

As editor of the newsletter, I try to ensure that its content is meaningful to you, gentle reader. Of necessity, this concept must be leavened by the printing and mailing costs involved in its production. I would wish to print all your correspondence in full, but cannot. The following tributes have been edited.

“COLONEL STROME “

“There is a great part of me that says, the race that we are put into in our lifetime is not fair to all. Col Strome Galloway has finished first in that race to uncertainty as a great soldier as well as a Great Human Being. All the Guards Family, as well as every person that had the honour of knowing him will sadly miss him. May Col Galloway rest in peace and may God bless his soul.”

Corporal R.V.Mitchell, Blue Haven, NSW Australia.

“I never met Colonel Strome Gallowaybut I have spent a lifetime trying to live up to the standards he set down in his little booklet “Pigs Have Wings”. The Colonel’s booklet is mostly about social graces, but I gleaned things like, “Loyalty must be earned.”, “ You must be loyal to your men and your equals as well as to your superiors.”, “ Treat all females as ladies.” and “Stand by your word.” He will be an immortal in the minds and memories of all of us whom he influenced.”

Charles (Chuck) Strahl, Australia.

“I met the Colonel for the first time in rather unmilitary circumstances. I was ordered to deliver a refrigerator to the Galloways in their newly rented house in Forest and arrived from Camp Ipperwash in a 15cwt truck with a couple of strapping Guardsmen and of course, the ‘fridge. The front door was opened to me by a very dapper gentleman in mufti (including spats), and we introduced ourselves. He, of course, was our new Lieutenant Colonel.

....He arrived in Camp Ipperwash in June 1955, like a breath of fresh air and the old 4th Battalion seemed to suddenly spring to life; this, despite a shortage of troops.....and an atmosphere of let-down that had set in following our hectic and challenging year in Korea. He provided newer challenges.....the 4th Battalion was second to none in Gagetown (1955) and did a sterling job.....

In later years, Strome was not only a comrade he was also a friend and his support, encouragement and advice.....was invaluable. I can never remember him failing to reply to a letter even in the most trying of circumstances. For me his death marks the end of an era, and as we say in the old country, ‘Wee’l near see his likes again!’ May he rest in Peace.”

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