

***Royal Canadian Dental Corps Association
L'Association du Corps dentaire royal canadien***



***A Century of Military Dental Service
Un siècle de service de dentisterie militaire***

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Secretary – LCol Brenda Joy

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Special Projects - LCol (ret'd) Bill Budzinski

Archives & Historian - vacant

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

You will have noticed that we tried a different method of printing the newsletter. As this is the Dental Corps Centennial issue, we chose to print it in a style conducive to keeping it as a souvenir, which also allows the photographs to be better appreciated. I hope you like it - your feedback is always welcome.

While I initially hoped that we could have two newsletters each year, there is not enough historical material to fill two issues. In fact, with the sad loss of Bill Parker, it will be difficult to generate any of the historical articles that preserve the history and heritage of the Dental Corps. The sole historical article in this issue, written by Bill Jackson, would not have been written without Bill Parker's efforts. I strongly encourage any of you that have an interesting story to tell, especially if you served overseas, to share your stories. We will help with the editing and any other way we can to get them published. It seems that the best we will be able to produce is a fall newsletter containing the membership form for the next year, the notes that you so kindly write on the back of your forms, and the annual financial statement. I will continue to forward regular emails with pertinent information, especially time-sensitive news.

The list of RCDCA Executive officers has also changed significantly. The letters of resignation from Peter McQueen, Cliff Beauchamp and Bill Parker are printed in this issue. I do sincerely thank Peter, Cliff and Bill for their dedication to the RCDCA and their long service to the RCDCA as Executive Officers as well as their presence as



active RCDCA members. I am very happy to welcome LCol Brenda Joy and LCol (ret'd) Frank Hedley to the RCDCA Executive. I am also very thankful for LCol (ret'd) Bill Budzinski's continued participation as our Special Projects Officer. Following the departure of Cliff Beauchamp and Bill Parker, it would be great to have an experienced NCM join our executive - please contact me directly if you would like to participate in any capacity.

As the RCDCA President, I sit with the Dental Branch Senate. While our work the past few years was concentrated on the Dental Corps Centennial, we are now working on other issues including replacements for the RCDCA ties, blazer crests and other dress and accoutrement issues. If you are interested in making suggestions or providing feedback, please contact me.

This year the RCDCA will host the National Capital Region celebration of the 101st Dental Corps Birthday on Friday, May 13th. Once again it will consist of a 10 km walk around Dows Lake and the Rideau Canal (with shorter routes available) followed by lunch at Malone's Pub. If you haven't already RSVP'd please contact Frank Hedley. Family and friends are welcome to join us; if you are going to be in Ottawa on the 13th please join us.

The RCDCA will be acquiring sufficient copies of the centennial history book to provide them to all members who are up to date with their dues. Please see page 7 for more details.

The visibility the Association received during the Centennial year resulted in many new memberships. Cliff Beauchamp was also vigilant in communicating with those members who were behind in their dues. The end result was that, at the end of 2015, we had the largest number of paid-up memberships in many years. We will continue to try and attract new members, both among those that are still serving and, with the help of the CDA, CDHA and CDAA, those that have left the Dental Corps but are still active in dental practice. Of course we wish to attract those former RCDCA members who have fully retired from practice as well.

I wish you all a healthy and happy 2016.

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Major (retired) Richard Groves, CD
President

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LCol (ret'd) Frank Hedley, Treasurer, RCDCA

Following his childhood in Woodstock, Ontario, Frank first completed a BSc in biology at the University of Western Ontario, and subsequently his DDS, graduating in 1983. In his first month of dental school, Frank made the wise decision to enroll in the CF in the DOTP program. As a DOTP student, he spent his first summer at Chilliwack for basic training, followed by more enjoyable summers at Cornwallis on the east coast and then Comox on the west coast as a phase 2 and 3 student. Phase 3B at Borden was in there too, which was more fun than Chilliwack, but less fun than Comox.



Following graduation and newly promoted, Frank was posted to Ottawa to Uplands air base, or Ottawa South as it was also known. While at Uplands, he periodically provided dental care to patients in the bunker at CFS Carp, which today is a Cold War museum called the “Diefenbunker”, in honour of the prime minister responsible for its construction. All jokes about having worked in a museum aside, a visit to the Diefenbunker is highly recommended for those interested in our history. If you do visit, the dental clinic by the 80s was located in the spacious MIR, not the tiny closet of a dental operatory as originally constructed in the 1960s.

The last year in Ottawa was at the NDHQ dental clinic, then located downtown Ottawa at 100 Gloucester St on the second and sixth floor of an office block. The Dental Directorate was also located nearby in the Export building, which because of its aluminum sliding, was known locally as the beer can building.

Following Ottawa, it was up the river to Petawawa for some fun in the field, including a free trip to Wainwright for RV89.

Better lucky than smart, Frank then returned back across the Rockies to Comox as a new Dent Det Comd. Salient events included marriage to a local girl, whom was actually teaching in Spain at the time, but who returned on holiday to visit her friend, Sgt Wanda Paquin. Wanda, the Comox CI Coord, arranged a first meeting at a local Comox pub. Teresa and Frank are still married, and the pub is still there in Comox. Hats off to Wanda.

Following a June wedding, it was then off to Geilenkirchen, DE for some European exploration. Frank and Teresa were fortunate enough to “inherit” the departing CF dentist’s house at Schloss Rimburg overlooking the moat. Lahr was closing at this time, and while working in a USAF facility on a NATO air base had some unique challenges, at least they were in Europe.

Payback time followed with a five year posting to CFDSS in Borden as Commandant during the downsizing of the 90s. Escaping at last, it was then off to Halifax for three

years, then back across the Rockies to Comox to correct all the problems Frank had initially created a decade before.

Leaving Pacific paradise once again, Frank was then posted to the Dental Directorate in Ottawa, where he was responsible for the “Programs” part of Directorate Programs and Policies. His mentor in the next office working on policies was Richard Groves, who made working in the Directorate a lot more fun than it initially sounded.

Leaving the Directorate, Frank then moved up one floor to 1 Dental Unit HQ, where he took over from Rick Johnson as DCO(West). After being a major for 23 years, Frank particularly enjoyed sharing his major learning experiences with the Det Comds of his 14 Dets. Also noteworthy was the collegial atmosphere at HQ, although some days it felt more like Custer’s Last Stand.

Frank then returned to Det Ottawa for his final two years, where he enjoyed real life back in a Det where he knew everyone, and not just by reading a draft PER.

Following his June 2015 retirement from the CF, the Hedley family remains in Ottawa where two of their three children attend high school, and Teresa is an Autism consultant and writer.

Special shout outs to RCDCA friends for more than 20 years include (in no particular order):

Kjeld Hansen, Det Comd Comox while Frank was on summer Phase 3A training.

Brian Yates, as Det Comd Petawawa.

Manja Mackley, Frank’s hygienist in GK

Ron Danyluk, as Clinic Coord Ottawa.

Brenda Joy, with Frank on RV89 in Wainwright.

Gilbert Grenier, Det Comd Ottawa, who persuaded HQ to retain Frank despite force reductions.

Murray Cuff, his buddy from dental school.

Margaret Cupples, whom Frank first met in first year residence at Western (many years ago).

Gerry Anderson, the lab MWO at NDHQ who use to drive Frank downtown from Uplands.

Geoff Iverson, Frank’s senior major in Petawawa.

Bob Hart, who replaced Geoff in Petawawa.

Chuck Rheault, from former times.

Les Hudgins, who got Frank posted to GK

Bill Grey, Frank’s first Unit CO in Ottawa.

Yves Ayotte, CO of 11 Dental Unit.

Eric Reid, part of the 11 Dental Unit West Coast Trail team.

Jaideep Lal, from the old NDHQ clinic on Gloucester St

Joe Walsh, who also lived-in at the Uplands quarters.

General Begin, for the memorable visit and sea side dinner when he visited Comox on his farewell tour.

Lieutenant-Colonel Brenda Joy, BSc, DDS, MSc (Perio), FRCD(C) Secretary, RCDCA

Dr. Brenda Joy currently holds the position of Deputy Director Policy and Programs with the Directorate of Dental Services at the Canadian Forces Health Services Group Headquarters in Ottawa, Canada. In this role she is responsible for policy and program development and management including the quality assurance/improvement programs for the Royal Canadian Dental Corps.

She graduated as a general dentist from the McGill University, Canada in 1987 and obtained her specialty training as a periodontist from University of Toronto, Canada in 2001. She is licensed to practice both general dentistry and periodontics in Ontario, Canada. Dr. Joy has been an associate professor at the Faculty of Dentistry, Dalhousie University, Nova Scotia, and has taught clinical periodontics in both the School of Dental Hygiene and undergraduate dental programs.

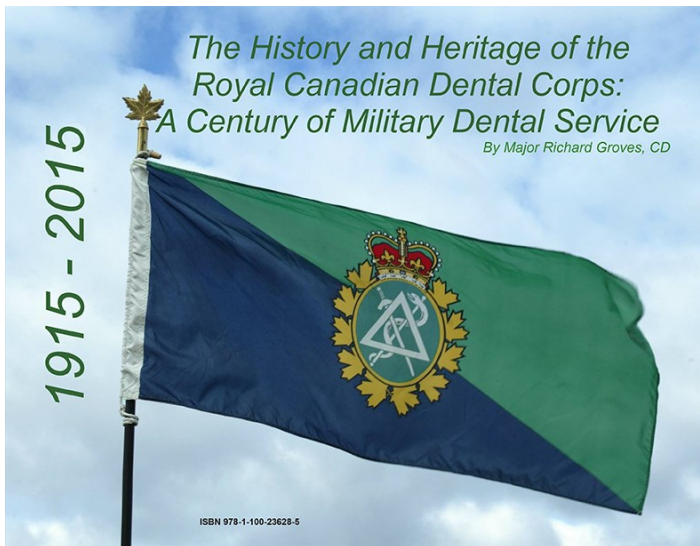


In her career with the Canadian Armed Forces, Dr. Joy has served at several Canadian Forces Bases in Ontario and Quebec and has filled the command positions of Deputy Detachment Commander and Detachment Commander at the Regional Dental Specialty Care Centers at Canada's east and west coast naval bases.

Dr. Joy is currently the Canadian Armed Forces representative on the Expert Panel of Dental Services for the Committee of the Chiefs of Military Medical Services in NATO and is the military representative on the Federal Dental Network (former the Federal Dental Care Advisory Committee) for the Public Health Agency of Canada. She is a member of a number of dental associations, including the Canadian Academy of Periodontology, the American Academy of Periodontology, the Canadian Dental Association, the Canadian Association of Public Health Dentistry and OSAP (Organization for Safety, Asepsis & Prevention).

Dr. Joy is pleased and honoured to join the RCDCA Executive as Secretary and is looking forward to working with the RCDCA Executive Team and supporting the RCDCA membership and the Dental Corps.

The History and Heritage of the Royal Canadian Dental Corps: A Century of Military Service



The RCDCA has acquired enough soft cover copies of the history book produced for the Dental Corps Centennial to distribute them to our membership. All members who have paid their dues until the end of 2016 will receive a copy of the book later this year.

As a reminder, the RCDCA Constitution does not allow members to skip years—if you are behind in your dues, you must pay for the missed years to be considered current. The RCDCA Executive will ensure that all members that are not paid up to at least December 2016 are made aware of their current status. The date on the mailing label on the envelope this newsletter was mailed in indicates your dues status. You can also contact either the President or Treasurer to confirm your dues status.

If you have already obtained a copy of this book and do not wish to receive a second copy, please advise Richard Groves at rcdca_acdrc@icloud.com.

A .pdf download of the book is available on the RCDCA website at:

English: <http://rcdca.cfdental.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/History-and-Heritage-of-the-RCDC.pdf>

French: <http://rcdca.cfdental.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Histoire-et-patrimoine-du-CDRC.pdf>

Letters of Resignation

Peter McQueen

The Royal Canadian Dental Corps Association (RCDCA), began in 1947 when a small number of retired dental officers decided to form a group. The intention was to create a social organization to keep in touch with other retired members and at the same time to keep abreast of happenings within the regular force. The relationship with the regular force was informal, friendly, and casual over many years.

In recent years that relationship has dramatically changed to the detriment of the RCDCA. It became evident the CFDS /RCDC considered the RCDCA a subordinate component and an excessive amount of time and emotion was spent by the RCDCA executive to resist those efforts and defend its status. Time normally dedicated to routine management and to produce three RCDCA Newsletters annually was lost. This conflict led to challenges and humiliating criticism both private and public of my leadership styles and performance. It also implicated others on the RCDCA executive.

This resulted in my resignation as RCDCA President in 2013.

In accordance with the RCDCA Constitution, upon my resignation, I became the RCDCA Past President, serving on the RCDCA executive.

Regrettably, since then I have experienced no improvement in the relationship between the RCDCA executive and the RCDC senior leadership. I find it unacceptably time consuming and stressful to function in this environment and therefore I have resigned as the Past President of the RCDCA.

Cliff Beauchamp

RCDCA Members

As noted on the RCDCA President's Email of 21 June 2015, I have reluctantly submitted my resignation as RCDCA Treasurer and would like to outline the reasons that led me to do so.

I joined the Association in 2002 and although its composition and role have changed over the years I found the RCDCA an excellent organization to socialize, maintain contact with other retirees and keep abreast of developments in the CFDS/RCDC. In 2009 I took on the duties of RCDCA Treasurer and have contributed a number of articles for the association newsletter. I have enjoyed my time as treasurer, that is until three years ago, when the CFDS/RCDC unexpectedly took the position that the RCDCA fell under their purview and began to raise numerous issues, challenge our actions and to make unreasonable demands.

They did not accept our responses or explanations and unnecessarily attacked the president and the executive and to this day continue to attempt to manipulate the RCDCA, while keeping vital information or making erroneous statements to the exec. Their actions not only caused undue stress but given all the time spent addressing the CFDS/RCDC demands, much of the routine work was impacted and there was only one newsletter published per year vice the normal two or three.

Frustrated and disappointed at the turn of events, the executive lost the will to continue and determined that a change was in order and sent out a request for volunteers to assume the executive positions. The deadline was fast approaching and disbandment planning was well under way, when fortunately volunteers came forward, however in my opinion, unless major changes are made, the viability of the RCDCA is questionable.

I wish the new executive all the best and sincerely hope that given the turnover in both organizations, the conflict will cease and that they will work in harmony to the mutual benefit of both

organizations. I believe if the following entry from the RCDCA constitution is followed there should be no problems. " Maintain liaison with the Director of Dental Services and members of the RCDC, and provide (within the resources and capabilities of the RCDCA) for participation in activities. **"The RCDCA is responsive but not responsible to the RCDC."**

Cliff Beauchamp

Bill Parker

I have resigned from the RCDCA Executive.

I served in the Korean War (as did many RCDCA members) and having served in war and peace gave me a very special interest in Dental Corps history; and thus I have happily served on the RCDCA executive as the RCDCA historian.

Regrettably, the intervention of the RCDC in RCDCA executive affairs has consumed too much of my time and also made it clear that their vision of Dental Corps history, in my opinion, is narrow and exclusive.

I was very disturbed to learn that the RCDCA executive was not included in any of the 100th anniversary celebrations planning and in particular other than a cursory review was given no input into the contents and organization of the new historical book. I am concerned that the contents of that book seem overly focused on more recent events than history.

It was suggested by the RCDC that "personal accounts" of some RCDCA members "Veterans" (service in World Wars I & II, and the Korean War, service with the Navy, Air Force, NATO, UN etc.) would be wonderful to share during the 100th celebrations. I responded by identifying and communicating with 14 suitable candidates who were willing to participate. Nothing came of this, and in fact not a single one was contacted and /or invited as a special guest. My efforts were wasted, and the rich experiences of 14 RCDCA members involved in major aspects of our history were untapped.

The RCDC asked if the RCDCA would fund the purchase of commemorative lapel pins; one for every RCDC member and one for every RCDCA member – we agreed and acted promptly at a cost of \$1800.00.

The last straw for me was to learn that the RCDCA members were not included in the distribution of the new history book, yet over 1000 copies were printed. Books were distributed free of charge to those who attended the Gala, the RCDC senate, some dental organizations, libraries, all serving members of the RCDC and some members of other government departments. Many on this distribution never served a day in the Dental Corps (probably have no interest in the book), but were given precedence over RCDCA members. When queried, the RCDC informed the RCDCA executive that in keeping with treasury board guidelines, (which apparently states that anyone in receipt of a government pension is not entitled to a free memento) RCDCA members were not entitled to a free book. Unfortunately no reason was provided as to why this regulation only applied to RCDCA members and not other pension recipients who received free copies. That tells me where the importance of the RCDCA sits in the eyes of the RCDC.

The RCDCA has over 200 members who served the CFDS and RCDC; they are the "makers" of our history and yet sadly, they were not clearly recognized in the 100th ceremonies.

Because of these events I have submitted my resignation.

Bill Parker MWO (Ret'd)

RCDCA historian

Colonel Commandant Comment

BGen (ret'd) Vic Lanctis

For everyone associated with the RCDC over the years, the last few months leading to and including its Centennial celebrations have been very exciting indeed, and our Association can take great pride in having substantially contributed to a number of the undertakings and activities underscoring this important historical milestone.

In that context, I would like to take this opportunity to personally recognize and thank all RCDCA members who have donated so freely and enthusiastically of their time and energy toward, among other things, the production and distribution of the wonderful centennial pins, the valuable support for the golf tournament and, of course, the magnificent volume 'History and Heritage of the Royal Canadian Dental Corps: A Century of Military Dental Service', so skillfully and painstakingly authored by our President, Major (ret'd) Richard Groves. Well-deserved kudos and congratulations to all of you for such an outstanding effort!

It was likewise a unique personal honour, as well as a career highlight, to officially unveil our recently bestowed Royal Banner for the very first time in Canada and to participate in the very moving Wreath Laying ceremony at the National Cenotaph, a ceremony momentarily enhanced by the presence of RCDC personnel standing guard in solemn commemoration of fallen comrades. Of note also was the presence of so many RCDCA members at the spectacular closing gala, all of which hopefully augurs well for the ongoing progress and health of the Association.

Sincere congratulations are obviously due to the entire RCDC Organizing Committee for putting on such an unforgettable program.

Here's to the next hundred years!

Long live the Corps!

BGen (ret) V.J. Lanctis, MB, SBStJ, CD, BA, DDS, MFICD, FADI, FPFA
Colonel Commandant RCDC



In this photo the Colonel Commandant is in the company of Dr. and Mrs. Bob McCrae. Dr. McCrae is a descendant of Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae, the author of the iconic poem "In Flanders Fields". The photo was taken at the 3 May 2015 unveiling of a statue commemorating the celebrated war hero and the Second Battle of Ypres (Canada's first major battle on European soil during WWI).

On the next page is a photo taken at the Dental Corps Centennial Gala of the Chief of Defence Staff, General Tom Lawson, with the three remaining Directors General Dental Services: BGen (ret'd) Fred Begin, BGen (ret'd) James Wright and Colonel Commandant BGen (ret'd) Vic Lanctis.



At the Spring Ottawa RCDCA luncheon, in recognition of his 18 years of service as RCDCA President and for his contributions as a staff officer to counter Alternate Service Delivery proposals, Colonel Commandant BGen (ret'd) Vic Lanctis presented Peter McQueen with the Colonel Commandant's Award. This award consists of a certificate and the Colonel Commandant's Coin, described below.

The Dental Corps Colonel Commandant's Coin was designed and produced by former Director General of Dental Services, Brigadier-General (ret'd) Victor J. Lanctis, as a means of recognizing and celebrating conspicuous service and notable achievement in a timely manner. It may be presented to serving or retired dental and non-dental personnel, both military and civilian, for special contributions to the Corps in a clinical, command or staff function; performance excellence during training or operational assignments; representation of the dental services in a particularly

noteworthy fashion; exemplary personal deportment and conduct; volunteer service to the military or civilian community; and other similar circumstances.

The face of the coin essentially articulates the nature of the award and is highlighted by a reproduction of the current dental badge. The reverse features a mobile dental clinic, festooned with former corps badges and surmounted with the brief Latin inscription "COMMEMORE AD PERPETUARE", to emphasize the Corps' continuing efforts to draw upon the past in order to sustain the present and preserve the future.





November 11th, 2015. RCDCA Secretary LCol Brenda Joy and RCDCA Special Projects Officer LCol (ret'd) Bud Budzinski laid a wreath on behalf of the RCDCA at the Taylor Creek Centotaph.



NEW RCDCA MEMBERS 2014-2015

Sgt (ret'd) Lloyd Payette
CWO (ret'd) Doug Morphet
CWO Mario Bizier (RSM 1 DU)
CWO (ret'd) Roy Matheson
LCol Glenda Ross
Major Joel Doucette
Major Nathan Elliott
Major Jodi Shaw
MWO Maryse Binette
MWO Tod Sinclair

HLCol Lyle Best (Honorary LCol 1 DU)
Major (ret'd) Tom Ringland
Capt Derek Decloux
Capt Barry Biner
MWO Marilyn Ryan
Major (ret'd) Carolyn Boyd
Capt (ret'd) Robert Bowles
Capt (ret'd) Larry Stanleigh
Major Brent Winnet

NEWS FROM MEMBERS

Ron Danyluk

Marie and I travelled to Las Vegas last Sep. It's true, what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas – at least my money did. We had a great time. We are going back to Germany (Baden Soellingen) to visit with friends in June 2015. We will be staying in Iffezheim at our friends place for 3 weeks and doing a bit of travelling to France and Switzerland.

I attended Gen Thompson's funeral in Belleville in Dec.

So happy to hear the Association is not being disbanded. Looking forward to the luncheon in Orleans in April

Peter Lobb

I am still practicing dentistry here in Victoria, which includes hospital dental practice and BC Cancer Agency patient care. I am President-elect of the British Columbia Dental Association so will have a busy year ahead with travel around the province and nationally to various meetings. I am also Chair of the BCDA Tooth Fairy Gala on March 7, 2015 when we will also celebrate the 100th anniversary of the RCDCA while raising much needed money to help with dental care for children in need around BC.

Congratulations to the Executive of the RCDCA for continuing to keep the Association alive, allowing present and past members to stay connected. Many thanks to the outgoing Executive for your years of hard work and dedication – you are wonderful people and greatly appreciated.

Peter Lobb

Kerry Mathers

I think it is great that the RCDCA Assn is continuing into the 100th year! Thanx for the 'special' 100th anniversary pin. Keep up the 'Super' work on behalf of the Association. Not much new here. Am active in our local Probus club, play bridge 3 times/week and volunteer at the adult rec centre in Waterloo.

Happy New Year, Kerry

Garry Post

Thanks for tracking me down and for the pin.
All the best in the new year.

Bill Gray

Barb and I are still living in London, Ontario. Moved here to teach at University of Western Ontario. Retired from teaching full time in 2010 and from part-time teaching this year. Gave up dental practice at the end of 2014 and am now fully retired. Forty-seven years working was enjoyable but the time has come to take it easy. Planned to return to Victoria to retire (there from 1985-1988) but all of our kids and six grandkids are in the London area so we are stuck here!

Barb and I plan to spend some time down south this year to get away from our Canadian winter. Summers are taken up with sailing on Lake Huron. Used to curl but quit that several years ago. Still miss it (and the old RCDC Bonspiel in Borden).

Old age (73) has crept up on me. Although I consider myself relatively healthy, over the last seven years I have had a minor heart attack, TIA (minor stroke) and a minor hip operation. Finally collecting on all the health care tax dollars I have paid over the years! Hope to attend some of the 1000th anniversary events in 2015.

Thanks to all the executive (old and new) for their work in keeping the RCDCA going. Great job!

Bill

Douglas Morphett

I am retired after running my own dental repair service. I golf in the summer. I curl in the winter.

Jim Hughes

I am currently enjoying retirement in the beautiful Rockies of South East British Columbia. Enjoy golf in the summer, and do a bit of travel to Arizona in winter. If passing through the Kootenays on Hwy 3 please drop in for a visit.

Franklyn Lovely

Glad to see the RCDC Association reaffirmed, with thanks to all of those who gave leadership in the past and to those who provide current and future leadership.

The Association serves as a pleasant connectivity of members, and of great memories of past associations. Fond memories of dear friends like Bill and Doris Thompson and dinners at our home with Harriet and I.

I enjoyed the review of Navy ships and of the "clinics" and personnel who served aboard. While at Stadacona Hospital I enjoyed temporary duty aboard *Bonaventure* and *Cape Scott*. My eldest grandson Lt Adam Lovely, serving as a desk officer, will enjoy the history. Harriet and I will celebrate our 57th anniversary this December. Regrettably she has had Alzheimer's now for 12 years. I am blessed with good health and "enjoyed" over 50 rounds of golf in 2014. Still ski here, New England, Whistler, etc ..., skate in bridging season, and water ski in summers.

Best wishes to everyone, Frank L

Brian Yates

So glad to see that the RCDCA is back up and running. Kudos to all of you involved, and keep up the good work.

Cheers, Brian

Ron McWade

I have been fully retired since 2010 and have settled into retired life quite comfortably. Maureen and I have spent the last few years golfing and travelling (London, Milan, Hamburg, South Africa, the Greek Islands, Barbados and Caribbean islands, Cape Breton) and spending three months every winter in Naples, FL.

Two and a half years ago we sold our large family home in Kanata, ON and moved into a smaller 8 year old townhouse style home on the Marshes Golf Club in Kanata. Since then I have turned into a bit of a handyman doing renovations (new master bathroom, wine cellar, new laundry room and repainting the entire house). Lucky there is YouTube which I regularly consult to find out how to do various tasks I had never done before. The place hasn't fallen down yet so, so far so good.

Many thanks to the RCDCA Executive for all their hard work over the last several years in keeping the Association viable.

H Jacques Nadeau

All is well in St Bruno. My wife is deeply involved in local charity activities (Meals on Wheels – friendly visits, etc). We also have 3 grandchildren that keep us busy. They are 4, 6 and 8.

Since my retirement in 1998 (the ice storm did it to me) we have travelled on a very regular basis. Overseas to Europe, Asia, South America and British Isles, plus numerous trips throughout Europe. The most recent being Croatia. We also go to the eastern beaches with the young ones every summer.

The oldest daughter works for Service Canada, the young one is a local doctor (general practice). Finally, I used to grow a nice garden but the wild animals have won the battle....

Lloyd Payette

My wife Krystyna and I are enjoying retired life in Barrie. Krystyna still supply teaches occasionally. Winter is spent curling and summer doing whatever comes up. Winter holidays are down south in places such as Florida, Key West, Arizona, California, Gulf Shores Alabama and the odd cruise in between. 'Love those Cruises!'

Cheryl Boone

Still living the good life on the farm!!

Cheryl

Bill Wiseman

Anne and I are still enjoying the retired life tremendously. We are very fortunate to enjoy good health and spend my time on the golf course, at the cottage, wintering in Florida and hanging out with our four grandchildren. I still run 5km daily and so far the knees still allow that.

I'm so pleased that the RCDCA and its newsletter have survived and I offer my thanks to all who have worked so diligently to serve our members. We are planning to attend the "Centennial" events in Ottawa and look forward to reuniting with friends from our military past.

David Rowat

I am now fully retired from dentistry. Marg and I plan to do some travelling in the future and finally learn to play golf.

Bob Wormington

I retired from the dental industry in 2001 and moved to Kingston. I have a cottage on Loughborough Lake 9 miles north of Kingston and live in the west end of Kingston. I finally retired from playing hockey, I do miss it.

Maintaining two properties keeps me busy, but I do have time for fishing and travel with my wife Diana.

I'm off to Mexico for Christmas, Myrtle Beach in March, then a trip to Germany to visit Soest, Baden and Lahr Sep 2015. Looking forward to Germany with my brother Tom (RCAPC) and my sister to see our old home in the PMQs 57-59, Baden 69-73. I'm sure things have changed.

Sure happy the RCDC Assoc is back after it looked like it was done. Well done to the new executive, it's greatly appreciated by all of us and thanks to Peter McQueen for his years of service. I am hoping to attend some of the functions being held in Ottawa in May of 2015. Hope to see some old friends there.

All the best in 2015.

Bob Bowser

Hi All!

It is hard to believe that I've been retired from the RCDC for 30 years. The time has flown by quickly.

I keep active by curling, hunting, Masonic Lodge, Shriners and Investment Club. Also have a small garden in the summer and maintain our cottage out at the shore.

Linda & I have visited friends and relatives in the USA and Ontario in the last couple years, but we don't do too much travelling now as we have Linda's parents living with us, ages 88 & 93 years old.

I get to see Scovil Brown, Buck Buchanan, Doug Hurley and Hoppy Hopkins once in a while.

Yosh Kamachi

Just passed my 80 yrs and passed my drivers test. In good health except for a few aches and pains. Keep busy starting the day with a walk with a group of friends, go to Timmy's after to solve world problems, 48 year member of Ferris Lions Club and Secretary for past 20 years of the club, volunteer for the soup kitchen and travel often to Vancouver to visit family. Day goes by quickly. Thank you to the past and present Executive to keep the Association going.

Yosh

G Shand

Still bowling twice a week and playing pool twice a week, with the seniors of course. Have to keep out of the wife's way after putting up with me for 55 years. Will be 95 years young in May.

G Iverson

Many thanks to everyone who has served the RCDC Association over the past many years. After another wonderful ski vacation at Christmas at Sun Peaks we are moving to live at Cultus Lake. Gloria and I are very pleased to finally be living beside the lake, which is our true retirement home. Our 3 boys are still at university enrolled in automotive engineering, mining engineering and business school. As empty nesters, we are now travelling a lot more and really enjoying our new found freedom.

Al Charlebois

Terry and I are still living in Kingston, Ontario. I finally fully retired from the practice of dentistry on Dec 31, 2014. It has been a long and rewarding career for me.

Our son Andy is living in Lethbridge, Alberta and after a ten year career as a high school teacher, he is now a mortgage broker. He maintains his connection to the school system as a football coach. He has two sons; Nick 23 and Daniel 13.

Our son Daniel is currently the Commander of HMCS Regina in Esquimalt. Regina returned from an 8-1/2 month deployment to the Indian Ocean and the Mediterranean in Sept. Dan and Nancy have 2 daughters: Emilia 5 and Isla 2. We hope to spend more time now with our grand-kids.

Jocelyn Lemieux

Good day Cliff – Congratulations to our new leaders of the RCDC(A)

-thanks a million to our former President and his team

I retired from CFDS in 1996. The next two years, I spent most of my time flying my little Cessna from airport to airport in the province of Québec. I live on the south shore of Montréal. From 1998 to this day, I have worked at Health Canada in Montreal. I am actually the Regional Dental Officer with Health Canada, supervising the Non-Insured Health Benefit (NIHB) dental program as well as the preventive program called the Children's Oral Health Initiative. These programs are addressed to the First Nations and Inuit. If I am still at work, it is because I can work with some very motivated, talented and dedicated people.

My social life is closely related to numerous sports activities. (Ice hockey, skiing, tennis, cycling, swimming, etc). I spend all weekends, year round, with my wife Dominique at our chalet/condo in the Eastern Township (Bromont). My three daughters (Martien, Sophie, Roxanne) live in Montreal. Roxanne is still a student (21 years) at Concordia University. I have four grandchildren. My life with the CFDS has been great. I am very thankful. My life after the CFDS is great as well.

Hello to you all. I will be happy to read you in the next newsletter.

Jocelyn Lemieux

Michael Bouris

Peggy and I had the privilege of having BGen “Will” Thompson and his gracious wife Doris as our first CO and spouse. I often say that my career was an accident and we really lucked in here. Such a wise, considerate gentlemen who led by example. Doris made everyone in the Unit feel equally important and at ease.

Our friendship spanned over 40 years, like so many that he touched. Last summer we had what was to be a final get together with he and Coral in Belleville. Who would have thought...? We thought he'd go on forever. He will be greatly missed.

Peter and Lois Morin

Lois and I are enjoying our children and their families.

We keep in touch with some of our old military friends from our days stationed with the 4 Cdn Inf Brigade Group in Germany and especially at Fort Macleod, Germany, the 1st and 2nd Bn PPCLI.

As we get older and most of our close friends pass away – we must cultivate new vibrant 80 year olds - especially our daily workouts at the Magna Centre in Newmarket and our stomping to the Savoy with the Skyliners (Big band) dancing at the Barrie Rotunda.

We would like to kept abreast of the planned CDA hosted Centennial Gala for the 13 May 2015. We have no computer, so it will be through “snail mail”.

Cheers! Peter and Lois Morin

Fred Begin

To all our friends in the RCDCA – Greetings!

Blanche and I thank the many of you who took the time to send us recent good wishes with notes of your family and current activities. We enjoy these annual Christmas updates very much.

We are both well, apart from non-threatening aches and malaises. Our doctors keep telling us to go on enjoying a full life for quite a few years to come.

We will be off to Myrtle Beach for the month of March, and to Moncton/Shediac for the month of August. We may even work in a cruise sometime this year.

Blanch and I were saddened to learn of the death of former leader Brig-Gen Will Thompson. We admired and respected him very much.

Like all members of the RCDCA, I was very sorry to see the departure of our long term President Col Peter McQueen. His efforts and devotion on our behalf were quite extraordinary. Thankfully he has agreed to remain on the Executive as a Past-President. His vast knowledge and corporate memory will be of inestimable value to the new Executive members. For my part, it was time to move on and welcome a younger, more energetic, Major Tony Nguyen as our Vice-President.

To all RCDCA members, have a great year! Blanch and I hope to see many of you at the upcoming RCDCA 100th Anniversary Celebration in Ottawa.

Sincerely, Fred and Blanch Begin

Kjeld Hansen

Happy New Year to Everyone.

We have been enjoying our hobby farm since my retirement from private practice. We holiday in Cuba in the spring; enjoy fishing on the west coast during the summer months and I go hunting in northern BC during the fall. Life is good.

Derek Decloux

I will be releasing from the CAF on 31 July 15 and returning to school at the University of Toronto's Faculty of Dentistry later on this fall. I will be studying dental anaesthesiology in a 3 years master's program which should conclude in the late summer of 2018, at which time I hope to stay involved with the RCDC in some capacity.

All the best, Derek

Klaus Jennerman

Klaus has retired from practicing dentistry. He has taken up trout fishing and continues to garden and keep honeybees. He and his wife Carol fell in love with the Yukon, having taken two hiking trips there in summer 2014. They still call the Comox Valley home.

James Stakiw

I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank you, the members of the Executive and all others of the RCDC Association who took time to provide the membership of the RCDCA with the centenary pin. It is a very smart looking bit of kit and one will wear it with pride.

Regards, yours sincerely, James Stakiw, Capt (ret'd)

Ian MacDonald

Greetings from Halifax Nova Scotia – Canada's snow belt for 2015. This is mid-March and past history reminds me it is not over as yet.

I would first like to congratulate the new officers of the association and wish them good luck as they accept the challenges ahead.

Secondly I would like to express my personal gratitude to all those who served in as the former executives for how they guided the RCDCA with dignity and grace for so many years. Many thanks from me and good luck to all.

Jacques Parent

Allo amis(es) RCDCA.

À la retraite depuis 10 ans déjà, je passe mes hivers en Floride et l'été je fréquente les expos de voitures anciennes au Québec et à l'extérieur et d'autres festivals. La santé est au rendez-vous avec ma conjointe Claudette.

Longue vie au RCDCA

Bill Jackson

The restoration of the '47 Hudson Super Six used up over 400 hours of spare time this last year, and a disproportionate amount of spare cash as well. Son, Ric, is every bit as enthusiastic as I with the project and we have a great time getting dirty together. Some of you may have met Ric as s Dental Assistant and/or Dental Repair Tech 1979-1988 and he now is a sales rep with Sinclair.

Carol and I traveled extensively nationally and internationally after retiring, but now we're quite content to stay pretty close to home. We find our way to the pool at 030 for the Early Bird Swim three mornings a week, play a little golf, do a little model railroading and keep a few hives of bees. I've maintained a small apiary (2-8 hives) for over 40 years, keeping them in the back here and in Trenton, Ontario and on the PMQ garage roof out of reach of the black bears in CFS Holberg, BC. Beekeeping is a hobby that is about as green as can get and makes life a little sweeter.

George MacDougall

At age 92, I'm in comparatively good health. Haven't played golf for a couple of years, but am still curling. In fact, my rink placed 2nd in our annual "Spring Fling" tournament for seniors at the Lennoxville Curling Club. (Of course most of the seniors use the stick to shove the rock).

I still sing in our St Andrews church choir. In fact, on occasion, they ask me to sing a solo.

I have no remaining relatives in this (Sherbrooke) area, but have several in the Collingwood, ON area and the USA. I drive to Collingwood a couple of times each summer, and at Christmas time fly from Dorval to the USA to visit nephews and their families.

Thanks so much for sending news about the upcoming events for the RCDCA. I doubt that I'll be able to attend any of them, but my thoughts and good wishes will be with you. How I used to enjoy the annual golf tournament.

Thanks and best wishes,

George MacDougall

Tom Ringland

Hi - I retired after 44 years of dentistry: in the Canadian military, private practice, full-time for 12 years at the Ottawa Civic Hospital and also, doing mission dentistry in Canada's north, Guyana, India and China. Taught at Algonquin College for 15 years. Married to Penny, a retired nurse-manager at the Ottawa Civic Hospital, live in Centreponte (west suburb of Ottawa). Father of 4, grandfather of 2 (and counting).

Hobbies - gardening, trying to tie flies and I fly-fish as well. Golf and gardening.

Happily, we spend our terrible Ottawa winters in Florida.

Cheers, Tom Ringland.

Roy Matheson

After retirement, my wife got an executive transfer with the Royal Bank of Canada to Saint John, NB, where I worked for a year, then we moved to Miramichi.

In the Miramichi, I worked for Drs Jean Gauthier and Luce Marchand. Jean was a member of the RCDC for three years posted in Chatham, NB. I worked for Jean for 13 years. During this time, I was an Officer of the Commission and Review Tribunal for 3 years. Covering Ontario and the Atlantic provinces.

I was a member (still am) of the Royal Canadian Legion. I am very involved with the Knights of Columbus, where I held such appointments as Grand Knight, District Deputy, and Faithful Navigator for the 4th Degree, as well as Guard Commander which I still hold for the 4th Degree.

I was on the Board of Directors for the Seamen's Hospital, and President of St Samuel Church Council for 5 years, then Chairman of the Finance Committee. Also served on the Board of Directors for 6 years with the Saint John Diocese. I am a member of the Highland Society of NB, and was elected President and Treasurer of the CDN Peacekeeping Veteran's Association, and received the Queen's Jubilee Medal and the Volunteer Medal from the City of Miramichi. I also received a lifetime membership from the NB Dental Hygienist Association, where I served on the Board of Directors for years.

Bunnie and I travelled a lot—2 weeks in Italy, 2 weeks in London & France, 2 weeks in Ireland & Scotland, 2 weeks in Hawaii, 5 weeks in Alaska and we have timeshares in Orlando and Daytona Beach which we go to every winter. Travelled all over the USA thanks to our son who is a Major in the RCAF, and had 4 postings outside Canada.

Purchased 5 real estate properties for rental, coached hockey for a few years, and I still play hockey twice a week, some golf, some bowling, and water skiing when possible.

Bunnie and I are involved in politics, and Bunnie was a member of the Advisory Council on the Status of Women in NB before the government changed, and she was President of the Enterprise Miramichi. I travelled with her for three years at conventions and meetings (Good Life)!

As can be seen, we lead a very busy life, and are lucky to have good health.

Sorry I did not join sooner. I enjoyed my military career immensely. Bunnie and I had a very good life, with 4 sons, 1 daughter, 17 grand children and now the great-grandchildren are coming!

Ralph Rix

I have a small maple sugar operation to keep me busy in retirement and this year was work from the first snow fall! It never stopped snowing and I had to shovel out the mainlines three times. Regards to all and keep up the good work.

Ralph

Greg Ames

Alive - Still working part-time at the Cancer Clinic as the Oral Guy. Play squash 3 times a week. Doing a little politics with the BC Dental Association. Gardening is main hobby (between snow storms).

Thanks for keeping us all up to date.

G. Ames

Bob Bowes (Dental Officer 1971-1976)

Bob retired to Burnaby, BC in 2011 after 35 years working in private practice and public health in Kingston, ON. He and Dib (his wife, aka Elizabeth) recently celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary with a fund-raising performance of AR Gurney's play "Love Letters". It was a family affair with their daughter Katherine (Social Worker at the Burnaby General Hospital) as a Production Assistant and their son Stephen (Captain Pilot with Porter Airlines) Stage Managing the event. Over \$900 was raised for their local Confederation Seniors Association in North Burnaby.

Bob volunteers twice a week at an adult English Language School for new Canadians including presentations for special events such as Remembrance Day. He also presents travelogues to local agencies and senior citizens residences. He and Dib are also actively involved with Grace, their 6 year old granddaughter.

Since 2011 Bob has been researching the life of Canadian artist George Campbell Tinning, RCA—his uncle by marriage. Tinning, and Official Canadian War Artist in World War II, was "family" and, after his death, Bob and Dib inherited his estate including over 4000 pieces of art and related provenance material. Learning about the commercial art world has been a challenge. As a result of Bob's research, Tinning's work has been rediscovered—notably with a three year cross-Canada travelling exhibition of Tinning's 1949 Newfoundland watercolours and a 2014 exhibition in Tavullia, Italy of Tinning's 1944 paintings along the Gothic Line near Rimini. These exhibitions developed as a result of Bob's website www.gctinning.com which is a retrospective of the life and times of this talented Canadian artist.

Charles Cann

Dalhousie Dental School, 1970-1974 (NSDA), CFB Cold Lake, May 1974 – Sep 1979 (ADA+C), Private Practice, Oct 1974 – July 2008 at Tritown Dental Centre, Cold Lake (ADA+C)

Retired to Arbutus Ridge/Cobble Hill in Jan 2009. BCDA locums in Victoria/Vancouver Island, 2010-2013.

Charity work with Kindness in Action, 2004-2015 (In places such as Peru, Amazon River, Thailand, Cambodia, Philippines, Uganda, Costa Rica, Honduras and Guatemala)

Queen's Jubilee medal 1977. FICD and FADI fellowships.

2011 Distinguished Medal of Service ADA+C

Carolyn Boyd - What I've been doing since 2009:

Since my retirement from the RCDC in 2009, I haven't participated in any dental-oriented activities, save for a couple of social events in Halifax at 1 Dental Unit conferences.

Indulging my passion for sewing, I took a few courses in tailoring and flat pattern making & design at Algonquin College, Ottawa in 2010.

From 2011 to 2012, I volunteered in the newly stood-up Ottawa Dress for Success non-profit organization, where I worked in the boutique, outfitting clients with interview-appropriate clothing to prepare them for entering the workplace.

Since the summer of 2012, I've accompanied my spouse in his CAF exchange postings, first to the Washington, DC area for 1 year while he attended the War College at the National Defense University. The last 2 years were spent in Fort Hood, Texas. He was appointed Chief of Staff in the 1st Cavalry Division (1 CD) from January 2015 until we departed in July. During that time, I volunteered to be the *equivalent* to the 1 CD Commanding General's spouse. My duties were maintaining spouses' social rosters, leading a monthly *Round Up* meeting for the senior spouses of the Division, coordinating and cooking for multiple monthly senior spouse social events, identifying and solving any communication problems among the spouses and between them and the 1 CD organization, and preparing a hand-over SOP binder for my replacement. In my spare time, I kept my husband and myself in groceries and clean clothes. Six years of staff work in the Dental Directorate prepared me well for the multitasking involved and the use of Microsoft Office Suite, but not how to make an egg casserole for 16. Thank heavens for the Internet!

Upon returning to Canada, I began preparations to move to Halifax end-September 2015 to be closer to my aging parents and family. I will be seeking employment and may even go back to school after I've figured out what I want to be when I grow up. In the meantime, I look forward to reconnecting to former and present RCDC colleagues.

Carolyn

Larry Stanleigh

After I retired from the Forces I stayed in Calgary and worked as an Associate. My time in the Forces was a very positive experience for me (in the Forces in general, but not necessarily in the Dental Corps) so I maintained a membership in the Patricia's Officers Mess in Calgary before the shut down the base here. After that, I missed the regular military contact so I joined the Officers Mess of the Calgary Highlanders and have been a regular attendee of their events over the last 15 years or so...but the only dentist there.

I have recently also joined RAUSI in Calgary and hope to be involved with that as well.

I am currently a GP dentist in Calgary, recently selling my practice to someone else so that I can focus more on my consulting practice for TMJ disorders and Orofacial pain from trauma, as well as starting to be involved in research for concussion and mild traumatic brain injuries from trauma, particularly in sports. I spend 50% of my time as a GP and 50% of my time in the latter field.

Now married over 21 years, I have 2 daughters aged 19 and 15.

Happy to be a member of the RCDCA. warm regards,

Larry

Yves Ayotte

Good morning all,
It has been a while since I have taken the time to update you on my situation after I left the CFDS, and I apologize for this.

At the time of writing this update, I sit comfortably, contemplating my backyard in Ste-Julie, Quebec, where I have decided to live my retirement since 2012 after more than 40 years at enjoying all the facets of dentistry.

After retirement from the Forces in 1998, I was employed by Health

Canada as Director Professional Services for First Nations. It was quite a different challenge. It allowed me to better understand the cleavage between our Canadian nations. I believe that essentially the lack of thorough understanding and sincere listening from our governments since our arrival on the continent has played a decisive role in creating this very complex situation. I hope that the new leadership at the top will honestly work at bridging these differences.

In 2005, I accepted the direction of professional services at l'Ordre des dentistes du Québec until December 2012. It was a nice way to complete the professional loop... Back home physically, and professionally working with old class mates and friends such as retired Capt. Robert Salois, who was President of the ODQ at the time. Then, I recruited the best person to replace an old tiring soldier in the person of Major (Ret'd) Nathalie Morin. We worked together for a little more than a year before I decided to hand over the desk...

Retirement is a whole new experience. It is very enjoyable to be able to do what I want (most of the time), when I want to do it and as I want to do it. I went back to old passions such as painting and I had my first expo last June. It was a very fulfilling experience. (I'll try to join a picture of the paper article that was published then). I have also started violin classes about 10 years ago, and I work very hard at it although I realize that talent is not my forte. I am part of the school orchestra and we give two concerts a year, Xmas and June.

And as all good retirees, I travel with my girlfriend Maggie, to the South at the end of winter and to Europe at the end of summer. We have visited twice Capt (Ret'd) Richard Alberti during our touring of the South of France. Next summer the plan is Barcelone, Madrid, Biarritz, Bordeaux...

I think that sums it all pretty well, besides the fact that I keep saying that my career in the CFDS has been the best experience of my life. I have learned and grown so much because of you all, and if my obligations keep me at distance, I think of you all. God bless,

Yves Ayotte
Sanitas in ore



RCDCA Member presented with Order of Canada

Lieutenant-Colonel (retired) Tom Harle, OC, CD

The highest honour in Canada, the Order of Canada, has been bestowed upon alumnus Thomas Jon Harle (DDS 8T0, Prosthodontics 8T9, MSc 9T0) for his work with the homeless and vulnerable populations both in Canada and abroad.

In 2001 Harle, a practicing prosthodontist, founded the Canadian chapter of the charity Health Teams International, a not-for-profit that brings medical teams to remote developing communities in need. He has since sent medical units to North Korea and Cambodia, for example, and has plans to send a 13-member team of dentists, physicians, nurses and eye care workers to the Dominican Republic early this year.



In 2007, however, Harle began delivering dental care closer to home.

That year, after a casual remark from a patient on the need for accessible dental care in Canada, Harle brought together a group of dental volunteers to establish a clinic for the Ottawa Mission, a community-based organization that caters to that city's most vulnerable populations --- notably, the homeless and the working poor. In 2012, he went on to launch a portable dental service that provides no-cost oral health care to disadvantaged single teen moms and their children through a network of volunteers that rotate through support centers with mobile resources.

"Dr. Harle is very deserving of his induction into the Order of Canada and we are very proud of his accomplishment. Dentists such as Dr. Harle who put the needs of the community first, both globally and here at home, speak to the values we hold here at U of T's Faculty of Dentistry," said Dean Daniel Haas in a statement.

"The appointment is a wonderful acknowledgement of the value of these types of outreach clinics," said Harle on the announcement, "but also of the importance of strengthening the fabric of humanity through the very act of helping others. I don't feel I am worthy of any extra consideration or special thanks, however, as I have only done what I ought to have as I try to live out my calling as a Christian dentist."

Dr Harle's practices are based in Ottawa, Ontario.

Appointment of New Registrar

April 1, 2015

Council is delighted to announce the appointment of Dr. Keith Morley as Registrar of The Royal College of Dentists of Canada effective Wednesday, April 1, 2015.

The membership continues to grow, along with the solid reputation of the College in the professional and regulatory community. As we continue to evolve, the skills of the Registrar will be critical in navigating the College through a rapidly changing political, professional and regulatory environment that will require proactive and strategic stakeholder engagement to foster constructive dialogues.

Dr. Morley brings the experience and expertise to meet these challenges through a proven record of operational leadership, strategy development, financial and relationship management.

He is a graduate of the Faculty of Dentistry, University of Manitoba, and completed his pediatric dental residency at the University of Toronto and Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto.

In addition, Keith recently completed the 18-month Executive Masters of Business Administration Program at the Kellogg Schulich and Kellogg Northwestern Schools of Management in Toronto and Chicago respectively. He obtained his joint MBA degree from these institutions in December 2013.

Keith has had a distinguished career, initially with the Canadian Armed Forces Dental Services, from which he was honorably discharged with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, and more recently in private practice in Pediatric Dentistry.

He has held progressively senior leadership positions within organized dentistry in Canada and the United States, culminating with being the only Canadian to have served as President of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. He also has been active in health care with appointments



Dr. Keith Morley

as Chief of Dentistry and Deputy Chief of Surgery at the Royal Victoria Hospital Regional Health Centre in Barrie, Ontario. In addition, Keith has been an active Fellow of The Royal College of Dentists of Canada holding the following positions: Examiner, Pediatric Dentistry (1987-1993), Chief Examiner, Pediatric Dentistry (1994-1999), and elected Council member, Pediatric Dentistry (2002-2004).

Keith's solid experience comes with a strong belief in the role of regulatory bodies to serve and protect the public interest. Given his enthusiasm for the College, he is eager to begin collaborating with the Council, staff and members with a view to delivering results which promote the high standards of practice of the recognized dental specialties by examining qualified candidates for admission to Fellowship, and by working with stakeholders to establish standards for dental specialty education, practice and certification. Over the coming weeks, he will begin to reach out to introduce himself and will take advantage of various opportunities to meet with and learn more about College members.

As the College moves forward with a new Registrar, a special thank you must be expressed to Garnet Packota who has been our Acting Registrar and, as always, has demonstrated his unwavering commitment to professional excellence and to the College. I know everyone joins me in expressing our deep appreciation for Garnet's efforts and achievements.

The Executive leadership of the College is embarking upon a very exciting new phase of strategic growth and development. Given Keith's past leadership experience, the Executive believes there is a great deal that we will be able to accomplish together to ensure our members and the public are well-served. Please join us and the Council in extending your full support and a very warm College welcome to Keith Morley.

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Hong Kong Cemetery

We Will Remember Them

Parker, Bill, MWO

Olinik, Mervin (Merv) G, Sgt

Hughes, Denis (Denny) C, CWO

Peterson, Peter D, Capt

Winslow, Dennis (Denny) R, Sgt

Kelland, Allison L. (Al), Maj

Mazerall, Earl E, MWO

Challenger, Glen E, Sgt

Vachon, Albert (Bert) C, Capt

Kallman, Lyall J, WO

Shave, Cecil (Chess), Sgt

Eadon, John F, Maj

Ellis, Dora (nee Wierelychuk), Sgt

George, Harry

Bodfield, Howard L, Sgt



Parker, William (Bill). William (Bill) Parker, age 81 died suddenly at home, Tuesday, December 29, 2015. He leaves behind his loving wife of 62 years, Joan (nee Douglas/Jones); his son Ken and his granddaughter Jennifer.

Born and raised in Ottawa, son of Tom and Edith, brother of Thomas, Kenneth, Theresa, Winnifred, Laura, Violet and Daisy. Brother-in-law of Betty, Elsie, Gail and Stephen. He also leaves behind many nieces and nephews in Ottawa and Halifax.

Bill served 30 years in the Canadian Armed Forces and was a proud member of the RCDC. His postings include Korea, Metz (France), CFB Borden, St. Hubert and Ottawa.

Bill had a passion for many sports and was a longtime member of ODHA/ODMHA.

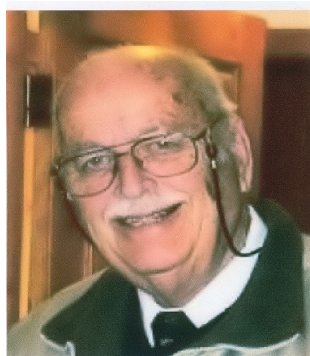
A Memorial Service was held on Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at Beechwood Funeral, Cemetery and Cremation Services and was attended by many RCDCA members, including the current leadership of the RCDC. Final interment at Beechwood will be at a later date.



Challenger, Glen N. of Bear River, Annapolis County, passed away in peace on April 21, 2015, in the Halifax Infirmary, QEII. Glen was born February 6, 1933 in St Kitts, B.W.I., the youngest son of the late Winnifred (Lake) and Percival Challenger. Survived by his wife of 60 years Hildegard (Wetzel), and daughters Simone (Gary) Towie and Linda (Jeff) Barton. Predeceased by his son Kevin and brothers Maurice, Basil and Terrance. Glen joined the army in 1952 and was trained as a Dental Laboratory Technician. Sergeant Challenger served in No.12 Dental Coy at CFB Cornwallis and CFB Halifax, NS, UN Force In Cyprus and No. 35 FDU in Baden-Soellingen, West Germany. Following his return to Canada, he again served in CFB Cornwallis, where he retired after 30 years service.



Peterson, PD (Pete), passed away at the Carrington Retirement Residence, Trenton, ON on Monday, December 15th, 2014, age 72 years. Pete of Brighton, ON, is survived by loving wife Marilyn (Peoples) and daughters Debbie (Thom Webb) and Lisa (John Triemstra) all of Trenton. Pete joined the RCDC in 1961 and trained as a Dental Assistant. In 1965 Sgt Peterson was selected and qualified as a Dental Technician Clinical. In 1973 Pete was commissioned from the ranks as a Lieutenant and assigned to 13 Dental Unit as the Administration Officer (AO). In 1979, Capt Peterson was transferred to CFB Borden where he served as the School AO until his retirement after approximately 26 years service.



Kelland, Alliston L. (Lew), passed away peacefully Aug 28, 2014, at age 93, in the Camp Hill Veterans' Memorial Building, Halifax NS. Born February 8, 1921 in North Sidney, Cape Breton to the late Laura (Lewis) and Alliston Kelland. Lew was predeceased by his wife of 62 years, Eleanor (Sherk). He is survived by his sister Naomi (Clyde), daughters, Alison Kelland (Derek) Wells and Laura (Robert) May, son Jeremy Kelland (Anne). Lew, a WWII veteran, graduated with a BA from the University of New Brunswick, a BEd from Mount Allison University, Sackville NB. In 1954 he graduated from Dalhousie University with a

DDS and enlisted in the RCDC. Major Kelland served as a Dental Officer on military bases in Canada and Europe (Stadacona, NS, Greenwood NS, including a tour with HMCS Quebec, Centralia, ON, Camp Borden ON, Richmond BC, No.1 Air Division, Langar England and Baden -Soellingen, Germany) and UNEF Rafah, Egypt. Following 30 years of military service Lew retired to farming in Torbrook Mines, NS.



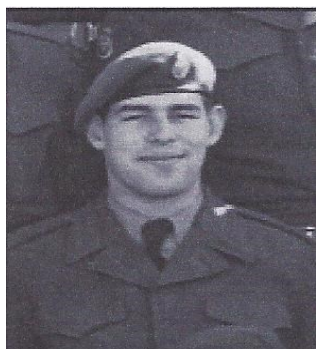
Ellis , Dora (nee Wierelychuk) died peacefully on November 15, 2015 in her home, with her family at her bedside, at the age of 81. Dora was one of 5 children. She was predeceased by her parents Nicholas and Fedora Wiereleychuk, her sister Tina, her brother in law Mike, her brother Mike , nephew Danny Deley and her husband Bruce. She leaves behind her sister Olga, her brother Alex, nieces Edie, Donna, Shelly, Judy and nephew Larry as well as numerous grandnieces and nephews and her very close friend Bob Neale. She joined the RCAF in 1956 as a dental assistant, served in 35 FDU circa 1961, was promoted to Sgt in

1967 and retired in 1977.



Mazerall, Earl E passed away peacefully on Nov 18, 2014 at the age of 93, in Menno Hospital, Abbotsford, BC. Earl was born in Springhill, NS, to the late Alfred Mazerall, Sr and the late Leona McManaman. He is survived by his wife of 68 years Jean, daughter Barbara Scott-Hudak and son Bruce Mazerall. Earl was predeceased by brothers Gerald and James. Earl was a WWII veteran with 33 years service in the Canadian Army, the majority of which was with the RCDC as a Senior Dental Administrative Clerk. Earl served in 11, 12 and 13 Dental Coys in addition to several years at the RCDC School in Camp Borden, ON.

Following his retirement from the CAF Earl was employed with Corrections Canada for 7 years prior to his final retirement.



Winslow, Dennis (Denny) A. passed away peacefully January 18, 2015, in Banning, California, USA, where he resided for many years following his retirement from the RCDC. Denny was a veteran of the Korean War, a member of Canadian Special Forces, who served with the first contingent of, No.20 Canadian Field Dental Unit in Korea, as a Dental Laboratory Technician. He retired with the rank of Sergeant, following service in No's 11 and 14 Dental Units in Edmonton AB and Winnipeg MN respectively.



Vachon, Albert (Bert) C. passed away at the Ottawa General Hospital on Saturday, May 16th, 2015 at the age of 88. Bert is survived by his beloved wife of 58 years, Giselle, his children Fabienne, Albert Jr., Nicholas and Brigitte (Jay Crosby). Albert was born in Chute-a-Blondeau on July 13, 1926. Albert joined the RCDC in 1952 under the DOTP program, graduating from McGill University with DDS. Following graduation, Capt. Vachon served at Camp Petawawa, ON with No.13 Dental Coy until taking his release in 1959. He settled in Ottawa, after leaving the Corps practicing as a highly respected Orthodontist for 35 years, while remaining an active member of the Corps family, with the RCDCA.



Lobb, Everett (Dick). On February 20, 2016 Dick Lobb passed away at the age of 94. Dick is survived by his children Peter, Richard (Liz), Douglas (Marge) and Karen (Brian); his grandchildren Steven (Josie), Kim (Jordan), Amy (Calum), Landon, MacKenzie, Kyle, Martyn (Anitka), Mitchell, Brett and Danielle; great-grandchildren Elliana and Tristan; sister Helen Holland; and sisters-in-law Bertha and Gertie Sivertson; as well as many friends, nieces and nephews. Dick was predeceased by his loving wife Christine, and brother Orval.

Dick served with the Canadian Armed Forces from 1939 to 1976. He was a member of the Royal Canadian Dental Corps, and saw service in England during WW2, with NATO in Europe and across Canada including the Yukon and Northwest Territories. His last few years were as a logistics officer but assigned to the dental services as an administrator and supply officer. He and Bill Parker were good friends and often collaborated on historic articles for the Corps archives. His last article was on Bomber Command.



Kallman, Lyall J. passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, 10 May 2015 in Ottawa, ON, at the age of 79. Lyall is survived by son Ken, granddaughter Emily and sister Loraine. He enlisted in the Army in 1957 with the Canadian Provost Corps. Following his tour in Germany in 1968, Lyall transferred to the RCDC, qualifying as a Dental Equipment Maintenance Technician. He retired in 1982 after completing 25 years service with the rank of Warrant Officer, having served in 13 Dental Unit in Trenton and Ottawa, and 1 Dental Equipment Depot, CFB Petawawa .



Heenan, Kathleen - Kathleen (Kitty) Heenan died peacefully at home, on April 20th 2015. Predeceased by her parents and siblings, Doreen (George) Merrifield and Molly (Bob) Hall. Born in Saskatchewan, Kitty was a long time resident of Ingersoll and London. Kitty, a civilian Dental Assistant, was employed by the RCDC in No.21 Dental Clinic, Wolseley Barracks, London, Ont. During her service, she was seconded as an essential team member to the DND/RCDC sponsored Czechoslovakian Dentist Training Program conducted at the University of Western Ontario in London. Kitty's dedicated service to the corps spanned in excess of 20 years.



Shave, Cecil (Ches) C., passed away peacefully September 30, 2015 in Dartmouth General Hospital at age 76. Born in St John's, N.L. November 11, 1939, Cecil is survived by his wife Linda and daughter Donna Comeau (Michel). He was predeceased by brothers James Shave, St John's NL, Russell Shave, Winterland NL and sister Ethel Woods, Moncton NB. Ches joined the RCOC (Ordnance Corps) in 1956 and trained as a storeman. In 1965 he transferred to the Dental Corps as a DA and was stationed at Bagotville PQ. In 1970 he trained as a DEM Tech and served in Halifax, 1 DED, Petawawa, Montreal; then returned to Halifax where he remained until his retirement in 1980 after 23 years of service.



Hughes, Denis (Denny) C. Passed away peacefully December 31, 2014 at the age of 88 years following a lengthy a period in the Broadmeade Lodge, Victoria BC. Born in Portsmouth, England in 1926, Dennis is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Audrey, son Ronald (Heidi), sisters Nancy Gordon (Gerald) and Kristine Hughes (Greg). Denny joined the British Army at age 16, served in France and Germany during WWII, came to Canada in 1953 and enlisted in the RCAF, later transferring to the Army (RCASC). In 1955 he transferred to the RCDC and trained as a Dental Lab Technician. Denny was a

talented amateur portrait artist, whose work, portraits of former Camp Commandants, is still on display in the Chilliwack Officer's Mess. During his 29 year career in the Canadian Forces, Dennis served in the Congo, Cyprus and Germany in addition to various postings within No.11 and No.12 Dental Coys, including Victoria, BC and Winnipeg MN, as the Senior Dental Lab Technician. He retired in 1981 as a CWO.



Olinic, Mervin (Merv) G. Passed away peacefully December 03, 2014, in the Ottawa Hospital, General Campus (CAC). Merv is survived by his loving wife of 49 years, Joan, son Mervin (Isla), daughter Catherine McLaughlin (Terry), sisters Janice Moorey (Richard), Malene Dominick (Walter), and Colleen Girard (Jacques) and brother Colin (Lorraine). He was predeceased by his parents Colin and Mary Olinik. Merv, under age, joined the militia at age 16; in 1957 he enlisted in the Regular Force with the Canadian Guards Regiment and was assigned to No.1 Coy, 1st Battalion, under Sgt-Maj Plant, his mentor, at Camp Petawawa, ON and later to Soest, West Germany. In 1965, upon his return to Canada, Merv remustered to the RCDC, and in 1969 was promoted to Sgt. In 1974 he was commissioned in the rank of Lieutenant as a Medical Administrative Officer in the Canadian Forces Medical Services, and retired as a Major after 37 years of service.



George, Harry. Passed away at Wingham & District Hospital on Thursday, October 29, 2015, age 70 years. Beloved husband of Eileen (Foran) George of Wingham. Cherished father of Jennifer George and Roger Shyba of Edmonton and Paula and Kris Allenson of Sherwood Park. Dearly loved grandfather of Emma and Jonah Allenson. Brother of Bruce and Wilda George of Nova Scotia and Neal and Rhonda George of Godfrey. Also survived by numerous nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his parents Harold and Priscilla (Reid) George and sister-in-law Janice Bowland.

Harry served as a DA in Mont Apica and Halifax, and left the service in the early to mid 1970s to work with a dental supply company.



Bodfield, Howard L. Passed away unexpectedly October 19th, 2015 in Cambridge, On at the age of 77. Survived by his loving wife Linda of 54 years, son Bill (Kimber), daughter Jeannie, and five grandchildren. Howie joined the Armoured Corps (RCD) in 1955 with postings to Fredricton, Germany, and Petawawa, as well as 2 separate six month peace keeping tours to Cyprus. Due to an injury Howie left the RCD's for the Dental Corps in 1971 as a Dental Assistant and enjoyed tours in Petawawa, Germany, and then back to Petawawa before retiring as a Sergeant from the regular forces in 1981. Howie spent a further 4 years with the Class C Reserve Force in Petawawa as a Supply Quartermaster before fully retiring from the military in 1985 after 30 years of service and moving to his home town of Cambridge, ON where he and Linda lived a happy and comfortable life

Eadon John F, aged 91, passed away suddenly at home on Friday, October 2, 2015 in Victoria, BC, with Angela Paul, his partner of 30 years, at his side. Survived by his beloved Angela, son Jeremy and daughter Felicity. John was born in Yorkshire, UK in 1924, and served in the RAF during WWII, (Mentioned in Dispatches). He studied at Durham University then immigrated to Canada, with his family, in 1955 to serve in the RCDC, primarily on the west coast. John was promoted to Major in 1964. In 1966, after moving to Victoria BC, John decided to retire and practice dentistry in the West Indies and New Zealand with the Medical Services of Canada.

CDA/RCDC Centennial Golf Tournament

On 11 May 2015, the Canadian Dental Association and the RCDCA hosted a golf tournament at Hylands Golf Club in Ottawa in celebration of the Dental Corps Centennial. Over 100 golfers participated, and, despite the cool, wet weather, spirits remained high. There were over 55 RCDCA members at the Meet and Greet that followed the golf BBQ, one of the largest gatherings of our members for many years.

Teams were divided into three groups. If three or more of the team members were still serving (as a civilian or military member of the RCDCA) they were in the 'Serving Members' division. If three or more were retired members, they were in the 'Retired Members' division. All other groups were in the 'Non-Affiliated' division. The tournament was a four-ball best-ball scramble format.

The winning Serving Members team was Bruce MacLeod, Mike Moser, Frank Bourque and Eric Reid. Runners-up were Richard Pucci, Martin Lipscey, Karen Read and Carolyn Gaboury. The winning Retired Members team consisted of Scott Becker, Bob Gillis, Doug Vandahl and Ron McWade. Runners-up were Cliff Beauchamp, John Currah, Bud Budzinski and Don Clark. The Non-Affiliated Team winners were Travis Hohner, Mark Northcott, David Bartos and Mark Runions who represented Nobel Biocare and Aurum Ceramic Dental Labs. The longest drives were Scottt Becker and Karin Plourde; Closest to the Pin were Frank Bourque and Line Siconnelly. More photos of the other prize winners are on the RCDCA website at <http://rcdca.cfdental.ca/11-may-2015-cdarcdca-centennial-golf-tournament/>

Two of the historic RCDC golf trophies were brought out of storage for this event. The RCDC(R) Officers' Trophy was presented to the winning Serving Members team. The KM Baird Trophy was presented to the winning Retired Members team. To repurpose these trophies as RCDCA Centennial Golf Trophies, which will then be available for future best-



RCDCA President Richard Groves presents CDA President Dr Alastair Nicoll with a pin flag.



Golf trophies presented to winning foursomes

ball golf events, new bases were made featuring the Dental Corps Centennial crest and a brass plaque with the new trophy name. The existing trophies were not damaged in any way – they will simply rest on the new bases.

Thank-you to our generous sponsors. Nobel-Biocare sponsored the green fees, Aurum Ceramic Dental Laboratories sponsored the BBQ, Milident Dental Laboratory sponsored the Meet and Greet, and Altima Dental provided special pin flags with the Dental Corps Centennial logo on them. After participants paid a modest administration fee, and some of the pin flags were sold at the BBQ, the surplus was donated to the Military Families Fund.



HCol Claude-Paul Boivin, the Executive Director of the Canadian Dental Association, and Richard Groves, President RCDCA, present a cheque for \$3500 to Commodore Mark Watson, Director-General of Morale and Welfare Services, for donation to the Military Families Fund.



My Tour In The Korean War

By Captain (Retired) William Jackson

Armoured Corps Trooper - Dental Corps Hygienist



Capt W Jackson, CD



Tpr W Jackson



Sgt W Jackson



I was asked to write on what a Trooper in the Armoured Corps experienced in the Korean War. I would have liked to report on the day-to-day living in and under a Sherman tank stationed in the hull-down position along the front lines of the 38th parallel and on what it was like to experience the noise and smell of exploding mortar shells and firing upon enemy positions in support of the infantry out front, but I must leave that for someone else to tell who lived it firsthand.



Although I was trained as a Gunner Operator in a Sherman tank, my role in Korea was in the radio half of my trade; viz, wireless operator sans tank.

So, how one gets from basic training at the Armoured Corp School in Camp Borden to the Royal Canadian Dragoons in Camp Petawawa to the Lord Strathcona Horse (Royal Canadians) (LdSH(RC)) in Calgary and on to Korea in a little over a year requires a little explanation.

Upon completion of basic training, like most, I wanted a posting reasonably close to home. The rumour was that if you ask for an eastern posting, 'they' would send you west. Well, I didn't and 'they' didn't and I was posted to the RCDs in Camp Petawawa. There I was billeted in a single room in Bessborough Hall with a large closet and a desk with a lamp. The single bed came with a counterpane, bedside carpet and a lamp as well. Outside the large window was a trail meandering down to the Ottawa River. The room was large enough to

accommodate 4 by Basic Training standards and was very posh compared to the old farm house I was reared in back home on the prairies. I wrote a lengthy letter to my parents telling them all about it.

With these comfortable accommodations, a lot of friendly new faces, reasonably good food, the proximity of Montreal for weekends, and my trades training, life was full and good. Our instructors were dedicated, and I enjoyed mastering the cranky "19" wireless set and roaring around the sands of the tank range in the Sherman firing its weapons; the 30 and 50 caliber and the 76mm.

However, I persisted in my request for a western posting and one day in early Mar '52 my transfer to the LdSH(RC) in Calgary was approved. Travel was by train then, and the 4 days aboard went slowly in my excitement to be going home as it were. But, it all came to pass as planned and upon my arrival I was re-badged and assigned to B Squadron slated for Korea in May. Because of my late arrival the tank crews had already been assigned and working together since before Christmas, so I was attached to the motor pool.

I was a little disappointed in that I was a gunner operator and gunner operators performed in tanks. But, I was soon absorbed in getting my Standing Orders to operate half tracks, ambulances and, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{3}{4}$ and $2\frac{1}{2}$ ton vehicles - commonly referred to as jeeps, beeps and deuce-and-a-halves.



Of course, each vehicle was equipped with a wireless set, so technically I was still a gunner operator, only my weapon was the 9 mm Sten Sub Machine Gun, which I would get to know very well, as it would be my constant companion in Korea.



A little Korean anecdote about the Sten involves a private from the Royal 22nd that took place at the laundry in Rear Brigade. A very young Lt. from the mobile bath unit was berating the soldier for the filthy condition of his gun saying that any weapon in that deplorable state could not be depended upon ... et cetera. When he was finished the young French lad tipped his Sten into the air and emptied the magazine. As we rose from where we had dropped, the Van Doo was heard to say, as he took his leave to board the truck to take him back to the sharp end, 'Sir, I think you should not judge the book by the cover'.

In April '52, we were advised that we would be moving to Wainwright prior to leaving for Korea. All were told that there wouldn't be any leave for a chance to return home before embarkation in May. In Wainwright we were busy, but then again we weren't. It was mainly a staging area to get us all used to being isolated from home and the final grooming in the performance of our jobs within the Squadron.

As we were not going to be allowed leave, someone got the bright idea that we should all get bean shaves. That was interesting, for just prior to our last weekend, the CO relented and said that all married personnel could have their wives billeted in camp from Fri to Mon morning. Somehow buses were approved to get spouses from Calgary to Wainwright and return. There were some taken aback wives when the black berets were removed. We singles were allowed to go as far as Edmonton for the weekend. I had a school friend there and we went to see a live performance of Spike Jones and his City Slickers.

The following weekend we boarded the train for the Port of Seattle. A scenic ride during which most of the conversation centered around our own welfare and the immediate future. There was an air of excitement as most of us had never been on a ship before and many of us knew very little about Korea. I think we all wondered just what we had gotten ourselves into, but were resigned to the fact that there was no turning back.



As we detrained and formed up to march onto the dock, the band struck up the Huckle Buck and the Red Cross appeared with coffee and donuts. We were impressed and a bit awed at the reception and especially at the beautiful big cruise ship docked alongside that was obviously waiting for us.

We were told there would be a delay of a couple hours before boarding, but that we were not to leave the immediate area without specific permission. We had a L/Cpl who was always immaculately dressed. His girlfriend was in Seattle and had come to the dock to say good-bye. He was granted permission to leave in her car for an hour. He returned on time and stepped out of the car in front of the entire squadron as smartly dressed as always except he had neglected to pull up his suspenders prior to putting on his tunic.



Finally, it was time to go aboard for our cruise to the Far East. We were lined up alphabetically and the Adjutant and the SSM double-checked our names as we went up the gangplank. Into the bowels of the liner we went, but what the hell! We are not stopping. No, we march right through that beautiful ship and onto the deck of the R.L. Howsie, an ancient, somewhat rusty, Liberty Ship soon to be referred to as the Rotten Lousy Howsie.

Still, it was pretty exciting for this dry lander to actually be on salt water. It was dinnertime when we hit the swell rolling into the straits of Juan de Fuca and the Howsie transmitted the motion to all on board. The bill of fare that evening was wieners. I learned that many people do little chewing in masticating their food as evidenced by the sizable chunks of meat rolling around the deck and the stairwells and the latrines and our sleeping quarters and being hurled over the side.

We were about 200 and we shared this scow with about the same number of US personnel. We were not segregated formally, but by mutual agreement we kept pretty much to ourselves and everyone settled into the routine of eating, sleeping and shipboard fatigues. There were moments of delight when porpoises were sighted, or large areas of Portuguese man-o-war floated on the surface, or a flying fish skipped from wave to wave. We even had an albatross accompany us for most of the trip. However, after 10 days of inactivity on marginal rations and sleeping in a stuffy hold in bunks 4-deep, we were happy to be pulling into Yokohama and the chance to escape the spartan and cramped living conditions.

Some of the 'brass' was sighted going ashore, but permission for us to go was withheld. Some of our lads decided to not wait and jumped into the harbour and swam ashore. I'm not sure if that was courageous or stupid, as I'd seen septic tank contents that looked cleaner than that water by the jetty. Anyway, this prompted a rethink on shore leave and we soon got our first taste of Oriental hospitality. Those that jumped ship were later awarded detention.

That evening I was assigned shipboard guard duty from 2000-2359. You may recall there was no 2400hr designator in those days. Trooper Newfelt (sp?) shared the duty with me and as we were having a cigarette at the conclusion of our watch, he remarked on the beauty of the phosphorus coming from the bow and wake of the fishing boats that were moving about the harbour. He mused more to himself than to me that he wondered if he'd ever see a sight like that again. He never did. He was the only fatality from our Squadron.



The next day we boarded a train for Kobe.

The countryside was strange and beautiful to this prairie boy and as we passed Mount Fuji in the distance it was exactly as pictured on a postcard. In Kobe we transferred to a small boat of British Registry and crewed by Japanese.



A very enjoyable couple of days on smooth seas brought us into Incheon. We landed quite late in the day and were loaded in back of deuce-and-a-halves for the trip north through Gloucester Valley. Having heard of the fighting that went on there, it was unnerving to be hurtling along the MSR (Main Supply Route) in the dark in this very foreign country. I imagined there were bound to be North Koreans lurking in ambush just around the next bend.

Over the next 24 hours we got our daylight impressions of Korea. I saw a land of brown hills leading to valleys crowded with rice paddies. There were no towns, only villages, and most everyone wore white clothing. No one owned a car and anything mechanized was powered by people or oxen. And, little boys were everywhere, some being very young entrepreneurs with shoe shine boxes slung over their shoulders wanting to shine boots or rent you his sister, or another favorite, a school teacher. Poverty was prevalent and showed especially amongst the children with many of the little girls carrying a sibling strapped to their back.



It was during these 2 days that we were issued a sleeping bag and field clothing at rear Brigade and then moved north to our various places of duty, mine being in B Echelon. By now the civilians and the rice paddies were left behind and the hills were green as the civilian population was not allowed this close to the front lines so the area was no longer gleaned for edibles and firewood.

At B Echelon we paired up with a buddy and set up housekeeping in the bunkers vacated by



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Squadron. These were basically an 8-foot sand bag enclosure 6 feet high partially dug into the side of the hill. They were secure from anything but a direct hit and for that reason the roof was constructed from light and waterproof material, usually a truck tarp or some tenting, that would not harm if it was to collapse onto you in the event of incoming. These flimsy roofs did little to muffle the noise from a battery of US artillery located just south of us. They fired their 355's mostly at night in support of the infantry patrols. Despite the noise, it was not long before you only roused enough to identify the source and go back to sleep. However, occasionally a shell would have a loose driving band and the banshee shriek from that would bring the soundest of sleepers to full alert.



The bunkers were relatively comfortable except for having to share them occasionally with rats. These we often dispensed with, usually in the middle of the night, with the aid of a flashlight and a round of 9mm from the Sten. The issued folding cots were small, so some of us built wider sleeping platforms from boards obtained from discarded ammunition crates. Stuffed mattresses of sorts were available from a village to the south for 3 or 4 packs of cigarettes and a few chocolate bars, this being very cheap in that we were issued 5 packs of American cigarettes and a dozen chocolate bars each week.

The sleeping bags were warm and comfortable but poorly designed. They were called mummy bags because of their shape and, once zippered into them, were very difficult to get out of in haste, a fact not appreciated by those at the sharp end. A marquis tent used as quarters at rear brigade caught fire from a faulty oil heater one night and several of our lads were burned in their struggle to free themselves from the confines of the bag; one Trooper was injured badly enough that he had to be returned to Canada.

At B Echelon my first assignment was as driver operator for the Commanding Officer. All of the officers not at the front were pampered by batmen, so my main responsibilities were just for my own kit, the jeep, the wireless set and to be available anytime. I also had the duty of sending out the daily netting call. Wireless sets did not have crystals like today and they would drift off station. A netting call is a procedure where a carrier wave is sent out at a predetermined time and all the wireless sets in the squadron would tune into it, then voice confirm we had contact with each other. If all went well, this took about a half hour. On the other hand...

The CO and I got along very well, but at 20 I was naive enough to mistake our amicable togetherness as friendship, and felt free to offer an opinion on whatever subject he chose to talk about. One day we had a longish drive and our discussion turned into a disagreement. I

was advised that evening that I'd be driving for the 2 i/c the next day. He hardly went anywhere, so I was often assigned to go on other runs such as picking up kitchen supplies from the Rations Depot in Seoul.

The early morning runs on the MSR to Seoul were odoriferous to say the least, as I would meet the very long caravan of oxen pulling 'Honey Wagons' full of night soil collected from the city and headed for the rice paddies throughout the countryside. Also along the road were many civilians, most carrying huge loads on their heads or on an 'A' frame. The ladies were especially graceful as they walked dwarfed beneath a large bundle of goods balanced on their heads.

I'm ashamed to say that some drivers found it sporting to pull up alongside in their vehicle, reach out and nudge the load being carried just to watch the struggle to regain balance. I'm pleased to say this was not a Canadian activity.

There were standard tactical signposts on the roadside to identify different Units. Some would elaborate such as a US Engineering Unit that boasted, 'We Are Second To None' and a short distance down the road were the Royal Canadian Engineers who countered with, 'We Are None'.

On one of the ration trips through some error, I returned with more fresh rations than the Sergeant cook ordered or could use. I asked him to leave the surplus on the truck and I'd look after it. Not sure if he thought I was going to sell to the locals or not. Anyway, that night I took it to buddies of mine in their tank at the sharp end. All they had were field rations, so they were pleased with the fresh produce, but the motor pool Sergeant was not pleased with my unauthorized nocturnal trip and charged me with AWOL. The CO took my one stripe away and sent me to the detention barracks in Seoul for 7 days. I'm probably the only person charged and sentenced for going to the front lines.

A note here about the Seoul Detention Barracks. Originally it was run in the same manner as in Canada; mostly routine confinement, with a bit of drill and obstacle course thrown in. It did not take long for the troops on the line to get the word that the DB was an old folks home compared to the stress and danger at the front so some were 'volunteering' for a week or two sentence.

By the time I arrived at the DB, things had changed dramatically. The quarters were tents with wooden floors and no heaters. Bedding was 2 woolen army blankets - no bed, no mattress, no pillow, no sheets. As well, there was no indoor plumbing, no smoking, no fresh rations and one 2-minute warm shower per day. In the mornings we collected our razors from lock up and, under supervision, stood outside to shave with cold water. The days were spent doing most everything on the double; marching, climbing hills or on the obstacle course in battle order with a few bricks added to the backpack. The Canadian Provost had been mostly replaced by British Military Police, who must have been trained at the famous Glass House in England. What a sadistic lot they were. A favourite punishment for a minor misdemeanor was to be given two clay bricks, ordered down on your knees to rub the bricks together until you have nothing left but sand. For a bit of cheek you could get thrown in the Box for a day or two. The Box was a cube measuring 5 feet in each dimension, making it almost impossible to inhabit comfortably. One would be confined in the Box naked with one blanket. Every hour the 'screws' would hammer on the door, look in the peephole and if you were not looking back, the door was opened and you were goaded to your feet. Fortunately, I did not personally experience this. I could go on.



Upon RTU from the 'digger', I was assigned to the Liaison Officer in Brigade. This I truly enjoyed. It put me in touch with the war, although not 24/7. My duties consisted of driving the LO up to visit our tanks at the sharp end, usually on a daily basis. Our day would start after dark and would take 4 to 6 hours to complete a run. Driving the Korean hills at night without headlights over secondary roads/trails was not overly difficult for me as I'd been blessed with excellent night vision. As well, some areas were lit with the reflection/refraction of light from searchlights that were strategically placed to provide artificial moonlight. I finished my tour at this job and was fortunate not to be a victim of the North Koreans and their deadly little mortars.

It was during this period, on days I wasn't needed for my primary duty, that I would be assigned to other tasks, one of which was to transport a load of garbage to the central disposal area. About a mile from the dump, I'd be met by several Koreans each vying for the load to be taken to an area of the dump where his crew of men, women and children would unload it. Everything was salvaged except for rotted food stuffs. For instance labels were removed from tin cans and tied into bales. The lids were removed and put into boxes made from salvaged cardboard. The can body was split up the side at the seam, flattened and also baled. I have no idea what became of the lids, but the labels were processed into such things as wallpaper and wrapping paper, and the flattened tins were used mainly as metal shingles.

Another part-time assignment was the morgue run. This involved moving a corpse from the infantry lines to the morgue in Seoul. The infantry made every effort to carry a fallen comrade back with them when they returned from a patrol, but due to combat conditions this was not always possible. In such cases the body would be left to be retrieved by a later patrol. The North Koreans knew of this strategy and would have their mortars sighted into the area of the corpse to fire whenever a patrol was spotted attempting recovery. Sometimes the delay would be many days and, in these severe cases when we retrieved the body from the infantry lines, the corpse was nothing more than a shapeless mass laced into an army blanket with signal wire.

It was hoped with the start of the Panmunjom peace talks that things would quiet down along the front. Unfortunately it was not to be. It seemed both sides were trying to score points during these final days of active hostilities.

So what do a bunch of drivers do to while away their down-time in Korea? The group I was with played a lot of bridge and drank a lot of gin at 80-cents a bottle using our daily free quart of Asahi beer as a chaser. Junior ranks were not allowed hard spirits, but the rear window of the officer's mess did a brisk business.

The trip home was anticlimactic and much the reverse of the trip over. What I didn't realize at the time was how much the lifestyle in wartime can change one. I found it difficult to re-adapt to the spit and polish of peacetime soldering. As my 3-year enlistment was about up and my father was to go in for serious surgery, I opted for my release and returned to farming/ranching in southern Alberta.

My father eventually recovered, so when my contract with him was completed I returned to the military, the only other thing I really knew. As the PSO and I were discussing my future, we talked at length on farming and ranching and Korea and our Masonic brotherhood and what the various Corps had to offer. In the end he convinced me that I should consider the Royal Canadian Dental Corps. I bless that officer to this day.

RCDCA TREASURER'S REPORT FY 2014/2015

To the members of the

ROYAL CANADIAN DENTAL CORPS ASSOCIATION

Following a review of the records, the following statement has been prepared to report on the Receipts and Disbursements including supporting documents and reconciliation of the RCDC Association bank account general fund 1 October 2014 to 30 September 2015.

Respectfully Submitted

Frank Hedley

Treasurer, RCDC ASSOCIATION

GENERAL FUND

Revenue and Disbursements for the FY 2014/2015 period
1 October 2014 to 30 September 2015.

Revenue

Membership Dues	\$3,450.00
Donations to the RCDCA	\$3,683.14
Interest	\$4.79
Social/ lunch	\$605.33
Total Revenue	<u>\$7,743.26</u>

Disbursements

Office Administration	\$435.11
Programs (Newsletter printing)	\$596.64
Postage	\$829.25
Meetings (Cdn Defence Assoc & 1 Dent U)	\$700.00
Social/ lunch	\$512.33
Travel	\$ 0.00
Donations (Legion) & Membership (CDA)	\$960.00
Total Disbursements	<u>\$4054.36</u>
Opening bank balance 1 October 2014	\$10,388.02
Closing bank balance 30 September 2015	\$14,076.92
Net Gain for FY 2014/2015	<u>\$3688.90</u>

SUMMARY

RCDC Association has cash assets of \$14,076.92 for the FY ending **30 September 2015**.

Significant changes for this FY was this increase in dues revenue to \$3,450 over last year's \$2,665, and the increase in donations to the RCDCA to \$3,683 for this year. Special thanks to those who so generously donated to the RCDC Association, and for all members who continue to support the RCDCA with their membership dues.

RCDCA Celebrates 100 Years of Canadian Military Dental Service

This article is a synopsis of how the RCDCA celebrated the 100th anniversary of Canadian Military dentistry. For a more complete look at the centennial celebrations, please see the Centennial Dental Corps Communique, available on-line on the RCDCA website (English: <http://rcdca.cfdental.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/Issue-23-Centennial-Special-Edition-2015.pdf>; French: <http://rcdca.cfdental.ca/history-of-the-dental-corps/dental-corps-communiqués-du-corps-dentaire/>)

The first centennial activity we undertook was to provide Dental Corps Centennial lapel pins to all serving RCDCA members as well as to members of our Association. These pins proved to be very popular.

The first centennial event of 2015 was a mess dinner hosted by 1 Dental Unit Detachment Esquimalt. The RCDCA President was invited to sit at the head table; as I was unable to attend Colonel (retired) Dave Jones attended on my behalf. This was followed by another mess dinner in March at the Home Station, hosted by 1 Dental Unit Detachment Borden and the Canadian Forces Health Services Training Center. RCDCA members and retirees were very well represented. In addition to myself, former members in attendance included LCol (ret'd) Musselman, LCol (ret'd) Taylor, LCol (ret'd) St-Pierre, Maj (ret'd) West, Maj (ret'd) Collins, Capt (ret'd) Danis, Capt (ret'd) Bolland, Capt (ret'd) Stirling, CWO (ret'd) Morphet, MWO (ret'd) Moir, MWO (ret'd) Sears, MWO (ret'd) Koss, WO (ret'd) Ingersoll, WO (ret'd) M. Boulay, WO (ret'd) J. Boulay, Sgt (ret'd) Payatte, and Sgt (ret'd) Burke.

In recognition of the Dental Corps Centennial, the Canadian Dental Association invited many senior serving RCDCA members as well as the President and Vice President of the RCDCA to the CDA President's Installation Dinner on April 24th. Both Tony Nguyen and I attended with our wives. This gave us the



Esquimalt Centennial Mess Dinner Head Table (from left to right): CWO Bizier (RSM 1 Dent Unit), CPO1 Feltham (MARPA Fleet CPO 1), HLCOL Lyle (HLCOL 1 Dent Unit), Col Goheen (CO 1 Dent Unit), MG Tempel (Dental Corps Chief US Army), Col Taylor, (Director Dent Svcs and RCDCA Regimental Head), Dr MacDonald (President CDA), Cmdre Auchterlonie (Fleet Comd MARPA), Dr Baird (President BCDA), HCOL Boivin (HCOL 1 Dent Unit), Col (ret'd) Jones (RCDCA President Rep), Ms Hayre (President CDHA), CWO Beach (RCDCA CWO)



The Home Station Centennial Mess Dinner



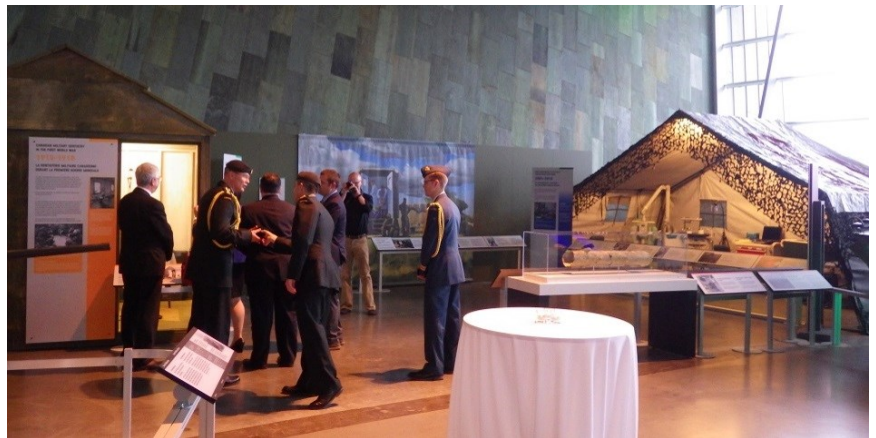
CDA President Installation Dinner

opportunity to socialize with the executive members of the provincial dental associations as well as the CDAA and CDHA, increasing awareness of our Association.

In the week leading up to the actual centennial day of May 13th, 2015, the RCDCA was particularly active. As detailed in the article on pages 32 and 33, we co-hosted a golf tournament with the Canadian Dental Association that was very generously sponsored and generated a \$3500 donation to the Military Families Fund. The Meet and Greet that evening was probably the largest gathering of RCDCA members in decades.



On May 12th and 13th, the RCDCA hosted a Continuing Dental Education event at the Canadian War Museum. Colonel Taylor, the Chief Dental Officer, generously included the RCDCA President in his private lunches with the visiting Dental Corps Chiefs, Surgeons General and other VIPs. Once again, this provided an excellent opportunity to advance awareness of the RCDCA. Many RCDCA members were able to attend the official opening by the Minister of Veterans Affairs of the War Museum exhibit called Oral History - A Century of Canadian Military Dentistry and watch the parade in which the RCDCA was presented with a Royal Banner by the Colonel-in-Chief, HRH Birgitte, Duchess of Gloucester in London, ending with the Royal Banner being marched into the LeBreton Gallery.



May 13th was a very full day. After the first speaker at the symposium, I was invited to address the attendees and explain what the RCDCA was about. At 1100 hours, some of our members were able to attend a ceremony at the National War Memorial. All of the guards were from the RCDCA, and Colonel



Taylor laid a wreath in memory of all of the dental corps personnel that had been lost or injured in service to Canada.

The evening of May 13th was celebrated with a Gala at the Chateau Laurier. The guest of honour was General Tom Lawson, the Chief of the Defence Staff. A huge proportion of the RCDCA membership was in attendance, and, once again, the RCDCA was given the opportunity to speak. My presentation immediately preceded General Lawson's. This was also the event at which the book I authored, *The History and Heritage of the Royal Canadian Dental Corps: A Century of Military Service*, was released. Copies were provided to all attendees, and I autographed copies in the bar for several hours after the dinner. This generated much discussion about the RCDCA and was responsible for the generation of new memberships.

The last event the RCDCA held was a Meet and Greet in St John's NL on Friday, 28 August, 2015, at the CAF Officer Mess in the new Surgeon Lt. Commander W. Anthony Paddon Building, St John's Newfoundland. This regional activity was organized to take place during the CDA National Conference-Newfoundland and Labrador Dental Association Dental Conference which was held in St John's, NL 26-20 August 2015. Both active and former RCDCA civilian and military members as well as friends and members of the RCDCA were invited to attend the Meet & Greet which was hosted by RCDCA Secretary, Brenda Joy, on behalf of the RCDCA President, Maj (retired) Richard Groves. Albeit a small gathering of participants (competition was particularly tough for attendees on the scheduled night with many CDA/NL&L conference related social activities being held at the same time, including a boisterous St George Street pub crawl!), an evening of good conversation and good food was enjoyed by all.

A heartfelt thank you goes to the Command Team of Dental Unit Detachment St John's, Sergeant Lorna Roberts and Capt Kelvin Tay, for their help to the RCDCA in organizing the evening. The RCDCA Executive



plans to organize future regional RCDCA social activities linked to other dental related events, such as dental conferences or dental CE taking place in various locations in Canada.

In conclusion, the centennial celebrations gave the RCDCA the opportunity to strengthen ties with both the RCDCA and the CDA and to establish contact with the CDHA and CDA. All of these organizations see the RCDCA as a valued partner in Canadian organized dentistry, and are committed to helping us reach potential new members.



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