



The Raven & The Rock

The Glens' Association Newsletter—April 2021

A FOUNDATION PROJECT

The March 2021 Issue related to the founding of the Regimental Foundation. Fortunately, the Foundation did not have to raise funds to purchase the Cornwall Armoury. But in 2009, the Foundation raised \$38,000 to allow members of the Regiment to attend the 65th Anniversary of the Liberation of Belgian City of Knokke-Heist.

Fundraising was necessary due to the Department of National Defence not approving Public Funds to cover the cost of the trip for the 20 Unit members. Besides \$15,000 from Foundation funds, support was provided by the Glens' Association, four Royal Canadian Legions, the Stormont Chamber of Commerce, the Red Ribbon Forces, Cornwall Camping Centre, and many friends of our Regiment. Besides the 20 members of the Unit, three Second World War veterans, eight members of the Pipe Band, six local municipal politicians, and 19 Friends of the Regiment were on the trip.



The Old Glens—John, Harry, Walter



The Tour Group at The Vimy Memorial

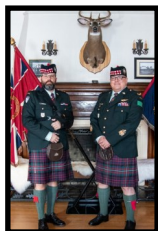


Harry & the Young Glens

Was a busy trip. Often early mornings and late nights from November 2nd to 9th. Besides the events in Belgium, the trip included ceremonies in France and The Netherlands. Many meals were provided by host organizations. Evenings were often capped off in the Glengarry Pub found close to the group's hotel in Ghent.

The trip to the base in Ghent was Cornwall – Montreal – Frankfurt – Brussels – Ghent and return. Within the 20 Unit members were ten Young Glens. Those Young Glens did not just look after their own interests on the flights, they were there to help older members of the trip especially Second World War veterans Harry Towes, Walter Solly, and John Stevens. On the last night of the trip, the Young Glens and the Old Glens were dining in the same restaurant. When the Old Glens went to pay their bills, they had already been paid by the Young Glens. What a great example of Regimental Family support those Young Glens showed. They played a key role in the success of the trip.

In the trip's brochure, Lieutenant-Colonel Roy Clarke as commanding officer wrote an introduction. Some of his words were, "Although this trip is short, you will return with memories which will last you a lifetime." He was right. Thanks to the fundraising undertaken by the Regimental Foundation and the contributions received from so many, members of the Unit were part of that memorable trip.



It is our pleasure to introduce our Association's new Honorary Member, Chief Warrant Officer Jean-Francois Lessard CD in his appointment as Regimental Sergeant Major. Our Association looks forward to working with him as RSM at future Association events. He was very supportive at our last Reunion.

He is pictured here, on the right, in the Officers' Mess with Lieutenant Colonel Ryan Hartman CD, Commanding Officer, following the change ceremony.

Up The Glens!

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