



# The Raven & The Rock

The Glens' Association Newsletter—December 2020

Glengarrians:

2020 has been an interesting year for the Association, to be sure and echoed what all of the members have been personally experiencing. COVID-19 decimated our activities.

We started the year wondering if we were going to be able to hold our Mid-Term and Annual General Meetings. Having resolved the meeting schedule issues, the onslaught of COVID caused us to cancel these activities due to concern for the safety of our members. This was the correct call as shortly thereafter, the Armoury was out-of-bounds to civilians. Later on, there were a couple of exceptions in that Perry Coughlan and Leon Chamois were allowed to continue their work with the Kit Shop and the Museum, with some restrictions. We appreciate their dedication. I think that we all assumed that the COVID thing would be resolved quickly and that we would have some sort of Reunion/ AGM, perhaps combined with a Regimental event last September/October. That didn't happen, and we could be in a similar boat in 2021 although the vaccine, if successful, could put us back in business in months.

With no Annual General Meeting in an election year, I asked the elected and appointed Association Executive members to carry on until we could resolve the issue. As we end 2020, that situation hasn't changed. A few of us have been able to attend Memorial Services such as D-Day, VE Day and Remembrance Day events, and we'll continue to do so as appropriate.

The Regiment still operates with recruiting and training and some members were deployed to assist in LTC Homes in the early stages of the pandemic. Information about Unit activity can be found in websites of the Unit and of the Unit Band. Association activities with regard to remembrance enquiries, etc., are being handled primarily by Col. Shearing, Greg Pollard and Tim Gault. Col. Shearing continues to man the Association website and produces interesting and topical notices in *The Raven and The Rock*.

From an historical and remembrance perspective, I think it's important for us to carry on the work of the Association and to remain strong as we collectively battle the effects of the pandemic. We are the heirs, if you like, of the 1<sup>st</sup> Bn Association members, and it's up to us to continue honouring their memory and their achievements and indeed, the achievements of all of those who have worn the uniform of the Glens. Sooner or later, the pandemic will pass, and we'll get back into our activities. So, I invite you to remain interested, and I remind everyone that their annual dues remain at \$15.00 and are due 1 January 2021.

So, from the families of the members of your Association Executive to yours, I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year. We'll see you soonest in 2021. Be safe.

Up The Glens!

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