



THE GUARDS STAR

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From the GGFGRA President
MWO Stephane Marleau, CD (Ret'd)

With more and more people being able to get the vaccine, we are starting to see the start of the end of the tunnel with this pandemic. It does feel like we are living the same day over and over again. The association is starting to plan the association reunion and the Guards Ball for our 150th anniversary celebrations in fall of 2022. The Association Reunion committee is also exploring a reunion event for this 2021 but will depend on how the current COVID situation will develop in the next few months.

I had the pleasure of attending the Sergeants Mess' annual Cut Knife Hill event on 1 May. Although scaled down and not the traditional affair it normally is, the mess showed great creativity in hosting a virtual get together to commemorate this important part of Regimental history.

The Association would like to pass on its condolences to Sgt. Samantha Williams-Hamaoui who lost her father on 5 April to a long battle with Multiple Sclerosis.

We note the recent passing of a member of the Regimental Family. LCol Robert Barrette, a former commanding officer of the Governor General's Foot Guards Royal Canadian Cadet Corps. He passed away on April 11th due to complications related to COVID 19. We want to recognise his dedicated service to the CAF but in particular his service to our cadet corps. This terrible virus has affected everyone in one way or another and we look forward to see the end of what has taken so much from us all.

Also it is with great sadness that we have lost a long time member of our Regimental Family, Sgt Arthur McKenzie (Ret'd), father of Capt. Art McKenzie on 2 April. Sgt McKenzie served the CAF for 25 years in the regular force with the Canadian Guards, the Black Watch and 2 RCR. After leaving the regular force he served with 28 Svc Battalion and ended his career with the

GGFG. He was a familiar face at many GGFG events over the years.

All will be remembered.

At this time of the year we would like to wish the Regiment good luck as we move into the summer tasking season and we know that the Guardsmen that will be sent to courses, tasks and operations will do the Regiment proud.

Up the Guards!



**Message from the Lieutenant-Colonel
Commanding**
LCol Vincent Quesnel, CD, AdeC

Fellow Guards and members of the Regimental Family,

As we head into the summer period, I will take a moment to reflect on the Regiment's activities over the last year. It has been a particularly challenging one for the Regiment and its members as we have had to adapt much of our work into an online environment.

A recent example of such online activity was the Cloth Model Exercise run by the Tactics School on the conduct of urban operations, which was an excellent training event and greatly benefitted our participants, many of whom were quite new to the challenges of operating in the complex urban terrain. As restrictions on gathering and training have forced us into this environment, Number 1 Company has been very effective in taking advantage of the Defence 365 platform to conduct company and leadership training. And while it is certainly not the same as training in person, we've shown that some training can be done in this manner and keep our soldiers engaged.

Luckily for those members on career courses, they continued to train in person while strict health protection measures were in place. Masking and distancing were necessary and the uncertainties of training in this environment posed many challenges to the GGFG led BMQ course. I am pleased to say that it finally concluded on the first weekend of May and my congratulations go out to all our new Guardsmen, and my sincere thanks to all the staff that made it a success.

With the summer program of Ceremonial Guard cancelled again this summer, we have redirected our efforts to supporting summer training, with Maj Neil Fancy, OC of Public Duties Company spearheading the planning and execution of a string of courses to be run over the summer. These too have been challenged by the dynamic situation and uncertainties that come with planning and running scheduled events. But with our first course launched on time, conducted from the Health Care Centre on Alta Vista Drive, we are already seeing some early success, which is largely due to the perseverance of our ops and planning staff.

Not to be outdone, the Regimental Band has also adapted to the current environment. With several successful video projects posted online and some truly innovative training conducted, I can say that the Band has had a year like no other, as it has provided some unique opportunities to engage a number of specialists to great benefit.

Looking back, we also saw the return of three of our Captains after the very successful completion of their overseas tours. We are very pleased to welcome back Ryan Barber and Jordan Lobb, who were in the Ukraine, and Cory Wyne, who was in Jordan.

In closing, I will take this opportunity to relay that our last official parade night will be June 8th, as we move to the summer routine and prepare for a return to a more physically present training program for the Fall. I wish you all good health and hope to see you soon.

Up the Guards!



Message from the Regimental Sergeant Major
CWO Guy Doucette, CD

Things that I will miss.

As I reflect on my time as Sergeant Major and look to hand over to MWO Greg Witol on 25 May, what an interesting life I fell into almost 30 years ago. There have been some challenging times for certain but in general what a ride. I was out job hunting not looking to join the reserves, but saw a tank outside a big armoury looking building I remember thinking hey what is going on there and walked in and met the recruiting Sgt Gus

Woods and Officer Lt Rob Foster. Next thing I know I was recruited and rapidly there after a winter BMQ with Sgt Kevin Carleton and MCpl Andy Reid, and a familiar course mate over the years Rct Neal Porter at the Ottawa Militia District Battle School. As an example of how things change, on that BMQ we fired not only C7 but also C9's, and drove back and forth from CRPTC in the back of an MLVW in winter. Next a 1st year at CG under both Sgt Kevin Smith and a person who would become one of my best friends Cpl Sean Gagnon (I'll note I almost got fired that summer but that is a whole other story) then moved to a section with Sgt Tim Woods (now MWO) where I completed the QL3 infantry course and met a certain MCpl Quesnel.

I could go on describing my 30 years of service in the Regiment in detail but as I state above: "what am I going to miss?" I am going to miss the camaraderie. As a section 2IC or section commander, the way I could help or mentor my troops. Going out on Ex and it being not pleasant but having those 7 or 8 other soldiers there with me embracing the suck and not one of us wanting to let the others down. Going on winter ex and doing tent routine and being up at 3 AM keeping everyone else warm by doing stove watch. We won't talk about the good or bad coffee on those exercises. Teaching on courses; recruit courses or DP1 / QL3 courses or the couple of PLQ's I taught with CSgt Dom Kowlessar. And being a course WO for a comm's course and finding ways to make that not just about radios and voice procedure.

Over the years on Tuesday nights when we used to do everything from .50 Cal training, repelling off the sea cans that we had in the building, bayonet fighting, pugil stick fighting and getting hit so hard by Capt Gagnon that I was looking out the ear hole of the hockey helmet we had to wear.

I am going to miss some of the brilliant exercises we have had over the years, especially the good ones: most Southern Drives and some earlier district/ CBG ones, and Stalwart Guardian exercises where we had clear missions and time to do them and then later on to others that can be best described as a goat rodeo, which I will not miss at all. But on those exercises come the great stories of how the NCO's and officers try and make it work and make the best out of a ridiculous situation, like on a TBG EX where all of a sudden, we are given a mission to do a raid on a drug camp. Why? 'Cause why not apparently.

I am really going to miss the regular Tuesday nights in the Mess, as a junior rank the strength games like bottle walk, and some other ones that involved matches and flying. To the MCpl's table we had where we pooled our money together to get as many pitchers as we could before heading out on the town to the Cave. And finally to the mess I have been a member the longest, the one where you must earn your way in. From New Years levee's to MCpl's nights to Cut Knife Hill dinners, to the regular Tuesday nights of talking crap, meetings about \$4 bottles of scotch, Football bats, Toilet awards, horse racing, Adjutants cup games, Mess road

trips. The Messes are the beating heart of the regiment, for every bad ex or bad event etc. it can always become funnier because of the retelling of the event, especially of it comes from CSgt Thomlinson or MWO semi-retired Marleau.

To finish off I would like to thank all the soldiers of the regiment that I served with all these years for all the laughs, the mentoring, the hard work, the examples both good and bad that helped shape my experiences in the Guards.

I want to wish the best of fortunes to MWO Witol as he succeeds me as Sgt Major. The Regiment could not ask for a better NCO to lead the Regiment into our 150th celebrations.

UP THE GUARDS !



Last spring, HCol Bryan Brulotte made a donation on behalf of the Regiment to The Reverend Canon David Clunie, Rector of the Guards' Chapel. Since the early years of the Regiment, the Church of St. Bartholomew has been our spiritual home and is recognized as the Guards' Chapel. For more information, visit <http://www.stbartsottawa.ca>.



Message from the Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel
HLCol Mark A. Matheson, MSM, CD

Hello again from lock-down. This sure isn't how I imagined my tour of duty as your Honourary LCol! Instead of meeting with the troops, attending field

training/parades or participating in mess dinners and other social events, I find myself instead putting some of that resiliency training we all receive at various points in our careers into practice. I always figured those skills were mainly for deployed operations. It just goes to show how very useful some of this "military" training is in everyday life.

In my last Guards Star message, I provided an overview of the regiment's 150th Anniversary Charitable Campaign, in other words, a "howgozit". With just over a year until our birthday, I am pleased to say we continue to make steady headway towards our objective of raising \$500,000 in support of various charities in the Ottawa region. Between cash received, pledges and other proposals (weighted by likelihood) we have reached secured about \$405,000 or an amazing 81% of our goal. The generosity shown to date is overwhelming and highlights the belief people have in our campaign and the public spirit throughout the Ottawa Valley and along the Seaway.

Our comrades in arms in 33 Bde have joined us in supporting Veterans' House out at the former CFB Rockcliffe site, contributing nearly \$7,000 to date, and counting. Speaking of Veterans' House, interior "fit-out" of the building is essentially complete and now that the frost is out of the ground, work is also progressing on landscaping and the other finishing touches required to make the place a real home. The first resident (a former GGFG member who had been living in her car for an extended period) has begun to be joined by other veterans experiencing similar challenges. Eventually the facility will be home to 40 homeless or "at risk" veterans who will also benefit from immediate access to a range of support services from the MultiFaith Housing Initiative's (MHI) partner agencies. This means our former battle buddies are getting a real fighting chance to get back on their feet.

If you haven't had the chance to see the facility yet first hand, I encourage you to visit the website at <https://www.multifaithhousing.ca/about-veterans-house.html>. A picture is worth a thousand words so be sure to have a look at the videos. It's not an exaggeration to say that the residents are not being put back into barracks – they are being given a real home! The official opening of the "Andy Carswell Building" as it is known, is set for this summer – COVID permitting. Given our role in making this dream a reality, I'm hopeful the regiment will be there in force on that day.

A long charitable campaign like the GGFG's 150th is a lot like a rucksack march. The finish line is a few miles away - just over that big hill on the horizon. Your feet are sore and blistered, the rifle weighs a ton, you're thirsty and you know what you'd like to do with the ruck! This is the time when you cinch the straps up tighter, lean into the march and soldier on with your buddies.

Our campaign is at that point. We are working with several partners to help get us to our target, but a

big part of that is YOU, the members of the regimental family. Accordingly, the Regt's 150th Charitable Campaign and the Celebration Committee have joined forces to raise \$20,000 towards both parts of the 150th. We need your support to make the 150th a success. To that end, we are asking you to consider contributing. It can be a one-time gift or phased on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis – whatever suits your circumstances best. Donations will be shared equally between the Charitable and Celebratory campaigns. Naturally, should you wish to direct your support to one specific area, we will be delighted to action your direction as requested. The important thing is to contribute and help make the GGFG's 150th an event to be remembered. "How can I donate" you ask? Easy! By visiting this website <https://www.gfg150.ca/donations> and clicking on the "Donate Now" button.

When I joined the Guards in 1977, they were still talking about the 100th anniversary. Please join us today on the ruck march to make the 150th another GGFG milestone event.

Thank-you. Ducimus - We Lead.



**From the Executive Director,
150th Anniversary Organizing Committee**
LCol Fran Chilton-Mackay, OMM, MSM, CD (Ret'd)



The Organizing Committee continues to make good progress on plans for the 150th. Our dedicated website is now live (www.gfg150.ca) and I encourage everyone to visit it often to find out more about the Regiment, our history, upcoming events and 150th merchandise for sale that will be posted in the coming weeks. Since the last Guards Star we are announcing a change in date for the Fall Reunion activities. The Canada Army Run has firmed up their 2022 date, and it will occur on Sunday, September 18th next year, leaving the weekend of 23- 25 September available for our activities. It was agreed holding our event a week earlier would be better all around, and so the Reunion Weekend will now be Friday, September 23rd – Sunday,

September 25th, 2022. In addition, it is now confirmed that the Guards' Homecoming Gala Ball will be held in the magnificent Ballroom of the Chateau Laurier Hotel on Saturday, September 24th, 2022! We will be partnering with both the Lord Elgin and the Chateau Laurier Hotels to provide hotel rooms at a discounted rate. A link will be provided from the 150th website to these hotels to book rooms for the Reunion weekend, and with the Lord Elgin to book rooms for the June Freedom of the City Parade weekend as well.

In the coming weeks 150th merchandise for sale will start to appear on the CANEX website. We are excited to be offering many items of interest and articles of clothing. You will find a link from the 150th website directly to the CANEX site that will contain all of the items they will be selling on our behalf. Items will continue to be added throughout the year so make sure you check back regularly. Currently, the Association Kit Shop has both 5- and 10-year-old Guard's 150th Anniversary Whiskey for sale. Other items will be added to this kit shop site as well over the coming months.

Another page on the 150 website hosts information about submitting hi res photos for the Guards 150th Coffee Table book which will essentially be a visual history of the life of the Regiment - "150 images for 150 years". We need high-quality photos that are at least 1 mb, 300 dpi. The photos will portray the life of the Regiment and its members and will be arranged into topics such as Training, Operations, Public Duties, the Band, Mess Life, Recruiting, the Drill Hall, Community Involvement, Cadets, Museum, the Guards' Chapel and the Regimental Association. Everyone is encouraged to submit your photos for consideration to be used in the book. Submissions should be sent to our positional mailbox at gfg150th@gmail.com. See the website for more information and to download a "Photo Submission and Release Form" that needs to be submitted with your photo(s). 150th Anniversary merchandise prizes will be awarded for the top submissions!

Lastly, the 150th donation portal on the website is now operational and we are seeking your support to raise funds for both the Charitable and Celebratory campaigns. A Regimental Family Individual Donation goal of \$20,000 has been set. Please consider making a monthly contribution from now until December 2022. What about a friendly rivalry between the companies, the band, the Association or alumni groups to see who can raise the most?

I will be continuing to update you throughout the year as we all look forward to marking this important milestone in the history of our Regiment. Mark your calendars! See you in '22!



No 1 Company Makes the Best of Training in a Pandemic

Maj Nicholas Fysh, CD
Officer Commanding, 1 Company

What a horrible training year this has been. For the most part the pandemic has prevented No. 1 Company from conducting in person training and relegated us to training virtually behind a computer. That being said it has been great to see the members of the company continually pitch in to make worthwhile training happen.

The virtual training environment is challenging and many of our leaders have stepped up to prepare and deliver virtual lectures and activities to try and make virtual training as engaging as possible. Some of the highlights have included Sgt Near delivering a lecture on machine gun theory, MCpl Bertrand and Sgt Muldoon teaching first aid, Lt Papanikolaou teaching theory of platoon fighting patrols, and Sgt Nixon teaching CBRN theory, to name a few. A very special thanks to CSgt Kowlessar who has lead instruction on a variety of topics ranging from Recce Patrol actions-on to defensive occupation and withdrawal. We have also had some excellent lectures from members of the regiment outside the company, with Sgt Vincent delivering a lecture on mental resilience and MWO Witol on regimental history and traditions.

We were locked down through January, February, and most of March. Then in mid-March we had a few glorious weeks where we were allowed to resume training in person. As with our training in fall we conducted training off site, away from the drill hall at Alta Vista. We continued to be vigilant with our force health protection measures, staying outdoors and distanced, wearing masks, and washing/sanitizing our hands regularly. It was really great to be back training in person and we made the most of it. We conducted Section level recce patrol training as well as weapons handling classes to refresh our skills. This included conducting a weekend at Alta Vista where we rehearsed recce patrols from battle procedure through to execution.

In addition to the advantages of being able to actually train in person, it was a welcome reprieve from virtual training; speaking to a computer screen week after week just isn't as enjoyable as seeing a company of soldiers training in person. Unfortunately our return to in person training was brief, lasting only a few weeks. As the COVID numbers rose leading into the third wave we returned home to conducting virtual training from behind a computer where we have been since. While this was extremely frustrating (especially after our brief taste of freedom) we continued to conduct worthwhile training on a variety of subject from patrolling to the defensive. A number of members of the company also participated in an Urban operations TEWT organized by the Cameron Highlanders and lead by a subject matter expert from the Tactics School, providing an excellent

opportunity to learn about the planning considerations for urban operations and then put that information into practice planning a combat team operation.

Throughout all of this CSgt Kowlessar has continued to run Leadership Development training to prepare junior NCOs for the Infantry Section Commander's Course, and junior officers for Phase 2. He has run this training in person as permitted but mostly virtual. His efforts along with the assistance of MCpl Afkham-Ebrahimi, and MCpl Jiang have set up our candidates attending leadership courses for success this summer.

Over the course of the year a number of NCOs have stepped up at various times to fill roles above their rank level. Since January, MCpl Correoso has been acting as company quartermaster role and Cpl Blaney has been acting as a section commander. Sgt Muldoon and MCpl Bertrand have both stepped up to fill Platoon 2IC roles for extended periods while their platoon 2ICs were away on courses. MCpl Bertrand and MCpl O'Brien also stepped in to act as instructors on the Infantry Basic Machine Gun course to ensure that our candidates on the course were able to get qualified. In a particularly difficult training year, these individuals filled leadership roles to keep the machine running smoothly.

As always I owe a debt of gratitude to my CSM, MWO Webb for looking after our members of the Company, providing me with advice, and generally keeping things afloat. The Coy 2IC Capt Gagnon has also gone above beyond to work through the challenges of conducting company administration in a virtual environment. He has made sure the members of the company were paid, and that the nothing has fallen off the rails.

The good news is that next training year is already looking a lot brighter. No. 1 Company will be working together with the Algonquin Regiment (North Bay and Timmins), and the 2nd Battalion, The Irish Regiment of Canada (Sudbury) next training year to conduct collective training exercises as part of the North Star Company Group. With a training focus on the defensive we will train on sitting and occupying defensive positions; building trenches and obstacles, and of course patrolling. Planning is already well underway and things are shaping up for good quality training starting in Fall 2021.

While there is still a ways to go to get out from under this pandemic, we can look ahead to better times and better training ahead. Thank you to the soldiers, NCOs, and officers of No. 1 Company for pulling together over this past year to make the best of a disappointing situation. Your efforts and engagement have made this training year worthwhile.

Up the Guards!



The Newly Standardized GGFG Cap Stars
Official Versions and Usages
LCol Fran Chilton-Mackay, OMM, MSM, CD (Ret'd)



As the Organizing Committee for our 150th Anniversary began to prepare last fall, one of our first tasks was to design a 150th logo for the occasion. We were extremely fortunate to be offered the services of the Senior Graphic Designer from Canadian Army Headquarters, Joanna Gajdicar, to help us to design the logo. As we began it immediately became apparent that the Regiment had created so many versions of our cap star digitally, in print and on fabric over the years that it was hard to determine which one to use. Multiple digital versions exist online and in print that use a variety of shades of blue, red and gold. The renditions used for embroidery or silk screening on fabric show an even wider variety in the elements of the cap star: thick or thin central crosses, a wider or narrower annulus; we found one example with the regimental motto excluded completely! Several of the examples in fabric including our camp flag are drawn with a blue line running down the middle of each ray of the star.

We realized that until we identified a standard image, we could not begin to design a 150th logo. A current project of the Army Staff is to produce official graphic (pdf) images of cap badges, complete with specific Pantone colour codes, for all corps and regiments within the Army, so our request for assistance was met with both expert advice and a willingness to help. It should be noted that the only truly authorized cap badge is the one signed by the Director of Ceremonial, NDHQ in June 1982, and confirmed by Letters Patent from the Canadian Heraldic Authority, Rideau Hall, on 15 July 2009, which can be viewed at this link: [Governor General's Foot Guards \[Military Institution\] \(gg.ca\)](http://governor-general.gc.ca). Over the years however, a “secondary” cap star has been widely used on its own that is more representative of the cap stars rendered in metal on our headdress. This is also the cap star that appears on the Regiment’s camp flag, authorized and issued by the Directorate of History and Heritage (DHH/DND), Official Lineages, January 2010, and available on the web page at: [Governor General's Foot Guards - canada.ca](http://governor-general.gc.ca). The camp flag features the iconic blue/red/blue (“Brigade Patch”) stripes of the Household Division (UK) however the cap badge appears without the gold-coloured lettering and edging on the annulus.

As a result of extensive consultation with both Army HQ, DHH and the Household Division in the UK it was decided to standardize the official primary “Gold” cap star (with the gold edging and lettering) and the secondary “Argent” cap star with the gold replaced by argent (silver, grey or white) that is more representative of the metal cap stars worn on our uniforms. At the same time, the official shades of blue, red and gold to be used have also been verified and standardized, as defined by their official Pantone colour codes (see the examples below). The regimental camp flag has also been updated to reflect these new standards.

**Canadian Household Brigade
Royal Blue**



Pantone Code: 2768C
RGB: 7,29,73
Hexadecimal: 071D49

**Canadian Household Brigade
Red**



Pantone Code: 209C
RGB: 111,38,61
Hexadecimal: 6F263D

Canadian Army Heraldic Gold



Pantone Code: 123C
RGB: 255,199,44
Hexadecimal: FFC72C

New official artwork has been created for the primary “Gold” Cap Star, secondary “Argent” Cap Star and Camp Flag using the official colours, as well as in black and white. Of note is the style of the rays of the cap star; both the official “Gold” and “Argent” versions now have identical rays. Each ray is a split of white and grey in keeping with the Rideau Hall 2009 Letters Patent illustration of the authorized cap star. The official “Gold” cap star must only be used on

its own without any background and should be the star used for official purposes. The “Argent” cap star, as we are referring to it, must be the only cap star used against the blue/red/blue stripes (“Brigade Patch”) of the camp flag. There could be occasions, when less colouring is more effective, to use the secondary “Argent” cap star on its own without the “Brigade Patch” background, but this is generally discouraged.

Standard digital image files in .jpg, .png and .pdf formats have been created for the approved versions of the two cap stars and camp flag, as well as black and white files. Going forward these images are the only images authorized for any media: digital, print or fabric material. These images are available through the Adjutant and chain of command. Old images must be deleted and replaced as soon as possible by anyone using them on social media, websites or elsewhere.

After all the work that went into standardizing our Regiment’s cap star, the payoff was designing an impressive 150th Anniversary Logo!

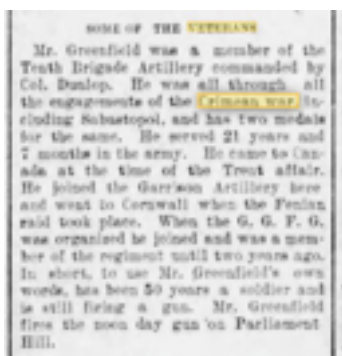


The Gunner Who Became a Guardsman

Col Rob M. Foster, MSM, CD

A former member of the Regiment, Kevin Joynt, posted this article in our Facebook group, Former members of the GGFG and CG. I thought it was an interesting and poignant little article that deserved more research. The article from the *Ottawa Citizen*, 12 September 1894 says the following:

“Mr Greenfield was a member of the Tenth Brigade Artillery commanded by Col. Dunlop. He was all through all the engagements of the Crimean war. Including Sabastopol and has two medals for the same. He served 21 years and 7 months in the army. He came to Canada at the time of the Trent Affair. He joined the Garrison Artillery here and went to Cornwall when the Fenian raid took place. When the G. G. F. G. was organized he joined and was a member of the Regiment until two years ago. In short, to use Mr Greenfield’s own words, has been 50 years a soldier and is still firing a gun. Mr Greenfield fires the noon day gun on Parliament Hill.”



This small piece of information provided us with some clues about a former Guardsman, but not much. Thanks to the Internet and the help of Capt Neal Porter and more research from Kevin Joynt we were able to uncover some more details.

Samuel Greenfield was in the GGFG from 1872 to 1892 retiring at the rank of Staff Sergeant. Other newspaper articles suggested he was still serving in 1897 when he retired, and the added confusion exists that he received his clasp for long service in 1902 for continued service. The rules of retirement and whether you could continue wearing the uniform were not as strict back in those days.



The medals that he would have worn are illustrative only and taken from individual medals found on the Internet. The only things missing are the two clasps for the long service medal as Kevin Joynt noted that “his medal entitlement is, Crimean War Medal with clasp Sebastopol, Canada Service Medal with clasps, Fenian Raids 1866 and 1870, Army Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, the Colonial Auxiliary Force Long Service Medal (named to him in the GGFG) and the Turkish Crimea Medal.” He went on to highlight, “it’s interesting in that he is wearing the two clasps to his Canada General Service medal, however according to the records he didn’t receive his second clasp until November 1902. My point is, the article stated he served with the Foot Guards until 1892, and more than ten years later he is still wearing the uniform.”

In reviewing his Service Record of the British Army we learned that on 16 April 1866 in Montreal, Quebec, 1493, Gunner Samuel Greenfield was discharged from the Royal Artillery at his own request. His service was confirmed at 21 years 143 days (It would appear that the final 43 days did not count towards pension) with 4 years and 315 days served abroad as follows:

	Year	Age	Years Serving
Born	1823		
Joined Royal Artillery	1844	21	
Crimea	1854	31	
Halifax			
Left Royal Artillery	1866	43	22
CGCA			
Fired Noon Gun	1869	46	
GGFG	1872	49	
Retired GGFG	1892	74	25
Stopped Firing Noon Gun	1907	84	38
Died	1908	85	

Crimea – 214 days

Halifax – 4 years 101 days.

The board confirmed that his conduct has been exemplary. He was in possession of five good conduct badges and a silver medal with a gratuity of 5 pounds for long service and good conduct. His daily rate of pay in 1849 was 1.25 and by 1865 it was a whopping 5.25.

There are a few articles in the Ottawa daily papers, which mention Greenfield by name. These are the most interest:

The Evening Citizen 28 July 1899: “Mr Samuel Greenfield of Second Street, Ottawa East, was run over on Sparks street, opposite George E. Kennedy’s drug store about 09:30a.m. by of Slattery & Terrance’s meat wagons and very severely injured. He was carried in an unconscious state into Kennedy’s where Dr E. B. Echlin who happened to be in at the time, attended to his injuries. There was a severe gash across the forehead probably inflicted by contact with the wheels. The cut bled profusely. He did not recover consciousness for some time and when he did could not remember how he was caught by the wagon. He was removed to his home in a cab. Mr Greenfield has for years fired the noon gun on Parliament Hill.”



This photo, taken in 1901, is one of two clear photos of Samuel Greenfield in the National Archives collection. He sits in front of his house on Second Street, sometimes known as “B” Street, that was later renamed “Greenfield Avenue.”

What about the Gun? According to Ken Clavette in the Lost Ottawa Facebook page, “The noonday gun was originally cast in Wales and was used in the Crimean War. The nine-pound muzzle ship's gun was issued to the British army garrison stationed in Ottawa in 1854 and purchased by the Canadian government in 1869 (Photo: Ottawa’s Noonday Gun c1882 – LAC, PA-008384).



The nine-pound muzzle ship's cannon weighs 1818 kilograms and was purchased by the Postmaster-General for Canada on the authority of the Prime Minister Sir John A. Macdonald. It was fired daily until the 1980s due to budget cuts and the gun was transferred to The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery, where it is currently on loan to the 30th Field Regiment and can be found as part of their Museum Collection.



This photo gives you an appreciation for the size of the gun while Mr WJ Davis is loading it at Major’s Hill Park facing the Ottawa River, ca. 1963. Mr Davis was the son of the Warrant Officer T.E. Davis who served in the NW Rebellion and later was the fourth Regimental Sergeant Major from from 1891 to 1897. (Photo: LAC - 4316674)

The final article of the life of Samuel Greenfield was published in the *Ottawa Citizen*, Wednesday, 10 June 1908: “The death of Samuel Greenfield, which took place at his residence, 59 Second Street, Ottawa East, on Tuesday, removes one of the most interesting and widely known figures of the capital. Mr Greenfield was perhaps most generally known in his capacity as firer of the noon gun on parliament hill, an office which he filled for 36 years.

Born in 1824 in Linwood, Lincolnshire, England he joined the English Army at the age of 21. He served through the Crimean War under General Sir Frederick Williams of Kars, being attached to the heavy siege train before Sebastopol in the winter of 1856. He came to Canada in 1862, participated in the march from Halifax to St John’s Que, during the Trent affair, and in the Fenian raids. Mr Greenfield had gained five medals, three war medals and two for long service in the imperial and colonial armies. In July, 1866, he joined the post office department of the civil service. He was in charge of the noon gun on parliament hill from the first day it was fired, April 1869, till last September, when failing health necessitated his giving it up. Mr Greenfield was one of the oldest residents of Ottawa East and was

one of the fathers of the school system there, having been a trustee for over twenty years. He was an old member of the G.G.F.G. retiring with the rank of Staff-Sergeant after 25 years' service, dating from the time of its organization in 1872.

He was married in 1848 at Alverstone, Eng, to Hannah Kent, who predeceased him in 1899. Ten children survive him, five boys and five girls. They are John R., Vancouver, Robert, Ottawa, Rev. S.J. Greenfield, Illon N.Y., Frederick Ireson of the Montreal rolling mills; Arthur G., accountant, Ottawa; Mrs William Porter and Mrs John Hughes of Ottawa; Mrs George Chrisman and Mrs John Levi Greenfield of Syracuse, N.Y., and Miss Emily, at home. Seventeen grandchildren also survive. Mr Greenfield had never had a days illness until an accident about ten years ago and his death was due in a general breaking up of the system from old age. He was a member of the Church of England and a faithful attendant of Holy Trinity church, Ottawa East. He also belonged to the Unity Protestant Benefit society. The funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon at 2.20 O'clock."

The story of Samuel Greenfield is a colourful part of Ottawa History and of our own, as we get ready to celebrate our 150th anniversary.



Quilt of Valour - Dave Rennie

Capt Arthur McKenzie
Adjutant, GGFG

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On 17 March Branch Secretary Captain David Rennie CD was presented with a Quilt of Valour at the Royal Canadian Legion (Branch 632). He reports "I was somewhat surprised when I got the call about the quilt, I guess I received it for my service".



Quilts of Valour - Mission Statement

Our mission is to ensure that injured Canadian Forces members are recognized for their service and commitment to our country. We give this support through the presentation of quilts to comfort our injured past and present Canadian Forces members. To read more about Quilts for Valour, visit:

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Through the encouragement, support and enthusiasm of quilters, the Quilts of Valour - Canada

Society was formed as a registered national charity in 2009.

The Quilts of Valour – Canada Society has presented quilts to thousands of recipients who are coping with injuries both visible and invisible. These quilts are made by volunteer quilters from across the country who wished to show their appreciation to our injured Canadian Armed Forces members, past and present for their bravery and commitment to Canada and its citizens. The quilts come from individuals, groups and guilds, men and women, young people, retired armed forces members themselves and many others with no connection to the military.

24239828 D.B. Rennie Scots Guards 1973 - 1993



I joined the Regiment in 1973 I left in 1993 under the Option for Change. I served mainly in the 2nd Bn with two posting to the Guards Depot once in 1977 as a Regimental Drummer and then in 1990's as a Drums Sergeant. I was the last Drum Major of the 2nd Bn Scots Guards prior to being placed into Suspended Animation in 1993 we had a fantastic Corps of Drums and Pipes & Drums formally known as the "Drums Company". I served in Germany, Cyprus, Belize, Canada, United States, Malta, Northern Ireland, Falkland Islands and the UK. All the usual fun places.

I moved to Canada in 1994, I joined the Canadian Armed Forces in 1998 into the Governor General's Foot Guards in Ottawa (Militia/TA Unit). I came in as a Sergeant and served in many appointments



reaching the rank of Master Warrant Officer (WOII). I was also the Unit Drum Major. I was heavily involved in all Ceremonial Parades in Ottawa with the Guards and the Ceremonial Guard where during the summer months the Changing of the Guard ceremony would take place daily in the Nation's Capital, Ottawa. In 2006 I was employed full time with the Ceremonial Guard there I filled many

appointments: Operations, CSM, Drum Major, Drill Sgt, and Acting RSM. In 2012 I was recommended for Commissioning and I Commissioned to Captain where I took over as the Adjutant/Deputy Commanding Officer of the Ceremonial Guard. I served until September 2017.

Many ask what the “CD” is after my name. It is the “Canadian Forces Decoration”. This is the same as the Long Service Medal. As to why it is mounted first, I was serving with the Canadian Forces so therefore it took precedence over my other medals.

The highlight of my time in the Scots Guards was being in the finest Regiment in the world, the highlight of my time in the Canadian Armed Forces was being able to use my experience from serving in the Regiment to improve everyone else! I also have my own Pipe Tune which is very cool. The downside was in August 2003 I was involved in an explosion where along with another soldier we were blown up, everyone survived, it nevertheless took a toll on mind and body.

I was also instrumental in raising awareness of Drum Major training in Canada and was involved in the teaching and training of many Drum Majors across the Canadian Armed Forces, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and many other Police Forces in Canada.



The Inaugural Band Exercise Capt Stefan Sikorski, CD

In the late summer of 2018, the Regimental Band of the Governor General's Foot Guards identified a need to be in fighting shape, musically speaking, prior to what is normally a busy September season. This initiated the start of the Regimental Band's annual exercise.

During Friday before the labour day weekend, the band engaged in IBTS training and logistical organization prior to loading the transportation and heading to Camp Otterdale which is a little more than an hour west of Ottawa. The cumulative goal of the exercise was to have a concert ready with only a few days together to rehearse. To help accomplish that tall order, Dr. Gillian McKay from the University of Toronto was flown in to help run the brass sectional, large ensemble rehearsal, and give conducting feedback on Saturday. Interspersed throughout rehearsal time, members of the band engaged in team-building exercises and PT. Sunday morning was greeted with a flurry of activity, starting the morning the final run-through of the concert program and band members packing their equipment to get onto the bus and drive to Perth.

A few weeks before the concert, we were invited for an interview by the local radio station and were able to generate excitement and awareness surrounding the concert. Also, playing at St. Paul's United Church was a

longstanding tradition established by the previous Director of Music, LCol Chilton-Mackay and the band was greeted with a full house.

The band opened the concert with O Canada, followed by Thomas Doss's Romanian Overture. The audience remained engrossed by being treated to a variety of music including the Canadian composer Robert Buckley's Jitterbug, a stage band style piece written for concert band and ending with a penny whistle feature arranged and performed by the band's own oboeist OCdt Gordon Tait. The band accepted multiple standing ovations and concluded the weekend by engaging with the audience after the concert. With the Regimental Band feeling ready to take on a busy September, the transportation was packed for the last time and the musicians returned home full of military band engagements which included many Army Week performances, a Freedom of the City parade, CAFSAC awards support, and many others.

What initially began as a bit of an experiment, between finding the location, inviting our special guest, securing the commitment of such an impressive turnout of band members, to timing it all with a concluding concert to work towards, the end-of-summer exercise has become an annual fixture in the band's schedule and an important part of opening the year's training. The band plans to embark on a 2021 exercise in hopes of kicking off a return to relative normalcy, which for us means a lot of busy weekends of a diverse array of engagements, particularly in the autumn months.



Photographic Moments Maj Jim R. Milne, OMM, CD (Ret'd)

It is not unknown for public and political figures to play musical instruments. Prince Charles apparently refers to his cello to relieve stress. Former President Harry Truman played the piano and Bill Clinton the Tenor Saxophone. Here in Canada Jean Chretien played the Trombone, Stephen Harper the piano and recent Governor General Payette the flute. Which brings us to another former Governor General, - Ray Hnatyshyn. His Excellency played the clarinet during his high school and university years. This information came to light when the musical instrument maker Yamaha produced a very wide spread group photo of about fifty Canadians who had attained success in various professional fields and who had played musical instruments.

Among those pictured was our Colonel of the Regiment, The Right Honourable Ramon H. Hnatyshyn, who was holding a Bass Clarinet. The first opportunity to take advantage of this knowledge was the Canada Day Garden Party at Rideau in 1992. Governor General Hnatyshyn came to the band to thank them for their music. He was asked if he'd like to sit in some day, and he replied that he'd be delighted to do so. That set the

scene for the Garden Party in 1993. Corporal Margaret Park made sure that a chair, music stand, music and an instrument were placed at an appropriate spot in the band. When His Excellency again approached the band he was invited to play and the available instrument was pointed out. I'm sure he was surprised, but he graciously accepted the invitation and sat in to play a march with the band. He is sitting next to Corporal Dan Kehayes. The press took the photo and it was widely distributed across Canada. (Photo - Ottawa Citizen)



A Gift to the Coldstream Guards of Great Britain
Lt Dane Lloyd

The Coldstream Guards of Great Britain were pleased to receive the generous gift of a Canadian-harvested bear skin on behalf of the Governor General's Foot Guards. The bearskin was harvested outside of Edmonton, Alberta and mounted by taxidermists Darren and Carolyn Carter from Solitude Taxidermy. Lt Dane Lloyd worked with local hunters to arrange the donation of the bearskin and the mounting was paid for

by the generous contribution of our own Honorary Colonel, Bryan Brulotte.



Colonel (Retired) Simon Vandeleur of the Coldstream Guards accepted the gift on behalf of his Regiment:

“Thank you very much for your extreme generosity – it is a magnificent gift to the Regiment from the Governor General’s Foot Guards of Canada. We have a plan to mount the rug somewhere in the 1st Battalion barracks in Windsor, where it can be enjoyed by all ranks.”

The Windsor Barracks outside of Windsor Castle is the weekend home of Her Royal Majesty Queen Elizabeth the II.

The Regiment has been working for the past several years to build stronger ties with our sister Regiment, the Coldstream Guards. It was noted that a bearskin from Canada had been proudly displayed at the Coldstream Guards Barracks for many years, but due to extreme age had disintegrated. Enterprising members of the GGFG took it upon themselves to secure a new bearskin to continue this proud tradition.



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