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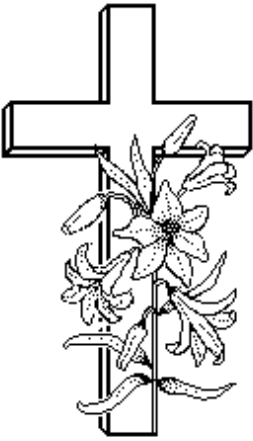
Lest We Forget

Remembrance Day November 11th 2006

**This year, Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor of
British Columbia will give the Memorial Address at our
Service in the Armoury.**

**Melfa Italy Trip 2006 - Images and information on this
historic trip by our Association!**

In Memoriam



Robert J. LARGE, April 2006, New Westminster BC
Lawrence CARPICK, January 2006, Winnipeg MB
Dave ADLEM, July 06, Abbotsford BC
Anthony Patrick MCCARTHY, June 06, Barrie ON

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This year, Her Honour Iona Campagnolo, the Lieutenant Governor of BC will attend our service in the armoury and give the Memorial Address. This is a special occasion for all of us as we have had most Lieutenant Governor's attend the City's service during their tenure.

You are asked to be in the armuory early and seated well before Her Honour arrives at 0950. I would suuggest that you be seated by 0930. Also please remember there is reserved seating for veterans on the left front side of the armoury. (On the left as you face the platform)

If you require transportation, please contact a member of the Executive and arrangements could be made if you live in the geneal area. As well, some historic military vehicles will be on hand to drive our older association memebers in the parade if they don't feel like marching.

The current LtGov is very supportive and enthusiastic about meeting soldiers, cadets and especially veterans. Please make an effort to attend this year. Arrangements are also be made to have a representation from the Korean War and the Canadian Peacekeepers Veterans Association attend this years service.

See you there!

Your Association Has a Web Site!

Yes that is correct. At the AGM held in June, Ted **Usher** made a motion that the Association budget approximately \$200 a year for the purpose of setting up a web site for the Association. The motion was approved and Ted has agreed to look after the pages design and be its web master. The web site will be updated on a regular basis with features on the Association, the Regiment, Musuem, Cadets and much much more. The site will hold all issues, including back issues of the Association newsletter the Ground-sheet. The site will also assist the Regiment in recruiting new members since they can't advertise themselves. For those two far from the armoury will be able to enjoy a photo section with images of the Museum, the Armoury and events that occur during the year. There is no limit what the site may contain. The URL or address for the web site is **www.royal-westies-assn.ca/**

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It is now mid May and next week our Association members will be travelling to Italy for the Melfa Celebration. I truly hope they have a memorable trip. I look forward to their return and presentations at the Melfa BBQ in June. I apologize for the screw up on the date in the last GS. That was purely my fault and I hope it didn't ruin anyone's plans. I was pretty quick on the mail out with the amendment.

I am working on a very interesting project for our Museum. I was approached by Herb **Hamm** and Basil **Morgan** about a 'small' project. There presently is no computerized database or even a singly compiled name list of all the soldiers who joined the Regiment from the time of Mobilization on 2 Sept 1939. That's the project! Research and create a database of everyone who joined the Regiment from 2 Sept 1939 to the end of the WWII. I have an interest in history of the Regiment and this was a good excuse to get my foot in the door of the museum and serve some time there helping out. As of today, (May 21) I have entered 639 names into a database. I have sheets in front of me with another 1000 names on it. The list I am working from is fantastic reading. It is a hand written ledger of everyone who signed up in the early days of mobilization. So many of the names I know. So many I knew and they are no longer with us. On the list is their name, 'K' number, what speciality or trade they had, their Next of Kin, age, height, weight, address, and date they signed up. Of course many were already members of the Regiment but they still had to sign up for active service. The names - **Hoskins, Low, Hartley, Hogg, Glenn, Barnum, Bailey, Morgan** and many more I know. This is certainly something I will enjoy doing over the next months and something that will result in a significant help to the Museum. What is amazing to me is the work our Museum staff of volunteers do. I know what it is like to be a volunteer and you do something for the betterment of others and sometimes you get thanks and sometimes you question is it worth it. I think ALL of us should certainly do what we can to support the Museum whenever we can.

In late May I took a driving trip to Fort St. John and then to Edmonton. While in Edmonton I went to the Base (CFB Edmonton) and met with a former Westie by the name of Annette **Dombrowski**. Annette had made contact with me in regards to her address change and I mentioned I was heading to Edmonton for a visit and would drop by. I did and she showed me the 1 Service Bn building where she now works as a Captain in the unit. She moves on to Montreal in the summer. Great seeing you Annette and thanks for the tour!

It is now September 8th and I've just arrived back from a summer

holiday to Vancouver Island. My wife and I had a wonderful break. It was my gift to her for allowing me to spend one more summer at Vernon Military Camp. This will be my last summer for now after doing 3 years as the Adjutant of the camp. I originally committed to 3 and that's what I am sticking to. I thoroughly enjoyed the time as the Adjt. This past summer I had the pleasure of working for a new CO, LCol Alan **Dengis**, who took command in July from the retiring LCol Terry **Kopan**. LCol **Dengis** came up through the cadet CIC system and is presently an RCMP member in charge of Traffic Services for the Fraser Valley.

I am sure you noticed Dave **Adlem** passed on in July not long after his brother Peter passed earlier this year. Two great supporters of the Regiment that I grew to know and admire.

As you may have read, the City will be hosting the LtGov for Nov 11th. Nothing is being changed from the normal format so please make an effort to attend. As the Chairman of the committee, I am very honored she accepted the invitation to attend our fine service. Now that my summer army role is concluded for the time being, I am out looking for something to work at. I have an opportunity to work as a civilian employee with the RCMP doing training for them. I will let you know how that pans out in the next edition as I am just going through a few hoops right now. The AGM was held in June and we have a few new faces at the top. Alan (Scotty) **Morton** is now the new Pres. Darren **Crum** has stepped into the V/Pres chair. Congrates to both. New faces should mean new ideas! I want to thank Brian **Knipstrom** (a very longtime friend - we go back to our cadet, militia and policing days) for his term in the Pres chair. You worked hard and did the Association well. Thanks Brian!

Your Association is getting into the new age of communication. The Royal Westminster Regiment Association has its very own web site. The site is now up and running. Yours truly made the motion at the AGM and it was approved. Cost for the site is about \$200 a year and I am the webmaster looking after the updating. Please make sure you keep in touch by visiting our web site.

Ted Usher

Accoutrements

This is just an update on the Beret issue. As I presented at the AGM we receive our shipment of berets early in June. The berets, however, were not the correct colour. The colour we received was the standard CF green issue to the Canadian Forces. Our requirement was to have the beret the same colour as the WWI Infantry Division, the 4th Infantry Division, we the Westminster's served in. After some research we determined this colour is Lincoln Green. This is the colour of Robin Hood and his merry men as well as the 4th Infantry Division. We had reviewed the colour with the supplier prior to placing the order but received the incorrect colour.

Herb **Hamm** and myself have been working through the issue with the supplier all summer and have received samples of the green colours that can be supplied. After reviewing the colours and comparing the colours against a 4th Division patch we found a colour we believe will be suitable. The color is not an exact match but is dam close. I doubt if we could find a supplier with an exact match or one that would provide a reasonable price. The supplier has agreed to credit us for the berets, cap badges, and shipping. They will take the existing berets back, remove the cap badges, sew the cap badges on the new berets, and ship

Presidents Report

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and to let you all know a bit about how I became, and remain, a “Westie”. I first joined the Regiment in October 1974 shortly after emigrating from Scotland where I was born and raised. I had served as an Army Cadet for four years in the Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) reaching the rank of Staff Sergeant. I served with the Regiment until my discharge in 1992 having filled quite a few different positions in the unit. One of the roles I carried out and which gave me great satisfaction was that of marksmanship coaching. I had been the first Reservist to qualify as an Advanced Infantry Sniper way back in 1977, and a big part of this course was learning how to coach on the range. Over the years I was able to share this knowledge with quite a few young members of the Regiment, and I found this quite rewarding. Other roles included running the Armour Defence Platoon in the waning years of the 106mm Recoilless Rifle. I fondly remember most of the time I spent with the Regiment and know it had a profound influence on my life. I met many different people over those years and I count quite a few to this day as friends.

After a few years, I became involved with the Regimental Association and took part as a member of the executive mainly in the role of membership. Due to external pressures I had to stand down for a couple of years but am happy to say I have returned to assist with the operation of the Association in any way I can.

It was a great honour to accompany some of our Veterans on the recent trip to Italy. I know that this trip will be covered in some depth elsewhere in this issue so I will just say it was especially meaningful to myself to finally visit the Melfa and some of the other sites that I have only heard or read about in the past.

As for the future, I am excited to become your new president and I hope that I can live up to the standards set by my predecessors. There are several items which I hope we can accomplish in the next short while. One is the replacement of the stolen plaques from the outside of the Armoury. This was a particularly distressing act and I hope one that is never repeated.

I would also like to invite as many members as possible to attend the Remembrance Day celebrations this year. The Lieutenant Governor will be attending so a larger than normal turn out would be fitting.

Last of all I would like to say I am available to shoot the breeze and am open to any input or advice from you fellow members.

All the best, **Alan Morton**

them to us. There will be a slight increase in the cost of the berets. The material is not the typical material they supply so the cost does have an increase. This increase should be covered by the existing funds we have raised, so I do not expect us to have to raise more funds.

For the timing for all of this to happen and to ensure things are correct there will be some more time. I expect a sample beret of the correct colour by the end of October. If everything is correct then the beret order can be placed and the berets should arrive 7 to 8 weeks later. For the ties and blazer badges, I still have only received orders for 16. The minimum order we can place is for 50. I will work with the executive to gain some funds for these but more orders would be appreciated.

Len Wohlgenuth, Accoutrements Chairman

The Regiment

The Minister of National Defence has been pleased to appoint Mrs. Karen E. Baker-MacGrotty to the position of Honorary Lieutenant Colonel of The Royal Westminster Regiment. LCol Baker-MacGrotty will join with The Duke of Westminster, KG, OBE, TD, CD, DL, the regiment's Colonel-in-Chief and Colonel L.K. Deane, CD the Honorary Colonel, as one of the three regimental honorary appointments.

LCol Baker-MacGrotty is Vice President, Commercial Banking, Lower Mainland Market Development for RBC Royal Bank with whom she has been associated for over 25 years. She is a highly respected volunteer in the local community. Her current appointments are: Chair of the Fraser River Discovery Centre Foundation; Vice Chair of the Fraser River Discovery Centre Society; a Director of the Justice Institute of BC Foundation Board; Director of the Douglas College Foundation; Vice Chair of the Spirit of BC New Westminster Community Committee to support the 2010 Winter Olympics.

In 2002, Mrs. Baker-MacGrotty had the distinction of being the first woman to be elected as President of the Westminster Club, a private member club formed in 1889. In 2006, she became the first woman to become an Honorary LCol in the Army Reserve in BC. A member of the Hyack Association since 1986, she recently completed a term as President. She is also a member of the New Westminster Police Board, the New Westminster Chamber of Commerce and Vancouver Board of Trade. LCol Baker-MacGrotty volunteers for the Variety Club Telethon Gold Panel, the CKNW Pledge Day and the Kidney Foundation of Canada. She was the New Westminster Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year in 2002 and 2005 and was awarded the Community Spirit Award in 2005. Last year, Royal Rosarians of Portland, Oregon gave her international recognition for her outstanding example of community service.

Last June, LCol Baker-MacGrotty received the Rotary International Pual Harris Fellow's Award for her public Service.

Baker-MacGrotty lives in New Westminster and is married to David MacGrotty. They have two teenage children, Alysia and Matthew. While she has no previous military service, she is a strong supporter of the Canadian Forces and our Regiment. We wish her well as she begins her regimental duties that we know she will do with enthusiasm and dedication.

L.K. Deane, Colonel, Honorary Colonel.



The War Veteran and the Serving Soldier

The photograph on the left was taken this past September during a Veterans Candlelight Memorial Service held in Coquitlam. Our own Association member and WWII Veteran, **Frank Whitford** attended to the service and was assisted by Corporal **Rob Delaurier** of the Regiment.

Photograph courtesy of Craig Hodge and Tri-City News.

Our Cadets

2316 The Royal Westminster Regiment Army Cadet Corps is located in the armoury and is Sponsored by your Association. A Change of Command will have taken place this past September 25th. Capt George **Simson** has commanded the cadet corps since 2004 and is moving on. The new CO is Captain Wendy **Blomme**. Wendy is no stranger to 2316 or the Westie's. She commanded the Westie affiliated cadet corps 2822 in Surrey from 1998 to 2003 before transferring to 2316. Wendy started her career in army cadets program in 1981 by attending Whitehorse cadet camp as a junior officer. After she received her commission, she later joined the RegF as a Private for a short period but left to pursue an education. Following her education, Wendy rejoined the CF in 1986 and moved to BC in 1987. For several years she worked at the Grouse Mountain cadet camp where she met her husband Jim, also in the CIC. They were married in 1989 and have two daughters. After a short retirement in 1991, Wendy was brought back to assist 2573 Engineer cadet corps in North Vancouver where she would later command. In 1997 she was transferred to 2822 Westie corps in Surrey and became their Administration Officer and later CO in 1998. In that year Wendy also received her Canadian Forces Decoration. As previously mentioned, Wendy then left 2822 for 2316 New Westminster in 2003 where she was the Training Officer, Administration Officer and DCO. Captain **Blomme** takes over a very successful unit that is part of the Regimental Family of Westie affiliated cadet corps. She has been a great supporter of all Regimental activities and she looks forward to continued support from the Regiment and Association.

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.

MIA/AWOL

Ron **Glenn**, Langley

H.A. **Day**, Hope

Debbie **Cooke**, New Westminster

Rob **McTavish**, Coquitlam

If you know these people, have them call in their new address.

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We are now on the World Wide Web - Your input is requested! Check out the web site as it will continue to grow as more items get added each week.

THE MELFA RIVER CROSSING COMMEMORATIVE PROJECT (ITALY)

On 25 May 2006 another milestone in the history of the regiment was achieved. **The Royal Westminster Regiment Association**, in conjunction with **The Royal Westminster Regiment**, **The Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians)** and **the Lord Strathcona's (Royal Canadians) Association** and in cooperation with **the Associazione Battaglia Di Cassino**, conducted a Ceremony, in Italy, commemorating the May 24, 1944 Battle of the Melfa River Crossing.. As part of the historic ceremony, a granite plaque commemorating the May 24 -25 Battle of The Melfa River Crossing was mounted, on the outside wall of the Church of St. Vito, not more than 500 meters from the site of the actual Melfa River Crossing. World War 2 veterans of this battle from the Westminster's , Strathcona's and other arms, were in attendance.

Origin of the Project: The project coordinator likens the genesis of this project to the process an oyster undergoes to produce a pearl. The constant irritation within the body of the oyster resulting from the presents of sand grains eventually causes the oyster to produce a magnificent pearl. In the same way, the coordinator credits a Melfa Veteran, **George Dominique**, for producing the motivation to initiate this project. For many consecutive years, George rose at the annual general meetings and voiced his opinion that the association should place a plaque at the site of the Battle of the Melfa River Crossing. Three years ago the coordinator took up the challenge and began the process. The final act was played out in Roccasecca at the Melfa River on 25 May 2006.

Special Thanks: The unqualified and overwhelming success of the Melfa Project can be attributed to the work of many. The committee members comprised of: Chairman, **Fred West**, (Melfa Vet), **Stan Conway**, (Melfa Vet) **Herb Hamm**, **Ken MacLeod** (citizen historian), **Al McGuire** (Strathcona-Melfa Vet), **Basil Morgan** ((Melfa Vet) and **Walter Tyler**, (Melfa Vet). Ex officio members of the committee included the Honorary Colonel of the regiment, Colonel **Leslie Deane**, Dr. **Peter Legge** and Colonel **Mark Egner**, Colonel of the Regiment, The Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians). Assistance was offered in many ways. First, **Walter Tyler** was asked to prepare the first draft of our plaque wording. While this version underwent 14 versions where words were added and sentences changed, the basic structure remained intact. Letters written were proof read many times by **Leslie Deane** and changes for the better were offered. **Peter Legge**, true to his creed, provided encouragement when things look bleak. Colonel **Egner** of the Straths offered his cooperation for the project without reservation. On the Italian side much credit must be showered on **Roberto Molle** (President Associazione Baattaglia di Cassino) and Dr. **Allsandro Campagna**, (Vice-President Associazione Battaglia Di Cassino). Finally, **Ken MacLeod** , an historian and friend of the association must be thanked for his hard work in helping us preserve the historic nature of the project by producing a DVD. Committee members **Jerry Gangur**, **Al McGuire** and **Ken MacLeod** were able to attend the Melfa ceremony.

Scope of the Melfa River Crossing Project: While the project involved Veterans of the Battle of The Melfa River Crossing, post- World War 2 reservists and current serving members of the battalion, the desire to include Army Cadets was explored. In the end, it was decided to offer an opportunity for a cadet to attend the Melfa River Crossing Commemoration at the expense of the regimental association. An essay competition among our five affiliated cadet corps, on the Battle of the Melfa River Crossing, was initiated. The winner selected was Cadet Warrant Officer **Abigail Funnell**, of the Agassiz Cadet Corps. Not only can this cadet write, she is a wonderful representative of our youth. It was a pleasure to have her with us at

the Melfa River. The serving battalion was represented by Master Corporal **Mark Midan**.

Financial: In summary, the entire cost of the project was paid for through donation from our members and friends of the regiment. Thanks is extended to: **Pam** and **Sam Omelianiec**, (Langley) **Robert Boyd** (Powell River), **Leslie Deane**, (Burnaby) **Bus Morison** (By Alvah Banffshire), the **Junior Ranks Club**, (The Royal Westminster Regiment), the **BC Federation of Police Officers'** and **1789 RCACC** (Agassiz).

During our visit to Italy, we made prearranged visits to the comunes of **Roccasecca** and **Villanova**, both significant centers to the WW 2 veterans. On our arrival at Hotel Roca, in Cassino, we were greeted by a poster mounted on the wall at our hotel entrance advertising the May 25th Battle of the Melfa River Crossing Ceremony. This was one of many posted throughout Roccasecca. The Regimental Museum has been presented with on such poster.

Roccasecca: The Melfa River is located within the comune of Roccasecca and the Church of St. Vito is part of this community. Prior to the commemorative ceremony at St. Vito Church, Dr. Alessandro Campagna took me on a recce of the Church site and the location of the crossing at the Melfa River. Later in the evening, accompanied by Roberto Molle, Al McGuire and Ken MacLeod, we made a visit to the Montecassino War Cemetery. At night the cemetery entrance is covered in a soft dim light, with the result that the gravestones in the rear are clothed in darkness. After a short time spent in silence and prayer, I asked Dr; Campagna if I could venture into the darkness and touch a headstone. You can appreciate that soldiers buried at this cemetery died over an extended period of time prior to and after the Battle of the Melfa River Crossing, mostly in the fight for the Montecassino. There were many hundreds of headstones and in the dark night, the headstone I touched was that of a soldier killed on the 24th of May 1944. While the soldier was not a Westminster, both Dr. Campagna and myself let out short gasp, knowing that our reason for being in Italy was to mark the Melfa Battle that was fought on the same day as this soldier's death. After the visit to the cemetery, we were given a personal escorted tour of the Montecassino War Museum. The Westminster's have a special presence in this museum.

The morning of the 25th we began our bus movement to site of the Battle of the Melfa River Crossing. The elected council of the comune of Roccasecca arranged for a police presence along the road to the commemoration. Roads were blocked off and hundreds of citizens and local school children gathered at the Church of St. Vito to witness and participate in the commemorative ceremony. Like any planned event, we arrive behind schedule, but on this gorgeous day, it did not seem to bother the crowd gathered. After introductory remarks, the Mayor of Roccasecca extended his welcome to the Melfa veterans and this was followed by elementary students reciting poems dealing with what the Melfa River Crossing Battle meant to them. This was an unexpected treat to the veterans. A veteran from the Westminster Regiment (M) **Dan Nikiforuk** and a Strathcona Veteran, **Bud MacLean** each reflected on their experiences during the Melfa River Crossing Battle and the strong and lasting relationship that was forged between the Westminsters and Strathcona's. The plaque was unveiled by our senior veteran present **Walter McErvel** and **Christina Rasco**, a 5th grade Italian elementary student. The plaque was immediately consecrated by the parish priest of the Church of St. Vito.

Reception: Following the ceremony and taking of group photographs, the veterans were directed to location, about 500 meters from the church, under a bridge with huge columns that gave the appearance of being in a magnificent Roman coliseum. Tables covered with white table cloths and chairs greeted us in this outdoor scene, which could only have been choreographed by people with love in their hearts. The endless dishes of Italian food and fine wine served is an experience those present will never forget. We were expecting finger food and we were confronted with an outdoor food fest. In late afternoon, the veterans visited the Montecassino Commonwealth War Cemetery where a memorial service was held. Later that

evening we sat down to a delightful dinner at the Hotel Rocca.

Villanova: During the next three days, we visited **Rimini, Ortona, Pompeii and Valancia**. On the 30th of May, our group once again donned blazers and medals and bussed to **Villanova**. We had planned to hold a ceremony at the cemetery, but the rain was so heavy, it was decided to alter our plans and attend a reception in the local municipal hall. The Westminster War Diary records that “**on Dec 27, 1944, Battalion, Tac and Main Headquarters set up shop in their old positions in Villanova.**” The high regard the war presence of the Westminster Regiment was held by the population of Villanova was very evident by the warm reception our veterans received. Once again, the local community went all out in welcoming us. In the municipal hall, we were treated to a magnificent lunch consisting of meat slices, pasta and other Italian delicacies. And in the true Italian fashion, we were treated to a seemingly endless supply of food and wine. A choir consisting of students grades 6 – 8 combined the reciting of a poem and choral music dealing with the war-time experience of a young person. The highlight of this day occurred when the student choir honoured the veterans with singing the English version of our National Anthem. The response from the veterans was vocal and very overwhelming and there wasn't a dry eye in the audience being honoured. The singing of O Canada was repeated on three occasions during our banquet. During the reception, the Westminsters presented plaques and words of praise were exchanged with our Italian hosts.

Summary: The unveiling of a plaque commemorating the 1944 Crossing of the Melfa River was conducted on May 25, 2006. With the completion of this historic event we have set the foundation for a special relationship between the comune of Roccasecca, the regiment, the regimental association and the City of New Westminster. Because of this commemoration, the comune of Roccasecca announced at the ceremony that the road where Jack Mahony was wounded would be renamed, the **Jack Mahony Road**. Finally our Association has insured an historical and permanent presence at the Melfa River Crossing.

Important note: For medical reasons, **Barney Jones** was hospitalized in Amsterdam. We are happy to report that after a short stay in Holland, Barney was able to return home and recovered from what was a temporary set back. Our good veteran, **Seymour Adelman**, caused some concern when he stumbled and fell, but you should all know he is well and was able to attend our AGM on 17 June. To both of these fine gentlemen, we are grateful that recovery from your setbacks has occurred.

Final note: A DVD of the Melfa Ceremony will be prepared and available for purchase in December from **Ken MacLeod**. The cost will be \$50.00 Ken agreed to underwrite the cost of videoing and preparing a DVD at his own expense. Through Ken the association has a professional and permanent record of the historic Melfa River Crossing Commemorative Plaque Unveiling.

Italian Website: For those with access to computers and the internet, if you go to the following Italian Websites and click on any reference to “Melfa.”, you will see photos of the ceremony.

www.comune.roccasecca.fr.it (Roccasecca's website) www.montecassino1944.it (museum's website) www.dalvolutornoacassino.it (association's website).

Respectfully submitted, **Jerry Gangur**



Jerry accepts a kind donation from Pam and Sam Omelmaniec. The donation allowed a Westminster Veteran to make the trip to Italy.



Dr. Alessandro Compagna, MCpl Mark Midan, C/WO Abigal Funnell and Jerry Gangur



Jerry Gangur MCpl Mark Midan and C/WO Abigal Funnell



C/WO Abilgal Funnell distributes commemorative programs to Italian children



Jerry Gangur presents Regimental plaque to Mayor of Roccasecca, Pompilio Iacobelli



Westminster Vet Dan Nikiforuk addresses audience



Lord Strath Melfa Vet Bud MacLean speaks to audience

Our Veterans at Villanova



There are a number of people who made the Melfa River Commemorative trip to Italy a reality. However, no one deserves more credit than our own stalwart Association member, Jerry Gangur. He has spent countless hours communicating with many individuals in both Canada and Italy and bringing this trip to a very successful conclusion. Jerry, we are all very proud of you for your devotion and commitment to the Regimental Association and its members. Well done Jerry!



Elementary children pose following their class participation in the Melfa Commemoration



The Mayor of Villanova is presented an Association plaque from Jerry Gangur