



HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II, COLONEL-IN-CHIEF, 48th HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA INSPECTING GUARD OF HONOUR, AT THE OPENING OF THE ONTARIO LEGISLATURE, JUNE, 1973.

MESSAGES OF WELCOME



LCol W. C. Stark, CD

"It takes a deal of time, money and blood to make a Regiment." These words penned so long ago by Rudyard Kipling are still appropriate today. In truth, they have been the mainstay of our own proud Regiment, the 48th Highlanders of Canada. Since that October day in 1891 when the Regiment was raised, through the horrendous war years and less turbulent times of peace, this Regiment has survived many battles and crises which threatened to jeopardize its existence. The 48th Highlanders have been written into the history books and have indeed left their mark for future generations. Their bravery and courage in action needs no explanation, the Regiment's battle honours speak for themselves.

Highlanders, I welcome you to this our 85th Reunion. To those of you who have served the Regiment so ably in wartime, I extend my deepest gratitude. To you brave men, and those who did not return, we owe a great debt. You have given of yourselves in the name of your Regiment, you have stood up for your ideals and principles so that we who come after might continue to be free and live in peace. To those Highlanders who, like myself, were spared the wartime horrors, I also extend a warm welcome home.

The active Regiment gives a tremendous amount of time and enthusiasm to maintaining the ideals of the Regiment. Be proud, Highlanders, of who you are. Look at your Regiment on parade and let them know that pride works both ways. They have long admired your valiant efforts — now will you reciprocate and applaud their's. It is through this feeling of tradition and devotion to our Regiment that we have become the strong Regiment we are today.

Welcome home and Dileas Gu Brath.

W. C. Stark, CD

Lieutenant-Colonel

Outgoing Commanding Officer



LCol R. J. Simmons, CD

During the past years there have been many changes in the appearance, roles and composition of the Canadian Armed Forces; no doubt there will be many more.

Through all of this time, however, our Regiment has changed very little in its appearance, composition and basic purposes; hopefully this will always be the case.

The streets of Toronto would never be the same without the scarlet tunics, feathered bonnets and kilt of the 48th; the public events and state occasions would be hollow without the skirl of the pipes and the beat of the drums; and the populous would be a great deal poorer without a Regiment like ours to carry the name of Toronto, be it in war or peace.

I am proud to succeed LCol Bill Stark as Commanding Officer, but prouder still to be a member of Canada's premier Militia Regiment, your Regiment!

In the years ahead there will be people in public office who will discount the traditions and customs that we have fought for and no doubt deride us for being "old fashioned", but it is my ambition to maintain our heritage and continue to show other units that the lessons and good customs of the past lead to a better and more stable future.

The fact that we are the only Highland Regiment still existing in the world that can parade in the full dress uniform of the Highlander proves that we do not give in easily.

Your Regiment stands proudly for your past service and we will remain well trained and ready if we are called upon, on your behalf, in the future.

R. J. Simmons, CD

Lieutenant-Colonel

Incoming Commanding Officer



In sequence from top left: The Regiment goes to war, marching out 1914; on our way over, with the First Contingent; in France, moving up near Caestre; the trenches, 1916; a Recce patrol moves out; out of the line at bivouac.



Official records indicate the 48th Highlanders of Canada came into being on Oct. 16, 1891, the date on which the Regiment was gazetted as a unit of the Canadian militia. The 48th spirit, however, was in evidence long before in the determined effort of the dedicated group of Scottish Canadians who prevailed in the face of official apathy and thereby gave Canada one of its most famous military units.

Less than a decade later, the 48th launched its unbroken tradition of being part of the First Canadian Contingent in all major conflicts when a group of volunteers, who also received the Regiment's baptism of fire, took part in the South African War. Their service provided the 48th with its senior battle honour, SOUTH AFRICA, 1899-1900.

World War I, to which the Regiment responded with three fully active Battalions (15th, 92nd, 134th) and an additional battalion in drafts, provided a momentous challenge which the Regiment met head on in engagements which won it another 21 Battle Honours. The 10 World War I Battle Honours enscribed on the Regimental Colours are in capitals in the list which follows:

GU BRATH



YVRES, 1915, '17
Grosvenorfel
St. Julien
FESTUBERT, 1915
MOUNT SORREL
SCHEPPE, 1916
Poisonous

Itinerary
Ancre Heights
Arras, 1917, '18
VIMY, 1917
Arrons
Scarpe, 1917, '18
HILL 70

PASSCHENDAELE
AMIENS
DROCOURT-QUEANT
Hindenberg Line
CANAL DU NORD
Pursuit to Mons
France and Flanders 1915-18

Nineteen thirty-nine found the Regiment once again among Canada's first in the field. In the five-and-a-half years which followed, the 48th served with the distinction and valor which had become its hallmarks, in Italy and Northwest Europe, winning another 27 Battle Honours. The list, with those emblazoned on new Regimental Colours once again shown in capitals, furnishes the landmarks of the 48th's path to glory in World War II:

LANDING IN SICILY
Volturno
ASSORO
Agrig
Adrano
Regalbuto
Sirily, 1943
Landing at Reggio
CAMPORBASSO

Toscollo
San Leonardo
The Gully
ORTONA
San Nicola-San Tommaso
Castello II
Gustav Line
LIRI VALLEY
HITLER LINE

GOETIC LINE
L'AMONE CROSSING
Mignano Ridge
RIMINI LINE
San Martino-San Lorenzo
Fiume Verschiva
Italy, 1943-45
APELDOORN
Northwest Europe, 1945



In sequence from top left: To war, again, marching out 1939; the dash to France, 1940, four of them at one time commanded; Campobasso, Sicily, a 48th Highlander checks out Canada Town; The Regiment mourns Apeldoorn's fallen, at Wilp, the Netherlands; a night for The Colonels, LCol R. L. Read CD, then CO, BGen I. S. Johnston, CBE, DSO, ED, CD, retiring Hon. Col (1972), LCol W. W. G. Darling, DSO, ED, incoming Hon. Col., LCol Trumbull Warren, OBE, then Hon. LCol, present Hon. Col; Trooping the Colour at Varsity Stadium in Canada's Centennial Year.

The Regiment paid dearly for its Battle Honours. They are an eternal memorial to the 84 officers (two of them Commanding Officers) and 1,699 non-commissioned officers and men who gave their lives on active service. "Dileas Gu Brath" – Faithful Forever – was their pledge to the Regiment and to Canada. And they are!

Marking the Regiment's 85th Anniversary, those who remain can well take pride in what has been achieved, in peace and war.



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*48th Highlanders of Canada
85th Anniversary
Reunion Program*

FRIDAY, MAY 21ST

1200 HOURS

REGISTRATION

AT

48th HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA MEMORIAL HALL
284 KING ST. EAST

Those who have pre-registered will pick up their:

- Registration Badge
- Souvenir Program
- Decal
- Ticket for Saturday Dinner

2000 HOURS

CHANGE OF COMMAND

AT

MOSS PARK ARMOURY
130 QUEEN ST. EAST

2230 HOURS

RECEPTION

AT

48th HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA MEMORIAL HALL
284 KING ST. EAST

REFRESHMENTS

NOTE: Be sure to see the interesting selection of souvenirs to commemorate the 85th Anniversary of the Regiment which will be on sale at the Memorial Hall.

SATURDAY, MAY 22ND

1200 HOURS TO 1700 HOURS

INFORMAL GET-TOGETHER

AT

48th HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA MEMORIAL HALL
284 KING ST. EAST

ENTERTAINMENT

1700 HOURS

RECEPTION

AT

MOSS PARK ARMOURY
130 QUEEN ST. EAST

REFRESHMENTS

1900 HOURS

REUNION DINNER

On Floor of Moss Park Armoury

IN ATTENDANCE

*Pipes and Drums 48th Highlanders of Canada
Military Band 48th Highlanders of Canada*

A specially printed commemorative dinner program detailing the various toasts will be available for all participating.

SUNDAY, MAY 23RD

CHURCH PARADE

to the

Regimental Memorial

at the north end of Queen's Park

1015 HOURS

FORMING UP OF PARADE

On the road running EAST and WEST
immediately SOUTH of the Parliament Buildings

DRESS

Former Members – Glengarry with Medals

1100 HOURS

SERVICE

at the

REGIMENTAL MEMORIAL

Order of Service will be distributed at the Memorial. Following the Service, the Parade will march back to MOSS PARK ARMOURY by the following route – SOUTH on UNIVERSITY AVENUE, EAST on QUEEN STREET, NORTH on JARVIS STREET and EAST on SHUTER STREET.

LCol M. E. George, CD, the Regiment's Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel, will take the salute in the march past the Royal Canadian Military Institute.

1230 HOURS

CLOSING CEREMONIES AND FORMAL DISMISSAL

The active Regiment will pay tribute to all 48th veterans on the floor of MOSS PARK ARMOURY, followed by formal dismissal of the Regiment. A light lunch will be available for all 48th Highlanders and their families.

The public are invited to attend the SERVICE at the Regimental Memorial and the formal dismissal ceremony at MOSS PARK ARMOURY.

THE REGIMENT TODAY,

Meaford, Aldershot, Borden, Niagara and Valcartier. Familiar names to Highlanders for Decades!

Soest, Gaza, Cyprus and Nicosia. Names from around the world which are becoming familiar to Highlanders of the '70s.

Today's 48th Highlander has an opportunity to experience the thrill and personal satisfaction of serving Canada as a member of our peace keeping forces in many lands. Too often the Canadian public pictures the Militia as men and women belonging to "that club or group that meets downtown". This is unfortunate and unfair, to the people who parade and train diligently.

Training and instruction is of a standard higher than at any time in our history. Electronic night-fighting equipment; individual man-packed anti-tank weapons; computerized pay recording systems and numerous other modern innovations have given the Militia a background that highly qualifies it for attachment to the Canadian Armed Forces around the world.

In recent years a concentrated effort has been made by the government to better equip and pay the Militia. As a result, the quality and dedication of the troops has gradually risen until today it is better trained and motivated than in many years.

Many Highlanders have graduated from the Canadian Armed Forces Parachute courses and wear, proudly, the jump wings they have earned. It is hoped this program will continue, affording many future members of the Regiment the same opportunity.

The basic purpose of the Regiment today is to supplement the Regular Force when called upon and to achieve a level of training that will allow a smooth and fast integration when required. Training during the winter months concentrates on preparing the Recruit for spring and summer training exercises, usually culminating in a major summer exercise with the Regular Forces in CFB Petawawa.

Recent years have brought more females into the Regiment, in keeping with the policy of the Canadian government. Trained and participating on an equal basis with the men they have acquitted themselves exceptionally well on courses conducted by other Commands. Their expertise and skills developed in administrative, transport and communicative functions permit the Regiment to achieve continually higher inspection and operational levels.



On course at CFB Shilo, a select group of 48th Highlanders touch down after another successful jump. The opportunity to participate in airborne training typifies the new drive for a well equipped, fully trained Militia.

One of the greatest handicaps to the Militia in the past has been exceedingly old and tired transport vehicles. Due to a fresh approach to the Reserves, this is rapidly changing and the Regiment is quickly becoming completely outfitted with modern jeeps, command post vehicles and general purpose trucks, making it highly mobile.

Augmenting the high level of indoor shooting, the 48th Highlanders annually, conduct a variety of Range Classifications and Practices which continue to produce a high standard of marksmanship.

In line with our Government's policy of developing a northern sovereignty status, winter training plays a major role in the training program of the unit. Functioning in below zero conditions and learning the beneficial use of winter clothing and equipment prepares us for active participation

with the Regular Force in the Canadian Arctic.

As well as carrying out the training roles specified, the 48th Highlanders provide the City of Toronto and the Province of Ontario with many Guards and Escorts for official functions.

During the year just past, a 100-man Guard of Honour was reviewed by the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario on the Opening of the Provincial Legislature. The Regiment, along with members of the Old Comrades Association, also appeared in numerous events throughout the Province and in the United States, and will continue to do so in the future.

Highly trained, motivated and dedicated, the 48th Highlanders of Canada today continue in the direction blazed for them by Highlanders of the past . . . Canal Du Nord, Assoro, Ortona, Apeldoorn . . .

CADETS – Highlanders of the Future

In September, 1971, Major J. A. Brown CD was asked by the then Commanding Officer of the Regiment, LtCol. R. L. Read CD, to reactivate the Cadet Corps.

During the next four years, the Corps was built to a strength of approximately 100 young men between the ages of 13 and 18. In 1974 the unit won the Strathcona Shield for the best Army Cadet Corps in the Central Ontario Area.

The boys have participated at camps Iperwash, London, (Ontario), Banff, Whitehorse, Churchill and Germany. A senior 48th Cadet, one of 18 representing Canadian Army Cadets in a competitive shoot at Bisley, England, in the summer of 1975 took second place honours, no mean accomplishment.

For two weeks in mid-1975, 15 Cadets along with Major John Brown and Captain Neil MacNaughtan, were the guests of the Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) in Scotland, spending time with the Black Watch and Gordon Highlanders. The program of training with the Gordons included weapons firing and skills such as fencing, archery, rapelling, sea canoeing, sailing and so on; sightseeing in Edinburgh and Aberdeen; climbing Ben Lomand; VIP guest treatment at the Infantry Training Depot, Edinburgh; and to cap it all, afternoon tea with Lt. Gen. Sir George Gordon Lennox, Colonel-in-chief of the Gordon Highlanders and Lady Gordon Lennox at Gordon Castle, Fochabers.

The "Tiger and Sphinx", Regimental magazine of the Gordon Highlanders, described the visit as follows:

"Without any doubt the greatest thing that happened to us at camp was the arrival in our midst of two Officers and fifteen Cadets of the 48th Highlanders of Canada. This fine body of young men are affiliated to the Gordon Highlanders and during their tour of Scotland came to Garlethead to stay for four, all too short days. From the outset we were deeply impressed with their turn out and discipline, and even more impressed by the stature and maturity of the Cadets. Even the youngest fourteen year old looked and behaved like an eighteen year old.

"Major John Brown their OC and Lieut. Neil MacNaughtan soon became very popular members in the Officers Mess, where their lively wit was enjoyed by young and old alike. Very soon strong bonds of fel-

lowship were forged and an application has been made to MOD for Official Affiliation by the Bn with the 48th Highlanders of Canada, which, if approved, will, we believe, be the first time an ACF Bn in UK has been affiliated to an ACF Unit of the Dominion of Canada or anywhere else for that matter."

I am pleased to acknowledge the tremendous support given to the Cadet Corps by the officers and men of the 48th, which includes sharing of equipment, providing instructors and taking part in weekend schemes and exercises.

From our association with the 48th Highlanders, it is hoped that each year there will be a natural progression of senior boys into the Regiment to carry their military training to a higher level. Last year, approximately seventeen boys took this option, some later joining the Permanent Force. Because of the high quality of Cadet training, these boys have made rapid progress in their qualifications and have contributed significantly to the high standards expected of the Regiment.

General Sir Antony Read, GCB, CBE,

DSO, MC, FBIM, Chairman, Army Cadet Force Association put it well in a recent article in the "Red Hackle", Regimental magazine of the Black Watch. In a piece titled "A REGIMENTAL INVESTMENT, Nurse your Cadets and you get Recruits," he says in part:

"We are in a buyers' market for the young men of our country. We, in the Cadets, have probably pioneered the way in many things for the young. In the fields of adventure training and expeditions overseas, for example; or in the fields of citizenship and leadership training. But many other organizations now do all this also, and do it extremely efficiently.

But we do have an edge on them, which is produced by our military bias; by uniform, by bands, by drills, by military skills and, to my mind above all, by our Regimental connections and by our ability to associate the young with our Corps and Regiments. Any Corps or Regiment that does not pay full attention to its Cadet branches is missing a great opportunity, and at worst may be placing its own recruiting viability in jeopardy."



Major J. A. Brown and Capt. N. A. MacNaughtan, standing, extreme left, pause briefly with a group of 15 Highlander Cadets on exercise at Bridge of Don Barracks, Aberdeen, Scotland, during 1975 visit to England and Scotland.

THE MEMORIAL HALL – It's All for You

Being a "young" (?) Oldtimer, I had to do some inquiring among some of the "old" Oldtimers to garner much of what follows.

It all began, I'm told, in the Sergeants Mess at the old University Armoury about the start of the Depression years. Some World War I Old Sweats were discussing, as old soldiers will, the Regiment and the men of the Regiment. Aware their time of usefulness to the unit was about spent, they were reluctant to write "finished" to the fellowships and comradeships spawned and developed in times of stress, danger and hardship. They decided to make their continuing association with each other a formal thing. The result was creation of the 15th Battalion Association.

The idea of another organization with 48th connotations was not popular in Regimental circles. Times were most difficult. The Depression had started; money, to put it politely, was scarce.

Young Highlanders will find it difficult to visualize "them dark days". No pubs, cocktail bars, brewers warehouses or liquor stores; booze practically unattainable. Yet in this most trying era "our club", the 15th Battalion Association managed to survive; an achievement reminiscent of the founders of the Regiment and their struggle against authorities of their day. Meetings were held mostly in the Armoury; in lecture rooms, the Sergeants Mess – or any corner where members could get together and promote the now well-established "after service" comradeship.

On special occasions space was rented in the now long departed Prince George Hotel. Customary, and almost always necessary, was an emergency "whip around" to finance such elegance.

The Association's origins in the Sergeants Mess provided a continuing, and carefully cultivated, contact. As a result beer was available at the occasional gathering. The struggling organization, would you believe, had its own pipe band? Pipe Major Bob Smith is worthy of your attention in this regard, if you are ever fortunate enough to have the opportunity. The late Sam Hewitt was also active in this group.

There was, suffice to say, progress – despite the "Dirty Thirties".

As World War II loomed imminent, space was acquired at 97 Yonge St. Will anyone who visited that establishment ever forget



Memorial Hall, 1976. It's been a long road, with many well-remembered watering places along the way. Join us, anytime; you'll want to come back.

it? Steep, ski-run type stairs, as hazardous to ascend as descend, a piano that absorbed as much beer as any member.

All things end, including World Wars. In October 1945, on the return of the Regiment, it was learned, through the good graces of Capt. Vaughan Chambers, that property at 519 Church St. was available.

Acquisition of The Hall, the comings, goings and events which transpired in that hectic period, is a tale of its own.

Suffice it for this record to report that on a bright morning in May, 1946, our former esteemed leader, Field Marshal Alexander, formally opened the doors and there was such a place as Memorial Hall.

The event heralded further changes. The Association, reconstituted, incorporated representatives from the Regiment, the O.C.A., the Officers Association, The 48th Chapter I.O.D.E. and the Ladies Auxiliary. It was a time to remember the group of men, with determination and dedication already established in active service, who had scorned such obstacles as a crushing Depression, prohibition and general disapproval, in achieving their goal of forming an association which proved the focal point in establishing what we have today. Adam Goodfellow, Teddy Rogers, Harry Ralph, Joe Buick and many others are well known in the history of the 48th Highlanders.

It is a long way from a corner in the University Armoury through various come-by-chance meeting places – the Prince George, 97 Yonge St., 519 Church St. – and now: 284 King St., East.

A beautiful entrance, with picturesque

frieze over the doorway depicting the Vimy Memorial, flanked by replicas of our two monuments from Queen's Park and Mount Pleasant Cemetery. It is an area of many recollections.

On the second floor:

The Assoro Room – a meeting area, commemorative of a fateful evening in World War II and the place where young Highlanders were blooded and became experienced combat troops;

B.O.R., the Board Room – where strategic situations are assessed;

Across the hall the Vimy Room, reminiscent of World War I;

Next, "Col." Mike George's "sanctum sanctorum", the Museum with all the artifacts of the Regiment since its inception in 1891.

In the Secretary's office and T.A.C. HQRS. at the end of the corridor the "yellow peril" is created; here also Manager Arnold Lea administers O.C.A. adjudications.

The St. Julien Room and Ortona Room on the main floor have great significance to members who served in World War I and World War II respectively. The atmosphere here is what can be expected of buddies with so much in common.

Downstairs, in the Apeldoorn Room, the dart specialists are indulged, as are the 15-2 group; and to the rear is the pool room where the cue-stick boys hold sway.

All in all a very special place in our history – "The Hall", wherever located. Happy 85th anniversary – come home to our (New) Memorial Hall, 284 King St. E.

48th Highlanders of Canada
QUEEN'S COLOUR.



48th Highlanders of Canada
REGIMENTAL COLOUR.



THIS THIRD SET OF COLOURS, emblazoned with 21 Battle Honours was presented to
The Regiment by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on Parliament Hill July 1st, 1959.