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I hope on behalf of the Association that everyone has had a wonderful and restful Christmas and holiday season. The Association continues to be very busy. The LAV monument in Sarnia is receiving its finishing touches. Negotiations with the City are ongoing to add appropriate lighting to enhance the memory of all those who served in Afghanistan. Sarnia also ramrodded a Christmas card project that sent 7,300 cards to Canadian Armed Forces members who are serving overseas. A big thank you to Ron Prior, Gene Smith and everyone else in Sarnia who made this happen.

The Honor Rolls that were saved last year, are now on the walls in the Sarnia Armoury. They flank a display case that holds a lot of our Regimental Silver, including a cup from the 149<sup>th</sup> Battalion who played for and won the Jr. ORFU championship in 1916. After being rediscovered two years ago, this cup has become the emblem of the 'Play it Forward' campaign which raises money for worthwhile causes in Sarnia each year. Over the display case is one of the rugby sweaters that was worn in the initial game that was played in 2016. Inside the display case are hundreds of poppies that were pinned on the shroud that was used during the LAV Memorial unveiling ceremony. The initial game raised over \$10,000 for the Sarnia LAV

project. I do believe that those boys who played for that trophy one hundred years ago would be pleased to know that it is still competed for and that the trophy rests in the George Stirrett Armoury in Sarnia. The cup was played for again this year and another \$10,000 was raised, and this time the money went to another worthwhile cause. The Association is proud to continue to support the 'Play It Forward' program in Sarnia.

The Museum under the leadership of Steve Liggett is acquiring artifacts at a lightning pace. The Museum has acquired a 19 set from WWII, and a 1914 Canadian Cavalry saddle, still in the original packing crate. We have also acquired two Fenian Raid medals, and numerous photo albums and souvenirs that were picked up off the battlefields by our veterans. We hired two students who did a great job keeping things running during the summer. The museum had over 2000 visitors go through the exhibits this year.

The Museum also supported the 'Vimy Gala' held at the London Convention Centre. This Gala had over one thousand people attend. Thanks to all those members of the 1<sup>st</sup> Hussars who helped make this happen. It was truly an historic occasion.

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Mike Steele was chosen by the Association to represent the Regiment's veterans at the Vimy 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations in France. The Regiment led by the CO, took fifteen members of the Regiment to Vimy to take part in the ceremonies. While in Europe, the group also visited Normandy and paid their respects to our fallen and visited our friends with the Westlake Brothers Souvenir Association.

The Holy Roller was cracked open for the 1<sup>st</sup> time in sixty years by the Association. Led by Perry Kitson and Cpl Jason Roome, the Association took out over 60 bags of garbage and detritus. The gun was raised and locked in place, openings were welded closed and the tank was secured. It was discovered that the transmission is still in place and the inside is in pretty good shape. The Holy Roller ended up on the front page of the London Free Press once again.

The Association put on a BBQ for the troops in September, welcoming them back to a new training year. We also conducted our Association Remembrance ceremony on November 5<sup>th</sup>, which was presided over by Father Frank Leslie, an Association member. After the ceremony we went down to the Byron Legion where we had a smoker and we celebrated Jim Fisher's 99<sup>th</sup> birthday. We took his sword out of the Museum, cleaned it off and he cut his cake with the sword that he had carried in his tank for the duration of WWII. The cake was inscribed "Jim Fisher Welcome to your 100<sup>th</sup> Year!" Over 70 people attended the ceremony and Jim's birthday. It was discovered that Jim Fisher had lost his Legion of Honour medal at some point after attending the D-Day parade & service in June. After scouring the city and a report on the London news, the Legion of Honour medal was replaced by the Association. Nick Corrie took it upon himself to acquire a new medal from Ottawa and it was presented to Jim at the Festive Dinner in Sarnia. This too was on the news!

The Festive Dinner was outstanding. There were over 100 people in attendance. Both Honorary Colonels attended and spoke eloquently about their support for the Regiment. The stars of the evening were WWII veterans John Mills and Jim Fisher. Special thanks to Pat O'Hagan who purchased those

amazing presents for the troops. I counted 3 large TV's and even an espresso maker among the gifts. Every Tpr, Cpl and MCpl received a present. It was nice to see Pat O'Hagan was thanked by the troops. This evening would not happen without the support of Honorary Colonel Hogan and Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Myny.

We hosted two students from the Westlake Brothers and they attended our D-Day celebrations and visited our veterans. We sent back to France with them, Sgt Andy Coukell and MCpl Nick Phoenix. These Sr. NCMs took part in the ceremonies on Juno Beach and in northern France. This important program, a legacy of HCol Maas is financed by our annual fundraiser: Back to the Beach. This year it was held in November and we raised over \$10,000 to continue the program. Thank you to everyone who helped make the fundraiser a success.

My wife and I published a book called 'Death of a Gunner'. This book is the annotated diary of LCol Woodman Leonard DSO, brother of 1<sup>st</sup> Hussars LCol Ibbotson Leonard who was the CO of the Canadian Light Horse at Vimy Ridge. Woodman commanded the 3<sup>rd</sup> Artillery Brigade at Vimy and was unfortunately killed during the battle for the ridge. His brother, Ibbotson, gathered Woodman's papers and sent them home. After the War, they were typed out and put away. Upon Ibbotson's death in 1974, this diary along with many souvenirs, letters, photos and scrapbooks found a place in our 1<sup>st</sup> Hussars archives. My wife and I decided to publish this book in honour of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Vimy and Woodman's death. This date also coincided with Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations. Five hundred books were printed and they went on sale on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The books have been selling well since. All money raised by the sale of the book goes directly back to the 1H Museum. There are still a few books available in London at Indigo, Chapters, Attic Books & Fanshawe Book Store, as well as The Book Keeper in Sarnia.

Michelle Lundy and Nick Corrie have been interviewing our WWII veterans, widows & their families to make sure that their stories are not lost or forgotten. Nick has written several moving

biographical tributes which are available to view on our website [www.first-hussars.ca](http://www.first-hussars.ca).

The 1<sup>st</sup> Hussar Bursary recipients were chosen and the winners are Cpl Emily Putherbough of London, and Tpr Brent Tunstill of Sarnia. They were awarded \$1000.00 each. This is a fantastic initiative of the Regiment.

We continue to support all three Cadet Corps located in London, Petrolia and Sarnia. The ascots, buttons, and lanyards that the Association and the Cavalry Fund helped to purchase enable the young cadets to look sharp and part of our Regimental family. Thank you to the parents and Cadet instructors who do great work with our young men and women.

It is humbling to work with such exceptional people in the Association and the Regiment. Thank you to all who give so much of their own personal time, skills and money to make our Association and the Regiment such a great Canadian institution. Thanks to all and best wishes for the New Year!

*Joe Murray*  
*President of the 1<sup>st</sup> Hussars Association*



## Upcoming Events

Association **weekly lunches** are held on **Thursdays 1200 hrs** at the Mocha Shrine Centre, 468 Colborne Street, London ON.

**Thursday 25 Jan 2018, 1900 hrs**  
**1H Robbie Burns Night**  
McCabe's Pub & Grill  
739 Richmond Street, London ON.

**Thursday 8 Mar 2018, 1900 hrs**  
**George Gander's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration**  
Sgt's Mess – George Stirrett Armoury  
574 Confederation Street, Sarnia ON.

## 1H Association Meetings

Dress: Good Casual

### SARNIA BRANCH MEETINGS

Thursday 11 Jan 2018, 1900 hrs

Thursday 8 Feb 2018, 1900 hrs

\*Thursday 8 Mar 2018, 1900 hrs

Location: Sgt's Mess – George Stirrett Armoury  
574 Confederation St. Sarnia

\*All are welcome to celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of George Gander on Thursday 8 Mar 2018, 1900 hrs.

### LONDON BRANCH MEETING

Sunday 25 Feb 2018, 1330 hrs

Location: Byron/Springbank Legion  
1276 Commissioners Rd. W. London

## In Memorium

### **Dorleen Branden**

**7 September 2017, age 69, Edmonton Alberta**

Dorleen was a member of the Association and the daughter of Bill Rockwell, WWII Hussar and the first soldier from Alberta to join the Regiment.

### **William Engelhardt**

**29 August 2017, age 96, London Ontario**

Bill was the father of Association member Al Engelhardt.

### **Alice Neilans**

**30 September 2017, age 93, London Ontario**

Alice was the widow of WWII Hussar Chester Neilans, and will be missed by dear friend & longtime Association member Mildred Ferguson.

### **June Rice**

**13 September 2017, age 92, London Ontario**

June was the beloved war bride of the late Clarence "Eddy" Rice, a WWII veteran of the Regiment.

## Good & Welfare

**Al Engelhardt** is at home and up and running on Facebook.

**Dolores Hatch** had replacement surgery on both knees in October, followed by a month in Parkwood Hospital. She is doing well with the help of physio & family.

**Joe Murray** is getting about with the use of a cane after ankle surgery.

**Helen Turner** has recovered well after a complex heart surgery performed at the University of Michigan's Cardiovascular Centre. Helen is the fiancée to Ken Johnson of Sarnia.

## **FYI...**

...in September, **Irene Mathysen, MP** recognized two of our soldiers in honour of their dedication and service for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Canada. Congratulations goes out to **Capt J. Damstra** and **Pte B. Thiel**. Pte Thiel was a member of **2563 Petrolia Army Cadets** and has recently joined the Regiment.

... Congrats to **Maj J. Hancock** who was promoted to Major in November.

...The two soldiers chosen to go to Normandy as part of the "Back to the Beach" exchange this year are **Sgt J. Barrett** and **Cpl J. Roome**.

...The two soldiers awarded the 1<sup>st</sup> Hussar Bursary are **Cpl E. Putherbough** and **Tpr Brent Tunstill**.

...There were a number of promotions given at the Festive Dinner in Sarnia. Congratulations to all! 1H artillery attachment **Pte Howlet** was promoted to Gunner. **M. Maris** was promoted to **MCpl.** and **M. Whicher** was promoted to **Cpl**.

... BZ goes out to **MWO R. Krizanec** and his "Toys for Tots" team for another great year of helping provide toys for children in need at Christmas.

## Sarnia Branch Update

By **Gene Smith**

Peter Wood has stepped down as Chair/Vice-President and elections were held. Your Sarnia Branch Executives are as follows:

Gene Smith – Vice-President

Larry Jamieson – Treasurer

Jill Randall – Secretary



A work party was assembled in October to finish the trophy case and to securely hang the artillery crest in the gym at the Armouries. The "Play It Forward" jersey was also hung and some minor work was done on the CO's pictures in the Officers Mess. "Tanks" to all the folks who came out to help. You will find photos & other updates on specific projects throughout the Bulletin.

The Branch met on the 14<sup>th</sup> of December and discussed their proposed projects for the upcoming year the most pressing of which was the Levee at the Armoury. A major effort will be made towards fund raising for various Association endeavours; increasing our membership; improvements to the various Messes; and completing the detailed inventory of the Sarnia Armoury by the target date of September. A number of these proposed activities require us to work in conjunction with our serving members of the Regiment and it is hoped that the details can be finalized by the January meeting. We have decided to develop and distribute a calendar of the known events for 2018 and will invite the London Branch to contribute to this so that all are aware of the many meetings & activities.

## Christmas cards sent to Ukraine



### First Hussars Veteran Biographies

Over this past many months, interviews have been conducted with some of our esteemed WWII veterans or their widows and in some cases, a child or relative, which have contributed to the composition of short biographies describing a veteran's life.

The intention was to present an outline of the man's entire life to achieve a full appreciation of the veteran and his contribution to Canada in both times of civilian peace and those that were only exceeded through his war time service with the First Hussars. The war fought across Europe in 1944-45 has deprived us of 196 personal interviews, their memory now displayed on graves and memorials overseas. The First Hussar families contacted maintain their respect for these men, and others who have passed on since the war, by maintaining personal files and mementos honouring their loved ones which they have readily shared.

There have been 3 biographies released to date: Thomas Raeside, Jim Fisher and Eric Shepherd. A special thanks goes to Nancy Murray for her assistance in editing the Shepherd bio. We have a number of others in various stages of production. Keep an eye on your e-mail inbox for future releases.

*\*If you are on the e-mail list, you are receiving .pdf versions of the completed biography booklets. Please direct any questions & comments to:*

[Isthussarsbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:Isthussarsbulletin@gmail.com)

You can view completed biographies at <http://www.first-hussars.ca/veteran-bios>



*Hundreds of Christmas cards are opened by the Task Force of Operation UNIFIER.*

*Photo: Jeff Day*

Spearheaded by Association member Ron Prior, over 7000 Christmas cards were sent from Sarnia to deployed military members this holiday season. Students & members of the Sarnia community signed the cards and sent personal notes and photos to help the soldiers feel closer to home. A note back from the Task Force indicates the mission was accomplished:

**On behalf of Operation UNIFIER, the Task Force would like to thank the citizens of Sarnia for hundreds of Christmas Cards that we received. Last night, a group of approximately 50 Canadian soldiers deployed to Ukraine, gathered to open and read the cards. It was a pleasure to read and to watch the soldiers react to the well wishes and messages. It really felt like we were opening cards from friends and family, and it was a wonderful reminder of home.**

The cards, photos and artwork will be distributed and displayed around the Canadian Compound here at the International Peacekeeping and Security Centre in Yavoriv, Ukraine. The gesture is very appreciated by the members of the Task Force. We are approximately two month into our six month deployment to Ukraine. The training and capacity building we are providing to the Ukrainian Armed Forces is rewarding but challenging. Our mission is made easier knowing we have support from Canada, particularly the people of Sarnia.

Jeff Day, CD, P.Eng  
Deputy Commander - Joint Task Force – Ukraine



We would also like to thank our terrific sponsors for all their support. Gold Sponsors for the event were CIBC Wood Gundy – The Larry Myny Investment Group and the Southside Group.

Thanks to Dale Downie Nissan, who covered the room rental cost for the event.

## **2017 Back to the Beach**

By Michelle Lundy

The Back to the Beach (A.K.A. “Boots on the Beach”) Fundraiser was held on Friday, November 3rd and was a great success!



*A great time on the dance floor!*

*Photo: Joe Murray*

Special musical guests Swagger provided the music for dancing and a delicious assortment of pizzas were served. Many prizes were won, including dinner at The Springs Restaurant as well as tickets to a Toronto Maple Leafs game. A big thanks goes out to all who donated prizes for the silent auction.



*Posing for a group troop pic.*

*Photo: Cpl E. Putherbough*

Over \$10,000 was raised for our annual exchange program with the Westlake Brothers Souvenir Association. Well done to all that planned, supported and attended the event.



*Swagger and fans.*

*Photo: Joe Murray*

**Photo Ops:**



*First Hussars badge mounted on the west and east side of the Quebec St. Bridge.*

*Photo: Ian Haley*



*MCpl M. Maris waving in a picture from the London Nationals game on November 9th.*

*Also pictured is Cpl M. Wonch in hatch & Cpl R Roke driving.*

*Photo: MCpl M. Maris*



*Nick Corrie & Jim Fisher share a laugh at Jim's 99<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration.*

*Photo: John Greenshields*



*A "Salute Our Veterans" Banner displayed on a light pole in Wheatley. It is an example of the style of banner that the Sarnia Branch and the Petrolia Legion are planning to produce in 2018.*

*Photo: Gene Smith*



*Joe Murray presenting Sarnia Army Cadet Commanding Officer Capt Randy Cunningham with 50 Regimental ascots and 50 Regimental lanyards to the Sarnia Army Cadets on behalf of the 1st Hussars Cavalry Fund.*

*Photo: Nick Thiel*

## 1<sup>st</sup> Hussars Museum Report

By Steve Liggett  
*Museum Chairman*



*Don Bondy, Steve Liggett, Todd Graham & Michelle Lundy help out for Doors Open 2017.*

The Museum is now closed for the winter. Please call 519-455-4533, if you are interested in visiting. We will start opening again on Saturdays and holidays on Saturday 21 April 2018.

The Museum had another successful season, with over 2000 visitors. We were open Saturdays and holidays from 15 April to 11 November. Thanks to our summer students, we were also open Monday to Friday from 6 June to 25 August. As always, our best three days were Canada Day, and Doors Open: 16 & 17 September. We had two public school classes visit in connection with Remembrance Day. The Museum also had displays at the Heritage Fair in February and the Veteran's Classic at Western Fair in October.

In 2018, the Museum will not be part of the Heritage Fair but will be open for extended hours on Canada Day and will be applying to be part of Doors Open. The Cavalry Troop, which has helped us out at Doors Open in the past, will be in France and Belgium in September. If you have any ideas for another activity or display for Doors Open 2018 on 15 & 16 September, please contact someone from the Museum Committee.

Happy New Year – hope to see you in 2018.

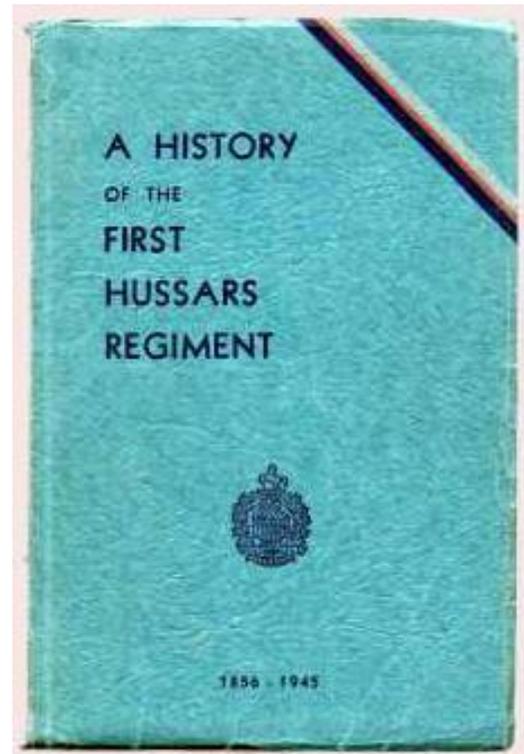
## Original Regimental History is Passed On

By Michelle Lundy

An original copy of the first Regimental history written is now housed at the George Stirrett Armoury in Sarnia.

The book titled “A History of the First Hussars Regiment: 1856-1945” was recently donated by Molly Delacour, who was married to Foster Stark - a Lieutenant with the First Hussars who penned the book after returning to Sarnia after the Second World War. Originally published in 1951, the book outlined the history of the Regiment up until and through WWII. A foreword and other material was added and the book was republished in 1980 by Brandy Conron as “A History of the First Hussars Regiment: 1856-1980” Both books served as research material for Michael McNorgan’s book “The Gallant Hussars” – an impressive compilation of historical information, diagrams and photos. McNorgan’s book takes us up until 2004 in the history of the First Hussars.

HLCol Larry Myny accepted the book on behalf of the Regiment, and it is now kept at the George Stirrett Armoury in Sarnia.





## **Remembrance in Manor Park**

**By Joe Murray**

The 100<sup>th</sup> Manor Park Service of Remembrance was held on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at The Church of Epiphany, London. The Manor and Highland Park cenotaph was in fact the first in London, pre-dating the cenotaph downtown by 9 years.

Over 100 people attended including Mayor Matt Brown, Kate Young MP, Peggy Sattler MPP, Councillor Stephen Turner and the parents of Tpr Mark Wilson. Carolyn Wilson laid the wreath as the Silver Cross Mother.

I was the Reviewing Officer for the ceremony. The cadets from 614 Squadron, #9 1st Hussars Cadets and the Sea Cadets from HMCS Courageous took part and looked great.



*Carl & Carolyn Wilson - parents of Tpr Mark Wilson who was killed in Afghanistan in 2006. Carolyn Wilson was the Silver Cross Mother who laid the wreath on behalf of all mothers of the fallen.*

## **Officers Mess Dinner**

**By Joe Murray**

The Officers and retired Officers of the Regiment gathered in Sarnia on 11/11/17 for the Officer's Mess Dinner to remember and honour those who came before us. We also honoured Captain David Anderson who is retiring after 28 years with the 1st Hussars. LCol Bernie Scheid thanked David and presented him with the traditional departing gift of book ends. Harold Chadwick, Rob Shaw, and Dr. Tim MacDonald also attended. Both Honorary Colonels spoke about the Regiment and their commitment to the soldiers. There was also a 'Subbies' Court' that saw several Field Officers held accountable for their actions. A very good time was had by all.



*Ron Prior, Richard Shaftoe, HCol Barry Hogan & Mike Steele*

## **Photo Op...**



*While in hospital herself, Dolores Hatch visits Art Boyle at Parkwood for Remembrance Day. Seated to the right is Art's daughter-in-law Pat Affleck. Art's 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday was on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017..*

*Photo: Dolores Hatch*

## A Missing Medal

By Michelle Lundy

The e-mail from Nick Corrie came through on the evening of October 4th.

*“Margaret is telling me today that they can’t find his Legion of Honour medal; maybe lost in Victoria Park?”*

I looked through the photos that I had taken at the 1<sup>st</sup> Hussars D-Day weekend in June. According to one pic, Jim Fisher was proudly wearing the medal at the parade gathering at City Hall. Another photo indicated that he was wearing it during the service at Holy Roller. I forwarded the photos to Nick to send on to Jim’s daughter Margaret.



*Jim wearing his French Legion of Honour medal for D-Day weekend.*

*Photo: Michelle Lundy*

The car was checked, including all the cracks & crevices that things fall down into, never to be seen again. No sign of the medal. A call was placed to the city, e-mails were sent, pawn shops in the area were contacted & posts were shared on Facebook. No one responded to say they had found it. CTV London News reviewed the footage from a news story that was aired about the D-Day Remembrance ceremony and determined the same: Jim was most definitely wearing the medal in June.

CTV reporter Sean Irvine immediately put together a story about Jim’s missing medal. The story was widely viewed and shared but again, nothing was turned in anywhere. It was hoped that the medal would be located in time for an interview Nick had scheduled with Jim in Chatham, and it could be returned at that time. It was thought to apply for another medal through the French government, but it was not likely the request would be processed and a new medal sent in due time. It was decided to locate another replacement.

After searching the inventory of numerous dealers of militaria, a replacement medal was located in Ottawa and sent to Nick Corrie. This French Legion of Honour medal was to be presented again to another soldier who deserved it and earned it. The medal arrived in the nick of time and was informally presented to Jim at his home in Chatham by Nick Corrie and Gene Smith. CTV News Sean Irvine was there to cover the story:

<https://london.ctvnews.ca/video?clipId=1274802>



*Nick Corrie & Gene Smith present Jim with the medal in Chatham. Jim’s daughter Margaret is on right.*

*Photo: Screenshot from CTV News London*

Arrangements were made with Patrick Armstrong ([www.heritagemedalservice.com](http://www.heritagemedalservice.com)) to have the ribbon replaced on the Legion of Honour medal, and to have Jim’s other medals mounted. A formal presentation was arranged to take place during the Festive Dinner held in Sarnia, on December 9<sup>th</sup>.





**Sunday November 5, 2017**

**By Michelle Lundy**

The Association Remembrance Service was held at Holy Roller on Sunday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>. It is often a shorter service and was well attended this year despite the slight precipitation. There were many Association members present, as well as friends & family. Peter Fragiskatos MP was also in attendance.



*HLCol Myny presents Jim with his plaque.  
Photo: J. Greenshields*



*Gathering in front of Holy Roller.  
Photo: J. Greenshields*

Afterwards, there was a reception held at the Byron-Springbank Legion. We also celebrated Jim Fisher's 99<sup>th</sup> birthday and HLCol Myny presented him with a plaque in honour of his birthday and his lifelong contributions to the 1<sup>st</sup> Hussars Association, the 1<sup>st</sup> Hussars Regiment and to Canada. A birthday cake was cut using the sword that Jim donated to the 1H Museum after carrying it with him through the Second World War. Jim's daughters Virginia & Margaret were there along with a number of Jim's family members. A wonderful afternoon was had by all.



*Has anybody else cut their birthday cake with a sword?  
Photo: M. Lundy*

## 2017 Festive Dinner in Sarnia

By Michelle Lundy



*Photo: T. Beland*

The 2017 Festive Dinner was held at the George Stirrett Armouries on December 9<sup>th</sup>. The troops were in a cold weather spirit as they played a game of road hockey in the parking lot. A fantastic dinner was served and a number of Association members joined the festivities for the first time in a while, including Erik Morke who was attending his first in 40 years.

A plaque & certificate was presented to Peter Wood by HCol Hogan as a thank-you to him for his longtime dedication to the Regiment and to the Sarnia Branch of the Association.



*Peter Wood is declared a Life Member.*

*Photo: T. Beland*

## A Visit from Santa

By Gene Smith

On Saturday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December, the Lambton County Military Family Support Group, under the guidance of Linda Smith hosted the Military Families Children's Christmas. With support from the London MFRC, the Regiment and members of the Association, the children and their families were treated to fun and games; hot food and sweet things; and most of all gifts that were handed out by Santa. Many of the families attended Sarnia's Christmas Parade following their time at the Mess. Our thanks to everyone who helped make this another great day for the children (of all ages i.e. Ron).



*Ron Prior poses with the man in the red suit.*

*Photo: G. Smith*





*Preparing for dinner  
Photo: T. Beland*

Promotions were given to a few soldiers that evening: 1H artillery attachment Pte Howlet was promoted to Gunner. M. Maris was promoted to Master Corporal and M. Whicher was promoted to Corporal.



*LCol Bernie Scheid, RSM Tim Park  
and MCpl Mike Maris  
Photo: T. Beland*



*Cpl Max Whicher, LCol Bernie Scheid  
and RSM Tim Park  
Photo: T. Beland*

Pat O'Hagan had obtained gifts for all Troopers, Corporals, and Master Corporals, and gifts of new drill canes were presented to Sarnia Sqn SQ Scott Elliott, SQN SSM Jamie Knight and RHQ SSM Colin Jenkins.



*Sarnia Sqn SQ Scott Elliott, SQN SSM Jamie Knight  
and RHQ SSM Colin Jenkins with new drill canes.  
Photo: T. Beland*

Another very important gift of the evening was the presentation of the French Legion of Honour medal, which was obtained for Jim Fisher after he lost his original one in June 2017. An official presentation complete with media coverage thanks to Troy Shantz of The Sarnia Journal. A perfect year-end conclusion to a remarkable story.



*RSM Tim Park, LCol Bernie Scheid, Jim Fisher,  
HCol Barry Hogan and HLCol Mynny  
Photo: Troy Shantz – The Sarnia Journal*



## Cadet Corner

The last 4 months have proven to be a very busy time for our 3 affiliated Army Cadet Corps. After safely returning from summer training. All 3 have now completed their first of three mandatory field training weekend exercises (required during annual training) with great turnout and success.



#102 1H RC(ARMY)CC Sarnia has taken on a new Commanding Officer in September, Capt Randy Cunningham. Capt Cunningham started out his career in the Army Cadet program as a Cadet in #2563 Petrolia in 1999, where he was appointed as the cadet RSM in 2005. He enrolled into the CIC after aging out of cadets and has since developed an extensive background in the program. He has quickly taken the unit in a new and improved direction, raising the strength of cadets to 43 already, with a goal of 50 by June 2018. Picture above shows Capt Harold Schuilenberg, CD signing over Command Appointment to Capt Cunningham. Change of Command was presided over by J3 Officer in Charge London Area (Southwestern Ontario) RCSU LCdr John Metcalfe, CD.

With the assistance of the 1H Cavalry Fund, Capt Randy Cunningham has also brought #102 Sarnia in line with the other 2 1H affiliated Corps with respect to Cadet dress. For the first time in history, all 3 1H affiliated Army Cadets Corps now have an identical unified Cadet dress standard. We received 50 1H Ascots and 50 1H Lanyards from the 1H Cavalry Fund and a roll of black ceremonial belting from 1H supply for the Sarnia Army Cadets.



Cadet Sgt Tarien Snauwaert of #102 1H RC(ARMY)CC Sarnia was a lone entry in the area Tri-Service Orienteering Competition for his cadet Corps. He trained independently by himself, attempting to master all he could prior to the commencement of the competition. He placed 3rd out of 850 Army, Sea and Air cadets that competed. Well done Sgt Snauwaert!



#9 RC(ARMY)CC London has a new Cadet RSM. On Oct 30, 2017, Cadet CWO Hannah Bolger assumed the appointment from outgoing Cadet RSM CWO Buster G.R. Thiel. The Ceremony was presided over by LCol Joe Murray, CD (retired) and 1H SSM MWO Colin R. Jenkins, CD. Cadet RSM Bolger is a first year University of Western Ontario Student and this is her last year in the Cadet program. Cadet CWO Thiel has since enrolled into the Canadian Armed Forces. Cont'd -



Cadet RSM Hannah Bolger was awarded the Cadet Legion Medal of Excellence on November 11, 2017 at the Delta Armouries, prior to the parade. Shown in pic are #9 CO Maj R.B. MacKinnon, CD, Cadet RSM Bolger and Legion District A Commander Brian Harris.



While all 3 1H Affiliated Corps were busy in our Community during Nov 11th. #2563 1H RC(ARMY)CC Petrolia provided their cadets to over a staggering 10 communities within Lambton County for Remembrance Day Services. Forest, Camlachie, Wyoming, Watford, Petrolia, Oil Springs, Brigden, Corunna, Aamjiwnaang, Candlelight Vigil Sarnia. Poppy pinning in Forest, Corunna, and Petrolia. Service at LCCVI High School. Petrolia Minor Hockey and Sting Veterans Way Tribute honouring Capt Dave Anderson, CD (retired). Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to these fine young boys and girls for their commitment to our veterans. Shown above are #2563 Petrolia Cadet Cpl Spencer Bourke and Cadet Sgt Becca Winter at the Aamjiwnaang Remembrance Service.

#2563 1H RC(ARMY)CC Petrolia has a new cadet RSM. Cadet CWO Sam Cateni assumed the Cadet RSM appointment on Dec 12, 2017 at the Corps Christmas Dinner from Cadet RSM Tanner Bryce. Shown here the same night, RSM Cateni accepts a new RSM drill cane from Joe Murray that was donated by Al Engelhardt, a former 1H Sgt and Cadet RSM of #9 London. RSM Cateni was awarded the Cadet Legion Medal of Excellence during the evening as well.



Former #9 London and #2563 Petrolia Cadet RSM Buster Thiel was sworn in on November 30, 2017. Welcome to the Regiment Pte Thiel!

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1H 2IC Major Finney represented the Regiment, attending both the London and Petrolia Cadet festive dinners in December. He had high praise for the Cadets and their outstanding turnout. Picture above was taken at the Victory Legion London.



## **Call Out The Cavalry!**

**By John C. Leistra**

*Acting Quartermaster and  
Apprenticing Saddler/Harness Maker*

The Cavalry Troop participated in supporting races at the Western Fair, called the 'Veterans Classic', that have replaced the old Warriors Day Parade. The troop looked great coming down the track. For those of you who do not know, the Western Fairgrounds was the home for the Regiment and their horses from 1914-1915 when the 1<sup>st</sup> Hussars prepared to go overseas for WWI. Talk about 'what was old is new again'!

The Cavalry troop led by Major Finney will be riding in the 'Pursuit to Mons' re-enactment that will be taking place in September of 2018. We will be sending 7 riders in WWI kit that and they will trace the path of the Hussars 100 years ago. The Regiment led the way 100 years ago and will lead the way again. Major Finney will be commanding the Commonwealth Squadron. More information on this great project will follow in the spring edition of The Bulletin.

November was a busy month for the Cavalry Troop. Members of the Troop participated in four Remembrance Parades. The weekend prior to November 11, 2017, A section was a part of the Glencoe Remembrance Parade and the Newbury Remembrance Parade. It was reported that everything went well at both parades.

On November 11, 2017, the Troop split into two sections, with one participating in the Mount Brydges Remembrance Parade and one participating in the Sarnia Remembrance Parade. The Mount Brydges Parade went well. Getting to the Sarnia Remembrance Parade had some challenges. One was a flat tire on one of the horse trailers. Apart from a few minor glitches at the staging area, the rest of the parade went on. Trooper Rob Cromarty's regular mount "Mac" had sustained a career ending injury as a rideable cavalry horse, but was given the special tasking of "Lone Charger". "Mac" was fitted with an all black leather 1890's Canadian Cavalry Trooper's saddle. The breast collar had a First Hussars cap badge with a red leather poppy for a backing at the junction ring. It was a barn find from the Oil Springs area and one of the remnants of leather that was still on the "tree" (frame) bore the mark of 1H and was originally built in the 1890's. I had been spending most of my Fridays at Ivan's harness shop as an intern apprentice in harness making and saddle repair. The pommel wallet carried four pieces of chirt from WWI battlefields (Hill 60, Courcellette, Vimy and Beaumont-Hamel). They were a personal gift from Geordie and Shirley Ann Elms, 48th Highlanders.



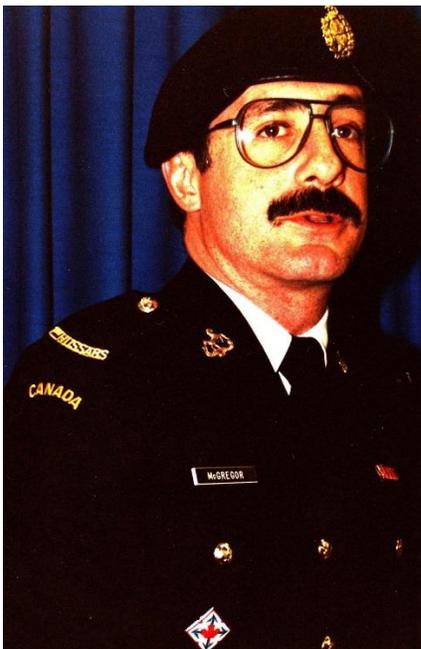
*The 'tree' of the saddle which was completed.*

All in all, November was a month for the Cavalry Troop to step forward and honour those that paid the ultimate price for our freedom.

## Throwback Photo Ops...



*December 1988, Sarnia Armouries. Branch 62 Legion President Joe Mills, CD, presents at \$22,000 cheque to #102 Sarnia Army Cadet CO Capt Cal Osmond, CD, to acquire 100 field training uniforms. Included combat boots, jump smock and combat pants. The Sarnia Army Cadets used those FTU uniforms for 24 years. Cadets shown in the pic are Scott Leggett and Sara Palumbo. Other Legion representatives shown are Bernadette Monaghan, Ellie Morley and Gary Mills, CD  
Photo: Todd Monaghan*



*Our fantastic & reliable webmaster:  
Wayne McGregor  
Photo: Joe Murray*



*J. Kisslinger, H. Chadwick and J. Anderson  
Photo: Joe Murray*



*Andy Bierling 1H WWII veteran and I.  
D Day 1984.  
On August 8th 1944, Andy pulled my foster father Sid Steuer from a burning truck. They were lifelong friends. Without Andy's actions that day, my life may have been much different.  
Photo: MCpl Jeff Balicki*

# **THE 1<sup>ST</sup> HUSSARS KIT SHOP**

## **CHECK OUT OUR NEW ITEMS!**

Following are the items currently available in the kit shop. These prices do not include shipping costs. If we have to send the item to you, please remember to enclose adequate postage.

Schedule at the moment: Open most Thursday training nights. **Please phone ahead if you are planning to visit.**

1<sup>st</sup> Hussars Kit Shop  
701 Oxford Street East, Wolseley Barracks  
London, ON N5Y 4T7  
Phone: Ron Janus (519) 649-1947 or [ron.janus@rogers.com](mailto:ron.janus@rogers.com)  
or Mark Fitz-Gerald (226) 448-9169 or [fitzy.74@hotmail.com](mailto:fitzy.74@hotmail.com)

<b><u>Item</u></b>	<b><u>Cost</u></b>
Death of a Gunner – Hardcover Book (2017)	\$40.00 + shipping charges (proceeds to 1H Museum)
Belgique berets	\$25.00
Officers' cloth cap badge	\$25.00
Cap Badge (Brass)	\$25.00
Regimental Tie	\$30.00
Blazer Crest	\$30.00
Large and small buttons - gold plated	\$ 4.00 each or all 8 for \$25.00
Black belt with Gold or Silver 1H buckle	\$25.00
Lapel Pin (1 H)	\$10.00
Tie clip	\$20.00
1H key chain – Gold or Pewter	\$10.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Hussars regimental coin (numbered)	\$10.00
1H Ball Caps	\$20.00
1H Golf Shirt	\$40.00
Under Armour Golf Shirt	\$70.00
¾ Zips	\$60.00
Golf Pullover	\$65.00
T-shirts – all styles embroidered	\$20.00
Sweatshirts	T.B.D.
Windshield Decals (1 H-Gold)	\$ 5.00
License Plate Frames	T.B.D.
Coffee cup	T.B.D.
Ladies Brooch	\$30.00
The Gallant Hussars - Regimental History (2004)	\$50.00 + shipping charges
Bronze plaques (1H)	\$60.00
Miniature Guidon (unframed)	\$225.00
Miniature Guidon (framed)	\$375.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Hussars Silver Ring	\$270.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Hussars Gold Ring	Contact for pricing
1H Support the Troops Pin	\$ 5.00
1H Silver Cufflinks	\$160.00
1H Hockey Jersey	\$140.00
Embroidered Crest (on your own shirt or jacket)	\$20.00
Pewter Stein engraved	\$150.00

