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The Secretary,  
Association of 8th Canadian Hussars (Princess Louise's), Inc.,  
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed are two cheques, for \$25.00 each, from myself  
and Capt. R. Hunter Dunn (2328 Ogilvie Road, Gloucester, ON,  
K1J 7N6) to go toward the Gothic Line Monument project.

Please forward receipts.

Sincerely,

*H.R.S. Ellis*  
HRCol.

*Receipts sent  
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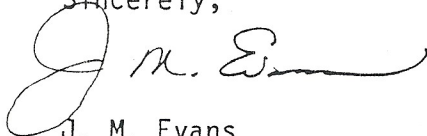
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Sincerely,



J. M. Evans  
Editorial Director



5 October 1995

Mary Bickerton  
P.O. Box 159  
Sussex, N.B.  
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Dear Mrs. Bickerton,

The nomination for the designation of the 8th Canadian Hussars Cairn at Fox Hill as a Provincial Historic Site has been recently studied and considered by the Commemoration Committee. The Committee recommended that the carin should not be designated as a Provincial Historic Site.

Sincerely yours

Fidèle Thériault,  
Chair,  
Commemoration Committee



# ASSOCIATION OF 8th CANADIAN HUSSARS (PRINCESS LOUISE'S) INCORPORATED

Box 159, Sussex NB E0E 1P0

11 May 91

Capt RH Dunn  
2328 Ogilvie Rd  
Gloucester, Ont  
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Dear Capt Dunn:

At the executive meeting held at Base Gagetown recently, Major Tim Ellis spoke about the plaque which you presented to the Officers' Mess at Warren Camp in Crowborough, and about the accompanying letter which is displayed beside the bar there.

I am directed to thank you sincerely for this presentation; it is most appropriate that our badge be displayed in a location where Hussars served and that others should know of their history.

Sincerely,

FM Bickerton WO  
Secretary

for

RG Ferris Capt  
President



# ASSOCIATION OF 8th CANADIAN HUSSARS (PRINCESS LOUISE'S) INCORPORATED

Box 159, Sussex NB E0E 1P0

26 Jul 91

Albert Prince  
10 Cleveland St  
Sheffield  
S5-3JB  
England

Dear Mr Prince:

Your letter reached me yesterday, via Mrs Thomas of New Brunswick Command, RCL, and Bill Bell, who is the President of the Harold Gamblin Chapter, Association of 8th Canadian Hussars. This is the Chapter hosting this year's Get-Together of Hussars, here in Sussex.

Our Association includes former and serving members of both the Regular Regiment, presently serving in Germany, and the Militia Regiment, which has HQ in Moncton NB and squadrons in Sussex, Moncton and Sackville. Any personnel who have been attached at any time are also eligible for membership.

At the executive meeting last night your letter was read and created a lot of interest. Our veterans were trying to determine just who did go to the Coronation in 1937; on checking our history we found it was Cpl Harry W Campbell, now deceased.

It was really interesting to hear from you, especially as our regiment has been allied with the Yorkshire Dragoons (Queens Own) since 1933.

Several 8th Hussars belong to the Sussex Branch #20, Royal Canadian Legion, probably some of us have been to the same Dominion Conventions as your comrades from the Niagara Falls Branch.

I enclose the latest copy of our semi-annual newsletter, Sabretache, which I think you will find interesting, and should be pleased to hear from you again.

Sincerely,

FM Bickerton, WO  
Secretary

Barbara A. Sanders  
4 Sycamore Lane  
Lower Sackville, N.S.  
November 8, 1994

Association of Eighth Canadian Hussars  
( Princess Louise's ) Inc.  
P. O. Box 159  
Sussex, N.B.  
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Dear Legionnaires,

As Remembrance Day approaches for the first time without my father ( Merville A. Lester ), I want to tell you how much your presence at Fitzpatrick's Funeral home on March 29th meant to me. I was surprised that I was so moved by people I personally did not know.

Your members arrived and introduced themselves and many related how they had known Dad. They gathered as a group to honor a fallen comrade with prayer and reverence. I kept thinking how strange it was to meet people who showed me a part of my father that he had always been reluctant to talk about. His references to his years in the army had always held a warmth and pride but details of World War II were hidden deep. To have old comrades - who themselves were not in good health - make the effort to travel ( in some cases quite distances ) to do Dad the honor of this ceremony was a realization of the great strength of the ties that bind comrades-at-arms.

I know that Dad would have taken great pride in your tribute. My family and I were witness to strength of unity that had not been broken by time. I can better understand Dad's pride in serving with such fine comrades and I thank you for making the great effort of expressing your fellowship with a fallen comrade.

God Bless You All.

*Barbara (Lester) Sanders*

Barbara (Lester) Sanders

P.S. Several years ago I wrote a Remembrance Day poem with Dad and the "Eighth Hussars" in mind. Perhaps this year He will be one of the "spirit soldiers" present at the ceremonies doing honor to all who have gone before and who will follow after - Lest We Forget!

# PRINCESS LOUISE PARK INC.

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January 31, 1995

LT/Col. J. D. Trueman  
Association of 8th. Canadian Hussars (Princess Louise's) Inc.  
P. O. Box 159,  
Sussex, N.B. E0E 1P0

Dear Sir:

**PRINCESS LOUISE PARK** was so named to commemorate the famous mascot and her Regiment. Appropriately so, it was the same land on which she had marched many times.

Now we are developing a logo for **PRINCESS LOUISE PARK**, to be used in all correspondence and promotion. Early consideration indicated that Princess Louise should be featured somehow, without leaving the impression that the Park was only a stabling facility, or catering to horses. This brought up the idea of using the 8th Hussar's crest in some manner.

Although there maybe other ideas for a logo forthcoming, it still seems proper that permission be sought to pursue the horse and crest idea.

We would appreciate your earliest consideration of this request.

Yours sincerely,



Preston Routledge, President

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(Cavalry)



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16<sup>th</sup> September 1999

Lieutenant-Colonel (retd) R.S. McLeod  
23 Pedersen Avenue  
Hampton NS E5N 5W2

Dear Colonel McLeod:

I was very happy to hear from you and to learn that the annual review finds favour.

You will know that I sincerely regret the awkward omission of your name from the legend under the 1955 Camp Borden photograph. The picture came into my possession by accident, and my only defence is that the identifications were transcribed in toto from an attached document. Nonetheless, please accept my apology.

Your "new" address has been recorded. Thank you for letting us know.

Cordially,

THE ROYAL CANADIAN ARMOURED CORPS ASSOCIATION



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Regular meeting of the Chapter was held in the Ossekeag Room, Hampton Community Centre, on Sunday 28 Oct 01, commencing at 1400 hrs. President Ron Ferris called for a moment's silence, broken by the Regimental Prayer. Ten members present.

Minutes of meeting 23 Sep 01 were distributed. There being no errors or omissions minutes stand as read.

Business from the minutes 1. CD ROM #1 to be presented to Douglas How's elder son. 2, Assoc President reported on Birthday/Get Together 2002. Events to be centred in Moncton; parade probably in Dieppe in conjunction with 60th anniversary of Dieppe raid.

Treasurer's report Bank balance at 30 Sep 01 \$3374.94. Fiscal year to be changed to calendar year. Presently our year end is 30 Sep. Report accepted on motion Wishart/Brown. CARRIED

Committee report Sabretache - issue will be mailed early November.

Old Business Christmas party arrangements discussed. 10.00 plate, Sandra Muir-Russell volunteered to obtain door prizes, chocolates. Scovil Brown will contact Chris Cuppens re a stained glass item for main prize, and order canape trays. Ron will stock bar.

Bob will contact Br 28 RCL, Scovil will contact NB Command RCL re correct placing of wreaths at cenotaph. Moved McLeod/Muir-Russell that this Chapter place a wreath 11 Nov (Scovil). CARRIED

New Business Assoc President reported HLCOL Kit Graham had consulted with Donald McGowan, lawyer and former Adjut 8CH, re Coriano Trust and other legal matters, including Assoc property. Bill Gamblin asked location of the Gamblin sword; believe to be on display in Sussex, secretary to check.

Next meeting 20 Jan 02, 1400hrs this location.

Meeting adjourned 1550, on motion Nora Bell.

FM Bickerton  
Secretary

RG Ferris  
President





From Lieutenant-Colonel C.J. Corrigan, CD

1470-1 (CO/DO)

8th Canadian Hussars  
(Princess Louise's)  
CFPO 5000

20 December 1990

Dear

Hussar

Christmas is just around the corner as I bring you this next chapter in life at the Regiment. As you may recall, our last chapter ended with the Regiment on the eve of Boeselager and the summer's posting season June and July that saw 117 arriving and departing.

This year's Boeselager saw the Regiment field a 12 man team to compete in Ebern FRG, 28 May - 1 June 1990. The Boeselager Cup, named after a famous WWII German Colonel, is an international military competition sponsored by the Bundeswehr to test the skills of armoured reconnaissance troops from 10 German Army divisions and 11 NATO nations divided, respectively, into host and guest categories. Points are awarded for placement in the eight separate events that compose the competition. These include tactical swimming, skilled armoured fighting vehicle driving, a 60 kilometre helicopter route recce, small arms firing, military identification, a night march through enemy-occupied terrain and a 35 kilometre armoured reconnaissance patrol. The last two events are worth the most points and the team that captures the highest standing in the patrol usually wins the overall competition. All nations in the guest class are extremely competitive and the guest class for the most part exceeds the performance of the ten Bundeswehr divisional reconnaissance battalions in what is essentially their competition. This year the Hussars placed seventh with strong finishes on the small arms range (1st place) and the skilled driving course (2nd place). In the former, the team engaged 30 targets over 120 seconds of action-packed shooting which included battlefield simulation. Twenty-five hits gave the team a large lead which they maintained throughout the competition. In the skilled driving, the team manoeuvred an M113 through dummy minefields and bottlenecks in an attempt to gain the best time over the rugged course. The team was backed by a support staff whose dedication and hard work over the six months of training made everything possible. Boeselager remains the finest NATO wide competition as it tests the entire spectrum of armoured reconnaissance skills. The members of the Hussar team are much better soldiers and gentlemen for having competed. We all were extremely proud of them.

Returning to the Regiment were Major Johnathan and Sue Daniels from French language training in Valcartier to Officer Commanding Reconnaissance Squadron, Captain Rob Gerbrandt and his new wife Bonnie from recruiting in Halifax to Battle Captain Reconnaissance Squadron, Captain Rob Russell Battle Captain C Squadron and Captain Tim Datchko

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and Daina from the Armour School to Battle Captain A Squadron. The new troop leaders or "Young Guns" that arrived were Second-Lieutenant Emery Lalonde with Sylvie Marie, Second-Lieutenant Dave Wilson with Tracey and Second-Lieutenant George Bradovka with Kelly. Returning from the Armour School after only a year's absence was Master Warrant Officer Jim Roberts to SSM A Squadron. Master Warrant Officer Doug Harvey left the Regimental Gunnery Warrant Officer's (RGWO) slot upon promotion to become SSM C Squadron. As RGWO, MWO Harvey's mission in life apart from being the loader in my tank, was to ensure I didn't hurt myself on our tank. On at least one occasion he saved me from early disability retirement by preventing me from rolling off the tank's back deck while deep in the "arms of Morpheus".

In addition to arrivals and departures, handovers, and well deserved leave, the early summer presented a great opportunity for the Regiment to conduct adventure training. This year saw troops spread the length and breadth of Europe trekking, repelling, kayaking, yachting, rock climbing, and horseback riding in such places as Kiel, Berchtesgaden, Mosel Valley, Garmisch, the Ardennes, and Holland. Designed to test the planning, preparation and initiative of junior officers and junior NCOs, the program is always successful and a great boost to our morale. It's a dirty job but...

Two teams represented the Regiment 16 - 20 July at the Nijmegen Military Marches. The RSM and I joined the teams for two days that included the end of march Victory Parade that had all members of 1 Canadian Division Forward march past our commander Brigadier-General J.J.M.R. Gaudreau on the town square in Nijmegen. For the uninitiated, the gruelling 100-mile march takes place over four days. From a large military base camp the over 15,000 military marchers depart at 0330, cover a 25 mile route, in combat dress, carrying a 20 kilogram pack, and return mid-afternoon. The toll on combat boots, socks and soles of feet is extensive. At least 3 months of hard training must precede the event to avoid severe foot injury. On the third march day, the Canadians participated in a memorial service at the Groesbeek Cemetery where a number of Hussars are buried. All in all, this is a wonderful annual experience for members of the Regiment. The warm hospitality of the Dutch remains a pleasant memory for all of us who have participated in Nijmegen.

From 21 July - 4 August the Regiment, less Reconnaissance Squadron, conducted crew, troop, squadron, and regimental manoeuvre training in Munsingen. Blessed with excellent, warm and dry summer weather we 'ravaged' the training area. This year for the first time we deployed with our mine ploughs in addition to our rollers. Environmental sensitivities now limit our roller and plough training to once a year in a training area receptive to the considerable terrain modification that ensues. Hasty minefield breach drills were developed and practiced by each squadron. A company from 3 RCR and a troop from 4 Combat Engineer Regiment presented the opportunity to conduct some low-level combined arms training. Our resident Munsingen partnership unit 283 Panzerbataillon participated in our training as did our French Army partnership unit 12e Régiment de Cuirassiers. Tank crews from each unit bonded socially and tactically with C and A Squadrons respectively.

While the Regiment was in Munsingen, Reconnaissance Squadron with LOHs from 444 Tactical Helicopter Squadron was training in the German countryside around Rosenfeld and within view of Hohenzallern Castle (burial place of Frederick the Great). They enjoyed considerable German hospitality throughout their training even in these times of relative peace in Germany.

The seven weeks in garrison between our Munsingen and FALLEX deployment presented a further opportunity for much needed leave, settling in of new families, preparation for FALLEX, and preparation and participation in the two day 1 Canadian Division Forward Sports Competition. Equipment and weapon system oriented, the Regiment normally feels the 'tug and pull' of preparation for a 4-5 week field deployment and preparation for the annual Sports Competition. Normally only 2-3 weeks garrison time occurs between Munsingen and FALLEX. This year's seven week period permitted more sports training and it paid off with a third place finish - the Regiment's best ever. To gain second place would have meant achieving double our aggregate total score and forming a sports squadron much in the same manner of the two infantry battalions - a luxury our tanks won't permit us to do. First place finishes by our soccer and swim teams and a string of second, third, and fourth place finishes by our Masters, 1.5 Miler, Forced March, and Track and Field Teams achieved the aim. Complementing our placing in the Division Sports Competition was the Regiment capturing the Canadian Forces Europe Soccer and Fastball Championships as well as the Base Lobbball Championships. The eve of the Regiment's train and road move to Hohenfels saw us fit to fight and in great spirits.

FALLEX took place 20 September - 21 October with the first two weeks in the Hohenfels US Army Training Area and the last two weeks in a requisitioned manoeuvre area in Bavaria bordered by Vilseck in the north, Nurnberg in the west, Amberg in the south, and Wieden/Naab River in the east. Typically it rained in Hohenfels making the valley floors and ridge lines a muddy moonscape not particularly inviting to 'big muscle' tactics and junior Rommels and more an exercise in watermanship. Regardless, the combat team and battle group training it afforded went without a hitch. A, B, and C Squadrons initially conducted combat team training with 3 RCR and 1 R22ER. The Regiment then got together for a two and a half day battle group advance and attack FTX with a company and TOW platoon from each infantry battalion, Major Dave Wiley's C Battery 1 RCHA, 3 Troop 41 Field Squadron and 17 Armoured Engineer Squadron of 4 Combat Engineer Regiment, and a section of LOHs from 444 Squadron.

After washing our vehicles and generally making ourselves presentable to the civilian population, the Regiment deployed out of Hohenfels to the requisitioned manoeuvre area for the 1st Canadian Division FTX 'Royal Sword'. This FTX was to have been conducted by the Division with the entire divisional headquarters and 5 Brigade in CPX mode deployed from Canada with 4 Brigade FTXing. Due to the extended deployment of 5 Brigade in aid to the civil power ops, 5 Brigade exercise play was reduced to that of a response cell. Two important events in German history impacted upon our deployment among

the German population. Firstly the 3 October unification of the two Germanys and then the 14 October Bavarian state election. These events, combined with peace "raging" in Western Europe, demanded that we appreciate even moreso the German sensitivity to manoeuvre damage. For the most part we were blessed with good weather (the occasional ground fog) during these two weeks in which real time battle procedure was conducted in the defence against a Bundeswehr reinforced tank battalion. As brigade reserve the Regiment was able to conduct counter moves in a very detailed manner. The FTX ended just as the Regiment had regrouped (3 squadrons, 3 companies), conducted a forward passage of lines through 3 RCR and was about to conduct the big brigade attack. Picture beautiful rolling farmland of young winter wheat, scattered copses and towns, a two kilometre run-in for the B Squadron combat team, supported by C Squadron combat team firebase. Seconds before H hour, ENDEX came. Alas this attack, like most things, probably appeared better in our imaginations than in reality. Two days later the Regiment was safely nestled back in the North Marg ready to commence preparation for its next mission, the ceremonies surrounding the Change of Colonels of the Regiment.

On 30 October Brigadier-General Owen W. Lockyer, OMM, CD, handed over to Major-General P.J. Mitchell, CD, the appointment of Colonel of the Regiment in the presence of the Colonel-Commandant of the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps, Brigadier-General George G. Bell, OC, MBE, CD. The Parade held on a brisk afternoon included a dismounted review and marchpast and a mounted rollpast of all the Regiment's tracks. On the preceding Saturday night the Senior NCOs hosted Generals Lockyer and Mitchell, Lieutenant-Colonels Bill Coupland, Bob McLeod and myself to an evening in their mess. Some things never change such as their abundant hospitality and good cheer. Grossly outnumbered we survived, but barely. On Sunday afternoon 28 October, General Lockyer and General Mitchell dedicated the Centurion tank Atlas to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps and twenty years of tanks on the Base Lahr airfield. The memorial service conducted by Captain Padre John Wilcox was witnessed by many members and families including a 50 man Guard of Honour. The tank situated at the entrance to the airfield serves to boost our Army morale and hopefully reminds all that Base Lahr isn't only an airfield but really the garrison home of much of 1 Canadian Division Forward. On the eve of the Parade the officers and their wives held a dining-in in the Black Forest Officers' Mess, attended by all local friends of the Regiment and Black Hats, in honour of General Owen and Rowena. The night of the Parade the Regiment celebrated an All-Ranks Dance in the Friesenhiem Sternenberghalle. Not to be left out, the Subalterns hosted General Lockyer, General Mitchell and Lieutenant-Colonel Bob McLeod to a night out on a pub-crawl hitting such notable night spots as the Malibu Bar while Megan, Rowena, Joan and Ann got together. The Regiment did itself proud. Having returned from 4 weeks in the field it focused on the ceremonial and the many important events of the Change of Colonels. It allowed us to formally recognize and honour the many years of dedication devoted by General Lockyer and Rowena to the Regiment and to welcome General Mitchell and Joan.

The day after the parade, the Regiment redeployed to the field this time to Grafenwohr for 2 weeks 31 October - 16 November to conduct the important fall operational gun camp. My deployment was delayed until 7 November as I accompanied General Lockyer to London and an audience with the Princess Royal, our Colonel-in-Chief, held on Tuesday 6 November at Buckingham Palace. General Lockyer presented Her Royal Highness with the Canadian Forces Decoration and I presented the miniature. General Lockyer had arranged to have both dipped in 24 karat gold by the Chancellery of the Royal Canadian Mint. We also presented a copy of the Regimental War Diary on behalf of the Regimental Association and Print #1 of the water-colour painting of The Colonel-in-Chief's 4 April 1989 visit to the Regiment in Lahr. It was a great thrill and honour to be remembered always.

Firing in Grafenwohr went well for the most part with the exception of those few days when excess ground fog remained. This gun camp permitted A, B, and Recce Squadrons to fire as newly formed crews for the first time since the APS. It also permitted C Squadron, Canada's 1991 Canadian Army Trophy Team Squadron, to conduct a CAT specific gun camp on the competition range. In addition, the deployment presented a great opportunity for the Brigade Commander to conduct in the field his annual inspection. Held on 9 - 10 November it permitted Brigadier-General Gaudreau the opportunity to see the Regiment conduct gunnery training that is unique to our Corps and our Army. A field mess-dinner was held in his honour during which time he had the opportunity to get to know better our many 'tigers'.

The Regiment was again back in the North Marg for 17 November in time to think about the Christmas season, the squadron parties, Kiddies Christmas party, Officers 'at home' to the Senior NCOs, men's Christmas dinner to be held 21 December to be followed by leave until 7 January. But before leave there was the Annual Staff Inspection conducted by Brigade Headquarters 27 November and C Squadron CAT preparation gun camp in Bergen-Hohne 10 - 20 December. It is from Bergen-Hohne where I will close off this letter. Having been visiting our CAT Squadron for two days now I am impressed with the level of training achieved so far and the conviction shared by all members of C Squadron, the Regiment, and our 2nd line Logistics Support Detachment of 4 Service Battalion to performing well in CAT 17 21 June 1991. The CAT Squadron was formed last summer from across the Regiment based upon individual crewman, tank crew, and troop performance in the spring Regimental Gunnery Competition. Already the Squadron has trained tactically for six weeks and deployed on two CAT training gun camps. An equally energetic spring training schedule awaits the Squadron. As a result of the USAREUR troop commitment to the Persian Gulf, the U.S. Army will not be competing in CAT. Therefore the next CAT will see the Regiment and 153 German Panzerbataillon (Leo 2) represent Central Army Group against 3rd Belgium Lancers (Leo 1), 84 German Panzerbataillon (Leo 2), and 43 Dutch Hussars (Leo 2) representing Northern Army Group. Clearly, CAT fever is building.

Our thoughts daily have been with Captain Steve McCluskey serving with the Queen's Royal Irish Hussars in Saudi and our own

Corporals Millette, King and Quinn serving with the Canadian Support Group in Qatar. And since the unification of Germany, the Bundeswehr and the former DDR Army we've been thinking of our partnership CO of 283 Panzerbataillon who is, until 1 March 1991, caretaker CO of 1st Tank Battalion (T-72), 15 Tank Regiment in Cottbus.

As the potential for war looms in the Persian Gulf and peace seems to prevail in Central Europe the Regiment is caught in the middle. This summer the Regiment will reduce by 160. This will necessitate dropping the fourth tank troop and the 3rd SHQ tank in each squadron, reducing Recce Sqn from 3 x 7 Lynx troops to 3 x 6 Lynx troops each with 3 Lynx having 3 man crews and 3 with 2 man crews, and RHQ disbanding the RHQ Recce Troop and the 2nd tank. In bulk terms the Regiment will drop from 626 to 466 in personnel and from 59 to 43 tanks. No one will lose their job. The reduction will come through attrition. This coming summer's rotation of about 200 will see only 40 being replaced.

The thought of future force reductions is balanced by our productivity. Over the past six months Paul and Manon Fleury had a boy Kyle, Larry and Sue Zaporzan (ERE St Hubert) had a boy Alex, Mike and Fiona Gagne (ERE Armour School) had a boy, and eight other births have taken place since the Regiment went on FALLEX. Tom and Joyce Putt, John and Aideen Collin, and Glenn and Mary MacDonald are expecting. Andrew and Pamela Cruickshank were married in Lahr two weeks ago and Bruce Gilkes will marry Rhonda Gibson in Moose Jaw 22 December.

Before I sign off I'm pleased that it has just been announced that CWO RSM Winston Churchill Rutledge is to become a Member of the Order of Military Merit in recognition of his thirty-one years of dedicated service to the Regiment, the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps, and the Canadian Armed Forces. The Regiment is most pleased that he has received this most deserving honour.

As Christmas approaches, I'll close by extending to you the very best wishes from the Regiment. Remaining,

Regi Patriaeque Fidelis

