

Details on the arrangements in Canada are as follows :-

Edmonton Commemoration

UPDATE - March 2018

22 March 2018:

- 0800 hrs – Pre-Parade reception for members and guests of the Sarcee
- 0900 hrs – Pre-Parade receptions for members and guests of the Mariner Room
- 0950 hrs – Guests Seated – LTF Drill Hall
- 1000 hrs – Commencement of the Annual Moreuil Wood Parade – LTF Drill Hall
- 1200 hrs – Stand-up luncheon – Regimental Lines
- 1230-1600 hrs – Open House showcasing Flowerdew and Harvey's Victoria Crosses, a wide variety of military memorabilia, and Regiment's vehicles and equipment.

Children and families are highly encouraged to attend the day's activities.

France Commemoration

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29 March 2018:

- 1800 hrs: Ball hockey game between the townspeople of Moreuil and the soldiers of SMT

30 March 2018:

- 0900hrs: Commemoration at the Canadian Monument - Parking is along the hi-way
- 0945hrs: Arrive at the Moreuil Wood and form-up - Parking will be at the junction of the two main paths leading to the wood
- 1000hrs: Commemoration at Moreuil Wood - To include laying of flowers by family members of those who saw action at the battle of Moreuil Wood and Recreation of C Squadron's famous charge
- 115hrs: Commemoration at the Commonwealth Cemetery
- 1130hrs: Parade in the streets of Moreuil - We will march from the Commonwealth cemetery to the War Memorial in front of City Hall (approx. 1km). Parking will be limited in the area around the cemetery
- 1215 hrs: Commemoration at the Moreuil War Memorial downtown Moreuil
- 1230 hrs: Lunch at the "Antoine Vitez" room (located behind City Hall) - Parking is available in front of the venue. Light Lunch with cash bar available (consists of sandwich, cheese and vegetable plates) at a cost of 5 Euro / person
- 1930 hrs: Commemoration in the town of Thézy-Gilmont - To include a fireworks show, and actual videos of Canadian soldiers enjoying drinks within the town during the Great War. Parking will be in and around town
- 2000 hrs: Musical Supper at the Café - Will includes music from the Somme Battlefield Piper Band (SBPD).
- Dinner will cost 25 Euro / person and will consist of:
 - A starter
 - Main dish of Beef carbonnade with vegetable and mashed potatoes

- A dessert dish
- Vegetarian meals are available by request for those with dietary restrictions

31 March 2018:

- 1000 hrs: Freedom of the City Parade - Parking for this event will be in the lot behind City Hall. Spectators of the parade will gather on the parking lot in front of City Hall. Due to security limitations, this parade has become a static event. The Regt will be awarded the Keys to the City by the Mayor of Moreuil.
- 1100 hrs: Moreuil Church - A church service is planned with musical accompaniment of the SBPD and the Moreuil Choir.
- 1230 hrs: Lunch - Located in the "Antoine Vitez" room. A light lunch with an open bar offered at a cost of 15 Euro / person
- 1500 hrs: SMT Ride demonstration - Located at "Domaine du Pâtis". Parking is available in the area
- 2000 hrs: Gala dinner - Will be held in the "Antoine Vitez" room. Parking is located in front of the building.

The CO & RSM guarding the Flowerdew VC





Flowerdew Death Penny

Memorial Plaque – Lt. G.M.
Flowerdew

Commonly known as a “Death Penny” or “Dead Man’s Penny” the Memorial Plaque was given by the British Government to the next-of-kin of fallen Imperial soldiers. 1,355,000 plaques were issued over the course of the First World War. This example was issued to the family of Lt. G.M. Flowerdew, VC.





Lieutenant Gordon Flowerdew

RIDE WITH US TO THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY

There comes a time in every battle when raw courage decides the outcome. Every Regiment has its own epic moment that links generations of soldiers and perpetuates Regimental spirit.

The epic moment for Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) took place on 30 March, in the last year of the Great War and is known as

THE BATTLE OF MOREUIL WOOD

In the desperate situation of late March 1918, Lord Strathcona's Horse rode into glory when it counterattacked elements of the German Army, 23rd Saxon Division which were on the verge of breaking open a path toward Amiens and the critical railway to Paris.

Upon sighting the enemy Lieutenant Gordon Flowerdew cried out

'IT'S A CHARGE BOYS, IT'S A CHARGE!'

75 Strathcona soldiers from C Squadron charged 300 Germans amid a murderous hail of machine gun fire. Undaunted though sustaining heavy losses, the 75 Strathcona's crashed through two German lines with cavalry shock action, slashing with their sabres as they wreaked havoc. Not done, Flowerdew turned his squadron around to break the machine gun line.

Lieutenant Flowerdew was mortally wounded leading the charge and was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross for his gallantry on that fateful day.

Few things stir the heart and fuel the imagination like a cavalry charge.

We celebrate and commemorate Moreuil Wood because it set the standard for present and future Strathcona's.

The 100th Anniversary of **The BATTLE OF MOREUIL WOOD** will be celebrated in both Edmonton and France in March 2018.

COME CELEBRATE THE LAST STRATHCONA CAVALRY CHARGE

Your direct support will help send serving
Strathcona soldiers to commemorate the Centennial in France.



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