



ROYAL CANADIAN HUSSARS ASSOCIATION NON NOBIS SED PATRIAE

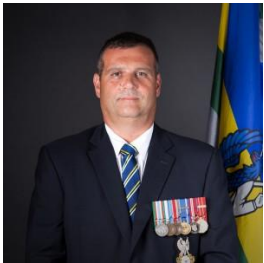
Regimental History Special Edition

As some of our members may not be aware a committee has been formed to write a regimental history.

Certains de nos membres ne sont pas au courant que un comité été formé pour écrire la histoire régimentaire

MESSAGE FROM THE NEW PRISIDENT

Bonjour à tous,



Une nouvelle année qui commence et déjà nous commençons nos activités. Le tournoi de golf a encore une fois été un succès sur toute la ligne et ce, grâce à notre confrère Samuel Pépin, le maître de l'organisation et de la planification du tournoi. Mille mercis à Sam pour tes efforts ainsi qu'à tous ceux qui

ont aidé de près ou de loin. Merci également à tous ceux qui ont participé à l'événement.

Notre prochaine activité, l'Oktoberfest, aura lieu le samedi 3 octobre 2015 pour 18h30 au mess des Sgt et Adj du RCH. Je vais vous attendre en grand nombre encore une fois cette année.

Je voudrais féliciter les trois nouveaux Sergent promu au RCH : le Sgt Li, Sgt Brazeau et Sgt Pilon-Bouchard. Félicitations! Le RCH a besoin de renfort de NCO et je suis sûr que vous allez être à la hauteur pour relever de nouveaux défis. Je voudrais également souhaiter la bienvenue aux nouveaux membres du RCH à temps plein : Capt Gartner notre nouveau Capt-Adj, Sgt Béland le nouveau Commis Chef et le CplC Jones à la position de transport NCO.

De plus, le Régiment aura beaucoup de pain sur la planche cette année avec un nouveau défi, le Worthington challenge Cup. Ceci sera la première participation du RCH à cette compétition. Bonne chance!

Une autre année d'entraînement bien chargée pour le Régiment : les GPE, champs de tir, NIAC etc .Vous serez bien occupés encore cette année et je vous souhaite à tous une bonne année d'entraînement. N'oubliez pas de participer aux activités de l'association et de recruter des nouveaux membres.

Mario Hétu President

THE ROYAL CANADIAN HUSSARS BOOK COMMITTEE

LCol (Retired) S.J. Linton

Over the years, there have been several attempts at creating a Regimental History of the Royal Canadian Hussars that's gone dormant. Last year, in October 2014, at the Regimental Senate meeting, the issue of the Regimental History, or better yet, the lack of a Regimental History for the Royal Canadian Hussars was raised. In the discussion that followed, the Senate was also informed that one ex-member was willing to contribute funds to support an initiative to create such a history, as well, the Senate was presented with a draft book titled "Montreal's Cavalry, The History of the Royal Canadian Hussars" consolidated by Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Steven Linton. Subsequently the Senate agreed to support this endeavour to creating the Regimental History and the Book Committee was formed with the blessing of the Regiment.

The Committee consists of a Chairperson and five members. All members have a keen desire to create the Regimental history and have made some significant progress. The Committee includes:

René Chartrand, a prominent Canadian Historian and acknowledged expert on colonial military history of North America, senior curator with Canada's National Historic Sites for nearly three decades, an **author** of over sixty-four titles, including A Scarlet Coat, Uniforms, Flags and Equipment of the British in the War of 1812; over 30 Osprey Publishers, Men at Arms series of books and the first two volumes of Canadian Military Heritage, sponsored by the Canadian Forces;

Bernard Ciarroni, OMM, CD, Retired Lieutenant Colonel (RCH) and recently appointed Honorary Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment;

John Cochrane, CD, B Business Administration, Diploma in Public Accountancy, Retired Colonel – Commander of Montreal’s Militia District Number one, Lieutenant Colonel (RCH), an **author**, currently co-writing the experiences of RCH members in Bosnia and Afghanistan;

Roman Jarymowycz, OMM, CD, PhD, Retired Lieutenant Colonel (RCH) and past Dean of the Canadian Forces Militia Command and Staff College, and noted historian, an **author** of four titles including much-praised works on the evolution of cavalry and on tank tactics in France in 1944-45; The Official History of the Royal Montreal Regiment, 1945-1989; The Official History of the Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada, 1812-2015;

Anthony Kellett, MA, Retired Captain (RCH), historian and international lecturer, an **author** of several titles including an internationally-acclaimed book *Combat Motivation: The Behavior of Soldiers in Battle* and *The History of Messes in the Canadian Army*; and

Steven Linton, CD, BCom, Retired Lieutenant Colonel (RCH), Chairperson of the Book Committee, an **author** of two short family histories of family members serving in the two World Wars.

The objective of the Regimental History is to trace the beginnings of Montreal’s cavalry including the antecedent cavalry and infantry units that evolved into the present Regiment and the contribution of Quebec’s and Canada’s earliest cavalry unit (Corps de Cavalerie) that participated in the defence of Quebec and Montreal in 1759-1760 under Vaudreuil and Montcalm; this unit was based in Montreal from the fall of 1759 to September 1760. It is anticipated that the history will be a two-volume set complete with images and appendices in English and French.



**The Corps de Cavalerie
1759-1760**

published as an anthology with several authors each contributing specific sections of the book in a collaborative effort. All authors are members of the Book Committee listed above.

Most RCH Association members know of the limited histories created over the years such as Major Steele’s *The Long Ride, A Short History of the 17th Duke of Yorks Royal Canadian Hussars*; Captain Pavey’s *An Historical Account of the 7th Canadian Reconnaissance Regiment (17th Duke of York’s Royal Canadian Hussars) in the World War 1939 - 1945* and Major MacGillivray’s *The 6th Hussars at War*. Most of us know that a blacksmith, George Platt, in 1812

offered the services to the Governor of Canada, Sir George Prevost, to raise, for immediate active service, a body of cavalry. A number of us know of the services of Captain Hebert’s *Compagnie de Guides* or even Captain Coleman’s *Canadian Light Dragoons*, all serving to defend Canada on the frontier in southwest Lower Canada including Châteauguay and even in Upper Canada from the Niagara Peninsula to Moraviantown and many other localities. We may even know that the *Royal Montreal Cavalry* and the *Queens Light Dragoons* served continuously (full time) from 1837 to 1849/50 in guarding the frontier with the United States of America.



**Trooper Canadian
Light Dragoons
1813**



**Cavalry Officer in
the Montreal
Dragoons 1827**



**Officer Queen’s Light
Dragoons 1840s**



**Officer 6th Regiment
of Cavalry 1890s**

How many of us know that the Father of the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps, F.F. Worthington, was an Officer in the 1st Canadian Motor Machinegun Brigade that was the first mechanized “armoured” unit in Canada and achieved all of our World War One Battle Honours and perpetuated by the RCH. Or that one of our former commanding officers was a First Nations Ojibwa chief. All this is to say, that the RCH has a remarkable history, worthy of publication and to be a credible source of accurate information to future generations of Hussars.

More is needed. Attached to the Trumpeter is a letter from Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Linton requesting the Association members provide their details and snapshots of their time in the Regiment. These will be consolidated to help piece together the last 70 years. Please take a moment to read the letter and respond to it.



**Major-General F.F. Worthington
in a 1CMMGB Autocar**

we are obtaining funds from our members and friends. Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Bernard Ciarroni has issued an appeal to members of the RCH Institute advising them of our endeavours to obtain funding. Please note that an existing donor has promised to **double (match) all contributions from members of the regimental family.**



**Normandy Personnel of the
17th Duke of York's Royal
Canadian Hussars in their
Humber Mk. IV Armoured
car in Normandy.
July 18-20, 1944.**



**1 May 2005 the Guidon
Party Sgt Roberto Sforza,
WO Pierre Vadnais, and Sgt
Brian Cobby
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As well, we have a Finance Sub-Committee led by Colonel (Retired) John Cochrane. The Sub-Committee is in the process of securing funds from various organizations. Part of the substantiation required is proof that, internally,

Therefore, we are soliciting donations for this initiative (Cheques payable to the **RCH Institute**). Some past Commanding Officers have contributed \$1,000 each. Others are contributing hundreds of hours of time and effort in researching,

documenting and writing the history. However, more is required.

Your financial support will go a long way to making this Regimental History one of the most researched and detailed histories of any armoured unit in Canada. Should you require more information, please feel free to contact any of the Committee members or email the Chair directly at: slinton2@cogeco.ca

REGIMENTAL NEWS

On Saturday August 29th the regiment promoted, a new Major, three sergeants, two corporals, and 9 new troopers. These are the usual habits in the life of a regiment, but a few special ones to note.



LCol Hlibchuk, Maj Thibault, RSM Vivier

Maj Thibault was promoted on the 29th August 2015; the last promotion to Major was Major Jackson in 2005. Maj Thibault is the OC for B Squadron and has a challenging year ahead with his squadron, best of luck.

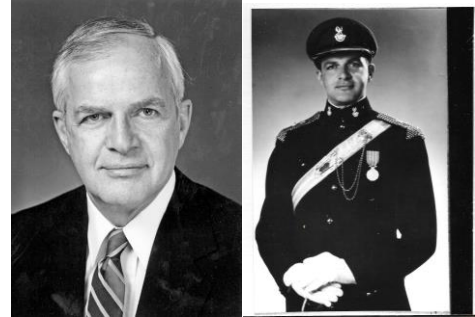


LCol Hlibchuk, Sgt Brazeau, Sgt Li, Sgt Pilon-Bouchard, RSM Vivier

Three new sergeants were promoted, Sgt Brazeau, Sgt Li, and Sgt Pilon-Bouchard. Once again with the current courses it takes three to five years to achieve the rank of sergeant, quick by regular force standards, but in the reserves members are promoted based on their leadership, and time served. The last occasion that an RCH sergeant was promoted was in 2009, Sgt Pilon, who has moved on to the officers ranks.



LAST POST



Eric Lawrence Barry

It is with great sadness that we announce Eric's passing on August 24, 2015, at the age of 88 years. He is survived by Christine, his beloved wife of 62 years and by their children, Christopher (Maureen Berry), Lisa, Catherine, Erica (James Jodoin) and David (Ann Cotnam). He will be missed by seven grandchildren, Faith, Sara Jane, Maia, Olivia, Julia, Emma and Kevin. He is survived by his sisters, Elizabeth Barry and Barbara Barry. Eric's business career concentrated on the management of not-for-profit organizations. In 1979 he was appointed president and chief executive of the Canadian Textiles Institute. An expert in international trade negotiations, he was an advisor to the Canadian government during negotiations for the GATT Multi-Fibre Arrangement, the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement and the North American Free Trade Agreement. Eric exercised leadership during two terms as a federal appointment as director of the Standards Council and was instrumental in the 1993 creation of the textiles Human Resources Council. He was also instrumental in the development of a working partnership between the textile industry and the Department of National Defence, participating in 13 annual conferences. In 1968 Eric became a St. John's Ambulance volunteer in Montreal. His deep commitment to the organization culminated in his appointment as the Lord Prior of the Order of St. John. He was the first non-Briton to hold office as the volunteer chair of this worldwide humanitarian charity. Lt. Colonel Eric Barry (Retd) served in the Canadian Forces Reserves for 17 years and was commanding officer of the Royal Canadian Hussars (Montreal) 1960-1964 and is a life member of the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps Association. He was awarded the Canadian Forces Decoration in 1960. An avid lifelong skier and runner.

IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Event	Location	Dress
29 October	Breakfast	09h00 PJ's Pub	Casual
11 November	Lunch	13h00 Combined Mess	Suit Tie
26 November	Breakfast	09h00 PJ's Pub	Casual
12 December	Christmas Lunch	11h00 Armoury	Suit Tie
31 December	Breakfast	09h00 PJ's Pub	Casual
1 January 2016	Levee Day	11h00 Combined Mess	

LCol Hlibchuk, Cpl Hudon, Cpl Carier-Armengol, RSM Vivier

It goes without saying that the life blood of the regiment comes for the Corporals, and the regiment continues to have great members such as these in our ranks, congratulations.



LCol Hlibchuk receiving the salute from the new Troopers

As for the new troops, the nine members you see here completed their PP2 course in Valcartier at the end of August 2015, congratulations.



LCol Hlibchuk presenting Sgt Laroche with the Worthing sword for finishing first on the Crew Commanders Course in Gagetown August 2015 |congratulations.

RCH Heritage, The Great War and Fighting Frank Worthington

Roman Johann Jarymowycz

The Royal Canadian Hussars lineage is complex, though "rich" may be a better word. We are a regiment with fascinating connections. While cavalry pride is paramount and extends back to the 18th Century, we were also at the vanguard of mechanized warfare.

The history of the cavalry of Montreal must include both aspects of our colonial origins. Citizens of the city and suburbs volunteered and served with General Montcalm's regiment of mounted dragoons during the Seven Years War.

Later, Platt's Troop of volunteer cavalry participated the campaign defeating American invasion in 1812 – hence the recently bestowed Chateaugay Battle Honour. The fabulous Royal Montreal Cavalry, Light Dragoons, Troop of Guides, and finally the 6th and 17th Hussars, make for a military histoire that is intricate, chromatic, and unique. The two key personae in our present regiment are synonymous with both horses and tanks. Our Colonel in Chief, whose grandfather was our first Colonel as Duke of York and later, as King George VI. Anne, the Princess Royal, is as famous for her equestrian accomplishments as for her naval professionalism. Perhaps one should not say, "superb horsemanship", in describing her, although it is appropriate - for HRH rides better than most men and certainly any current Hussar.

The regiment's other grand archetype of excellence is Major-General FF Worthington, enshrined as the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps's progenitor. He was a tough hombre - a mercenary, a much decorated front-line infanteer and finally, a pioneer in mechanized warfare serving with the *First Canadian Motor Machine Gun brigade* (CMMG Bde).



Frederic Franklin ("Fighting Frank") Worthington, MC MM CD is Canada's "Father of Armour" – he created the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps (RCAC) in Camp Borden In 1940. He next commanded the 4th Canadian Armoured Division earmarked for the Normandy battlefields. He was the first Colonel-commandant.



Raymond Brutinel (seated) with other commanding officers of the Motor Machine Gun Brigade on Nov. 11, 1918

The unit is Canada's (and the British Empire's) first armoured unit and the original mechanized-combined arms formation. It was raised at personal expense by Brig Gen Raymond Brutinel, a French officer who lived briefly in Montreal. He was geologist, journalist, and made a fortune in the west. Brutinel helped pioneer mechanized warfare via his initial

formation "the Canadian Automobile Machine Gun Brigade" raised in Ottawa, Toronto and Montreal in September 1914.

His inspired offer to the Minister of Militia and Defence, Sam Hughes, was to create a motorized, armoured machine-gun formation based on Ford truck chassis.



It eventually was two brigades strong and, in Canada's greatest campaign ("The Hundred Days", Aug-Nov 1918), formed our first ad hoc mech operational outfit: "Brutinel's Brigade" - built around his *1st Canadian Motor Machine Gun Brigade, CEF* - a Corps asset, and arguably a precursor of Blitzkrieg.



The composite force was a flexible combination designed for rapid reaction, exploitation and pursuit. It comprised armoured cars, motor machine-gun cars and was grouped with its own mixed arms: Cavalry (usually the Canadian Light Horse Regiment), Infantry (the Canadian Cyclist Battalion) and seconded artillery, trench mortars, mounted signals units, HQ troops and logistic elements – it was even allotted aeroplane resources for advanced recce.



RCD armoured car, St Jean PQ, circa 1937. Montreal's 6th DCRCH were designated Armoured Car and trained with A Sqn RCD.



Cpl Robert "DUP" Duplessis

And last but not the least; we say a Farwell to Corporal Robert "DUP" Duplessis. Dup retired after 24 years of service to the regiment. Dup always the quite one but with a heart of gold and a mischievous one at that, we only say farewell Dup and good luck, keep smiling. Go HAB's Go!

The RCH Great War battle honours are exclusively from our amalgamation with Canada's first armoured unit, the Armoured Car Regiment. This unit originated in Montréal on 1 June 1919, when the *1st Motor Machine Gun Brigade, CMGC* was authorized - which perpetuated the original *1st Canadian Motor Machine Gun Brigade, CEF*.

It was redesignated the *1st Armoured Car Regiment* on 1 October 1936 and amalgamated that December with the 6th Duke of Connaught's Royal Canadian Hussars, who were delighted to perpetuate that unit and share its battle honours. Our final regimental amalgamation (16 Sept 1958) combined Montreal's most historic cavalry: the 6th DCRCH and the 17th Duke of York's RCH. This is an aureate and enviable lineage every Hussar must be proud of.

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