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Regimental Reunion

The Regimental Reunion will be held this year on Saturday and Sunday September 17, 18, 2016 Details are as follows:

Registration:

Prince Edward Room, Travelodge Hotel, Belleville, 0900-1600hrs Saturday, Hotel Bar Opens 1130hrs

Dinner 1830hrs Prince Edward Room, bar for Regimental Dinner opens at 1630hrs, room adjacent to Prince Edward Room.

Annual General Meeting and Memorial Service

AGM, Prince Edward Room, Travelodge 0930hrs.

Memorial Service, Belleville Armoury,

Form Up 11:00hrs

Memorial Service 11:15hrs

Peace Through Valour Monument Dedication



From L-R WWII veterans Doug Buck, Austin Fuller and Ray Playfair

On Saturday 25 June 21, Hasty Ps made the journey to Toronto to take witness the unveiling of the Peace Through Valour Monument in Nathan Phillips Square. The monument a gift from the Italian/Canadian Community is a tribute to the over 93,000 Canadians who fought and died in the Italian Campaign. Among those Hasty Ps making the trip for the ceremony were Doug Buck, Austin Fuller and all the way from Montreal, Ray Playfair.

Outgoing CO's Message

As I write this I am roughly 24 hours away from relinquishing command of our fine regiment. As The

Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment is not the first unit I have commanded the bittersweet feelings are not new to me. I would have to say, however, that in this instance they certainly feel more poignant.

It is not my intention to be maudlin in this my final missive as your Commanding Officer and I while I did not



wish repeat the message I left you with on the armoury floor during the actual Change of Command Ceremony, there is some merit to reinforcing some key themes. So I leave you with this:

Our customs, history and traditions are our touchstone. They define us. We are of

the counties and those rural

roots and tradition of duty before self so aptly demonstrated by the late HLCol Bob Wigmore's

generation define us to this day. With the extensive assistance of our Regimental Secretary, LCol (Retd) Skip Simpson we undertook the effort to update and reissue our Customs and Traditions to every serving soldier. Don't let it languish on a shelf. Indeed I encourage you to read it. Embrace it. Embody it. It is who we are.

The leadership of this regiment is second to none. Throughout my tenure of command I was blessed with strong leaders at every level from the DCO and RSM all the way down to newest MCpl on the floor. They are the continuity of this regiment. They are the ones that translate ideas and discussion into action and effects on the ground. Some of the faces in key positions changed over the last 3 years but the same high standard, the same commitment to duty and getting the job done never wavered. Those leaders made me, indeed the regiment, look good. It is easy to succeed when you are working alongside people of this caliber.

Finally there are the soldiers...my Hasty Ps. You troops are the lifeblood of the regiment. You are the reason every level of leadership in The Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment comes to work as you, as our single greatest resource, are the future. It is incumbent upon the leadership, therefore to mentor; train and shape you so that we are well postured to ultimately replace us. But it has been the last 3 years amongst you that has reminded me why I am still doing this after 33 years. You reinforced in me the belief that I am a soldier first and an officer second as there is no 'privilege of rank' in the infantry, there is only one standard – one team. You were and are a tremendous source of pride to me.

So I leave you with something I have said to you many times over the last 3 years: Be proud, be professional, be disciplined, be warriors because you, indeed 'we', are of The Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment. We are Hasty Ps and while we are equal to some we are second to none.

LCol Shawn D McKinstry, OMM, CD

PARATUS!

Blast From the Past

Thanks to Lieutenant-Colonel Ray McGill for this clip. I believe it is from the 1950s and features Gordon Sinclair interviewing Lieutenant-General Guy G. Symonds, commander in Italy, as he describes his troops for Front Page Challenge. He gives a nice review of The Regiment. Go to this website to hear it.

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<http://www.cbc.ca/archives/entry/the-italian-campaign-characteristics-of-canadas-regiments-in-italy>

It's Graduation Season



Spring brings to us a new beginning. It's the time for each of us to set new courses. It is the time when our new soldiers graduating from High School, Community College or University enter the next stage of their chosen fields of academia, or employment.

In the next few months Hasty P's will find themselves in Petawawa, Gagetown, Kingston or Meaford. Professionalizing their specialties. During this time they will wear our badge, a badge which is revered throughout the Canadian Armed Forces. They will be judged on their performance as our unit's representative.

I recently reviewed the BMQ Grad Parade in Belleville and observed a class of new soldiers who reflected pride, dedication and determination. Each soldier, male and female, passed their BMQ with confidence and assuredness.

I noted that this new group of recruits had found an organization which challenged and supported them. This summer, many of them will spend most of their time together with each other and it will be a challenge. I am convinced that all present Hasty P's new and veteran will rise to the challenge!

Leadership belongs to them who wish to take it!
Good luck on this next step in your career!

Paratus

R.K. Armstrong, HCol

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