

The Essex and Kent Scottish

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THE SCOTTISH BORDERERS FOUNDATION

Official Foundation of The Essex and Kent Scottish

The
service.

The
sacrifice.

Our
duty to
honour it.

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Pipe Major Jock Copland with sons James and Robert, August, 1940

It fell
to them...



SEMPER PARATUS

In our nation's hours of greatest need, they gave it their all

The call to military duty comes in its own time; we do not choose it. For over 200 years, when that call came, men and women of The Essex and Kent Scottish have answered boldly and proudly. It fell to them, in the urgency of the moment, to step forward and defend what all of us today hold dear.

The regiment first assembled in 1793 as a formed military unit in Essex County and in 1794 in Kent County. It has unbroken lineage from 1885.

Essex and Kent counties produced Ontario's first militia organization and the first units to engage in combat (1794) outside Canada. Local troops were engaged in key battles



The beach at Dieppe, August 19, 1942. Of the 566 Essex Scottish troops engaged in the Dieppe Raid, only 55 returned to England, many of them wounded.

in both World Wars, including the ill-fated Dieppe Raid. While the casualties were grim, the hard lessons learned paved the way for the successful D-Day landings.

In the years since the 1945 Armistice, the regiment has remained active in conflicts and peacekeeping missions around the world. In our hour of need, they have always been there, in the thick of conflict, answering our nation's most urgent call.

ENGAGEMENTS & BATTLE HONOURS*

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| Fallen Timbers 1794 | Fighting Island 1838 | <i>Scarpe</i> 1918 | <i>Goch-Calcar Road</i> 1945 |
| WAR OF 1812-1815 | Pelee Island 1838 | <i>Hindenburg Line</i> 1918 | <i>The Hochwald</i> 1945 |
| Canard River 1812 | St. Clair River 1838 | <i>Canal du Nord</i> 1918 | <i>Xanten</i> 1945 |
| Brownstown 1812 | Windsor 1838 | <i>Cambrai</i> 1918 | <i>Twente Canal</i> 1945 |
| Maguaga 1812 | WORLD WAR I | <i>Pursuit to Mons</i> 1918 | <i>Groningen</i> 1945 |
| <i>Detroit</i> 1812 | <i>Ypres</i> 1915, 17 | WORLD WAR II | <i>Oldenburg</i> 1945 |
| Frenchtown 1813 | <i>Festubert</i> 1915 | <i>Dieppe</i> 1942 | RECENT CONFLICTS |
| <i>Fort Meigs/Maumee</i> 1813 | <i>Mount Sorrel</i> 1916 | <i>Bourguébus Ridge</i> 1944 | UN Peacekeeping 1977-93 |
| Miami 1813 | <i>Somme</i> 1916, 18 | <i>St. André sur Orne</i> 1944 | NATO Peace |
| Lake Erie 1813 | <i>Flers-Courcelette</i> 1916 | <i>Falaise</i> 1944 | Enforcement 1993-2004 |
| McCrae's 1813 | <i>Thiepval</i> 1916 | <i>Falaise Road</i> 1944 | <i>Afghanistan</i> 2004-15 |
| Longwoods 1814 | <i>Ancre Heights</i> 1916 | <i>Clair Tizon</i> 1944 | NATO Deterrence 2015-21 |
| Chippawa 1814 | <i>Arras</i> 1917, 18 | <i>Forêt de la Londe</i> 1944 | DOMESTIC OPERATIONS |
| Flemings 1814 | <i>Vimy</i> 1917 | <i>The Scheldt</i> 1944 | Disaster Response |
| <i>Lundy's Lane/Niagara</i> 1814 | <i>Hill 70</i> 1917 | <i>Woensdrecht</i> 1944 | Humanitarian Relief |
| PATRIOT WAR | <i>Passchendaele</i> 1917 | <i>South Beveland</i> 1944 | |
| Amherstburg 1838 | <i>Amiens</i> 1918 | <i>The Rhineland</i> 1945 | |

As a general statement, it can be said that wherever Canadian forces are deployed around the world, 20 per cent of them are citizen soldiers—members of regiments such as The Essex and Kent Scottish. Their service to our communities and country is operationally critical; Canada could not fulfill its duties and commitments without them.



Courtesy of the Library and Archives Canada, PA 2415.

The battlefield grave of L/Sgt Ellis Sifton, posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross for conspicuous gallantry in action at Vimy Ridge, April 1917.

It fell to them to defend
our values and freedoms,
often at a terrible cost



The liberation of Groningen, Netherlands, April, 1945

It falls
to us...



SEMPER PARATUS

The Government funds only a limited portion of our commemorative initiatives

Local and international communities have expectations of our regiment, many of which extend beyond the call to active military service. At major military anniversaries—those marking the liberation of European cities, for example—veterans and other representatives are expected to attend, to receive honours and dedications. Travel expenses must be defrayed through community donations.

Here at home, our reservists are in high demand at local parades and events. So too is our iconic Pipes & Drums, which makes regular appearances throughout Essex and Kent Counties for community events, Remembrance Day

and Canada Day parades, funerals, and much more. All expenses, including dress uniforms, instruments, transportation etc.

must be borne through public generosity. Finally, the building and maintenance of memorials, both at home and overseas, is another area of local expense, as are the costs for hosting dignitaries at our local events.

In the past, we have relied on individual donors to help defray these costs but that is neither fair nor sustainable. That is why we are embarking on this

Fundraising Campaign: to adequately fund our Foundation so that these initiatives can continue in perpetuity.



His Royal Highness Prince Michael of Kent, GCVO, CD, Colonel-in-Chief of The Essex and Kent Scottish

HOW YOUR GIFT WILL BE USED

Donations to this Fundraising Campaign will be added to our Foundation's capital base with the goal of maintaining it, in perpetuity, at a sustainable level. The interest earned over time will be used to fund a variety of important commemorative initiatives, as follows:

Representation at commemorative events

- Veterans' and other representatives' travel to dedications of memorials, tributes etc.
- Bringing dignitaries here for ceremonial events

Support of the regiment's Pipes & Drums

- Provision and maintenance of uniforms, musical instruments, etc.
- Travel expenses for out-of-town tattoos, ceremonial appearances, parades and other performances

Building and maintaining monuments

- Local regimental monuments
- Monuments in European cities
- Monuments at key battlefields and other locations
- Five monuments currently under local care

Preservation of records and historical artifacts

- Digitization of military archives enabling online public access
- Sponsoring of annual military history symposium, etc.



Below: Members of The Essex and Kent Scottish pay tribute at the memorial in Dieppe, France. Above: Canadian soldiers in Afghanistan.



It falls to us,
as a community, to
honour their courage



Protectors of our freedoms and values, 1882

The Scottish Borderers Foundation



SEMPER PARATUS

Honouring the 200-year service and sacrifice of The Essex and Kent Scottish

*Our fundraising goal is \$600,000.
We offer a variety of investment opportunities
through which donors can show their support.*

ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS
Pledged giving over the five year campaign

ONE-TIME GIFTS
All gifts are welcomed and appreciated

TESTAMENTARY BEQUESTS
*Make the Scottish Borderers Foundation
a beneficiary of your estate*

GIFTS IN KIND
Donate appreciated investments, save taxes

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YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS
Your generous donation will help
us honour and preserve the memory
of our local militia. It will ensure
that their service and sacrifice are
remembered for generations to come.

TAX & ESTATE PLANNING
We welcome the opportunity to assist
major donors with guidance on tax
and estate planning to maximize the
impact of their generosity.

Charitable Registration # 86932-9672-RR0001

INTERNATIONAL & DOMESTIC MISSIONS, 1977-2021

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| UN Emergency Force, Egypt | 1977-78 | NATO Op Reassurance, Latvia | 2015, 2019, 2021 |
| UN Op Snowgoose, Cyprus | 1985-93 | Op Podium (Vancouver Olympics) | 2010 |
| NATO Op Harmony, Croatia | 1993-95 | NATO Op Unifier, Ukraine | 2018, 2021 |
| NATO Op Palladium/Boreas, Bosnia & Herzegovina | 1998-2005 | Allied Op Impact, Lebanon & Iraq | 2019-21 |
| Op Recuperation (ice storm), Eastern Ontario | 1998 | Op Laser (COVID-19 long-term care and northern communities), Ontario | 2020 |
| Allied/NATO Op Athena/Archer/Attention, Afghanistan | 2004-15 | | |
| Op Assistance (floods), Manitoba | 1997 | | |

They never flinched or
hesitated; they selflessly did
what had to be done.

Early on 1 March, 1945, The Essex Scottish Regiment attacked the Hochwald Forest across open ground and barbed wire. Major Fred Tilston led his Company through two lines of enemy defences and overran two headquarter positions, despite being wounded in the head and in the thigh. When the Germans counterattacked, Tilston calmly moved across open terrain, braving intense fire to deliver ammunition and grenades. Having suffered more-serious wounds which permanently cost him the use of his legs, he refused medical aid until he was able to brief his replacement on the plan of defence. Only then did he relinquish command. The vital position was held, and for his valour and exemplary leadership, Major Tilston was awarded the Victoria Cross.

After his death in 1992, The Major F. A. Tilston VC Armoury & Police Training Centre was named in his honour.

WE REMEMBER



SEMPER PARATUS: THE REGIMENT TODAY



Canadian Armed Forces are actively engaged in a variety of domestic support roles. The Essex and Kent Scottish, like all of Canada's reserve units, play an essential part in delivering these emergency services.

The Essex and Kent Scottish continues to be a vibrant and cohesive force within both Essex and Kent counties, with a mandate to train citizen soldiers to the highest standards for both domestic and overseas deployment.

The need remains urgent, as evidenced by the regiment's recent activities in a number of overseas operations. These often take place in areas of active conflict where the regiment plays a vital role in advancing Canada's foreign-policy initiatives. That said, the greater part of their recent activity has involved domestic operations. Severe weather

and public health crises have tasked the regiment and other Canadian reserve units with challenging support roles. From natural disaster relief to keeping seniors safe in a time of pandemic, they remain ready to jump into action wherever they are needed.

These courageous men and women represent the best of our communities: our sons, daughters, neighbours and friends, from all walks of life. All are dedicated to the defence of Canada and the protection of the values we all cherish. The regiment remains, as always... ready. *Semper Paratus!*

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The Scottish Borderers Foundation



The Scottish Borderers Foundation is the official funding organization of The Essex and Kent Scottish. It is tasked with creating and preserving a sustainable fund for the commemoration and honouring of our local troops through a variety of vital initiatives.



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