

THE GLENGARRIAN

Newsletter of the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Highlanders



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FROM THE EDITOR

As you read through these pages you will see that this year is a very important year in the history of our Regiment. On 3 January 2018 a large crowd attended the Levee at the Armoury to welcome in the New Year and to launch our 150th Anniversary celebrations. Since then we have continued with a whiskey tasting event and annual dinners in all 3 messes. Our next and hopefully largest event is our 150th Anniversary Reunion. I hope that you will all be able to attend and take the opportunity to meet the new members of the Regiment, link up with friends from your past, purchase a copy of the newly published 3rd addition of the Regimental History and see what is new at the Armoury including a new Kit Shop and new displays in the expanded Museum.

I hope you enjoy the articles highlighting the exciting things happening within the unit including training and what our Padre has been up to. Also it is exciting to see the Glens entering a team in the Nijmegen March. This is a first in our long history.

In the next month or so our Officer's, Sr NCO's and NCM's will be heading off on their summer training and qualifying courses and I would like to take this opportunity to wish them all the best.

As this is my last issue as editor of the Glengarrian, I would like to thank all those who took time out of their busy lives to provide me with the articles, which is what makes this a great newsletter.

Roy Clarke
Editor

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Commanding Officer's Message



Glens!

As I approach my third and final year of service to the Regiment as the Commanding Officer, I continue to be impressed by all facets of the Regimental Family. Our 150th anniversary year is shaping up to be an extraordinary experience for all of us – past and present Glens should be proud of the history of the last 150 years, and we all should look forward to the next 150.

On our 150th year we have been given the opportunity to field a team that will travel to the Netherlands to participate in the Nijmegen March 2018. As all of you reading this most certainly understand, this is a great honour bestowed on us given our historic connection with the region. Our team has been training since the middle of March and will continue to put on the miles up until the event itself (they were out in the rain the other night and morale still seemed high!).

In closing, I wish you all a Happy Birthday for 2018. Your efforts, whether as a serving member or as a supporter of the Regiment, are sincerely appreciated.

Up the Glens!

Chris French
Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Officer

Regimental Foundation

Our official 150th anniversary year is a busy one for the Regiment. Our customary events calendar has been augmented with a number of special events and initiatives for the anniversary of our establishment as a Canadian infantry regiment. As well, a number of our regular annual events have taken on a special theme to commemorate our sesquicentennial. A summary of the planned events for this year thus far is as follows:

6 January - Regimental Family Levee
13 January - Foundation Whisky Tasting fundraiser
3 February - Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess Sgt Claude Nunney, VC Dinner
10 February - Officers' Mess Red George Dinner
16 March - Junior Ranks' Mess LCpl Pollard Dinner
4-5 May - Regimental 150th Anniversary Reunion
26 June - Regimental delegation visit to our Colonel-in-Chief, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
24 November - St Andrew's Dinner

There are also a number of 150th-inspired initiatives that should be noted, including Deputy Commanding Officer Major Ryan Hartman's project to arrange for the Regimental Scotch Ale, first served at the Soldiers' Christmas Dinner in December and Lieutenant-Colonel (retired) Roy Clarke's effort to create the Regimental red and white wines served at the Officers' Mess Red George Dinner and now available through the senior messes. Other initiatives include the Foundation's contribution

to the preservation of the Morewood Memorial commemorating members of the Regiment that served in the First World War, the creation of banners commemorating our Battle Honours and Colours and a major expansion in the size of the Kit Shop and its selection of Regimentally-themed items for sale.

In recognition of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II accepting appointment as our Colonel-in-Chief, the Regiment commissioned a gift for our Colonel-in-Chief which will be presented during our 150th year: a unique all-Canadian gold and diamond brooch reflecting our cap badge, created by local jeweller and designer André Pommier. Participants in the Whisky Tasting were presented with the first chance to see our gift for our Colonel-in-Chief, The Queen.

Also of note, the Glens 150th Anniversary Tour from 20 September to 1 October will trace the steps of the 1st Battalion during the Second World War through a twelve day tour of France, Belgium and the Netherlands. This tour will take an additional special five-day optional side trip following the conclusion of the main tour to visit Scotland and explore our Highland roots.

This year, the Regimental Foundation is publishing the 150th anniversary edition of “Up the Glens: Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Highlanders, 1868 to 2018” by former Glens Commanding Officer and Honourary Colonel as well as noted author and historian Brigadier General William J. Patterson, OMM, CD, UE. The book covers the history of the regiment, from its origins amongst the Highland and Loyalist emigrants to Upper Canada in the late 18th century, its record of service and gallantry during the War of 1812, the Fenian Raids, the two World Wars, and more recent operations, through to the regiment of today. It incorporates previous work by Lieutenant-Colonel W. Boss, CD and General Patterson with new content on the modern Glens. This high-quality, hardcopy book will be released at the Regimental Reunion on 5 May 2018, however advance sales of the “Patron’s Edition” of the new regimental history are available now. For \$100, purchasers are assured of their receipt at the Reunion of a limited-edition, suitably-inscribed “Patron’s Edition” copy of “Up the Glens: Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Highlanders, 1868 to 2018”, signed by the author, the Honourary Colonel, and the Commanding Officer. Donors to the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Regimental Foundation will receive a “Patron’s Edition” of the book and a tax receipt for each donation of \$500 or more. Advance copies of the book are available through the Regimental Kit Shop at the Armoury or through the Foundation direct via glensfoundation@gmail.com. Further details can be found on the Kit Shop page on the Glens Association website at glensassociation.ca.

Up the Glens!

LCol Rob Duda
President
Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry Regimental Foundation

Amiens Company Training

As another training year (TY) comes to a close, members of the SD&G Highlanders Amiens Company can look back with pride on their accomplishments in TY 17-18. The drivers for training this year were the development of junior leadership, building collaborative training between and within units, and creating a collective base of ‘soldier skills’ that will allow for a transition to advanced training in the upcoming TY.

As with the past several years, the Canadian Forces (CF) has been working on increasing its junior leadership capacity. The SD&G's can proudly show that we have two new master corporals (MCpls), who confidently took on their new responsibilities. These two have put their fresh leadership skills to the test as course staff on the brigade basic training course in Ottawa. Their contribution shows motivation and dedication to training new recruits within 33 Brigade. Given the success of the Glengarrian's across all levels of leadership training in the past year, we are excited to be loading more soldiers and officers on courses for this summer. Over the four-month Reserve Summer Training (RST) period the SD&Gs will be represented across the country in basic, developmental, leadership, and specialty training courses. Good luck to all!

This year our training plan was collaborative and included many collective training opportunities with the other River Regiments. This took shape through joint field exercises (FTX) in Ottawa and Petawawa. Each FTX focused on a fundamental infantry skill; marksmanship, defensive positioning and patrolling, small party tasks, and section level battle drills. These weekends grew from theory to live fire and movement. Mother Nature took the opportunity this TY to push our resolve on these FTXs. Each weekend tested the morale of the troops, with freezing rain, flooded bivouac sites, and a very early spring (which is pleasant, until you understand we were trying to conduct winter training). These challenges spurred on the Glengarrians, who performed with considerable proficiencies and a good sense of humour. By integrating recruits (those who have yet to undergo basic infantry training) into the rifle platoons, we fostered mentorship and friendships that will serve Amiens Company well after RST has moulded them into infantry soldiers.

This TY allowed the SD&G's to build a solid foundation of soldier skills, cross train with other regiments, and develop leadership opportunities. We believe that we have set the standard for next year's more advanced training, which will focus on preparing soldiers for deployments.

Christopher P. Obermoser
Second Lieutenant
1 Platoon Commander, Amiens Company
SD&G Highlanders

SD&G Highlanders Association

What is the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Highlanders (Glens' Association?)

The Association consists of a group of interested volunteers who carry on the traditions of the 1st Bn Association. It operates under the authority of the Regimental Foundation and the Regimental Senate.

What was the 1st Bn Association?

The 1st Bn Association began as an organization of WWII Glens' Veterans who got together annually for Reunions in Cornwall, Brockville, Kingston and/or Peterborough - to reminisce and to remember their fallen. Over time, the Annual Reunion was held only in Cornwall and subsequently, these Veterans couldn't carry on anymore and the 1st Bn Association disbanded.

Who are the members of the association?

The Glen's Association was formed and included many former 1st Bn Association Veterans plus others. The "others" were former serving members of the Unit; relatives of the 1st Bn Association Veterans and/or the lost Unit Veterans of WWII. Also belonging were former members of other armed services and indeed, members of the public who remain interested in the affairs of the Unit.

There are 2 categories of membership. First, Ordinary Membership is available to anyone who has served in the Canadian Armed Forces. Secondly, anyone else can join as an Associate member and Associate members with 5 years of service to the Association become Ordinary members. We encourage all ranks to become members so that we can more readily hear and understand your needs. Our membership normally peaks at about 150 and the annual dues are set at \$15.00.

What does the association do?

The Association assumed the responsibility of running the Regimental Reunion, held annually in Cornwall. It also inherited the duty to remember our fallen and especially the fallen of those who served with the SD&G Highlanders. The Association has also accepted responsibility to run the Annual New Year's Regimental Family Levee. This replaces the Levees formerly held by the Officers Mess and the WO's/Sgts Mess, leaving these hard working members to enjoy a combined function. The Pollard (Junior Ranks) Mess is open for this event.

The Association members serve the Unit as ambassadors of the Regiment, doing things that Unit members don't always have the time to do or augmenting their numbers at functions such as: attending Remembrance services; funeral services and providing Honour Guards for our fallen soldiers; occasionally hosting BBQ's for troops returning from exercises; representing the Unit at public openings and functions, etc. etc. It publishes notices of Unit events and it is getting more and more attuned with social media to accomplish this task. It also funds the Glengarran and is responsible for producing the Raven and the Rock.

The Association has an elected Executive of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chair and Hospitality Chair. These positions are elected for 2 year terms at Annual General Meetings held coincident with the Reunion. There are other appointed Committee Chairs held by members with specific interests.

We also encourage all ranks to consider attending the 2018 Annual Regimental Reunion on 4-5 May as it will be the focal point of the 150th Anniversary of the Regiment. The Association is available to help the Regimental Foundation and the Unit with all activities involved with the Anniversary celebrations.

Up The Glens.

George O'Dair
President - Glens' Association

Padre's Corner



Winter has been just a bit colder here in Yellowknife, than "down south" in SD&G. I've been working as the Chaplain for Joint Task Force North since October, which has kept me away from the Regiment, and my family. I'm glad I was able to get to both the Soldiers' Christmas Dinner and the Levee during my block leave.

There is a Reserve infantry company in Yellowknife— C Coy of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment (LER). I've had the opportunity to go out on one winter Ex with them. The type of snow here creates different options for building shelters. I had my first night sleeping in an igloo.



February 16/17, I was given the opportunity to hop on a flight heading to Resolute, to bring Rangers home at the end of the 4 Div NOREX. The first stop was Cambridge Bay. When writing my December article for the newsletter for the Arctic Support Unit (North), I had found a beautiful nativity scene picture that I wanted to use. It was a stained-glass window at St. George's Anglican Church, and the photographer was Brenda Janke. The photo was featured on the front page of the National Post in 2016. Reading the article online in December, I had no idea that in February, I would meet

Brenda at the Cambridge Bay airport, and take a trip into town to see the church for myself.

By the time I got to Resolute, the sun had set, and the distance traveled over such a vast expanse of snow and ice had left its impression on me - the visual image of a part of our planet with so no sign of human presence, with the exception of these remote communities, so far from each other.



In Resolute, the 4 DIV members were enjoying great food and warm accommodations, and getting ready to return home. For the Rangers, this “homecoming” was a very sad occasion, with the death, from natural causes, of one of their members. It was moving to watch the dedication, compassion and professionalism at work, by CAF members and other agencies, including enabling the deceased to be repatriated, to his community, on the flight with his peers.

For the last weekend in February, I went to Inuvik with 1 CRPG for a Junior Canadian Ranger competition shoot, and the standing up of a new JCR Patrol in Inuvik.

Mid-March, I am spending a week at a retreat center in Albuquerque, with some pretty awesome teachers of the Christian mystical traditions.

In April, I am going on a Ranger Patrol in Ulukhaktok, a community on a western peninsula of Victoria Island, North West Territories. After that, I’m thinking I will either want to go on every winter Ex with the Glens next year, or I will have had enough of the cold. Hopefully the former. A couple of key differences, being out on the land with the Rangers that far north – there are no trees, and winter transport will be plane, to the community and snowmobile to the biv sites. No plastic toboggans in use, or walking with rucks. All the equipment is transported in a komatik. <https://norj.ca/2013/11/rangers-build-traditional-komatiks-to-aid-patrols/>

I’m very grateful to have this opportunity to experience the north and work full-time as a chaplain. Remember I am still here for you, when I am in Yellowknife. The BOR has my contact info, and members and their families are welcome to call me. Since I am gone for 6, possibly 9 months, I have also asked three other chaplains to be available in person. They are:

Padre Greg Long, with the Brockville Rifles, living in Gananoque;
Padre Michael Nobel, with 33 CER, living in Ottawa; and
Padre Barbara Helms, with 30 Fd Regt, living in Cornwall.

I will be in Cornwall for the Reunion Weekend, and will be back serving as chaplain with the Glens and on the Glens Tour this fall. Looking forward to seeing you then.

Captain Andrea Harrison
Padre

The Nijmegen March

The Nijmegen March is held annually in the Netherlands. It starts every year on the third Tuesday of July and is the largest multiple day marching event in the world. The 50 000 participants each year are mostly civilians, but militaries from around the world also enter teams into the march. The Canadian Armed Forces have been participating in the Nijmegen March since 1952. This year, they are sending 14 teams comprised of over 200 personnel. Each team consists of 11 personnel, including 1 medic and 1 person who has previously participated in the march. The SD&G Highlanders have been selected as one of those teams, to celebrate the unit's 150th anniversary.

The SD&G Highlanders have already begun training for the Nijmegen March. The Canadian Armed Forces requires interested members to complete at least 500km of training marches, although typically the average soldier will complete over 700km of training prior to departing. The march itself will be 40km a day for 4 days for a total of 160km. Over the next several months the SD&G Highlanders will be training up to 4 times a week, working from 5km to 40km marches. The unit will be more and more visible in the community as we prepare for Nijmegen.

The 4-day march in the Netherlands has been taking place since 1909, having started as a Dutch military training exercise. It has been permanently stationed in Nijmegen since 1916 and has taken place every year except during the two World Wars. Nijmegen is the oldest city in the Netherlands, and is characterized by a combination of Roman ruins, 14th century architecture and post-war additions which serve as a reminder of the destruction the city endured during WWII. Each day of the march starts in Nijmegen and is named after the biggest town that it goes through. Tuesday is the day of Elst, Wednesday the day of Wijchen, Thursday the day of Groesbeek and Friday the day of Cuijk. Successful participants receive a Dutch decoration (the Cross for the Four Day Marches) and gladioli, a sword shaped plant that is associated with ancient gladiators.

As the SD&G Highlanders well know, Canada and the Netherlands have a very special friendship. Over a 9-month period during 1944 and 1945, a Canadian-led coalition made up of mostly Canadians, but also Polish, Belgian, American, British and Dutch resistance fighters liberated The Netherlands from the Germans. Dutch citizens, who were facing starvation, saw the Canadians not only as liberators but saviors. 7 600 Canadians died liberating The Netherlands, including 11 SD&G Highlanders who died liberating the town of Leesten. In 2005, the town of Leesten honoured their sacrifice by naming 11 streets after the fallen Glens. During the third day of the marches the SD&G Highlanders team will have the chance to go to a Canadian War cemetery in Groesbeek which houses 2 500 graves and pay tribute to our fallen soldiers. We are looking forward to renewing our friendship with the Dutch people during this year's Nijmegen March.

As the Dutch say, "Death or gladioli"!

Warrant Officer Kyle Bergeron CD

If We Rest We Rust

Here we are, a scant few weeks from our Regiment's 150th birthday party. We at your Museum are very busy getting it ready for all the visitors we hope to have on the weekend of our Annual Reunion.

I have to admit right off the bat that we probably won't be as ready as we would like to be but I'm certain that all our visitors, especially those who only see us once a year, will be happy with our efforts.

One of the biggest changes we hope, will be in our weapons displays. By the time you read this we should have received well over a hundred firearms from a museum out west. We will not, of course, exhibit all of them but we should be able to make a noticeable difference in our exhibited collection. You should also see changes and additions to our historical displays and interpretive panels, all designed to better reflect our glorious 150 years.

Rest assured that your Museum will never stop improving; what we don't have time to work on now we will certainly get to.

Up the Glens.

Leon Chamois, Curator

Our Regiment's First Colours on Display in the Officers' Mess.



Photographs courtesy of Oksana Kravets, Ontario Heritage Trust

On the evening of November 8, 2016 when the Ontario Heritage Plaque was dedicated in memory of our first commanding officer, Colonel Darby Bergin MD MP, the above pictures were taken during the pre-event reception in the Officers' Mess.

Following the founding of the Regiment on July 3, 1868, Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry Counties Council approved the funding of \$200 for the colours in 1870. They were presented to the Regiment on July 1, 1871. The colours were at the Cornwall train station on December 29, 1945 to welcome home the overseas troops of our Regiment.

The colours in use today were not presented until June 4, 1966. So, the first colours served our Regiment for 95 years.

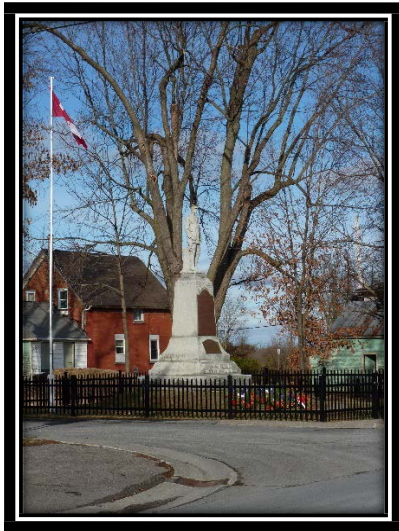
We look forward to the presentation of our third set of colours.

Col (Retired) Bill Shearing

Remembering Veterans Of Our Regiment

If you were to drive the roads of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry, you would find a multitude of war memorials dedicated following World War 1. They can be found in cemeteries, church yards, school yards, and village squares among other locations. An impressive memorial is in Alexandria. The dedication of that memorial is recorded in our Regimental History. In the hamlet of Morewood, Township of North Dundas, there is a memorial that gives a strong reminder of a lost son of the hamlet.

What makes this memorial impressive is a sculpture by noted Canadian sculptor, Tait MacKenize, of Captain Earnest J. Glasgow, the son of a Morewood family, an officer in the 59th Battalion and the 154th Battalion. His frontline experience was with the 21st Battalion. He took a demotion from captain to lieutenant to get to the front. Prior to overseas service and after the creation of the 154th Battalion, Captain Glasgow was the recruiting officer in the Morrisburg area at the same time Lieutenant W.J. Franklin was recruiting in the Mountain area. (There is another important story of our Regiment.)



While these photographs do not show the fine details of the sculpture, what can be noticed is the condition of the memorial park and it's Veteran's View across the intersection. The memorial park was dedicated in 1921 and has been under the care of the Morewood Memorial Committee since then. An ancestor of the current chairman was an original member of the committee. It is a well-maintained park as seen in the above photographs. The committee hosts an annual outdoor Remembrance Day Service. The community is proud of its memorial park.

Our former Regimental Librarian, Carolyn Thompson Goddard, an avid creator and supporter of historical projects, has now undertaken a project under the auspices of the Chesterville & District Historical society, to have Gordon Coulthart, (the art-of-gord-couthart.myshopify.com), a professional artist, originally from the area, produce a painting of the memorial. Carol's interest in this project comes from the Thompson family roots in the Morewood area.

The artist was scheduled to start on this project in mid-January 2018. The expected completion is

in March 2018.

The painting will be donated to the Morewood Memorial Committee. It is anticipated that the committee will allow the painting to be used during our 150th Anniversary events. The details of Captain Glasgow's service is very much a part of our regimental history. Besides remembering Captain Glasgow's sacrifice, eight other members of the 154th Battalion are remembered on the memorial

The SD&G Highlanders' Regimental Foundation donated \$300.00 towards the cost of the painting. In addition, the cost of the painting has been supported by some Glens. The Foundation's support of this project fits with its interest in supporting communities that support the remembrance of those who served in our Regiment.

Since 1783, citizens of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry have served the Nation as members of our Regiment, in its various forms, in times of peace and war. They are remembered with our battle honours as well as the many memorials scattered through the United Counties.

Remembering Those With Unknown Graves

For those of us who have participated in past Glens Tours and for those who will be part of the 2018 Tour, visits to cemeteries and memorials are a major part of a Glens Tour. A special part of each tour is visiting memorials to those who have no known graves. Below are some of those memorials.



The Vimy Memorial. Our World War 1 memorial that includes the names of 11,285 soldiers who have no known graves carved into its base. Designed by Walter Allward, constructed with special stone, and requiring an 11 year period before it was dedicated.

Every visit is a moving one. Especially viewing Mother Canada grieving over her lost sons.

Menin Gate at Ypres. This memorial has the names of nearly 55,000 members of British Commonwealth Forces who were killed in Belgium with no known graves. The names of 6940 Canadians, listed by units, are on its walls. This picture shows only a small part of the memorial. As you walk from the city square to the memorial, it is a very impressive view.

An evening visit would be special listening to bugles that are sounded each night.





Tyne Cot Memorial. Close to Ypres is the Tyne Cot Cemetery with its memorial walls. The walls, visible in the top of the picture, list the names of nearly 35,000 soldiers with no known graves killed during the period of August 1917 and November 2018.

There is a large memorial cross in the center of the cemetery. And the plantings in each row of graves are beautiful.

Bayeau Memorial. This World War 2 memorial remembers over 1800 soldiers killed from D-Day to the crossing of the River Seine who have no known graves. The names of 103 Canadians are on the memorial walls.

C54200 LCpl George G. Pollard is one of the names. He was murdered at Abbaye d'Ardennes.

LCpl Pollard and Lt. Fred Williams are listed on the memorial in the Abbaye garden. Lt Williams's grave is at Beny-sur-Mer Cemetery.



Groesbeek Memorial. As you enter the Groesbeek Cemetery, the memorial walls to your left and right list the names of 1021 who have no known graves. These are casualties from the crossing of the River Seine to VE-Day. The walls list 103

Canadians by unit. The names of three Glens are there—C54174 Pte W.J. Ace, C612040 Pte E.H. Joslin, and F57975 Pte A. Meagher.

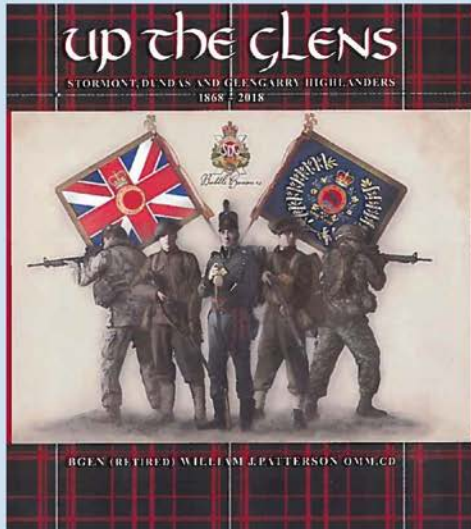
Since the construction of the memorial, the body of Pte Joslin was found and buried in Jonkerbos Cemetery

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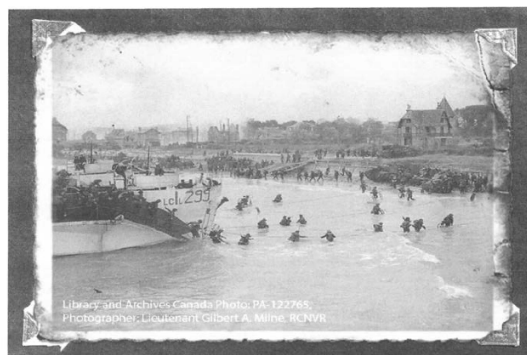
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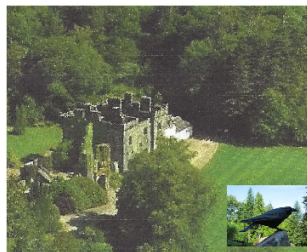
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Men of the Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry Highlanders, 9th Canadian Infantry Brigade, 3rd Canadian Infantry Division going ashore from Landing Craft Infantry (Large) 299 at Juno Beach, Bernières-sur-Mer, Normandy, France, June 6, 1944.



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SCOTLAND – History of Clan MacDonald, linking to History of SD & G Highlanders

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Group arrives 12:40 Inverness Airport. Meet Driver/Guide
Leave Inverness at 1:30 PM. Bridge to Isle of Skye
Photo Stop at Eilean Donan Castle
Potree Rosedale Hotel – 2 NIGHTS



OCTOBER 2

Full Day Touring on ISLE OF SKYE

Clan Donald Centre/ Armadale Castle Museum, Gift Shop, History of the Clans, Castle Gardens. Lunch at the Stables Cafe independent. We'll spend this afternoon touring the Isle of Skye and, depending on weather conditions, the itinerary is flexible and at the discretion of your driver/guide. We'll enjoy a half-day scenic drive along the dramatic Trotternish ridge with its spectacular cliffs and rock formations. Stops can include Lealt Waterfall, Kilt Rock sea cliffs, the Old Man of Storr rock pinnacle and a walk at the Quiraing mountain pass. A favourite stop is the Fairy Glen, a delightful miniature Highland landscape and legendary home of the 'wee people'. Other highlights of the island include a drive to the most westerly point on Skye and a walk to Neist Point lighthouse for spectacular views to the Western Isles. Another popular stop is the emerald green valley of Glen Brittle, nestled under the mighty Cuillin Mountains. Here you can enjoy a walk to the enchanting Fairy Pools or stroll on the beautiful sandy beach. The 13th century home of the Clan MacLeod, Dunvegan Castle, is also a popular attraction and Talisker malt whisky distillery offers tours and a chance to taste the famous 'water of life'. (Optional) Both Dunvegan and Talisker are primarily wet-weather options, useful because of Skye's famously changeable weather!



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OCTOBER 3

Full Day Touring Scotland En Route to Edinburgh

Our day begins with a scenic drive across Skye to the ferry terminal at Armadale for the 30 minute sea crossing to Mallaig. With spectacular views to the Small Isles and Cuillin Mountains, the iconic black and red Caledonian Macbrayne ferry takes us back to mainland Scotland with wildlife spotting opportunities En route including seals, sea birds and the occasional whale, dolphin or otter. On arrival in Mallaig we follow the beautiful 'Road to the Isles' to Glenfinnan Viaduct which famously features in several Harry Potter movies as the Hogwarts Express train crosses the bridge. Historically this stunning viewpoint also marks the spot where Prince Charles Edward Stuart (Bonnie Prince Charlie) landed on mainland Scotland and raised his standard prior to the 1745 Jacobite Rebellion. As we drive to Fort William for lunch we stop for a photo of Britain's highest mountain Ben Nevis at Neptune's Staircase. This series of locks on the Caledonian Canal raises the water level 20 metres and was designed by the famous Scottish engineer Thomas Telford. Mountains and lochs provide a dramatic backdrop as we continue to Glen Coe, perhaps the most famous of all Scotland's glens.



This narrow valley is where the bloody massacre of the MacDonalds took place in 1692. You may even recognize this part of the Highlands, used as a backdrop for many movies including Skyfall.

Our Grand Tour concludes with a photo stop at 13th century Doune Castle. Protecting the gateway to the Highlands the medieval castle has recently been seen as Castle Leoch in Outlander, Winterfell in Game of Thrones but is probably most famous for featuring in the film Monty Python and the Holy Grail.



Doune Castle

Glen
Finnan
Viaduct

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SCOTLAND – History of Clan MacDonald, linking to History of SD & G Highlanders

OCTOBER 4

EDINBURGH FULL FREE DAY
Suggestions – HMV Britannia, Royal Mile, Holyrood Palace, Hop on Hop Off Bus, Edinburgh Castle, Royal Botanic Gardens, Scott Monument, St Giles Cathedral, Scotch Whisky Experience.



OCTOBER 5

Check out of our central hotel in Edinburgh at 6:30 AM. Transfer to the airport.
Edinburgh to Amsterdam Flights to AMS KLM 1278 ED/AMS 0910 1145
Amsterdam to Montreal Flight KLM 671 1520 1650

ITINERARY for Maximum 16 PAX

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- Flights from Amsterdam to Inverness Scotland, and return Edinburgh to Amsterdam
- Four nights hotel accommodation. 2 in Isle of Skye, 2 in Edinburgh
- 2 Dinners, 4 breakfasts
- Transportation and professional guide service
- Clan Donald Centre/ Armadale Castle Museum
- All Touring and sites as per itinerary
- All Taxes and Gratuities on Inclusions

COST PER PERSON:

\$2,255 double
\$2,755 single

Please note that this program starts in Europe with flights out of Europe to Scotland, then ends in Europe. Those registered on the Glens 150th Anniversary tour and additionally on this tour, have their trans-Atlantic air included in their tour which begins September 20th.

Potential Registrants for ONLY Scotland program, the above rates do not include Trans-Atlantic Air. Contact Carol at Jolly Tours for these flights.

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