



# The Raven & The Rock

## The Glens' Association Newsletter—July 2021

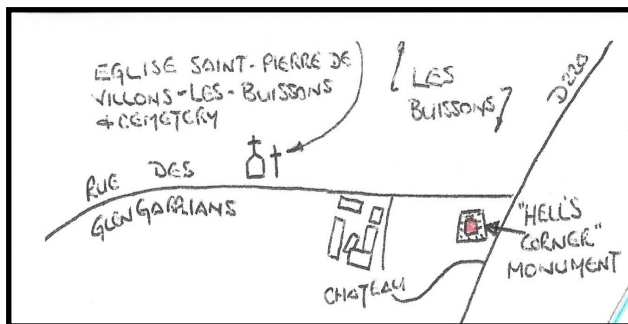
### A Surprise Offer

It is amazing the support that comes from people on the other side of the Atlantic to honour our Regiment's history. Here is a story about one such act.

In this past April, an email was received by a member of the Lost Villages Historical Society in Long Sault, Ontario from a British citizen who had a street sign "Rue des Glengarrians" wondering if it would be of interest to our Regimental Family. Mr. Hugh Porter of Swaffham, Norfolk, UK had lived in Normandy, France for ten years. One day at a local vide-grenier (car trunk sale), he saw and purchased the sign. The SD&G Regimental Foundation accepted his offer. This sign has great meaning to those of the Regimental Family who have visited Rue des Glengarrians.



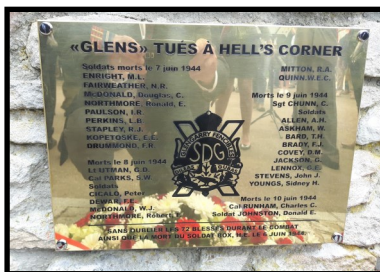
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From our history we know that on June 6, 1944, our 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion landed on Juno Beach as part of The 9<sup>th</sup> Brigade. With the slow advances of the leading battalions, The Glens spent the night in Beny-sur-Mer a short distance from the beach. On the morning of June 7<sup>th</sup>, the Battalion moved inland. With the Canadians encountering heavy enemy opposition, our Glengarrians took up a defensive position near the hamlet of Les Buissons in the commune of Villons-les-Buissons. This position would become known as Hell's Corners (or Hell's Corner). The Glens would remain at Les Buissons until June 11<sup>th</sup>. During this time, 29 Glens were killed and 75 suffered wounds. They discovered what power of metal the enemy could throw. They became "blooded".

At an intersection in Les Buissons, a memorial was built honouring 9<sup>th</sup> Brigade. This was adopted as a SD&G Highlanders Memorial by the many veterans' tours starting in 1969. The adjacent road was named "Rue des Glengarrians" by the Commune of Villons-sur-Buissons. Freddy Jones, an Honorary Member of the Association (For Freedom Museum, Knokke-Heist, Belgium) posted the outside two photos below on Facebook. They are recent because the one of the Hell's Corners Memorial shows the plaque that was dedicated in 2019. Thanks Freddy for visiting Hell's Corners and posting the photos.



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At Hell's Corners and along Rues des Glengarrians, the new regimental battle cry "Up the Glens" could be heard frequently in June 1944. Let us hope that soon we members of the Glens' Association will be allowed to gather and share their battle cry as in our past.

**Up The Glens!**

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