



The Raven & The Rock

The Glens' Association Newsletter—March 2020

Our Silent Partner

Several years ago, the Association's Executive was challenged to create a website. In its quiet way, it serves the kit shop, the museum, and people interested in historical facts about our Regiment. Contacts are a few most days, and services to the site's visitors are provided when requested.

Inquires come from throughout the world. In February, there were three contacts from The Netherlands and one from Germany looking for and sharing information related to our 1st Battalion. This newsletter will focus on the first subject.

During the Battle of the Scheldt, October to November 1944, forty-one Glens lost their lives. thirty-nine were buried in Adegem Canadian War Cemetery. One was buried in Mook Cemetery. The other has no known grave and is remembered on the Groesbeek Memorial. Three Glens were lost on October 31, 1944 during a canal crossing at Retranchement, The Netherlands – LCpl Harold Barr (buried in Adegem), Pte George Lamkie (buried in Mook) and Pte Wallace Ace (remembered at Groesbeek). For those who participated in the 2009 Canadian Liberation March, you were there either on foot or in the bus.

Frank Dumez, Hans Vercouteren, and Michael van der Velde are researching where the remains of Wallace Ace may have been buried. Their work will result in a detailed research paper.

When a family returned to their home after the liberation of Retranchement, they found it full of blood stains and used medical supplies. This may have been the Glens' Regimental Aid Post. In the garden were two temporary graves marked for George Lamkie and a soldier from the North Novas (whose grave is in Adegem). Would have Wallace Ace's body also been in the garden? Beside George Lamkie's grave in Mook is a grave for an unknown Canadian soldier. Is that the grave of Wallace Ace? Our new friends are digging deep to solve this mystery.

In the meantime, we have contacted three generations of the Ace family who are most interested in this research. We have not been successful in contacting the Lamkie family.



Wallace Ace's grave? Photo courtesy of Wouter van Dijken

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