



The Raven & The Rock

The Glens' Association Newsletter—July 2022

Some Remembering

Remembering July 3, 1868. On July 3, 1868, the 59th Stormont and Glengarry Battalion of Infantry was created. This was the start of our regimental lineage. Our Association's reunion in 2018 focused on the 150th anniversary of our Regiment. On July 3, 2018, a small group of Unit members and Association members gathered at cemetery where our first CO, Colonel Darby Bergin, is honoured with an obelisk and heritage plaque. This year, the Unit and the United Counties of SD&G Facebook sites advertised the 154th anniversary. Maybe, local members of the Association with some members of the Unit can gather next year on July 3rd to mark the 155th anniversary of our Regiment at the cemetery and then have lunch at one of the nearby restaurants. Maybe, we could invite some politicians for possible future support.



Remembering July 6, 1921. Canadian military historian and author Tim Cook in his book "The Fight for History" in Chapter 3 "The Fallen" writes the following:

"Canada's memorial landscape was forever changed by the Great War. Almost every city, town, and village established a committee to raise funds, select a sculptor or architect, and erect a memorial to The Fallen. These memorials occupied a place of pride at the centre of the town or near a city hall. By the end of the 1920s, they numbered several thousands across the country."



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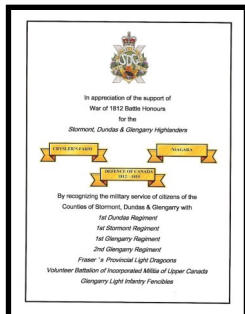
In the Township of North Dundas, there are eight. One with a special link to our Regiment is in the hamlet of Morewood. The hamlet's population during World War One was around 150. Sixteen gave their lives of which eight of them had been members of our 154th Overseas Battalion. Two had served in the 59th Battalion. The cenotaph there was dedicated on July 6, 1921.

The senior member listed is Captain Earnest John Glasgow. He joined our 59th Battalion in June 1907. When the 154th Battalion was disbanded in England, he transferred to the 21st Battalion CEF. He requested demotion to lieutenant so that he could be sent to the Front. He died of wounds on May 9, 1918. It is his likeness that is the statue. The statue is said to be the work of Canadian sculptor Tait MacKenzie.

The memorial site was recently upgraded. The Memorial Committee planned a rededication on the 100th anniversary. But Covid-19 delayed the ceremony until this July 6th. Members of the Regimental Family took part in the ceremony. WO Justin Delorme and LCol (Ret'd) Roy Clarke laid a "THE GLENS" wreath in memory of the eight Glens.

Remembering our Regimental Ancestors Who Fought in the War of 1812 – 1815. Another Covid postponed

event held this July. The Friends of Crysler's Farm Battlefield in partnership with The St. Lawrence Parks Commission / Upper Canada Village held the Battle of Crysler's Farm War of 1812 Re-enactment Weekend on July 16 & 17. The Unit's Regimental Colours carries a battle honour for our ancestors' participation in this battle on November 11, 1813. It is this battle that saved Canada. The Americans' planned attack on Montreal ended here. Members of the Regimental Family attend the annual November 11th memorial service. In the past, the Association has supported the event. Maybe for future re-enactments, we could see more Regimental Family involvement in the event.



Just some more history, our Brigadier-General Patterson OMM, CD, UE was the first president of The Friends of Crysler's Farm Battlefield.

Up The Glens!

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