



# The Lorne Scots Regimental Association Newsletter

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## The Pipes and Drums Robbie Burns Night

If you weren't there, you missed a great night. Over 150 people dined and danced the night away at the Pearson Convention Centre. The Band has posted clips from the evening on their Facebook page, so you can see what you missed. <https://www.facebook.com/LorneScotsPipesandDrums/>

The date is set for the next Burns Night. It will be January 30<sup>th</sup> at the Pearson Centre.

## 2990 Cadet Corps visits the Museum



Green Star (1<sup>st</sup> year) Cadets and several staff members from 2990 Corps in Milton visited the Museum on 30 January to learn about the history of the Regiment as part of their training on the Canadian Forces and Canadian military history. There were a lot of good questions and smiles throughout the visit. Hopefully there will be more visits from Corps to follow this lead event.

## The Boarspiel

North Halton Golf and Country Club was the site of some amazing (and some not so amazing) curling on 22 February. Over 60 people from the serving Regiment, the Association, families and friends came out to curl or watch and comment on the action on the ice. Twelve teams, double the number from last year, competed for the champions prize. Team Kelly came out on top, defeating Team Biber to take home the coveted case of beer.

Click on the link to the Association Facebook page to see pictures from the day.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/146923842093667/>

## New Addition to the Museum collection

The Museum has added the Second World War battledress jacket and Glengarry of the late Pte C.A. MacGillivray to its' collection. The items were donated by his family. Pte MacGillivray served in the 10<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Ground Defense Platoon from 21 Apr 1944 until 18 Sept 1945. 10 Brigade was the infantry brigade in 4<sup>th</sup> Canadian Armoured Division. The Division formed in 1941, moved to the UK in the fall of 1942 and crossed to France in July of 1944, fighting through the Falaise pocket, and France into Belgium and Holland. 10 Brigade consisted of the Lincoln and Welland Regiment, the Algonquin Regt and the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

The tunic has the Regimental flashes, the Brigade stripe and divisional patch as well as two good conduct chevrons (the inverted rank badges on the cuff) and service stripes. The good conduct chevrons were awarded for 5 years exemplary service.



One service stripe was awarded for each year served. The silver stripe shows that he enlisted before September 1940. The tunic also has the ribbons for the 1939-45 Star, the France-Germany Star, the Defense Medal and the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with overseas service clasp. There should be a ribbon for the War Medal, but it appears to have broken off at some point. The Museum is trying to find out more about Pte MacGillivray, as his service number indicates that he joined in New Brunswick and he obviously served for more than his 17 months with the Regiment.

## EX ROYAL ALGOR



The Regimental Operational Tasking with 1 RCR continued with Sgt Lemire leading a section on the winter warfare exercise, ROYAL ALGOR in CFB Petawawa from 17 to 28 February. More pictures can be seen on the Regimental Facebook page at the attached link.

<https://www.facebook.com/LorneScots/photos/pcb.2785296348216391/2785296074883085/?type=3&theater>

## More recognition for RSM Henry Shepherd

RSM Henry Shepherd joined the 20<sup>th</sup> Regiment Lorne Rifles as a Pte in 1915. Following service in the First World War, where he was wounded three times, he served with the Lorne Rifles through the 1920's and '30s, being appointed as RSM in 1935. It has not been confirmed but he may have been the first black RSM in the Canadian Army. On the amalgamation with the Peel Regiment, he continued to serve as a CSM in the rank of WO II. When RSM Palmer volunteered for active service in 1939, CSM Shepherd was appointed RSM in his place. RSM Shepherd volunteered for active serve in 1940, serving in Canada for the remainder of the war and was appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire for his services. A strong supporter of the Regiment and the Royal Canadian Legion, RSM Shepherd passed away in 1960.



Henry Thomas Shepherd M.B.E. (1895-1960)

Recognition continues to come to him. The Town of Halton Hills will be naming a park in Georgetown after him. The City of Brampton has approved the addition of his name to the master list of future street names and asked the Regiment to provide a member to speak about RSM Shepherd as part of the closing event of the City's Black History Month celebration. Cpl Kowlessar from Peel Company made the presentation during the event at City Hall on the evening of 28<sup>th</sup> Feb.

## Congratulations to Major General Paul Nanson



Major General Paul Nanson, the Colonel of the Regiment, Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, Commandant of the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst and General Officer Commanding Recruiting and Initial Training Command was appointed a Companion of the Order of the Bath in the New Years Honours. Our sincerest congratulations.

## 5 RRF tasking on OP TOSCA

OP TOSCA is the British Army peacekeeping mission in Cyprus. 5 RRF have been tasked, along with 7 Rifles, to form the first all reserve unit to serve on this mission. Over 100 Fusiliers will go through several months of work up before deploying to Cyprus to patrol the Green Line separating the Greeks and Turks.



5 Fusiliers have been posting details and short videos about the tasking on their Facebook site at <https://en-gb.facebook.com/FiveFusiliers/> since the task was announced at the start of February.

## Coming events

The Halton Company Dinner will be held at Col John R Barber Armoury on Saturday April the 4<sup>th</sup>. All former members of A and C Company are invited to attend. Requests for more details or confirmation of attendance can be sent to Cpl Charles Veale at [charles.veale@forces.gc.ca](mailto:charles.veale@forces.gc.ca)



Br 15 Royal Canadian Legion will be hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Run for Veterans at Chinguacousy Park on Sat Apr 18<sup>th</sup>. Contact Henry Vershuren at [henryvers@rogers.com](mailto:henryvers@rogers.com) for more details or to enter a team.

The Annual General Meeting is due to be held at the end of Apr. The date is still to be confirmed due to conflicts with travel schedules for the Hon Cols and CO's. Once this has been set, it will be posted on the Association Social Media sites.

## Kit Shop

The Regimental Kit shop is open if you need items like a blazer badge, new hackle, Regimental or Association tie. Contact Cpl Rachel Kelly at (905) 451-5724 or on line at [Rachel.kelly@forces.gc.ca](mailto:Rachel.kelly@forces.gc.ca) to order or set up an appointment

## Links to other parts of the Regimental Family

The serving Regiment - <https://www.facebook.com/LorneScots>

The Association - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/146923842093667/>

The Pipes and Drums - [https://www.facebook.com/LorneScotsPipesandDrums/posts\\_to\\_page/](https://www.facebook.com/LorneScotsPipesandDrums/posts_to_page/)

The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers – [www.thefusiliers.org](http://www.thefusiliers.org)

1<sup>st</sup> Bn - <https://www.facebook.com/TheFusiliers>

5<sup>th</sup> Bn - <https://en-gb.facebook.com/FiveFusiliers/>

## How to contribute to the Newsletter

If you have a story about an upcoming event, want to pass on how an event went or something that may be of interest to the Regimental Family, please send a short write up ( 100 – 150 words) with one or two good quality pictures to the Association Secretary at [stewart.sherriff3@gmail.com](mailto:stewart.sherriff3@gmail.com) by the middle of the month.

Please ensure that all people in any submitted pictures have agreed to having their image posted. The Association will assume that such permissions have been acquired before the picture was submitted. The Association reserves the right to vet all submissions for appropriateness before posting. items may not be deemed suitable for posting due to inappropriate language or content. Items submitted will reviewed for factual accuracy and may be edited for length.

Any mistakes which may occur are entirely accidental and no malice or harm is ever intended.