

	Princess of Wales' Own Regiment Association	Fall 2011
		Lest We Forget



THE PRINCESS OF WALES' OWN REGIMENT

The PWOR Association invites you to participate in the Remembrance Day Parade and ceremonies to take place at the Cross of Sacrifice Monument, (King and Barrie St), and at the 21st Battalion Monument in City Park. At the conclusion of these, the Regiment will march back to the Kingston Armoury for a service at the Vimy Cross to be followed by a time of camaraderie. Buses will depart from the Armoury at 0945.

The Princess of Wales' Own Regiment Association welcomes new members and Friends of the Regiment.

PWOR ASSOCIATION PROJECT FOR THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY

UPDATE

Mr. Bob Pollitt, our historical advisor and I met with The Reverend Kris Michaelson of St. Paul's Anglican Church. We discussed the project in detail; the historical significance, materials to fabricate the plaque, and installation in an appropriate place next to the Colours which were laid up in the Regimental Church on the occasion of the 100th Anniversary in 1963.

Philip MacKenzie, President

CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS

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Prior to the Annual General Meeting held on 11 May 2011, members were requested to review the proposed amendments mailed on 25 March 2011.

I am pleased to report that all but one of 17 proposed amendments were adopted by a majority of members present at the AGM. You may review the List of Proposed Amendments mailed to all members in March with the amended Constitution and new By-laws enclosed.

With the consensus of those members present, perhaps, one of the most significant proposed amendments was No. 9 - Associate Members. Briefly stated, associate members now have voting privileges and are eligible to be elected to the office of Secretary or Treasurer. Our associate members are stakeholders also and we welcome and encourage their contributions to the Association.

After reviewing the constitution and by-laws, if you have questions or comments, please contact any member of the Executive Committee.

We are grateful for the wealth of suggestions put forward by the members. I personally wish to thank our Secretary, Capt Marguerite "Sam" Ronholm, our Vice-President, Rick Wilde and our Treasurer, Ray Dignum for their tireless efforts to accomplish this important task.

All great organizations must be forward thinking and pro-active in embracing change when necessary for the good of all.

OUR MUSEUM CURATOR RETIRES

Phil MacKenzie, President

CWO (Ret'd) R.N. (Bob) Pollitt has retired as Curator of Princess of Wales' Own Regiment Museum. Following his retirement as RSM of the regiment, Bob, Tom Lodge and Gord Hobbs started in the museum in 2002. At the time, there was far less military equipment and memorabilia than today. Bob's passion and extensive knowledge of regimental and local history is impressive. Whenever I see him I always get a history lesson. Bob has made a lot of curator contacts over the years and it is not uncommon for him to scour the country for parts of this and that in order to complete a museum display. One story comes to mind when he tracked down some mannequin heads from somewhere out west I believe. But that was the easy part. He actually painted their faces to look like real soldiers. Now that's tenacity. Today, the museum houses a very fine collection of regimental historical records, colours, uniforms, weapons and equipment. Throughout the summer the PWOR Museum is open everyday to the public and over the years, hundreds of students, veterans, military, local citizens, and foreign visitors have toured the museum. On behalf of the Association, Bob, thank you and best wishes on your retirement.

The museum's new curator is Stuart MacDonald. He can be contacted by email at curator@pwormuseum.ca or by cell at 613-532-1027. We wish Stuart all the best in his new position. Anyone wishing to volunteer some time in the museum is asked to contact Stuart.

NEW COMMANDER 33 CANADIAN BRIGADE GROUP

On 23 October 2011 our formal Commanding Officer, Colonel Howard Coombs became the new Commander of 33 Canadian Brigade Group at The Change of Command Ceremony held at Cartier Square Drill Hall in Ottawa.

The following is an excerpt of an e-mail which I sent to Colonel Coombs on behalf of the PWOR Association.

“Sir, on behalf of the Princess of Wales’ Own Regiment Association, I congratulate you on your new appointment as Commander of 33 Brigade Group. We are very grateful for your guidance and your tremendous support of the Association during your time as a member of the Regiment.

Best Wishes!

Philip MacKenzie President PWOR Association”

Colonel Coombs reply.

“Thank you for your kind words and best wishes. I enjoy all my dealings with our Association and am truly impressed with the support that it provides to the active portion of our Regiment, as well as to the various entities that make up our regimental family. I will be looking forward to greeting any Kingston attendees at the 33 Canadian Brigade Group Change of Command this Sunday and assure you that those who are unable to attend will be in my thoughts. I look forward to serving with everyone in our brigade over the next few years. Thank you and all members of our Association for your dedication and service – your efforts make a difference.

VR. Col H.”

Lieut John Francis Maloney

1895 – 1917

Lieut JF Maloney was born in Calgary Alberta in 1895 and received his post secondary education at the Ottawa University. In June of 1916 he joined the Artillery as a Gunner, but was eventually Commissioned in Kingston as an Infantry Officer, and after training in Canada and England, joined the 21st Battalion in France on August 30, 1917 where he was trained as a Machine Gun Officer.

On November 9, 1917 he was leading a work party in the Passchendaele area when the group came under an artillery barrage, killing Lieut Maloney and several other 21st Battalion men. He was instantly killed when a shell landed at his side. His body was described at the time as “scarcely recognizable”. When the burial party from another Battalion came to bury the men, there was no one left in the area that knew who he was,

Coming Events

Remembrance Day

11 November 2011. All association members are invited on parade.

21st Battalion Movie

The movie 21 Brothers showing at the Screening Room, 120 Princess St November 11—17. A movie based on the 21st Battalion at Courcellette 1916
2 shows daily 1900 & 2130 hrs

Soldiers' Christmas Dinner

15 December 2011.

All association members are invited to serve the soldiers and dine with the Officers and Senior NCMs.

149th Regimental Birthday Mess Dinner

14 January 2012.

All association members are invited to attend.

Vimy Parade

April 5, 2012, 2000 hrs.

PWOR 150th Anniversary

January 16, 2013

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and wound up being buried as "An Officer of the Great War, 21st Bn Canadian Inf" in the White House Cemetery, being identified only by his uniform.

In August of 2009 I made a submission to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission in Ottawa providing them with my research that indicated the grave was in fact that of Lieut JF Maloney. After reviewing my research and conducting their own investigation, they agreed with my conclusion and submitted a brief to Veterans Affairs Canada for approval to change the headstone. That approval was given, and the order was sent to the CWGC headquarters in England to have the headstone changed.



On August 5 of this year, a work party installed the new headstone which now properly identifies the grave as being that of Lieut JF Maloney, age 21, of the 21st Battalion CEF.

On September 24th, I was privileged to visit the White House Cemetery and pay my respects on behalf of the Regimental Family, and to put the final touches on my research into his life and sacrifice on our behalf. The story is told in more detail on the 21st Battalion website at www.21stbattalion.ca Just follow the links to the Soldier's Tributes.

Al Lloyd
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