

Dedication of a Memorial Window



“In Memory Of Those Who Served”

**St. Paul's Church, Kingston
Regimental Church
of the
Princess of Wales' Own Regiment**

St Paul's Anglican Church
Kingston Ontario Canada

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May 13, 2007 10.30am

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Commemorating those who served
in the
21st Canadian Infantry Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force,
and in the
Princess of Wales' Own Regiment.

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Order of Service

Organ Prelude
Linda Voteary. Organist

Songs of the First World War
Mary Nesmith, piano
Jeannie Forte and Carl Redmond, vocalists

Entry of the Regiment

Entry of guests of honour

Entry of the Regimental Colours

The National Anthem

Hymn

1 and 5.
O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

3. Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

2. Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

4. A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Prayer

The Window

Col (Ret'd) Art Twigg, CO PWOR 1961-1965

(Art's father, a private in the PWOR, enlisted in 21st Battalion in 1915)

First Reading

Reader: Lt Steven Dieter

Assistant Adjutant and Unit Information Officer PWOR

- 1 The LORD is king! Let the earth rejoice! Let the farthest coastlands be glad.
- 2 **Dark clouds surround him. Righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.**
- 3 Fire spreads ahead of him and burns up all his foes.
- 4 **His lightning flashes out across the world. The earth sees and trembles.**
- 5 The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the Lord of all the earth.
- 6 **The heavens proclaim his righteousness; every nation sees his glory.**
- 7 Those who worship idols are disgraced— all who brag about their worthless gods— for every god must bow to him.
- 8 **Jerusalem has heard and rejoiced, and all the towns of Judah are glad because of your justice, O LORD!**
- 9 For you, O LORD, are supreme over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.
- 10 **You who love the LORD, hate evil! He protects the lives of his godly people and rescues them from the power of the wicked.**
- 11 Light shines on the godly, and joy on those whose hearts are right.
- 12 **May all who are godly rejoice in the LORD AND praise his holy name!**

Second reading

The Rev'd Canon Roy Vopni, CD (Rector St Paul's 1991-1996)

Ephesians 6:10-17a

1. Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven, Feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.
2. Open now the crystal fountain, Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, Be Thou still my Strength and Shield;
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of deaths, and hell's destruction, Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee I will ever give to Thee

Address: Dr David Ward

Prayers
Major (Ret'd) the Rev'd Canon Alex Wakeling CD
Padre to the PWOR Association

Prayers for the Regiment
Captain Marjorie Swarthout, Regimental Chaplain

Hymn and offering

Let there be Light

By Frances Wheeler Davis

1. Let there be light, Let there be understanding,
Let all the nations gather, Let them be face to face;
2. Open our lips, Open our minds to ponder,
Open the door of concord Opening into grace;
3. Perish the sword, Perish the angry judgement,
Perish the bombs and hunger, Perish the fight for gain;
4. Hallow our love, Hallow the deaths of martyrs,
Hallow their holy freedom, Hallowed be thy name;
5. Thy kingdom come, Thy spirit turn to language,
Thy people speak together, Thy spirit never fade;
6. Let there be light, Open our hearts to wonder,
Perish the way of terror, Hallow the world God made.

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Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God as our Father, brothers all are we,
Let me walk with my brother, in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow,

To take each moment and live each moment in peace, eternally.
Let there be Peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.

Unveiling of the window

LCol Howard Coombs CD
Commanding Officer, Princess of Wales' Own Regiment

and
Mrs Barbara McDonald
(Daughter of Lt G.D. Woodcock, 21st Battalion
Niece to LCol the Rev'd Canon Dr W.E Kidd MC
1st Chaplain of the 21st Battalion)

Dedication of the Window

Col the Rev'd David Kettle
Director of Chaplain Operations and Chancery Services, Ottawa

[Queen Elizabeth said recently "The Canadian Corps transformed Vimy Ridge from a symbol of despair into a source of inspiration. Their victory did not only give others courage, it allowed Canada, who deserved it so much, to take its rightful place on the international scene as a proud, sovereign nation, strong and free."]

Soldiers from the 21st Battalion CEF served in France in WW1. Soldiers from the PWOR have served in Canada, South Africa, the First and Second World War, Korea and in many peace-keeping missions, including most recently Afghanistan. To the Glory of God and to those who served, to those who lost their lives and to all who would serve the cause of freedom, I dedicate this window, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessing
The Venerable Wayne Varley, Diocesan Executive Officer
Representing the Diocese of Ontario

Last Post
Lament
Reveille
The Royal Anthem

The Regimental Colours leave

Hymn

Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war, with the cross of Jesus going on before.
Christ, the royal Master, leads against the foe; forward into battle see his banners go!
Refrain:

Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war, with the cross of Jesus going on before.

.At the sign of triumph Satan's host doth flee; on then, Christian soldiers, on to victory!
Hell's foundations quiver at the shout of praise; brothers, lift your voices, loud your anthems raise.

.Onward then, ye people, join our happy throng, blend with ours your voices in the triumph song.
Glory, laud, and honor unto Christ the King, this through countless ages men and angels sing.

(Refrain)

Special Guests

The Honorable John Gerretsen MPP Kingston and the Islands,
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.
Col C. Hazleton OMM CD Base Commander
Capt (Ret'd) Judge John Matheson O.C., C.D., Q.C., C.St.J., K.L.J., B.A., LL.M.,
LL.D., F.R.Econ.S.
J.D. McQueen, CD Honorary LCol PWOR
The Honorable Peter Milliken, MP for Kingston and the Islands
Speaker of the House of Commons
Col J.G.P. Ouellette CD Acting Commandant RMC
His Worship Harvey Rosen, Mayor of Kingston
Senator Hugh Segal, CM, LLD Kingston-Frontenac-Leeds
Cyril Woods KtStJ, Baron of Slane, Ireland. Honorary Colonel PWOR

Greeters

Marianne Thompson and two soldiers from PWOR

Co-ordinator

Capt (Ret'd) D.H.Thompson

Pipers

CWO John Vass MMM CD and Pipe Sgt Roy Thomas CD
PWOR Piper

Bugler

Doug Orser

Sidesmen

Capt (Ret'd) John Cowan CD, Sgt (Ret'd) Norman Light
Sgt (Ret'd) Bob Ogilvie, CWO (Ret'd) Bob Pollitt CD

Clergy:

Lt the Rev'd Eric Davis, CD, Assistant Curate,
The Rev'd Winnie Forte, Parish Deacon
Major the Rev'd Reg Gilbert, CD Brigade Chaplain
Major (Ret'd) the Rev'd Alex Wakeling, CD
The Rev'd Dr David Ward, Parish Priest

Thanks to:

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Honorary LCol JD McQueen CD
LCol Howard Coombs CD Commanding Officer
Lt Stephen Dieter Asst Adjt;
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You are invited to a reception at the PWOR Armouries, directly after the
service

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The tables will have baskets on them. You are invited to make donations
toward the cost of the recent trip to Vimy by members of the regiment.

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The Messes will be open

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The museum will be open

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BGen Patterson's book "Kingston's Own, The Princess of Wales' Own regiment
1863-2004", will be on sale

THE PRINCESS OF WALES' OWN REGIMENT

The Regiment was founded on 16 January 1863 as the 14th Battalion Volunteer Militia Rifles, Canada. On 3 July 1868, it was renamed the 14th Battalion, Princess of Wales' Own Rifles in honour of Alexandra, Princess of Wales, whose marriage took place in 1863. During the Fenian troubles, the 14th was called-out to Cornwall in 1866, and placed on active service in Kingston in 1870. During the Northwest Rebellion, the PWOR garrisoned Fort Henry from April 1885 to September 1886. Volunteers from the PWOR served in the South African War, 1899-1902, in sufficient numbers to earn the Battle Honour South Africa. 1900.

At the outbreak of the First World War in August 1914, the PWOR was called-out to guard vital points in Kingston until October 1917. Also it became a recruiting base for the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF). A company was sent to the 2nd Canadian Infantry Battalion, which proceeded overseas as part of the 1st Canadian Infantry Division in the fall of 1914. On 3 November 1914, the PWOR raised the 21st Canadian Infantry Battalion, CEF, part of the 2nd Canadian Infantry Division, supplying officers and men, including its commanding officer, LCol W. St Pierre Hughes. The Regiment also supplied the commanding officers and many officers and men to the 59th, 146th, and 253rd Canadian Infantry Battalions, CEF, all of which were raised in Kingston.

In 1920, the PWOR changed from a rifle battalion to a line regiment in order to have Colours displaying the Battle Honours of the 21st Battalion, which it perpetuated along with the 59th and 253rd Battalions. In 1936, the Regiment received its first set of Colours from the Governor-General, The Rt Hon. Baron Tweedsmuir of Elsfield. In 1937, the unit was re-organized as a machine gun battalion.

During the Second World War the PWOR contributed a company in 1940 to the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Highlanders, Canadian Active Service Force (CASF). Led by LCol G.H. Christiansen, ex-PWOR, the "Glens" went ashore on D-Day as part of the 9th Canadian Highland Brigade, commanded by BGen D.G. Cunningham, ex-PWOR. In June 1942, the Regiment formed a 1st Battalion for active service, but it was disbanded in Canada in October 1943. Most of its officers and men were sent to overseas units as reinforcements.

In 1946, the Regiment returned to its original role as an infantry battalion, part of the Canadian Army Militia. As such, it supplied officers and non-commissioned members to the Canadian Army Special Force during the Korean War, and to the Canadian Army Regular for many of its peace-keeping missions. In recent years, the PWOR has sent personnel to supplement the Regular Force in its peace-making operations in Afghanistan.

In 1963, the Regiment celebrated its centennial by receiving its second set of Colours, which included on the Regimental Colour, the Regimental Badge of the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Highlanders with the years 1944-45. Also that year, it was granted the Freedom of the City of Kingston. In 1985, Diana, Princess of Wales (the first since Alexandra) became Colonel-in-Chief, and in 1991 she visited the Regiment. A third set of Colours, with her Cypher and Coronet emblazoned on each corner of the Regimental Colour, was presented to the PWOR in 2002.

Today, the Regiment, at 144 years "young," the 8th oldest in Canada, continues to serve proudly and with distinction. As its record shows, the PWOR has earned the unofficial title of KINGSTON'S OWN.

THE 21ST CANADIAN INFANTRY BATTALION (EASTERN ONTARIO REGIMENT) CANADIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, 1914 - 1919

Just 11 days after the 1st Canadian Division sailed for overseas, the Hon. Sam Hughes, Minister of Militia and Defence, authorized the formation of a second division. On 19 October 1914, his youngest brother, LCol William St Pierre Hughes, commanding the 14th Regiment, Princess of Wales' Own Rifles in Kingston, was ordered to raise the 21st Battalion to be part of the 4th Brigade. On 3 November 1914, the battalion was formed in Kingston from 15 eastern Ontario militia regiments, along with 93 men from the RCHA. After training over the winter, the Battalion left for overseas on 5 May 1915. The unit of 42 officers and 1,142 men, led by its goat mascot Nan, was seen-off by a crowd of 14,000. The Battalion landed near Plymouth, England and proceeded to a training camp in Kent. There the 21st continued its training along with the other units of the 4th Brigade, which left for France on 15 September 1915. On 22 September, the Battalion entered the trenches in the Ypres Salient, staying there for the next six months in a relatively quiet front, learning to survive..

On 27 March 1916, six large mines were blown at St Eloi as the British attempted to remove a small German salient. After a month of vicious fighting, the Germans still held it in spite of bloody attacks by the 1st and 2nd Canadian Divisions. In May, the Germans captured much of the Mount Sorrel salient. Regaining the ground cost the Canadian Corps 8,000 casualties. The 21st was heavily involved in both these operations, suffering 127 casualties at St Eloi and 116 at Mount Sorrel. On 1 July 1916, the British began the Somme offensive..Although the blood-bath continued until the end of November, the Canadian Corps, now consisting of four divisions, was not involved until 15 September, when the battle for Courcellette took place. The 21st played a significant role in its capture, but at a cost of over 400 casualties. The Battalion was moved to a more quiet sector for the remaining months of 1916, a year which cost it 211 killed.

The early part of 1917 was spent by the Canadians preparing for the successful attack on Vimy Ridge on 9 April. The 21st suffered over 200 of the nearly 11,000 Canadian casualties. The Canadian Corps repeated the successful tactics used at Vimy in its next major attack on Hill 70 on 15 August. Once again the 21st was in the thick of the battle, which cost as many casualties as Vimy. Then in November, the Canadians were sent to capture Passchendaele. Once again, the 21st was involved in heavy fighting, with heavy losses. These three successful battles of 1917 cost the Battalion 394 killed..

The first part of 1918 saw the 21st in a relatively quiet sector. It was the calm before the storm as the Canadian Corps led the British attack at Amiens on 1 August, which led to the breaking of the German defences and the end of the war. The final 100 days of the war cost the Battalion most of its 260 killed in 1918. As part of the Army of Occupation, the 21st marched over the Rhine River at Bonn on 13 December. It was given the place of honour as it led the whole of the 2nd Division in the victory celebration.

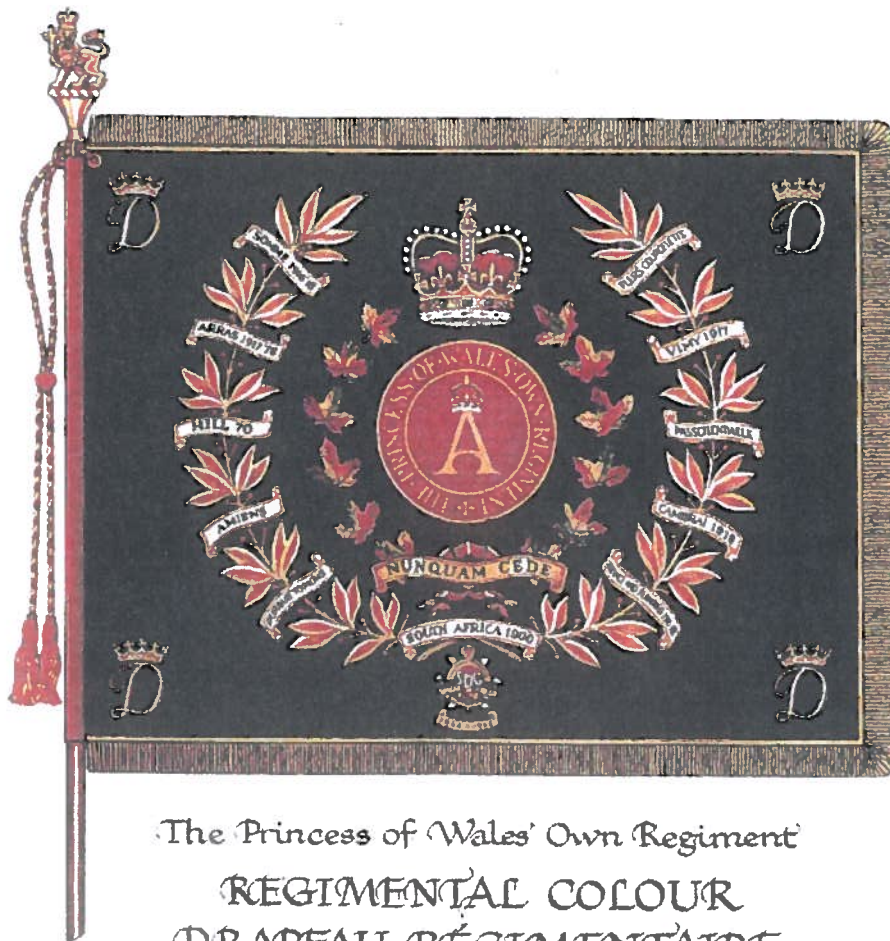
In January, the Battalion was withdrawn to Belgium and then to England in April. Finally, on 13 May the Battalion left England. It arrived in Kingston on 24 May, and after a short ceremony on the Market Square, was disbanded. The Battalion was in existence for 4 years, 6 months, and 22 days, during which just over 5,000 officers and men served in its ranks. They earned 18 battle honours and over 300 personal decorations at a cost of over 800 killed and many more wounded.

Even before the war ended, an 21st Battalion Association was formed, which built the impressive monument in City Park to its fallen.

Battle colours of the 21st Battalion CEF



21st Battalion perpetuated in the PWOR



The Princess of Wales' Own Regiment
REGIMENTAL COLOUR
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