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**Reserves' deep roots**

Lorna Inness's interesting article on the return of the Halifax Rifles from its 1965 retirement to the Supplementary Order of Battle (Nov. 9) may have left some readers with the mistaken impression that Halifax has been without a Reserve unit for the past 43 years.

Defence Minister Peter MacKay's announcement in September on the Rifles' reactivation was welcome news to the many units of the Reserve establishment in the greater Halifax area, particularly since it was said, "This new unit will lend direct support to domestic operations commitments of the existing Reserve Forces in the Halifax area."

Under the existing units' umbrella, there are Army Reserve units in Halifax that can trace their continued history of service at least to the outbreak of hostilities in 1939. Two can trace their roots back to the volunteer companies of militia in the pre-Confederation time of Old Halifax. They are the Princess Louise Fusiliers Infantry Battalion and the 1st Field Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery.

Readers may be interested to know that as proof of the Princess Louise Fusiliers' link to the Halifax community, a stand of colours was laid away in 1955 at St. Paul's Church, the original Halifax Garrison Church. These colours had been presented to the battalion in 1901 by the Duke of York (later King George V) on behalf of the ladies of Halifax. They will soon be placed in a new display case in the narthex of the church. The funds for this display case were provided by the Halifax Foundation.

The 1st Field Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery fires the salute on Nov. 11 each year, in support of Remembrance Day ceremonies, from the roadway of the Halifax Citadel.

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