

Visiting Veterans

Letter to the Editor Halifax Chronicle Herald, published on Saturday the 21st October 2006

Re: "Veterans mark 66th anniversary." (16th October)

On 22 August 1942 the 29th Armoured Reconnaissance Regiment (South Alberta Regiment) sailed from Halifax for England on the Strathmore. On the weekend, some of its veterans returned for a visit.

The enthusiastic group including family members was led by the Regiment's Honourary Colonel J.H. Quarton British Columbia and Major Danny McLeod Ontario. The regiment now has held reunions in seven provinces from coast to coast. Its Regimental History records the names of 38 soldiers from Nova Scotia, three of whom were killed in action and one who died of wounds.

The writer of the article observes, it was the only Canadian armoured unit to have a soldier awarded the Victoria Cross when Major David Currie's action in Normandy at St Lambert-sur-Dives, was so recognized. Later in the campaign McLeod, one of Currie's troop leaders was decorated with the Military Cross.

Having served on the same battlefields, we had fun swapping "war lies". I noticed that mine and theirs are getting more unbelievable and may this never change. On the serious side, they could not believe that Nova Scotia, unlike all other provinces, no longer has a reconnaissance regiment. When asked what the province was doing about it? My reply-- "not enough".

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