

THE GLENGARRIAN

Newsletter of the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Highlanders



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FROM THE EDITOR

As 2017 draws to a close, it is time to reflect on the accomplishments of the past year and to look forward at the year ahead. The past year has been extremely busy for the serving Glens as you can see in the articles from your Operations and Training and Amiens Coy. The rest of the Regimental family has also been busy as noted in the other articles provided.

As you may/may not have heard, the Army has lifted the restrictive recruiting quotas and tasked the Regiment to recruit as many as possible. With changes to the recruiting process, there has been a dramatic reduction in time it takes to get new recruits enrolled. For those looking for summer opportunities with the Glens, they need to contact the Recruiting Office at the Armoury early in the New Year. There is no better part time job for a student.

Next year is very important to the Glens as we will celebrate our official 150th year as a Regiment. A special committee has been working for months now on planning events, and celebrations which will make 2018 great and memorable. A list of events is provided in the article from the 150th committee. We hope that all members will plan to attend these events.

Comments, questions and articles can be submitted any time to glengarrianeditor@gmail.com.

I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope to see you all at the launch of our celebrations at the Levee on 3 January 2018.

Roy Clarke
Editor

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Operations and Training Cell

Your Operations and Training Cell (Ops/Trg) is staffed by a number of hardworking officers and NCMs. The Ops O is former Glens RSM, now commissioned, Capt Jim Devine. His backup, the Assistant Ops O was, until the unit reorganization in July 2017, Capt Duane Bourgeois. Capt Devine looks “up and out” to Brigade HQ and higher, while Capt Bourgeois looked “down and around”, to the Companies, coordinating their efforts and providing relevant and dynamic training. The third officer is Capt Jonathan (Jo) Bouchard, the Training Officer, who coordinated support within the units and assisted the local cadet Corps with training as well. Interestingly, all three officers are employed as use-of-force/firearms instructors by the same federal law enforcement agency so a lot of planning was done “off the clock” while wearing police blue uniforms. Sadly, by the time you read this, Capt Bourgeois will have retired from the Canadian Armed Forces with almost three decades of service with the RCAF, Canadian Special Operations Forces, and the Canadian Army, first as a member of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment and, finally as a Glen.

The lynchpin members of the Ops/Trg team are our two full-time Regular Force soldiers. The Operations WO, Warrant Officer Joe Dupuis, a member of the PPCLI and the Training NCO, Master Corporal Jeff Anderson, a member of The RCR. Both are former Glens who have taken their roles in supporting the unit to heart and are key to our successes over the past year. Your Ops/Trg cell has been incredibly busy supporting not only the unit, but a number of Brigade and Army level activities in 2017.

January and February were filled with setting the conditions for success in the coming fiscal year by planning training events and contributing significantly to the 2017-18 Unit Operational Plan. Capt Bourgeois was tasked out to the Influence Activities Task Force in Kingston to teach new CIMIC operators. Capt Bouchard was all over the place delivering First Aid and CBRN training. Then, in early February, Capt Devine was off on sick leave for several weeks recovering from surgery on his foot. Even though mobility impaired, he still had his laptop and was able to keep things rolling as the painkillers allowed.

Late winter and spring progressed quickly with little change from previous years. A lot of effort from the officers went into the drafting the Unit Operations Plan and upcoming exercise instructions, meeting with our river unit cousins to eventually hammer out a schedule. WO Dupuis and MCpl Anderson worked diligently to fill summer taskings, getting our soldiers the best and most employment possible. Then, May happened.

Due to a historic amount of spring rainfall and an incredibly fast thaw both the Ottawa and St Lawrence Rivers experienced record setting flooding which resulted in the call out of the Canadian Army. Op LENTUS 17-1 as it became known saw a number of Glens officers and soldiers deployed to the Gatineau region of Quebec to assist in flood mitigation and relief work for a large part of May. As Op LENTUS involved several thousand troops from both Ontario and Quebec, our May range and tactical exercises were canceled to allow us to support the relief efforts.

Summer 2017 was as hectic as expected with Glens officers and soldier spread far and wide. As mentioned earlier, reorganization saw Capt Bourgeois moved out of Ops/Trg to become the

Amiens Company Training Officer. The Ops/Trg Cell was stripped bare of full timers with WO Dupuis heading to Connaught Ranges to work as QMSI with the National Cadet Camp there and MCpl Anderson heading to Petawawa to deliver leadership training to aspiring Master Corporals. The burden of finalizing the Unit Op Plan and setting the wheels in motion for September 2017 and beyond fell to the Ops O and Trg O, both civilian shift workers at their law enforcement jobs in a very busy time of the year. On top of this, we also once again hosted our kilted brethren plus first time competitors, the Brockville Rifles and 42 Field Regiment Royal Canadian Artillery, at the Highlanders Tug-of-War competition at the Glengarry Highland Games.

Just when we thought we could look forward to a reduced tempo and more staff returning in August, the huge influx of asylum seekers crossing into Canada from the USA in Quebec caused the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) to request assistance from the Canadian Army in setting up Interim Lodging Sites (ILS) at the St. Bernard de Lacolle port of entry and at Cornwall's NAV CENTRE. The very first Glens involved were the Ops O doing his Ops thing and Capt Bourgeois who was the first Glens Liaison Officer to support what became called Operation ELEMENT. Others like A/OIC Armoury Capt Mike Eamer, CSM Amiens Coy, MWO Tim Dougherty, Pte William Loos in QM, Sgt Shawn Stoness in Recruiting and our entire Orderly Room team worked hard to host the 4 Canadian Division Immediate Reaction Unit (IRU), based on the Royal Canadian Dragoons (RCD) from Petawawa and provided valuable support and local guidance. Once the ILS was constructed and the IRU departed, the task of maintaining the ILS fell to the whole of 33 CBG. Perplexedly, although we were the hometown/host unit to the Cornwall ILS very few Glens were deployed on Op ELEMENT beyond the initial support to the IRU. In the end, our Adjutant, Capt Thomas Jancarick, became the ILS Commander from early September to the mission close-out just before Thanksgiving.

The last thing the Ops/Trg Cell completed before this article was written was to assist the Brockville Rifles with a multi-unit range weekend at Connaught in mid-October. It's a pretty safe bet that we'll be as busy as ever until the next issue of "The Glengarrian"

Captain J Devine
Operations Officer

(Written in the third person because he spends too much time doing staff work.)

Amiens Company Training

This year began much like other years: with APRV, new faces, and many newly trained privates returning with balmorals. One big difference this year is that we shared our armoury with the Royal Canadian Dragoons. They lead "Op Element" for asylum seekers from the U.S. We're also sharing the armoury with the cadets now that we parade on Thursday nights.

With our numbers slowly climbing, Amiens Company has focused its training on building on the fundamentals. We started with Marksmanship principles. Memorizing these principles became a priority. They were posted all over the armoury, and section commanders quizzed their troops frequently. We took every opportunity we had to shoot in the FATS (Fire Arm Training Simulator) where coaching was done one on one from some of the best marksman in

the Unit. The members were getting their groupings from 20-25cm to 5-10cm in no time. All of our practice paid off when we shot the PWT level 3 in Connaught Ranges. Most members passed, and many got marksman. That weekend, we also fired the pistol with overall success. Many members were firing the 9mm for the first time.

Another fundamental infantry skill we worked on was map and compass. We did an in class refresher with our two platoons, and put our knowledge to the test in Guindon Park. I took the new troops on the Navigation exercise, and was impressed with their knowledge and ability. They were well trained while on their course that summer, which made it easier for them to excel. About a month later, we repeated this exercise, however this time we navigated at night. We found all of our points without much difficulty.

Concurrently, another priority task this fall has been to get ready for the Kilt Parade. This year, we started early with getting the newly trained privates their highland kit. Teaching them how to wear it, and getting them up to standard, took multiple training nights. This DEU preparation lead us to the Kilt parade in October where many members received their unit coin. Ultimately, the goal was to get us ready for Remembrance Day.

For the coming weeks, 1 Platoon will move on to more challenging training. The goal for 2 Platoon is to get them ready for their infantry course. We will be learning C9 LMG and will continue to work on the fundamentals.

Cpl Boulanger, J.J.D
Amiens Company, 2 Platoon

Padre's Corner

Greetings from Yellowknife!



While I am still available to the Glens by phone and email, I will be living in Yellowknife and working as chaplain for Joint Task Force North on a six month contract. I will be home on leave in time for the Soldiers' Christmas Dinner, and head north again after the New Year's Levee. My contract concludes before the Reunion weekend.

Serving with the Glens provides each of us with capabilities that we can put to use in many areas of our life, including other work opportunities, both DND and civilian. I have been greatly blessed to learn so much in my time with the Glens. Now that I am no longer serving a congregation, having concluded my 20 years of ministry with St. Andrew's United Church, Williamstown in June, I can't resist the opportunities to put to use what I have learned, elsewhere in this great country of ours.

Wishing everyone well. See you at Christmas!

Captain Andrea Harrison
Padre

150th Committee

List of Events

06-Jan 2018- The official launch of the 150 year of the Regiment will be at the Regimental Family Levee, with remarks from the CO, Hon Col, MP, MPP, Mayor, and Warden of the Three United Counties.

13 Jan- The first public display of the “Queens Brooch”, a gift to our Colonel in Chief, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, will be at the Whisky Tasting in the Officers' Mess.

04-06 May- The Regimental Reunion.

03 Jul- The Regimental Birthday- Events include a visit to the Col Bergin plaque and grave site.

Aug/Sep- Glens Tour to Europe, to include a tour to France, Belgium and the Netherlands, with a post-tour to Scotland. More details in the New Year

Oct- Date TBA- Sgt Nunney Dinner- A Regimental Dinner to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Sgt Nunney being awarded the VC.

There are many other events and happenings with details and dates yet to be determined such as:

- ⑩ Visit to our Colonel in Chief to present her gift
- ⑩ Turning a page in the Book of Remembrance
- ⑩ Canada Post Commemorative Stamp and Envelope
- ⑩ Regimental wine/Calvados
- ⑩ Regimental Banners
- ⑩ City/Counties Recognition

National Memorial to the Canadians who served in the American Civil War

Saturday, September 16, 2017 dawned sunny and mild, and activities at the Lost Villages Museum, Long Sault, were in full swing in the early hours of the morning. This was the day for the unveiling of the "National Memorial to the 40,000 Canadians who served in the American Civil War". This project was a collaboration between the American Civil War re-enactment society, the Grays and Blues of Montreal (GBM), and the Lost Villages Historical (LVHS). For three years, both organizations worked tirelessly to collect the funds necessary for the erection of the memorial. Although a national memorial, the project was completely funded by private subscription, through the effort of the GBM and the LVHS. The site chosen was most appropriate, as the American shore is just a couple kms south of the memorial site. Ault Park is the Township of South Stormont's oldest park, and the council, administration and employees at the township gave enthusiastic support to the memorial project.



At the unveiling ceremony, the Pipes and Drums of the Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry Highlanders played a central role. The band escorted the official party in a short parade through Ault Park to the memorial site, and a contingent from the SD&G Highlanders Regimental Association stood just outside the assembly of more than 300 guests. As the president of the Lost Villages Historical Society, and the Honorary Colonel of the SD&G Highlanders, it was my honour and

privilege to introduce the band and to welcome my colleagues from the regiment. The contributions made to this memorial unveiling by the Pipes and Drums has been recognized on the Donor Wall, at the memorial site.

While much research is required to connect the American Civil War veterans to the SD & G Highlanders, we do have evidence that connects at least one veteran to our regiment. The following information was gleaned from the obituary of the late Captain A.J. McDonald from the Freeholder, Cornwall, March 21, 1913.



“A VETERAN GONE Captain A. J. McDonald answers the Final Roll Call On Saturday night one of the oldest residents of the town passed away at his home north of the G. T. R. track in the person of Capt. A. J. McDonald, at the venerable age of 89 years. The deceased gentleman was born in Glengarry in the year 1824, and at the age of 18 joined the American army at Fort Ontario, near Oswego. After being stationed some time in New York, he was transferred to Fort Humboldt, Cal., at the time of the gold rush in 1848, where he served out his period of enlistment. He returned to New York by way of Panama, and while returning, the party was attacked by natives on the isthmus, losing all their gold. Arriving in New York, he again enlisted, and was stationed for some time at Governor's Island, afterwards being transferred to the Artillery School at Fortress Monro (ed. Note: Monroe), Virginia, and was later appointed instructor. In 1861 he took the field with the Union forces, being gradually

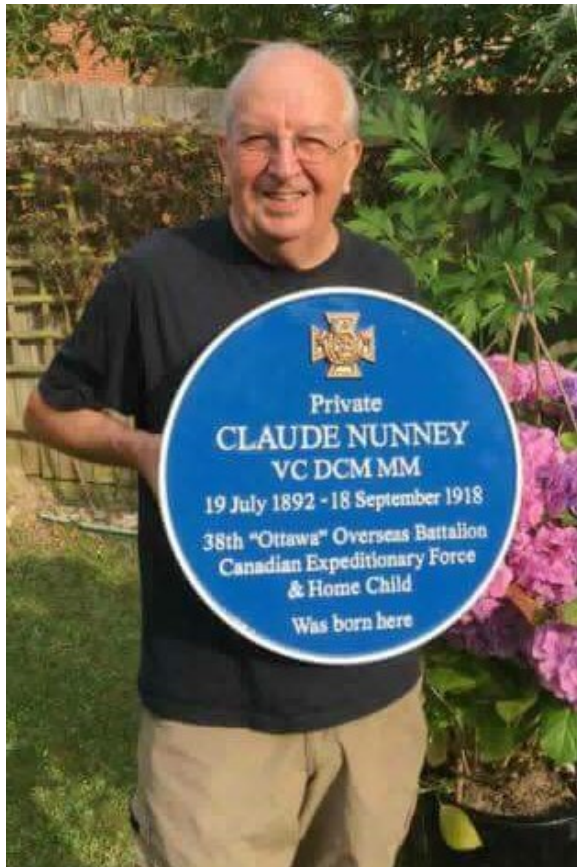
promoted until in 1862 he received his commission as second lieutenant in the artillery. On Dec. 3, 1862, the first battle of Fredericksburg was fought, this being the first engagement in which he took part as an officer. At that battle he received his commission as first lieutenant. This commission bears the signature of Abraham Lincoln, and is in his family's possession - a cherished relic. At the battle of Salma Heights, Virginia, he received his commission as captain for gallant service on the field of battle. He served with distinction in 15 of the most important battles of the Civil War, among them being the great battle of Gettysburg. After

the battle of Petersburg towards the close of the war, he was appointed Inspector of Artillery. He was among the first officers to enter the city of Richmond, the Confederate capital. At the close of the war he was stationed at Richmond and later at Little Rock, Arkansas. In 1867 he returned to Canada, settling near Cornwall. During the Fenian Raids he was appointed major under the late Darby Bergin, M. P., and performed important service with the Canadian troops in guarding the frontier between Cornwall and Prescott.

The LVHS is pleased to report that two other veterans of the American Civil War called Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry “home”. William Ellis, late of the village of Moulinette, and George Cross, late of Croil Island and Aultsville, are recognized on the Wall of Honour, as is Captain A.J. McDonald.

Submitted by Hon Col Jim Brownell.

Claude Nunney Remembered 125 Years After His Birth



On July 19, Claude Nunney VC, DCM, MM was remembered in Hastings, England with a “Blue Plaque” installed at his birthplace. The Blue Plaque Program is operated by English Heritage to celebrate the link between notable figures of the past and the buildings in which they have lived or worked. Peter Silk, see above, spent 20 years researching Claude Nunney. From birth records, Nunney was named Stephen Sargent Claude Nunney. On the death of his mother, Claude Nunney was put into care. At the age of 13 in 1905, he was brought to Canada

by the Catholic Emigration Association and sent to the receiving home in Hintonburg, Ottawa. He was then placed on a farm in North Lancaster, Ontario. He became a member of our 59th Stormont & Glengarry Battalion, but travelled Out West. Following the outbreak of war, he returned to Glengarry and the 59th Battalion. He served overseas in the 38th Overseas Battalion CEF. For his service, he was awarded the three senior bravery awards for non-officers – Victoria Cross, Distinguish Conduct Medal, and Military Medal. He was wounded during the final days of the war and died of his wounds

In advance of the “Blue Plaque” dedication, Judy Neville, President of the Ontario British Home Child Family, arranged for a memorial event at the Claude Nunney VC Memorial Legion, Branch 544, Royal Canadian Legion, Lancaster. In front of Branch 544 is the Ontario Heritage Trust’s historical plaque dedicated to Claude Nunney. This plaque was original dedicated in North Lancaster.



Photo credit: Carolyn Thompson Goddard

With Judy at the Lancaster plaque were Honorary Lieutenant Colonel John Denner, Captain Jim Devine, Sergeant Shawn Stoness, Zone Commander and President, Branch 544 Bill Bresee, George O’Dair, President, Glens’ Association, and Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Bill Shearing.

Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Denner commented, “As part of our Canadian character, we seem to underplay our Canadian heroes and it is nice to see a Canadian hero being honoured”. You may notice the difference in names on plaques. His attestation papers record different Christian names and shows his birthplace to be in Ireland, not England.

Captain Jim Devine noted that, “Nunney is a great example that heroes are not always perfect, his service is replicated every day by members of forces around the world. We’re proud to be

associated with him. Once a Glen, always a Glen”. What Captain Devine is referring to is the Nunney, who we remember as Sergeant Nunney, being a private at the time of his death. There seems to have been a little disagreement with an officer. He did some time, but with shortages of manpower was released to duty.

Judy Neville convened a two-day British Home Children event in Williamstown and Lancaster, with Museum Curator Leon Chamois as a guest speaker, just prior to the 125th anniversary of Nunney’s birth to honour “Our Hero”.



Captain Ron Coughlan briefing school children
on Sergeant Nunney, VC, DCM, MM



Nunney’s Gravestone
Aubigny, France

Remembrance Week

During Remembrance Week, the SD&G Highlanders participated in ceremonies across the Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, including Ingleside, Long Sault, Williamstown, Lancaster, Crysler’s Farm, Morrisburg, Avonmore, Newington, Alexandria, and Cornwall.



Photo courtesy: Wendy Gibb, The Morrisburg Leader

Accompanied by a Glens Piper, Bill Shearing lays a wreath for THE GLENS at the Morrisburg Legion.

Crysler Farm Remembered

204 years ago, on November 11 1813, Canadian militia, British Regulars, Aboriginal Allies fought a decisive battle against American soldiers on farms along the front near Morrisburg. At stake was the independence of British North America colonies and a supply route between Montreal and Toronto. With the British victory at Crysler's Farm and an earlier one at Chateauguay near Montreal, the precious supply route to southwestern Ontario remained open, and just over forty years later our nation joined together in Confederation.

For the past few years, a group of every increasing history enthusiasts, military members, living history re-enactors, and local politicians gather early in the morning of November 11 to remember the sacrifices of the civilians and military who participated in this defining event of Canadian history. Led by a piper from the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Highlanders, close to fifty people made the silent walk up the steps leading to the Memorial atop a sacred mound of ground and a short but poignant Ceremony of Remembrance was performed before those in attendance continued to their other duties on this day of solemn Remembrance.



Photo by: Carol Thompson Goddard

If We Rest We Rust

If a museum is just a place where old things are stored then it's not a museum; it's just a place where old things are stored. Old things that are in museums should be there for a reason and the best reason is to tell a story. I would hope that all the artefacts on display in our Museum tell a story but there's one story in particular that I would like to talk about today.

On the 4th day of April 1945 the Glens were ordered to liberate the small Dutch village of Leesten, today part of the greater community of Zutphen. Let's put things into perspective. Leesten was about the size of today's St. Andrews, probably smaller. By this point in the war everybody knew the war was ending, which it did a month later. Most German troops were either trying to get back to Germany as quickly as possible or were surrendering to the Allies, thankful that it was Canadians they were facing and not Russians. What should have been a relatively minor operation for the Glens became a nightmare.

The village was defended by trainees at a nearby German army airborne training centre. The German paras had long since ceased jumping into battle, but they were still fierce fighters, imbued with the fanaticism of young Nazis and the steely determination to do their duty as paras. When the day's fighting was over, the Glens held Leesten, but it had cost them eleven dead. Eleven dead to take an objective the size of Leesten this late in the war was an obscene price to pay.

The good people of Leesten never forgot the sacrifice that our Regiment made to liberate them and about ten years ago when Zutphen, which had swallowed up Leesten, built a new subdivision, they named ten streets and one bridge in honour of our fallen heroes. Our Unit took part in the opening ceremonies of the subdivision. Two signs had been made for each street and bridge; one was affixed to a sign post in Zutphen, the extra was offered to the family members in attendance. Some of these family members donated theirs to the Regiment. Some signs were unclaimed and members of the Regiment brought them back with them. A few years later Zutphen replaced the signs with new ones that better explained their purpose, and again we were able to acquire some of the unclaimed ones. In all, we were missing six, but we proudly displayed the ones we had. Any visitor to our Museum has probably seen them, above the display cases in the main exhibition room.

A few months ago, we decided that our 150th anniversary would be better commemorated if we were able to tell the entire story. We contacted the Dutch company that had originally made the signs and ordered copies of the missing ones. They have arrived, and we now have all eleven on display. We were able to pay for all of them using Museum funds we received from the Directorate of History and Heritage. Special thanks go out to our Unit Historian Greg Pollard, Capt. Jonathan Bouchard, and to our Dutch friend Wigger van der Horst.

Stay tuned for more stories.

Up the Glens.

Leon Chamois, Curator

Final Phase for the Gift of Tulips to the City of Cornwall

Unveiled on Friday, Nov. 10, 2017, this plaque in Cornwall's Memorial Park, was made through a partnership between Centretown Cornwall, the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 297, and the Cornwall and District Horticultural Society.

Bill Shearing was on hand at the unveiling of the plaque to give some history of the involvement of the local regiment, the SD&G Highlanders, in the liberation of Holland.



Artwork done by Pierre Giroux, Cornwall



Bill Shearing explained that local boys fought and died in the struggle against the Nazis in Holland. In one small town, the Highlanders captured a windmill that had been turned into a machine gun nest, but at the cost of 11 lives. Those soldiers are commemorated in Holland and

in that town that they helped to liberate, there is a street named after each man who died.

Glens have participated in the plant, blooming, and plaque dedication phases of this project. In all events, participants included relatives of members of the 1st Battalion – daughters, sons, nieces, and nephews.

Pictured below (L to R) George O'Dair, Ray Poitras, his sister Helen Godard, David Solly Stephanie Solly Valade, Tim Gault, Captain Brad Nuttley, Bill Shearing and ARSM Jody Stang.

Glens at Plaque Dedication—November 10, 2017



Adegem



Bergen-op-Zoom



Groesbeek



Holten

Cemetery pictures from 2008

We Will Remember Them!

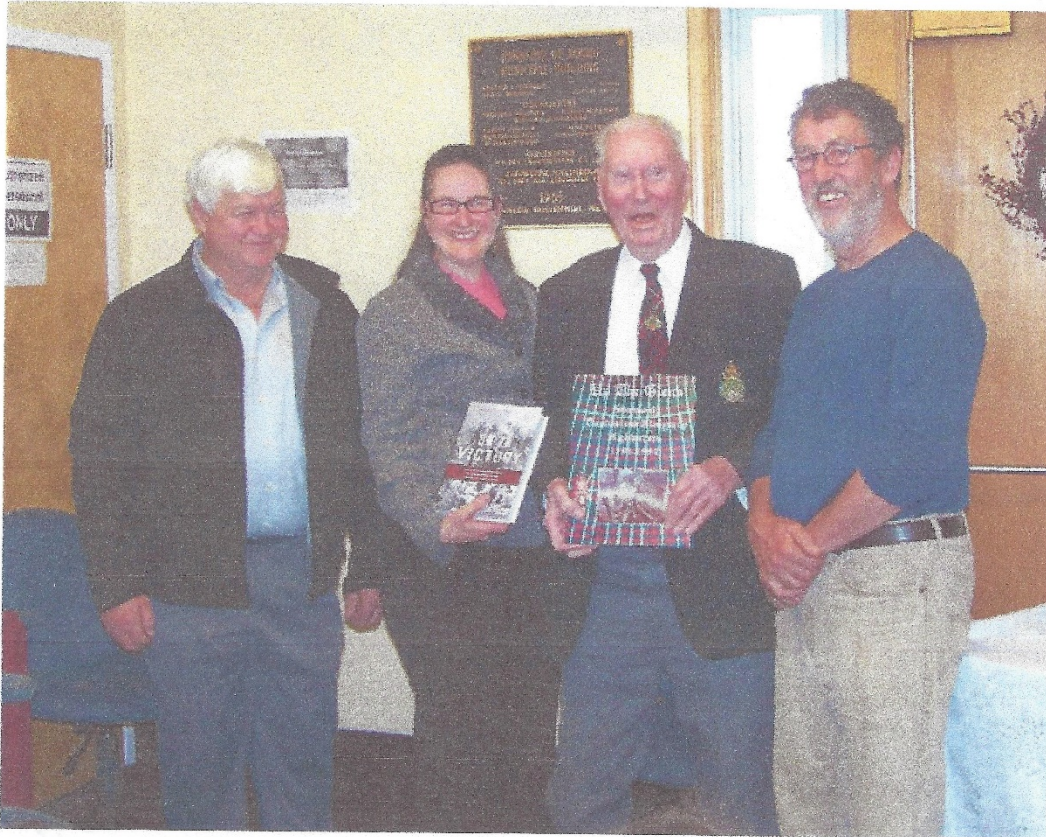
Article and Photos submitted by LCol (Ret'd) Bill Shearing

1st Battalion Veteran, Joe Sullivan Still Promoting His Regiment

Knighted veteran celebrated at Douro-Dummer Public Library

Examiner Staff

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Photographed as friends, family and community members gathered to honour Sir Joe Sullivan and be part of his presentation to the Douro-Dummer Public Library Saturday are, from left, Douro Ward Coun. Ray Johnston, library CEO Edna Latone, Sullivan and township library trustee Michael Moore, representing the board. Sullivan donated two books, one about the history of his beloved Highlanders called Up the Glens: Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Highlanders, 1786-1994 and the other about Canada's role in the liberation of the Netherlands during the Second World War, On To Victory: The Canadian Liberation of the Netherlands, March 23-May 5, 1945. He also answered questions and shared information about his time served and brought his many medals, including France's highest honour, the rank of Knight of the French National Order of the Legion of Honour. SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER

Joe landed on Juno Beach on June 6, 1944. He served as President of the Peterborough Branch of the 1st Battalion Association. In this capacity, he played a key role in the Leesten Street Signs project.

At 96 years of age, Joe still walks to the local mall every day.

This article is from the Peterborough Examiner.

Joe Sullivan Awarded the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteering

Joe can add another honour to his distinguished career. On October 30, 2017, Joe was awarded the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers. The Sovereign's Medal, presented on behalf

of the Governor General of Canada, Julie Payette, is meant to honour those who have made “significant, sustained and unpaid contributions to their community in Canada or abroad.”

He was recognized for the work he has done for more than 50 years helping other veterans to receive recognition for their wartime and post-war contributions. Sullivan often brought together surviving veterans of the 1st (Active) Battalion, Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Highlanders for reunions to share memories and pay tribute to their fallen comrades-in-arms.

He earned the 2006 Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation for his work in 2005 to coordinate a street-naming project in the Netherlands to name 11 streets in honour of 11 “Glens” killed in action and arranged for veterans and family members to attend.

Sullivan as a member of 1st (Active) Battalion, Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Highlanders as a corporal signaler.

He landed on Normandy Beach on D-Day on June 6, 1944, where he fought on the front line against the Germans in occupied France until the country was liberated.

In 2015, Sullivan received the rank of Knight of the French National Order of the Legion of Honour, the highest award from France.

