



# The Raven & The Rock

The Glens' Association Newsletter—October 2020

## WE CAN REMEMBER

As we approach November 11<sup>th</sup> this year, how are we going to remember the fallen of our Regiment in this time of Covid-19?

In his latest book, "The Fight for History – 75 Years of Forgetting, Remembering, and Remaking Canada's Second World War", Tim Cook, Canadian War Museum historian, highlights the problems veterans of what he calls the Necessary War had to have their sacrifices from 1939 to 1945 remembered and honoured. There is no memorial like the Vimy Memorial. Veterans like our 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion by forming associations and installing plaques along their path to victory sought to ensure the Necessary War was remembered for us that followed.

By holding annual reunions with memorial services, the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Association remembered the fallen. Their tours back to Northwest Europe developed friendships from Normandy to The Netherlands. And by installing plaques at important locations on their route to victory, they have provided places for remembering their history.

At our annual reunions, the memorial service is an important part. The reading of the names by young Glens accompanied by Gregory Pollard's visual presentation of memorial slides reminds those of us attending of the sacrifices since 1939. Our Association has carried on what the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Association started.

Some of us have followed the path of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion on tours. We have visited the cemeteries and the memorials along their route. Remembrance ceremonies have been held at each. We have met the people and their children who were liberated and who continue to express their gratitude. We have seen how they continue to remember. Will the tours continue so more can witness this? That is a question for the future.

What do we do this year? A suggestion is to go to our Association's website and review **The Pollard Memorial Presentation** at <https://www.glensassociation.ca/special-events/annual-reunion>. In this way, we in isolation can continue the process of remembering our Fallen of the Necessary War as done by the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Association and carried on by our Glens' Association at annual reunions.



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