

Bronze Statuette – Sergeant Donald Macleod, 78th Regiment of Foot

To Whom it May Concern:

Some years back, I was in contact with Mr. Alan Henderson, an Alberta-based sculpture, who had created a wonderful bronze statuette of Sergeant Donald Macleod. Only two were originally executed in 1999, and now in private collections. At that time, the cost of each sculpture was \$7,500. The figures are hand made from wax parts and then cast in bronze, which will take some months to accomplish. Finally, they are mounted on a stone base.

Many will have heard of Sergeant Macleod's exploits and most modern history books do mention his service with both the Black Watch and Fraser's Highlanders. Sergeant Macleod enlisted in the Black Watch shortly after they had been regimented as the 43rd Foot from six independent Highland companies, and became a drill sergeant with that regiment, soon to become the 42nd Foot. He joined the 78th Foot, as a drill sergeant, shortly after they had arrived in North America, likely at New York. In spite of his advanced age, Macleod distinguished himself at Louisbourg in 1758, and as a result, came to the attention of General Wolfe, becoming one of Wolfe's orderly sergeants. He also distinguished himself on the Plains of Abraham where he was seriously wounded. As the story goes, Wolfe was carried off the Plains in Macleod's plaid, and the old soldier returned to Britain on the same ship as Wolfe's remains. In 1791, Sergeant Macleod, then at the ripe old age of 103 years, published his memoirs in London, England (a copy can be found on the Internet). The sculpture shows him wearing the full dress uniform of a sergeant in the 78th Foot, Fraser's Highlanders, as he would have appeared on the Plains of Abraham in 1759. Mr. Henderson's depiction of Sergeant Macleod's uniform is historically accurate.

I recently contacted Mr. Henderson to see if he could make another small run and he confirmed that he could, but wasn't sure of the price as he would have to contact his foundry for a new quote. According to the following literature recently received from Mr. Henderson, the cost is now \$9,900.00 Canadian before taxes and shipping, and he has now confirmed that he would be able to create about three new pieces.

I have told Mr. Henderson that I would try to forward his information on to officers and miladies of the modern day 78th Fraser Highlanders, many of whom would undoubtedly appreciate the subject and craftsmanship of this historic figure. If anyone is interested, they should contact Mr. Henderson directly:

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Please be assured that my only reason for sending this message is to make everyone aware that such a wonderful and historically accurate piece is available, albeit at a very high cost. Unfortunately, my pockets are not deep enough to consider purchasing one of these statuettes.

Major Earl Chapman,
Regimental Historian
78th Fraser Highlanders
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Sergeant D. Macleod.

Sgt. Macleod: bronze on stone base
edition of 12
1999, height 21 inches



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Al Henderson, 1999
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