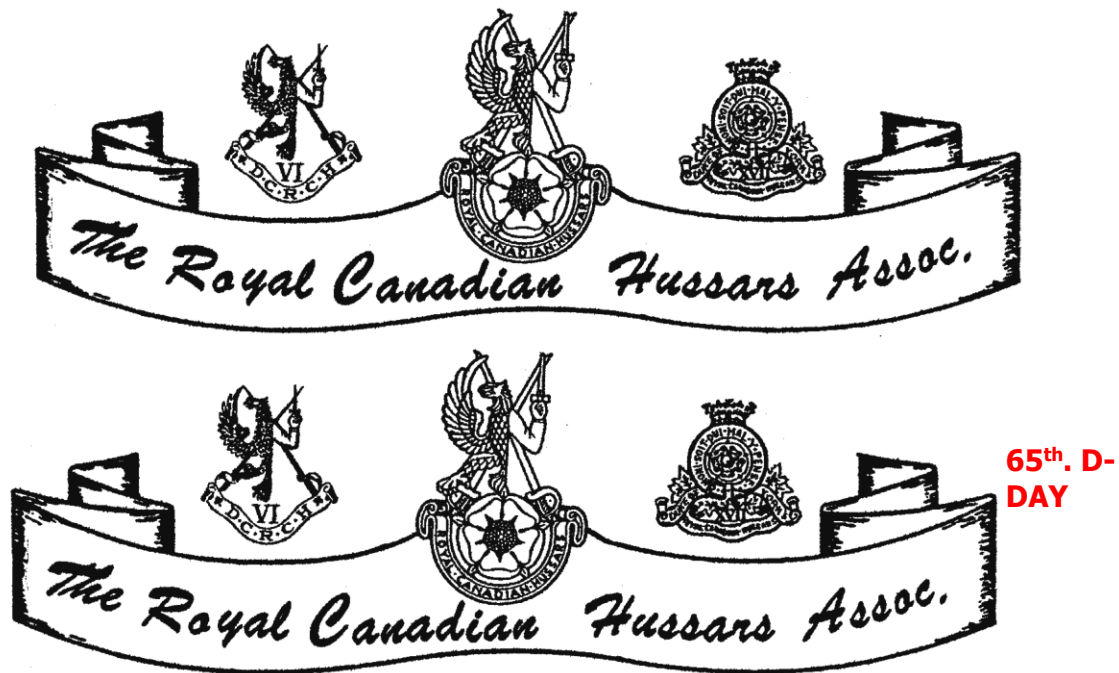


SOUVENIR JUNE 2009 TRUMPETER



ANNIVERSARY REUNION "2009" A HUGE SUCCESS AS WE HONOUR OUR FIGHTING MEN FROM WWII AND AFGHANISTAN.



On June 6th, 2009 our veterans walked up the ramp towards the Armoury and were surprised as they were greeted by two beautiful horses with riders. The idea was to bring back a bit of nostalgia for our brave men who played a big part with the allied forces during WWII. Middle photo is of Ed Wellington MM, who was so pleased that he wanted a photo to show his children. Thanks go out to *Captain John Hlibchuk Troop Leader - RCH Troop of Cavalry*

We did not forget our Veterans who could not make it. Over a period of seven weeks we talked to veterans who are hurting – **Oscar Costin, Montreal, Terry Brunstrom, Oakville, Ontario, and Mike Faille of Canmore, Alberta** were all part of the D-Day invasion. We would also like to inform you that **Stan Highway** telephoned our widows to inform them on this year's reunion. As usual our ladies were smashing. We had a professional nurse **Marty Fisher** on hand, flowers adorned each table, wheelchairs, an

Audio-Visual presentation by **Maxime Charbonneau**, and **Don Greene, Curator** done wonders with the decoration of our Hall. **Doreen Riley** who is our secretary and membership chairman welcomed our guest along with her sister Nancy. Each lady received a corsage. The event was catered with just **under one hundred attending**.

A nice touch this year included mail from **Aris Domnas of Chapel Hill, Ernie Moore of Florida, and W.H.Thomson of London, Ontario** which was read by **Marty Fisher** to all in attendance. Thank you.



Something extremely special happen on June 6th, 2009 when **Colin Martin "C Sqd"** showed up with his daughter **Lee Johnson** at our reunion. What is amazing is that Colin Martin was at the Lakeshore General Hospital under the most difficult circumstances, yet his daughter was able to get a day pass in order to please her dad! What an inspirational story as Colin dug deep for courage and love for his comrades. Near the end of our reunion Colin's daughter with tears in her eyes informed me that Colin is hurting big time and must return to the hospital. As he left friends gave him a standing ovation. What this story tells us, is that "All" our brave men won the war due to the courage Colin displayed early that Saturday morning. For your information, Colin Martin is now at St.Anne-de-Bellevue Hospital. Colin is a devoted member of the Executive Committee. **You can reach Colin at 514-457-6908**

FAMILY – LOVE – CARING



George Doadie Dunlop – is gift wrapped with caring daughters and granddaughter. From left our devoted Secretary and Membership chairman Doreen Riley. Granddaughter Kristen Riley, George's caring wife Peggy, Daughter Dawn Hynes, daughter Nancy Dunlop, and our hero, Doadie who came in from Ottawa to be with his buddies. He was so pleased to see the horse at the entrance.



Allan Notman second from left along with his handsome son's came in from Ottawa to honour their Dad on this special day. Laird, **Allan**, Robert and David. The following morning I met Allan and son's on their way home to Ottawa, there was still a glow in all their eyes. What a nice looking family.



Stan Highway his family and friend. Starting at left, Candice Fradette, Carol

Highway, Ian Highway, **Stan**, Wayne Morrisson, Vankleek Hill, ON. and Olive Jamieson.



Gordon King Jr. **Gordon King**, and Iris King. Came in from Alexandria, Ontario. Gordon and Iris have attended reunion for many years.



The Hunting's from Martintown, Ontario have attended many reunion over the years. This year's entourage was a family affair starting with Carmen Hunting, Betty McLeod, Vankleek Hill, On. Jack Hunting, John Luts, Judy Luts, Leanne Hunting and John Hunting.



Robert Cote in green and Jean-Paul Cote in blue made the reunion special for their Dad Leo Cote. Leo is a decent human being who devoted time at St. Anne-de-Bellevue Hospital visiting his comrades each Friday of the month. He was popular among the nurses and friends of the 17th.



Friends of the 17th. Royal; Canadian Hussars came out to encourage our veterans on their 65th. D-Day Anniversary Reunion. At left - From South Weymouth, Mass, Hugh Hamilton was accompanied by Doreen Lawlor. Hugh was on hand to honour his brother Harry. Next Randy Klein is Rodney Klein's son and has attended many reunions over the years. He flew in from Toronto with his buddy Ross Campbell. Rented a car and drove to the Veteran's cemetery in Pointe Claire before attending the reunion.



Our beautiful couple Nicole and Robert Baker are good friends of the Royal Canadian Hussars. Over many years he produced great results in improving our veteran's pension plan. His career began in May 1966.

At the time of his retirement in 2005 he was responsible for the disability pension for the Montreal and Gatineau offices.

Robert was and Honorary Member of the 17th. Royal Canadian Hussars Association in recognition of valid service and revered friendship 2000. He was honoured some eight times for his work with veterans.



We are pleased to introduce a long time friend, **May Jackson ATS**, from **Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex, England**. She was visiting Gilbert Hyde of Hamilton, ON when she called our Ken Hawkhurst to inform us that she would attend this year's reunion. May Jackson played an integral role in getting a plaque installed on the Albany Hotel in Hastings, England. See additional info further down this Trumpeter.



Irene Canavan and Karl Kramell listen intently as retiring association **President Mr. Alan Canavan** thanks **Major Steve Dubreuil** (middle) for a plaque which reads – Presented to Mr. Alan Canavan from the Regiment for his dedication and loyal services has President of the Royal Canadian Hussars (Montreal) Association 1976-1980 and 1990-2009. Newly elected Association **President Karl Kramell** (right) also presented Alan with a gift certificate to one of Montreal finest restaurants.

HEADTABLE GUEST



Our veteran's and guest were well received by this year's Head table personalities.

Starting at top left – Jock Pichette, Editor & Emcee, Marty Fisher, Susan Glendenning and Major Steve Dubreuil, Irene and past-president Alan Canavan, President Karl Kramell and his mom, Honorary Col. Fraser Martin and Anna-Mai Martin, and veteran from Afghanistan duties Sgt. Major Chuck O'Donnell.

Main speaker Fraser Martin

2009 ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



From top left – President Karl Kramell, Honorary President LCol Cyrice Lelievre, 1st.Vice-President Steven Barrette, Treasurer Ken Hawkhurst, Secretary/Membership Doreen Riley, Trumpeter Editor Jock Pichette. Bottom row - Museum Curator Don Greene. Committee members – Ray Johnson, Colin Martin, Stan Highway, Saul White and Alex Cyr. Missing from photo is 2nd. Vice-President Denis Lessard,

Dear Veterans and Members - With 65th. Anniversary of D-Day on June 6th, 2009 the newly elected committee had a mission to honour our veteran who attended the reunion and those who could not make it due to illness. As we depicted at the start of this newsletter, Family was the theme and we were extremely pleased with the outcome.

This Trumpeter of June 2009 is for all our veterans.

One member who sent me a note said - Hi Jock: I have discussed this with Ken Diebel (another 7th Recce vet) and we are of the same opinion. The veterans of the 7th Recce are fading away so it is unfortunately no surprise that more importance is being placed on the RCH Association. We have had our times and enjoyed them all but I guess it is time to let go. Neither of us have any interest in a bilingual Trumpeter. Have a Care Jock - Don Oerton

Our new Association President Karl Kramell has his hand's full, starting with recruiting members. The Association was built from WWII veterans, and these guy's were a delight to be around. Commander Cyrice Lelievre did a great job recruiting young reservist, but unlike WWII veterans, these young men work and study. Bosnia and Afghanistan will supply some veterans, but even these men are busy. The other issue involves Tuesday a.m. meetings, and Thursday a.m. Coffee Breaks. We are getting

minimum turn-out, so we can see a change to weekend/evening meetings in the near future.

VETERANS, MEMBERS AND GUEST OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN HUSSARS ASSOCIATION.



So many came out to encourage our veterans, but as you can see family and friends grew over past years. It's a good sign for the "New" Association outlook. As a member of the Association you can attend other functions, Regimental Luncheons on first Friday's of the month at the Armoury. 4185, Côte-des-Neiges Montréal, Métro: Côte-des-neiges / Guy Concordia (bus 165, 166)

Coffee Break (10.00 a.m.) takes place on the Last Thursday of the month at PJ's Pub. 6910 St. Jacques O, (next to the Super C), West of Cavendish Road, and minutes from the 20.



Corn roast is August 22 at Hemmingford Legion, located at 486 Champlain Street. Cost is between \$7.00 - \$8.00. It's a great few hours of fun in a country setting. If you like Apple Pie, this is the place, and when you

leave you take home a shopping bag of corn. We are asking veterans wishing to attend call or write Doreen Riley ASAP. The Association is prepared to rent a van for your convenience. We would all meet at the parking lot of PJ's Pub.

Doreen Riley 450-466-2992

REBUILDERS OF THE ASSOCIATION



Major Steven Dubreuil is from Montreal (NDG) and enrolled in the Canadian Forces in January of 1985. He is a graduate of McGill University with both Common and Civil Law degrees. He is also a graduate from the Canadian Land Forces Command and staff college + The United States Army Armor Captain's career course and the United States Army Cavalry Leader. His experiences include stints in Bosnia, Rwanda with many assignments across Canada. Steve Becomes the Commanding Officer of the Royal Canadian Hussars this September 2009



The Regiment needs an Editor or contributors for their Trumpeter or newsletter to inform the younger generation. The first two images above left are Afghanistan veterans, O'Donnell, and Paquette, while you could not meet a nicer gentleman like Alex Cyr. Reuben is a young recruit. As editor of the Trumpeter, I'm a much better man for all the experience I have gained over the last ten years. I have cried, and laughed. I have visited the WWII path our soldiers walked and fought. I even enjoyed "Calvados" in places like France, Holland, and Belgium. But nothing has hit home more than listening and looking into the eyes of our veterans who faced bullets from the day they hit the beaches of Normandy. Now it's up to the younger generation.....



For the first time in many years, Growing pains and the youth movement is upon us! The association began with Veteran of WWII wanting to get together on a regular basis. The big difference of course is our youth have steady employment while others attend University. Tuesday and Thursday a.m. meeting are out, and we must find a suitable day to meet. I would suggest that you send your ideas to our newly elected President Karl Kramell at karlheinz009@sympatico.ca

Pour la première fois en beaucoup d'années, l'élevage des douleurs et le mouvement de la jeunesse est sur nous ! L'association a commencé par le vétéran de WWII voulant se réunir de façon régulière. La grande différence naturellement est notre jeunesse ont

l'emploi régulier tandis que d'autres s'occupent de l'université. La réunion de mardi et de jeudi heure du matin sont dehors, et nous devons trouver un jour approprié pour nous réunir. Je proposerais que vous envoyiez vos idées à notre Président élu Karl Kramell à karlheinz009@sympatico.ca



CD AVAILABLE TO WWII VETERANS - The young man in the photo *is Maxime Charbonneau*, he produced this CD which can be viewed on your television set. It begins with the invasion of D-Day some 65 years ago. It continues with photographs of our veterans. It's a great souvenir which you can be viewed day after day. ***He asked for no money up-front.***

The only way he makes a few dollars is for members to buy the CD at a cost of \$13.00 incl. postage. When I first met this young man you could tell that he was a caring individual. He graduated at the top of his class. He is now extremely knowledgeable about WWII and the Royal Canadian Hussars. **If you would like a copy, please make out your cheque to Maxime Charbonneau and mail to Jock Pichette at 3055 Delisle, Apt. 105, Montreal, Quebec H4C 3M5 – I will make sure you get your copy ASAP.**

Royal Canadian Hussars name Larry Smith, President & CEO of the Montreal Alouettes as new Honourary Lieutenant Colonel.



Mr. Smith is an Icon in Montreal sports and Business. He graduated from Bishop's University in 1972 with a Bachelor's degree of arts in economics, and completed a Bachelor of civil law degree from McGill University in 1976. He played nine seasons as running back for the Alouettes between 1972 and 1980. I'm proud to mention that I saw every one of his games as a big Alouette fan. He played in 140 consecutive regular season games, 13 playoff games and five Grey Cup games, winning the trophy twice.

Following a long executive career working for companies such as John Labatt Ltd., Ogilvie Mills Ltd., and Industrial Life Technical Services. Larry Smith returned to his first love, the Montreal Alouettes Football Club on April 15, 2004 after serving for several years as Publisher of The Montreal Gazette.

- **He was Commissioner of the Canadian Football League.**
- **Mr. Smith was named "Marketer of the Year" in 1999 by the International Association of Professional Communicators (Montreal).**
- **Received the Accomplishment Award from the 2000 Marketing Personality Gala, the Equinoxe-Homage Award from the Société des relationnistes du Québec.**
- **In 2001, Smith received the Commissioner's Award for outstanding service and dedication for his tireless efforts in preserving and promoting the CFL. The award came during 2001 Grey Cup week in Montreal, which was a huge success under Smith's direction.**

Mr. Smith serves on a number of civic charitable boards. He has served as president of the Bishop's Alumni Association and is chairman of the Canada Games council.

Welcome aboard Larry

MEMBERSHIP – Doreen Riley

Paid-up and Life Time Members 150, Widows 24, Outstanding 13 for a total of 187.

SICK PARADE

Colin Martin, Cyril Martin, Alex Muir, George Yorgan, Luc de Cotret all at St. Anne-de-Bellevue Hospital, Montreal, Quebec. Joseph Oswald Melanson at George Dumont Hospital, Moncton.NB. Peter Waud, Brampton, Ontario.

LAST POST



We called him **Zweig**, a friend, member of the Executive Committee, and devoted RCH Association member. I first met Zweig ten years ago at the breakfast, and immediately realized he loves to have fun. His good buddy Leo Cote was also at the table, and between them we split a gut listening to their stories. We lost **Hyman Zweig** on May 19, 2009 and we will miss him. We send our condolences to Frances.



The 17th. Hussars lost a great human being when **Robert (Bob) Day** passed away on April 15, 2009 at the age of eighty-five. Bob joined the army in 1940 with the 17th. Duke of York's Royal Canadian Hussars. He was an avid supporter of the Toronto Maple Leafs, Raptors and Blue Jays' He was a regular at all our reunion with his family.

We are saddened to report that **Keith Dixon** of Owen Sound, Ontario passed away on April 21st, 2009. We are saddened to report that Keith Dixon of Owen Sound, Ontario passed away on April 21st, 2009.

We are sorry to report that **Gerald Richards** of Forest, Ontario passed away. He joined the 17th. Duke of York's Royal Canadian Hussars (A116151 SGT) 1941-1946.



FYI – Ste. Anne's Hospital is Located on a peaceful 21-hectare area of land less than an hour from Montréal, Ste. Anne's Hospital offers its clientele a unique environment carefully designed to ensure an optimal quality of life. The English gardens, ponds, woodlands and areas for special activities and commemorative sites, create a relaxing outdoor atmosphere. Inside the Hospital, everything has been designed to make patients feel more at home. Ste. Anne's Hospital provides a state-of-the-art response to the veterans' physical, psychological and social needs, in a setting that bears little resemblance to a conventional hospital. Ste. Anne's Hospital 305, boulevard des

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Leo Cote did great work on behalf of his comrades, visiting St.Anne's each Friday for many years. He was also a favourite among the nurses.

HOLTEN CEMETARY HOLLAND – In our last Trumpeter, we mentioned that ten men were buried in Holten Cemetery in Holland. To pay tribute to these men, we have been contacted by the cemetery to try and obtain photos of the men. Well, we have been successful in obtaining two. The photo of Harry Goldberg was located by Ed Wellington who had a group picture of "B" Squadron and we were able to enlarge Harry's face and have come up with a great photo. The other photo we have is of John McClelland and was sent to us by Martin Hutflusz. Now this is rather interesting story. Martin was sitting in a local shopping centre in Kitchener waiting for his wife (I'm sure you can all relate) and chatting with him. They realized that they both came from Montreal. Martin mentioned his association with the Royal Canadian Duke of York's 17th. Hussars and didn't this gentleman Dane McClelland mention his uncle had belonged to the 17th. But was killed in Holland. What a coincidence when a week later Martin received his Trumpeter and read that we were looking for a picture of J.T.McClelland – the uncle of the man he had met at the shopping centre. Martin contacted him and we have a beautiful picture of his uncle. Now, let's still try and locate the other eight as wouldn't it be wonderful to put a picture to their name so they are really not forgotten.

The other eight men are The other eight men are; Lt.H.D.Anderson, Tpr L.J.Dawson, Sgt. H.Dabbs, L.Cpl. B.J.McKeown, Tpr W.F. Parker, Cpl.D.Morrison, Tpr. W.L. Huber, and Sgt. H.T.Baker. Please send photo's or ideas to Doreen Riley at 125 Walker Street, Greenfield Park, Quebec J4V 2P4



**Left - Cyrice Lelievre, CD
Lieutenant-colonel, Commandant, Royal Canadian
Hussars (Montreal)**



**Honorary Colonel
Fraser Martin was
the main speaker at
this year's Reunion.**



WE ARE PROUD OF OUR FIGHTING SOLDIERS

NOUS SOMMES FIERS DE NOS HOMMES DE COMBAT

MIKE FAILLE – WWII VETERANS, 7TH. RECONNAISSANCE REGIMENT



Mike Faille, a resident of Canmore, Alberta, was one of 14,000 Canadian soldiers who landed on Juno Beach, the objective of the 3rd Canadian Infantry Division and the 2nd Canadian Armoured Brigade on June 6, 1944. At the time he was a 22-year-old member of the 3rd Canadian Division's 7th Reconnaissance Regiment, a part of Montreal's 17th Duke of York's Royal Canadian Hussars. Faille, now 83, and the other members of the 7th Reconnaissance Regiment — effectively vehicle-based scouts — landed on Juno Beach shortly after 9 a.m., an hour after the infantry had landed.

The members of the 7th Reconnaissance Regiment drove the first Canadian vehicles, after the tanks of the 1st Hussars, to land on the eight-kilometer long Juno Beach. During the invasion, as the landing craft raced towards the beach, Faille said he and his fellow soldiers were too numb to feel anything, fear included. "... Were we scared? Were we frightened? We didn't think of these things. There was too much going on. You had a job to do," he said.

"It's very difficult to analyze my emotions. At the time, we were zombies." In the spring of 2004, Faille returned to Juno Beach for the 60th anniversary of the invasion. And even 60 years later the memories and the emotions were still strong enough to stop many veterans cold and bring tears to their eyes. "You could see a few of them bleary-eyed, looking at the beach. It brought back memories of the landing. I know it did for me, too, and others were chatting away talking amongst themselves," Faille said on Sunday (June 20). "Some of them were quiet and staring out to sea." In 2004, when they arrived at Juno Beach, Faille's daughter Adele said that as her father set foot on the beach, he gasped and said, "I can't believe how I feel. I thought I was over this!" And even a few weeks after his trip, the memory of standing on the beach again was enough to bring tears to Faille's eyes.

The battle for the Breskens Pocket, known as Operation Switchback, began on Oct. 6, 1944 at dawn as the attackers, under cover of massed flamethrowers, attempted to wrest control of Belgian's 150-foot wide east-west Leopold Canal from the defending German army. Operation Switchback was hard fought in mud and flooded land, which made it a practically impossible job for the infantry. Instead, the job was left up to the members of the 7th Recce, a Montreal reconnaissance regiment. The 7th Recce had a number of armoured vehicles mounted with light and heavy machine guns, small cannons and flamethrowers. The regiment also had amphibious vehicles. The vehicles meant the 7th Recce, one of the first regiments into the pocket, were the last to leave the area as the regiment mopped up the remaining resistance and the coastal batteries missed during the bulk of the fighting. On Nov. 4 the 7th Recce was sent to Ghent for 10 days to refit and rest, and while in Ghent, its citizens took to the streets to welcome the Canadian soldiers.

The battle of the pocket left the regiments in the 3rd Div., including the 7th Recce, with practically nothing. "Everything was depleted. We were tired. We were filthy. We were hungry. We never had hot meals through that whole operation. Our vehicles were a mess. All our

weapons were full of mud," Faillie said. "Mud. Mud everywhere. It was just incredible. You couldn't move without being at least ankle deep in the mud."

Story by Rob Alexander

**Randy Klein's Facts and Figures
ARMAMENT AND TRANSPORT
WITHIN
THE 3RD DIVISION, WW2**

ARMAMENT

Pistols, revolvers 1011
Rifles 11,254
Sten Machine Carbines 6,525
Bren LMG 1,262
Vickers Heavy Machine Guns 40
2inch Mortars 283
3inch Mortars 60
4.2inch Mortars 16
PIATs 436
20-mm AA gun 71
40-mm AA gun 36
40-mm self-propelled AA gun 18
25-Pounder gun howitzer 72
6-Pounder antitank gun 78
17-Pounder antitank gun 32

VEHICLES and MACHINES

Motor-bikes 983
Misc light vehicles 496
Armoured cars 31
Scout cars 32
(Bren carriers, Half-tracks, Trucks,
15-cwt, Armoured carrier 4x4 595)
Ambulances 52
15-cwt trucks 881
3-ton trucks 1,056
various tractors 205
Trailers 226



I received the above photo from **Donald Oerton of Mount Forest, Ontario**. He was only 20 years old when the photo was taken. On that same day a V-1 Buzz bomb on the way to England malfunctioned and crashes and exploded down the street from our position. Don entered France two weeks after D-Day and joined the Hussars near Caen. The Bren Gun Carrier was named "Junior". Had a brief conversation with, **Robert Baker of Laval, QC**. He was made honorary member years ago for his efforts in helping many 17th. Hussar obtain pensions adjustments

along with his good buddy Dunc Munro. Both his daughters are in the family way and he will try his best to attend our annual reunion. **Everett Wood of Pointe Claire, QC**. "A" Squadron was telling me a story about him and **Chuck Murdoch** who were walking along the canals of Belgium when Murdoch fell into a creek clutching to his Bren Gun. When he reappeared they had a good laugh with Murdoch cheering that he still had his Bren Gun. **Our good buddy Hyman Zweig** spent some five weeks in the hospital with stomach problem, during that time his wife Francis had surgery at the same hospital. Hyman is now in rehab at Julius Richardson rehab on Cote St.Luc Rd. I was talking with **Leo Cote wife Irene**, and she tells me that when he received the Trumpeter, his fighting juices awoke with the hope of attending this year's Reunion. Irene also informed me that he feels bad that he can't visit St.Anne's Hospital has he done on so many Friday's in the past.

The photo at right was sent by Allan Notman of Ottawa. Photo of 17th. Royal Canadian Hussars. From left to right; Trooper Corrigan, Maurice



Lyons, and Allan Notman. Photo was taken in a town just liberated by our squadron in Belgium.

I was talking with **Stu Christie of Lasalle, QC** who had a brief stint with the 17th. Hussars. He signed up with the 17th. Hussars 3 days before his 15th. Birthday but is on record as being the only boy soldier to be discharged on his 16th. Birthday from the 17th. That information is part of our Museum records. When I asked **Gerry Gould of Dorval, QC** if he was part of D-Day, he said no – “it was too noisy for me” so a week later was a better fit! **David Stasiuk, Laval, QC** – His training took place in Farham, QC. He was a young 17 ½ when he joined the war in 1943 and shipped to Bunde with the 17th. RCH “Occupation Force”. He came back to Canada in 1946. He is now 84 years old, and when I spoke with him he was busy in his garden. What a wonderful occupation. **Wilhelm Siemienski**, joined the 17th. Hussars in 1958 and although he never fought with the Hussars during 1939-1945, he was very much involved with the Polish Army of WWII. He has an interesting story to tell about his battle with the Russians, and time spent with Polish Secret Army. I gave him the opportunity to write some notes and send them to me for our next Trumpeter.



Trooper John H. Sadler, Ontario has a nice story for his comrades. John enlisted in the military in November 1942. After is basic training he became a “Basic Training Instructor”. Shortly thereafter he volunteered for overseas duties. He was nineteen and looking for adventure as well as being a patriot of strong British stock. He was posted to B Squadron, assault troop 8th. Reconnaissance Regiment in England where he received his advance training. Initially they operated as an infantry regiment in France until the break-through at Caen, Normandie, when we commenced ops as a Recce regiment and our actions and theatres of operations in the 2nd. Division was similar to the 7th. Recce in the 3rd. Division. Three members of the French Resistance force (Marquis) joined our half-track near Rouen, Normandy a Father and two sons. They remained with us until one of the brothers, together with my best friend were killed several weeks later. I buried my buddy in a shallow grave, while the French lad’s body was taken home to Rouen for burial. I was advised later that General Charles DeGaulle had awarded a Medal of Honour posthumously to the French boy for his exploits with the resistance and with his comrades in the 8th. Recce. He remained in contact with the family and still corresponds with remaining son. At termination of hostilities in Europe, he volunteered for the Canadian Army of Occupation to be performed by the 7th. Recce and was transferred to that Regiment’s “I” section at RHQ and remained in Leer, Germany for the succeeding year. He learned the German language rather quickly.

Two other members of the section and John worked with representatives of the British Control Commission (Security section) out of Aurich and Oldenburg, Germany while remaining on strength with the regiment. Our assignments were to apprehend ex Gestapo, SS Officers and political leaders for trial purposes as war criminals. Many of our “leads” came from local German civilians who had witnessed atrocities to their countrymen and others. The regiment became peace-keeping force in the Ost Friesland area. John’s experiences in this unit were extremely gratifying and educational. Our

assignments came to an end on year later and I was repatriated back to Canada and discharged from the Army on July 18th, 1946. A major change for John was the extremely difficult rehabilitation process to civilian life, after his wartime military experiences. It made John realize how fragile and precious life is and how dearly we paid to retain our freedom.



May Jackson ATS – The plaque honouring our soldiers reads this plaque was erected by Hastings Borough Council and the Canadian Veteran's Association of the United Kingdom in commemoration of the eleven members of the 17th. Duke of York's Royal Canadian Hussars (7th.CDN.Reccee regt) killed in the bombing raid on the Albany Hotel, May 23, 1943. She claims that the 17th. Hussars introduced her to Cigarettes, Silk stockings, and peanut butter sandwiches. May was seventeen when she joined the Royal Army Corp ATS. Others that were involved with this plaque included good friends of **May Jackson. Dunc Munro, Lennie Baker and Peter Whiteside.**

TREVIA - Ed Wellington's Dad, also called Duke, my Dad who was R.S.M. of 13th Battalion Black Watch overseas from 1939 to 1944 and Owen McKenna's Dad along with our R.S.M. Knight were members of the Black Watch N.P.A.M for many years before the war. Ed, Owen and I used to attend various functions at their Armory on Bleury Street such as the annual Christmas party and to various camps in the summer such as Valcartier.

HANDS ON HELP - We would like to thank Steve Barrette for his help with the Audio-Visual set up. As promised Mr. Paquette was on hand to help Maxime Charbonneau with equipment. Don Green did a wonderful job with decorating the gymnasium for our veterans.

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