

First Hussars Association Meeting
Minutes
23 September 2018

I. In Attendance

R. Janus, W. McTavish, N. Thiel, G. Treble, S. Liggett, Hon/Col B. Hogan, K. Johnson, R. Prior, M. Steele, E. Morke, Wayne McGregor, Mike Sage and Mike Procure.

II. Regrets

P. O'Hagan, J. Murray, M. Lundy and Anne Wilkinson.

III. Moment of silence observed for fallen comrades.

IV. President's Comments

Primary concern of the group is to increase attendance.

Reminded members that the 100th anniversary of the end of World War 1 is immanent, and the 75th anniversary of D-Day is next year.

V. Previous Minutes

Secretary absent, no minutes available.

VI. Good and Welfare

George Gander has been placed in a hospice and is not expected to come out. The Regiment will have a formal role at any resulting event.

The barbecue for the troops, at Cedar Springs, was a major success. The troops received a steak, fixings and a beer. Received no complaints. Steaks were supplied by Christian DiBattista and it was suggested that he receive a tax receipt.

VII. Treasurer's Report

Previous Balance	\$3,741.79
Income	\$1884.00
New Total	\$5625.79
Expenses	\$1642.95
Final Balance	\$3,982.84

Motion to accept report. Moved by Wayne, seconded by Nick. Passed.

Report from Sarnia Branch.

Cash	\$894.98
Cavalry Fund Holding	\$2,500.00
Total	\$3,394.98
Pending Expense	\$80.00
Net Available	\$3,314.00

Motion to accept report. Moved by Mike, seconded by Ron. Passed

VIII. Kit Shop

In good shape. Troops are back. Chief demand is for ¾ zips, which are sold for \$45.00. Plans are in motion to have a Kit Shop presence in Sarnia. Interest exists for sweat shirts and shoulder flashes among other items.

IX. Museum

The Museum is only open on Saturdays and holidays. The last Saturday will be 10 November and the last day will be 11 November. We will only be open by appointment after that, until next April.

Although we were not officially a part of Doors Open, the Museum was open Saturday and Sunday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. We had 37 visitors on Saturday and 40 on Sunday. This is more than we would get on a normal Saturday. The problem for the Museum, is the requirement for additional entertainment, to qualify to be on Doors Open. The Regiment and the Cavalry Troop have helped out in the past, but they have not been available in the last 2 years. We also had a problem with finding people to act as guides. We may have to reconsider our participation. Fanshawe Pioneer Village is producing a play about the 1914 Christmas Truce on 16 and 17 November. The Museum will have a display which people can visit before the 2 performances and during intermission.

X. Sunday 4th November

Remembrance service at the Holy Roller. Form up will be at 10:30 am. A reception will follow, upstairs at the Byron Legion. The Flanders and Fields Dinner will be held in Sarnia at 5:30 pm. It is being put on by the Sarnia Historical Society. It is in the form of a mess dinner, so dress is mess kit or blues and grays. The speaker will be an archaeologist from the Department of National Defense. The speaker's job is to try to identify remains that are turning up in France and Belgium. The Sarnia Branch has purchased 3 tables. If you want to purchase your own ticket separately, the tariff is \$40:00 /person or \$80:00/ couple.

XI. Sunday 11th November

The Regiment will parade in Sarnia. After the parade in London, serving and ex-service men will be welcomed at the Pub on Richmond and receive complimentary snacks and drinks. The Regiment may drop in on their way back from Sarnia.

XII. Saturday 8th December

Soldiers Festive Dinner is being held in Sarnia. Hon/Col would like as large an attendance as possible. Hopefully, the number involved will be known in advance.

XIII. Westlake Brothers

A number of members of this group will be touring Canada next year, from July 2 to July 5. They will begin their visit in the Sarnia/London area, with the First Hussars hosting them. They will start in Sarnia where accommodation has been arranged at the cabins at Peacekeeper Park. Sleeping bags will be loaned by the Sarnia Cadets. The only meal required will be breakfast. Although the group is fundraising to pay their expenses, it was suggested that the Association contribute in some way. One suggestion was the bus costs, while they are in this area. Based on the amount saved last year and this year from having two representatives visit, there is a suggested cap of \$5000.00.

XIV. New Business

Nick Thiel

Nick showed the group a copy of a painting that was commissioned by Lt. Col. Finney. It depicts the last Canadian cavalry charge, that occurred near the end of World War 1.

The original will be frame and placed at Headquarters. This may be the first in a series, depending on how things work out. A die has been created so that copies can be made. It was suggested that 200 prints be made that will be numbered and signed by the author. They would be sold for \$105.00 each. It was felt that any more would be difficult to sell and demand would require at least 200. Smaller copies could be produced in the future.

Cost of 200 prints	\$698.00
Cost of the die	\$224.00
Cost of sending copies to painter	\$115.00
Total	\$1037.00

Suggested Museum, Association, etc. share the cost.

Harold Mills

Guest at the meeting, who was invited by Don Bondy. He is the son of 2nd Lt. Mills who was killed at Mesnil-Patrie, while serving with the First Hussars. He was originally with the Grey and Simcoe Foresters. Mr. Mills was looking for explanations for references in his father's service record. This included what Courses 716 and 859 involved and what paperwork would have been included in the death notification.

Ron Prior

Ron explained the changes with the Petrolia Cadet Corps. Due to problems with the local Legion, the cadet corps have severed their connection. A location in Brigden has been located for a firing range. Meetings are being held at Queen Elizabeth II Public School. The title has been changed to the Lambton County Cadet Corps. The number is still 2563, but the Corps is looking to change it to 149. This will commemorate the World War 1 Battalion raised in Lambton County.

The Sarnia Branch is also sending out Christmas cards to all the deployed members of the Canadian Armed Forces, again this year. They wanted direction on how to ship them to Trenton.

The Petrolia Discovery is commemorating remembrance day by having a World War I trench on their grounds. Cadets, in period uniforms, will portray specific men from the Lambton County area. Guides dressed in period nurse uniforms will direct visitors to the trench. Schools will be visiting on 25th October and the public there after until 27th October.

The Sarnia Branch is planning to upgrade the Junior Ranks Mess. They would like to get the Mess Committee to help fund the effort. They were looking for direction. A discussion followed about ownership, and it was decided to bring the issue to the next Cavalry Fund meeting.

Wayne McGregor

At the Zone A 6 meeting in September, it was decided that the group would provide \$4000.00 toward producing Remembrance Day banners. These banners are being created to commemorate individuals who have served their country. They are placed on existing poles, for a period of time around Remembrance Day. Although these are in existence in various locations, nothing has been done in the London area. The Legion is hoping their efforts will cause people to get involved and have banners made up to

honour a relative. The issue is who will be placed on these banners. The suggestion was that the Museum come up with a list of people that we would like to recognize. The City is prepared to display these banners around Victoria Park and The Western Fair District.
XV. Next Meeting 21 October, upstairs at the Byron Legion