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A. NEWS LETTER
FROM THE OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION
48th. HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

The Club operations are according to the Treasurer showing some slight improvement. Nevertheless this shows that we are headed in the right direction, though we still have a long way to go before becoming self sufficient. Success is in sight.

This indicates that the various committees are doing a good job. One that should be appreciated by all members.

Good but this is not the time to feel smug or complacent, there are simply too many irons in the fire to relax.

The biggest and most important of these being the planning for the 1991 Reunion. We hope to make this the biggest event in the History of the regiment. Its one hundredth birthday to be the best possible.

Plans, plans and more plans have to be formulated, refined, coordinated and put into operation. Snafus have to be avoided and this event must go off with the precision of a well rehearsed military operation, one that is capable of displaying OUR RESPECT FOR OUR REGIMENT. We are ALL Highlanders and are all proud of the fact that we had the good fortune to serve with such a regiment.

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Pres. Report cont.

One of the Main Items that we have to contend with is mailing lists.

Our active members are all registered but how do we find those many Highlanders that have faded off into this wide expanse we call Canada.

We can advertise in the Royal Canadian Legion publication and reach some of them.

The local papers will reach a few more.

YOU can help if you know any of your old buddies that for one reason or another have been unable to participate in the O.C.A. functions.

We would like to know where every Highlander in the world lives, we want to be able to inform each of them of all the events to take place so they can make plans to attend if possible.

From now on and until the reunion is finally over the Executive will continue to search for and find Highlanders and their relatives that we are sure would like to participate in this event.

We can make it happen with everyone's help.

Dileas Gu Brath.
Don Burr Pres.
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THE REGIMENT

At the Board of Directors Meeting held on the 16th. March 1989 the formulation of plans for the 1991 Reunion were discussed. When giving the report of the Regiment, Col. Sandham stated that the #1 priority of the 48th Highlanders was to have a force of 450 trained men on parade for this event.

In order to accomplish this it will be necessary to recruit as many men as possible as soon as possible so they could be trained to enable them to be on parade as Highlanders.

In this the Regiment needs HELP

Today with high employment, high wages and other economical conditions, it is becoming increasingly more difficult to obtain suitable recruits.

Still there are people available.

There are those that are caught between various levels of sport that would like to continue training and participate in organized group activities.

There are those that have in their younger days belonged to Cub and Boy Scout Troops and would like to continue with organized training since passing out of that age group.

There is a special course for Officer training for University Students.

A student entering university can during his five year course Qualify as a Regular Army Captain and during his training receive regular army payment.

The regiment can carry up to fifty of these students. This would result in a future pool of Officers trained as Highlanders for the regiment to draw on.

THE REGIMENT CONT.

Do YOU have a son or a grand son at least 17 years old.

Do YOU know of anyone graduating from High School and going on to University that would like to become an Officer in your old regiment.

Do YOU through your Church, your Sports groups, your friends and associates know of anyone that would like to become a Highlander.

All would qualify for good wholesome training, learn personal discipline that is so lacking in todays society, enjoy an excellent spirit of comradeship and cooperation.

During their training all would be able to earn promotions to a higher rank and receive regular army payment at the higher rate.

Payment that could help defray the costs of education, could also be used to continue that hobby that they would not otherwise be able to afford or for their own personal enhancement.

YOU CAN HELP BY LETTING THESE PEOPLE KNOW WHAT IS AVAILABLE AND WHAT THE ADVANTAGES ARE.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED BY YOUR REGIMENT.

LET'S GIVE THE REGIMENT A HAND.

RECRUITING HOURS ARE EVERY TUESDAY AND FRIDAY EVENING FROM 7.00 TO 11.00 PM.

KNOWING THE HIGHLANDERS WE CAN BE SURE THAT THE OBJECTIVE WILL BE REACHED.

SPORTS COMMITTEE ---- Eddie Majeau

From the response received to date it is plain to see that we have many members willing to compete in our sports programme. This makes for a healthy club.

To date we have had two Euchre nights and both have been fairly well attended. During these events a survey was taken the results indicate that euchre should be held on two nights a month, that the method of play was progressive partners. We are somewhat limited to Monday and Tuesday night for this because of other winter activities.

Great interest was also shown in Cribbage, Darts and Shuffleboard.

Peg shuffle board has been replaced with the "Bank" type that seems to be preferred by the members.

The Veterans Cribbage League is now finished for the season but restarts in October. Anyone that would like to be a team member can let me know, sooner the better, I'll send you or give you a reminder in ample time before the fall starting date.

Pony lovers --- There are two events booked, each has a limit on the numbers to attend. You should book your tickets early to be sure of going.

Some interest has been shown in Bridge but this is held in abeyance until sufficient players are available.

Eddie Majeau - SPORTS CHAIRMAN

HOUSE REPORT -- HUGH MOWAT

The executive of the O.C.A. has directed that the removal of the projection on the north wall of the main hall, and to undertake this project as soon as possible in order that the hall will be in good condition before the annual meeting to be held on the 13th. of April.

The contractor has assured us that this will take one week and he can start almost immediately so we can look forward to a week of some disruption and be back in good order in ample time.

The reasoning behind this move is to put us in shape for three functions that we will be able to accomodate with the additional space but would lose if the capabilities of the hall were less. this could also result in the permanent loss of customers.

The executive feels that with this added accomodation that the door will be opened for many more functions and show an excellent return which will be required to maintain the operation of the club.

As always there is some degree of trepidation whenever a new project is undertaken. The research done in this case indicate that it will result in a high degree of success and an assured future for the Club.

Hugh Mowat Chairman
House Committee

Treasurers Report --- Jack Wear

This report may not sound like my own sweet self but I do have an excuse. I have had my trip to California which I thouroughly enjoyed, beautiful weather, sunny and bright, good food and a generally good time, now its back to work.

This is the time of year that is most taxing to a treasurer of the O.C.A..

There is the normal routine work of the monthly report plus the fact that the annual audit has to be done. Although outside auditors are the actual preparers of the report we still have to be very much in evidence.

It is necessary to have the information from the past year available to allow them to do their job. It is also necessary to provide them with the accounting procedures that are used by the club.

When this information is complete and they have their work done we can then say what our actual financial standing is and we can formulate or adjust our plans for the coming year.

As you can see this is a business season where the time for frivolity doesn't exist.

This will have to be my report. Next month I will be back on cloud one and may even have a joke or two to go on. See you at the Annual Meeting.

Jack Wear
Treasurer

Having made my regular visit to Sunnybrook Hospital along with my ever faithful associates, Harry Sershall and Bill South we find there are 13 Highlander in E.G. and K. Wings, still. This #13 seems to be the almost a standard figure for the number of our people in Sunnybrook And although all seemed seemed to be as happy and well as could be expected we would feel much better if this number was smaller, how nice it would be if all of them could be home and mobile so as to be able to visit the Club and hobnob with their old cronies at their leisure. Stewart Beatty is in Etobicoke General.

The only bright spots in this report is that Frank Girdlestone is at home and is faring well, Jim Brannan jumped in and out of hospital quite quickly and also seems to be back on the ball.

Bill Moir is in the Princess Margaret still but manages to get the odd day out.

Gord Touchener is still at home as are Jack Mackenzie and Bill Scott.

LEST WE FORGET

BILL Mullholland. 28 FEBRUARY 1989
BILL Trent 26 FEBRUARY 1989
ARTHUR Le FAY 15 FEBRUARY 1989

WE WILL REMEMBER

HARRY Ross