

# Commissionaires

## *The Corpsrespondent*

~ Newsletter of Hamilton Division - Summer 2007 ~



# COMMISSIONAIRES

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### ~ Commissionaires Adopt New National Brand ~

This will be the way the Commissionaires across Canada will be recognized in the future. Much study and professional advice have taken place to reach this decision. All the Divisions have agreed that the “brand mark” (logo) look of the printing and the “tag line” will represent us everywhere. Our proud and traditional organization will be recognized in this different, yet timely, way. Each of us may receive comment or questions on this. That will give us the opportunity to further our business and recognition. The Commissionaires have an ever increasing place in the security business in Canada. This new look will continue to improve our image and possibilities for future business.

**LAST POST**  
**WO Ivan Cooper ~ 1925 - 2007**

When he parachuted into France a few days after D-Day in 1944, Ivan Cooper was 18 years of age. A highly trained member of the famed 1st Canadian Parachute Battalion Ivan fought his way through the liberation of Europe returning to Canada at the end of WW2. Demobilized in September 1946 Ivan joined Procor Ltd., in Oakville where he was employed for many years as a hoisting engineer. Following his retirement from Procor Ivan enrolled in Hamilton Division in July of 1991. He served almost all of his Commissionaire service in Burlington By-law, for the last several years as the detachment Commander with the rank of Warrant Officer.

In 2003 WO Ivan Cooper was awarded the Commissionaire Long Service Medal. He had previously been awarded the France and Germany Star, the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal (CVSM) and clasp, and the War Medal.

WO Ivan Cooper passed away on 20 June 2007 following a lengthy illness. Predeceased by his late wife Helen, Ivan is survived by daughters Kimberly and Kelly as well as several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He will be missed by all who knew him.

**COMMISSIONAIRE LONG SERVICE AWARDS**  
**EFFECTIVE: 6 JULY 2007**

The following is a list of personnel and the award they have received or will receive since the last newsletter. Long Service Medals are awarded after completion of 12 years service and a bar for each further 5 years of service. This service does not have to be continuous.

NOTE: The policy for the Hamilton Corps of Commissionaires is that Long Service Awards will be presented at the Awards Dinner held in the fall each year.

**AWARDS**

**2<sup>ND</sup> Bar to the Long Service Medal** , Commissionaire J.W. Mathieson

**1<sup>ST</sup> Bar to the Long Service Medal:** Col J.C. Forsyth, CStJ, CD, Cdr F.J. Lee, OStJ, CD, Sgt. J.R. Beauchamp, Commissionaires M.L. Balinson, CD, W.C. London, CD, K.D. Jamieson, CD, R.B. (Bert) Brown, CD, E.S. Stokes and Patricia Bachor, Finance Manager,

**20 Year pin - \$400.00 Monetary Award:** Commissionaire J.W. Mathieson, CD

**5 Year pin - \$100.00 Monetary Award:** Sergeants. J.S. Wilkins, J.P. Simioni, D.F.Taylor, Commissionaires A. Evans, CD, E.G. Anderson, E.J. Disimine, K.D. Jamieson, D.C. King, R.K. Larmet, CD, R.A. Leadlay, M. O'Sullivan, W.F. Parish, J.K.D. Pattinson, P. Wahl, R.G. Rodgers, CD, R.N. Zinger, CD, B.C. Mandigo and D.P. Robinson.

## **PRIVATE SECURITY AND INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES ACT**

As you are aware from information provided in previous Newsletters the current Act was passed in December 2005. It is intended to help govern the operation of the Security business through its regulations. It is expected to be proclaimed effective in late August of this year when the Regulations are accepted. This office has received many phone calls pertaining to this Act as to how it will affect the Commissionaires. There are three areas that will apparently affect us. Individually these areas are 1. Uniform, 2. Licensing and 3. Training. Hopefully the information below will answer some of these questions.

### **1) UNIFORM**

The regulations will state that Security Uniforms SHALL NOT consist of black or Navy Blue Shirts and that there will be NO trouser stripes other than reflective. As our uniforms consist of a light blue shirt and our trousers do not have stripes this will not affect us. However we will be required to have the word "SECURITY" in uppercase 1.5 cm in height placed on the chest of our shirts, sweaters and jackets. This will not be a major change as we feel this can be satisfied. Also identification will have to be visible, this will be done by Commissionaires wearing an Identification Card.

### **2) LICENSING**

The new Act will require each Commissionaire working as a Security Guard to have a license and be of good character. The existing Act exempts the Commissionaires from the licensing process. This will change on 01 September 2007. All Commissionaires working in the security field will be required to be qualified and licensed. The license will be provided by the Province and paid for by the individual. At this time we are advised that the license cost will be \$80.00 payable on an annual basis.

**It should be noted that people working in Bylaw Enforcement jobs are not covered by or subject to this Act.**

### **3) TRAINING**

Training and Testing will be required. The training will be as set out and directed by the Province. Testing will be to Provincially set standards. As to course content and duration the regulations for basic training in draft, for comment until 1 August 2007 have been set out. After that date we will know the regulations for Training and Testing and we will advise everyone. We are advised that presently it is expected that those who have been Security Guards for a period of time before the implementation of the Regulations may be acceptable for a license for a period of time after the Act comes into effect. This is apparently being considered to allow currently employed personnel to continue to service contracts. It appears that a license will be issued lasting 1 year to these Security Guards.

We hope that this answers at least some of your questions. As stated above once additional information or clarification on existing regulations are obtained it will be relayed to you. You can forward any questions to MWO Ken Brady at extension 26 or at admo@bellnet.ca.

## SPOTLIGHT ON HAMILTON/HALTON/BRANT

We're back as promised last newsletter with the latest edition of "*Spotlight On ...*". This time we're shining the bright light on the Commissionaire Detachments in Hamilton/Halton/Brant.

**Mohawk College** has been a client of the Corps since the first day a shovel went into the ground to start construction. Commissionaires provide access control, alarm response, mobile patrol, courier service and parking duties at four campuses in the Hamilton area including Brantford. Fennell Campus provides the 24/7-nerve centre and the satellite campuses are staffed depending upon the unique requirements of each.

**Redeemer University College** is a privately funded Christian university located in Ancaster. Hamilton Division Commissionaires provide security to this institution and have become almost family members due to their day-to-day interaction with the students and staff.

**Brock University** operates a satellite campus in Hamilton in the old Crestwood Vocational School. Commissionaires provide coverage during the days and selected weekends and times when there are students, staff and faculty in the building.

**Halton District Catholic School Board** provides employment for Commissionaires at each of their seven high schools in the Halton Region. This a widely dispersed contract and our Commissionaires attend to their duties in Burlington, Oakville, Milton and Georgetown. The Commissionaires provide assistance to the Principals' and their staffs and positive interaction with students and visitors.

**Raymond Equipment** in Brantford (right across from Mohawk College's Brantford Campus) manufactures electric forklifts and depends on the Commissionaires to secure their site during silent hours and scheduled summer and holiday shutdowns.

**The North American Tillage and Tool Company** in Hamilton manufactures agricultural equipment including harrowing disks for the international market. Our association with this client dates back to its' predecessors at International Harvester and J.I. Case Ltd. Silent hours, weekends and scheduled seasonal shutdowns provide employment for the Division's members.

**TDL Group Corp.** in Oakville provides Commissionaire members with employment at 'Tim Horton Headquarters'. The warehousing facility along with the main administrative offices and several off site locations make this an interesting detachment for us to ply our craft.

**UPS-SCS** in Burlington is a huge "campus" that offers supply chain solutions to customers needing warehousing, distribution, customs expertise and associated logistical support. Commissionaires at this site provide access control, perimeter integrity, alarm response and the first point of contact at UPS gates.

**The City of Hamilton** supplies Commissionaires jobs as Bylaw Enforcement Officers. These Commissionaires provide parking bylaw enforcement along with some other miscellaneous enforcement. These officers complete their duties on foot and by vehicle throughout the City of Hamilton including the amalgamated outlying areas.

**The Ontario Landlord Tenant Board** across the street from WSIB is another location where the Commissionaire presence is projected in a calm professional manner. This location has recently changed its name from the Ontario Rental Housing Tribunal.

**The City of Burlington** is another long-standing client for Parking Bylaw Enforcement Officers. This group of Commissionaires provides round the clock coverage by vehicle and limited foot patrols to enforce the cities parking bylaws. Sadly, the Detachment Commander, Warrant Officer Ivan Cooper, a veteran of WW II as a member of the First Canadian Parachute Battalion has very recently passed away. A finer gentleman you'll never meet and we offer our condolences to Ivan's family and his detachment members. He will be sorely missed.

**Burlington City Hall** also engages the services of the Division to provide access control, alarm response and a friendly and professional presence to staff, visitors and members of the public.

**The Workplace Safety and Insurance Board** in downtown Hamilton is the worksite for Commissionaires providing a calming and professional security presence to WSIB and its clients. This detachment has double the normal complement of Commissionaires found at other WSIB locations in the Division.

**Canada Centre for Inland Waters** is the home for all levels of government agencies involved in research, study and protection of our precious water supplies. This detachment is located in Burlington beside the ship canal and with a frontage on Hamilton Harbour. Commissionaires here supply traditional security through access control, deterrent patrolling, alarm response and perimeter integrity.

**The Hamilton Federal Building** in the heart of downtown Hamilton is a new building that allowed the Federal Government to consolidate its operations in one area. This allows the public one stop shopping access for most government services. Commissionaires patrol, respond and greet and direct visitors in a courteous and professional manner.

**Correctional Services Canada** operates a residential facility in downtown Hamilton and augments their staff with Hamilton Division Commissionaires. Access control and verification of residents' whereabouts are prime concerns here.

**The Hamilton Passport Office** is another location where you'll find Commissionaires projecting a calm professional manner as they direct and inform members of the public who are navigating their way through the passport application process.

**The Department of Fisheries and Oceans** utilizes Commissionaires Hamilton for administrative support including document protection, filing and first person telephone contact. This detachment is located in Burlington, a stone's throw from the Canada Centre for Inland Waters.

**The Royal Canadian Mounted Police** are another long-standing client of the Division. Fingerprinting and CPIC operations are among the duties of the Commissionaires at this detachment.

**The Juravinski Cancer Centre** is another location where Commissionaires friendly and professional attitude is well known. Tasked with providing assistance at the entrance for patients and their families these Commissionaires always leave a positive impression.

## HEALTH AND SAFETY

It seems the world has become a more dangerous place to live and work day by day. Safety issues are no longer limited to interactions with people intent to do misdeeds but now also include a host of environmental concerns. These issues are ever present and while this information applies to us while we are in the pursuit of our duties they apply equally when we are enjoying our much deserved time off.

**West Nile Virus** is found in wild birds and carried by mosquitoes. When an infected mosquito bites a bird the bird can become infected. The infected bird can pass the virus on to other mosquitoes. When an infected mosquito bites a human, the virus can cause a range of symptoms from mild to severe. The obvious symptoms are fever, muscle aches and skin rash. The virus can make people very sick and experience serious lasting illness, even death. You can protect yourself by following these precautions. Report dead birds to your local Public Health Authority. Selected birds will be picked-up and tested for the virus. Remove standing water from your property in order to limit mosquito breeding grounds. Wear light coloured clothing and long sleeves and pants if possible. Use insect repellent containing DEET on exposed skin. Follow the manufacturer's directions carefully.

**Heat Stress** occurs when our bodies cooling system cannot efficiently function due to high temperature, humidity, physical activity, fatigue or loss of fluids. This stress may lead to heat related illness, disability and even death. You may eliminate heat stress by taking a few simple precautions. Wear your hat while in the sun. Take frequent breaks in a shaded area and remove your hat while out of the sun. Drink water and fruit juices. Coffee and carbonated beverages will not replace fluids lost by sweating. Move more slowly during periods of high heat. Take your lunch in the heat of the day.

**Ultraviolet Radiation** overexposure shows itself as a tan or sunburn, wrinkling of the skin and skin cancer and cataracts. Some forms of skin cancers occur in individuals who are exposed over long periods of time. Melanoma, a more serious form of skin cancer, has been linked to intense short term periods as well as lifetime amount of sun exposure. Some simple measures to reduce this exposure are slip on clothing to cover your arms and legs, slap on a wide brimmed hat and slop on a sunscreen.

To learn more about these environmental dangers visit the following websites.:  
[www.gov.on.ca](http://www.gov.on.ca) and [www.cancer.ca](http://www.cancer.ca)

**Remember : Work Safe and Play Safe**

### WHOSE NEWSLETTER IS IT ANYWAY? - Sgt. Bill McBride, Editor

It has always been the philosophy of the editorial staff of *The Corpsrespondent* that it is your newsletter. It has been our wish that Commissionaires in the field not only have access but be encouraged to write articles, make comments, send interesting photos and otherwise participate in the production of the newsletter. We are grateful to Comm. Al Freckleton for his contributions in this and the previous editions and especially for the great photos he brought with him from Vimy Ridge. We are looking for Commissionaires to *Profile* in future editions. Please contact the editor if you have some ideas on the subject.

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**Welcome Aboard**

We welcome the following new Commissionaires who have joined our ranks since the last newsletter:

**Irene Bayer, Bryan Brohman, Robert Brydon, James Chownyk, Brad Curtain, Jeff Daly, Dale Davies, James Davis, Barbara Davis, Larry Downing, Jamie Farrauto, Janice Frantisak, Donald Haggerty, Murat Kilak, John Krusky, Brandon Lepore, Lorne May, Chris McLean, Donald Mummery, Leonard Okum, Mike O'Neill, Aretha Pagel, Francesca Reid, Vito Roppo, Joseph Turenne, Martin Walker, Richard Wells**

**Promotions**

**To Corporal:** Joe Lamontagne, TDL Group

**More About Uniform Changes**

There has been a lot of information provided you in this newsletter as well as earlier mailings pertaining to upcoming changes in the security field as well as the Corporate look. Both will affect our uniform. The new Private Security and Investigative Services Act states that we will have to wear the word `SECURITY` on the chest of our shirts, sweaters and jackets, as of yet we do not know exactly where. Our new Corporate look sports a new logo, this will also have to be displayed on our uniforms in the usual manner.

One of the concerns will be cost to you in regards to these changes, it is felt that both these requirements can be satisfied with a simple fix. A `crest` containing both the new logo and the word `SECURITY` will be provided to you at no cost. We hope this alleviates some of your concerns. If you have questions pertaining to uniform issues please contact the Division Quartermaster, MWO Ken Brady.

## VIMY, HONOURING THE LEGACY— Comm. Allan Freckleton



The spectacular Vimy Memorial Easter Monday 2007

My return to Vimy this pass Easter Monday April 9 was filled with excitement and thanksgiving. The sun was shining and the temperature was in the mid 70's. On my arrival in Lille I was met by my tour guide, the same one I had last year in June.

There were five of us in the mini bus, three Canadians plus myself and one lady from London whose father had been part of the original Tunneling Corps. As we traveled to Vimy each one of us told our own story about why we were attending the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ceremony of the Battle of Vimy Ridge. I had brought with me a picture of my grandfather in his uniform of the 20<sup>th</sup> Battalion and also his Military Medal.

As we approach the Ridge you could see hundreds of people gathering and making their way to the seating area. There were several expositions showing the history of the Battle, as well as the building of the Vimy Memorial. There were very clear instructions on how to find the name of a soldier who had lost his life in battle and where his name was on the memorial.

Seeing the Vimy Memorial in all its glory of pure white stone surmounted by the statues of Justice and Peace is a sight to behold. There are many other statues carved into Monument, Faith, Honour, Hope, Charity, and Sacrifice, among others. It has to be seen to be comprehended

There must have been close to 10,000 people on the ridge that day. Most were from across Canada but there were many I met from England and France. Several years ago a project started in the high schools across Canada, where students would research the history of a Canadian soldier who lost his life in the field of battle. As a result close to 3,400 students raised funds to travel to Vimy to tell the story of a soldier who now rests in peace and whose name is engraved on the Vimy Memorial.

The Ceremony of Remembrance and Dedication of the newly restored Canadian National Vimy Memorial was an event that shall always be remembered in my heart. It was a day of thanksgiving and remembrance of the many thousands of soldiers who fought so bravely on that wet, rainy and cold Easter Monday, who changed the course of history. Now 90 years later, on a beautiful sunny afternoon in the middle of France on Canadian soil it occurred to me that this is Canada at its Finest Hour.

*Editors note: Readers will recall that Comm. Freckleton's Grandfather won the Military Medal at the Battle of Vimy Ridge.*



Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II inspects her Canadian Honour Guard



Comm. Allan Freckleton enjoys a moment with renowned Canadian military historian, Jack Granatstien