

# RUCKSACKS & RIFLES



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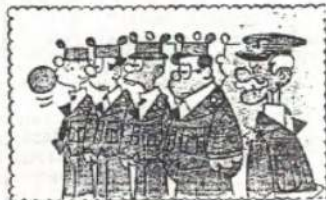
## FEBRUARY SCHEDULE REVIEW-PLAN YOUR TIME AHEAD!!

- 02 Mar - Cadillac Draw
  - Training Standown (Take a break!)
- 03-04 Mar - SARP Make-up Trg for any pers who missed the Unit's Fen SARP trg
- 06 Mar - Adm N1 & CO's Conf for Key Regt'l appts
- 09 Mar - TMD COMD'S visit & parade
  - Final phase of annual TMD Inspection
  - NO LEAVE!!! THE REGIMENT NEEDS FULL ATTENDANCE ON THIS NIGHT. DO WHATEVER YOU HAVE TO DO TO INSURE YOU ARE THERE!
- 13 Mar - Adm n1
- 16-18 Mar - Ex Progressive Valley, CFB Borden SARP
- 20 Mar - Adm n1
- 23 Mar - Bn Trg: Occupation & Establishment of Def Posn
- 27 Mar - Adm n1
- 31 Mar - EX Hammerhead II: Bn Mini-Ex, CFB Borden- Occupation & establishment of def posn.



## ROLL CALL!

Some recent internal postings within The Regiment saw several personnel moving into and out of various positions. Effective 16 Feb 90 the following appointments were made; WO MacDonald moves to Support Company as 2IC of the Log Det and becomes the Regiment's Composite Quartermaster Sergeant; Sgt Ross moves to A Company as the CQMS; Capt Cameron moves to A Company as the OC and Capt Hay assumes the position of Adjutant; Lt Birchall moves to Support Company as the OC Log Det; and MWO Boggiss is return transferred from The Essex & Kent Scottish and is posted to Ops & Trg effective 01 Mar 90. Good luck to all these Highlanders in their new positions!!



## TMD INSPECTION

The Regiment got an excellent rating on the Annual TMD inspection. Well done to all those personnel who worked so hard in getting the Unit into shape. The Support Det of Support Company was rated one of if not the best in TMD. But the task now is to maintain this level or readiness on as permanent a basis as possible, then they can inspect us any time they want! The second half of the annual ordeal gets under way on 09 Mar when the Regiment's ORs will be tested in their basic soldier skills; FA, Map using, comms, etc. Heads up lads and lets finish the job off as well as we started!!



## RUCKS & FIELD HATS

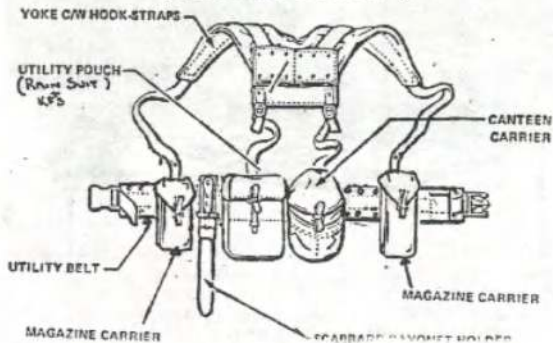
All of the rucks & hats turned in with tapes for marking are at Base and will be returned to you shortly. Remember if you didn't get yours in on time you can still see Sgt Reece in Stores or do the job yourself. The gear has to be ready for Ex Progressive Valley Also. Regimental Stores has ordered Cbt badges for the field hats and on arrival, they can be purchased through the Kit Shop.



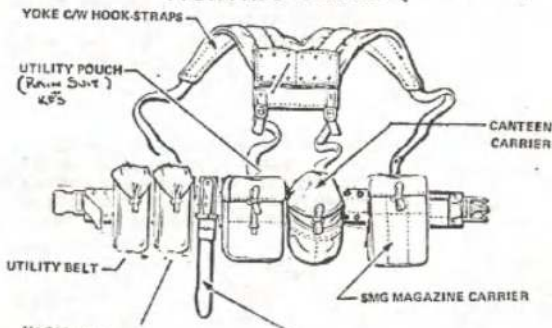
## BATTLE DRESS!

Keep working on your fighting order and helmets! The parade night inspections are seeing a good improvement in the quality and the standardization of equipment. BUT for those not up to scratch-get your gear in order for the night of the TMD inspection. Again just to refresh you, below are the orders of kit for all ORs and the Officers and NCOs (including section commanders who may not be Snr NCOs). The converted SMG carrier is for those items required by personnel in leadership roles. (IE: field message pads, markers, maps, whistles, flare dischargers, compass, etc)

### **FIGHTING ORDER (ORs)**



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## REGIMENTAL UNIFORMS

Final reminder those OR who have yet to turn in their items of full dress to so ASAP. Also, Officers and SNR NCOs are directed to also begin the process of turning their full dress items for inspection, inventory, repair, replacement, etc.

Also, final reminder to get your Tans & Greens ordered, picked up, etc. Remember, the May Annual Church Parade will be in Tans this year!



## GARRISON DRESS!

Shortly the new Army Garrison Dress will be issued to all ranks. It will consist of a camouflage jacket, new trousers and polishable high cut boots. Your Company should be surveying you now for sizes. On arrival all personnel will draw their items from Composite stores and then turn their jackets over to our Stores personnel who will have them taken to Base for a mass sewing job. You will need name tapes, flashes, insignia etc when you turn it in. You will be charged a minimal amount to cover the cost of sewing (approx \$3.00 or less) This will insure they all get done on time and properly.

## IN THE WEEDS

The only operational trg this month will be Ex Hammerhead II at CFB Borden on 31 March. This will be a one day 'up & back' Ex that will be exercising all personnel in some of the skills required for Ex On Guard 90, specifically the occupation and establishment (minus digging) of a Company defensive position. Work up dry trg will be conducted at NPA on 23 Feb and then will head out one week later a do it!



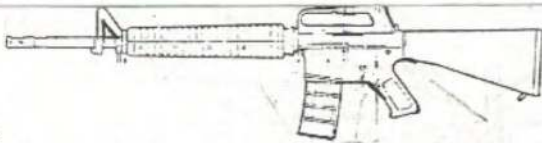
## EX ON GUARD 90

The Planning and preparation continues for this major Ex. Just to keep up to date; the 3rd Infantry Bn commanded by the 48th will consist of- A Coy: 48th & RR of C; B Coy: 4RCR, E & K Scots. HFofC and C Coy: RHLI and ASH of C. 1RCR will reinforce any and all Coys if necessary to keep them up to strength.

## PIPES & DRUMS BALL

The annual Ball was held at The Skyline Hotel on the airport strip on Saturday 17th of Feb. It was an excellent evening and well attended. A Company was well represented apparently to the dismay of the hotel's 'noise' police!! Also, congratulations to Pte Adkins of A Company who won the door prize of a weekend at the Skyline. Do the hotel dicks know yet?? A job well done to all members of the Pipes & Drums!!





#### SARP

The dry conversion trg will end on 25 Feb and The Regiment will get its first opportunity to fire the new weapons on Ex Progressive Volley 16-18 Mar CFB Borden. A small weapons and equipment demo is planned for the Officers Association (retired Regimental Officers) in April. Ammo pouches FNCl pattern can still be turned in to Stortes and new ones drawn via your CQMS.

#### THE BISON IS ON ITS WAY!

The new 8 x 8 AVGP designated The Bison and scheduled for delivery to The Militia is under production at GM in London. These vehicles are to be pooled in the various MTCs around Canada and the first batch is to be supposedly sent to Meaford. Its worth noting that this vehicle was virtually totally designed by WO Stapleton of 4RCR who works at GM. The WO is well known to many members of the 48th. It is anticipated that a relatively short conversion course will be all that is necessary to convert current AVGP drivers to the new vehicle. The shins of the infantryers will love that new rear ramp!!

