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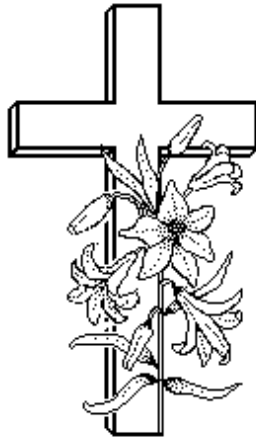
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**11 November 2004
Please be seated by 0930.**

**We Will
Remember Them.**



In Memoriam

Scott LOW, Abbotsford BC.

Gordon FINLAYSON, April 2004, Coquitlam BC.

Ted DASHWOOD-JONES, June 2004, New Westminster BC.

Peter CLARK, March 2004, Enderby BC.

Marshall CURRIE, March 2004, Chilliwack BC.

Edwin RYAN, May 2004, Quesnel BC.

Ken GODWIN, February 2002. (Unsure if this was published before)

Health & Welfare

No report this issue. We will work on one for next time to bring you up to date on how some of our members are doing.

Health & Welfare of YOUR ASSOCIATION

Your help is needed! Your Association is calling for your help! *Call to Arms!*

The Royal Westminster Regiment Association

Executive Information Seminar

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH at 1930 hours

Senior NCO's Mess

This is an evening where you, the Association member, comes into the Mess and listens while your Executive presents a short message about the Association and the need for renewed help from the ranks. This is an opportunity to hear what it takes to get involved in helping to keep this Association alive. The same few people have run this organization over the years and we need some new faces. Your new face! It does not take a big commitment. 8-9 meetings a year plus help in organizing a few simple events. Surely you can spare some time? So come on in and join us for a light snack and a beer on us. Give one of us (on the right) a call or email to say that you are attending to at least listen and to have a free beer. Thanks. Your Executive

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What is on the Editor's Mind Now?

The date now is May 22nd. It is the day after the Melfa Dinner. When you read this GS, I will have been retired since Aug 31st from the New Westminster Police Service and spent two and a half months at Vernon Army Cadet Summer Training Centre as the Battalion Adjutant. I will let you know how I feel later.

Melfa golf, dinner and brunch were great. Except we got a little wet on the golf. I played my best round this year so far and had a good time with the other 19. Nice to see we can still have some of the vets out. Others are surely missed. Lee **Cooke** took the low net again. See the Presidents report on the Melfa for more details.

The AGM was held on the Sunday of Melfa Weekend. A few small changes. Nice to see two members of the present unit step up and become Directors. Ruby **Carey** and Shane **Michalowski** are on board and played their part in helping out at the Melfa weekend as well.

A few more members have passed on. Of special mention is Scotty **Low**. Scotty was one of those guys that always had time for me whenever I met him. The age difference was never an issue. He simply was interested in the younger members of the unit and how we were doing. I played a few Melfa golf tournaments with Scotty and was never able to beat him. It was a sad day when I ran into him in a care facility in Abbotsford last year. I said Hi to him and but he didn't know me so I shook his hand and spent sometime with him. I will miss him.

It is now Sept 4th. I am now officially retired from NWPS after 30 years of service to the City. Not quite sure what 'retired' is suppose to feel like considering I am still a young buck at 50. I do not considered myself retired at this time, just finishing one career and starting a new one. We'll see what life brings me. My 30 years of service to the citizens of the Royal City was very rewarding. I never forgot for one moment who I worked for. (Of course I was reminded a few times over the years by some '*citizen*' yelling in my face "*Remember cop, I pay your salary!*" Many times I would think to myself "*No a __ hole, I pay your welfare!*")

As I mentioned, this summer I spent at Vernon as the Bn Adjt to LCol Terry **Kopan**. Returning to Camp Vernon has been a 30 year dream of mine. I was there as a cadet for a few years and then as a Pltn Commander in 1974. I always wanted to go back and I fulfilled that dream. I had the best summer. Taking part in influencing the lives of 1500 young cadets and over 200 staff cadets and officer's was truly exciting. Two most memorable moments this summer was marching in front of 800 cadets on exercising the Freedom of the City of Vernon and being on the Final Parade and Sunset Ceremony with 1000 cadets was again, truly a thrill. I certainly plan on returning next year.

So we start again. Remembrance Day is upon us again. I will look after

the ceremony again this year as the Chairman. Please make an effort to come out. No doubt by the looks of the growing crowds over the past couple of years, attending the ceremony is certainly becoming more popular. It is great to see the community involvement, especially the youth.

What will 2005 bring us? Can we see the world being more stable? What is important to you right now in your life?

OCTOBERFEST! 16 Oct, we will hold a party in the armoury. Time to come out in a relaxed setting and have a beer with your friends. Your support is needed to help get the trip to Italy in 2005 under-way.

Another item I need to mention is that I won't be taking over as the CO of 2316 Army Cadet corps housed in the armoury. Right now, with my life taking a big change into retirement, I decided in the best interest of the cadets to request not to be appointed. There was a few other factors that made me change my mind as well. A long time CIC officer by the name of Capt George Simson will take command in Oct. George is a very experienced and capable officer who will do the corps well.

In this issue I wrote an article about the changes I noticed at Vernon camp. I could have written a few more pages but tried to keep it down to two. The one change that I haven't figured out (or even if it is different) is the attitude of many of our youth. You read articles about how technology and society has made them lazier, more aggressive, less apathetic, and less respectful. Or is it us? Who knows? The thing is that kids today still want to have fun. The same fun we had growing up only that so many factors must be considered today. For example when I was a kid, walking to school or even cadets on my own was the thing to do. Many parents today won't allow it. Why?

Lastly, I hope you had a great 2004 and that the holiday season and 2005 are good to you as well. I had the best year and can only hope that 2005 is as good as 2004 was. All the best! **Ted Usher**

Are Your Dues Up To Date?

The Royal Westminster Regiment Association depends on your dues and donations. Yearly dues are \$15 and a Life Membership is \$100. How about a tax deductible donation? You can identify where you want the donation to go. The Future Fund, Cadets, Health & Welfare, or whatever you feel is worthwhile. Whatever you support, it is appreciated. Send in your dues today. Thanks.

Melfa 2005!
The dates are
May 20, 21 & 22.
MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Our Colonel in Chief

His Grace, the Duke of Westminster, first arrived as our guest back in 1988 as a Captain in the British TA. Earlier this year he was appointed Assistant Chief of Defence Staff (Reserve & Cadets) and promoted to Major General. This is the highest appointment a reserve officer has held since WWII in the British Army. Well Done Sir!

We have also learned that His Grace has been made a member of the Knight of the Garter. This is an appointment that only 24 people can hold at a time and are selected by the Queen. Again Sir, congratulations.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Welcome back to another September. I trust your summer holidays went as fantastic as mine! My wife and I spent time with my “Old Retired Buddy”, Ted Usher, in Vernon, BC. He was the Vernon Army Cadet Camp Adjutant this year and spent about 2 months in the sunny Okanagon. He certainly took care of us. Can’t golf much though! Just kidding Ted. It sure brought back memories as to how I started with the Regimental family. Speaking of that..... Have you found another member to join the Association? Lets get out there and bring them back into the fold!

We are holding an Association sponsored fund raising party on 16 OCTOBER, 2004. It is going to be an “OCTOBERFEST” theme complete with German refreshments and stick-to-your-ribs food! This is open to ALL RANKS AND MEMBERS OF THE REGIMENTAL FAMILY. If you know of someone who has been away from the Regiment, this would be a great venue to bring him or her back. Look for the posters for the details. They will be out shortly.

The Melfa Memorial 2005 is getting very close and Jerry Gangur is furiously working on all the details. Look for updates! Our Cadets should start being on their best behaviour. If we get permission to take them to Italy, only the BEST AND MOST DEDICATED will be going. I’m sure the selection will be extremely hard with so many of the young people striving to attain this prestigious position.

Your executive committee is working to keep the Association alive and well. We look forward to all and any comments or suggestions you have. See you all at the “OCTOBERFEST”.

PRO REGE ET PATRIA **Brian Knipstrom**

THE REGIMENT

Greetings All! While I was in Toronto this past July, I attended the Joint Reserve Command and Staff College Course (JRCSCC). This is an international Staff Course with representatives from 11 different nations. When I mentioned to some of my colleagues that I had commanded my Unit for 4 years I received from most of my fellow COs a resounding “Gee, we’re sorry for you!”. Apparently their experiences as a Reserve Army CO were less than favourable due, in part, to having to deal with harassment complaints, administrative burdens and the challenges of an ever-changing army.

As I start my 5th year commanding the Regiment I am reminded of just how fortunate I am to command such fine group of men and woman whose sense of Duty, Integrity, Discipline and Honour have made my job considerably easier. I am also fortunate to have such a dedicated ‘Day Staff’ who keep the doors open and the ‘machine’ running throughout the entire year. Of equal importance, is the friendship and support that we have fostered throughout the post war years. We are fortunate indeed to have so many friends of the Regiment that continue to support us in these times of change.

It has been said that change is inevitable – and that suffering is optional. I would like to think that this Regiment, which has undergone many changes in it’s role over the past hundred years, will continue to show the rest of the Canadian Forces (CF) just what real soldiers - with their eyes set firmly on their Duty to “King & Country” - can do. While other units have struggled with change, our Regiment has continued to flourish – a testament to the traditions set by our predecessors to ‘keep the faith’, practice a ‘can-do’ attitude and give 110%!

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As the world changes, so must soldiering. We now focus our training on what has become known as The Three Block War. The concept is that during operations (ops) in one block – we may be conducting humanitarian ops, in the next block – we may have to separate warring factions, yet in a third block – we may engage in war-fighting with belligerents using unconventional/non-traditional methods. This means that our responsibilities to conduct peace support operations also include peacemaking as well as ensuring the population can not only survive in their troubled community but can live and work with some semblance of normalcy. This is a tall order for soldiers whose duties take them to operational theatres that are a cross between Bosnia, Northern Ireland, Oka and Iraq.

This year, the Regiment will be conducting scenario based training - working primarily in built-up areas. Our soldiers will face an Opposing Force (OPFOR) on training exercises which will be based on freedom fighter and other terrorist-based doctrine. As this has become the way of the world we must prepare our soldiers for the reality of unconventional and non-traditional warfare if we are to uphold the ideal to: Let Freedom Reign!

Pro Rege et Patria! **G.W.J. Richmond, LCol, CO**

Land Forces West Area - LFWA

Before this country stretched to the shores of three oceans, there was nonetheless a Canadian Army - men who volunteered to protect their families and their communities from dangers, both foreign and domestic, volunteers battled in the War of 1812 and fought in the rebellion of 1837.

Land Force Western Area was established on September 1st, 1991 to take command of all regular and reserve army units in Western Canada. LFWA is one of four army area commands. The Land Staff, located at National Defence Headquarters in Ottawa, oversees the four area commands: Land Force Atlantic Area HQ - Halifax; Land Force Quebec Area HQ - Montreal; Land Force Central Area HQ - Toronto, and Land Force Western Area HQ - Edmonton. LFWA consists of three Reserve Brigade Groups, One Regular Mechanized Brigade Group, One Area Support Group and the Western Area Training Centre, CFB Suffield, Alberta.

LFWA's three Reserve Brigades, 38 Canadian Brigade Group, headquartered in Winnipeg, 39 Canadian Brigade Group, headquartered in Vancouver, and 41 Canadian Brigade Group, headquartered in Calgary, roughly correspond to the provinces they are headquartered in. 38 Canadian Brigade Group includes Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and the portion of Ontario west of Thunder Bay. The regular brigade, 1 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group consists of the regular units in Winnipeg, Shilo and Edmonton.

1 Area Support Group is headquartered in Edmonton and provides support by Area Support Units which are located in Edmonton, Calgary, Chilliwack, Shilo and by 1 General Support Battalion, located in Edmonton and Shilo.

LFWA is larger than all but five countries in the United Nations. It includes more than 6,000 regular force and 5,700 reserve force members, and 1,200 civilian employees.

The implementation of "Total Force" in Canada's Army has unified organization and operations of both regular and reserve elements. This change has enabled the Army to take forces needed for operational deployment from supporting infrastructure of bases, schools and training facilities. Visible proof of this important achievement is LFWA's high level of participation in United Nations operations.

The Victory Cross of Filip Konowal

At a prestigious ceremony held on the 23rd August 2004 the Victoria Cross awarded to Corporal Filip Konowal was finally handed over into the care of the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa. This concludes the extraordinary events described below and finally lays to rest the known location of the Konowal VC. The Victoria Cross will now join the other 26 VCs in the possession of the CWM.

The Victoria Cross awarded to Corporal Filip Konowal has been returned to the custody of the Canadian War Museum as of Monday, 28th June 2004. A recovery ceremony is being planned for the 23rd August 2004 at the Canadian War Museum in concert with the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #360 (Konowal Branch) and the UCCLA (Ukrainian Canadian Civil Liberties Association).

There always has been a mystery over the whereabouts of the Victoria Cross awarded to Corporal Filip Konowal, 47th Canadian Infantry Battalion, CEF, who was of Ukrainian descent. Following Konowal's death in 1959, aged 72, his VC passed to his widow, who it was thought, loaned it to someone in Toronto, then requested its return, and subsequently sold it to an Ottawa medal collector. In 1969 the Victoria Cross and other medals were offered to the Canadian War Museum who purchased them for \$3,750 (Canadian). The medals were displayed in the museum until 1972 after which they were put in storage. (This is where the story becomes very confused).

It the middle of the 1990s the Ukrainian Canadian Civil Liberties Association (UCCLA) made contact with the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa enquiring over the location and safety of the Filip Konowal Victoria Cross. The reply from the museum was not promising, stating "our records indicate that at some point between 1972 and 1974 the VC was listed as missing. However, early museum records are sketchy and there is no clear way of determining what happened to the medal, whether it was stolen or misplaced. None of the staff employed at the museum in the early 1970s is around to provide any clues. Furthermore, there were no computer databases maintaining detailed records of inventory and the warehouse storing such historical artefacts has since been relocated."

Professor Lubomyr Luciuk of the UCCLA continued to exchange correspondence with the CWM over the VC's location which, after a further exhaustive search of the museum's archives, still failed to shed any new light on the situation.

On Friday, 2nd April 2004, I spotted on the internet that the Filip Konowal Victoria Cross had been put up for auction on the 30th May 2004 by Jeffrey Hoare Auctions Inc, of London, Ontario. I immediately emailed Professor Lubomyr Luciuk at the Royal Military College with the news, who was completely unaware of the sale of the VC.

To quote Professor Luciuk; "I had no knowledge of this sale from any other source. I immediately contacted Wendy Hoare, the spokesperson for the company, and subsequently Joe Geurts, the senior vice-president of the Canadian War Museum. Once Mr Geurts had been alerted steps were taken by his



1974 VACC & VACSTC 2004

In July 1969, my Mom and sister would put me on a bus in front of the armoury where I was about to begin my first trip away from home to the Vernon Army Cadet Camp (VACC). I had only been in cadets for a few months and I was about to spend some six weeks in a place I'd never been to. I was scared as hell but held back the tears. When we approached the highway, a cadet wearing a kilt sitting across the aisle suddenly took the kilt off and threw it on top of the rack. Yes he was 'regimental'! What the heck was I getting myself into? I later found out that sitting on a bus in battledress or a kilt was very uncomfortable not to mention itchy. The saving grace was that I knew my brother Ken would be waiting for me at camp as he was a band instructor that summer.

I would return to VACC one more summer as a cadet and one time again as a Cpl. instructor. In 1973 I received my Commission in the Cadet Instructors List and in July 1974 I would load my car and head to VACC as a Platoon Commander. That was thirty years ago. In 1974, Happy Days was new on TV, Patty Hearst had just been kidnapped, I was 20 years old, full of life, owned a car and was heading to a place I loved; Vernon Army Cadet Camp. My little Mazda couldn't take me there faster.

The reason I am writing this article is so others who read this will appreciate those memories of when they went to cadet camp or away for the summer. Another reason is to let you know of the differences thirty years has done to the Canadian Cadet Movement (CCM). This summer (2004) I spent ten weeks as the Battalion Adjutant at what is now called the Vernon Army Cadet Summer Training Centre (VACSTC). Is it the same place as it was thirty years ago? In many ways yes, but in so many ways no! What has changed? Society as a whole has change. The focus on youth development and how we treat each other is completely different.

In the late 1960s and early 70s, we all remember the guy dressed in the green 'pickle suit', starched so much his bush pants would stand on their own in the corner, with a drill cane barking at us when we were young cadets. When he barked we moved, and moved fast. And in most cases this soldier was a regular force member with little or no experience dealing with 'kids'. Each platoon had a least three reg force or militia NCO's, a reg force Senior NCO as a platoon Sgt and often a crotchety old MWO as the CSM. Along with a mix-matched group of officers who were either regimental or CSofC rounded out the company. The camp CO and almost all of the support staff were reg force or retired reg force soldiers. They came from the PPCLI, Queens Own, RCR to name a few of the hat badges we saw. The cooks, especially the Foods Service Officer were all reg force. I remember Capt Mike **Kedziora** as the FSO my first years at camp. Adventure training consisted of a 5 day hike from Mable to Sugar Lake over the mosquito infested mountain. No females were seen at camp except the odd civilian support staff. Your entire company of 150 slept in one barrack. The uniform was bush pants or shorts with hose tops and putties. The field uniform was an old set of coveralls.

Friday night was granny night. You had to stay in to clean barracks in hopes of winning the pennant for having the cleanest barracks and the best design in the smoking pit. Saturday morning we marched onto Dieppe Square being ever so sharp looking forward to the afternoon downtown in Polson Park or a trip across the highway to Gracie's for a burger. I recall the heavy emphasis on military training. FN drill; military tactics; shooting and much more. If you went to sick parade you had better be sick. No room for

people who were faking it. They wouldn't be welcomed back into the platoon.

How things have change! The emphasis now is to first, have fun. We also had fun but today we have to be aware of so many factors when dealing with kids. Parents and corps CO's give up their youth for us to look after while at summer camp. They did years ago but did we have all the problems back then we do now with so many issues? Human rights, harassment, bullying, sexual misconduct, the environment, smoking, drugs, fraternization are all issues we deal with at summer camp now. Before you can even be with a cadet, all staff must have several lectures on harassment and abuse, sexual misconduct and more. All the officers are members of the Cadet Instructor Cadre, including the CO. Only one or two NCO's per company are reg force. They are hired as Training Advisors. All of the platoon and Coy NCO's are staff cadets hired for the summer. These are kids 17 and 18 years of age who have achieved a senior level in the cadet corps plus other standard qualifications. They are placed in roles from everything from Coy Clerk to CSM. The CSM's are hand picked by the RSM after a week long evaluation. The successful candidates are handed over to the OC's and at the end of the summer awarded their own engraved drill cane.

The training the cadets are involved in is completely different. Certainly they attend the normal drill, map & compass, rifle, and other military lectures but now the emphasis is on adventure training. All cadets spend numerous hours and days abseiling (repelling), rock climbing, mountain biking, alpine hiking, confidence course and much more.

The other item completely changed is the uniform. You're aware the cadet uniform itself has changed. The summer uniform consists of a Tilley hat, grey t-shirt, grey shorts and hiker style runners. That is their day to day uniform. We call it their 'gumby' uniform. They are issued CF combat for adventure training. For formal parades they wear their cadet uniform. Also, the cadets and staff cadets carrying a water bottle with them all the time. If the heat index gets to high, training stops.

The one thing I had to get use to was the amount of medication kids take these days. We actually have to assign coy 'drug' officers. Their role is to make sure the numerous cadets in their company take their medications each day. It was strange to see a van parked outside a mess hall with someone handing out pills. On civy street, that was a drug deal going down shortly followed by a bust! The other items that concerned me was the number of kids that had issues that prevented them from training and the number we sent home. Almost 100 cadets were sent home for a variety reasons from parental request, home sickness, medical issues and discipline.

Things that haven't changed; the barracks, except they have been upgraded. You remember the urinal trough? Gone! No more polishing that brass water pipe! The wood planking is also gone but the rest of the buildings are relatively the same except for a lot less of them on the west side of the highway. The old 'H & K' lines are pretty well gone. The canteen, chapels and mess halls are pretty well the same. The heat is still there but no Vernon 'V' anymore.

I felt we were under a tougher discipline regime when I was a cadet. Now cadets appear more laid back or less disciplined. Society has changed in 30 years and so has the individual army cadet. Even though we still focus on many of the same programs, there is an emphasis on having fun and trying to keep kids out of trouble. That is the focus of many of the youth programs today. There is no doubt the Royal Canadian Army Cadet has done well for 125 years. I am sure it will continue to change and last another 125 years. I have enjoyed being part of it and will continue to do so. **Ted Usher**

Our Cadets

May 8th marked a very special occasion in the history of the cadet corps and the Regiment. On that sunny Saturday morning, over 150 cadets and officers marched from the armoury along Queens Ave into Queens park and were inspected by the CO, LCol **Richmond**. The significance of that day was the fact five army cadets corps affiliated to the unit were on parade. The brand new corps is located in Agassiz. Commanded by Captain Brian **Erickson**, he was able to gather up his cadets bright and early and transport the entire corps in to the City. Marching alongside 2316 (New Westminster), 2822 (Surrey), 1838 (Maple Ridge) and 1922 (Aldergrove), the entire parade marched past to the fine cadet military band playing the Regimental march. It was truly a great day.

Melfa Golf

Twenty golfers made it out this year to the wet and soggy Maple Ridge Golf Course. All in all it was a good time had by all. The only one big problem was prizes. We really didn't have any. If you can support us next year in golf prize donations, it would be appreciated. We simply don't have the funds to buy much. The winners this year were Bair **Hennebery** with Low Net, Brian **Killam** with Closest to the Pin, Lee **Cooke** with a hellava Long Drive and Terry **Leith** taking the Low Gross. Well don by all and we will see you next year at the Melfa Golf.

Bruce *I'm No Fuzzy Zeller* **Howells**

Juno Beach Commemoration

I was privileged to be appointed to the Juno Beach Committee by our local MLA, along with others, to plan a suitable recognition of this historic event in which Canadians participated and which took place 60 years ago on the beaches of Normandy.

Excerpt from D-Day 60th Anniversary message from His Royal Highness The Princes of Wales, in which he quotes General Eisenhower, the Supreme Commander of Europe who rallied his forces June 6, 1944 and so began the defining moment of World War II, the allied invasion of Normandy. "Soldiers, sailors and airmen of the allied expeditionary force! You are about to embark on the Great Crusade, toward which we have striven these many months. The eyes of the world are upon you."

From the Canadian Monarchist News: 'The recent commemoration of the 60th anniversary of D-Day was a moving and highly meaningful occasion to honor the memory of those who served King and Country in the dark days of the Second World War, both those who fell and whose glory is forever our debt, and those who bravely faced the enemy and survived the passage of time.'

It was the intent on June 6 to honor all who served, and in that light I remembered the bravery of The (then) Westminster Regiment and the fierce fighting they encountered at the Moro River, containing the Germans away from the Juno Beach conflict.

Also, I thought of my husband Walter Hogg, who, after being commissioned in England, was seconded to the Saskatoon Light Infantry. This Regiment, along with others was at the time in convoy sailing to North Africa. Their convoy was attacked by Germans, resulting in the loss of two ships with all men and

vehicles. Once the rest of the convoy reached North Africa, the men prepared with the other Canadians to invade Sicily. The night of the invasion a storm arose, with many of the landing craft being separated on the beaches. However, the Canadians fought their way up cliffs, successful defeating the German panzer troops who had been sent to hold the island as a German base. After fierce fighting, the Canadians later crossed the Strait of Messina and landed at the toe of Italy (where, incidently, Walt was camp commandant for a period of time) then they fought their way to Rome. One of Walt's most vivid memories was later when they went in to the liberation of Rotterdam, and the people crowded up to their vehicles in joyous relief.

On June 6, 2004, a man from Kelowna came to talk to me, telling me he had been in Rotterdam when the Canadians came in and how he lined the side of the road as the people threw flowers at the Canadians. He could have been one who saw my husband's regiment enter.

For a whole week after June 6, I had people phoning me saying "Freda, I was in occupied Belgium" and Freda, I was in Italy when the allied bombers came over and my mother ran with is to the shelters", etc.

Sarah Wandell with her magnificent trained voice, sang The White Cliffs of Dover for the Juno Beach programs in the armoury. It was an emotional moment and I pictured the Canadian airmen returning to England after their raid, perhaps the Captain wounded; or the plane shot up; or the rear gunner dead, then seeing the cliffs of Dover he took courage and strength to fight his plane back to England.

To all veterans who gave so much I quote these lines because you made it happen:

There'll be blue birds over

The White Cliffs of Dover

Tomorrow

..... just you wait and see.

There'll be love and laughter

..... and peace ever after,

Tomorrow,

..... when the world is free.

Freda Hogg, Associate Member

Included in this envelope is a document that Fred Wilkes and Ted Usher produced for the Museum. This copy has been reduced in size from what the final product will look like. The final product will be sent to as many influential people we know in our family and community to help raise funds for the Museum. Your support is appreciated. The Museum and Association are only going to succeed if you support them. The fine volunteers that put all the hours in for your pleasure are now asking for your support and financial commitment. Stand up and be counted. It is your heritage. Thanks.

“OCTOBERFEST”

16 OCT, 2004 (SAT)

ADMISSION: \$5.00 @ the door.

Includes a Hot-dog & Beer.

1800 HRS (6:00 PM) – 2400 HRS (MIDNIGHT)

At the ARMOURIES

Authentic (as close as we're going to get!) “OOMPAHPAH” band, German style food and lots of ALE. Dancing, singing and fun is the name of the game! A SILENT AUCTION to fund raise for the MELFA MEMORIAL TRIP TO ITALY will be set up. Great items for ALL!

*******SUPPORT YOUR VETS*******

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institution’s senior staff; the Ukrainian Canadian Civil Liberties Association, Branch 360 of The Royal Canadian Legion (Konowal Branch); Ron Sorobey, co-author of *Konowal: A Canadian Hero*; Inky Mark, MP (Dauphin-Swan River); the Metropolitan Ottawa Police; the national news media of Canada; and of course the RCMP to secure and remove the Konowal VC, which had always previously been assumed to be “misplaced” within the CWM’s collections. (continued on page 12)

The removal of the Konowal VC from Jeffrey Hoare Auctions was carried out by two officers of the RCMP on Monday, 5th April 2004. The time span from myself first alerting Professor Luciuk to the recovery of the VC was three days, something which should be applauded. The Victoria Cross has now been lodged once again with the Canadian War Museum where authentication will take place.

Filip Konowal was born in Kudkiv, Podolia province in the Ukraine on 15 September 1886. Aged 21 he was conscripted into the Imperial Russian Army, but after five years service, emigrated to Canada via Vladivostok, arriving in Vancouver in April 1913. Upon the outbreak of the First World War, like many other Ukrainian Canadians, Konowal enlisted, in his case on 12th July 1915, into Ottawa’s 77th Canadian Infantry Battalion. After ten months training the battalion was shipped overseas on 19th June 1916 aboard the SS *Missanabie*, arriving in Liverpool later that month. During a six week layover at the Bramshott Camp a large number of men from the 77th Battalion were reassigned to the 47th Canadian (British Columbia) Infantry Battalion, Konowal among them. The 47th Battalion was shipped to France in August 1916 and went into combat as part of the 4th Canadian Division.