



The Raven & The Rock

The Glens' Association Newsletter—June 2020

ANOTHER ANNIVERSARY

Our Regiment can celebrate another anniversary! Eighty years ago on June 20, 1940, the 1st Battalion, Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry Highlanders was formed with officers and men coming from four Eastern Ontario units—Headquarters Company from The Prince of Wales Rangers (Peterborough), A Company from The Princess of Wales' Own Regiment (Kingston), B Company from The Brockville Rifles (Brockville), and C Company, D Company, and the Band from our Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry Highlanders (Cornwall). Our Glens became part of the 3rd Division's 9th Brigade—the Highland Brigade with The Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry Highlanders, The Highland Light Infantry, and The North Nova Scotia Highlanders.

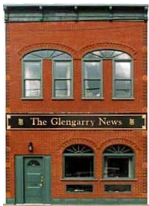
From The Glengarry News, January 12, 1945

"D-Day" had come and throughout the Isle,
The boys were set to depart,
Boys from countries all over the world.
Who were eager and ready to start.
Calm, but determined, anxiously waiting.
They gathered to drink some beer.
The S.D. & G's in their famous "Glengarries"
In the crowd stood out quite clear.
The barmaid who served them chanced to remark.
"What a lot of you Glens there are here!
The Colonel and Major o'erhearing her words.
Drank a toast with their glasses of beer.
"UP THE GLENS!" It caught,
And it spread through the troops.
Till everyone knew what was said:
And then they were ready
To leave the Isle,
For Europe, and whatever lay ahead.
When the troops in safety had crossed the channel,
And landed on Normandy's soil.
The S.D. & G's were right in the fight.
And spared neither blood or toil,
Around the village of Les Buissons.
They fought with might and main:
While their battle cry of "UP THE GLENS"
Echoed again and again.

Fiercely they fought though the going was hard,
And the enemy still held on,
"This village we'll take! Hell's Corners we'll have".
"UP THE GLENS! Till victory is won!"
Courageously fighting mid shells and fire.
They battled against the Hun,
With buildings going up and enemy down.
Hell's Corners at last they won.
That was just the beginning,
They're still going strong.
The lads of S.D. & G.,
Through France and Belgium,
To Holland they have gone.
So that we, back here, may be free,
"UP THE GLENS!" They shouted
As forward they go.
And many a life is lost:
"UP THE GLENS!" we breathe
in tribute proud.
As we think of how dear is the cost.

M.McI.

Maxville, Ontario



The Glengarry News, Alexandria, Ontario. Founded in 1892 by Colonel A.G.F. Macdonald and has continued to be published weekly ever since. Its *Ault Lang Syne* section is a great source of regimental history. Colonel Macdonald's career as an officer of the Regiment started in 1897 and continued until 1948. Some Glengarry County trivia. The United Counties' first armoury was opened in Alexandria in 1914 and served our Regiment until 1963.

Special thanks to Brigadier General William Patterson for the 3rd Edition of UP THE GLENS and to David Hill and Tim Gault for forwarding the poem.

Up The Glens!

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