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17 November 1994

Lieut. Col. H.R.S. Ellis  
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Dear Col. Ellis:

On behalf of the descendants of Capt. John Saunders, founder of Saunders' Horse Regiment which amalgamated with the Queen's Rangers during the American Revolutionary War, I give the Association of the 8th Canadian Hussars (Princess Louise's) legal authority to do whatever is necessary to restore his grave in the Old Burying Ground in Fredericton.

We are grateful for your interest in our ancestor and hope you will let us know if there is anything we can do to help in your project.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Frances Morrissey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

(Miss) Frances Morrissey



8th Canadian Hussars  
(Princess Louise's)

From Major J.D. Daniels, CD

1 March 1994

Dear *Colonel*

As I indicated to you the other day I have already written to Second Lieutenant Sean Maloney with respect to the proposed regimental history project. Having watched, albeit from a distance, the trials and tribulations in the production of the 4 Brigade book "War Without Battles" I am concerned that procrastination on our part now will either lead to a missed deadline or even worse an indifferent account of the events.

Sean is an excellent writer who is currently undertaking a Phd in History at Temple University in Philadelphia. I have read parts of his most recent book and can attest to its quality. He is more than capable of producing an accurate, comprehensive and readable account of our history. His study programme is sufficiently flexible to allow him the time for research and for the physical production of the text in accordance with our deadlines.

I enclose a copy of his letter and proposals with regard to this project to provide you some background which in turn I hope will form the basis of some discussion at the next Regimental Association meeting.

Regi Patriaeque Fidelis

*Jonathan*

Enclosure: 1

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With regard to the proposed book project  
I contacted Sean Matchey who was contracted to write a history  
for 4 Bde. I think will be very well received. That said I  
believe he would be a good choice of author for our project.  
During our last telecon I asked him to put a few thoughts  
down on paper. Here they are. Whilst I understand  
that this is ultimately an Assoc project I would like to  
services at the unit and at such a level  
the Assoc during their next mtg. You  
thoughts? Experience in 4 Bde has  
of project and I believe we should be  
looking to define and commence  
the endeavour immediately.  
Will my initial enquiry  
May

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Dear Sir:

With reference to our telecon, here are my thoughts on the  
regimental history project. Before I send a detailed proposal with  
dollar figures and time frames, I think the Association people  
involved in the project should be aware of and discuss some  
general points before embarking on the project. In determining the  
total cost of the book project, the Association needs to understand  
that the costs break down into these areas:

1. The physical cost of producing, printing and distributing the book.
2. The cost to research the book.
3. The author's fee.

There are many variables at play with these three areas that will  
affect the costs. The most important are the number of copies that  
the Association wants to produce and the type of history that they  
want. The type of history will affect the physical layout of the  
book and thus the cost of production. The sheer number of copies

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is the other variable here. We need to estimate the number of Hussars that will purchase the book first off and work from there.

The type of history that the Association wants needs determination as early as possible. I can provide some options here.

1. What currently exists? There are really only two Hussar histories: the How book which stops in 1957 and the Marteinson pictorial history which stops in 1973 (I think: better check this). Both are out of print and have been for years.
2. What is the quality of the existing histories? The utility of both of these works is limited in a number of ways. The How book stops in 1957; obviously the 1957 to present period is not covered. Pictorial histories have their own uses but are really little more than commemorative albums which give no context or meaning to the Regiment's experiences or any depth to the soldiers' experiences.
3. Options:
  - a) We can write a new book spanning the origins of the Regiment to 1998.
  - b) We can write a second book covering the 1957-1998 period.
  - c) We can produce another pictorial history.

I recommend option b). I have a number of reasons for this. The Regiment or the Association owns the copyright for the How book and as a result, can re-print it to supplement a post-1957 history. The How book is a competent history and does not really need to be re-written. Writing a new book spanning the entire history would astronomically increase the cost of the new regimental history; there are also ethical considerations such as plagiarism. Most importantly, I specialize in post-1945 military history and not in the 1800's.



As a very rough guide vis a vis production costs, the 4 Brigade history War Without Battles ran about \$Can 50 000. We are producing 5000 copies (4000 English, 1000 French). Each copy breaks down into 300 pp text, 50 pp administration (index, intro, etc), 28 pp of black and white pictures and 35 maps. The rough breakdown of the \$Can 50 000 cost was 35 000 for layout and physical production, 8000 for maps and 5000 for dustcover artwork. (Please keep in mind that the 4 Brigade was a very different type of history than a regimental history. The Brigade's political and operational aspects dictated a large number of maps for contextual purposes). Other differences between War Without Battles and a Regimental history could include such things as a Guidon frontispiece in colour, perhaps some colour pictures, and fewer maps.

Costs will vary depending on which printing company/publisher handles the production. Until the company that 4 Brigade is dealing with actually produces War Without Battles, I will be unable to determine whether we got our money's worth. Again, this is a rough guide. It could be more, it could be less.

Research costs have an impact on the author's fee, as does the number of books produced. If the author has to operate without support (travel, mail, typing, to mention only some costs) the author's fee will rise dramatically. Support costs can be alleviated (as they were with the 4 Brigade history) by having the author on a call out basis to do the research. As to the author's fee, the actual writing of the book is an exacting, taxing process and will take 12 months in addition to the research period. The author must live without distraction (and in my case, pay back student loans if I am not currently engaged in full time studies). These are critical factors if the Association wants a quality history and are based on my experience with War Without Battles and my previous book.

The number of books produced will have an impact on the Association's costing. The trick here is determining the balance between profitability on the first print run and the three costs referred to above (production, research, author's fee). If the

Association has money dedicated to the book project, it must determine the relationship between the project costs, profits made from the first print run, funding a second or third print run if they are needed and what money it has on hand/can raise.

Other factors that the Association will have to consider will include the relationship between the author and the Association vis a vis editorial changes or differences in opinion regarding interpretations of events. My colleagues in the history business get themselves into trouble here because they do not firmly establish parameters at the start of the project. One side or the other will enforce arbitrary 'straitjackets' on the project and this has in the past lead to tremendous rifts over matters which are exaggerated beyond the trivial. This problem can be solved at the start of the project through the development of a consultative mechanism and a consensual resolution system. I realize this is contrary to the military decisionmaking process at the unit level where orders are orders. Writing a Regimental history is not an advance to contact and we have plenty of time to resolve disputes without resorting to arbitrary measures. Both sides can win here if the matters are handled properly.

Here is an extremely rough time appreciation:

Apr 98: Regimental birthday

Jan 98: Books delivered from publisher/printer

Jul 97: Complete book package delivered to publisher/printer

Jul 96: Writing starts, maps and artwork concurrent activity, carry over research continues as book written.

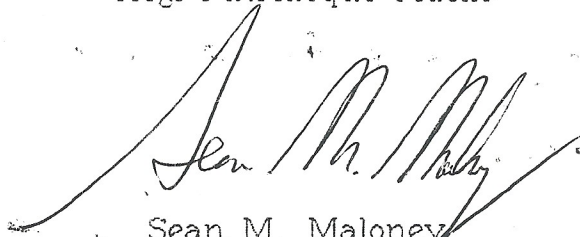
1994-1996: Research period

I have built in a three month safety factor between Jan 98 and Apr 98. Publishers are notoriously unreliable. The actual printing

time should take 4-5 months; again, this may vary depending on the publisher/printer.

I hope this appreciation can serve as a basis for discussion.

Regi Patriaeque Fidelis

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Sean M. Maloney', written in a cursive style.

Sean M. Maloney

Historian

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ps: Best Regards  
to your wife.  
Hope all is well.  
SM.



IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE  
NoHQ 1451-202/5  
(D Hist)

Department of National Defence  
Army

Historical Section,  
Army Headquarters,  
Ottawa, Ontario, 5 December, 1957.

Dear Mr. How,

I am returning to you, by registered mail under separate cover, the carbon copy of your 8th Hussars History. I apologize for keeping it so long; we have really been very busy, more so than I anticipated at the time when you left the history with us, and we did not want to scamp this job.


The history seems to us lively and interesting, very much superior to most of the drafts of regimental histories that we see. I look forward to seeing the book in print, and I am sure the Regiment will take proper pride in it.

Our detailed comments are enclosed. They are almost all on points of detail and you will probably think some of them niggling. You will of course use or disregard them just as you see fit. We have acted on the principle that it is better to get criticism now rather than after the book is published, and we have tried to be helpful even at the risk of seeming carping.

Please let me know if there is anything more that we can do to assist you as this project proceeds.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

  
(C.P. Stacey) Colonel,  
Director Historical Section.

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Ottawa.



For New "Personalities" Column  
in Sab tache:- Regular Regiment, Mil-  
itia Regiment, Assoc-  
iation, to submit items  
by turns, with photo.

Mary Bickerton

Date of birth.

Home town.

Recollections of wartime England.

Date met Gordon; traffic accident;  
"horse" incident; courting act-  
ivities (fit to print).

When married.

When arrived in Canada. First  
impressions.

Gordon's home town in Canada; his  
age at marriage.

Post-war business activities.

Activities of both in post-war 8CH  
militia. Dates number of years,  
promotions, <sup>decorations</sup> duties, ~~etc~~ special  
occasions, etc.; dates of military  
retirement.

Jim Ellis

Feb.14/92

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LCol. R.S.D.Craig, C.D., 91 Birchwood Crescent, Moncton, N.B.

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Capt. R.H.Dunn, 2328 Ogilvie Rd., Gloucester, Ont. K1J 7N6.

Capt. R.G.Ferris, 18 Morley Crescent, Saint John, N.B. E2J 2X6.

Dear Hussars:

I attach for your perusal and comments a proposal from Col. John Marteinson, who produces the Canadian Defence Quarterly. The terms of reference I outlined to him were the same as those of Ben Greenhous, who bid \$45,000. plus an inflation increment. Mr. Greenhous' writing ability is known to me but I have not read any of Col. Marteinson's material.

My comments on the various terms are as follows:-

- A. "Pick-up" from How history. Good idea.  
Illustrations. Hopefully the author will find material in the N.D.H.Q. files to flesh out his text, plus those supplied by ourselves. Number and captions to be mutually decided when full text is available.
- B. I'd agree that, after our advice and criticism, the author should have the final say, otherwise he becomes a literary eunuch.
- C. Apart from recording separately the activities of the militia and regular regiments, I'd leave the chapter make-up to the author's discretion.
- D. I purposely omitted any provision for inflation. The annual payment schedule would be:-

1992	20%	\$ 7,400.
1993	20%	7,400.
1994	15%	5,550.
1995	15%	5,550.
1996	15%	5,550.
1997	15%	5,550.
		<u>\$37,000.</u>

The schedule appears manageable from our financial resources. The cost of printing, and the quantity involved, is a whole different ballgame, however, and if necessary this could be deferred; the important thing, to my mind, is to get it WRITTEN.

Regi Patriaeque Fidelis,

H.R.S.Ellis.

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7 February 1992

Major H.R.S. Ellis  
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Dear *Major Ellis*,

Thank you for your letter of 1 February. I understand, *use*, that these preliminary 'discussions' are just that, and that the *son* and the Regiments will have the deciding say in whether anything *me* of them.

A few points on the 'terms of reference' you outlined:

**A. Concept:** Overall, I believe that the general concept proposed is sound. Regimental history is, after all, a record of the contributions *me* by the people who were the Regiment in the periods of time covered; it should *me* all be interesting to them, and re-create -- in the appropriate context of broader national and military developments -- what they saw as being important in the life and times of the Regiment. The main area of concern to me would be in limiting the book solely to the period following on from Douglas How's book. While the new book will indeed be "Volume II", many who will read it may not now have ready access to the How book, so I think the first chapter ought to be a concise recap of the pre-1957 period. The new book would then also, to some degree, ~~also~~ stand alone. There are perhaps other aspects that also need some clarification, such as the extent to which the book will be illustrated.

**B. Regimental Editorial Oversight:** I have no objection to an Association/Regimental committee reviewing drafts to assist in achieving accuracy, balance, correct emphasis, and indeed the right Regimental 'tone'. In fact, every one of the past COs ought to comment on the text dealing with their period of tenure. Ultimately, however, the author must, I believe, after having received advice and criticism, have the final say in how things are put, or there is a risk of never achieving a final version. If I am given the project, I would hope this could be agreed.

**C. Organization of the Book:** Accepting that we aim at a manuscript length of 70 to 80 thousand words, there is a need for careful consideration as to how best to subdivide it into chapters. I think, where possible, that chapters ought to have some readily apparent rationale -- some significant development, changed role, changed location of service, etc., rather than a purely arbitrary time dimension. For example (*PLEASE* understand that this is not yet well developed):

- Chapter 1: a concise history, up to 1957;
  - Chapter 2: the period 1957 to 1962, covering the background to the formation of the two regiments of 8th Canadian Hussars, the activities of the components in Gagetown, Valcartier and Sussex/Moncton in those years, and concluding with the Regular Regiment's return from Germany;
  - Chapter 3: the period 1962 to 1967, concluding with the Regular Regiment's conversion to the Light Armour role;
  - Chapter 4: the period 1967 to 1973, concluding with the 125th Anniversary;
- etc.



There may also be an argument to have separate chapters dealing with the Regular and Militia Regiments over differeing periods of time, and even separate chapters covering service in the various UN operations. I think that a number of options might be worth examining before work proceeds too far.

**D. Finances:** This is always a sensitive and difficult area, particularly among 'family', but it does need to be aired. I regret that I cannot simply offer to do this as a 'labour of love' for the Regiment, but I estimate that it will cumulatively take in the vicinity of a year's worth of full time work to complete, requiring that I set aside other projects for which I would be paid over much of the next five years. In that you have indicated that travel and other costs would be at my expense, I have also had to estimate what these might amount to, such as visits to interview former COs and other key personalities (some of whom are in the West, some in the Maritimes), meetings with editorial committees, etc. I have come to the conclusion that I cannot undertake the project for less than about \$37,000.

As to payment/delivery schedule, I would like to suggest the following:

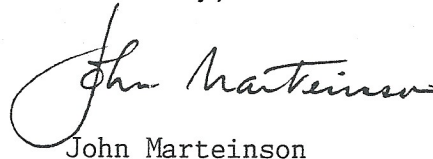
- 1992 - 20% advance on finalization of agreement (signing of contract, if there is one). This increase over your suggestion is based on the relatively greater expenses in the early stage of the work -- mainly travel and initial research costs;
- 1993 - 20% against delivery of drafts of the first two chapters;
- 1994 - 15% against delivery of 3rd and 4th chapters;
- 1995 - 15% against delivery of 5th and 6th chapters;
- 1996 - 15% against delivery of remaining chapters except the final one, which must remain open until just prior to publication, as well as final version of the first six;
- 1997 - 15% against delivery of final version of entire manuscript.

The precise delineation of when chapters are to be delivered would, of course, be amended if there is to be a different subdivision of chapters, as I suggested above might be decided upon.

I hope the foregoing will serve to carry our as yet hypothetical discussion one stage further on.

Please let me know if you would like me to pursue the development of other options for subdividing the chapters, such as separating Militia and Regular Regiment activities, having separate chapters dealing with the several deployments to UNEF and UNFICYP, etc.

Sincerely,

  
John Marteinson

*I have taken the liberty of  
sending a copy to Capt. Hunter Dunn,  
since you are including him in the discussion.*

*Please also forgive the typing errors, there were many interruptions while doing it.*



- ① To me we have a well written history, I would not want to create something less.
- ② We have money in the Association, we have 5 years until the 150<sup>th</sup>. Maybe we need to commit the \$ and select the author. Doug How seems the logical.
- ③ A Regular Jane Juncos office be given the task to collect the memoirs of our recent past COs, officers, NCMs, and pictures etc.

I have two officers who have their Masters Degree in Political Science with their first degree being in History. These people should be very capable of a support role to a designated "author."

St. Andrews, N.B., EDG 2X0,  
3 August 1933

Dear Bob:

Dave McIntosh just sent me a notice about a bookseller offering the 8th Hussars history for \$55. Earlier someone spotted it selling elsewhere for \$84. I've got two books coming out this fall--my K.C. Irving biography (at last) and a novel about a (camouflaged) New Brunswick village--and I only wish they'd sell for such rewarding sums. But this got me wondering whether there isn't a way to satisfy the demand for the Hussars history.

If people are willing to pay that much for a copy, why not use that as an argument to a publisher such as Goose Lane in Fredericton? Suggest to them that they bring out a paperback version for public sale, one I would edit down to, say, 250 pages, concentrating largely on WW2 but doing brief but reasonable justice to the past and to what has happened since the war. Few or no pictures, no index, no lists of names (though they might want one; names sell.) In short a book of interest to a wider audience than the original and with a title such as Tankmen of New Brunswick or Kennebecasis Armor or One Regiment's War and a subsidiary note saying A History of the 8th Hussars. The association might even guarantee to buy wholesale, say, 1,000 copies which you could sell at a markup through the association.

Think about it. It must be a bother answering people who want copies that don't exist.

Best, Doug How

B: came across this 1957  
letter yesterday. In  
modesty, I send you  
a copy. It was  
our best military  
historian, so it is  
praise that matters.  
To the regiment as  
much as to me. I had  
asked him to check it.  
DH



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