



Fort Fraser Despatches, April 2017

“...April battles and Murray generals...”

When we credited Capt. Donald MacDonald with this famous quote a few years ago, we were advised that, in fact, it was not Captain MacDonald who uttered these words, but rather Ensign Charles Stewart. Ens. Stewart had served at Culloden as an ensign in his father's regiment where he was wounded while fighting under *Lord George Murray*. He served subsequently as a gentleman volunteer (V/Sgt.?) with Fraser's Highlanders and was gazetted ensign on 25 Sept 1759.

He was wounded again at Ste-Foy on 28 April 1760 while serving under *General James Murray* and is noted for his witty post-battle pronouncement "**From April battles and Murray generals, good Lord deliver me!**" - a reference to his present (wounded) condition and the first wounding several years earlier at Culloden under *Lord George Murray*.

He was promoted to lieutenant on the Regiment's disbandment in December 1763.

Ste. Foy; the story again: *from Sam Allison's "Driv'n by Fortune"*

The Battle of Sainte-Foy was the last major fight in the struggle for North America. The French had marched from Montreal in the spring (of 1760) in an effort to dislodge General Murray and his men from Quebec. In response, Murray ordered his troops to march out and line up in approximately the same place the French had lined up the year before. (at the Battle of the Plains of Abraham). Once again the Frasers behaved in spectacular fashion and fought the elite French Grenadiers for possession of a flourmill. The mill changed hands three times, and a Piper from the 78th stood outside as both Frasers and Grenadiers jumped in and out of windows fighting for the building.

Sainte-Foy cont'd:

General Murray retreated into the city, leaving Captain MacDonald and Lieutenant Cosmo Gordon dead and a great many Frasers, including Colonel Simon Fraser, wounded.

Captain Charles Stewart, who had been badly wounded at Culloden under Jacobite Lord George Murray, found himself again wounded, this time at Sainte-Foy under the Hanoverian Lord James Murray. In hospital after the battle Stewart made the famous quip “from April battles and Murray generals, good Lord deliver me!”

Murray heard about the comment and, to his credit, laughed and went to the invalid to wish him better luck next time.

The 78th lost more men under Murray in the second Battle of Quebec (59 killed, 148 wounded) than they had under Wolfe in the first (18 dead, 156 wounded).

On 22 April the garrison pays tribute at our Ste. Foy Dinner, this year to be held at the Port Moody Boathouse Restaurant.



at Sainte-Foy, April, 1760

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Who does What - Fort Fraser Executive:

2017 – 18 Director positions - 78th Fraser Highlanders Association of Vancouver:

President & OC: Maj. Jim Barrett CD	- the buck stops here
Vice president & 2IC: Capt. Chris Hoskin	- acts in President's absence
Secretary: Ens. John Hooker	- maintains all files and communication
Treasurer: Svend Raun CD	- responsible for all Assoc. financial matters
Directors at Large:	- usually four elected
OC Advisory Group	- former presidents/OCs

2017 – 18 Fort Fraser Garrison Command Group appointments:

The Officer Commanding usually appoints Directors to these positions.

Adjutant: Ens. John Hooker	- usually the Secretary, operational matters
Accounts Officer: Svend Raun CD	- usually the Treasurer, finances
PMC: V/Sgt. Mark Dwor	- appoints and manages the Mess Committee
Guard Cdr: HLCol. Mike Redmond	- manages the Uniformed Display Unit
Quartermaster: Capt. Murray Wood	- manages Stores and Supplies
Padre: Lt. Diane Beaton	- manages spiritual and well-being matters

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Re-revised 2017 Schedule of Events: (revised 26 March)

- ~~✓ 03 March 78th & 15FD Whisky Event in the Mess~~
- ~~18 March — Fort Fraser display at Surrey Museum Celtic Fest~~
- ~~25 March — 78th Annual General Meeting & lunch @ Bessborough Mess~~
- 09 Apr - Vimy Day in Canada – LEST WE FORGET
- **22 Apr** - Ste. Foy Dinner @ Port Moody Boathouse Restaurant
- **13 May** - 15FD RCA Change of Command ceremonies
- **14 May** - Louisbourg BBQ – OC residence
- 19-21 May - Victoria Highland Games
- 03-17 Jun - Garrison Scotland Tour (*fully booked/waiting list*)
- 17 Jun - BC Highland Games, Coquitlam (*no 78th due to tour*)
- 23 Sept - Plains of Abraham Commemorative Dinner
- 11 Nov - Remembrance Day – LEST WE FORGET
- 25 Nov - Feast of Saint Andrew Dinner

be kind to one another;
and Remember.....

