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LtCol Gerard Frijling
Royal Netherlands Reserve Association
Friesian Chapter

RE: THANK YOU LETTER FOR SUPPORTING THE QOR OF C

Dear Gerard,

I would like to thank you for your outstanding support to the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada (QOR of C) during the Regiments visit to the Netherlands as part of Operation Rha from October 8th to 16th 2022.

The intent of Operation Rha was to dedicate a headstone and commemorate Lt John Kavanagh who was killed on April 5th, 1945 leading his platoon during the Liberation of the Netherlands. Lt Kavanagh was buried in an unmarked grave in Steendern until he was formally identified in 2019 by a team of dedicated researchers. Due to the impact of the COVID-19 crisis the trip was delayed by two years.

You orchestrated a programme for the QOR of C visit to Friesland, mobilising participation of SudWest Fryslan municipality, Royal Netherlands Association of Reserve Officers - Friesian chapter, CO and DCO of 44 Armoured Infantry Battalion, Regiment Infanterie Prince Johan Willem Friso, organizing speakers and coffee with traditional 'sukerbolle'.

Your support was instrumental in the success of the trip. The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada is extremely appreciative if this support in the commemoration of Lt Kavanagh and the preservation of Regimental History for its members. We look forward to a continued relationship.

Scott Moody
Lieutenant-Colonel
Commanding Officer
The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada