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Mr. Gavin K. Watt
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Dear Mr. Watt:

At the request of Mr. C.R. Anglin, who works with our department, and in response to your letter dated 15 December 1987, permission was requested on your behalf to use the insignia of the Perth Regiment on Second World War uniforms during displays organized by your historical re-enactment group. The response granted regimental approval, but requested further information on your organization and a contact address so that they could watch your group perform.

Their current president can be contacted at the following address to pass on this information:

Chief Warrant Officer A.H. Boon, MMM, CD
(Retired)
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Stratford, Ontario
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Formal permission is granted to your group to wear the insignia of the Perth Regiment on Second World War uniforms while re-enacting soldiers of that period. As is normal, this permission is non-exclusive and revocable. For your further guidance, we are enclosing a copy of a Canadian Forces (CF) policy statement on the wear of current and obsolete military uniforms.

I understand that you have tentatively scheduled participation in a re-enactment at the Canadian War Museum (CWM) in 1990 in conjunction with the 50th Anniversary of the Armoured Corps. I am therefore also sending copies of this letter to the CWM Director and the CF Director of Armour to ensure that all are kept fully informed.

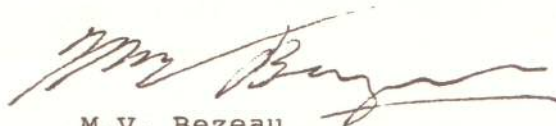
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Your interest in historical re-enactments is very much appreciated. Please contact us again should you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely,



M.V. Bezeau
Director of Ceremonial

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cc: Mr. V. Suthren
Director
Canadian War Museum

Director of Armour

MUSEUM ANNOUNCEMENT

I am pleased to advise that after a very long wait, the Museum of Applied Military History has been given formal approval by the Director Ceremonial, National Defence Headquarters and the Perth Regiment Veterans' Association to recreate elements of the Perth Regiment, 11th Infantry Brigade, 5th Armoured Division. Our efforts have been recently supported by the Association who have provided us with samples of the correct Shoulder Titles and historical details regarding their issue and use.

The Perth Regiment possesses a most distinguished war record in Italy and North West Europe. Unfortunately, the unit has been placed on the Supplementary Order of Battle without either Reserve or Cadet organizations to perpetuate its deeds. In addition, the 5th Armoured is a Division which has been largely forgotten by the Canadian public. Those who have even a moderate interest in Canada's military history, readily recall the 1st Division for its role in the Sicily Invasion and Ortona; the 2nd Div for Dieppe; the 3rd Div for the D-Day Invasion while the 4th & 5th tend to be forgotten. Being able to represent the Perths with shoulder titles and cap badges and the Division with its distinctive maroon patch will again provide our reenactors with the opportunity to commemorate units which have become all too obscure in Canadian history.

To launch this project, a committee has been drawn up with myself as Chairman and the following members: Ed Anderson, Doug Lawrence, Bob Anglin, Brian Cox, & Rob Grieve.

All SRSA and Museum members are welcome to join in this project. A list of prerequisites for membership is being developed and will be disseminated. Like the Museum's other unit recreations a most serious attempt will be made to capture the character and spirit of the wartime unit and all efforts will be made by the members to do justice and honour its record.

A precis of the unit's history is in preparation and each member will be expected to develop a working knowledge of the Perth Regiment's campaigns, the 11 Inf Bde and 5 Arm Div. A complete set of the correct clothing with Regimental regalia and a complete set of Pattern 37 webbing will, of course, be obvious requirements. As there will be need to keep all gear in first rate condition for formal appearances, some members will choose to have two complete sets. Mastering of the proper arms, foot and Platoon drills for formal parade duties will be another requirement.

Members of Maple Leaf Up have a big leg-up on these requirements, already possessing the required Battledress, Arms and Webbing. Their decision will be whether they wish to take that next giant step towards recreating a specific Regiment with all of the responsibilities and obligations to the original men who served.

Unlike our other projects of far earlier conflicts, our efforts to recreate a Second War unit will be observed by many veterans of the specific Regiment and the Army at large. With our other efforts, we do not have such available critics possessing distinct memories and opinions. The pressure upon us to do credit to ourselves and thus to the veterans will be substantial.

The Perth reenactors will participate in the Tactical Demonstrations at

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CFB Borden & Trenton and the schemes; however, the activities of the unit will be well beyond that level of activity.

Maple Leaf Up will continue, in concept, as it now exists. Its main activities of Tactical Demonstrations and schemes will be assisted by those members who join in the Perth project. As the Cap Badge of the Perths is very similar to the General List now worn in Maple Leaf Up and as troops with and without Regimental and Divisional cloth insignia were commonly found together on the field of battle, intermingling will not be a major problem.

Please feel free to direct questions regarding this venture to anyone on the Committee. All suggestions and observations will be very welcome.

Gavin K. Watt, President MAMH