

A WORD TO YOU FROM YOUR WO 2

As your Serjeant Major I would like to to thank everyone in the Company for the fine work they have put in to making our Company one of the finest in the Regiment . Every month we see new faces coming to "D" Company and the more men we have the more schemes we can go on . Also there will be more need for N.C.O's.

The Drill Competition is not too far away so everyone will have to tuck right in and work hard at their drill . As one of the finest Company's we should be able to put on a good show . So if you get an extra helping of drill,you will know the reason . We are not doing very well in the Recruit Competition so let's bring our friends down and make "D" Company the largest company in the Regiment .

TJ FULLERTON WO 2

"Let us be clear about three facts . First, all battles and all wars in the end are won be the Infantryman .

Secondly,the Infantryman always bears the brunt . His casualties are heavier, he suffers greater extremes of discomfort and fatigue than the other arms . Thirdly, the art of the Infantryman is less stereotyped and far harder to acquire in modern war than that of any other arm"...

Field Marshall Viscount Wavell

MACGREGOR SHOOT

The MacGregor Shoot was held at Long Branch in February and from all reports a good time was had by all .

Capt. Stewart Graham spoke on the necessity for rifle practice as a basic training for all arms that have to be aimed . Stressing the point that practice makes perfect . Whether you be a tailor, plumber or soldier, you must work at it to be good . Several members voiced their views in the same vein .

We may point out that the Army under O.R.A. & D.C.R.A. support these views by the following ;

1. By providing D.C.R.A. Indoor Winter Competition .
2. By allowing Rifle associations to operate for practice and Recreational shoots . Thus preparing competitors for serious competition .
3. By arranging Service Matches each Fall .

Your Regiment allows its Rifle Association under Dominion Charter to operate each Saturday afternoon at the Indoor Ranges in the winter and Long Branch in the summer . Where any member of the Regiment past or present is welcome .

Would anyone knowing the address of any ex member of "A" Company please turn it in to the Company Commander .

CSM L FAULKNER
48th Highlanders Rifle Association

DID YOU KNOW

According to reports from the Combat Cargo Command in Korea, the (US) 315th Air Division has just successfully completed "Operation Show Off", the greatest airlift and airdrop training manoeuvre of the Korean War, dramatically demonstrated the amazing manoeuvrability and speed of an airborne army. Nothing but a full-scale combat drop could have equalled the operation in magnitude or in preparation, officials stated.

Brig. Gen. JP Henerbry, Commander of the 315th Air Division and Air Commander of the big operation, revealed that there were almost 9,000 instances of airlift or airdrop, involving more than a million and a half passenger miles, and more than 63,000 plane miles, including an airdrop of about 4,000 troopers of the 187th Regimental Combat Team.

Air Force observers believe that the demonstration proved that the extensiveness of an airlift is not limited by the number of aircraft on hand. Rather, any number of paratroopers and heavy military equipment can be placed at an airstrip near the front lines and later dropped over the "fighting area" by shuttling the planes back and forth to the zone on a taxi service basis.

Canadian Army Journal

PONCHOS FOR CANADIANS

Rubberized ponchos designed to provide a combination rainproof garment and a small shelter for Canadian soldiers, are being issued to many of the troops in Europe and the Far East to replace the familiar ground sheet of the Second World War.

If the poncho meets requirements during the next 12 months it is likely to be accepted for general issue, but it will not replace the recently issued gabardine "walking out" coat.

The Army wants to see how the new garment stands up under rigorous training conditions encountered by the 27th Brigade in Europe and the 25th Brigade in Korea. Supplies already are on the way to the Far East and will be issued immediately they are received. Shipments will commence shortly to the 27th Bde.

The poncho - known officially as "X50" - has been designed for use as (1) a rainproof garment; (2) as a ground sheet; (3) for the use in the construction of a two or three man fox-hole shelter.

Directorate of Public Relations (Army)

HELICOPTERS RESCUE 5,000

Nearly 5,000 wounded Allied soldiers in Korea were evacuated from the battlefields by 12 Army Bell helicopters during the first 10 months of 1951, according to 1st Lt J L Bowler, USA, an Army aviator who recently returned from Korea.

Lt Bowler holds the record for having flown out more wounded men than any other helicopter pilot during the war. He brought out 806 men in 487 missions.

The officer reported that the Army now has three helicopter detachments in Korea, each equipped with four aircraft, and charged with the sole duty of bringing seriously wounded from the battle zone to mobile surgical hospitals located from five to thirty miles back of the front lines. From January to November 1951, 4,800 wounded men were brought to the hospitals by these detachments, at least one-third of them from no man's land or from behind enemy lines.

The helicopters proved very sturdy, 11 of the 12 original assigned being still in service. Nearly all were hit one or more times by enemy ground fire, but none was so seriously damaged as to be forced down before completing their mission. One of the 12 wore out, after using up three engines. Each helicopter is capable of carrying two litter patients and one ambulatory case.

Army Navy Air Force Journal (US)

HOT FLAME

A torch as hot as the sun's surface was demonstrated recently by the Temple University Research Institute. A tiny flame with a temperature of between 9,000 and 9,500 degrees Fahrenheit - believed to be among the highest sustained laboratory temperature obtained by man - quickly burned a hole through the most fire-resistant material known.

The demonstration included burning through a 3 inch concrete wall in two minutes with a torch which burned powdered aluminum in oxygen. Researchers said the torch would be invaluable in rescue work to remove trapped persons quickly, especially in enemy air attacks.

New Release (US)

NORWAYS ARMED FORCES

A recent report released by the Norwegian Defence Department reveals that by the end of 1952 Norway will be able to mobilize 270,000 men in uniform, an increase of 30 percent in a two year period. The Army will have a strength of about four field divisions, the Air Force will be expanded to 11 squadrons of US F 84 Thunderjets, and the Navy will be increased, mainly in escort vessels and minesweepers, beyond the present fleet of 51 vessels, including five destroyers, two escort destroyers and five submarines.

Army, Navy, Air Force Journal (US)

Attendance percentages of companies for 1951

A Coy	79%
B Coy	86%
C Coy	76%
D Coy	85%
Sup Coy	97%

Companies standing first during 1951

A Coy	4
B Coy	5
C Coy	1
D Coy	9
Sp Coy	14

THE FUTURE

Although you may honour ~~and~~ rightly so - the great tradition of the past, the tradition of the future belongs to you.

Field Marshall Viscount Alexander