

THE MACGREGOR SHOOT

We dedicate this number to a man who's name is indelible in the Coy's records of service. The late Capt. "Archie" MacGregor. Killed in action 1915.

Capt. MacGregor enlisted as a private, became Serjeant Major, commissioned Lt. after service in South Africa, was promoted Capt. in 1914. Always giving service above and beyond the call of duty.

One of his services was the encouragement of competitive shooting. Many men have passed through "A" Company and the Regiment have been inspired to better things because of his sacrifices.

We commemorate his service and the memory of a great man by holding a Rifle Match each year. The high light of this match which bears his name is the presentation of the Cup donated by him.

Experts sometimes go wrong assessing the strength of a nation. They talk in terms of military might, its national resources or its wealth. When you come right down to it, the basic strength of a nation is only in its people - in its human resources.

General Eisenhower
Canadian Army Journal

A FEW WORDS FROM THE COMPANY COMMANDER

Firstly, I would like to say "congratulations to all ranks of "A" Coy for a job well done". Attendance for the last five parades has been the best ever, and the Latrinograph has it that "A" Coy, always right of the line, is going to stay there.

Secondly, I would like to bid Major Featherstone a fond adieux and to wish him all the best in Support Coy. We shall miss him very much.

Thirdly, I want to welcome (with open arms) the newcomers to "A" Coy and I hope that they play as good baseball as alleged. Not wishing "B" Coy any bad luck BUT rumour has it that "A" Coy has the best "nine" in the Highlanders. Baker Blup please copy.

Best of luck to our new heavy armed NCO's and good lesson planing to all of "A" Coy in the future.

Lastly, I would like to say how proud and honoured I am to command "A" Coy. To tread the same path as Capt. "Archie" MacGregor, Frig Girvan, Majors Gordon, MacIntosh, Deal, Fraser, Kilgour, and Featherstone, is honour beyond belief. My most sincere wish is that I will do as good a job as my predecessors have done. I might say that it is only with the full hearted co-operation of every man jack of you that I can even come close. So let's get your brothers, cousins and boy friends into the Company and lets soldier "A".

A. E. Cunningham
Capt

THIS AND THAT

We are all glad to hear that Mrs. Smith is recovering from her recent illness. All the best wishes from "A" Coy Mrs. Smith.

Congratulations to L/Cpl. Nowell on his recent promotion. By the way did you know that he stood 4th highest on the Jr NCO's course? Good work fellow.

Private Cline is now on the Jr NCO's course. Lots of luck. See if you can do as good as L/Cpl. Nowell.

Congratulations to Pte. Drown. He has taken unto himself a wife. Now he will have to toe the mark. No more late nights. Welcome to "A" Coy Mrs. Drown.

Lt. Hart pitched a one hitter in the Toronto Garrison Officers Baseball League. So now their record is Won 1 Lost 5. It takes a "A" Coy man to put them on the winning trail.

What short Pte. (now on the Jr NCO's course) volunteered for the M.C.'s job at the Xmas Party, said he had to be primed before he could get up in front of a crowd? No free issue fellow.

What man with the name of a well known beverage, had to be carried out to the bus??

Did anyone notice the heavy smooching going on at the door of the bar? Ain't love grand.

How do you like the Company Room now? Thanks to Cpl's Smith and Cochrane and L/Cpl. Nowell. They put a lot of hard work and time into the job.

We wish to welcome Pte's Bruton, Durnett, Shackleton and Quinn A. to "Able" Company.

"A" Company would like to thank Sjt. Menzies of the Dn Ord Rm for the invaluable help he has given us in many ways. We do appreciate it.

AND SO UNTIL NEXT MONTH SO LONG AND KEEP YOUR DEASS SHINED

CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Sat. 15 Dec. "A" Company held their Christmas Party at the Long Branch Hut. From all reports the party was a great success.

Many thanks to Cpl. Smith and L/Cpl. Nowell for all the work they put in to make it a success, and to Pipers Baird & Cruickshank and Drummers Elms & Cook for supplying the music for our party. Well done boys.

Among the guests present were Majors Fraser and MacKay, RSM and Mrs. Wignore, RQMS and Mrs. Wignall, CSM's Montgomery, Venton and Stewart and their ladies. Also present was CQMS and Mrs. J. Irvine. CQMS Irvine is the President of the Sjt. Mess.

As a soldier, I have been asked to say something about the greatest soldier I had ever met and known. So I'm going to. The funny thing is, I can't tell you his name. It changes. Sometimes he has a English name, sometimes Scottish, sometimes Welsh or Irish. That is because the soldier I want to talk about, the greatest soldier I've met - and believe me I've met all sorts - is the ordinary British soldier ----- It is not that the British soldier is any braver than other soldiers; he isn't, but he is braver for a bit longer, and it is that bit that counts.

Field Marshal Sir Wm. Slim
Chief of Imperial General Staff
Canadian Army Journal

EYES RIGHT

During the height of the Italian Campaign, the Orderly Room Serjeant of a well-known infantry battalion commenced to suffer eye-strain and therefore reported to the Medical Officer with the idea of procuring spectacles. As the Spectacle Department of the Medical Corps was believed in North Africa, the Serjeant was evacuated progressively rearwards across the Mediterranean. The report regarding the issue of spectacles in North Africa proved, however to be a idle rumour, with the result that he was evacuated eastward, eventually arriving in Cairo some three months after leaving his unit. By this time his eyes had recovered to the point that he no longer required spectacles.

If you ask me to define what leadership is. I should say it is the projection of your own personality so that you get men to do what you want them to do even if they are not very keen on doing it themselves.

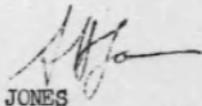
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A WORD TO YOU FROM YOUR WO 2

I would like to thank everyone in "A" Company for the co-operation I have been given in the short time I have been with you. It is only when everyone works together that we can accomplish all the work that has been laid out for us.

It is essential that everyone attend as many parades as possible. If you do not attend regularly the efficiency of the Company is lowered. "A" Coy has been right of the line for the last five weeks so let us stay there.

If everyone will spend a bit more time on their uniform, we will have the smartest Company in the Regiment.

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DID YOU KNOW ?

The Soviet Paratrooper carries this equipment into combat.

- Carbine
- 200 rds ammo
- 2 hand grenades (with pouches)
- 1 mortar shell (50 mm)
- 400 grams explosives
- Mess kit and canteen
- Entrenching tool
- Weapon cleaning set
- First-aid packet
- Anti-gas set & mask
- Signal lamp
- Signal panels
- Haversack
- Raincape
- Compass
- Knife
- Rations

The newly designed rifle EM2 calibre .280 (7mm) is self loading and has a magazine capacity of 20 rds of the smaller lighter ammunition, the magazine being inserted behind the trigger mechanism. The optical sights need no mechanical adjustment for use at different ranges, and the rifle is almost 1 lb. lighter than the Mark 4.

Capable of carrying a load of 50,000 lbs. more than 2000 miles, the C 124 A Cargo aircraft can transport 200 fully - equipped troops and all but the heaviest and bulkiest items in the Infantry Division. Also it can carry 94% of all military vehicles fully assembled and has the facilities for rapid loading and unloading.

The XC 99 can carry 400 fully - equipped troops or about 100,000 lb. cargo.