

## Victoria Cross has storied history

This past weekend Branch 120 welcomed visitors, Dot Hall, Walnut Creek, California, American Legion Post 90, Jean Lauzon and Fred McIntyre, Chatham, Ont., Branch 628. Happy Holidays!

### DID YOU KNOW:

Only some 20 pounds of bronze remain from the breech knobs of two Russian cannons captured during the last great battle of the Crimean war.

This bronze has been the source of all Victoria Crosses, the highest decoration for acts of heroism by soldiers, sailors and airmen of the commonwealth for more than 126 years. During the Crimean War it was suggested to Queen Victoria that she institute an award worthy of the uniqueness of these deeds and the Victoria Cross was created with the simple two-word inscription "For Valor".

The Victoria Cross cannot be awarded to civilians unless they are serving with the armed forces. The George Cross was created for that purpose.

The first investiture took place on Jun 28, 1857 in Hyde Park, London when Queen Victoria personally pinned the Cross to the tunics of 61 of the 111 Crimean War recipients.

## Pioneer Festival offers free fun

On Sunday, August 5, kids and their families are invited for a free day of fun, food and history at the Halton Region Museum. From 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. the Museum will be staging the Kids' Pioneer Festival as part of Kidsummer '90. Activities for kids 10 years of age and younger will include: print-making; cooking scones and churning butter in the log cabin; spinning and weaving with wool; making and tasting ice-cream; nail driving and cross-cut saw contests; games and races; a treasure hunt for information and prizes; and sitting in on a one-room school class.

Kids and their families are encouraged to dress up in "pioneer costume" and step back into the 1870s for an exciting, fun-filled day. No pre-registration is required.

Kidsummer '90 is the fourth annual offering of a summer long free children's festival presented in the Metropolitan Toronto area by Toronto Life Magazine, CHFI FM 98 and CBC Toronto, and made possible with the generous support of Dofasco, Imperial Oil, Canada Post Corporation, Bramalea Limited and Marci Lipman.

Local sponsors for the Kids' Pioneer Festival at the Halton Region Museum include Field Fresh Farms, Parkinsons Sawmill Eramosa, Robinson Cones, Sargent Farms and Sifto Salt.



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Lieutenant Alexander Robert Dunn from the 11th Hussars was the first Canadian to win the Victoria Cross, and he did so on "The Charge of the Light Brigade" at the Crimean battle of Balaclava. Since then, 93 Canadians or foreign nationals serving in Canadian units have received the award, 69 of them in the First World War.

All were brave. It was not their rank or their length of service that was the criteria. They saw what had to be done and did it.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING WINNERS:

Car Club July 2690 #217 J and G Storm, #50 C and R Bosma, #112 Jim Watson, #142 Joe Deboer, #480 Mac McLean, #482 Dave Trefry.

Friday Night Euchre July 2790 Ladies 1st Floss Tacy, 2nd Mae Tost, Most Lone Hands Myra Peasey. Men 1st Vi Hewitt, 2nd Beatrice Harrison, Most Lone Hands Bert Porter.

Saturday Meat Draw July 2890 Denny McCartney, Denny Wright, Judy Grace (two time winner), Newt Monk, Sheila Hicks, Paul Yates, Lottie Bottoms, Jimmy Hayes, Doris Bouley, Frank Kirk, K. Nash. The steaks were won by Newt Monk.

Following is a letter of thanks sent to the Royal Navy Association, Durham "C" Branch.  
Mr. Eric Reynolds,  
15 The Hall Garth,  
Durham City,  
England.

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

Comrade George Sandifer has presented a plaque to our Branch from the Royal Navy Association, Durham "C" Branch.

We wish to express to you, our thanks and appreciation for this "Friendship" award.

This is one of many ways that close ties may be maintained between the Allied Forces and those of the British Empire that formed a marvelous fighting force in two wars.

Again, thank you and we shall display it proudly.

Yours in Comradeship,  
Florence L. Carswell,  
Secretary-treasurer,  
Branch #120,  
Royal Canadian Legion.



## Special event celebrated

Halton Hills Mayor, Russ Miller (centre) was just one of the many well-wishers on hand Saturday afternoon at Glen Williams Town Hall to wish Harry and Jessie Shortill congratulations on the celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. In commemoration of the event, Mayor Miller presented the still-

beaming couple with a scroll of recognition from the Town of Halton Hills. Mr. and Mrs. Shortill also received congratulatory scrolls from Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, Halton-Peel MP Garth Turner and Ray Hnatyshn, Governor-General of Canada.

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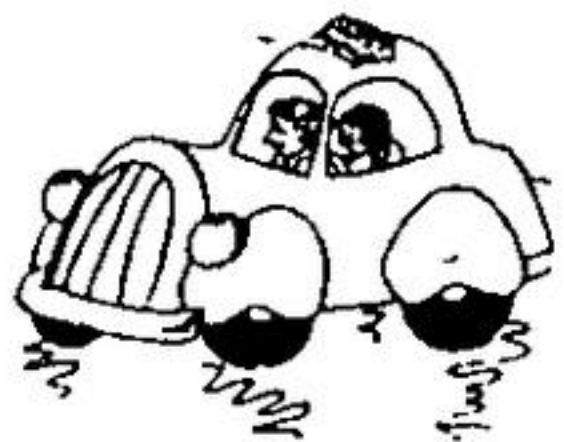
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