



# THE Argylls

THE ARGYLL AND SUTHERLAND HIGHLANDERS  
OF CANADA (PRINCESS LOUISE'S)



The Pipes and Drums of the 19th Battalion led the march to Hill 70, France, August 1917. To that point, the 19th had lost 492 men. By the war's end, it would lose 341 more.

The Pipes and Drums led the Canadian Berlin Battalion in the victory parade, Berlin, July 1945. The 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion of the Regiment lost 285 Argylls during the Second World War.

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## THE ARGYLL REGIMENTAL FOUNDATION FUNDRAISING

Honouring Service and Remembering Sacrifice

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The 91st Canadian Highlanders marching past HRH The Prince of Wales, Quebec Tercentenary, July 1908.



The 19th in new positions on Vimy Ridge. Between 9 and 14 April 1917, the 19th suffered 213 casualties.

## The Regiment, 1903 – 2025

The Regiment was formed in 1903 as a direct result of sustained community initiative. From the outset, the federal government would not pay for its distinctive uniform; those costs were borne by private moneys, **not** public.

While retaining its Highland traditions, the unit reflects, as it always has done, the modern face of Canada and Argylls serve Canadians, whether in two world wars, the combat mission in Afghanistan, UN and NATO operations, or combating natural disasters.

The Pipes and Drums have provided two iconic images of Argyll and Canadian service and sacrifice: piping the Canadian Corps across the Rhine River in November 1918 and leading the Canadian representation at the victory celebrations in Berlin in July 1945.



St. Lambert, France, 20 August 1944. CSM George Mitchell, C Company (back to the camera) accepts the German surrender.



Pte Andy Geroux (1924–59), of the Shawanaga First Nation near Parry Sound, guarding German prisoners on 26 February 1944.



Argylls, Provincial Reconstruction Team, Afghanistan, 2009.





## Marching off to war – 1914 – 1919

The Argylls perpetuate the 19th and 173rd battalions of the Canadian Expeditionary Force.



The 19th Battalion Pipes and Drums play the unit across the Rhine River at Bonn, Germany, 13 December 1918. General Sir Arthur Currie, commander of the Canadian Corps, took the salute.

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*The terrible cost of battle for the 19th from 1915-1919 was: 727 killed in action; 1,940 wounded; 122 gassed; and 243 injured. The casualty rate was 60.1%.*

A casually dressed Lt-Col Millen, DSO, (seated), Commanding Officer 19th Battalion CEF, with fellow officers in a trench.





Keep the kilts  
swinging and the  
pipes playing





# The colours symbolize service and sacrifice



The fourth Regimental Colour, 2002.

Service and sacrifice have been at the heart of the Argyll experience since 1903. For over 100 years, in peace and war, Argylls have served their community and their country. Soldiering is a profession – the profession of arms – and the reserves do it with full-time commitment on a part-time basis. Then and now, Argylls arrange their lives to make such service possible. Dedication is at the heart of this service and, at times, the chapters and pages of the Regiment's history are as Capt Sam Chapman once said, "*bought by blood.*" The Regimental Colour depicts the 35 battle honours earned by service and sacrifice in two world wars and, most recently, Afghanistan.



The presentation of the Regiment's 4th set of Colours by Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, our Colonel-in-Chief, 10 Oct. 2002. Copps Coliseum.



# War Again, 1940-46

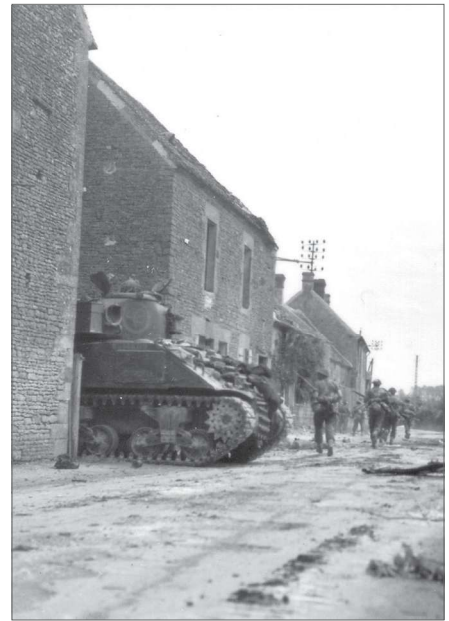
The 1st Battalion, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders were mobilized in 1940 for overseas service; a 2nd Battalion remained in Hamilton.



On guard at the railway bridge over the Burlington Bay Canal, 1940.



Pte George Francis Kelly at Veen (KIA 17 April 1945).



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*B Company of the Argylls at St. Lambert, August 1944. Two companies of Argylls (B and C) were the core of a small battle group plugging the Falaise Gap.*



Argylls with SAR tanks, St Lambert, France, 18–21 August 1944 – “*wagons and debris scattered all over ... just ... horrible.*”



Lt Alan Earp, Pioneer Officer, oversees the Ems Canal crossing shortly after Mac Smith was killed beside him. 8 April 1945.



Capt Mac Smith was killed at the crossing of the Ems Canal, Germany, 8 April 1945.



The Argylls' last Second War veteran, LCpl Tony Mastromatteo warms HLCpl Shendal Yalchin's freezing hands after the Remembrance Day Parade in November 2024.

## Help us preserve, celebrate, and honor Argyll sacrifice and service since 1903

- The federal government pays for the costs of training: pay, rations, exercises, basic uniforms, and the armouries.
- Projects **never covered by public funds**
- Since 1903 it has not fully paid for the costs of ceremonial uniforms, whether for the unit or the band.
- These projects and their costs **must be covered by private funds**
- Replacement of ceremonial dress
- Refurbishment of our First War monument
- Digitization efforts for our Museum and Archives
- Updating and enhancing our website

# Argyll Regimental Fundraising

*"to save lives and do a job"*

(Lt-Col J.D Stewart, DSO, CO, 1943-45)



The Argyll Field of Remembrance by artist Lorraine M. DeGroote. Each poppy donated will appear on the Argyll Field of Remembrance, above, with the name of the person honoured and an inscription, according to the donor's wishes.

The **Argyll Regimental Foundation (ARF)** was established in 1980 to preserve the Highland traditions of the Regiment. The first campaign raised over \$200,000 to provide an endowment for perpetuating Highland dress; the second (2001-02) raised over \$1,000,000 to recognize the Regiment's 100th anniversary and to build a memorial, the Argyll Commemorative Pavilion, in Hamilton's Bayfront Park.

The third campaign (2016-22) raised over \$1,000,000 for projects and expenditures not covered by the federal government such as increasing the capital base that supports annual expenses for maintaining Highland dress, erecting four monuments in France and Belgium representing the 19th Battalion's sacrifice, and reoutfitting the Pipes and Drums, which have provided this country and this community with two of its most iconic images of this nation at war.

**ARF** now fundraises annually for specific projects, which enhance the Regiment's image, preserve its history, and maintain its distinctive style and dress. As the battalion's war diarist noted overseas in the Second War: "Stalwarts ... of every race, creed and condition have been poured into the melting pot from which is brewed soldiers and Argylls."



# The Argyll Poppy and the Argyll Field of Remembrance



## Honouring Service Remembering Sacrifice



Argyll Pte David Vaughn, Op REASSURANCE, Latvia, July 2025.

*Each week, each month, each year, the men and women of the Argylls train as they have through war and peace since 1903.*



Cpl Patterson was a Tuscarora born on the Six Nations Grand River Reserve.

The **Argyll Poppy** formed an integral part of the last fundraising campaign. It allowed our supporters to purchase a poppy for \$500 to honour Argyll service and remember Argyll sacrifice. For \$500, a supporter could purchase a poppy, provide an inscription, and honour someone who served or who sacrificed, whether an Argyll or otherwise. There are over 300 poppies now in the Field of Remembrance and it continues to grow; it has become part of Regimental culture. Here is an example for a Second World War Argyll who was killed in action; it shows: his rank, full name, birth and death date, province of birth, date of death, unit, company, something about him, and the donor [the name is omitted here] –

**Pte Gordon Smith (1919-45) from Nfld KIA 28 Feb 1945 C Company** *"Some of the grimmest fighting ... horribly wounded and knew it ... showed us a bravery that we never dreamed was possible before."* – Pte Bob Mason, MM, C Coy

The **Field of Remembrance** is a visual act of commemoration that not only provides a name and a date, but also a glimpse into a life and its context of sacrifice and service.

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