



The Raven & The Rock

The Glens' Association Newsletter—September 2021

HONOURING A GLEN AND MORE

The Glens' Association's website was started because of a challenge. In its time, it has helped in the sale of items from the Kit Shoppe and is a contact for people wishing to make donations to the Regimental Museum and to visit the Museum. One of the great features is correspondence from people with information about our 1st Battalion Glens.

In August, there was a request for help in purchasing a blazer crest. The request came from a retired sergeant of the Lord Strathcona Horse (our regiments shared an honorary colonel, but that story is for another day). He was looking for a crest on behalf of a neighbour of the late G14054 Private Joseph P. Power. A copy of the war diary for March 10, 1945 was also requested. Joe had not shared much of his war experiences with his family. The war diary provided no information. But our Regimental History showed that Joe had been wounded. The war diary request took us to a page in the history. Joe was in No. 7 Platoon and on March 10th in Operation BLOCKBUSTER, his section commander was wounded. Like many privates before and after in the Battalion, Joe took command of the section until he was wounded.

Joe was a neighbour of Rob Cosman – www.robcosman.com. Rob is a hand tool woodworking instructor, tool designer, tool maker, and furniture maker in Grand Bay, New Brunswick. In 2016, Rob was contacted by a combat wounded former U.S. Marine who was suffering from the effects of an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) that blew up the vehicle he was in. He told Rob how traditional hand tool woodworking as a type of therapy was helping him cope with his struggles from combat. This conversation led to Rob creating the Purple Heart Project. The project's mission is to annually provide 36 Canadian and American physically or mentally challenged combat veterans with an all-expenses paid Purple Heart Project scholarship to attend one of Rob Cosman's Training the Hand Workshops. Six workshops are normally held each year. Each workshop is six days long and held in Grand Bay, New Brunswick. At the end of the workshop, veterans receive over \$3,000 in hand tools free of charge and all transportation and hotel costs are covered.

Covid-19 shutdown the workshops, but it provided time for Rob's team to build a new training facility – The Joe Power Memorial Centre. The first workshop in the new centre just finished with nine veterans in attendance. The next will be held in October.

What a great tribute to a Glen who volunteered for service in the Second World War and when in combat stepped up to take on a leadership role until he was hit by a piece of shrapnel. We appreciated what Rob Cosman has done on two fronts – firstly, assisting combat veterans to cope with their injuries and secondly, honouring a 1st Battalion Glen.

This is just one of the great stories that have come through the Association's website. We had to share it with you. There will be more in the future.

Stay safe until we can meet again in the Cornwall Armoury.

Up The Glens!

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