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# THE PLOUGH-JOCKEY

## Commanding Officer's Message

Lieutenant-Colonel Shawn McKinstry, OMM, CD



Now well into my second year of command, it never ceases to amaze me as to how quickly the training year goes by. We started in September with an extremely busy training schedule that at first glance was quite daunting in its complexity and scope and before we know it, the Christmas season is upon us. Perhaps it is the frenetic pace we set as we balance The

Regiment, day jobs, families and school that lends us the perception of the rapid passage of time. Nevertheless, as busy, as the last four months have been you, my Hasty Ps, have once again risen to the challenge and delivered.

Whether on unit training, collective training or with the Territorial Battalion Group you have done yourselves proud working hard to master the individual and collective skills of the infantry and the all arms team. On parade both at the Belleville Courthouse Memorial and of course, on Remembrance Day in multiple locations you have worn the uniform of The Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment with pride and honour. It is a privilege to soldier alongside each and every one of you.

Given the above and the fact that post-Christmas we are back at it again with individual training, collective

exercises, range work and MILSKILLS I encourage each and every one of you to take an operational pause and set The Regiment aside for the holidays. Set The Regiment aside, but never forget who you are and what your membership in The Regiment represents. As we enter the Christmas season, I encourage each of you to take the time to relax and enjoy the holidays with your family and friends. Rest, relax, and recuperate while making sure that we all come back to the Armoury floor safe and sound in the New Year. For those who are travelling outside the area, I hope that your travels will be safe. I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year. God Bless.

PARATUS!

## Letter Writing Campaign New Veterans Charter

From Capt (Retd) Buck Buchanan and The Royal Canadian Legion

As you will recall, we sent a News Release expressing our disappointment with the government's response to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs (ACVA) Third Report entitled: "The New Veterans Charter: Moving Forward" which was unanimously adopted and distributed in June 2014. We are now rallying all Legion members, and all Canadians, to join us in calling for action from this government. We are launching a letter writing campaign effective immediately.

Attached you will find instructions on how to participate in the campaign. We have also posted a YouTube video expressing the same sentiments. Please give this the

widest distribution possible and ensure that every Legion branch is made aware of this campaign and encouraged to participate. Should you receive any media enquiries, the talking points that you will need are found in the letter (attached). If you would prefer you are more than welcome to forward any media requests to Dominion Command.

<http://www.legion.ca/call-for-action-on-the-new-veterans-charter/>

## Honourary-Colonel's Message

Honourary Colonel Ken Armstrong, OMC

It Has Been a Good Year!

As your HCol. I extend to you and your family sincere Holiday Greetings!



As one of Canada's premier reserve regiments, we have reached new standards set by LCol Shawn McKinstry. As a result of your work and dedication, we have been awarded currently the prestigious role of leading the Territorial Battle Group and being the lead support element.

I am proud to wear the Hasty P insignia as I meet with my colleagues across 33 Brigade

and senior members of 4 Division. You, as soldiers of The Regiment are instantly recognized as committed young Canadians ready to serve your country in this troublesome and uncertain world.

Merry Christmas to all!

Paratus!



**Dorothy BUCK** The Regiment has lost one its true ladies and biggest supporters with the recent passing of Dorothy Buck. She was 88. Beloved wife to WWII veteran Doug Buck (67 years of marriage), Dorothy seldom missed a regimental event and was much admired by many for her infectious and warm personality. Loving mother to Karen Brake and husband Aidan of Trenton and Cheryl

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Shaw and husband Warren of Ameliasburg. Proud Nanny to all her grandchildren and great grandchildren. The family received friends at the Weaver Family Funeral, Trenton on Thursday, September 18, 2014 from 6-8 pm and again on Friday, September 19, 2014 from 1-2 pm with funeral ceremony following at 2 pm. Interment at Mount Evergreen Cemetery. Rest in Peace Dorothy, The Hasty Ps will miss you.



*Here's a picture of Hasty Ps in Sicily in July 1943 riding on the original "Katie" Bren Gun Carrier. If anyone can identify any of the troops or would like a larger picture sent to them for identification purposes, please contact Regimental Secretary Skip Simpson at [hlsimpson@kos.net](mailto:hlsimpson@kos.net)*

## New Regimental Memorial Unveiled In Belleville

BELLEVILLE - Local judges and the public saluted a venerated infantry regiment Saturday with the unveiling of a new monument next to the Quinte courthouse.

The creation of the monument honouring the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment had begun nearly three years ago, when the Ontario government sought artwork for courthouses.

Three local judges – Robert Graydon, Robert Scott, and the retired George Inrig – proposed the monument. Two anonymous donors paid the estimated \$20,000 to construct it.

Past and present soldiers and the Regimental Band paraded Saturday morning (Nov 1) from the Belleville Armouries to the courthouse's east side along Coleman Street. The grey marble monument bears the regimental crest, name and a few words recalling how the men of two counties "left one family to join another" as they enlisted for Second World War service.



The Commanding Officer and RSM at the Dedication Ceremony at the Belleville Courthouse Sat November 1, 2014

Speaking for his fellow judges, Justice Scott called the regimental association – a group of retired servicemen – the “keepers of the flame.” We look forward to a continuing relationship with you,” he said.

The fathers of Justices Graydon and Inrig, both Prince Edward County natives, served with the regiment during the Second World War. Scott's father, late Belleville mayor Russell Scott, was a Canadian medical officer during the war and later an honorary major with the Hasty Ps. Justice Scott is the unit's present Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel.

Watching from the front row were Second World War veterans Doug Buck of Bayside, Austin Fuller of the Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory, and Bob Wigmore of Belleville. “I think they did a very, very good job,” Wigmore said. “I was very impressed with the beauty of it. It's plain and simple.”

The Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment Association's acting president, John Keay, called it “a fitting tribute,” noting the stone came from a Madoc quarry once owned by former commanding officer LCol W.K. Stockloser. Keay said the monument was not a symbol for dead soldiers, but for the living.

Maj. (Ret.) Bill Graydon, brother of Justice Graydon, coordinated the monument project. He said it exists to “recognize the youth of Hastings and Prince Edward

Counties and their service.” That service began more than 200 years ago with militia regiments and has continued through many wars, including Afghanistan, and such emergencies as the ice storm of late 1997 and early 1998. “Time and time again the youth of Hastings and Prince Edward Counties have responded,” Graydon said.

## The Deloro War Memorial Needs Your Donation

This summer, Hast & PER members participated in the filming of ‘heritage moment’ recreation scenes for the **Deloro War Memorial** tribute video. The Deloro War Memorial will **honour the historical contributions of local Canadian Armed Forces members and units including contributions of the Hastings & Prince Edward Regiment.** The Memorial will be placed beside the Deloro Mine which provided the stellite and cobalt used for all the munitions, equipment, precision instruments and medical equipment used by our brave soldiers. The **Deloro War Memorial Dedication Ceremony** and Champagne Reception will occur in summer 2015. Hasty P members and their families are invited to attend as VIP guests and show their support. Funded in part by the **Veterans Affairs Canada Remembers** programme, **the Deloro War Memorial still needs more funding. To make a contribution, please go to this link:**

<http://www.gofundme.com/canadawarmemorial>

For more information or to be placed on the VIP invite and update list, contact James A. Smith, Project Director, Deloro War Memorial, [deloromemorial@gmail.com](mailto:deloromemorial@gmail.com) or phone 613-472-0924.



## The Regimental Calendar

**Dec 13, 2014** - Men's Christmas Dinner (Members Appreciation Dinner);

**Jan 23–25, 2015** – Collective training weekend with River Units, PWOR lead;

**Jan 23-25, 2015** - CPX WPP, Petawawa;

**Feb 6-8, 2015** – Unit training, loc TBD;

**Feb 11-22, 2015** – Battle School individual training week (courses for the members, TQ 4);

**Mar 20-22, 2015** -Ex Wolf Pack Apex, loc TBD (might not run this ex); and

**Apr 10-12, 2015** - Unit IBTS training, loc TBD.

# Update on Battle Honours and Colours

## How Canadian Battle Honours are Awarded

As it currently stands, Battle Honour display policy (as defined in CFP 200, The Heritage Structure of the CF), provides the following limits to the number of Battle Honours that may be displayed on a Regimental Colour:

- No limits on prior to 1914 honours
- A limit of 10 First World War honours
- A limit of 10 First World War honours
- A limit of 2 UN Operations—Korea honours (there were only 2)
- No limits on post-1953 honours

## Our Present Regimental Colour

Our present Regimental Colour (see below) was presented in 1964. It carries 18 Battle Honours. At the time of its production we had 7 emblazonable honours from the First World War as the Regiment perpetuates several battalions which did not reach the front line. In 1964 “Mount Sorrel” could not be emblazoned due to a restriction then in place. This restriction was removed by the Directorate of History and heritage (DHH) in 2010, meaning a new Colour can, indeed, emblazon “Mount Sorrel”.



By now you have probably heard The Regiment was awarded a “Honourary Distinction” for The Defence of Canada 1812-15. The reality was that although four of our forefather regiments did participate in the War of 1812, none saw action. The Honourary Distinction means we

can list The Defence of Canada 1812-15 along with our other Battle Honours, it can be placed on regimental drums, memorials, the Drum Major’s Baldric, it can be used in any manner however, it cannot be emblazoned on our Regimental Colour. And you all read the Commanding Officer’s report in the last Plough-Jockey explaining because of insufficient numbers deployed as per NDHQ’s formula, we will not be awarded the Battle Honour for Afghanistan. However, our research did indicate we were entitled, we submitted, and have been awarded a Battle Honour for “South Africa 1900.” Although common knowledge we are still waiting for the official announcement to come down through the chain of command.

## A New Regimental Colour

As it stands this would permit the Regiment to emblazon the following on its Colour: North West Canada, 1885 – South Africa, 1900 – Mount Sorrel – Somme, 1916 – Arras, 1917, ’18 – Hill 70 – Ypres, 1917 – Amiens – Hindenburg Line – Pursuit to Mons – the 10 selected by a regimental committee in the 1950s from the 31 Honours awarded the Regiment for the Second World War (Assoro - Sicily 1943 - The Moro - Cassino II- Hitler Line- Gothic Line - Rimini Line - San Fortunato - Italy 1943-1945 - Northwest Europe 1945). This would raise our total to 20 scrolls (vice the 18 currently on the Colour) representing 21 honours (Arras, 1917, and Arras, 1918 are two separate honours, but are both permitted on one scroll).

As stated earlier our present Regimental Colour was presented in 1964 (50 years ago) and the Queens Colour was presented in 1970 (44 years ago) upon the adoption of the new Canadian Flag. Both Colours are starting to show their age and new Colours for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the forming of The Regiment in 2020 seems an appropriate process to begin.



The two new Battle Honours proposed to be added to new Regimental Colour.

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