

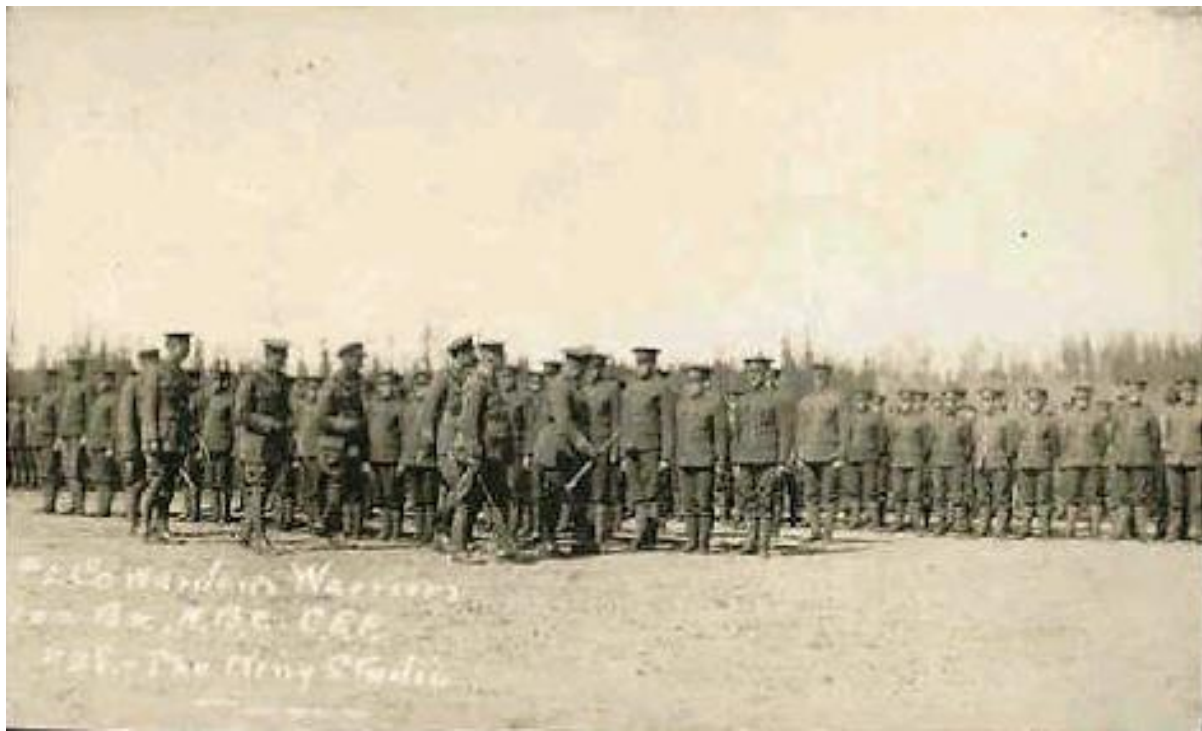


# The BCR News



## Weekly Edition

2 September 2024



102<sup>nd</sup> Battalion (North British Columbians) CEF on Parade  
Possibly Comox area prior to deployment overseas circa 1915

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**Articles,  
Announcements  
&  
News Releases**

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Please note the following invitations coming up over the next thirty days.

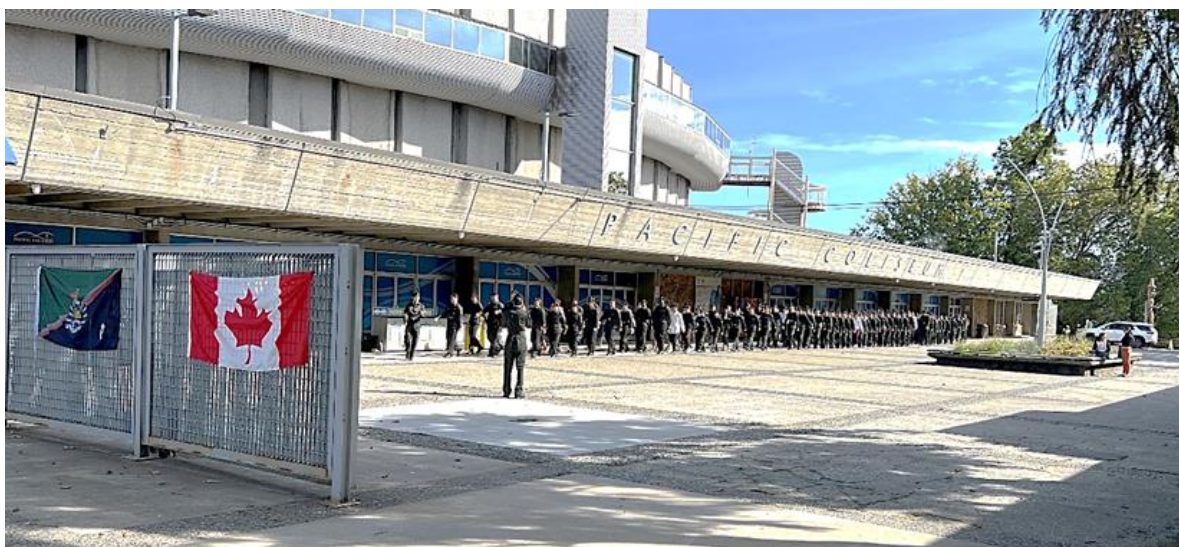
# Calendar

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| 1. 78 <sup>th</sup> Frasers Plains of Abraham Dinner – Bessborough Armoury | 28 Sep 2024 |
| 2. 2827 BCR RCACC Change of Command Parade (by invitation)                 | 8 Oct 2024  |
| 3. BCR Association Reunion Dinner & commemorative ceremony – Vancouver     | 10 Nov 2024 |

## **FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY BCR PERPETUATED WWI CEF BATTALIONS COMMEMORATION PARADE PACIFIC NATIONAL EXHIBITION 21 SEPTEMBER 2024**



On a beautiful last day of summer morning, the Regimental Family remembered the service and sacrifice of the members of its Great War Battalions at the 29th Battalion (Vancouver Regiment) CEF Memorial located in front of the Pacific Coliseum at the PNE.







Our Cadet Corps and CIC Officers were well turned out and in record numbers with over 135 Cadets, including Parade C/RSM, C/CWO Yue (2381 BCR) and many CIC Officers. Thank you to the 2ICs of the BCR Cadet Corps for their good work while all Cadet Commanding Officers were attending an out of town conference. In addition to the large turnout of the Regimental Family, there was also a very large contingent of spectators and parents on site during the parade. A Candle of Remembrance was placed at the foot of the Memorial.







The President of the Regimental Association, Lieutenant-Colonel (Ret'd) Jim Barrett, acted as the Master of Ceremonies and Parade Marshal and provided the attendees with the historical significance of the PNE during WWI and the many CEF Battalions the Regiment perpetuates.



The Regimental Association Padre, The Reverend Gordon Barrett, delivered a very moving service of commemoration and remembrance. The Last Post was played by BCR Bugle Major Chris Ahern, followed by a minute's silence and Rouse.





Memorial Wreaths were laid at the foot of the Memorial by the BCR Honoraries, Honorary Colonel Farid Rohani and Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Bill Diamond, on behalf of the Regiment, by Vice-President Scott Hamilton and Director Graydon Young, on behalf of the Regimental Association and Major (Ret'd) Roger Prouse and Cpl (Ret'd) Don McGovern, on behalf of the BCR Perpetuated Battalions (7<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 102<sup>nd</sup> CEF Battalions).



The Parade concluded with a March Past by the Cadets with Honorary Colonel Rohani taking the salute.





At the conclusion of the Parade, a reception was held for all attendees complete with Subway sandwiches, cookies, Tim Horton's donuts, fruit drinks, coffee and water, compliments of the Regimental Association and served by Louise Prouse, Gayle Hawthorne, Adrienne Wong, MCpl (Ret'd) Chuck Davey and many other helpful Regimental Family volunteers, including CIC Officers and Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Diamond.







A special thank you to the PNE for their continuing community support of this commemoration event.



**They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN AND IN THE MORNING,  
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM. WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.**

Up the Dukes!

Ted Hawthorne, Regimental Secretary

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY  
7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CANADIAN WALK FOR VETERANS  
WHITE ROCK MEMORIAL PARK  
WHITE ROCK, B.C.  
22 SEPTEMBER 2024**



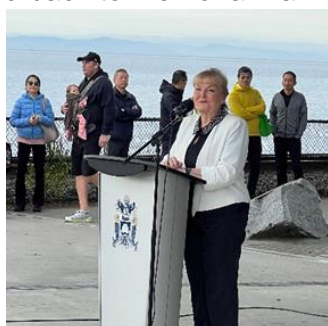
"Walking shoulder to shoulder" young and old gathered for the 7th annual "Canadian Walk for Veterans" in White Rock.







Also taking place in many cities across Canada yesterday and today. Gratefully, it was a beautiful morning for the ceremony at Memorial Park as well as the 2.5 km walk towards the western extremity of the beach and back to the Pier (Canada's Longest). And for the keeners, onward to the eastern end of the boardwalk and back to Memorial Park for the full 5 km circuit.



As announced by CWFV, "net funds raised through the White Rock Canadian Walk for Veterans will help support Veterans across Canada on their recovery journey. The 2024 Challenge Coin, received by all registrants, features "True Patriot Love, Canadian Walk for Veterans" in keeping with the "new parent organization" role adopted by True Patriot Love. On the reverse side of the coin is the inscription "You Make It Happen". Moving forward True Patriot Love will become the lead organizer of the Canadian Walk for Veterans, working in collaboration with the team formerly known as One Veteran Society.





The attendees were treated to a program featuring the Vancouver Naval Veterans Band, with our friends, retired BCR Bugle Major John More and Kelly Kwong, Vice President of ANAVETS, Pacific Unit No. 280, the Colour Guard from the Cloverdale Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, Unit 6, followed by introductions by the Master of Ceremonies Gordie Hogg, the singing of “O Canada” and “God Save the King” by the “Amazing Grace Choir”, speeches by representatives of all levels of government, a brief update by a representative of Invictus Games Vancouver Whistler 2025 and the memorable play of the Surrey Firefighters Pipes & Drums. The consistent theme throughout the program was the heartfelt recognition of the dedicated service and sacrifice of our soldiers, veterans and first responders, and their families. There was a strong turnout of Cadets from 2822 The Royal Westminster Regiment - Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps, along with the unit's Commanding Officer Captain Eugene Collinson and Officer Cadet Harmannat Pabla.



Regimental Secretary and former Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne represented the Regimental Family and reconnected with many friends and colleagues, including Marc Burchell, Co-National Organizer, and Dr. Matthew Kane (both are directors of Equitas Disabled Soldiers Funding Society), Susan Powelson, (a special thanks for her assistance and support on the communications side - article and photographs), and Gurpreet and Simar Pabla.







Post "Walk" festivities included a BBQ and refreshments compliments of the Knights of Columbus, White Rock Council #7015.





Thank you True Patriot Love for an excellent event and an amazing turnout!



## THE B C REGIMENT (DCO) ASSOCIATION CHARITABLE TRUST

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September 1, 2024

**TO: The Members of The British Columbia Regiment (DCO):**

### **Re: 2024 Bursary Program**

Welcome back! I hope you were able to enjoy the summer and to find some time to relax.

We are proceeding with our annual Bursary Program, as we have done for over twenty years. The funds will be set aside for this year's program, and we hope to announce the awards and make the presentations at the Stand Down Parade in December. Accordingly, we have attached the required Bursary Application for your attention and completion at your very earliest convenience.

Many thanks for your time, all the very best and good luck!

Up the Dukes!

Yours very truly,

The B C Regiment (DCO) Association Charitable Trust

Ted Hawthorne, Chairman and Trustee





# THE BC REGIMENT (DCO) ASSOCIATION CHARITABLE TRUST

## BURSARY APPLICATION

Full Name:	
Address:	Telephone:
	E-mail for e-transfer of funds, for successful applicant:
Rank:	
Regimental Number:	
Name of Institution:	
Student Number:	
Course of Studies (faculty):	
Year of Studies:	
Remaining years of Study:	
Full Time / Part Time (study):	
Length of Regimental Service:	
Future Plans in the Regiment:	
Financial Circumstances [reason(s) financial assistance required]	
Comments:	

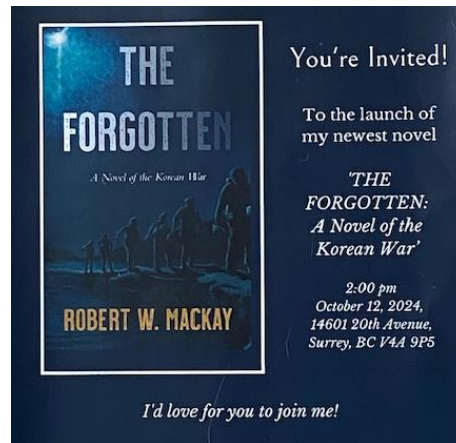
**APPLICANT TO DELIVER COMPLETED FORM TO: BCR ORDERLY ROOM**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

Regimental Affairs Committee – Comments/Recommendations: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY  
THE FORGOTTEN, A NOVEL OF THE KOREAN WAR  
BY: ROBERT W. MACKAY**



I am pleased to include my review of **The Forgotten, A Novel of the Korean War**, written by our good friend and colleague, Bob Mackay, along with an invitation to The Book Launch which will take place on October 12th, 2024 at 2 pm at the Turnbull Gallery located in the South Surrey Recreation and Arts Centre, 14601 20th Avenue, Surrey, B.C.

I hope to see you there!

**THE FORGOTTEN**

A Novel of the Korean War

By: Robert W. Mackay

**The Forgotten** provides the reader with an exceptional and accurate experience of the uncertainties of war and of its impact on the individual soldier, all seen through the eyes of the volunteer soldier, Corporal Charlie Black, Special Forces, 2nd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, during the Battle of Kapyong. Although vastly outnumbered and outgunned, the Patricias halted the advance of a determined Division of the Chinese Liberation Army of the People's Republic of China to the capital of Seoul. 2 PPCLI was subsequently awarded the US Presidential Citation for the action. The author has successfully developed an exceptionally informative, factual and readable narrative from Charlie's joining the Regiment, his training in Wainwright, leaving home, a very complex and stressful trip to Seattle for embarkation via ship to Pusan and the ultimate engagement with the enemy. **The Forgotten** is not only essential reading from an historical perspective, but is also a primer for a better understanding of a soldier's complex life in the field: i.e. not only the traumatic experience of combat, but also the complicated interpersonal relationships with other soldiers; the constant focus on preparedness; the unique manner of communication and humour, the effect of the support of the war effort at home (or lack thereof); and the impact of those back home always with them. All very well done indeed!

We will remember their dedicated service, sacrifice and commitment.

Ted Hawthorne,

Regimental Secretary & former Honorary Colonel of The BC Regiment (DCO)

**INVITATIONS**





The Officer Commanding the Garrison requests the company  
of all Members Officers, Miladies and Guests  
at the

## Battles of the Plains of Abraham Commemorative Mess Dinner

Saturday, 28 September, 2024 - 1800 for 1900

The Officers' Mess, Bessborough Armoury  
2025 West 11<sup>th</sup> Ave., Vancouver, V6J2C7

Dinner buffet

Payment at the door by cash, cheque, or credit card.

Dress: Regimental Scarlets, Highland Evening Dress, Business  
Attire

Tariff: \$85 per person

Please advise of any dietary requirements

RSVP to Adjutant Lt John Hooker [jobarb100@shaw.ca](mailto:jobarb100@shaw.ca) or at  
604-522-5766 by Tuesday, 24 September 2024.

# REMEMBERING

All Quiet



## MEMBERSHIP

If you have been considering joining the BCR Association as we continue our ongoing programme of support to our Regimental Family including our Veterans, Cadet Corps and Serving Soldiers and their families, please find attached our application forms to become a member. New memberships are always welcomed and is greatly appreciated. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Jim Barrett  
President





**The BC Regiment (DCO) Association  
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL  
Annual Dues – 2024**

Fellow Duke,

Thank you for your continued support of the Regimental Association's goals and commemorative activities. Please complete the information section so that our information is current. In addition, also ensure that any updated military service information has been forwarded to us so that your information is current military remembered.

Also, please provide us with your current e-mail address.

**NOTE: Please return this form and your payment to: BC Regiment (DCO) Association Treasurer  
c/o 682 Wilmot Street, Coquitlam, B.C. V3J 6P4.  
Do not tear off any portion of the form.**

**Personal Information Up-date:**

Service Number \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
Surname \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Initial \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse/Partner Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Province \_\_\_\_\_  
Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please print your e-mail address clearly.

**Donations to The BC Regiment (DCO) Association Charitable Trust**

The primary responsibility of the Association is to serve its members, support the Regiment, our five Army Cadet Corps, provide bursaries opportunities for our soldiers, ensure community links and commemorative activities are maintained and that peace and wartime service is respected, remembered, and honoured. To fulfill these obligations, the Association's Charitable Trust needs your support.

1. Annual Dues: \$40.00

**Cheque payable to The BCR (DCO) Association  
Sorry e-transfer not available for dues payment**

2. Charitable Trust Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Cheque payable to The BC Regiment (DCO) Association Charitable Trust  
Or e-transfer to trust@dukeabear.com Please, add in the bank transfer message, donation and if applicable designation of funds. Funds are auto deposited.**

Please note: For donations payable to The BC Regiment (DCO) Association Charitable Trust, tax receipts will be provided. Thank you for your support and thoughtfulness. Up the Dukes.

**THE BC REGIMENT (DCO) ASSOCIATION**  
**620 Beatty Street, Vancouver, BC V6B 2L9**

**New Membership Application**

**Please provide the following personal information:**

Surname \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Initial \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse's name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Suite \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have military service? YES \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please complete a Military Service Record Form  
NO \_\_\_\_\_

The annual dues are \$40.00.

Membership Category:

_____ Ordinary Member	
_____ Associate Member	– Sponsored by: _____
_____ Honorary Member	– Sponsored by: _____
_____ Life Member	– Sponsored by: _____
_____ Recognized Member	– Sponsored by: _____

Membership Approved – Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail the application form to The BC Regiment (DCO) Association, 682 Wilmot Street, Coquitlam, BC, V3J 6P4.**

**CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP**

**Ordinary Member:**

- (a) Any person who has served with The British Columbia Regiment (DCO) RCAC and/or the units it perpetuates, namely the 28<sup>th</sup> Canadian Armoured Regiment (The British Columbia Regiment) CAC; 6<sup>th</sup> DCOR; Irish Fusiliers (Vancouver Regiment) and who has received a discharge shall be entitled to apply to become an Ordinary Member and any person who is an Honorary Officer in the Regiment shall be entitled to apply to become an Ordinary Member.
- (b) Any person who has served with an affiliated Cadet Corps for a minimum of two (2) years and who has attained the age of nineteen (19) years shall be entitled to apply to become an Ordinary Member; and
- (c) An Ordinary Member shall be entitled to one (1) vote at all meetings of the members of the Society.

**Associate Member:**

- (a) Any person who is serving or has served with any component of the Canadian Armed Forces shall be entitled to apply to become an Associate Member and any person who is serving or who has served in



the British Commonwealth of Nations Forces and any Allied Forces shall be entitled to apply to become an Associate Member.

- (b) Any member of the family of an Ordinary Member shall be entitled to apply to become an Associate Member; and
- (c) An Associate Member shall be entitled to one (1) vote at all meetings of the members of the Society.

**Honorary Member:**

- (a) Any person who has rendered special service to the Society, as may be determined by the Board of Directors, may become an Honorary Member.
- (b) Membership dues are not payable by an Honorary Member; and
- (c) An Honorary Member shall be entitled to one (1) vote at all meetings of the members of the Society.

**Life Member:**

- (a) Any Ordinary Member or Associate Member who has rendered extra special service to the Society, as may be determined by the Board of Directors, may become a Life Member.
- (b) Membership dues are not payable by a Life Member; and
- (c) A Life Member shall be entitled to one (1) vote at all meetings of the members of the Society.

**Recognized Member:**

- (a) Any person without military service as required in the conditions of membership for Ordinary Members and Associate Members and who is supportive of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Society shall be entitled to apply to become a Recognized Member.
- (b) Any member in good standing with any of the Bands of the Regiment and who is supportive of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Society shall be entitled to apply to become a Recognized Member; and
- (c) A Recognized Member shall be entitled to one (1) vote at all meetings of the members of the Society.

**The BC Regiment (DCO) Association  
The Drill Hall, 620 Beatty Street  
Vancouver, BC V6B 2L9**

## **MILITARY SERVICE RECORD**

To enable the BCR Association to maintain and preserve a military service record of its members and associates, please complete the following:

Regimental Number \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
Surname \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Initial \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of original enrolment Unit \_\_\_\_\_

### **Service Dates:**

Date of Enlistment \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Discharge \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_  
Wounded \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

### **Training Bases:**

Name the Camps/Bases that you have been posted to during your service

Camp/Base _____	Dates _____	to _____
Camp/Base _____	Dates _____	to _____
Camp/Base _____	Dates _____	to _____
_____	Dates _____	to _____

### **Service with other Regiments, Battalions, Headquarters (Divisional, Brigade):**

Name of Unit _____	Dates _____	to _____
Name of Unit _____	Dates _____	to _____
Name of Unit _____	Dates _____	to _____
Name of Unit _____	Dates _____	to _____

### **Theatres of Service: (Check where applicable)**

Canada _____	Dates _____	to _____
England _____	Dates _____	to _____
France _____	Dates _____	to _____
Belgium _____	Dates _____	to _____
Holland _____	Dates _____	to _____
Germany _____	Dates _____	to _____
North Africa _____	Dates _____	to _____
Italy _____	Dates _____	to _____
Korea _____	Dates _____	to _____
Egypt _____	Dates _____	to _____
Cyprus _____	Dates _____	to _____

Golan _____	Dates _____	to _____
Bosnia _____	Dates _____	to _____
Afghanistan _____	Dates _____	to _____
Other _____	Dates _____	to _____
Other _____	Dates _____	to _____
Other _____	Dates _____	to _____



**Squadron(s) and Troop(s):**

Please list the Regimental squadron and troop that you served with and the names of your squadron and troop officers/ NCOs and crew members.

Squadron	_____	Officer	_____
Troop	_____	Officer/NCO	_____
Crew	_____	Crew	_____
Crew	_____	Crew	_____

Squadron	_____	Officer	_____
Troop	_____	Officer	_____
Crew	_____	Crew	_____
Crew	_____	Crew	_____

**Assignment:** (Check appropriate appointment)

Crew Commander	_____	Quartermaster	_____
Driver Tank	_____	Wheeled	_____
Co-Driver	_____		
Gunner	_____	Wireless operator	_____
Adjutant	_____	Technical Adjutant	_____
Echelons	_____ B / _____ A1 / _____ A2		

**Special Assignments:** (Please describe your military occupation)

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Thank you for helping us to keep an historical record of your service to our Regiment and Canada. Your service must become an historical record to be remembered and respected by future generations of Canadians. Your service information will be maintained in our Regimental Museum.

# BCR ASSOCIATION KIT SHOP

The BCR Regimental Blazer, blazer crest and buttons are available through Claymore Clothiers in Vancouver.

These items can be purchased online and shipped to you at home.

The BCR Kit Shop is your source for the following items for sale:

1. Mini Guidons – estimated cost is \$130.00 – in stock.
2. **NEW:** BCR cap badge on cuff links, pens, and pocket watch.
3. **NEW:** BCR flag (36" x 72") - \$150.00
4. **Regimental Ties:** \$45.00

To place an order, and confirm items are in stock, please e-mail [KitShop@DukeABear.com](mailto:KitShop@DukeABear.com)

Mini Guidons - \$130.00



Cuff Links - \$35.00



Pen - \$25.00



Pocket Watch - \$105.00